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April 2024

"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.





# April 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 Spring Theological	3	4 9-noon-quilting Conference dean mtg.	5 Office day	6
7 Easter-white	8	9	10 3:30-1 <sup>st</sup> group confirmation 6:00- 2 <sup>nd</sup> group 7:00-Youth group	11	12 Quality of call planning mtg.	13
14 Easter-white "Tie One On" event following Worship	15	16 Cederview Communion worship	17 3:30-1 <sup>st</sup> group confirmation 6:00- 2 <sup>nd</sup> group	18 9-noon-quilting 10:00 am- Conference pastor's mtg. 6:30-council	19 Office day Newsletter items due	20 <b>Companion Synod mtg.</b>
21 Easter-white	22	23 Memory care communion worship	24 3:30-1 <sup>st</sup> group confirmation 6:00- 2 <sup>nd</sup> group	25	26 Office day	27
28 Easter-white	29	30 Helping Kids round 1 <sup>st</sup> board mtg.				

## Notes

**Worship-9:00 am (unless otherwise noted), 10:00 Sunday school and Coffee Fellowship.  
Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.**

Worship helpers as of printing-4/7-Coffee-Thuringers, Ushers, Reader, Communion servers-  
4/14-Coffee, U-Mark and Tate Amdahl, Reader-Lisa Amdahl,4/21-Coffee-Kathy B, U-Kathy and  
Avery, Reader, CS-Avery, 4/28- C,U,R

## February 28, 2024 Council Meeting

Present: Ben G, Dustin H, Billi W, Tamijo B, Nicole E, Vicky G, Cooper E, Pastor Janet

Absent: Maddy H, Tracie M, Kevin C

Others Present: Annelies S

Motion by Ben, Second by Tamijo to approve the Minutes of the Annual meeting. Motion passed.

Motion by Vicky, Second by Nicole to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion passed.

Motion by Billi, Second by Nicole to remove Traci E. as a signer from the Church's General Fund Acct at MinnWest Bank. Sarah Holt will be added as a secondary signatory to the General Fund and Building Fund Savings accounts at MinnWest Bank. Motion passed.

Pastor Janet gave her Pastor's Report.

I did 2 baptisms in Florence, 1 funeral held at school since last meeting and 1 at a funeral home  
I am doing worships and communion at Edgewood memory care and cederview nursing homes each month-  
Summit and Florence have people in these facilities.

Confirmation students are helping out with Lenten services.

Lenten theme is "Wandering Hearts"

I am going to try to get a group of youth to help with special music on Easter service

I will offer 1<sup>st</sup> communion classes if anyone signs up for them. I had a huge group last year so we might not have a group this year.

Easter services- Goodhue opens that day with their 6:30 am worship, it makes no sense to come back and then go to Florence so we will do Florence 8:30am and us at 10:30 am with Easter breakfast before worship

Motion by Billi, Second by Vicky to accept the Pastor's Report. Motion passed.

Dustin gave an update on the siding project. The front door & windows will be measured in March. Weather permitting, the project is on the calendar for April. Annelies reported that the Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction raised over \$10,000. The total raised to date for the sliding partition and new siding is \$83,419.43.

Mowing bids for Hope Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Cemetery, and Lebanon Lutheran Cemetery are due by Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dustin informed the Council that Todd Brink & Tim Frankenhoff volunteered to join the Cemetery Board with Tim Gapp.

Annelies informed the Council that the @tnics.com emails will end by December 2024. The church will need to transition to new emails by November.

Eleven (11) youth are currently on the list for the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-20. The group will need 2 adults to serve as chaperones and leaders. The youth will serve the Lent Soup Suppers and Easter Breakfast starting at 9:00 am. Pastor Janet is looking for youth to play their band instruments during Easter worship.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter: Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm worship at Hope Lutheran.

The Good Friday service will be at 5:30 pm at Florence.

Easter Sunday Pastor Janet will lead worship at Goodhue Church at 6:30 am, Florence at 8:30 am and Hope Lutheran at 10:30 am.

