

Hope Lutheran Church

April 2023

From the Pastor,

Early Monday evening March 20th I was looking out the living room picture window and I saw a potbelly pig walking in my neighbors yard. Now this is something one doesn't see everyday in Cook, a pig walking down the street in Cook. I told Kathy to call and report it to the sheriff's department and I will follow the pig in order to report where it is located and keep it and my neighbor safe.

One neighbor was surprised when I warned him a pig was coming his and his son's way. The pig stopped in his yard and he took a picture of it and posted it on facebook hoping to locate the owner.

The pig crossed the street and walked into a backyard on the north side of Dewey Street and headed back towards my house. More people started following the pig. We managed to pen the pig between my neighbor to my west fenced in yard and their rear garage. There was a person on each end of the pig's escape routes so he just went under the fence and was now in a fenced yard so we just waited for the owner to show up. My neighbor has a video of this part of the event.

The sheriff dispatch told my wife that a woman had reported a missing pig and then called her and she eventually arrived and then the real fun started. Potbelly pigs are really fast and can run underneath the legs of people trying to keep it cornered. Once we were able to grab it I learned what the phrase "squeal like a pig" means. They then pushed the pig into its kennel and put it in the owner's vehicle.

Turns out his name is Porky and he lives four miles north of Cook. He had been in town for several hours including a visit to Gayleen's yard. She has a picture of Porky.

Even when Porky had the chance to be freed from the yard and go home he resisted those trying to lead him home where he could be truly free. We resist people and opportunities to be freed from our sins. People refuse to go to church to confess their sins and worship God. People deny the existence of God so they can pretend they are not even sinners. People avoid recovery so they do not need to give up their addictions or try a new, healthier way of life.

Jesus died for the Porky the potbelly people who cannot find their way home to God on their own. The people who would rather run around in their lives fenced in by sin than allow it to be removed by repenting and allowing the blood of Christ to wash away their fence of sin.

Lent is the season to admit our sin and Easter is the season to be lifted out of the fence of our sinful yard.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Jim

Church Seasons: The Church Season of Lent ends at midnight April 8th. The Season of Sundays After Easter begins April 9th with the Resurrection of Our Lord. This is the season of joy. The joy of knowing there is more to life than death. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection He conquers sin, death, and the power of the Devil over us.

Church Festival Days: April 2nd, Palm Sunday

April 3rd, 4th, 5th, Days in Holy Week

April 6th, Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday

April 7th, Good Friday

April 8th, Holy Saturday

April 9th, Resurrection of our Lord

April 25th, Mark, Evangelist

U.S. Holidays: April 1st, April Fools Day

April 9th, Easter

April 15th, Tax Day

April 22, Earth Day

Jewish Holidays: April 5th, Passover begins

April 13th, Passover ends

Monthly Schedule: 8th Grade Confirmation April 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at 4:00 p.m.

First Communion Class March 28th, & April 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Hope

Good Friday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace
Grace Bible Study April 10th at 1:30 p.m.
Hope Church Council April 12th at 8:00 p.m.
Kids for Christ April 12th & 26th 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Bible Study April 13th at 1:30 p.m.
Grace Church Council April 18th at 7:00 p.m.
Linden View Worship April 21th at 2:00 p.m
Good Samaritan Worship April 27th at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Schedule: **Palm Sunday, April 2nd @ Grace 8:30 a.m. at Hope 10:00 a.m.**
Maundy Thursday, April 6th at Hope at 7:00 p.m. with communion
Good Friday, April 7th at Grace 7:00 p.m.
Resurrection of Our Lord, at Grace 8:30 a.m. at Hope 10:00 a.m.
No Sunrise Service or breakfast at Grace this year.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 15, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Antholz, Janice Beethe, David Lubben, Keith Moss, Russel Moss, Mark Panko and Sharon Carman. Pastor Helgren was not in attendance due to his Lenten schedule.

THE MINUTES from the meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$18,012.87
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$9,456.68
NET TOTAL	\$8,556.19

The treasurer's report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: In Pastor Helgren's absence Dave Antholz reported that the pastor has visited Dwight Eisenhauer in the hospital. Palms have been ordered, Maundy Thursday is at Hope and Good Friday is at Grace. Easter service will be at 10:00 a.m. as usual.

OLD BUSINESS: We had two bids on the parsonage. The high bid was from Trisha Neumeister Volker of \$5,500 and a bid of \$5,100 from Spencer Gerking. We will contact Tricia

to sign a purchase agreement with them. We will make the necessary arrangements to get the house ready to be moved.

We are leaning more towards siding the trim on the church rather than painting. Dave is checking into possible people available to do the work.

NEW BUSINESS: The gutters on the church will get cleaned when time is available.

There are some items in the garage to clean out. We have decided to take those along with the other things in Keith Moss's trailer to the consignment sale in Table Rock.

The pine tree on the north side of the church has had some branches broken. The men will decide if it can be trimmed or take it down.

The fire extinguishers need to be brought up to date.

The totes in the pews contain some used LBW books which are in better shape than some of ours. We will stamp them with a stamp "Hope Lutheran Church" and place them in the pews where needed.

Counting schedule: 3/19/23-Keith, communion server, Sharon, 3/26/23-Russel, 4/2/23-Palm Sunday-Sharon, 4/6/23 Maundy Thursday-Sharon communion server Jane, 4/9/23 Easter-Dave L., communion server, Nancy.

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

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman

All are invited to bring a lily to worship service for Easter Sunday.



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
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

Cemetery
Dave Antholz
Russel Moss
Craig Straube

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Holy Communion Worship	3	4 6:00 p.m. First Communion Class	5 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Passover begins	6 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Hope	7 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Grace	8
9 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship	10 1:30 p.m. Grace Bible Study	11	12 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 8:00 p.m. Church Council	13 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study Passover ends	14	15 Tax Day
16 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	17	18 7:00p.m. Grace Council Meeting	19 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	20	21 2:00 p.m. Linden View Worship	22 Earth Day
23 10:00 a.m. Worship 30 10:00 a.m. Worship	24	25	26 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	27 10:30 a.m. Good Samaritan Worship	28	29

WELCA Meeting

Bible Study: Pastor
Devotions: Pastor
Hostess: All

Altar Guild

Kim & Nancy

Visitation

Marilyn



