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Hope is the Anchor of the Soul – Hebrews 6:19

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We of Hope Lutheran Church, Share God's Word, Show God's Love, and Serve God's World.

# Prayer + Requests

Please refer to the e-mailed list. In order to maintain privacy, the list will not be published. It will only be e-mailed to members.

Please seek the Spirit's help in your commitment to intercede for parishioners, family, and friends in need of prayer. Thank you.

## COME WORSHIP WITH US



Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Praise Team

✓ 10:00 a.m. ✓CatechismFellowship Coffee Hour

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## events

SEE CALENDAR FOR MORE

#### **APRIL**

- 1 Office Closed Day After Easter
- 23 Deadline for VOH Articles

#### **MAY**

- Confirmation Sunday
- 12 Mother's Day

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER

Project Peanut Butter (PPB) is a non-profit organization that provides non-perishable daily nutritional packets, medicine, and education to starving and mal-nourished children in Malawi, Ghana, and Sierra Leone.





- 1 Scott Hawlish
- 3 Beverly Wilson
- 4 Louis Dorwaldt | Carter Lambrecht
- 5 Tom Rose
- 7 Keana Berger
- 9 Emmett Caswell | Bill Elliott | Nicole (Weiland) Gaatz
- 10 Barb Simonson | Nadine Warsek
- Austin Norlin | Logan Norlin | Maddison Norlin | Cathy Zanto
- 14 Linda Bergen | Bradley Tratar
- 16 Roger Stratton
- 17 Glen Arveson
- 19 Sue Martin
- 23 Kay Christensen | Clyde Simonson
- 28 Arden Pomplun
- 29 Craig Norlin

May the Lord Bless and Keep you another year through.

## CONSIDER VANCO SIMPLY GIVING

Hope Lutheran Church invites you to consider electronic giving, as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings from a checking or savings account. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. To get started, complete the authorization form from the church office or homelutheranwautoma.com website Stewardship Electronic Giving (download form), and return it to the church office. All information is confidential.



### **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

FEB 28	\$272.10
MAR 3	\$4,389.00
MAR 6	\$352.04
MAR 10	\$3,564.00
MAR 13	\$327.06
MAR 17	\$2,870.00
MAR 20	\$410.05
MAR 24	\$1,698.00

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

JAN ELCA Good Gifts \$300.00 FEB Day to Day Warming Shelter \$321.50 MAR CAP Services \$TBD



## **WORLD HUNGER**

JAN \$331.69 FEB \$480.56 MAR \$TBD



## **Food Pantry Donations**

Thank You.

# Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter ■ PASTOR'S PAGE ■

In our culture, we tend to focus on days. We are very organized that way. We begin each year with New Year's Day, and our entire secular calendar emphasizes days. Valentine's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Flag Day, Martin Luther King Day, Father's Day, Veteran's Day, all encapsulate and convey that on this one particular day we will remember or celebrate something. Not the day before, or the day after, but on this particular day. While such focus certainly gets everyone on the same page so to speak, it can spill over into our subconsciousness and cause us to compartmentalize how we think and live. For example, when I was younger, on Mother's Day my dad, my sister, and I would do something special for my mother. We made her breakfast in bed (dad always burned the toast), took her out to lunch so she didn't have to fix a meal or wash the dishes, and presented her with a gift or two. Dad would fix supper, which was either hot dogs grilled out, or burned grilled cheese sandwiches. The day after, well, sis and I expected mom to fix all the meals, wash and put away the dishes, take care of our laundry, and it was back to grumbling when she asked us to do something. After all, Mother's Day had been observed, and now it was back to normal. It never crossed our minds that to celebrate our mother, perhaps we ought to have pitched in and made a meal once a week, or done the dishes occasionally. This focus on days can spill over into our life of faith as well.

To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the church did not set aside a single day, it set aside a season. Forty-nine days to be precise. Seven weeks of celebration. This setting aside of a "season" comes from cultural traditions that are different than our own. The culture it originated did not to focus on such a brief thing as a day, but called upon all to participate in an observance that lasted longer. Weddings were not just a day, they lasted an entire week, with the ceremony taking place the first day and the celebration continuing for six more days (Genesis 29:20-28, John 2:1-10 – run out of wine at the reception, Judges 14:12). We do OK with Christmas, a twelve-day celebration, but might it be a bit more interesting if we started on December 25th (instead of late November) and handed out one present a day for each of the twelve days of the Christmas season as is done in a song? (I definitely feel that way as I watch my grandchildren open so many presents on Christmas Day that several are relegated to a type of afterthought pile while three or four are treasured. I must also say I did not feel this way as a child, but perhaps I am a bit wiser now.) Easter is not just a single day it is a season. It is set aside for us to continually rejoice in the wonder of God's saving grace and mercy. The Easter season is set aside so we might get so used to offering praise and thanksgiving each day that we incorporate it into our lives and continue to do so with celebration even after the season is over. It is set aside so our lives might reflect God's Easter grace and mercy to others, and we get so accustomed to being that reflection, we continue to do so.

One way to start our shift from just a day to a season, is perhaps how we greet one another. On Easter Sunday, we will certainly offer each other a greeting of "Happy Easter!" Why not continue to do so not only at church but in the community as well as we greet others. They may give us an odd look mid-April, but in a small way it will remind us we are celebrating God's mighty act of salvation not just for a day, but for a season, and hopefully throughout our lives.

Respectfully in Christ, Pastor Mike

# Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter ■ COUNCIL ■

The March 12, 2024 Hope Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Jay Klemann.

<u>In Attendance</u>:, Sue Grimm, Jan Grenier, Julie Berger, Pastor Mike Thomas, Dave Magnus, Sally Roberts, Charlene Stratton, Chris Hawlish, Mark Melby, and Jay Klemann. Guest: Dave Grenier Excused: Gary Christensen

The meeting began with prayer and a few thoughts to ponder as Ramadan is upon us. What would you change in your life if the church said so? What commitment to discipleship would you make?

Next, Dave Grenier talked to the council about the Endowment Fund. This is a fund everyone needs to know about. There has been very little activity involving the fund since it started in 2009. Dave and the Endowment committee will look into opportunities to invest in the fund as well as how to grow it.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

<u>Correspondence</u>: We received thank you notes from the Waushara Food Pantry for our donations and The ELCA Good Gifts (January Mission of Month). Sue brought us an interesting brochure about the sale of the Synod office.

**<u>Financial Report:</u>** The budget and profit overview was presented and accepted by motion.

<u>Clergy Report:</u> A motion was made and carried to allow the Engen's to transfer membership to Saxville.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### Personnel Committee: none

<u>Property</u>: Gary's notes were read: some projects completed are the lights inside as well as the exterior sign lights working. The committee will work on seeding areas on the lawn/landscaping and and ask for bid total for the seal coating of driveway.

#### Music and Worship: none

<u>New Business:</u> A motion was made to keep signage off our lawn/property if it does not pertain to Hope Lutheran. Motion carried.

Three students applied for scholarships and the council approved giving them \$300 each.

#### Old Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Berger -Council Secretary

Next meeting April 9th, 2024 at 6:30 pm

# Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter ■ HLCW ■

#### **HLCW Board Meeting, March 11, 2024**

Present: Char Stratton, Sally Roberts, Peggy Klimke, Mary Luebben, Nadine Warsek, Beth Stelter, Sara Thomas.

Meeting called to order at 1:35 by President-Elect Char Stratton who opened with prayer

Correspondence – none

Treasurer's report - none

Secretary's report - Minutes from the February 2024 meeting were read

Ministry in Action – Beth will gather loose greeting cards to select those to bundle for sale

#### **New Business**

- Char Stratton will step into the vacant President position and an interim VP will be sought
- Girls Lunch Out is April 27 from 11-1
  - A draft of the program design was passed around and the design was selected for the signup sheet.
  - o Setup meet at 9a.m. Fri, Apr 26 for table setup / Day of event meet at 9a.m. to finish
  - Devotion material will be selected from World Day of Prayer 2024 resources "...Bear With One Another in Love"
  - Program speaker will be Laurie Petruska from The County Cupboard
  - o Menu:
    - Mini quiches Char and Mary
    - Fresh fruit Nadine and Beth
    - Sweets Peggy and Sally
    - Cowboy caviar and punch Sara
- Country Fair June 29 from 10-1
  - Change in floor plan still being explored
  - Sue Prochnow will be in charge of the plant sale
- Lenten Layettes items are coming in each week with the greatest need being flannel receiving blankets that are between 36" and 52" square. Diapers are all accounted for.

Old Business - none

Misc business – potential for 3 scholarships to be awarded this spring; waiting on council decision and HLCW will contribute to each one awarded

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm

Next meeting will be April 8, 2024 at 1:30

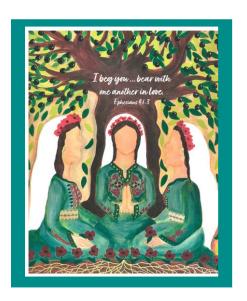
Respectfully submitted by Sara Thomas, secretary.

# Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter ■ HLCW ■



# Thank you to all who donated to Layettes.

	Total qty		QTY STILL
Item Sizes 6-24 mos.	needed On hand		NEEDED
Cotton T-shirt	100	94	6
Gown/Sleeper NO FEET	100	74	26
Recvg Blanket 36" to 52" square	100	118	None
Jacket/Sweater w/hood	50	45	5
Diapers, flat fold only	200	310	None
Hand Towel Dark Color ONLY	50	48	5
Socks, pr	100	95	2



# GIRL'S LUNCH OUT Saturday, April 27, 2024 11:00 am

Join us for lunch, program, door prizes and fellowship.

The speaker will be
Laurie Petruska from the County Cupboard.

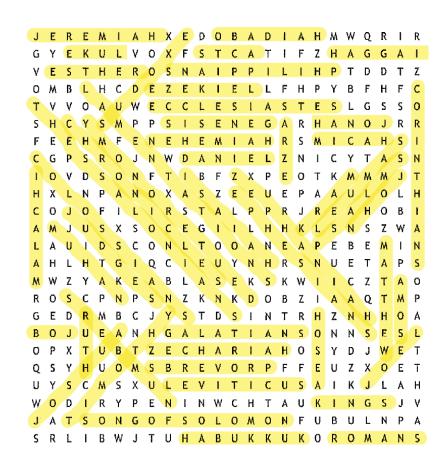
We hope you will attend this fun event.

Sign-up sheets are located on the HLCW bulletin board.

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How Many Did You Find?
The books not included were: Jude |
Philemon | Hebrews | Titus | James
| Peter | Revelation





CONSIDER JOINING...
No experience necessary!

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING IS WELCOME.

1:00 PM Wednesdays

Quilters can always use: Used, like-new colored sheets for quilts, patterned or plain.

Please consider donating so the quilters can continue sewing for Lutheran World Relief.



If you would like to support the library or need additional information, please contact Hannah Klusmeyer at director@wautomalibrary.org or call (920-787-2988

# Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter ■ THINGS TO NOTE ■



JOIN and READ with Hope's Book Club. <u>All are welcome</u> on the <u>third</u> <u>Tuesday of each month</u> at 1:00 pm in Hope's Library

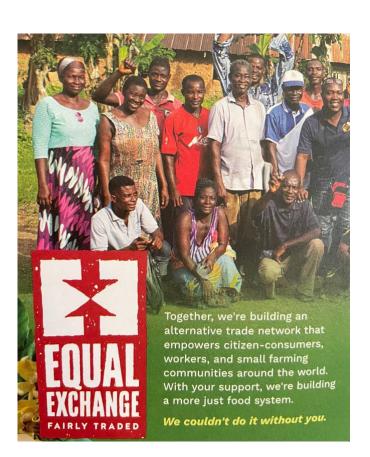
April 16<sup>th</sup> – *IN THE CASTLE OF THE FLYNNS* by Michael Raleigh The year is 1954 and Daniel learns at the age of 8 the intimate meaning of death when his parents are killed in a car crash. Taken in by his colorful, at

times mad, but always tender and caring extended family, Daniel learns that even the deepest sorrows and hurt can be healed. Now grown and looking back on growing up Irish in a vibrant 1950s Chicago neighborhood, he recalls his bouts with grief and fear of abandonment as he learned to adjust to his new surroundings. It is a time of wakes, weddings, conflicts, and romance.

