

# Hope Lutheran Church

## October 2021

### From the Pastor,

When I step outside around 5:00 p.m. from the church I look up and see turkey buzzards gliding effortlessly in the sky. Sometimes four or five will glide in one big circle. I just watched this beautiful display in amazement. I am also grateful to the fact that the birds remain circling and do not land near me. As long as the birds keep circling and do not land I know that I am still alive. I would probably freak out if a turkey buzzard landed and looked me in the eye because they only land to visit dead things. As long as the buzzards are in the sky I can enjoy their graceful flight and know I am still breathing.

It's ironic that a bird that is a symbol of death is a symbol of life for me. The same irony exists for the cross. It is an instrument of death. Yet for us it is a sign of life. Jesus died on the cross but death could not hang on to Jesus. God the Father raised Jesus from the dead and promises to also raise those who believe in him and give them eternal life.

Christians feel the need to display crosses. People wear cross necklaces. Churches display crosses around their buildings. Grace and Hope have a light cross on the outside of their buildings. When I go to bed the red cross of Grace is the last thing I see before closing my eyes. I am assured that everything will be alright because the cross is our symbol that God can overcome death and anything else that tries to overcome me. The cross for the Romans represented death. But for the Christian it represents hope and life in Christ.

Pastor Jim

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Confirmation October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 4:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church Bible Study meeting October 5th , 1:30 p.m.

Pastor may lead Worship at Good Samaritan October 7th, 10:30 a.m.

Joint Worship at Grace October 10th, 10:00 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Council October 13th, 8:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Bible Study October 14, 1:30 p.m.

Joint Worship at Grace Mission Fest October 17th, 10:00 a.m. Table Grace Food Truck 11:30

Grace Lutheran Church Council October 19th , 7:00 p.m.

Weber/Badertscher Wedding at Grace October 23rd, 3:00 p.m.

Pastor leads Worship at Linden View October 27th, 2:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat at Grace October 31st, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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Church Seasons: We continue in the season of time after Pentecost.

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Church Festival Days: October 18th: Luke, Evangelist

October 23rd: James of Jerusalem, Martyr

October 28th: Simon and Jude, Apostles

October 31st : Reformation Day

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U.S. Holidays: October 11th: Columbus Day

October 11th: Indigenous Peoples Day

October 16th: Sweetest Day

October 31st : Halloween

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Crop Walk There will be a non-walking Crop Walk October 3rd. Instead of walking to raise money for hunger programs we will have an offering plate at the entrance of the church October 3rd.

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Mission Fest: The Mission Festival will be October 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Grace. The sponsored mission this year is Table Grace.. Table Grace was invited to be our guest at Hope in 2020 but was postponed due to Covid. Table Grace will lead worship and music and explain about their ministry including the addition of a food truck. The Table Grace food truck will serve lunch outside where there will be tables to enjoy gourmet burgers plus other items. Pastor and Kathy will provide cake in honor of his 65th birthday and 35th anniversary of ordination last year and their 40 wedding anniversary this year.

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Celebrating Grace: Sunday, October 10th a joint worship will be held at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Grace Bentizinger being an organist for 70 plus years at Grace Lutheran Church. Cookies will be served following the service. A celebration was planned for 2020 but was postponed due to Covid.

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### Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes , September 15, 2021

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

Members Absent: David Lubben and Keith Moss.

The meeting was opened with Pastor Helgren giving a prayer.

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given by Mark reporting TOTAL INFLOWS \$3,128.59

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -3,713.52

NET TOTAL \$ - 584.93

Pastor's Report: There will be seven Confirmation students +1 this year.

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 graders and younger.

The future of the Parsonage was discussed. Dave will talk to the congregation and get their input before any decision is made. We had a lengthy discussion about removing the trees first, then where it goes from there will be decided at a later date. As the trees are so large, we will have to shop around for a reasonable Tree Removal Company. We would like your opinion on this matter, please. Feel free to discuss with any council member.

New Business: The annual Crop Walk is October 3rd. We will be collecting an offering at church and no actual walking will take place because of Covid. Pastor will take off October 9th, 10th, and 11th. The October 10th service will have a supply Pastor at 10:00, at Grace with the women serving cookies after the service. There will be NO service at Hope. Mission Fest is October 17th, at Grace, at 10:00 a.m. A meal will be provided following the service by TABLE GRACE.

The next meeting will be October 13th, at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Linda Eisenhauer, Secretary

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Hope Lutheran WELCA

September 9, 2021

Hope Lutheran WELCA group met at 1:30 p.m. on September 9th. There were six ladies and Pastor present. Judy led devotions and Marilyn led our Bible Study.

Marilyn called the meeting to order followed by the minutes of the July meeting being read by Alberta.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$737.18.

There was no new Mission Education or Outreach report.

Mission Community report from Sharon indicated a large response in School Kits and Personal Care Kits.

#### Old Business

It was noted that due to Covid restrictions we are still not doing any events at Good Samaritan Society.

Another work day was planned for next Thursday, September 16th, at 10:00 a.m. to pack the community outreach boxes.

#### New Business

A Fall Wellca outing was cancelled for this year.

A motion was made by Myrna and seconded by Marilyn to give \$200.00 to Table Grace for our Mission Festival offering which will be held at Grace Lutheran on October 17th.

Marilyn will inquire of Cathy about our offering to the NSWO Convention at Carol Joy Holling. Registration dates have been extended to September 17th. No one from Hope plans to attend.

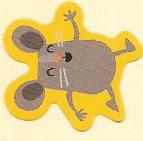
Hostesses for the Secret Sisters party were discussed. Sharon will check to see who is in charge this year.

Judy asked if all the officers were willing to remain in office for another year. All concurred.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. This being our September meeting we had pizza for lunch.

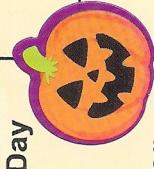
Respectfully submitted, Alberta Block

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



## Hope Lutheran Church-Burr October 2021

Parish Ministry Associate	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sharon Carman, Ret.						1	2
<u>Church Council</u>							
Chairman: Dave Antholz Fin. Sec: Janice Beethe Treas: Mark Panko Sec: Linda Eisenhauer Deacons: David Lubben Keith Moss	3	4	5	6 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation	7 10:30 a.m. Worship at Good Samaritan?	8	9
Russel Moss	10	11 Joint Worship 10:00 a.m. at Grace No service @ Hope	12 Columbus Day	13 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation 8:00 p.m. Church Council	14 1:30 p.m. Bible Study	15	16
<u>Worship &amp; Music</u>							
Alberta Block Sharon Carman Judy Lubben Sheri Moss	17	18 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship at Grace Mission Fest Dinner by Table Grace @ 11:30a.m.	19	20 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation	21	22	23
<u>Organists</u>							
Alberta Block Sheri Moss Dianne Riensche Ruth Neeman	24	25 Worship 10:00 a.m.	26	27 2:00 Worship at Linden View 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation	28	29	30
<u>WELCA President</u>							
Marilyn Moss	31	Worship 10:00 a.m. Reformation Day					
<u>Bulletin/Newsletter</u>							
Sharon Carman							
<u>Cemetery</u>							
Bruce Riensche Russel Moss Dave Antholz							
<u>WELCA Meeting</u>							
Bible Study: Judy Lubben Devotions: Alberta Block Hostess: Alberta Block							
<u>Visitation</u>							
Altar Guild Janice Beethe Nancy Gerking							



## Galatians 5:22-23

“The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and  
self-control.

Against such things  
there is no law.”