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“WORDS OF HOPE FROM HOPE”

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“IT IS THE MISSION OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HELP PEOPLE GROW IN THEIR FAITH; TO BE A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY; TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE, AND TO TEACH/EDUCATE ALL PEOPLE.”

Everyone is welcome

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The book of Ecclesiastes has a famous verse, "For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

For everything there is a season. The odd thing about writing church newsletter articles is that we are always writing them a season ahead. While in real life we are still in the season of Advent with all its busy preparations for Christmas, the newsletter is for the next season- the time after Christmas Day. The month of January begins with the season of "Christmas". The church season of "Christmas" actually begins on Christmas day. So, while the world begins to put away all their Christmas, the church is just beginning its celebration of our Lord's birth. I always like that Christmas is lengthened this way. Such an important time shouldn't just be celebrated on one day then put away.

The Christmas season lasts until the day of Epiphany which is on January 6th this year. Epiphany marks the coming of the Kings or wise men. They were following the star to Jesus. Epiphany begins what we call the season of the light. We learn about the many ways God used to show that Jesus was the true Light of the World, God come down to us.

I have heard many people anxious about the turning of the season and the future. Some are anxious about the change of government with the new president. Will everything go ok as they hand over power? Will things get better or worse? Some are concerned about the world's stability and the possibility of more war. Some others are concerned about economic issues or family issues.

Instead of living in this place of worry, let's choose to remember what our church celebrates in the turning of the year. Where is our true safety and light coming from? The light of our God who comes to our world each and every day is what we count on! Behold your light has come- and nothing can extinguish it. There is nothing in our world that can stop God and nothing that can keep our God from us. That is what we can count on as our seasons turn.

Blessings on your Christmas and New Year,
Pastor Janet Miller

Save the Date(s)

ANNUAL
MEETING



Hope Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 2025

This will be held as part of the
Sunday worship service

Community Lunch & Basket Auction



Summit Firehall
Sunday, February 9, 2024
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



Proceeds to benefit the Hope Lutheran Church Building Fund

Youth Group Christmas Party

Cookie Decorating





Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota needs our help!

Lutheran Outdoors in SD needs help continuing their mission to provide ministry services across our state. Last year alone they provided more than 1,400 campers and family members a week long camp experience at one of three camps.

By the end of the year they will have used reserve funds to pay expenses, while they have also made cuts to save money. A generous donation from the members of our congregation would help to alleviate some of their burden. Please consider giving a financial gift to Lutheran Outdoors in SD as well as praying that they are able to continue their ministry.

2025 Servant Teams

Stewardship discussions often refer to the “Three T’s: Time, Talent, & Treasure.” The use of Servant Teams is an example of giving your time in service to Hope Lutheran. Congregation members have been assigned to a team that serves 3 months a year.

Each worship service needs 2 ushers and a reader. Communion services require 2 people to assist Pastor Janet during the service. Coffee/fellowship treats are also needed each Sunday.

**Communion set-up has been removed from Servant Teams – we have gone back to the “old” system

Teams 1 & 3 need leaders to coordinate the schedule.

We know that schedules get busy, and people are often out of town. If you are unable to serve during your month – everyone has permission to serve a different month.

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
March, July, Nov	April, August, Dec	January, May, Sept	February, June, Oct
	Annelies* & John Seffrood		Scott & Laurie** Kneeland
Mike & Jackie Adolph	Jim Amdahl	Marvin & Lynn Amdahl	Corey & Stacey Amdahl
Mark & Lisa Amdahl	Penny & David Cardwell	Mary Anderson	Kevin Christofferson
Arlo & Shelly Anderson	Heather & Gary Crandall	Jim & Donna Arten	Kaitlyn Christofferson
Kathy & Todd Brink	Barb Frankenhoff	Shirley Binde	Sandra Christofferson
Tamijo & Kris Bronson	Tim & Laura Frankenhoff	Nicole & Jonathan Ebsen	Kelly Faeth
David & Jennifer Lewandowski	Vicky Gleason	Frank (Pete) Eccles	Janice Halverson
Sandra Lowry	Jessica Moe	Traci & Shawn Ellingson	Rebecca Pies
Tracie & Jeremy Maag	Savanna Moe	Tim & Andrea Gapp	
Harlan & Donna Olson	Gary & Caroll Miller	Jacob & Brittney Gapp	Dustin & Sarah Holt
Mike & Dawn Schmidt	Val Moen	Ben & Brittany Graf	Joe & Jolene Johnston
Roger Smith	Lori O'Farrell	Beth & Randy Hills	Bruce & Diane Kneeland
Eugene & Rhonda Steinocker	Brad & Ashley Olson	Earline & Randy Holt	Myla Kneeland
Shenia Steinocker	Nicole & Wyle Pays	Molly Kent	Frank & Brenda Redlin
Billi & Todd Whempner	Dawn & Tom Thuringer	Michael & Sherry Larson	Sheryl Steinocker
Margie Wright	Michelle & Brent Urban	Robin & Bonnie Moe	Chad & Becky Steinocker
		Becky & Calvin Pies	Cody & Lisa Sumner
		Lee & Dawn Wright	

