

Hope Lutheran Church

July 2021

From the Pastor,

This month is the Fourth of July. We celebrate the independence of our country from England's rule. Freedom has been a key word in 2020 and 2021. Lots of discussion about what it means to be free and to what extent the government has the right to control its citizens and religious institutions.

Some of the discussions demonstrated that perhaps we are not as free as we believe we are. Not from government control but from original sin. We are stuck in original sin or our selfishness until we realize we are not free from our sin. The world does not recognize original sin and thus lives in its consequences.

Jesus said if the Son sets you free you are free indeed. Jesus, the Son of God, came to set us free from our selfishness so we could be children of God. Christians live as both oppressed by sin and freed from sin. The cross frees us from the consequences of sin which is death and being stuck in Satan's rule.

While we celebrate our country's freedom once a year, every Sunday is a celebration of our freedom from sin. I am thankful I live in a free country and live in freedom in God's Kingdom.

Pastor Jim

Grace Lutheran Church ELCW meeting July 8, 7:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Bible Study, July 8, 1:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church Bible Study, July 12, 1:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Council, July 14, 8:00 p.m.

Cook Community Outdoor Worship Service, July 18, 9:00 a.m. (no worship at Hope)

Grace Lutheran Church Council, July 20, 7:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church, Richard Anderson Memorial Service 8:30 a.m. for immediate family only.

Church Seasons: The Church remains in the season and time after Pentecost. The color is green and the texts challenge us to be faithful in our witness to Christ as the Savior and extender of our life.

Church Festival Days: July 3, Thomas, Apostle

July 22, Mary Magdalene

July 25, James, the Elder, Apostle

July 29, Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany

July 31, Joseph of Arimathea

U. S. Holidays: July 4, Independence Day

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes , June 9, 2021

Members Present: Pastor Helgren, Dave Antholz, Mark Panko, Russel Moss, Keith Moss Janice Beethe, Dave Lubben, and Linda Eisenhauer.

Members Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with Pastor Helgren giving a prayer.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mark reporting a balance on hand on 5/31/21 of \$13,726.96.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim mentioned Alberta, Marilyn and Sharon will clean Pastor's office June 10th at 9:00 a.m. At 10:30 he has worship at Good Samaritan.

Old Business: The Council approved a \$100 donation to Good Samaritan in honor of Sharon Carman's 15th PMA Anniversary.

Community Worship Service will be June 27th here at Hope.

The Council decided to cancel the Portals of Prayer, thereby sharing Grace's share that comes each month.

New Business: The Community Worship Service will be July 18th at Cook.

New COVID protocol: Masks are still to be worn upon ENTRANCE AND EXIT of the church. After being seated, you may take it off during the service. The ropes will stay in place for now.

Council Minutes Cont.

The TV in the basement was moved to the parsonage.

Jane will not be available to stream worship on June 20th and 27th.

Dave Antholz and Russel Moss will clean the gutters of the church Saturday, June 12th.

The Memorial Service for Richard Anderson will be July 23rd at 8:30 a.m. for immediate family only. NO LUNCH will be served.

The Counting Schedule was made.

Total inflows \$2,493.59 BOH as of May 31, 2021 \$13,726.96

Total outflows \$3,808.63

Net Total -\$1,315.07

The next council meeting will be July 14th at 8:00 p.m.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Linda Eisenhauer, Secretary

Thank You!

Many thanks to the church council and members of Hope for the generous donation to Good Samaritan Society on my behalf. You are all dear to me. Sharon Carman, PMA



Pastor
Jim Helgren

Hope Lutheran Church

8:45 Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service
*unless noted otherwise

Parish Ministry Associate
Sharon Carman

Church Council

Chairman: Dave Antholz
Fin. Sec: Janice Beethe
Treas: Mark Panko
Sec: Linda Eisenhauer
Deacons: David Lubben
Keith Moss
Russel Moss

Worship & Music

Alberta Block
Sharon Carman
Judy Lubben
Sheri Moss

Organists

Alberta Block
Sheri Moss

Dianne Riensche

Ruth Neeman

WELCA President
Marilyn Moss

Bulletin/Newsletter
Sharon Carman

Cemetery
Bruce Riensche
Russell Moss
Dave Antholz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<u>Church Council</u>	4	Holy Communion Worship 10:00 a.m. Independence Day	5	6	7	8 General Meeting & Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
<u>Worship & Music</u>	11	12	13	14 Church Council 8:00 p.m.	15	16
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<u>Worship & Music</u>	18	Cook Community Out-door Worship 9:00 a.m. (no worship @ Hope)	19	20	21	22
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<u>Organists</u>	25	26	27	28	29	30
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<u>WELCA President</u>						

WELCA Meeting
Bible Study: Dianne Riensche
Devotions: Linda Eisenhauer
Hostess: Linda Eisenhauer

Visitation
Cathy Steinkuhler

Altar Guild
Nancy Gerking
Kim Panko