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# WORDS OF HOPE, FROM HOPE

"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 and Educate all people.'

**\*Everyone Is Welcome Here\***

Find us on Facebook at Hope Lutheran Church  
and online at [www.seesummitsd.com](http://www.seesummitsd.com)

Greetings People of Hope!

Grace and peace to you from Christ our Savior, his loving Father, and the Holy Spirit!

As May draws to a close, we shift into a different rhythm. We soak up the sunlight, pay attention to the heat index instead of the wind chill, adjust to school no longer being in session, look forward to summer celebrations, events, and travel, and hope to relax—maybe near water. Even for those of us not directly impacted by school schedules, life flows a bit differently.

Take note and spread the news that, starting on June 7 (first Sunday of June), worship at Hope Lutheran will begin at 9:30 am instead of 10:30 am, followed by snacks and conversation. This will continue for most of the summer.

For various reasons, the usual schedule of Communion on the first and third Sundays, Children's Church on the second Sunday, and worship without Communion on the fourth Sunday will vary. In June, we'll have Communion on the second and fourth Sundays. Look for other updates as the summer continues.

Some of you may remember that my initial contract with Hope ends June 30. The council decided to renew my contract for three more months—through September 30. So, I'll be around a while longer, finishing up work with the Transition Team and preparing for the next stage of the call process. Soon, you'll hear more about what the Transition Team has learned over the last few months. By the end of June, the Call Committee will be formed and start their work using the insights from the Transition Team.

For the first two weeks of June, I will not be around due to surgery on June 3 in Aberdeen, followed by rest. Recommended recovery time is 4-6 weeks, so we'll see how things are going after two weeks and adjust accordingly. Prayers are appreciated. It will be a relief once the surgery is over and healing is well underway.

I'm glad to continue working with Hope Lutheran through the summer and early fall. Thank you for the hospitality, openness, and support. The Holy Spirit is at work in, with, and through this congregation and community. I look forward to seeing what comes next.

Keep dressing in layers (AC gets cold sometimes), use sunscreen, and drink plenty of water ~

Peace,

Pastor Kari

**New Summer Hours Start in June.**

**9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship**

## **July Events**

- **July 12th - 10:30 Worship in the Park with Lunch**
- **July 20-22 VBS**
- **July 26th VBS Worship Service**
- **July 31-Aug1 Youth Gathering in Sioux Falls - Registration closes soon, please reach out to Pastor Kari if interested.**

# Hope in May



Hope welcomed 4 new confirmed members. Montanna, Grey, Brynlee, and Raelee were all confirmed by Pastor Kari

Hope celebrated our Seniors, Newton and Cooper. They received quilts made by our quilting ladies.



Hope hosted Summit Baccalaureate with a few of the 2026 Graduates. Darwin, Luke, Liza, and Bryson, joined Newton and Cooper at Worship

Stay overnight at welcoming,  
local churches in Sioux Falls

Cost: \$25 per person  
(financial assistance is available;  
we want everyone to come!)



**JULY 31-AUGUST 1**

SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD YOUTH CONFERENCE

Imagine an ELCA pastor, theologian,  
and author presenting insights about  
God, faith, life, and creativity. Now  
imagine her Gen Z daughter translating  
those insights, and adding her own.  
Register now to experience the real  
thing this summer!



*Else Madsen  
Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen*

**South Dakota Synod  
Youth Conference**

**Registration**

Open to 2025-2026 school  
year 6-12 grade youth.

June Starts  
New Worship  
Hours!

# ↑ June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 9:00 am Quilting	5	6
7 9:30 Worship with Adriann Wise 10:30 Fellowship	8	9	10	11	12	13 Private Event
14 9:30 Worship w/ Communion Rev. Joyce Capp 10:30 Fellowship	15	16	17	18 9:00 am Quilting	19	20
21 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	29	30				