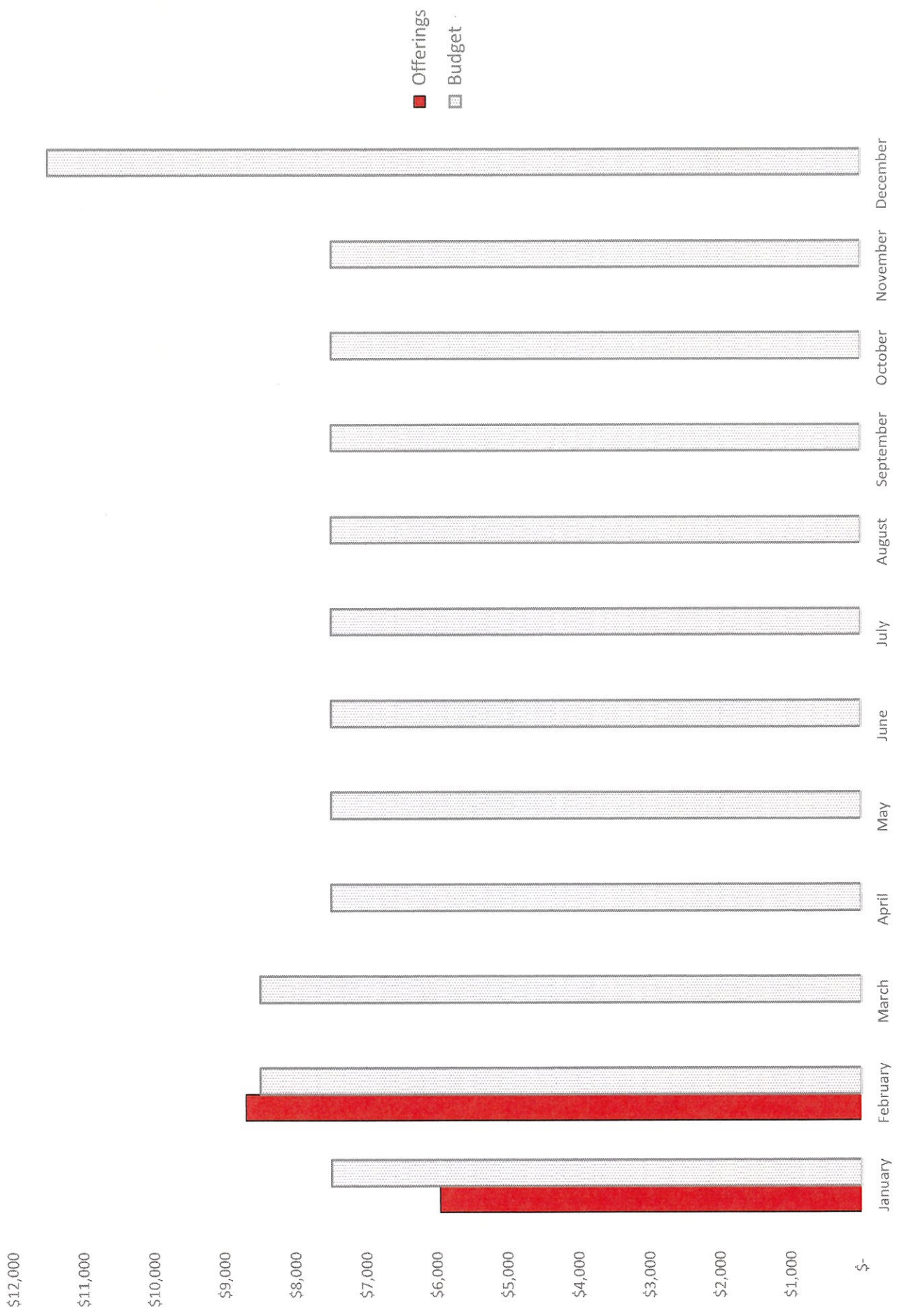
The next Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm.



# 2024 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

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

Does NOT include 2/28/2024 Lent Service



# Hope Lutheran Church

## Offerings and Expenses

### January - February 2024

	Feb 24	Jan 24	Jan - Feb 24
41100 · Regular Offerings			
41130 · Auto / Online Offering	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
41120 · Traditional Offerings	\$6,243	\$4,543	\$10,786
41140 · Venmo Offerings	\$509	\$425	\$934
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$955 *	\$0	\$955
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$0	\$100	\$100
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$7,000
44100 · Interest Earned	\$4 *	\$69	\$73
44200 · Thrivent	\$466	\$20	\$486
44310 · Special Project - Siding	\$10,204	\$4,262	\$14,466
44000 · Other Income - Other	\$0	\$226	\$226
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$22,881</b>	<b>\$14,146</b>	<b>\$37,027</b>
<b><i>Income without Siding Donations</i></b>	<b><i>\$12,677</i></b>	<b><i>\$9,883</i></b>	<b><i>\$22,561</i></b>
66110 · Pastor Salary	\$3,747	\$3,587	\$7,333
66120 · Pastor Housing Allowance	\$2,000	\$1,833	\$3,833
66150 · Pastor Social Security	\$440	\$415	\$854
66160 · Pastor Benefits	\$2,998	\$2,959	\$5,957
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$375	\$375	\$750
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$270	\$230	\$500
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$371	\$371	\$743
63110 · Worship Materials	\$368	\$0	\$368
62800 · Website Fees	\$58	\$117	\$175
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$327	\$0	\$327
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$71	\$0	\$71
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$17	\$32	\$48
67420 · Electricity	\$234	\$168	\$402
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$78	\$78	\$156
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$96	\$96	\$191
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$10	\$15	\$25
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$11,459</b>	<b>\$10,275</b>	<b>\$21,734</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$11,423</b>	<b>\$3,871</b>	<b>\$15,293</b>
<b><i>Net Income without Siding Donations</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,219</i></b>	<b><i>-\$391</i></b>	<b><i>-\$827</i></b>

