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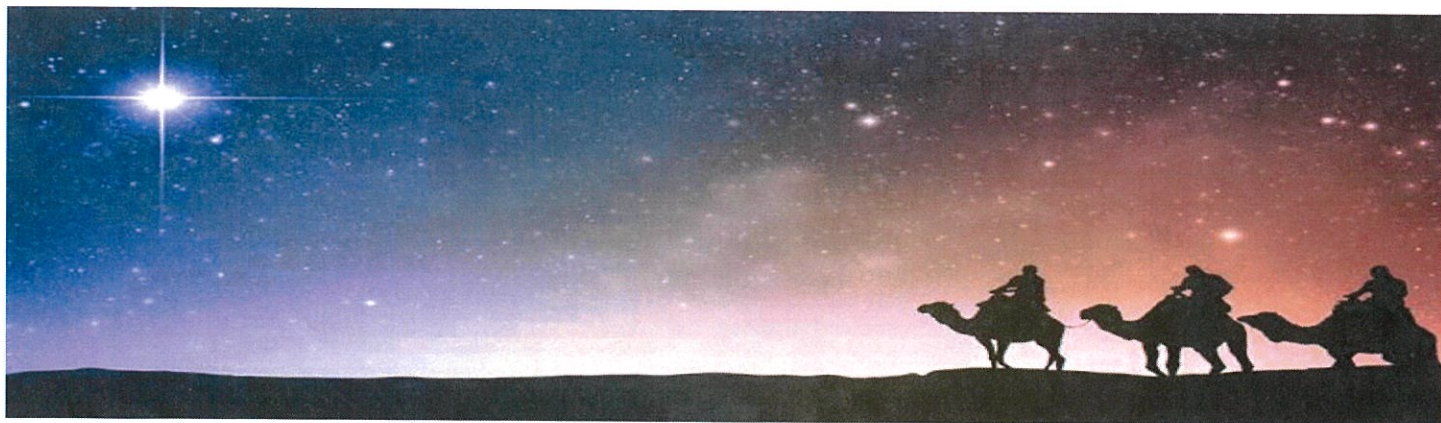
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# January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>NOTE WORSHIP TIME CHANGE-9:00 AM Worship, 10:00 am Sunday school/fellowship.</b>			3	4 Conference Dean call	5	6
7 white-Baptism of our Lord <b>Annual reports due!!</b>	8	9	10 3:30-gr.1 confirmation, 6:00-gr. 2 7:00 youth group	11	12 <b>Printing Annual report</b>	13
14green-2-Epiphany	15	16	17 3:30-gr.1 confirmation, 6:00-gr. 2	18 Conference Dean call	19 <b>Newsletter items due</b>	20
21green-3-Epiphany	22	23	24 3:30-gr.1 confirmation, 6:00-gr. 2	25	26	27
28 green-4-Epiphany Annual meeting	29	30	31 3:30-gr.1 confirmation, 6:00-gr. 2			

## Notes

**WORSHIP: 9:00 am (note time change), 10:00 am Sunday school/Fellowship.** Worship Helpers as of printing: 1/7-Coffee-Jackie, Ushers-Whempners, Reader-Jackie, Serve Communion-Jackie/Oriena, 1/14-Children's church, 1/21-C-Gleason, U-Gleason, R-(needed), Comm.-(needed) 1/28-C-Urban fam., U-Urban fam. R-Gleason.

December 3-council meeting

P:Pastor Janet, Traci, Ben, Michelle, Brianna, Billi, Dustin, Tamijo.

A: Maddy, Laura

O: Anne, Dawn

Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary report-M-Dustin, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Michelle to approve. Passed

Treasurers report-Anne reviewed. M-Tamijo, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Ben to approve. Passed. Request made to ask Cemetery to pay total mowing expenses bill of \$5,644.52. M-Billi, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ben to approve. Passed.

Pastor's report- I did 1 baptism and one funeral this Nov./Dec. so far

- Confirmation- youth group going well
- I took off Nov.5<sup>th</sup> to go to my granddaughter's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in Waubay
  - I had a crazy few weeks in November;  
One week in particular: On Monday (my day off) I was in Nebraska for Angela's concert, Tuesday I had to go to Fargo to pick up some things for Florence Youth group ladies night out and do a visit to a lady who has moved to assisted living up there (I won't usually visit her but she just moved and is struggling and I have to go anyway.) Wed. I was at Hope for office and Confirmation day, Thurs. morning I was in Rosholt for Conference pastor's meeting, Thursday night I was in Sioux Falls for the Helping Kids Round 1<sup>st</sup> mission fundraiser banquet- I was working at it, Fri. I have Hope office day and then I was helping with the Florence Ladies Night Out on Friday evening, Saturday I had a Companion Synod meeting in Sioux Falls.
- Michael and I picked up the wreath order in Minnesota on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and got them dropped at Florence and Summit.
- We didn't have confirmation the Wed. before Thanksgiving

Old business:

\*January-siding and windows to be installed.