December 8, 2024 Council Meeting

Members Present: Nicole E, Cooper E, Ben G, Vicky G, Dustin H,
Tamijo B

Members Absent: Kevin C, Billi W, Levi W, Pastor Janet

Others Present: Annelies S

President Dustin Holt called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

Motion by Ben, Second by Nicole to approve Minutes of November 11, 2024 meeting. Motion passed.

Motion by Tamijo, Second by Vicky to approve Treasurer's Report.

Motion passed.

Motion by Vicky, Second by Tamijo to revert the janitor & secretary back to monthly salary starting January 1, 2025. They will still become w-2 employees. Motion passed.

Discussion items included the following.

Servant Teams were discussed. Two of the groups need new leaders. The schedule will shift 1 month so that the same families do not have Christmas and Easter.

Communion set up has gone back to the "old WELCA method." The monthly schedule will be included in the Annual Report.

Hope Lutheran will hold a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion at 5:30 pm.

Annelies presented the preliminary budget for 2025. The council offered input. A finalized budget will be sent to council members before it is published in the Annual Report.

Laura Frankenhoff & Annelies will lead a group and plan Community

Lunch & Silent Auction on February 9, 2025. The proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

Mike & Jackie Adolph agreed to complete the interior work in the front entry.

Motion by Nicole, Second by Cooper to set January 26, 2025 as the Annual Meeting Date. Motion passed.

The next Council meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned and a closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Hope Lutheran Church

