

Hope Lutheran Church

February 2024

From the Pastor,

The January theme was rest. The February theme is GO AND...HAVE THE CONVERSATION. This is the ninth theme for us as we build onto the first theme which was pray. Prayer can be restful which fits January's theme. Prayer can help us be honest. It can help us be present with God and help us be aware that God is present with us. Prayer is a building block of our faith and a necessity of our faith life.

Conversation is more than just talking and it is more than just listening. It requires two or more people to have a conversation. And it requires these participants to be willing to listen to each. Actively listen to each other and not think about anything else but what is being said. The act of conversation has been lost. We are trying to revive it this month. What conversation do you need to have with someone? Pray before you begin the conversation. What conversation does someone need to have with you? Pray that you are able to truly listen to the other person.

Ash Wednesday is about having a conversation with God. We admit that we are sinful and unclean and we need God to change our very nature. We receive the ash in the form of a cross on our forehead to remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return unless God changes our path. Lent is a time we change our path that is focused on ourselves and we focus on what we need to do in order to listen to God. Some Christians will stop doing a bad habit, and some will give up something they enjoy in order to appreciate that Jesus gave up His life for us so we can live with God forever. Jesus reminds us that all we are is dust unless we allow the cross to change our future.

Happy Lenten Journey,

Pastor Jim

Lent: Ash Wednesday is February 14th. The worship will be at Hope at 7:00 p.m. and will include Holy Communion and disposition of ashes. The ashes symbolize grieving over our sins and repenting of them.

The midweek Lenten theme is "GO AND LENT" put together by Deacon Timothy Siburg, Stewardship, NE Synod. The material is based on the February and March GO AND themes. The services will be 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

February 21st at Grace

February 28th at Hope

March 6th at Grace

March 13th at Hope

March 20th at Grace

March 28th, Maundy Thursday, at Grace at 7:00 p.m.

March 29th, Good Friday, at Hope 7:00 p.m.

Grace will try something for the first time and have a Thursday worship/lunch on February 22nd, 29th, and March 7th, 14th, 21st. We will start to gather at 11:30 a.m. Begin serving the meal at 11:45 a.m. and have a service with a theme from the night before at about 12:10 p.m. The plan for the Thursday gathering is to gather for a simple lunch, fellowship, and God's Word. People are invited to come and go as needed. People are invited to come over their lunch hour and eat, worship and leave on their schedule. This gathering is based on the Lenten Thursday lunches the Tecumseh Ministerial once sponsored. This lunch worship is intended for members of Grace and Hope. Invite others to also attend with you.

GO AND... The theme for February is **GO AND...HAVE THE CONVERSATION**. As the Church, the incarnation of Christ, we are called to listen to others in need and speak on their behalf with others. The Church may need to be the place where differing sides can be safe to listen to each other and speak to each other. The Church is called to bring reconciliation into the world. This can be uncomfortable for members of a congregation and yet that is the call of the Church. A church may decide to avoid it all for Christ to be His presence in the world, but then it will have to answer to Christ if it failed to do its purpose in the world.

Church Seasons: The Time After Epiphany ends February 13th. Lent begins February 14th with Ash Wednesday. Lent is forty days plus Sundays.

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

February 11th, The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 14th, Ash Wednesday

February 18th, Martin Luther, renewer of the Church, died 1546

February 24th, Matthias, Apostle

National Holidays: February 11th, Super Bowl

February 14th, Valentine's Day

February 19th, Presidents' Day

February 29th, Leap Day

Monthly Schedule: 6th, 7th, 8th Confirmation February 7th, 8th Confirmation February 21st

Hope Bible Study, February 8th, 1:30 p.m.

Grace Bible Study, February 12th 2:00 p.m. (permanent time change)

Kids for Christ, February 14th, 28th 4:00 p.m. at Grace

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, at Hope at 7:00 p.m.

Hope Church Council, February 14th at 8:00 p.m.