Hope Lutheran Church  
**Balance Sheet**  
February 29, 2024

Checking/Savings

11102 • General Fund Checking	\$29,320.96
11201 • Building Fund Saving	\$54,877.33
11112 • MWBANK MC -Dawn	\$633.97
11113 • MWBANK MC - Pastor Janet	\$418.94
11114 • MWBANK MC - Sarah	\$139.95
12004 • CD 710143990	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$100,391.15</b>

11300 • HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$5,797.51	**Florence youth group \$2969.25 (3/4/24)
11400 • Sunday School Checking Acct	\$359.40	
11500 • Campership Checking Acct	\$786.92	

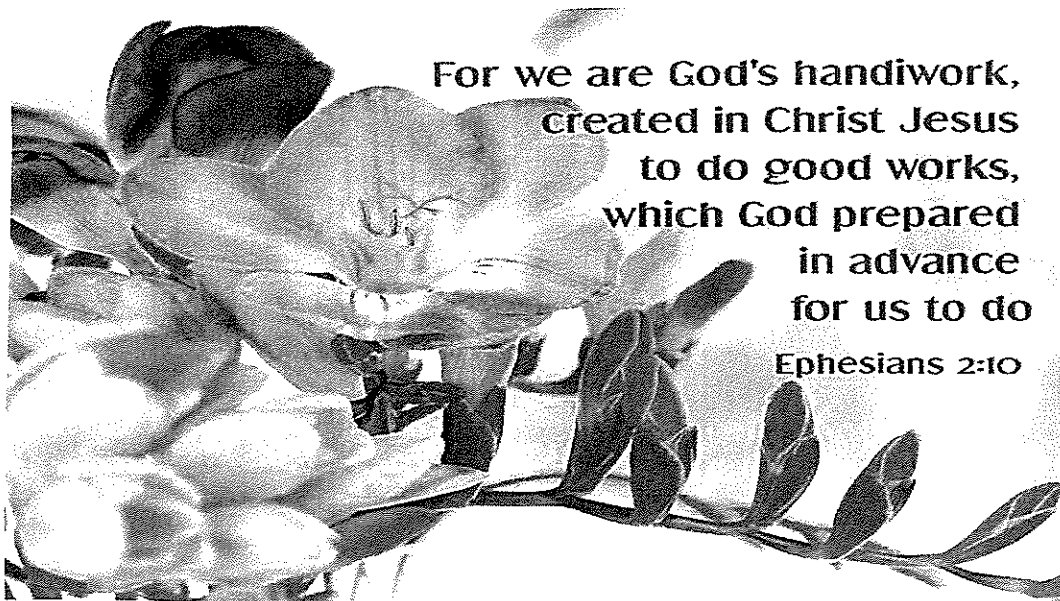
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## NeSoDak Women's Retreat

Come to NeSoDak from April 12-13 to unwind and dive deep into your relationship with God. There will be good food, good company, easy conversation, and no to-do list!

Deacon Koren Lindley will guide this retreat as attendees to "Find Joy in the Ordinary." You can download an informational flyer [here](#). Learn more and register at [losd.org/womensretreat](https://losd.org/womensretreat)





South Dakota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Winter/Spring 2024 Newsletter Inserts

### From the Bishop's Desk

Dear SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Emanuel, God with us. A new year with new and old possibilities lies before us as we continue to journey together in Christ. Here are some road markers for you to be curious about:

