

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm finding this month's newsletter article hard to write today. Word reached me today of a suicide by a Jr. high student from a nearby town. It adds to the layers of grief so many of us are holding on to right now. My heart hurts for the family. My heart hurts for the child's friends and the community. My heart hurts for the pastor who will have to help lay the child to rest. Most of all, my heart hurts for the child who could see no other way out.

I hate to talk about grief for two newsletters in a row. But, this is the reality for the communities of Waubay, Summit, Wilmot and Milbank who are all dealing with the after affects of sudden and untimely loss.

The traditional words of Ash Wednesday are ringing in my ears, "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." The Lenten season ahead feels heavy.

But, as I think about the season, I have decided Lent is exactly what we all need right now. We need the time to sit and contemplate with our God and our congregation. Together, we remind each other that we are mortal and our God is not. Together we will hear of the Word come down, his love and his sacrifice for us mortal people. Together, we can bring our burdens to the ONLY one who can hold them.

We can do all this together and be reassured that Easter is coming! As we remember again the lies that death tells us, we are reminded of the absolute truth. While the cross and the grave may have seemed like the ultimate power, they were nothing to the power of our God!

While the world and our frail bodies fail. Our God does not. While we worry and mourn about those not with us. Our God heals, calls and welcomes them home. Easter is coming! Easter is the ultimate truth. The powers of sin and death could not hold our God. Jesus defeated the powers of sin and death and ROSE!

So, come to the Lenten walk with us each Wed. in March – Florence at 5:30pm and Summit at 7:30pm. Bring all that you hold onto with you and find a place to rest for a while. Listen to the Good News with us. Have a meal with us. Heal with us.

Then remember the most important part... Easter is coming! Christ is Risen! Halleluiah!

Pastor Janet Miller

Thank you!

Hope Lutheran Church members

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Greater Summit Community

We have surpassed our goal of \$80,000 for the new partition between the sanctuary & fellowship hall and the siding & window replacement. The siding & windows are on the calendar for this spring.

The support is amazing ! Thank you!

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Appeal Letter	\$ 60,169
Donations	\$ 7,532
Memorials	\$ 1,780
Paint & Pour – April 2023	\$ 1,180
Pancake Breakfast – February 2024	\$ 6,540
Raffle – September 2023	\$ 2,344
Rally Sunday Lunch – September 2023	\$ 210
Silent Auction – February 2024	<u>\$ 3,564</u>
Grand Total	\$ 83,319

Hope Lutheran Church has a CAMPERSHIP FUND



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IN THE HILLS. ON THE PRAIRIE. AT THE WATER.

WEEKLY CAMP CALENDAR

	 OUTLAW RANCH	 KLEIN RANCH	 NESODAK
WEEK 1 JUNE 9-14	YOUTH CAMPS (3-8th) ADVENTURES (8-12th) LEADERSHIP CAMP (9-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)	CONFIRMATION 1 LEADERSHIP CAMP (9-12th)
WEEK 2 JUNE 16-21	YOUTH CAMPS (3-8th) PRIDE CAMP (9-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)	CAMP GILBERT
WEEK 3 JUNE 23-28	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (8-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)	CONFIRMATION 2
WEEK 4 JUNE 30-JULY 5	FAMILY CAMP SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)	CLOSED	1-2-3 CAMP (1-3rd) June 30-July 2
WEEK 5 JULY 7-12	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (8-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)	VOYAGERS CAMP (6-8th) FISHING CAMP (3-5th)
WEEK 6 JULY 14-19	FAMILY CAMP SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)	DAY CAMPS
WEEK 7 JULY 21-26	YOUTH CAMPS (3-8th) ADVENTURES (8-12th)	YOUTH CAMP (6-9th)	PATHFINDERS CAMP (3-5th) VOYAGERS CAMP (6-8th)
WEEK 8 JULY 28-AUG. 2	FAMILY CAMP ADVENTURES (8-12th) SERVANT CAMP (8-12th)		PATHFINDERS CAMP (3-5th) FISHING CAMP (6-9th) JR EXPLORERS (2-3rd) July 28-30 EXPLORERS (3-5th) July 30-Aug. 2
WEEK 9 AUGUST 4-9			CONFIRMATION 3 JR EXPLORERS (2-3rd) Aug. 4-6 EXPLORERS (3-5th) Aug. 6-9 1-2-3 CAMP (1-3rd) Aug. 9-11

REGISTER AT
LOSD.ORG

The current policy is for families to pay the deposit due at registration and the CAMPERSHIP FUND will pay the balance for the youth of Hope Lutheran Church. The goal is to make Bible Camp affordable for all families.

In 2023 five youth attended NeSoDak.

