

# Hope Lutheran Church

## March 2023

From the Pastor,

In January I had the opportunity to play hide and seek with my great-grandchildren ages 7, 4, 4, and 1 years old at my son's house. We used only three rooms of the house but always found a place to hide. The four year olds basically hid under the same blanket or in the same spot every time and yet great papa had trouble finding them, or so they thought. Sometimes they would throw off the blanket and say "here I am" and I would act surprised that they were under the blanket.

The Lenten season is the time of year that we stop hiding under our figurative blanket and say "here I am Lord." We can stop hiding from our sin and seek forgiveness, confess and turn our faces to God. Lent is the time to focus on our need for Jesus to die and reconcile us to God the Father. Lent is the opportunity to see that God knows we are hiding under the blanket but is waiting for us to give up hiding and surrender ourselves to God and God's will for us.

Pastor Jim

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**Church Seasons:** We are in the church Season of Lent. The color is purple symbolizing penitence, the need to repent from our sins. It is a season of self-examination and understanding that Jesus died for you on Good Friday because of your sins.

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**Church Festival Days:** March 19th Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

March 25th Annunciation of Our Lord

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**U.S. Holidays:** March 12th Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

March 20th First Day of Spring

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**Monthly Schedule:** 8th Grade Confirmation March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Lenten Service at Hope March 1st, 15th & 29th at 7:00 p.m.

**Lenten Service at Grace March 8th & 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

**World Day of Prayer March 3rd at Grace at 2:00 p.m.**

**Grace Church Council March 7th at 1:30 p.m.**

**Kids for Christ March 8th & 22nd 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

**Hope Lutheran Bible Study March 9th at 1:30 p.m.**

**Grace Bible Study March 13th at 1:30 p.m.**

**Hope Church Council March 15th at following Lenten Service**

**Grace ELCW March 16th at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Midweek Lenten Worship Services: Worship at Hope March 1st, 15th, & 29th 7:00 p.m.**

**Worship at Grace March 8th & 22nd 7:00 p.m. We will be involved in the Rolling Hills Cluster Round Robin. The theme is "Amazing Grace." We will look at God's grace through the years of the Biblical characters David, Isaiah of Babylon, the Prodigal Son, the Blind Man, the Woman at the Well and Paul. Theme "Amazing Grace" at 7:00 p.m. all services.**

**March 1st at Hope, Isaiah of Babylon, Vicar Kim, Beautiful Savior, Palmyra, Walton**

**March 8th at Grace, Blind Man, Pastor Eric Spureth Jenssen, Longbranch**

**March 15th at Hope, Woman of the Well, Pastor Kate Wolf, Faith, Talmage**

**March 22nd at Grace, Pastor Paul Lillenas, Hickory Grove, Auburn**

**March 29th at Hope, Prodigal Son, Pastor Ken Miller, St. Paul, Auburn**

**Pastor Jim's schedule, David**

**March 1st St. Paul, Auburn**

**March 8th, St. Paul, Hickory Grove Auburn**

**March 15th, Faith, Talmage**

**March 22nd, Longbranch**

**March 29th, Grace, Walton**

## **Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes    February 14, 2022**

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

**THE MINUTES** from the meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

**TOTAL INFLOWS      \$3,088.81**

**TOTAL OUTFLOWS    -\$5,061.63**

**NET TOTAL            -\$1,972.82**

As the treasurer's report showed a deficit we will transfer funds. The treasurer's report was approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor reported receiving a transfer request from David Moss to Sheridan Lutheran in Lincoln.

Pastor has been taking a zoom workshop on addiction survival and mental illness to better serve parishioners with these needs.

He will lead worship at Linden View February 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday will be at Grace February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten Worship will be an Amazing Grace series with the pastors doing a round robin. Hope will host on March 1st, 15th, and 29th with coffee and cookies afterwards. We will also host Maundy Thursday.

Jude Fricke, McKenzie Sell and Anusha Thomas will be taking first communion classes with Pastor Jim.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Christmas decorations are in the balcony and the basement bell tower area. We will cover them with a drop cloth to keep them clean.

The ads have gone up regarding the silent bids on the parsonage. We have had some interest. March 15th is the deadline and bids will be opened at the council meeting then.

We are seeking bids on painting the trim work on the church or siding these areas.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Craig Straube has offered to join the cemetery committee to replace Bruce Riensche. Sharon will send Bruce a thank you note.

Jeff Fricke has been storing items in the old garage and he has been made aware that it will be torn down sometime this year.

Counting schedule: 2/19/23-Sharon, communion server, Janice, 2/26/23-Russel, 3/5/23-Dave L., communion server Keith, 3/12/23-Mark.

The next meeting will be March 15th after Lenten Service.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman

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**Pastor**

Jim Helgren

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship Service

\*unless noted otherwise

**Hope Lutheran Church-Burr****March 2023****Parish Ministry Associate**

Sharon Carman, Ret.

**Church Council**

Chairman: Dave Antholz

Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe

Treas. Mark Panko

Sec. Sharon Carman

Decons: Keith Moss

David Lubben

Russel Moss

**Worship & Music**

Alberta Block

Sharon Carman

Sherri Moss

**Organists**

Alberta Block

Sheri Moss

Ruth Neeman

**WELCA President**

Marilyn Moss

**Bulletin/Newsletter**

Sharon Carman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service @ Hope	2	3 World Day of Prayer @ Grace 2:00 p.m.	4
5 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	6	7	8 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 4:00 Confirma. 7:00 Lenten Service @ Grace	9 1:30 p.m. Bible Study	10	11
12 10:00 a.m. Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	13 1:30 p.m. Grace Bible Study	14	15 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service @ Hope & Hope Council after	16 7:00 p.m. Grace ELCW	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	20 First Day of Spring 	21 7:00 p.m. Grace Council Meeting	22 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 4:00 Confirma. 7:00 Lenten Ser. @ Grace	23	24	25 Spring Gathering @ Zion, Pickerill
26 10:00 a.m. Worship	27	28	29 4:00 Confirm 7:00 Lenten Service @ Hope	30	31	

**Cemetery**

Dave Antholz

Russel Moss

Craig Straube

**WELCA Meeting**

Bible Study: Sharon

Devotions: Sharon

Hostess: Sharon

**Altar Guild**

Janice

**Visitation**

Nancy