

# June 2024

## From the Pastor,

Pentecost was May 19th. It celebrates the gifting of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Acts 2 speaks of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

I think this Acts story was necessary because the disciples were not moved enough when Jesus just breathed upon them the Holy Spirit and gave them the directive to forgive, (John 20:19-23). In John 21 Peter is bored and goes back to his previous way of life and says, "I'm going fishing." Jesus cooks the disciples breakfast and reminds them to feed God's sheep with God's word.

Sometimes we just get bored, tired or just ignore living out our faith for God. Life just becomes so smooth we just coast along without really thinking about God.

That is how I feel about the wind in Nebraska. Some people will complain about how windy it is, only about ten miles an hour. I don't think I ever notice it unless it is 20 miles an hour. I just understand that the wind blows across SE Nebraska and that is how it is.

I believe that is why it took a violent wind to blow into the room for the apostles to notice it. It took tongues of fire floating in the room to get the apostles' attention. Fireflies floating outside always get my attention. This was fire of the Holy Spirit landing on them and not burning them. Sometimes God has to get a little wild in our lives just to get our attention. Sometimes a person has to raise their voice at someone in order to get their attention. When we begin to ignore God in our lives, beware how God might have to move in your life just to get you to notice God in your life.

Pastor Jim

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Church Seasons: We are now in the Church Season of Sundays (or time) after Pentecost. We have begun to be in the Church color green until the end of the Church year with the exception of color change for festival days. The scriptures on Sundays are less concerned about following Jesus to a certain place like the cross and more concerned about how to follow Jesus in the ordinary times since the Ascension of our Lord into heaven.

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Church Festival Days: June 11th, Barnabas, Apostle

June 24th, The Nativity of John the Baptist

Church Festival Days cont: June 25th, Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

June 29th, Peter and Paul, Apostles

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U.S. Holidays: June 14th, Flag Day

June 16th, Father's Day

June 19th, Juneteenth

June 20th, Summer begins

June 29th, Armed Forces Day

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Monthly Schedule: Synod Assembly June 1st & 2nd

Joint Worship at Grace Church Basement 11:00 a.m. June 2nd broadcast  
of the Synod Assembly Worship

Grace Bible Study, June 10th, 2:00 p.m.

Grace Church Council, June 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Hope Church Council, June 12th at 8:00 p.m.

Hope Bible Study, June 13th, 1:30 p.m.

Confirmation Camp June 16th-21st

75th Anniversary Joint Worship at Grace June 23rd, 10:00 a.m.

Grace ELCW June 27th 7:00 p.m.

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***\*\*June 2nd, Synod wide broadcast of the Nebraska Synod Assembly Worship for both Grace and Hope at Grace Lutheran Church basement at 11:00 a.m. No worship at Hope.\*\****

***\*\*Pastor will be at Confirmation Camp June 16th-21st. Call his cell phone if you need to talk with him. He will return the call when he is not around campers per camp rules.\*\****

Faith Forward: I have finished my initial training on how to train the congregation to use single faith practices to pass on our faith to the children in our lives. May 12th we began by handing out magnets with our QR code on it that when open will allow you to see this week's activities. Please take advantage each week and give magnets to any parents you know that may appreciate doing the activities with their children.

GO AND...BE FAITH FORWARD: Okay, so technically I just made that up. The 2023- 2024 theme, GO AND... has come to an end. The new Synod theme is Cultivate Love. As of writing this May 14th, I do not know how Nebraska Synod intends this theme to play out in 2024-2025. So I will use the theme to begin our year celebrating the start of purposefully sharing our faith with our children.

Pastor Transitions & Celebrations of Interest: David deFreese, retired; Nathan Metzger, 15 years (Adams); Gary Panko, 50 years; David Larsen, 60 years.

#### Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 15, 2024

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

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

<b>THE TREASURER'S REPORT:</b> by Mark Panko for April	<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$3,636.46</b>
	<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>-\$8,096.43</b>
	<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$4,459.97</b>

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Kael Fricke has been transferred to Grace Lutheran. Dee Stoner will transfer to Hope in the near future.

\*\*Kids for Christ will be moved to a 4:15 p.m. start time due to a 4-day school week at JCC this fall. Confirmation will be at 6:00 p.m.

\*\*Pastor visited with Judy Lubben and Dee Stoner in April. He also led worship at Good Samaritan.

\*\*Faith Forward is a five year plan to help our members share their faith with our families and others. Training began May 12 at Hope.

\*\*Grace Lutheran celebrates its 75th anniversary June 23rd. Remember to sign up for dinner if you are planning to stay for that. There will be no worship service at Hope on the 23rd.

\*\*Pastor will be doing a committal service for Bill Bohling on May 22nd at Helena. He will do a service for Bruce Gerking May 26th.

\*\*Pastor will do a funeral service for Gene Gardner June 7th.

**Hope Council Minutes cont:** Pastor will officiate the wedding of Madison Panko May 25th.  
\*\*June 2nd Worship will be held at Grace Lutheran Church basement at 11:00 a.m. There will be no service at Hope.

\*\*June 30th will be the Burr Community Worship at Hope.

\*\*VBS will be July 15th-19th from 5:30-7:45 p.m. at Osage. This will include a supper meal.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There has been no news about a moving date on the parsonage.

\*\*Once the parsonage has been moved we will remove the trees and so some reseeding.

\*\*Dave Antholz reported that a man will come to Hope to redo the front doors.

\*\*We plan to work on the church trim this spring/summer.

\*\*The organ repair man plans to come in the first part of June to replace the small speakers.

\*\*A scholarship application has been received from Hunter Rumery.

\*\*Plans for Mission Fest are all set.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Hope ELCA women will serve a Memorial Lunch Saturday, May 25th.

\*\*We will order flowers for the 75th anniversary of Grace Lutheran on June 23rd.

\*\*We will have communion service on June 9th and 16th due to changes in our schedule.

**Counting Schedule:** 5/19/24-Dave L, comm. asst. Janice, 5/26/24-Dave A., 6/2/24-Service at Grace, 6/9/24-Keith, comm. asst., Russel.

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

We adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

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**JUNE IS GO AND...FAITH FORWARD!**

# Hope Lutheran Church-Burr June 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Sunday School							
10:00 Worship Service *unless noted otherwise	2 11:00 a.m. Joint Worship at Grace Broadcast of Synod Assembly Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Church Council</u>							
Chairman: Dave Antholz Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe Treas. Mark Panko Sec. Sharon Carman Decons: Keith Moss David Lubben Trevor Pope	9 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, comm. Asst. Russel 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	10 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	11	12 8:00 p.m. Hope Council	13 1:30 p.m. Bible Study	14 Flag Day	15
<u>Worship &amp; Music</u>							
Alberta Block Sharon Carman Sherri Moss							
Father's Day, Confirmation ----			Camp 16th---				
Organists							
Alberta Block Sheri Moss Ruth Neeman	23 10:00 a.m. 75th Anni. Worship @ Grace	24	25	26	27	28	29 Armed Forces Day
<u>WELCA President</u>							
Marilyn Moss							
<u>Bulletin/Newsletter</u>							
Sharon Carman							

Cemetery	WELCA Meeting	Altar Guild	Visitation
Dave Antholz	Bible Study: to be announced	Marilyn & Deb	Sheri
Russel Moss	Devotions:		
Craig Straube	Hostess: All		