

Hope Lutheran Church

September 2021

From the Pastor,

I have been stressing out about writing this month's article. I felt that I should address the chaos happening in Afghanistan, but I have no idea what to say about it. People seem to first be speaking out about their thoughts and attitudes about the pull out of the U.S. troops. Facts are being given without any interpretation of what the facts mean for the U.S. and Afghanistan.

I am struck with questions and am not sure what my opinion is or should be. I feel as if I and the country are in shock. We want to blame someone just as we seek to blame someone for our lives being on hold in 2020. I am not sure what to do with these feelings.

And so I pray. Pray for the political leaders of all countries to seek to discern to do the right thing and do it. Pray for the people living in fear and the people panicking. Pray for the soldiers helping with the withdrawal. Even pray for the Taliban to be compassionate with their enemies. God can still perform miracles so don't be afraid or too skeptical about what you pray for. Pray for the countries receiving the refugees to be welcoming including the U.S.. Don't forget to take time to be in a prayerful state. Don't forget while in that prayerful state to pray intercessory prayers for Afghanistan and the world.

Pastor Jim

Grace Lutheran Church Bible Study meeting August 9, 1:30 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Council August 11, 8:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Bible Study August 12, 1:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church Council August 17, 7:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church Piece Makers August 17, all day

Pastor leads worship at Linden View August 25, 2:00

Grace & Hope Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting at Grace August 25, 7:00 p.m.

Nebraska Synod Sunday 150th Anniversary August 29

Church Seasons: We continue living in the Church Season of Time After Pentecost. The color is green. In August the texts discussed Jesus as living bread that gives eternal life and the need to eat His flesh and drink His blood to receive this gift of eternal life from God. The texts in September explain how to live our lives with the faith that lives inside us.

Church Festival Days: September 14: Holy Cross Day

September 21: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 29: Michael and All Angels

U.S. Holidays: September 6: Labor Day

September 11: Patriot Day

September 12: Grandparent's Day

September 22: Fall Begins

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes , August 11, 2021

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

Members Absent: Linda Eisenhauer and David Lubben.

The meeting was opened with Pastor Helgren giving a prayer.

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mark reporting TOTAL INFLOWS \$2,340.14

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -6,843.91

BALANCE ON HAND \$-4,503.77

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim will order 250 Communion Sets and continue having Communion as we are doing now. Pastor will lead worship on August 25th at Linden View.

There will be a Confirmation Meeting August 25th at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation starts September 1st.

Old Business: The Covid Protocol is reviewed monthly by the Council. No changes are made, leaving things as is for now. Stay vigilant.

Church Council Minutes continued

Sunday School opening again was discussed. Nanc Gerking and Vanessa Sell will organize Sunday school for 2nd grade and younger.

The future of the Parsonage was discussed. Dave will talk to the congregation and get their input before any decision is made.

New Business: Rally Sunday will be coming soon.

On correspondence from Faith Lutheran and Delaware, we've been invited to a meeting of the area churches to determine the future of small churches.

The next meeting will be September 15th, at 8:00 p.m..

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Janice Beethe for Linda Eisenhauer, Secretary

School Kit Items: 4 - 70 sheet notebooks, 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 ruler, 1 blunt scissors, 5 - #2 unsharpened pencils, 5 - black or blue ballpoint pens, & 1 - 2 1/2" eraser.

Personal Care Kit Items: 1 light weight bath towel, 2 bath size bars of soap, 1 adult toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, & 1 nail clipper.

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00-6:00 p.m. Confirmation	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion Worship 10:00 a.m.	6 Labor Day	7	8 Church Council 8:00 p.m. 4:00-6:00 p.m. Confirmation	9 General Meeting & Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	10	11 Patriot Day
12 Worship 10:00 a.m. Grandparent's Day	13	14 Piece Makers at Grace all Day Holy Cross Day	15 4:00-6:00 p.m. Confirmation	16	17	18
19 Holy Communion Worship 10:00 a.m.	20	21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22 4:00-6:00 p.m. Confirmation Fall Begins	23 Pastor leads Worship at Good Samaritan 10:30 a.m.	24	25
26 Worship 10:00 a.m.	27	28	29 4:00-6:00 p.m. Confirmation Michael and All the Angels	30		