Applications can be found on the bulletin board in the church entry. Or contact Annelies Seffrood 605-949-5658 or annelies.seffrood@gmail.com

Early Bird prices are good until **April 15th**. Register now & save. Detailed information and registration can be found at www.LOSD.org

Hope's Happenings

Lenten Supper Helpers: (The youth are serving this year) 2 families are needed for each Wednesday. There is a sign-up sheet at the church.

2/14-Whempners/Bronsons-Lasagna

2/21-Schmidts/ Whempners/Bronsons

2/28-Hinkelman/(need one more family)

3/6-Ebsens/Urbans/Lindholms

3/13-Thuringers/(need one more family)

3/20- Crandalls/Seffroods

3/31-Easter Breakfast

Communion Set-up list: 2 people needed each month. Communion is typically 1st/3rd Sunday. (check calendar each month)

January-Jackie Adolph/Billi Whempner

February-Stacey Amdahl/Kathy Brink/Tamijo

March-2 needed

April-Thuringers/Kathy (21st)

May-Laura Frankenhoff x2

June-Diane& Bruce Kneeland x2

July-2 needed

August-2 needed

September-Ebsens/Tim & Andrea Gapp

October-Traci Ellingson/Vicky Gleason

November-Earline Holt/Sarah Holt

December-2 needed

(sign-up sheet at the church)

Sunday School Helpers:

February-PK/K-needed

———1-3rd-needed

———4-6th-Dawn

March- All grades needed

April-All grades needed

May-all grades needed

If you are willing to teach a month or Sunday, please let Becky Pies or Pastor Janet know. They will provide you with everything you need. 😊



January 28, 2024 - Annual Meeting

Welcome and opening by President Traci Ellingson. Traci appointed Annelies S acting secretary.

M-Tim G, 2nd-Dustin H to proceed without a quorum (30 confirmed members present). Passed.

M-Tamijo B, 2nd-Heather C to accept the 2022 (1/29/2023) Annual Meeting Minutes. Passed.

Financial Reports: Audit Committee did not have chance to meet. All financial reports were presented as "unaudited." The committee will give its report to the Church Council, and it will be included in the Annual Meeting next year.

Tim G gave Cemetery update: The Cemetery Fund reimbursed the General Fund for 2023 mowing. There was income from the sale of several plots, maintenance fees, and a donation. There are plans to seek additional land from the Larson Family and to update the fence. A Cemetery Board will be formed with at least 3 people. Tim G & Traci E volunteered to start the board.

Annelies S reported on several funds. Noisy Offering taken during Children's Church is the main source of income for the Sunday School Fund. The SS Fund buys supplies & materials for both Sunday School and VBS. The Campership fund gave support to 5 youth to attend camp in 2023 and 1 "counsellorship" for a member that worked at NeSoDak Bible Camp. Lent suppers, Easter breakfast, & donations provided the funds. The High School Youth Group Fund sold Christmas Greens in 2023. The fund paid the deposit for 11 youth and 1 adult to attend the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans in July. They will travel with a group from northeast SD. They will hold several fundraisers in the next 5 months.

The General Fund ended the year with positive income due to fundraising for the Siding Project that is still in progress. Without the building project fundraising, the General Fund was -\$10,897 for 2023.

M-Dustin H, 2nd-Michelle U to accept all the (unaudited) financial reports. Passed.

M-Diane K, 2nd-Beth H to accept Pastor Janet's report. In addition to her written report, she stated that she will be leading a service at Cedar View in Watertown monthly. Passed. Laura F stressed the importance of informing Pastor Janet or a member of the Church Council of people in need of visits or prayers. Visitations are important for members who cannot attend worship in person. Also, Hospice needs volunteers,

Traci S highlighted the past year: baptisms, boilers serviced, new glass partition door between sanctuary & fellowship hall. Thank you was expressed to Annelies S (treasurer), offering team: Beth H, Earline H, Bruce K; Becky P (SS Lead), Laurie K (kitchen/funerals), John S (boiler repairs), Val M (organist) for their service.

The quilters shipped 111 quilts & 100 school kits to Lutheran World Relief in October. They meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join them.

M-Tamijo B, 2nd-Sarah H to accept all the "other" reports as presented in the Annual Report.

Annelies S presented the 2024 Mission Plan. M-John S, 2nd Vicky G to amend the budget by increasing the Repairs & Maintenance line to \$40,000. Several projects were identified (new front door, replace sidewalk, outside sign) Passed. M-Kathy B, 2nd-Dustin H to accept the amended budget. Passed.

