

Hope Lutheran Church

March 2024

From the Pastor,

The March monthly theme is interesting to me, **GO AND...BE INTENTIONAL**. Sunday and Wednesday/Thursday we will watch Jesus being intentional about calling people into salvation. We will accompany Jesus as he heads towards Jerusalem to claim his kingdom by intentionally dying on the cross as a common insurrectionist. The devil, Romans and religious leaders believe they defeated Jesus and his Father. God intentionally watches Jesus die on the cross so he can intentionally raise him from the dead. None of what happens is by chance. It is God being deliberate for our sake.

Once one learns the Gospel one has to be deliberate about one's reaction to the message. One can choose to ignore it or to follow the good news of Jesus the Christ. This year let us be intentional about our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and not just go through the motions of believing. Let us do Holy Week so that Sunday we can excitedly proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!"

Pastor Jim

GO AND...BE INTENTIONAL is the March monthly theme. The challenge to be intentional in living out our lives as children of God. Sometimes we live our lives on autopilot. Just doing the everyday routine without giving it much thought. Lent can shake the routine up a bit if we allow it to happen. Attend Wednesday Church or the Thursday luncheon/worship, give up a bad habit or something you enjoy like candy, begin a new healthy habit, etc. Intentionally be different or better. Make a point to be polite to rude people. Be the child of God Jesus made you at your baptism.

The Lenten theme for Wednesdays/Thursdays is **GO AND...LENT**. This is kind of an open ended suggestion. Go and do whatever Lent means to you.

Church Seasons: The Church Season of Lent will continue through March. It is a penitent season in which flowers and banners are often removed from the church sanctuary. The hymn of praise and alleluia are removed from the service as we focus on our need for Jesus to die on the cross in our place. March 31st begins the new Church Season of Time After Easter.

Church Festival Days: March 17th, Patrick, a bishop, missionary to Ireland, died in 461.

March 19th, Joseph, Guardian of Jesus.

March 24th, Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday.

March 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th, Holy Days in Holy Week.

March 25th, the Annunciation of our Lord.

March 28th, Holy (Maundy) Thursday.

March 29th, Good Friday.

March 31st The Resurrection of Our Lord.

U.S. Holidays: March 10th, Daylight Savings Time Begins.

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day

March 19th, Spring Begins.

March 31st, Easter

Monthly Schedule: World Day of Prayer, March 1st, 2:00 p.m. at Hope.

8th Confirmation March 6th, 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Kids for Christ, March 13th, 4:00 p.m. at Grace.

Lenten Service, March 6th & 20th, 7:00 p.m. at Grace.

Lenten Service, March 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Hope.

Lenten Lunch Service, March 7th, 14th, & 21st, 11:30 a.m. at Grace, lunch served at 11:45 a.m., Worship at 12:10 p.m.

Grace Church Council, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Hope Church Council, March 13th at 8:00 p.m.

Hope Bible Study & General Meeting, March 14th, 1:30 p.m.

Grace Church cleaning, March 18th

Maundy (Holy) Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. at Grace also First Communion.

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

Resurrection of our Lord, March 31st, 8:30 a.m. Grace, 10:00 a.m. Hope.

Midweek Lenten Service: March 6th at Grace 7:00 p.m. GO AND...LENT, "Intentionally Being Neighbor.

March 13th at Hope 7:00 p.m. GO AND... LENT.

March 20th at Grace 7:00 p.m. GO AND...LENT, "Intentional Presence."

Holy Week: March 24th, Palm Sunday.

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

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

March 31st, Resurrection of Our Lord, Grace at 8:30 a.m., Hope at 10:00 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 14, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Helgren, Dave Antholz, Dave Lubben, Keith Moss, Mark Panko, Trevor Pope and Sharon Carman. Janice Beethe was not present.

President Antholz dispensed with the opening prayer as we had just come from the Ash Wednesday service.

THE MINUTES from the January 10th meeting were reviewed and approved

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for January: TOTAL INFLOWS \$4,349.87

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$4,842.57

NET TOTAL - \$492.70

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported visiting and communing Bruce Gerking, Judy Lubben and Dee Stoner this past month.

Pastor has been approved to join the Faith Forward learning opportunity for Grace and Hope. We will hear more information as it draws near.

Jim Christiansen is doing picture directories. If Hope is interested we would need 24 families to sign up to have a picture taken.

Pastor is registered for the Synod Assembly in June. We still need two delegates and the registration price goes up in March.

OLD BUSINESS: No news about the removal of the parsonage yet.

There were no concerns from the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Keith will check with Bob Stanberry about the two pine trees that we would like to remove and make sure whose property they are actually on before we would remove them when the parsonage is removed.

Our Lenten offering will go to Oaks Indian Mission. When we have the service we should put out two offering plates. One for Hope and one for Grace.

Easter will be March 31st at 10:00 a.m.

Ideas for a Mission Fest speaker are appreciated.

