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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

Greetings People of Hope!

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

As the days continue to get longer and leaves return to the trees, some thoughts from Annie Dillard about God, Earth, and Freedom.

Peace,

Pastor Kari

Annie Dillard was awarded the 1975 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction for Pilgrim at Tinker Creek. Here's a passage from that astonishing classic, laid out as a poem for your reading pleasure.

Why so many forms?

Why not just that one
hydrogen atom?

The creator goes off on one
wild, specific tangent after
another, or millions
simultaneously, with an
exuberance that would seem
to be unwarranted, and with
an abandoned energy sprung
from an unfathomable font.

What is going on here?

The point of the dragonfly's
terrible lip, the giant water bug,

birdsong, or the beautiful dazzle
and flash of sunlighted minnows,
is not that it all fits together like
clockwork – for it doesn't,
particularly, not even inside the
goldfish bowl – but that it all flows
so freely and wild, like the creek,
that it all surges in such a free,
fringed tangle.

Freedom is the world's water and
weather, the world's nourishment
freely given, its soil and sap: and the
creator loves pizzazz.

+ Annie Dillard

From the Salt Project on April 20, 2026. Saltproject.org

February 22, 2026 - Church Council

Present – Tim Gapp, Dash Ebsen, Beth Hills, Michelle Urban, Brittany Graf, and Mark Amdahl. Pastor Kari, Treasurer Annelies Seffrood, and Secretary Nicole Ebsen

Welcome and Opening prayer and devotion given by Council President Tim Gapp

Secretary Reports – Annual Report Minutes & December Minutes - M by Beth 2nd by Brittany M Passes

Treasurer Report – M by Mark 2nd by Michelle

Pastors Report – Working on Transition team and small groups. Helping plan a small youth conference in Sioux Falls next summer. Going to work on visiting people. Confirmation has been going well.

Day-to-day team needs to meet soon to work on membership list. Worship team was put together and met and will meet again soon.

Pancake community lunch - \$2896 total was the total made. A few of the winners donated money back.

Future events – we will need to advertise more to get out to more people. It was a very successful event.

Donation to the Fire Department – The fire department has not charged us for the use of the fire hall. We would like to thank them with a donation of \$100. M by Beth 2nd by Mark

Maddy Hinkelman Mission Trip – She is doing a mission to Northern Alaska – We would like to invite her to speak to the congregation about her mission trip with a chance for congregation members donate.

Council will donate \$200. M by Michelle 2nd by Brittany

Holy Week/ Easter Schedule – We will have both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. 7 o'clock services for both. Easter Service time to be determined

First Communion – March 29th – Palm Sunday – Pastor Kari will have a meeting with the first communion kids and a parent.

Church Committees – Council members will co-head a committee and find 4-6 members of the church to join their committee. Boards are more of a consistent group and can change as needed more than with counsel.

Committees

Education – Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, and adult bible studies – Vicky and Michelle

Property Management/Improvements – Scott, Mark, and Dash

Stewardship – Brittany and Tim

Worship – Traci and Beth

Boards – Kitchen and Cemetery

Audit – We are looking for people to be on this committee

Council Members – there is a weekly email from the Synod – If you would like to start receiving those emails, please reach out the Pastor Kari.

Zoom Council training from the Synod on March 10th and Sunday March 1st there is a Prairie Coteau conference meeting at NeSoDak.