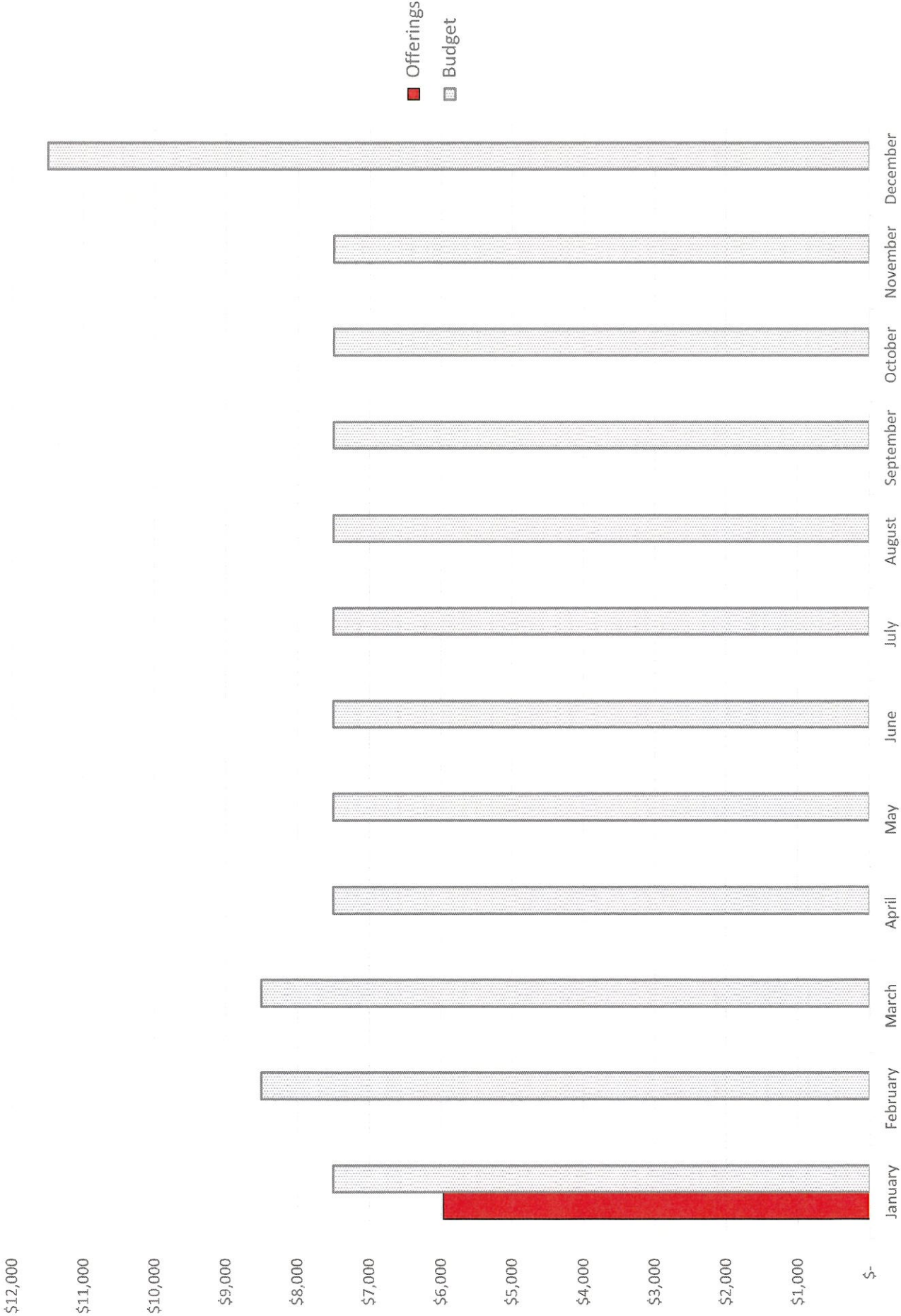
M-Billi W, 2nd-Tim G to elect new council members: Traci Maag, Vicky Gleason, Kevin Christofferson, Nicole Ebsen, Cooper Ebsen (youth). Passed.

Thank you to the outgoing Council members: Traci S, Laura F, Michelle U, Brianna L.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

2024 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(does not include memorials, special gifts, other income)





March 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 2:00- Conference Assemble at St. John's Webster
3 purple-lent Communion	4	5	6 6:00-supper 7:30-Worship	7 9:00-noon Quilting Conference Dean mtg.	8	9
10 purple-lent Children's Church	11	12	13 6:00-supper 7:30-Worship	14	15 Newsletter item due	16
17 purple-lent Communion	18	19 Preach at Memory Care- Watertown	20 6:00-supper 7:30-Worship	21 9:00-noon Quilting Conference Dean mtg.	22	23
24purple-Palm Sunday	25	26 Worship at Cederview	27	28 <i>Red</i> 7:30-Maundy Worship w/Communion & 1 st Communion	29 Good Friday worship at Florence	30
31white-Easter Sunday Easter Brkfst-9:00- 10:00, 10:30 Worship Communion						

Notes

Worship-9:00 am (unless otherwise noted), 10:00 Sunday school/coffee fellowship. No Worship helpers listed as of printing. Communion dates-1st and 3rd Sunday, Easter Sunday, Maundy Thursday Worship.

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