

Hope Lutheran Church

October 2022

From the Pastor,

My family have owned a total of seven cats in our life time. We have three cats right now. Cats believe that they are the center of the universe. They have ways to get your attention in order to be the center of your universe. Our cats have even set up a pecking order of who is the center of the center of the universe in our home. To complicate our lives Saddie, the center of the center of the universe, has been diagnosed with diabetes on September 8th. She receives insulin shots every twelve hours. Our family schedule will now be determined around trying to keep her alive and well. Plans I was making for our anniversary next month were changed to accommodate the center of the center of our family universe. (written September 13th).

Today, September 15th, my cat, Saddie, died. We put her to sleep because she was not adjusting well to her diabetes treatment. Her quality of life was quickly digressing. But just because she is gone doesn't mean she will no longer be the center of the center of our family universe. The other two cats do not yet understand that she is no longer with us and not just hiding under the bed until it is time to remind everybody who is in charge and the true center of the center of the household universe.

The truth is Saddie was not the center of our family universe. God was and is. Our love for cats and children and each other came from the center of our lives both separate and as a couple. God's love for us in Jesus Christ informed our love for God which then extended to ourselves and our family. Love for cats or family that is not God-centered will be an unhealthy love for cats and family. Try explaining that to young children or cats. One can't. One can only struggle to keep Jesus at the center of one's life and universe no matter how noble or demanding your cat may be.

Pastor Jim

Church Seasons: Two months left in Time After Pentecost. The color remains green. We continue the everyday struggle to live our lives with Christ at the center of it.

Church Festival Days: October 18th Luke, Evangelist

October 23rd James of Jerusalem

Church Festival Days: October 28th Simon and Jude, Apostles

October 30th Reformation Sunday

October 31st Reformation Day

U.S. Holidays: October 10th Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day

October 15th Sweetest Day

October 31st Halloween

Monthly Schedule: Crop Walk October 2nd, 2:00 p.m. starting at Hope, barn

Confirmation October 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th at 6:00 p.m. @ Grace

Mission Fest October 9th 10:00 a.m. at Hope

Bible Study at Grace October 10th at 1:30 p.m.

Kids for Christ October 12th & 26th, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Hope Churh Council October 12th at 8:00 p.m.

Hope Bible Study October 13th at 1:30 p.m.

Grace Church Council October 18th 7:00 p.m.

re:formation 2022 (Theological Conference) October 24th-26th

Trunk or Treat October 31st 5:00-7:00 p.m. Grace parking lot

Mission Fest will be October 9th at Hope Lutheran Church 10:00 a.m. Covered dish to follow. Grace members provide the salads and desserts and Hope will provide the meat dishes. Place settings and drinks provided by Hope.

The ministry focus this year is SENCA Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Debbie Green, CASA Coordinator will lead the presentation. The offering this morning will be used to provide the children under CASA jurisdiction things not in the CASA budget to help children feel like children.

Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2nd. Walkers will start at Hope Lutheran in Burr at 2:00 p.m. We will open with a brief worship service and then walk along the Burr Spur to Cranig and Jane Neemann's home. Walkers will be treated to cookies, fruit and beverages at the Neemann home.

We will have a "water wagon" traveling along the road during the walk. Walkers of all ages are invited. Any distance can be walked and the "water wagon" will take walkers to the end point.

Pledge envelopes and donations need to be returned to Kathy Sheer by Sunday, October 16th.

Thank you to all workers and sponsors for their continued support of CROP. The money raised helps educate and feed people all over the world and here locally. If you have questions contact Kathy Scheer 402-540-6866.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 14, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Antholz, Mark Panko, Russel Moss and Sharon Carman. **Members not present** Pastor Jim Helgren, Janice Beethe, David Lubben and Keith Moss.

THE MINUTES from the August 10th meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$3,256.61
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$3,855.86
NET TOTAL	- \$ 599.25

The treasurer's report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The late payment for propane and electricity for the parsonage has been paid. We questioned if the carpet has been cleaned yet but no one knew. Sharon volunteered to check with Vanessa on Sunday.

The backup of sewage appears to be a problem with roots in the sewer lines. We will work on that as time allows.

NEW BUSINESS: Mission Festival will be at Hope October 9th. Hope will be providing meat dishes and drinks. Grace will provide salads and desserts.

Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd. Walkers will leave from Hope at 2:00 p.m. We have removed a couple of bats from the church so Russel is contacting a company, Bats to Rats, to get a quote on their service.

A few able bodies are needed to assist Bruce & Dianne Riensche in prepping for their upcoming auction. Those helping need to be there Sunday, September 18th at 2:00 p.m. and plan to be there for a couple of hours.

We assigned the counting schedule: 9/18-Dave A., communion server Sharon C., 9/25-Dave L., 10/2-Keith M., communion server Deb M., 10/9-Mark P.

The next meeting will be October 12th at 8:00 p.m.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman

Attention ladies of Hope. This is the last month we will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief. We will pack at the end of October.

School Kits:

4- 70 sheet Notebooks	1- Box Crayons (16 or 24)
1- Ruler	1- 2 1/2" eraser
1- Small Pencil Sharpener	5- # 2 pencils unsharpened
1- Scissors Blunt Point	5- Ball point pens blue or black

Personal Care Kits:

1- Bath size towel dark colors preferred

2 or 3 Bath size bars of soap

1- Adult tooth brush

1- Sturdy comb

1- Metal nail clipper

Please help us gather these items for this worthy cause. There will be tubs in the Narthex for donated items. Many thanks.

Although we did not have our Southeast Nebraska Spring Gathering several churches did collect kitchen items for Bridges for Hope. We packed the item in August and ended up with 25 totes filled with all sorts of kitchen supplies. We also had one box of left over item which were also donated. Bridges for Hope is there to help people coming out of prison. These items help them as they try to establish a home of their own. Many thanks!

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

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Pastor Jim Helgren	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service *unless noted otherwise							1
<u>Parish Ministry Associate</u> Sharon Carman, Ret.							
<u>Church Council</u>							
Chairman: Dave Antholz Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe Treas. Mark Panko Sec. Sharon Carman Decons: Keith Moss David Lubben Russel Moss	2 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship 2:00 p.m. Crop Walk	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Worship & Music</u>							
Alberta Block Sharon Carman Judy Lubben Sherri Moss	9 10:00 a.m. Worship Mission Fest CASA	10 Columbus Day Observed	1 Indigenous People Day	12 4:00p.m. Kids For Christ 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	13	14	15 Sweetest Day
<u>Organists</u>							
Alberta Block Sheri Moss Ruth Neeman	16 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	17 National Boss Day	18	19 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	20	21	22
<u>WELCA President</u> Marilyn Moss	23 10:00 a.m. Worship 30 10:00 a.m. Worship	24	25	26 4:00p.m. Kids For Christ 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	27 Theological----	28 -Conference	29
<u>Bulletin/Newsletter</u> Sharon Carman	<u>WELCA Meeting</u> Bible Study: Sharon Carman Devotions: Alberta Block Hostess: Alberta Block			Altar Guild Jainice Beethe Nancy Gerking	Visitation		
<u>Cemetery</u> Bruce Riensche Russel Moss Dave Antholz							