

Hope Lutheran Church

February 2022

From the Pastor,

The Green Bay Packers lost their playoff game January 23rd. You don't understand the gravity of the situation. They lost at home in the freezing cold and snow. Perfect Green Bay football weather. There were hopes that this was the year they would finally beat the 49ers in a playoff game and head to the Super Bowl and win it all. Hearts were broken and all was lost. Hope squashed. The 2022-2023 season will probably be a rebuilding year. Hope for a Super Bowl trophy is years away from now. All hopes dashed.

Wait! As Katy to Martin Luther on one of his super depressed days, "Why the long face, has God died?" No, God is not dead. Jesus is still reigning in Heaven with God the Father. The Holy Spirit is still present in my life and the life of the Church. My football team is just a pleasant diversion in my life. An opportunity to do an activity away from church and real life problems. Is it more fun when my team wins? Absolutely it is but the world didn't stop turning. The joys of life are still there.

God is still alive and working in my life. Forgiveness is present for those times I make the Packers my idol and put all my joys and hopes in life on a championship season.

Life isn't over until next season. Life in football is over, but life in Christ remains. My life goes on as long as I allow Christ to live in me and I live for Christ.

The lights are out at Lambeau Field, but Christ's light shines in the world. Seek out the light of Christ.

Happy Epiphany Season

Church Seasons: We are in the Church Season of Time After Epiphany. It is a time we seek out God's light as the Wise Men sought out God's anointed being of the universe by following the light of the Bethlehem Star.

Church Festival Days: February 2nd: The Presentation of Our Lord

February 18th: Martin Luther, Pastor and Confessor

February 24th: Mathias, Apostle

February 27th: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

U.S. Holidays: February 13th: Super Bowl Sunday

February 14th: Valentine's Day

February 21st: President's Day

Confirmation February 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Council February 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Bible Study February 10th, 1:30 p.m.

Lead worship at Good Samaritan February 10th at 10:30.

Nebraska Synod Cluster Meeting February 5th; snow date February 12th. 9:00 a.m. First Lutheran Church, Nebraska City.

Grace Lutheran Church Bible Study meeting February 14th , 1:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church Council February 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Lead Worship at Linden View February 23rd, at 2:00.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes , January 12, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Jim, Dave Antholz, Mark Panko, Russel Moss, Janice Beethe, David Lubben, Keith Moss and Linda Eisenauer.

The meeting opened with Pastor Helgren giving a prayer.

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report: For December by Mark reports:

TOTAL INFLOWS \$14,025.52

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -9,327.85

NET TOTAL \$ 4,697.67

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim said the next Nebraska Synod Cluster meeting will be February 5, 2022. The snow date will be February 12th.

Old Business: All Annual Reports are due January 16th. Annual meeting January 23, 2022. We have bids on removing 4 trees that we will discuss and vote on at the meeting. We have several options available to us as to the clean up etc..

Council minutes continued.

The Area Churches meeting with Faith Lutheran is February 13th at Talmage.

New Business: Communion will continue with using our same system as we've done for the last two years or so.

Outgoing Council Members: Mark Panko - Treasurer

Linda Eisenhauer - Secretary

Keith Moss - Deacon

If anyone wants to serve on Church Council for any of those positions, please speak up at the meeting! The installation of the Council Members will be directly after the meeting.

Lenten Services begin March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, here at Hope. We are participating in the "Round Robin" this year, with our next service here on the 15th and 30th.

Good Friday will be April 15th at Hope, with Easter falling on April 17th.

The counting schedule was decided with Dave - Russel - Mark.

The next meeting will be February 9th at 7:00 p.m.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Linda Eisenhauer, Secretary

WELCA Minutes January 13, 2022

The January WELCA meeting was held on January 13th at Marilyn's house. There were 5 ladies and Pastor present.

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn. The secretary's minutes from November 11th meeting were read and approved. Thank you messages from Ruth Neeman for the Christmas gift and Adline Moss family for funeral lunch and memorial were read.

The Treasurer's report was read by Marilyn showing a balance of \$412.03.

Mission Education representative Linda shared a newspaper article for us to read.

Mission Community, Alberta mentioned the Christmas messages sent to shut ins in lieu of goodie plates.

There was no new Mission Outreach report.

Marilyn thanked all for Friendship Home gifts. Marilyn delivered and expressed their gratitude. Marilyn asked if anyone had yearbook corrections. No response. Thanks, Marilyn for making the new yearbooks!

Alberta was thanked for buying and mailing shut in messages.

Visitation person for January is Alberta.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Annual meeting January 23rd. (We will serve soup and sandwiches.)

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. (Burr)

World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2022. (Osage)

Spring gathering March 5, 2022.

Lenten services at Burr, March 16th & March 30th.

No further business was presented.

Meeting closed with Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alberta Block, Secretary

Footnote: Due to increasing Covid numbers the Soup and Sandwiches after Annual meeting has been reconsidered and canceled.