Pastor Kari vacation - April 12th– 18th, Cody Swanson will cover April 12th

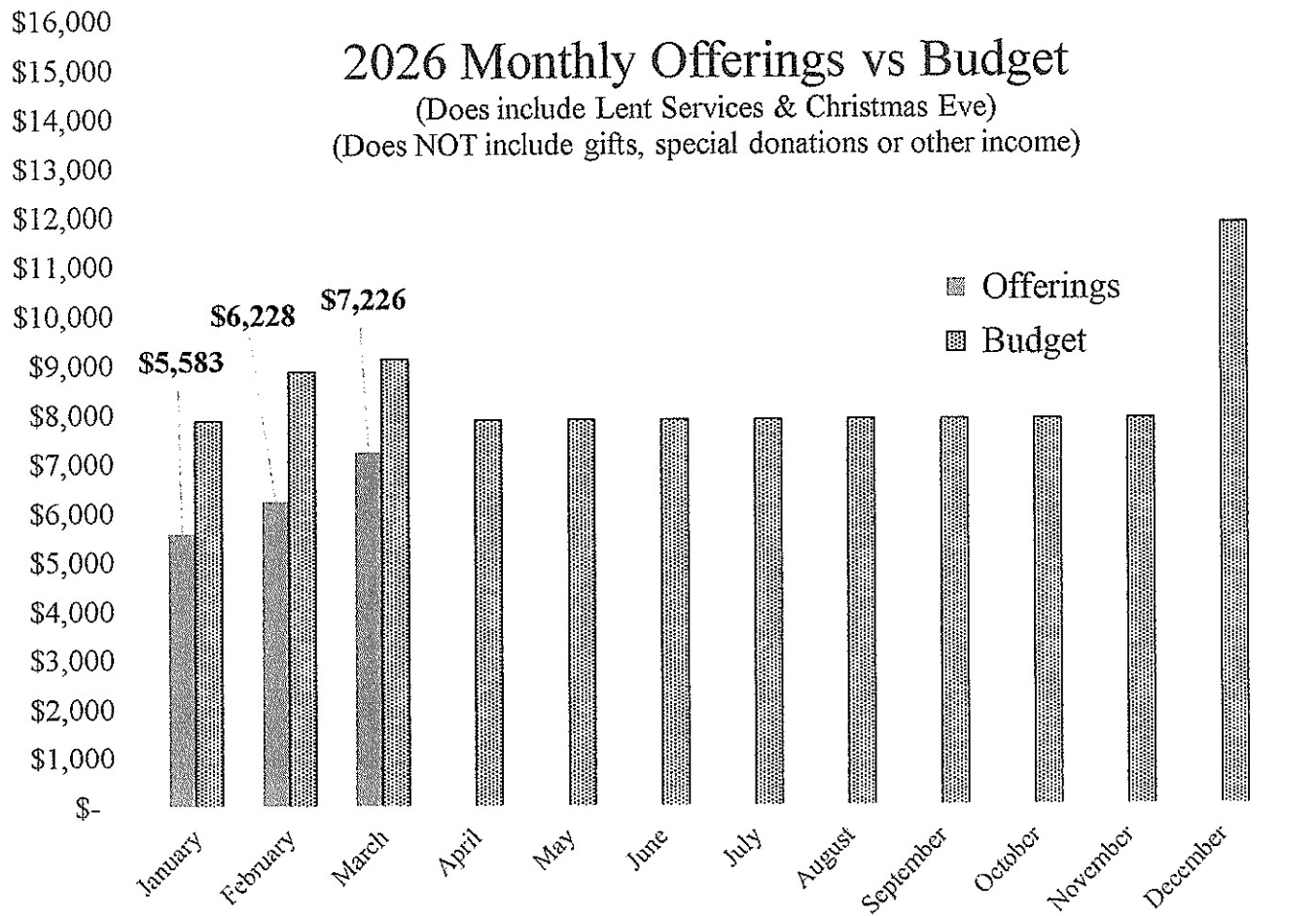
Next Meeting April 22nd at 7

Hope Lutheran Church
Financial Statement
February - March 2026

	February 2026	March 2026	YTD January - March 2026
Offerings & Income			
41120 · Traditional Offerings	\$ 4,805.25	\$ 5,332.00	\$ 14,900.25
41130 · Auto / Online Offering	\$ 900.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 2,650.00
41140 · Venmo Offerings	\$ -	\$ 55.00	\$ 75.00
Total 41100 · Sunday Offerings	\$ 5,705.25	\$ 6,337.00	\$ 17,625.25
41200 · Lent & Christmas Eve Offerings	\$ 523.00	\$ 889.00	\$ 1,412.00
Total 41000 · Offerings	\$ 6,228.25	\$ 7,226.00	\$ 19,037.25
44310 · Building Project Donations	\$ 2,936.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,796.00
44000 · Other Income			
44100 · Interest Earned	\$ 3.31	\$ 3.40	\$ 10.66
44200 · Thrivent	\$ 230.00	\$ -	\$ 230.00
Total 44000 · Other Income	\$ 233.31	\$ 3.40	\$ 240.66
Total Offerings & Income	\$ 9,397.56	\$ 7,529.40	\$ 23,073.91
Expenses			
66110 · Pastor Salary	\$ 2,373.34	\$ 2,373.34	\$ 7,120.02
66120 · Pastor Housing Allowance	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,750.00
66150 · Pastor Social Security	\$ 277.19	\$ 277.19	\$ 831.57
66160 · Pastor Benefits	\$ 1,333.12	\$ 1,333.12	\$ 3,999.36
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	\$ 5,233.65	\$ 5,233.65	\$ 15,700.95
66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses			
66191 · Relief Pastor Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00
66192 · Relief Pastor Mileage/Housing	\$ 78.15	\$ -	\$ 241.30
Total 66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	\$ 78.15	\$ -	\$ 466.30
66300 · Other Church Payroll			
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.01	\$ 1,000.01
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$ 249.99	\$ 250.00	\$ 749.99
66330 · Organist Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.00
66350 · Payroll Taxes	\$ 47.80	\$ 47.82	\$ 133.88
66390 · Other Payroll Expenses	\$ 55.22	\$ 55.22	\$ 165.66
Total 66300 · Other Church Payroll	\$ 728.01	\$ 728.05	\$ 2,089.54
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	\$ 6,039.81	\$ 5,961.70	\$ 18,256.79
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$ 564.87	\$ 559.87	\$ 1,677.19
63100 · Worship & Education			
63110 · Worship Materials	\$ 120.74	\$ -	\$ 120.74
Total 63100 · Worship & Education	\$ 120.74	\$ -	\$ 120.74
62000 · Office Expenses			
62200 · Office Supplies	\$ 144.59	\$ -	\$ 144.59
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$ 174.60	\$ 137.88	\$ 837.51
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78.00
62500 · Software Subscriptions and Dues	\$ 21.23	\$ 21.23	\$ 233.51
Total 62000 · Office Expenses	\$ 340.42	\$ 159.11	\$ 1,293.61
67000 · Church/Building Expenses			
67400 · Utilities			
67420 · Electricity	\$ 152.73	\$ 161.65	\$ 422.31
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 252.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$ 76.47	\$ 76.47	\$ 229.41