May 21st - A DEATH IN DOOR COUNTY by Anneliese Ryan

June 18th – THE 100 YEAR OLD MAN WHO CLIMBED OUT THE WINDOW & DISAPPEARED by Jonas Jonasson

July 16<sup>th</sup> – THE FUNERAL LADIES OF ELLERIE COUNTY by Claire Swinarski



Help others by taking advantage of the

**Equal Exchange Coffee Cart** 

in the hallway. Enjoy coffee, tea, and chocolate.



# Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter ■ THINGS TO NOTE ■



# Easter Flowers 2024

## Thank you to all who donated flowers.

- **Roger and Mary Charette** in thankfulness for grandchildren Pearl, Dot, and Alma
- **Solution** Gary and Kay Christensen in memory of our Parents and Sister
- **Description** Louis and Anne Dorwaldt in memory of our Parents
- 🔊 Aaron, Stacey, Alexa, and Ava Gravunder in honor of James Felix
- **∞** Rusty and Sue Grimm
- x Rick and Carol King in memory of our Grandparents
- **>> Jerry and Peggy Klimke** in memory of our Parents
- **Mary Luebben** in memory of Al
- **Millie McComb** in memory of Dan McComb
- **∞** Dave and Coralie Magnus
- **🔊 Richard and Diane Reini** in memory of our Parents
- **Clyde and Barb Simonson** in memory of Charles and Mary Sykes and Charles Simonson
- **Dale and Sonia Thompson** in memory of Stanley & Eleanor Thompson
- **Danice Thrasher** in memory of my Parents and Grandparents
- 🔊 Lloyd and Karen Tschurwald in memory of Michael Leach
- Jeremy and Abby Weiland and Family in memory of Jerry and Carol Weiland



**God** hath not promised skies always blue, Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.

**God** hath not promised sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

**God** hath not promised we shall not know, Toil and temptation, trouble and woe.

**He** hath not told us we shall not bear many a burden, Many a care.

But God hath promised strength for the day, Rest for the laborer, light for the way, Grace for the trials, help from above,

Unfailing sympathy, **Undying Love...** 

Previously submitted by LaVonne Salter (passed away11/28/2007) shared by Ray Piehl.

### **Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter** ■ THINGS TO NOTE ■

**Thank you** Sally Roberts and Diane Reini for the new Scarlet Paraments with white tatted crosses we used for the first time Palm Sunday.



Palm Sunday March 24th



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# Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter ■ GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS ■

## Volunteers - April 2024 Calendar

Greeters Organized by Mary Kunasch - Please Volunteer, When She Calls.

Volunteer Positions

Volunteer Names

APRIL	Altar Guild >> Acolyte >>	Mary Kunasch   Sandy Bartels   Julie Walker
7	Greeters	TBD
	Assistant Ministers Scripture Readers Communion Assistants Coffee Hosts	Barb Simonson Mary McKay Barb Simonson   Mary McKay   Juanita Zernia   Sandy Bartels   Karen Tschurwald   Johanna Olson Mary and Roger Charette
14	Greeters	TBD
	Assistant Ministers Scripture Readers Coffee Hosts	Anne Dorwaldt Anne Dorwaldt Barb Meckleberg   Mary McKay
21	Greeters	TBD
	Assistant Ministers Scripture Readers Communion Assistants Coffee Hosts	Marlin Carlson Peggy Klimke Marlin Carlson   Peggy Klimke Char and Roger Stratton
28	Greeters	TBD
	Assistant Ministers Scripture Readers Coffee Hosts	Trudy Mattice Trudy Mattice Sherry Kuehl   Mary Charette

Thank you for your service to the Lord.



Our Congregation gives thanks for **Judy Christian.** She organized the greeters for 17 years. We honor her many years of service to the church serving Our Lord.

Mary Kunasch will be taking over for Judy. Please respond positively, when she calls. Greeters are the first impression for members and visitors.

Thank you.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 Day After Easter ₩ 0FFICE CLOSED	<b>02</b> 6:30 PM Circle of Hope	1:00 PM Quilting 4:00 PM Property Committee 6:30 PM Choir	10:00 AM - AA 7:30 PM - AA	05	90
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