**But it was you, one after my own heart,
my companion, my own familiar friend,
with whom I kept pleasant company
and walked with the throng
in the house of God. Psalm 55:13-14**

Pastor
Jim Helgren

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship Service

*unless noted otherwise

Parish Ministry Associate

Sharon Carman, Ret.

Church Council

Chairman: Dave Antholz

Fin. Sec: Janice Beethe

Treas: Mark Panko

Sec: Sharon Carman

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

Russel Moss

Dave Antholz

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--------|---|
|  | | 1 | 2 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Groundhog's Day | 3 | 4 | 5 9:00 a.m. NE Synod Cluster First Lutheran NE City |
| 6 Holy Communion Worship 10:00 a.m. | 7 | 8 | 9 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Church Council | 10 10:30 Good Sam. Worship 1:30 p.m. Bible Study | 11 | 12 Lincoln's Birthday Cluster meeting snow date |
| 13 Worship 10:00 a.m. Super Bowl Sunday | 14 Valentine's Day  | 15 | 16 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship | 21 President's Day | 22 Washington's Birthday | 23 2:00 p.m. Linden View Worship 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10:00 a.m. Worship | 28 | | | | | |

WELCA Meeting

Bible Study: Marilyn Moss

Devotions: Alberta Block

Hostess: Alberta Block

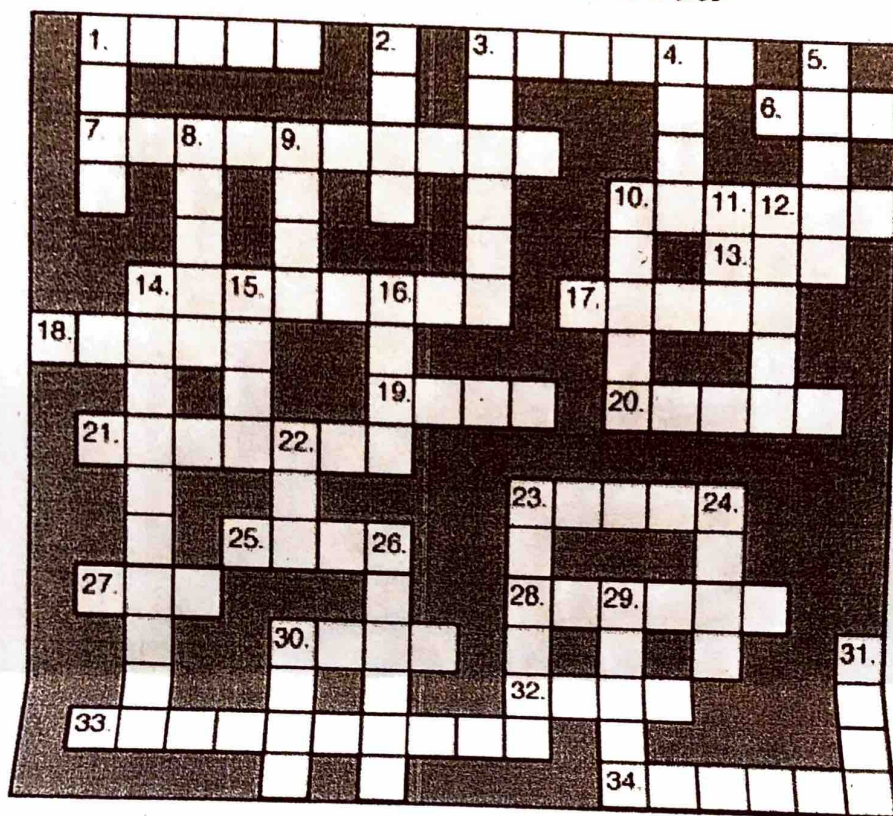
Altar Guild

Judy Lubben

Visitation

Sharon Carman

Valentine's Crossword



Across:

1. Opposite of boys
3. Valentine colour
6. _____ goes there?
7. St. _____ Day
10. The targets of Cupid's arrows
13. This little piggy is one
14. Valentine month
17. Tolls paid
18. _____ change, pocket money
19. Sign above door
20. Donald's girlfriend
21. Crayon maker
23. He shoots love arrows

25. Short form for animal doctors

27. Valentine's colour
28. Cupid shoots these
30. Valentine colour
32. Choose
33. Sweet valentine gifts
34. _____ admirer

Down:

1. Bestow
2. _____ the bottle
3. Attractive
4. Frilly trim
5. Valentine colour
8. Mickey _____ Minnie
9. Close to
10. Listened

11. Past tense of eat
12. Red flowers
14. February _____ is Valentine's
15. _____ valentine.
16. Length x width
22. Single, _____, 2, 3, ...
23. Winners
24. Opposite of up
26. First day of the week
29. Speed contests
30. Scheme
31. Pepper _____ candy