\*Anne Requested to open a Building fund checking/savings account. M-Dustin, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Billi to approve. Passed.

\*Servant teams-will look at updating to review. (add lists to annual report)

\*Microphone-will look into what to do.

New business:

\*Lefse day-December 17

\*Building projects-sidewalks and digital sign.

\*Annual meeting-January 28 (reports due Jan. 7)

\*Dec.31-Pastor gone, Traci will lead worship.

\*Old printer-council decided to try and sell it online, as is.

\*Newsletter-council approved request to discontinue bulk mail due to rising costs.

\*Change to Altar guild: Michelle/Traci-winter, Billi/ -spring

Budget for 2024

\*Thrivent Choice Dollars-include reminder in newsletter

\*Discussed 2024 budget and staff wages.

\*A request for snow removal will be put on facebook.

Michelle motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dustin

Meeting adjourned.



## Sunday school News:

January Teachers-Pk-K-Lisa and Peyton, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-Maddy/**Substitute needed**, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-Vicky Gleason.

February Teachers-PK-K- **Open**, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-**Open**, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-Dawn

\*If you are willing to teacher a day or month, contact Becky Pies or Pastor Janet. 😊 They will supply you with all you need.



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The Annual meeting will be held during Worship on January, 28 2024. All reports are due on January 7, 2024. Financial reports can be dropped off at the bank for the auditing committee to review. Any other reports can be dropped off at the church or emailed to me at [dawn.wright@k12.sd.us](mailto:dawn.wright@k12.sd.us) or [hlchurch@tnics.com](mailto:hlchurch@tnics.com). 😊

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### Checking/Savings

11102 · General Fund Checking	\$ 65,899.75
11112 · MWBank MC -Dawn	\$ 248.93
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$ 165.17
11114 · MWBank MC - Sarah	\$ 154.80
12140 · CD 710143990	\$ 15,000.00

### Total Checking/Savings

**\$ 81,468.65**

11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$ 9,876.26
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$ 409.45
11500 · Campership Checking Acct	\$ 786.92

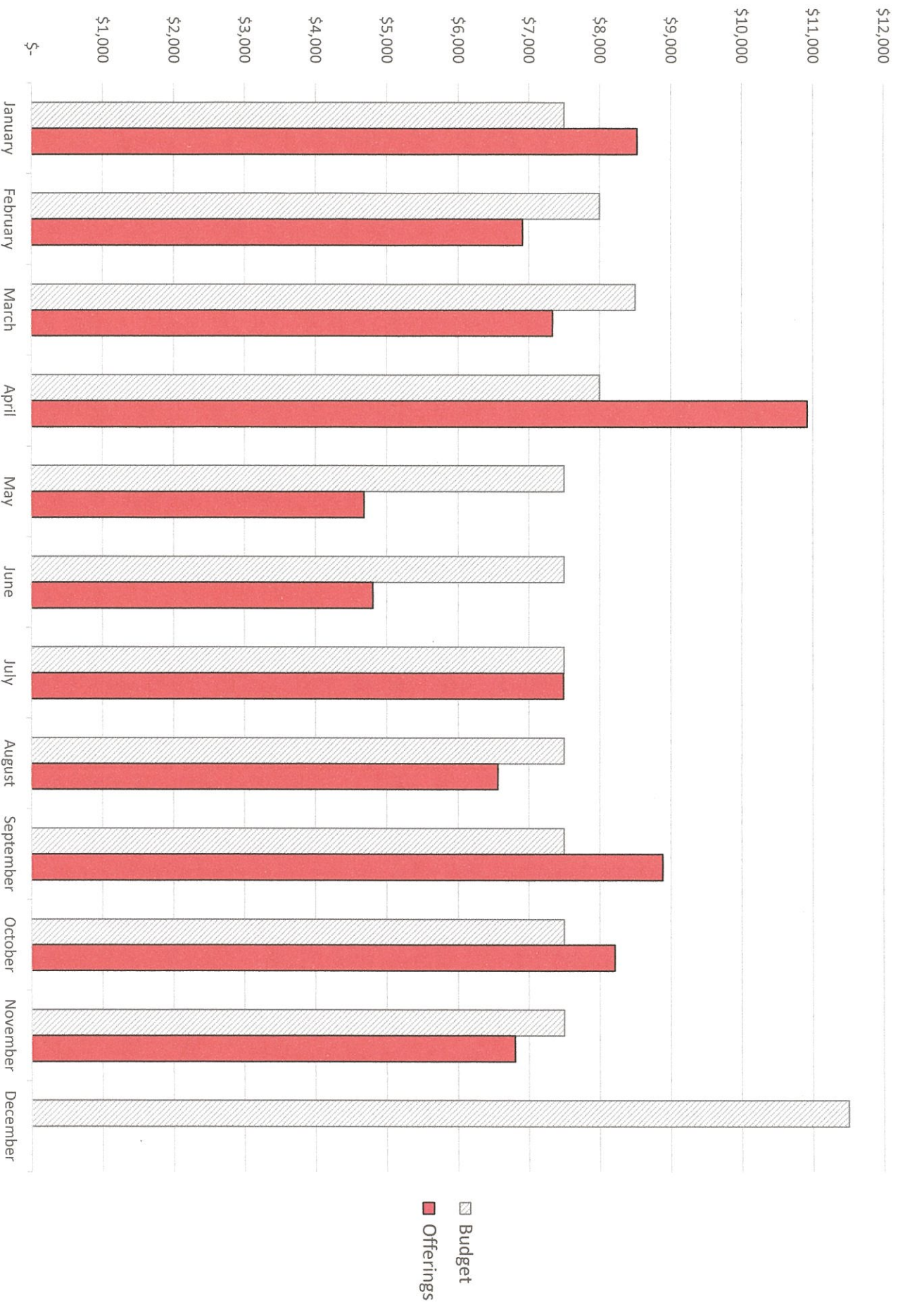
**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**Offerings and Expenses**  
October - November 2023

