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**JUNE 2018**

**VOICE  
OF HOPE**

**By faith we  
understand**

**THAT THE  
UNIVERSE  
WAS FORMED  
AT GOD'S  
COMMAND.**

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Wautoma, WI

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Worship Time: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Hours:

Mon. through Wed.: 8:00 to 4:00

Thursday: 8:00 to noon

Friday: Closed



Children's Sermon, April 22, 2018



Sophie Klimke receives her Bible  
April 22, 2018



Sophie shows her dad her new Bible



## Hope Lutheran's Sunday School Students Breakfast - April 22, 2018



Wyatt & Braeden McComb, learning how to make pancakes with  
Mr. Michael Klieforth



Sophie Klimke filling the pan with yummy pancakes,  
with Sue McComb, the Sunday School Coordinator

## Sunday School Breakfast



Tim & Karen Roeske, Sue & Braeden McComb, Christine, Dierks, Taylor, & Axel Klieforth, Laura & Mason Dobrecevich, & Sophie Klimke

## Confirmation Class



Back row: Timothy Roeske, Ethan Tratar, Pastor Mike, David Miller, Wyatt McComb, Christian Hawlish.

Front row: Logan Slusser, Megan Miller, Anna Peterson, Hayley Moore, Mason Hobbs, Brett Wilbert

## PASTOR'S JUNE NEWSLETTER COLUMN

I was at the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in Oshkosh. Deacon Dave was asked to put the worship services together for the assembly, and he did an exceptional job. I was told by probably 291 of the 300 people there how wonderful the services were and how fortunate we were at Hope. I, like Jesus wondered where were the other nine, but decided not to try and find out.

The Assembly had plenty of surprises:

While the donuts were very tasty, SURPRISE! The box lunches were not. The apples in both my box lunches while appearing to be red delicious, were instead like lemons, meaning they were so sour they almost made my face pucker up, and they were almost the best part of the lunch!

Joanne Nelson who was our voting member of the congregation at the assembly and I were walking through the displays during one of the breaks, and we stopped to grab some candy at one of the tables. SURPRISE! Someone approached us and inquired if we were interested in whatever they were promoting, and, wanting to tell the truth, I informed them that we were just there for the candy. They were gracious and encouraged us to take as much as we wanted. Wouldn't they have been surprised if I had swept the fifty plus pieces of candy with my arm into Joanne's purse!

The presenter for the assembly was supposed to be a Mr. John Roberto. SURPRISE! Mr. Roberto had a surgical procedure with resulting complications and so he could not be there, so on the spur of the moment a colleague of Mr. Roberto's was pressed into service. He did fine.

When it came time to vote on Saturday with our electronic voting devices, SURPRISE, several of the devices were not working. Orderly confusion evolved, as several people had been elected to office before it was known that perhaps forty of fifty of the voting devices were not working. Were those elected really elected? Did we need to revote? Would all the voting devices eventually be able to work properly?

On Friday afternoon there were breakout sessions, forums, where the people were to go to learn more about particular topics. Joanne went to the forum on The ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice. I went to the forum on Working with today's Youth. SURPRISE! I entered the room and aside from two youth presenters and one adult presenter, I was the only person at the forum. This was troubling to me, as at the assembly many times developing and nurturing the youth in our congregations was lifted up, but this article is about surprises, although I guess disappointment is a bit of a surprise as well.

Surprises are things we were not expecting. Plenty of surprises await us over the summer. Some of the surprises will be very much appreciated, such as seeing a bird or animal during a hike that we haven't seen before or catching a larger fish than we have ever caught before. Some of the surprises we will not be very happy with, such as a flat tire, a long traffic delay, or a power outage. Other surprises will be the people we encounter here in town, on vacation, or elsewhere. Some will be in need of our assistance, some will offer to assist us. May we respond in those situations with insight and grace, the same type of grace that God surprised us with in Christ Jesus. When we were dead in our sins, God provided us with a surprise, life, through God's grace and mercy.

Respectfully in Christ,  
*Pastor Mike*

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**In attendance:** Roger Charette, Todd Klimke, Kim Prindle, Joanne Nelson, Lynn Gohlke (Treasurer), Sandy Bartels, Donna Ball, Pastor Mike Thomas, Gerry Warsek, Trudy Mattice, Stacy Gravunder, & Deacon Dave Berndt.

**Excused :** Baird Stouffer, & Mhari Gohlke

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Council President Todd Klimke.