- **Form A:** this form helps the church wide office to determine the number of attendees from each synod at the upcoming church wide assembly in Phoenix, AZ (August 2025).
- **Congregational Leadership Form:** It helps your synod office to effectively communicate with you and stay in touch. Even if there are no changes in your leadership it's always good to send us a form, since there may have been changes in a leader's personal contact information, which we should note in our database.
- **Forms of Intent:** These help your synod council plan for next year's (2025) mission plan, aka budget, which will be brought for discussion and vote at the June assembly.
- **"I have been Elected to the Council. Now What?":** This is an annual Zoom opportunity for all lay leaders in the synod. It has been growing in attendance over these past four years and those in attendance always expressed how helpful the breakout sessions were. The group gathers via Zoom for 90 minutes and every year those in attendance shared that time was yet too short. Thank you for showing up, participating and your leadership in your congregation. This year's Zoom gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 7-8:30 PM CT. Registration details are forthcoming.
- **Synod assembly:** will be at OUR Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD from May 31 - June 1, 2024. This year's theme is "Connect", and will highlight how each and every person and context is connected to a network of partners. Things

will look and feel a bit different this year, stay tuned! It's going to be fun...

- **STAR Grants:** STAR stands for "Small Town And Rural". The synod's STAR Team under Pastor Alan Blankenfeld and Pastor Jackie Braun's co-leadership has developed two grants that are available to all congregations of the SD via the synod's website. The guidelines and application process are straightforward and self explanatory. But if you have questions, please, reach out to Pastor Alan at [ablankenfeld@sdsynod.org](mailto:ablankenfeld@sdsynod.org).
- **Journeying Together in Christ Initiative:** The Lilly Endowment has recognized the vision and mission you have drafted through a \$1.1 Million grant. The grant over the next four years will be used to support people of and ministries in the SD Synod. Pastor Kari Webb, Director for digital community and learning would love the opportunity to share greater details about this opportunity and generous support through the Lilly Endowment with you. You can reach her at [kwebb@sdsynod.org](mailto:kwebb@sdsynod.org) to schedule a visit so you can learn more.
- **Youth Ministry:** We continue to partner with Lutheran Outdoors in SD to provide youth ministry opportunities. LOSD is planning to schedule more listening sessions across the synod to hear directly from you about hopes and dreams for youth ministry across the synod. If you have questions regarding the 2024 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, please reach out to Mara Stillson, who is the synod's contact person. Mara can be reached at [mara@losd.org](mailto:mara@losd.org).

These are only a few highlights, for other travel opportunities, registration links etc. please subscribe to the weekly e-news on the synod's website [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org). You can also connect with the synod via Facebook.

Journeying in Christ with you,  
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the SD Synod

### Discerning God's Call

"You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last ..." (John 15:16)

Jesus speaks these words to those who follow him right after he commands them to love one another as he has loved them. No matter our vocations (callings) in life, Christ is with and works through us all to bear good fruit. For some, Christ leads them into public, ordained ministry, for others, he empowers them to take on other leadership roles within the church.

How does one know if they are called to be a pastor or a deacon? How might one sense they have the gifts for lay leadership within their congregation? These questions are all part of *discernment*. Discernment is never meant to be done alone, nor is it something we do just a few times in our life. As baptized people we are constantly asking the question: How best can I serve you during this time of my life, Lord? No one is too young or old to ask this question and ponder it faithfully.

Perhaps you have been curious about what stepping into a leadership role in your congregation may entail. Maybe you have wondered: *Might God be calling me to seminary?* If either of these are true, there are people who are ready to listen to your story, connect with you, help discover your gifts, and give you information about what is available for education and training.

One of these opportunities is February 28 – March 1: “Discerning God’s Call Retreat at Arrowwood Retreat Center.” This 3-day retreat is designed to explore tools for discernment and is for both current and emerging ministry leaders alike. Enrollment is limited, so don’t hesitate to register! Should you need financial assistance to attend, reach out to the synod office for a “Lifelong Learning” grant application. To find out more about this in-person retreat, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQd383EZU7q3vdAF9cyxFonvdmYu1RFR93y3Ekqvl68HcByw/viewform?pli=1>

You can also contact the synod office, or see the synod e-news for more information.

Another opportunity for discernment and learning is the Graduate Certificate Program through Luther Seminary. To learn more, visit: <https://www.luthersem.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/graduate-certificates/>

Know that your Synod staff are accessible to you for conversation. There will continue to be opportunities to reflect on how the Spirit is working in your life, and whether or not God is asking you to take a step you haven’t taken before. Regardless, know this: Jesus

the vine, with the help of the Spirit, helps you to grow fruit, fruit that will last wherever God has planted you.