Grace ELCW February, 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Grace 75th Committee, February 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Grace Church Council, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Service, February 21st 7:00 p.m. at Grace

February 28th 7:00 p.m. at Hope

Midweek Lenten Lunch, February 22nd, 11:30-12:30 at Grace

February 29th, 11:30-12:30 at Grace

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Helgren, Janice Beethe, Keith Moss, Keith Moss, Russel Moss, Mark Panko and Sharon Carman. David Lubben was not present.

Pastor Helgren opened the meeting with prayer.

THE MINUTES from the ber December 13th meeting were reviewed and approved

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for report December:

TOTAL INFLOWS \$5,227.37

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$4,804.11

NET TOTAL \$423.26

Three CD's are coming due. Two will be renewed and one cashed. The treasurer's report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported he made three visits with shut-ins for December.

We will have joint worship at Grace January 21st at 10:00 a.m. There will be no meal served at Grace but Faith Talmage is having a meal for those who would like to go there.

Hope Annual Meeting is January 28th. We will also have communion.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th at Hope 7:00 p.m. Lenten services at Hope are February 28th, and March 13th. We will serve cookies and coffee following Lenten services. Good Friday service is at Hope. Services at Grace are February 21st, March 6th and March 20th. Maundy Thursday service is at Grace. Thursday during Lent a service will be at Grace 11:30-12:30 with a meal for those folks who do not like to drive at night.

Pastor is filling in for the pastor at Faith Talmage. He has made two visits totaling 120 miles. He also visited with nonactive members of Grace at the same time. He wondered if he should turn in the mileage to Faith or if Grace/Hope wanted to pay the mileage. We agreed that we should pay for the mileage.

There will be an educational opportunity in April on Wednesdays from Luther School of Theology at Chicago. Pastor will give us more information at the annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The buyers of the parsonage have a problem with their basement so they will not be able to move the house until probably spring. Jeff Fricke still has a few items in the garage but will remove them.

Outgoing council members are Mark Panko, David Lubben, and Sharon Carman. Reports for the annual meeting are due to Jane Antholz January 21st. The new council members will be installed at the end of the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: New business items were covered in the pastor's report.

Counting schedule: 1/21/24-at Grace, 1/28/24-Keith, Russel, comm. Asst., 2/4/24-Russel, Jane, comm. Asst., 2/18/24-Sharon.

The next meeting will be February 14th at 7:30 p.m.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman, Secretary.

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

February 2024



Pastor
Jim Helgren

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service
*unless noted otherwise

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, comm. asst. Jane	5	6	7 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	8 1:30 p.m. Bible Study	9	10
Church Council Chairman: Dave Antholz Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe Treas. Mark Panko Sec. Sharon Carman Decons: Keith Moss David Lubben Russel Moss	11 10:00 a.m. Worship	12 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	13 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 7:00 Ash Wednesday, Service @ Hope 8:00 Hope Council	14 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 7:00 Ash Wednesday, Service @ Hope 8:00 Hope Council	15 Grace ELCW 7:00 p.m.	16 17
Worship & Music Alberta Block Sharon Carman Sherri Moss	18 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, comm. asst., Janice	19 Presidents' Day 5:30 75th Comm. Grace	20 7:00 p.m. Grace Church Council	21 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Lent Service @ Grace	22 11:30-12:30 Midweek Lunch at Grace	23 24
Organists Alberta Block Sheri Moss Ruth Neeman	25 10:00 a.m. Worship,	26	27	28 4:00 Kids for Christ, 7:00 Lent Service at Hope	29 11:30-12:30 Midweek Lunch at Grace	
WELCA President Marilyn Moss	Bulletin/Newsletter Sharon Carman					



Cemetery Dave Antholz Russel Moss Craig Straube	WELCA Meeting Alberta Devotions; Hostess:	Altar Guild Marilyn & Deb	Visitation Sharon
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