**Spiritual Growth** – Lead by Pastor Mike Thomas. Pastor Mike talked about our Easter Outfits as kids and how this was a visual reminder that Easter is upon us and reminds us that we are new people as well.

**Minutes** - The minutes for the Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

**Financial Report** - Motion was made to approve the Treasures report. Motion carried. In comparing offerings numbers for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018, there is a noticeable reduction in offering income this year. Offerings for 2018 are \$2,958 less than this point last year. Our annual budget increased slightly for 2018, and we did not meet the monthly goal set in the budget. We will continue to monitor expenses.

Mission of the Month raised \$942.68 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, and \$1,363.90 was raised for World Hunger in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

**Staff Reports** -Pastor Mike's and Dave's reports were reviewed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Personnel:

- Prepared a memorandum between committees
- Lynn is now handling our Facebook page. She will start posting info on the Chamber of Commerce sight as well.

#### Property:

- Getting an Updated bid from Standoff
- Discussing replacing stove
- Checking into thermostat update
- Flower beds in front of church will be updated.
- HFF funds are designated funds
- Installation of the lights above the altar is taking place at this time.
- Discussion on extra heater in the women's bathroom

Youth and Family: Pastor Mike will be contacting 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class

Music and Worship:

- Will meet in May for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

**New Members and Transfers :**

Motion was made to approve Christian Hawlish, Wyatt Mc Comb, Megan Miller, David Miller, Hayley Moore, Anna Peterson, Ethan Tratar, Mason Hobbs, Timothy Roeske, Logan Slusser, and Brett Wilbert to join the Confirmed Roster of the Church Members pending completion of their Catechetical Studies. Motion was carried.

Motion was made to transfer Virginia Bei and John Klimke to the Church Triumphant. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

**Additional Business:**

Discussion took place on church growth and trends in overall church attendance in the United States.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m., followed with the Lord's Prayer.



**Sundays At Hope**  
**Worship is at 9:00 am**  
**Fellowship 10:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Communion served on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Sundays of the month**

**June 3** – First Communion Sunday

**June 10** – Praise Team Worship, we will be singing our praise and thanksgiving with the Praise Team on the second Sunday of the month.

**June 17** – Bring your Fathers to worship as we give God the glory!

**June 23** – Country Fair with a Norwegian Flair weekend, come to the women's fundraiser on Saturday, June 23.





## **Adventures in Reading the Bible Study - Mondays**

**We will not be meeting for the Summer, we will start back up in September. See you in the Fall!**

Come and be part of the discussion to understand your faith and how it applies to daily living. You might be surprised what you learn about yourself and God!



**Grace Circle June 7, at 12:00 noon, at the home of Penny Hendrickson**

**“Let Us Pray, Session One”**

Circle of Hope is a gathering for women who are interested in fellowship and conversation around God’s word. The group uses the “Gather: For Faith & Action” magazine for the Women of the ELCA. (see [gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org))

Musings

Gleaned from the recently completed synod assembly:

**Don't let children living in poverty feel invisible.**

[Jesus] unrolled the scroll [of the prophet Isaiah] and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." - Luke 4:17b-19

*Children are among the most vulnerable people in Wisconsin.*

One in every six Wisconsin kids lives in poverty. Racial disparities mean that children of color face an even steeper climb for equality. Working for a future of justice and righteousness means working for the well-being of ALL Wisconsin's children.

With evidenced-based efforts that work across political and economic boundaries we can transform the conditions that trap people in poverty. Together we can transform the lives of children and their families!

The above was taken from materials supplied by the Wisconsin Council of Churches of which our church is a member. Waushara County is not exempt from this problem.

Join us on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> as we explore how to address poverty in Waushara County. It is a faith issue for us as Christians. Find out what you can do to help us address poverty where we live! By doing so we are following the teaching and example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Be on the look out for additional details as the date draws nearer.

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My personal thanks to all of the individual members of the choir, the handbell choir, and the praise team for all of your good music and worship leadership this past season!

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Any solo or groups with special music to share? We utilize soloists and small groups extensively during our Sunday worship services during July and August. I am always on the look out to utilize the musical gifts of our members and friends. Talk to me with suggestions or to volunteer yourself!

In Christ's service,

Dave Berndt, Deacon

home phone: (920) 385-0345 (this is the correct #; an incorrect # got into the pictoral directory)

## HLCW BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 on May 14, 2018 by President Nadine Warsek. Members present were Marlynn Anderson, Karen and Bridgette Tschurwald, Carol Schoenbeck, Penny Hendrickson and Julie Stouffer.

Secretary's report was read and approved

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4872.24 in the checking account.

No Correspondence

### **Old Business:**

Crosses will be attached to blankets for the graduating seniors. Scholarships were discussed and guide lines set as follows: Bridgette made a motion that qualified recipients for scholarship will be provided based on the amount budgeted each year and the number of recipients. Motion seconded by Penny. This year the qualifying recipient will receive \$300 from the HLCW.

Forty-three women attended Spring Girls' Lunch Out on April 28, 2018. Full report was given on the event. Suggestion for next year 2019 was to examine school calendar of events before setting the date to avoid conflicts.

Country Fair is on June 23, 2018. Preparations have begun. Signup sheets available on the bulletin board. Raffle items and silent auction donation deadline is May 27, 2018. Tickets will be sold beginning June 3, 2018.

Karen reported on Synod activities. School backpack supplies needed. Perhaps Thrivent Dollars could be donated for that purpose. A Rise campaign to promote ministry in youth could be a budget item for next year (2019). Advocacy Day at Good Shepard Lutheran Church on September 8, 2018 in Plover is open to men and women. September 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Imago Day Retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

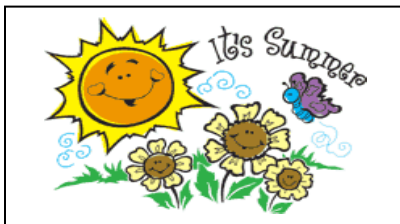
Julie Stouffer, Secretary



For the Waushara County Food Pantry:

4/17/18: 50.13 pounds

8/15/18: 69 pounds



## **Summer Flowers**

Behold the flowers of June!  
How fair and bright their buds appear,  
as, opening to the summer air,  
our eyes and hearts they cheer!  
Who would have thought there could abound  
such beauty and delight  
beneath the cold and wintry ground  
that hid those flowers from sight?  
That power which made and governs all -  
the mighty power of God -  
alone could life and beauty call  
out of the lifeless sod.  
And he, who from the winter's gloom  
can summer thus disclose,  
shall one day make the desert bloom,  
and blossom as the rose.

■ Anonymous



### *In Our Prayers*

#### **For Our Members**

##### ***Prayers for healing:***

*Nancy Radloff, Adaline Robbins,  
Ramona Becker, & Jill Wilbert*

#### **Special Prayers**

*Paul, Randy, Wayne, Dennis Brand,  
DuWayne, Pastor Paul Brinkman,  
Chad Huntsinger, Bart, Deacon Paul,  
Gene Heinz, Marilyn Chesbrough,  
& Ken Keys.*

#### **Memorials:**

##### **John Klimke:**

Beth Stelter

##### **Virginia Bei:**

Jon & Jane Wilcox

Beth Stelter

##### **Rick Bei:**

Lloyd & Karen Tschurwald

Beth Stelter

Howard & Lillian Simenson

Jerry & Peggy Klimke

Jon & Jane Wilcox

Paul & Penny Hendrickson

Carl & Helen Grisar

LuVerne Norlin



## Country Fair with a Norwegian Flair

Now is a good time to be thinking about what you can contribute to Country Fair, here at Hope on Saturday June 23. Do you sew, quilt, do crafts, do woodworking, or have a green thumb? We encourage you to share your talents by making and donating some items to sell at our fair. It's too early to start baking, but you could get out your cookbooks and find your favorite recipes. Our bakery items along with our Norwegian bakery and demonstrations are a big part of our fair. If candy is your specialty, our candy booth would appreciate your donations.

When you are doing spring cleaning, please set aside items that you now longer use or want and donate them to the Second Time Shoppe. We ask that the items be in very good condition or new. (No clothing).

Again we will be having a Norwegian auction and need items for people to bid on and try to win...It's great fun. Some suggestions are gift baskets, tickets for sports events, concert and plays, gift cards or items that would be fun to win. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please let the office know or call Nadine Warsek at 787-4276.

The proceeds will be used to support Missions, Scholarships, Bible Camp, Habitat, Bethany Home, Salvation Army, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and many other worthy causes here in our community and elsewhere in the world. So help us make it a big success.



## Groceries list for the hope Lutheran country fair luncheon

- 12 – large bags of Potato chips
- 3 – gallons of Ketchup
- 2 – large boxes of Bisquick
- 3 – gallons of Dill pickles/slices or spears
- 7 – gallons of Bush's Baked Beans
- 1 – gallon of Vinegar
- 2 – packages of Brown Sugar/light or dark

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the Church office door. Please make sure you sign up, so that we get the correct amounts of the needed supplies. Thank you.