June 23rd there will be no service at Hope but we are invited to the 75th anniversary at Grace or it will also be Burr Days so we usually have a joint service with the Methodist Church. It is their turn to host this year.

Dave Antholz spoke with the person who varnished the front doors about them not holding up as well as they should. He said the doors should be done every couple of years. It has been three years. We will decide later what action to take.

We are checking with Duane Wilkens about the trim work on the church as he had planned to do it last year but his health prevented him from doing the work. Christian Chadwick may be interested in doing the work also.

Some council members have been asked to help Bruce and Nancy Gerking clean out their farm house on Saturday the 17th. People can come at 9:30 a.m. to help.

Counting schedule: 2/18/24-Dave A., comm. asst. Janice, 2/25/24-Sharon, 3/3/24-Trevor, comm. asst. Deb, 3/10/24-Dave L.

The next meeting will be March 13th following Lenten service.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman

March is GO AND...BE INTENTIONAL!

Hope Lutheran Ladies.....

World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 1..... will be held here @ Hope Lutheran @ 2 pm. Invitations have been sent to Burr United ME Church, Grace Lutheran Church & St. Paul's, U.C.C (Osage). This year's program was prepared by women of Palestine...Anyone may attend. Lunch will follow the presentation.

Southeast NE Conference Spring Gathering will be held on **Saturday, April 6, @ Luther Memorial Church** in Syracuse. Below is a copy of letter sent to all congregations with the information regarding events for the day,.....Registration for the day is \$20...with deadline of March 27...forms are available on the entry table or see Marilyn. You may give your registration to Marilyn by Sunday, March 24, and she will send them in. Anyone may attend.

2/13/24

Dear Sisters in Christ,

This year's Spring Gathering will be held at our church, Luther Memorial, 1162 Mohawk, Syracuse, NE. on April 6th. The theme for this year's gathering is "Open our hearts - Listen, Be Kind and Pray". The bible verse theme is "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him; because he cares for you." 1st Peter 5:6-7. We will have registration and coffee from 0900-0930 AM. Brunch will be served at approximately 11-11:30. Gathering ends at 3:00 PM.

Our speaker will be Dr. Mark Adler, who was instrumental in starting the "BE KIND" program in our schools. He is superintendent of the Ralston Public Schools and lost his son to suicide as a result of teen bullying/cyber bullying. His message is one of spreading hope and kindness with everyone we meet. We want to make people aware of the bullying and especially cyber bullying that goes on in this day and age, and what a toll it takes on our kids/grandkids. Also, what resources are available through the schools to help deal with this problem and what we as parents and grandparents need to know.

For our "In kind" offering, we would like monetary donations that can be applied to a new Handicap accessible playground that is being planned for our local park in Syracuse and/or clothing donations to "Operation Stand Down" which is a program that donates clothing items to homeless veterans.

We look forward to seeing some of you at our Gathering. Below is a registration form that you can copy and distribute to any of your members who might like to attend.

Sincerely, Carol Wallman & Bev Spohr, Spring Gathering Chair Persons.

Operation Stand Down



DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!

This year's Spring Gathering for the Southeast Nebraska of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will be taking donations for the Combat Veterans (vets helping vets). In the past 90% of those served are adult male veterans and 10% are female veterans or veteran's wives. Syracuse Luther Memorial Church will be the donation site. Please consider bringing the following new or gently used items to the church, in adult sizes, Medium - 2XL.

Heavy Coats

Sweatshirts

Sweaters

Gloves

Stocking Caps

New Heavy Socks

Scarves

Sleeping Bags

Backpacks

Shoes/Boots

Carhart Clothing

Hunting Clothing

Camo Vests/Jackets

Anything that would keep veterans warm outside in the winter.

Thank you!

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr March 2024

Pastor
Jim Helgren

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

Church Council

Chairman: Dave Antholz
Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe
Treas. Mark Panko
Sec. Sharon Carman
Deacons: Keith Moss
David Lubben
Russel Moss

Worship & Music

Alberta Block
Sharon Carman
Sherril Moss

Organists

Alberta Block
Sherril Moss
Ruth Neeman

WELCA President

Marilyn Moss

Bulletin/Newsletter

Sharon Carman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, comm. asst. Deb	4	5	6 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Lent Service @ Grace	7 11:30-12:30 Midweek Lunch at Grace	8	9
10 10:00 a.m. Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 7:00 p.m. Grace Church Council	12	13 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 7:00 Service @ Hope 8:00 Hope Council	14 11:30 Midweek Lenten Lunch 1:30 p.m. Bible Study & General Meet.	15	16
17 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, comm. asst., Sharon St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Begins	20 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Lent Service @ Grace	21 11:30-12:30 Midweek Lunch at Grace	22	23
24 10:00 a.m. Worship	25	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Grace	29 7:00 Good Friday at Hope	30
31 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship						

Cemetery WELCA Meeting Altar Guild Visitation
Dave Antholz Bible Study: Sharon Janice Nancy
Russel Moss Devotions: