

# Hope Lutheran Church

## June 2021

From the Pastor,

Some years are more stressful than other years. This has been a stressful year for Kathy and myself so far.

We had Covid in January. We had Covid reaction to the vaccine February 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. We had the stomach flu April 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. I tested negative for Covid . I am writing this May 12<sup>th</sup> and am waiting for illness to strike.

Our youngest was in Serbia for three weeks in March. We had his two dogs and a cat to care for. My two cats had to stay in the back part of the house. My son's animals all require special treatment for health issues and must eat according to a schedule.

My oldest is in the Army Reserves and his medical unit is now serving in Kuwait.

We have been in the planning stages for moving my sister to Cook . That will finally happen May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stress about the move has lessened every time a detail falls into place. Still, every night in my head I am making the drive from Milwaukee to Cook.

The one thing that has helped us in our stress is prayer. Prayer for help with each issue. Prayer of thanks every time something goes right. Prayer just for the sake of prayer. Don't forget to invite God into your stress.

Trusting God requires believing God is with you. Prayer reminds one that God is present with you. Prayer reminds one to trust and depend on God. Prayer reminds us that there are a lot of things out of our control, but not necessarily out of God's control.

Be God-centered and give some of your stress to God. Some stress can be helpful to help inspire us to do what we can. Too much stress can harm us mentally, physically, emotionally, and even spiritually. Pray and give God all or most of your stress.

Pastor Jim

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Emanuel Nine, Martyrs, 2015

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, Depayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African

Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17<sup>th</sup> as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

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**Hope Lutheran Church Council, June 9, 8:00 p.m.**

**Hope Lutheran Church Bible Study, June 10, 1:30 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church Bible Study, June 14, 1:30 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church Council, June 15, 7:00 p.m.**

**Confirmation Camp at Carol Joy Holling Camp, June 20-25<sup>th</sup>**

**Burr Community Worship, June 27, TBA**

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**Church Seasons:** We have entered the Church Season of Sundays after Pentecost. This is the longest Church Season. It will continue until Advent begins. The texts are concerned with helping Christians to live out their faith and remain faithful to Christ until His return.

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**Church Festival Days:** June 11, Barnabas, Apostle

June 24, The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 29, Peter and Paul, Apostles

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**U. S. Holidays:** June 14, Flag Day

June 20, Father's Day

June 21, First Day of Summer

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## **Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 12, 2021**

**Members Present:** Pastor Helgren, Dave Antholz, Mark Panko, and Janice Beethe.

**Members Absent:** Linda Eisenhauser, David Lubben, Keith Moss and Russell Moss.

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Antholz. A prayer was given by Pastor Helgren.

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved. Mark gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance-on-hand of \$15,042.03.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor will be on vacation from May 17-26. He will be helping to move his sister from Wisconsin to Cook.

The May 23<sup>rd</sup> Church service will be at Grace. Pastor Hoffman will lead the service. Pastor Kate Woolf of Faith Lutheran at Talmage will be on call during Pastor Helgren's vacation. Confirmation Camp will be held June 20-25.

The Synod Assembly is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

The Hope Lutheran/Don Grundman Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Moss. Sharon Carman's 15<sup>th</sup> PMA Anniversary Recognition will be held on June 6th. There will be no Cemetery Memorial Weekend Luncheon this year.

### **New Business**

COVID Protocol was discussed. The council members decided to ease into relaxing the restrictions. It was decided that singing with masks on will begin on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will continue with the pews roped off for now, and we will use the "baggie" communion sets until they are gone.

No decision on Summer Bible School has been made yet.

The Burr Community Worship Service will be held on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Hope with Pastor Helgren leading the service.

Mission Festival will be held at Grace on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Table Grace will be there.

The church doors have been refinished and are back on.

The next council meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Janice Beethe for Linda Eisenhauser, Secretary

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Hope WELCA group met at 1:30 on May 13, 2021. There were 6 ladies and Pastor present.

Dianne led devotions. Marilyn filled in for Linda leading the Bible Study.

Marilyn called the meeting to order. Alberta read the minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Treasurer, Cathy, left a report showing a balance of \$728.00.

There were no reports from Mission Education, Community or Outreach.

It was noted that due to Covid we will not be serving the Memorial Day Lunch.

The Spring Gathering will be Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at DeWitt. Marilyn distributed registration forms which need to be in by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

A summer outing will be discussed for July. Suggestions welcome.

Alberta will look into choosing a new Bible Study Lesson Book as ours only has one more lesson.

Marilyn suggested that we think about a fund raiser for fall if Covid restrictions allow. We can consider ideas and discuss at another meeting.

Offering received.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer, followed by delicious lunch served by Dianne.

Respectfully submitted,

Alberta Block, Secretary

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Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or

store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father

feeds them. Are you not much

more valuable than they?

Can any one of you by worrying add a  
single hour to your life? Matthew 6:26-27

