



Mission Statement

God calls us to Mission and Ministry in our rural community and to the world. Gathered in Faith and nurtured by Word and Sacraments, we commit ourselves to share a hope for the future, to use our resources and talents guided by the Holy Spirit, and to work together to expand our ministry to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

HOPE LUTHERAN & ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Sunday Worship:

Hope—9:00 AM
St. Paul's—10:30 AM
With Communion
on the first and third
Sundays

GLOW:

(Sept-April)

God's Love On
Wednesdays
5:30 PM Supper
6:00 PM GLOW
6:00 PM Ignite
(Confirmation)
Classes/Teen Power

Coffee & Fellowship:

Following Worship at
Hope

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Welcome

WORSHIP TIMES:

Hope Lutheran - 9:00 am Worship

(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

St. Paul's Lutheran - 10:30 am Worship

(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Vacation Bible School

June 9-12, Ivanhoe

Mission Trip

June 22-27, Perry Florida

Hope Lutheran Church

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Minneota, MN 56264-0087**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Minneota, MN 56264**

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www.hopeminneota.org

Pastor:

Pastor Email:

Missionary: Dr. Elisabeth Johnson

Missionary Email: elisajo@msn.com

GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts & Jess Gronke

Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family

Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn

Jubilation: Kasey Denney & Nona Gottskalkson

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Gather Magazine Bible Study	June 2, 6:30 pm	At Church
Women of the Bible Study	Will Resume in September	
Men's Bible Study	June 6, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

**2025 Church Attendance**

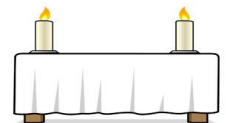
April 2	0	April 17	46 Maundy Thursday	May 4	71
April 6	132	April 20	213 Easter	May 11	120
April 9	50 Est	April 27	75	May 18	54
April 13	218	Total:	734	May 25	75 Est
		Average:	122	Total:	320
				Average:	80

**Workgroup Chairpersons**

James & Marsha Danielson
476-8807 or 828-5164

Altar Guild (May 28-June 24)

Linette Nelson 828-7772
Nancy Wiese 640-1263

**Date Sound Operators**

June 1 Matt Myhre
June 8 Todd Sonnenburg
June 15 Scott Josephson
June 22 Cole Myhre
June 29

Date Acolytes

June 1 Logan Esping & Blayze Hulzebos
June 8 Keatyn Bouwman & Taryn Myrvik
June 15 Levi Pohlen & Taryn Myrvik
June 22 Wyatt Opdahl & Pierce Ascherman
June 29 ??



Money Counters: June - Rose Van Uden & Sandy Josephson

Upcoming Dates:

- *June 1**—Congregational Meeting following Worship
(Regarding Constitution)
- *June 9-12**—Vacation Bible School with Bethany-Elm
- *June 22**—SOS (Social On Sunday) Potluck
- *June 22-27**—Mission Trip to Perry, FL
- *August 16**—Blake Reiss & Morgan Kockelman Wedding

Church Council Notes – May 7, 2025

Fund Balances:	General Fund:	\$ 19,080.01	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 67,808.74
	Building Fund:	\$ 4,689.06	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 994.70
	Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,402.33	GLOW:	\$ 6,512.29

Attendance:

Attending in Person: Terri Myhre, Emily Hennen, Rose Van Uden, Jen Anderson, Deb Belaen, Jasmine DeSmet, Amie Ascherman, Sandy Josephson, James Danielson, Barb Knutson, Angie DeVos, Chris Pesch – Church Secretary

Attending via Phone:

Absent: Jason Johnson, Cory Myhre

President's Report

- Amie has met with Jason about the facilities on some immediate needs. She would like to get quotes before bringing them to the council. She also wants to start looking at doing 1-, 2-, and 3-year planning for items.
- She has also reached out to Bishop Dee about the constitutional amendment; more details are included in the board of trustees' report below.
- Amie has also met with Wartburg about their TEAM program which provides training to people who are interested in becoming pastors. Luther seminary has something similar. The idea behind these programs is to offer other avenues besides seminary to get more people in the ministry.

Secretary's Report – Motion made to approve secretary's report by Jasmine DeSmet. Jen Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Bills: Bills for the month of May were sent out prior to the meeting for review. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$7,934.33. There were several additional bills as noted below.
- **Motion made by Sandy Josephson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- Bills: Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$7,375.84. Additional bills included the quarterly Augsburg bill for bulletin covers, Jeremiason Photo for the Senior signs, Henle Printing for envelopes and Gislason Hardware for janitor supplies.
- Constitutional Amendment:
 - Amie reached out to Bishop Dee about the constitutional amendment. Per the Model Constitution, notice is required before an amendment is made or voted on. One of the questions was "Were implications of the amendment studied before the vote was made?"
 - Our constitution does need to be updated.
 - It was recommended that we form a constitution team of 5 people; Sandy Josephson has volunteered to be on the team. We would have 4 other members from the church.
 - It was also discussed that we should call a special congregational meeting about this. We will need to provide education and information prior to the meeting and have someone from the synod at the meeting.
 - **Motion made by Terri Myhre to hold a special congregational meeting with ELCA representatives on a date that works for them. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
 - **Motion made by Emily Hennen to form a constitutional amendment team of 5 members with Sandy Josephson being the council representative. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Jasmine DeSmet seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4th Sunday of the month - Endowment matches walk around offerings 2:1 up to \$500.
 - May 25 – VBS. We will request a 3-to-1 match from the Endowment Fund for this, also.
 - There will be no walk around offerings in June, July and August
- Sound & Video System: We need to have a list of people who can run the sound system for weddings and funerals. The current list is quite short, so we need to do a training session to get other people interested. We can also do training on the video system now that we have it running.

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Church Council Notes (continued)

Board of Education Report

- Mission Trip: The Mission Trip is June 22 – 27, and we will be going to Perry, Florida, to do hurricane relief with TEAMeffort Missions. There are 47 students and 10 chaperones going.
- GLOW:
 - We had our GLOW end of the year meeting to review what went well and things to improve.
 - We agreed that we want to continue to start after Bug Days and end in April.
 - We need teachers for next year, so please reach out if you are interested.
- IGNITE (Confirmation) / Youth of Hope: We are planning to take some of these students to help serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. We will be serving breakfast on May 22nd.
- Teen Power: Six students went with Roberta to St. Cloud to drop off the shoes collected.
- VBS:
 - We will be doing joint VBS with Bethany-Elim on June 9 to 12 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm for kids entering K – 6th grade. Student volunteers must be going into 7th grade in the fall.
 - Shetek Lutheran Ministries Day Camp will be providing the program, and 4.0 Bus will be transporting the students to and from Hope to Bethany-Elim in Ivanhoe.
 - We will be alternating the host church each year, so next year, Hope will host.
 - The cost is \$40 per camper and \$30 for each additional camper in the family; volunteers are free.
 - Registration is on the Hope Lutheran website, and the deadline for registration is May 18th. 12 students from Hope have signed up so far.
 - We are looking for a Hope representative for Monday and Wednesday. Please contact Emily or the education committee if you can help one of those days.
- Baccalaureate: May 11, 2025 – Baccalaureate will be at 9 am for 10 seniors. We will be serving breakfast for the seniors and their families after the service. We have 52 people signed up for breakfast.
- **Motion made by Emily Hennen to approve the Board of Deacons and Board of Education report. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

Motion made by Deb Belaen to adjourn. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of June 2nd via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen

ONLINE *giving*



Online Giving—Go to www.hopeminneota.org and click on the green “GIVE” button. Or:

On your phone, scan the QR code to be taken directly to online offering.

Text your offering to: 855-715-2588.

- Text Give to the number above. **First time users will receive a link to set up or log in to your Tithely account.**
- Click the link in the text you receive to start creating OR logging into your account. If you haven’t used Tithely before you will have to provide your email, full name, create a password, enter your bank information and set up a 4-digit pin.
- Enter your donation, choose the fund to donate to.
- In the future, once your account is created or after your first donation by text, you can simply text a dollar amount (Ex: \$50) to the number above and your donation will be made!
- If you have any questions, please contact the church secretary.

From Jenn Warnock, Lay Minister

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43: 18-19

Happy Summer, Hope church family! I am thankful for this season of sunshine, growth, and warmth! I wanted to let everyone know how much I have enjoyed ministry with you in the last six months, and take some time to introduce a little more about the person in the pulpit. I am Jennifer Warnock, and I live in Madison, Minnesota with my husband Will and our three awesome dogs! Together we have four children and one beautiful granddaughter. Will and I are both children of the parsonage, my dad was a Baptist pastor for fifty years, and Will's parents were both Methodist pastors. Will has also been a Methodist pastor for thirty years, as well as a social worker, ministering to churches in Georgia, Alabama, and Minnesota. My educational background is in psychology, Christianity and family counseling. I began my career after college as a part-time Minister to Children and Youth in a church, taught church preschool, and eventually settled into county social work with children and families. I am currently in my twenty-seventh year in social work, and work at Big Stone County Family Services in Ortonville, MN. In 2012, Will and I bought the former Ebenezer Methodist Church building in Madison. We live in it, we love it, and we named it Sanctuary! So I am literally at home in the church in more ways than one.

Our home church is Faith Lutheran in Madison, where I have been very involved in the adult choir, praise band, global missions committee, and the church fair stand. About a year ago, several of us at Faith became very concerned about some of our rural Lac Qui Parle churches who were facing difficulties because of loss of membership and financial resources, and lack of clergy resources. With the blessing of our Pastor Roy Noel, we were able to enter into a new lay ministry program through the Southwest ELCA to become Synod Authorized Ministers (SAM). Through this program, we are enrolled in a one year intensive lay ministry school called Faith Lead through Luther Seminary, and meet monthly at the synod office for training with Bishop Dee Peterson. We are also involved in serving in local churches. Because of the synod's authorization and the supervision of the bishop, we are able to provide the sacraments to the churches we serve: for example, I have been able to serve communion, baptize sweet baby Mallory DeVos, and officiate at the funerals of Fred Gottskalkson and Carolyn Janie Boyes in the past six months. This program has already been modeled and proven to be very successful in Northwest Minnesota rural churches. When we began this program, ten of us were at the first meeting and last meeting I was among thirty other lay ministers serving churches in rural Southwest Minnesota. Every time we meet, Bishop Dee says, "The Lord is doing a new thing"! Personally, after finishing the Faith Lead School in September, I will be entering Luther Seminary's MA in Christian Ministry program and seek ordination in word and sacrament.

I am delighted to announce that three of our at-risk Lac Qui Parle churches are being served by my fellow ministers from this program, as well as Bethany-Elm in Ivanhoe. Somehow, in the will and way of the Lord, I ended up in Minneota! When the church contacted me in late November about pulpit supply, I agreed without hesitation. I remember making the statement, "I can be with you as long as you need me", and six months later, I am still here! With you, I pray for the pastor God has in store for you, and am praying for a wise, kind and compassionate Shepherd to lead you in the manner of Jesus. But until that person arrives, I say again, I can be with you as long as you need me!

In Christ Alone,
Jenn

NOTICES

- **Parsonage Item Sale**—Look for a link on Hope's website and Facebook page to bid on the items being sold in the parsonage – deadline to bid will be June 5 with pickup on June 8.
- **Special Meeting**—A special congregational meeting is set for June 1, 2025 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Letters were mailed to Hope Lutheran members, please contact Chris at hopenlutheran87@gmail.com if you are a member and did not receive a letter.
- **Seniors Quilt Project**—This project is in jeopardy of running out of quilters. Several of the present ones are in their 80's. They have a few years left, but not many. Anyone interested in learning to quilt, please contact Rita Dovre at 828-1415. Accommodations will be made to fit with your schedule.