

# **Hope Lutheran Church**

## **March 2022**

**From the Pastor,**

**Today, February 17th, I am looking forward to celebrating "National Random Acts of Kindness Day." Why am I looking forward to it? Because I am getting a root canal this afternoon and I do not need to be kind to anyone at the dentist office if I experience pain. I only have to be kind randomly today and do not have to be kind all the time to everyone. Good thing I don't listen to my own sermons.**

**The Lenten Season is not random. It is forty days long plus Sundays in Lent. It is an intentional period to examine my sinfulness and my need to repent and depend on God to daily restore my relationship with God. Lent is the opportunity to work on being a better child of God and not just a better human being. New Year's resolutions are usually about trying to be a better person for oneself or others. My resolutions often last 24 hours. But Lenten behavior is expected to last forty days. People encourage others to give up something they like or change a behavior for 40 days. Since one is doing it for a designated time frame, that should be easier to accomplish the change than the indefinite time frame of New Year's resolutions which seem to mean doing or not doing something forever.**

**Years ago my doctor suggested I lose weight. At the time it was 20 pounds, then 30 pounds. My weight always went in the wrong direction. My current doctor at my November appointment challenged me to lose 10 pounds by my next six month appointment. Even though I know she will keep challenging me to lose 10 pounds at a time, I am working at the goal. The goal doesn't seem impossible to me. Achieving my Lenten goal seems more probable to me than achieving any of my New Year's resolutions which I don't make any more because no one really expects one to keep them anyways.**

**But God does expect us to work on our relationship with God. Lent is a good opportunity to examine and improve my relationship with God on purpose and not just randomly. Just as I am expected to always be kind to others and not just once in a while or randomly. Hey, maybe I do listen to my sermons.**

**Happy Lenten Journey**

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**Church Seasons: The Church Season of Lent begins March 2 with Ash Wednesday. The fact that we will die is the theme of Ash Wednesday and the tone for Lent is as sinners death is the end of our mortal lives and bodies unless someone does something about our fate. In**

Lent we walk seeking hope that there is more to life than just this life. Our walk will lead to Good Friday. The next Church Season will give us the hope we seek.

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**Holy Days:** March 2nd: Ash Wednesday

March 19th: Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

March 25th: The Annunciation of Our Lord

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**U.S. Holidays:** March 13th: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day

March 20th: Spring Begins

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Confirmation March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday at Hope March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

World Day of Prayer at Osage March 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Worship at Hope March 16th, & 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Worship at Grace March 9th & 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Council March 16th, after Lenten Service

Hope Lutheran Church Bible Study March 10th p.m.

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

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

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### **Midweek Lenten Worship Services**

The theme for the Midweek Lenten Worship Services is from the Nebraska Synod resources written by Deacon Timothy Siburg, Director for Mission, Innovation and Stewardship of the Nebraska Synod. A deacon is a person ordained on the ELCA roster for Word and Mission.

Who Are We Now?-God's People in 2022 a Lenten Service of Word and Prayer grounded in Luke's journey through the Passion.

March 9th at Grace Lutheran at 7:00 p.m....Why? What is Our Purpose?

March 16th at Hope Lutheran at 7:00 p.m....Where Is God in This?

March 23rd at Grace Lutheran at 7:00 p.m....Who Are We Called to Be?

March 30th at Hope Lutheran at 7:00 p.m...How Do We Get There? What's Next?

April 6th at Grace Lutheran at 7:00 p.m....What Does This Mean? What Does This Mean for Us?

#### Holy Week

April 14th at Grace Lutheran Holy Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

April 15th at Hope Lutheran Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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### **Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

**February 16, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Jim Helgren, Dave Antholz, Janice Beethe, David Lubben, Keith Moss, Russell Moss, Mark Panko and Sharon Carman.

Pastor Helgren opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

THE MINUTES from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT by Mark Panko for January reports:

<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$3,040.49</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$-4,962.21</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>- \$1,921.72</b>

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Midweek Lenten Services are from the Nebraska Synod titled, Who Are We Now?- God's People in 2022. Ash Wednesday Service will be at Hope Lutheran members wishing to receive ashes may come forward to receive them. There will be no Round Robin this year related to Covid. The Lenten offering will go to Oaks Indian Mission.

On Palm Sunday we will use regular palm leaves and not gather in the narthex but come forward to place our leaves from our pews.

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been canceled due to Covid. The next one will be in 2024.

Pastor will be taking a required class, Essential Boundaries 301. The cost will be \$65.00.

We have two young people graduating this year, Lindsey Moss and Mason Sell. Jane Antholz will pick up gifts for them from the church.



**OLD BUSINESS:** Dave gave a thank you to Mark Panko, Keith Moss and Linda Eisenhower former council members for serving. He also welcomed the new and returning council members, Mark Panko, Keith Moss and Sharon Carman.

**Update on the parsonage:** The repairs have been made and Ken and Kathy Abbnik and his son have moved in. They are still in need of a kitchen table. A donation has covered the cost of some of the repairs. We received a monetary donation for the family which will be given to them and a donation which will go towards the repair bills. We received a bill from Hemje for \$1,135.00. The family will pay the electric bill and make a donation for the propane.

**Removal of the three trees** should take place before the end of the month by Mitch Trumble of Tire and Tree. We also discussed the possibility of removing the other trees on the north side of the church at the same time. Dave will bring it up on Sunday morning for discussion. Dave will check on the removal of the stumps too.

**NEW BUSINESS:** We will be serving cookies following the Midweek Lenten Services.

Russel Moss and Pastor Helgren attended the Area Churches Meeting at Faith Lutheran. Pastor Megan Morrow, Assistant to the Bishop, led the discussion. There will probably be another meeting in the fall.

Sharon Carman reported the elevator was not working properly. Dave Antholz said he would see about fixing it.

Nancy Gerking has asked to clean out the Sunday School room. Council agreed she could do that. Sharon Carman agreed to help.

The counting schedule was decided Dave Antholz, Russel Moss, Mark Panko, and Sharon Carman.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 16th following Lenten Service.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

**The danger of missing church is that soon you don't miss church.**

**Hebrews 10:22-25** Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



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



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**WEDNESDAY** Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday @ Hope	3	4 World Day of Prayer at Osage	5
6 Holy Communion Worship 10:00 a.m.	7	8	9 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Grace	10 1:30 p.m. Bible Study & General Meeting	11	12
13 Worship 10:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15	16 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Hope **Council after service	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
20 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Spring Begins	21	22	23 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Grace	24	25 The Annunciation of Our Lord	26
27 10:00 a.m. Worship	28	29	30 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Lenten @ Hope	31		



WELCA Meeting  
Bible Study: Sharon Carman  
Devotions: Judy Lubben  
Hostess: Judy Lubben

Altar Guild  
Janice Beethe

Visitation  
Nancy Gerking