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson  
Associate to the Bishop for Candidacy,  
Congregation, and Rostered Minister  
Accompaniment

## “Generous” is My Word for 2024

“You The synod staff had a retreat at the beginning of December at which we each picked a guiding word for the upcoming year. While it wasn’t the word I picked spur-of-the-moment, “Generous” is the word I will use moving forward. When I think of what generosity means, it goes far beyond the idea of money and monetary things, even if that is a part of it. Before I give any examples, let me share a little about why this word is used. The world needs us to be generous. To live with a sense that defies a false scarcity mindset. I see signs of that all around. The world around us exists in a mindset that there isn’t enough. Not enough money, time, energy, compassion, and understanding. And when we *feel* as if there isn’t enough, we hold on to what we have. When we don’t *feel* understood, we don’t seek to understand others either. When we don’t *feel* others have shown us compassion, it’s easy to withhold it from others. See how this goes? What we *feel* is often reactionary and shifts our behavior.

So, in 2024, I’m going to be more intentional in my generosity. Financial, of course, but also in the grace, understanding, and compassion I give. But this isn’t some new self-help concept; it is central to our discipleship as followers of the Messiah who has done all this first.

In Christ Jesus, we experience the fullness of God’s generosity. In Jesus, there is no shortage of grace, understanding, and compassion. There is no shortage in how the world is provided and cared for. And when we look for examples of how the Holy Spirit is revealing God’s generous mercy, it is easy to find examples.

Rev. Jonathan Vehar  
Associate to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical  
Mission

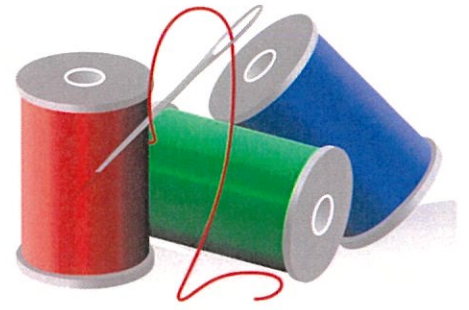
## Equipping the Saints

I am truly humbled to serve the SD Synod as the new Director for Rural Ministry. But what does that mean?



# Tie-One-On

## A Multi-Generational Activity

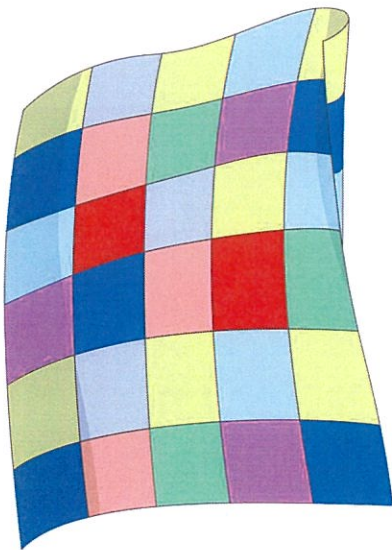


Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am after worship

**What do the Hope Lutheran Church  
quilters do twice a month?**

Learn the basics of making  
a LWR Quilt



How to ...piece the squares  
...layer the quilt  
...tie the quilt  
...bind the quilt

NO Prior Experience Needed

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the awesome weather we are having, it's hard to remember we had winter this year. We had snowbanks and wind and even had school called off a few times.

In the middle of the coldest snap we had all winter, while the wind blew 35 miles per hour and without our expecting it, the baby goats were born on our farm. We didn't think they were coming for several weeks. The shock of their arrival triggered a mad dash to keep them alive. Find them shelter, warm them up, get them to feed from their mamas... the work went on into the night. We lost one. No matter how hard we tried, it just wouldn't eat and come into life. The grandkids cried and the adults felt a sad frustration that it just couldn't do what it needed to so it could live.

I imagine our God feels the same way sometimes. His people are always finding themselves in danger or lost from him. No matter how hard he tries, no matter how many times he offers them life, some of them just won't take it.

The Bible reminds us that God loves all of his people, those who worship him and those who reject him too. God loves the people who have never heard of him. He even loves the people who chase after false gods (though scriptures say they frustrate him and sometimes anger him).

I once read a story about Heaven's reaction to Moses crossing the Red Sea. It said the Angels watched with fear and excitement as God's people escaped from slavery into freedom. They rejoiced as the people crossed to safety and the Red Sea swallowed up their Egyptian enemies. As Heaven rejoiced, God sat quietly. When one of the angels dared to ask God why he didn't celebrate, our Heavenly Father answered that though the people of Israel were saved, hundreds of his children drowned that day. For that, he would not celebrate.

How might our views of our "enemies" change if we remembered that they too are beloved children of God? How might our politics change if we remember those on the "other side" are also loved by God? How might the way we think of ourselves and treat even our own bodies change if we remember God's love for US?

God's Word is very clear. God loves all his children...no exceptions! Let's try hard to follow his example.

Pastor Janet Miller