	Oct 23*	Nov 23	Jan - Nov 23	
41000 · Offerings				
41100 · Regular Offerings	\$ 8,205.09	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 79,366.10	budget = \$84,000
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,743.00	
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$ 480.00	\$ -	\$ 4,701.45	gift of propane
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 38,500.00	
44100 · Interest Earned	\$ 9.50	\$ 421.00	\$ 561.72	
44200 · Thrivent	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,195.00	
44310 · Special Project - Siding	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 68,643.32	goal=\$80,000
44350 · Christmas Greens Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	
44440 · Special Offerings to Pass On	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
44600 · Amazon Smile	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64.05	
44000 · Other Income - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,776.37	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 13,716.59</b>	<b>\$ 10,931.00</b>	<b>\$ 196,873.01</b>	
<b>**Total without Building Project Donations</b>	<b>\$ 12,216.59</b>	<b>\$ 10,831.00</b>	<b>\$ 128,229.69</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	\$ 8,738.66	\$ 8,738.66	\$ 96,125.30	
Total 66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340.00	
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 4,125.00	
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 2,530.00	
66330 · Organist Salary	\$ 480.00	\$ -	\$ 1,640.00	
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	\$ 9,823.66	\$ 9,343.66	\$ 104,760.30	
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 369.42	
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00	
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$ 318.86	\$ 637.72	\$ 3,507.46	
63130 · Confirmation / Adult Ed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 444.86	
63120 · Sunday School Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 653.53	
63110 · Worship Materials	\$ 160.00	\$ 294.25	\$ 1,860.45	
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	\$ -	\$ 93.93	\$ 345.66	
62800 · Website Fees	\$ 52.80	\$ 56.08	\$ 406.45	
62200 · Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 32.35	\$ 1,565.18	
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$ 238.82	\$ 417.77	\$ 2,018.27	
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174.89	
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$ 66.00	\$ 44.36	\$ 798.00	
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$ 16.66	\$ 16.66	\$ 180.46	
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	\$ 934.56	\$ -	\$ 4,311.59	
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1,303.83	\$ 758.70	\$ 5,279.65	
67210 · Siding & Glass Partition 2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,500.00	
67300 · Small Tools and Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268.50	
67410 · Propane/Heat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,789.92	gift of propane
67420 · Electricity	\$ 176.68	\$ -	\$ 1,606.07	
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 850.00	
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$ 95.72	\$ 95.72	\$ 1,052.98	
61410 · Synod Mission Support	\$ 1,834.56	\$ -	\$ 5,148.88	
61420 · Good Samaritan Fund	\$ -	\$ 292.58	\$ 292.58	
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
61400 · Charitable Contributions - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 24.75	\$ 99.57	\$ 288.07	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 15,124.90</b>	<b>\$ 12,261.35</b>	<b>\$ 161,948.17</b>	
<b>Net Offerings less Expenses</b>	<b><u>- \$1,408.31</u></b>	<b><u>- \$1,330.35</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,924.84</u></b>	
<b>**Net without Building Project Donations &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>- \$2,908.31</b>	<b>- \$1,430.35</b>	<b>- \$14,218.48</b>	

# 2023 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

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

January - November \$3,391 below offering budget (11 months)



## 2024 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. (Communion set-up has been removed from Servant Teams – see info elsewhere). Coffee/fellowship treats are also needed each Sunday.