Offerings and Expenses

October and November 2024

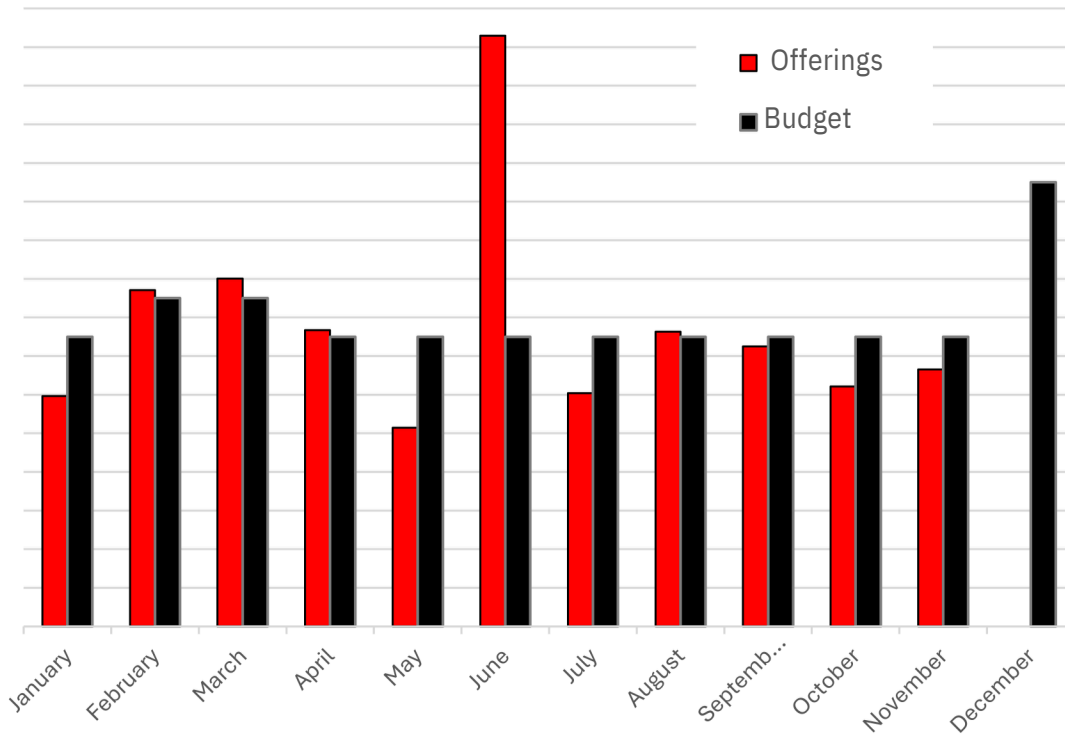
	Oct 24	Nov 24	TYD Jan - Nov 24
Offerings & Income			
41130 · Auto / Online Offering	\$830.00	\$830.00	\$9,640.00
41120 · Traditional Offerings	\$4,799.00	\$5,299.00	\$67,459.22
41140 · Venmo Offerings	\$580.00	\$520.00	\$6,073.38
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,392.00
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,831.16
44310 · Building Projects - Special	\$260.00	\$1,260.00	\$24,046.11
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$38,500.00
44100 · Interest Earned	\$395.31	\$0.00	\$570.99
44200 · Thrivent	\$0.00	\$148.00	\$1,494.00
44440 · Special Offerings to Pass On	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
44000 · Other Income - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,124.69
Total Income	<u>\$10,364.31</u>	<u>\$11,557.00</u>	<u>\$158,331.55</u>
Expense			
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	\$8,989.03	\$8,989.03	\$98,879.33
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$4,125.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$2,750.00
66330 · Organist Salary	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$1,680.00
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$639.18
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,387.95
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$742.94	\$371.47	\$4,086.17
63130 · Confirmation / Adult Ed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.22
63120 · Sunday School Materials	\$37.51	\$0.00	\$819.02
63110 · Worship Materials	\$14.86	\$209.34	\$1,003.80
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$144.32
62800 · Website Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.46
62200 · Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.06
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$126.20	\$0.00	\$1,450.10
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$66.38	\$0.00	\$242.76
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136.00
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$16.66	\$16.66	\$183.26
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$1,200.00	-\$4,000.00	\$1,025.00
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	\$80.00	\$21.85	\$1,128.27
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$2,175.99	\$0.00	\$72,564.58
67210 · Siding & Projects 2023-24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,688.68
67410 · Propane/Heat	\$52.38	\$51.11	\$1,516.98
67420 · Electricity	\$78.00	\$78.00	\$858.00
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$96.47	\$96.47	\$1,056.67
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$0.00	\$97.21	\$97.21
67500 · Church Decorations	\$1,673.60	\$0.00	\$5,625.16
61410 · Synod Mission Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
61400 · Charitable Contributions - Other	\$14.85	\$16.20	\$154.80
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$16,429.87	\$6,572.34	\$208,447.98
Total Expense	<u>\$6,065.56</u>	<u>\$4,984.66</u>	<u>\$50,116.43</u>
Net Income			
NET without Siding & Interior Projects	<u><u>-\$4,149.57</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,724.66</u></u>	<u><u>-\$1,597.96</u></u>

Hope Lutheran Church – Account Balances

	<u>Nov 30, 2024</u>	<u>Dec 7, 2024</u>
Checking/Savings		
11102 · General Fund Checking	\$14,228.50	\$ 15,902.51
11201 · Building Fund Saving	\$ 5,275.77	\$ 5,275.77
11113 · MWBank MC - Dawn	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$ 500.00	\$ 468.48
11114 · MWBank MC - Sarah	\$ 155.17	\$ 155.17
12004 · CD 710143990	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL Checking & Savings Accounts	\$35,159.44	\$36,801.93
11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$ 3,654.61	\$ 2,156.61
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$ 875.38	\$ 875.38
11500 · Campership Checking Acct	1,026.92	1,026.92

2024 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(does not include memorials, special gifts, other income. Does include Lent Services)
 (*June -received a large, once-a-year offering)





2025

January

Matthew 2:10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Epiphany			1	2 Quilting: 9:00-noon Conference Dean Zoom	3	4
			5 Week 1: 11:00 AM Worship White: Baptism of our Lord Annual Meeting Reports due	6	7	8 Confirmation Gr 1: 3:30 PM Gr 2: 5:00 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM
12 Week 2 White: Epiphany Sunday School 10:00 AM	13	14	15 Confirmation Gr 1: 3:30 PM Gr 2: 5:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	16 Quilting: 9:00-noon Conference Dean Zoom	17	18
19 Week 3 White: Epiphany Sunday School 10:00 AM	20	21 Conference Pastors Meeting	22 Confirmation Gr 1: 3:30 PM Gr 2: 5:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	23	24 Newsletter items due	25
26 Week 4 White: Epiphany Sunday School 10:00 AM Annual Meeting	27	28	29 Confirmation Gr 1: 3:30 PM Gr 2: 5:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	30 Support to Ministry Meeting	31	