Total 67400 · Utilities	\$ 313.20	\$ 322.12	\$ 903.72
Total 67000 · Church/Building Expenses	\$ 313.20	\$ 322.12	\$ 903.72
63400 · Fees & Interest Expense			
63402 · Online Giving Fees	\$ 0.48	\$ 2.39	\$ 3.35
Total Expense	\$ 7,379.52	\$ 7,005.19	\$ 22,255.40
Net Income	\$ 2,018.04	\$ 524.21	\$ 818.51
Net WITHOUT Building Fund Donations & Expenses	\$ (917.96)	\$ 224.21	\$ (2,977.49)

Account Balances

	<u>2/28/2026</u>	<u>3/31/2026</u>	<u>4/22/2026</u>
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS			
11102 · General Fund Checking	\$ 36,247.49	\$ 36,405.07	\$ 35,361.29
11201 · Building Fund Saving	\$ 22,137.59	\$ 22,437.59	\$ 22,962.59
11115 · MWBank MC - Pr Kari	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
12004 · CD 710143990	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
12101 · Undeposited General Funds	\$ 19.52	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 73,904.60</u>	<u>\$ 74,342.66</u>	<u>\$ 73,823.88</u>
CREDIT CARD BALANCES			
22003 · Secretary Credit Card	\$ (154.60)	\$ (97.68)	\$ 152.90
22004 · Custodian Credit Card	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NET GENERAL FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 73,750.00</u>	<u>\$ 74,244.98</u>	<u>\$ 73,976.78</u>
OTHER ACCOUNTS			
11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$ 4,420.29	\$ 5,290.52	\$ 5,661.29
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$ 873.50	\$ 904.70	\$ 990.53
11500 · Campership Checking Acct	\$ 1,453.92	\$ 1,453.92	\$ 2,103.92



Hope Happenings

- Sunday School is asking for art supplies
- Hope is hosting "Summit at Summit" a fathering of the Prairie Coteau Conference to discuss how we can be "Church Together"

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!

[South Dakota Synod
Youth Conference
Registration](#)



Else Madsen
Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen

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

Hope's Seniors



Cooper Ebsen Summit High School Graduate

- I plan to attend LATC for Consumer Financial Service
- My favorite High School Memory is sitting in Gleason's with all the Seniors and Derek
- I am thankful to God for letting me live a fun life led by Him

Newton Campbell Summit High School Graduate

- I am undecided on my future plans
- My favorite High School Memory is picking up garbage with the freshmen Junior year
- I am thankful to God for giving me the opportunities to follow Him in faith.



↑ May

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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3 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/ Communion & Senior Recognition	4	5	6	7 9:00 AM Quilting	8	9 <i>Waubay Graduation</i>
10 9:30 LAST DAY of Sunday School 10:30 Children's Church & Mother's Day	11	12	13 7 PM Summit Baccalaureate at Hope	14	15	16 <i>Summit Graduation</i>
17 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship w/ Communion	18	19	20 6PM Summit at Summit	21 9:00 AM Quilting	22	23
24 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship w/ Communion						