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

### Communion Set Up

The Council has decided that Communion Set Up will go back to the old system of monthly service. The only change is that we do not have the ELCAW booklets anymore. And men are 100% welcome to assist with this task. 😊

Two people are needed to serve each month. Communion is usually the first and third Sunday of each month, but the schedule can change due to Special Services or Holy Days. Directions for setup are taped to the side of the fridge.

The sign-up calendar is on the bulletin board in the entry.

## Altar Guild

Thank you to Billi, Michelle, Traci, & Jackie for agreeing to serve as the Altar Guild for 2024.

They make sure the proper altar paraments are in place each week. Did you know that Hope Lutheran uses five different colors on the altar, pulpit, and lectern? The colors are blue, white, green, purple, red (scarlet). Each has meaning for the days they are used. The colors are listed on the church calendar.

The banner above the organ is also changed to match the Church Season.

**IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:** Due to the rising costs of postage, the council has decided to discontinue bulk mailing of the newsletter, beginning January 1. You will still be able read the monthly newsletter online or pick up a hard copy at the church. I will also email copies each month. If you are not already on the email list but would like to be, please message me your email address and I will get you added. If you would prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you, please reach out to me as well. Thank you so much for understanding.

### Bringing generosity to life-Thrivent Choice Dollars:

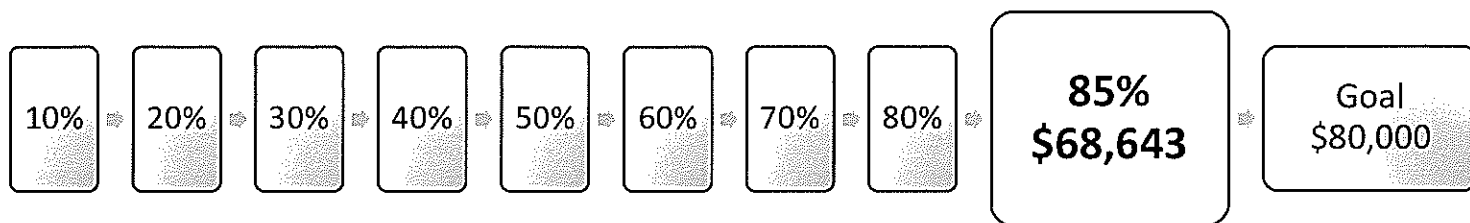
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Through Thrivent Choice, more than \$550 million has been distributed to churches and nonprofits nationwide. **Deadline to apply is March 31, 2024.** If you need assistance, please reach out to the church. We are happy to help you navigate the site. 😊



# Building Projects & Fundraising Update



**Thank you** to everyone who has contributed.

If you have not made a donation, there is still time to make a tax-deductible donation in 2023. Your check (or Venmo transfer) simply needs to be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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If you would like to make a Gift of Grain or a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) from an IRA, please contact treasurer Annelies Seffrood at 605-949-5658.

We are on the calendar for **NEW SIDING** and **WINDOW UPGRADES** in January 2024. The estimate for exterior work is \$60,000.

The **FROSTED GLASS PARTITION & DOOR TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AREA** are complete. Come check them out. The total cost for the doors was \$19,500.

## Save the Date

Community Pancake Feed & Basket Auction

Summit Firehall

Sunday, February 11, 2024

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Proceeds to the Hope Lutheran Church Building Fund

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A lot of you remember how it felt. After the great ice storm that took out the electricity for a large part of our state, after huddling in our homes for days and for some of us weeks without electric heat and light, I looked out my window and saw that my neighbor had lights. Right there across the highway was a sign that the end of my misery was near. I knew the light was really coming to my house soon.

As we finish up the season of Christmas (which only BEGINS on Christmas day), we turn our eyes to Epiphany. The coming of the season of LIGHT!

The gospel of John says;

*"In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God and the WORD was God. He was in the beginning and through him all things were made. In him was life and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it."*

John uses, "WORD" as another name for Jesus. So, in his famous words, John is reminding us that Jesus always has been, even in creation. John reminds us that Jesus brought both life and light into our world. No power on earth or anywhere else can extinguish the light that is from Jesus the Christ.

In Epiphany we get the "bright" idea. We are reminded how important the light of Jesus Christ is to our faith and our world.

When the news on the TV seems dark, when our path through life is hard to find, when age or sickness or even lack of electricity dims our world... turn to the light that never goes out- the Light that shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Pastor Janet Miller

PS. Thanks so MUCH to all of you for remembering my family and me with cards and gifts. You make us feel welcome and loved. You help bring the light to us!