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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>1-</b> Brent Putskey   | <b>14-</b> Barbara Shruck   | <b>24-</b> Becky Tratar   |
| <b>2-</b> Ron Beattie     | <b>16-</b> Jane Wilcox      | Jaclyn Zanto              |
| William Kammerait         | <b>17-</b> Richard Rathjen  | <b>29-</b> Brittany Meier |
| Allie Rasmussen           | Carol VanDongen             | Darlene Wedde             |
| <b>5-</b> Kathryn Klemann | Isabelle Stock              | Kelsey Moore              |
| <b>10-</b> Mike Barth     | <b>18-</b> Richard Engen    | <b>29-</b> Lizzy Tratar   |
| <b>11-</b> John Prindle   | <b>20-</b> Karen Tschurwald | <b>30-</b> Lois Thompson  |
| Carol Schoenbeck          | Taylor Peterson             |                           |
| <b>12-</b> Larry Buntrock | <b>21-</b> Peggy Eger       |                           |
| <b>13-</b> Abby Weiland   | <b>23-</b> Timothy Roeske   |                           |

***Please call the church office if your birthday is not listed, listed incorrectly, or you would like it removed***

**Caring Visitors**

I Penny & Karen Tschurwald  
II Judy C. & Judy B.

**Coffee Servers**

**3-** Roger & Mary Charette  
**10-** Rick & Cheryl Andersen  
**17-** Barb Meckleberg, Loretta Piehl  
**24-** Ed & Karen Simolon

**Ushers**

**3-** Sandy Bartels, Judy Marks,  
    Julie Berger, Todd Klimke  
**10-**Sandy Bartels, Judy Marks,  
    Ron Beattie, Julie Berger  
**17-**Jerry & Peggy Klimke,  
    Ron & Judy Beattie  
**24-**Sandy Bartels, Julie Berger,  
    Arden Pomplun, Helen Reed

**Altar Guild**

Sandy Bartels, Bridgette Tschurwald,  
Juanita Zernia

**Acolytes**

**3-** Colin & Zephen Berger  
**10-**  
**17-**  
**24-**

**Assisting Minister**

**3-** Jennifer Culver  
**10-** Deacon Dave  
**17-** Jacob Schmidt  
**24-** Trudy Mattice

**Readers**

**3-** Peggy Klimke  
**10-** Judy Beattie  
**17-** Cari Schmidt  
**24-** Rick King

**Greeters**

**3-** Ron & Bev Yahnke  
    Karen Miller, Adaline Robbins  
**10-**Rose Wendt, Neal Hart,  
    Millie McComb,  
    Katherine Simanovsky  
**17-**Julie Walker  
    Baird & Julie Stouffer  
**24-**Lloyd & Karen Tschurwald

**Communion Assistants**

**3-** Jennifer Culver, Colin Berger,  
    Zephen Berger, Peggy Klimke,  
    Barb Simonson,  
    Jerry Klimke, Julie Berger  
**17-** Jacob & Cari Schmidt,  
    Ron & Judy Beattie,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 2:00 PM AA	28 12:00 PM Al-Anon	29 9:00 AM Pastor's Text Study 1:00 PM Team Leadership Meeting	30 1:00 PM Quilting	31 10:00 AM AA 7:30 PM AA	1	2 11:00 AM Celebration of Life-Karen Herzog family
3 9:00 AM Baptism-Sebastian Schaut 9:00 AM First Communion 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 2:00 PM AA	4 12:00 PM Al-Anon	5 9:00 AM Pastor's Text Study 10:30 AM Team Leadership Meeting	6 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	7 10:00 AM AA 12:00 PM Grace Circle at Hendrickson's 7:30 PM AA	8	9
10 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 2:00 PM AA	11 12:00 PM Al-Anon 1:30 PM HLCW Board Meeting	12 9:00 AM Pastor's Text Study 10:30 AM Team Leadership Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Fellowship Hour at El Popo's 9:00 AM Library Knitting Group 1:00 PM Quilting	14 10:00 AM AA 7:30 PM AA	15	16
17 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM Heartland House Worship 2:00 PM AA	18 9:00 AM Library Knitting Group 12:00 PM Al-Anon 1:30 PM Pieces of Hope Prayer Shawl Ministry	19 9:00 AM Pastor's Text Study 10:30 AM Team Leadership Meeting 1:00 PM Book Club	20	21 10:00 AM AA 7:30 PM AA	22	23 9:00 AM Country Fair 11:30 AM 4th Saturday Lunch
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