

Hope Lutheran Church

July 2024

From the Pastor,

It is Tuesday, June 25th, and the June 23rd 75th Anniversary celebration is over as well as most of the clean up from the celebration. We can now relax and bask in the memory of the worship and the lunch. We celebrated "us" with members and past members. We remembered who we were and who we are.

Guests thanked us for inviting them. It was enjoyable having 255 voices respond in Church on Sunday. A past newsletter someone passed around showed that that may have been a regular number that year. But it was less than the year before. Attendance has been dropping for twenty years or more. The norm always changes. We celebrated the past and present, while being aware of an uncertain future. But that is okay. The gospel Sunday talked about Jesus sleeping in the boat while everyone panicked in the storm. The Bishop said he didn't believe God always sends the storms in our lives, that sometimes they just happen. But Jesus is always with us in the midst of the storm. Jesus is in the boat with us.

Whatever the future holds for Grace and Hope the Holy Spirit will be right there with us in every challenge and decisions we make. Thanks be to God.

P.S. A group of 60 something year old men were looking forward to the 150th anniversary of Grace figuring they could just enjoy the day and not help with. Yeah, like any of those guys at 93 could just sit and watch others do the work and not at least try to help.

Pastor Jim

Cultivating _____,

The Nebraska Synod Theme for 2024-2025 is Cultivating _____. The June Theme is "Cultivating Love." This will be Grace and Hope's July Theme. It was decided we will just be a month behind. Next year when the theme changes will be a month behind. We found out last year that the theme is introduced at Synod Assembly and then we play catch up the month of June trying to figure out how we will use the new theme. Delaying the use of the new theme. Delaying the use of the new theme will just allow us a less anxious June trying to incorporate the theme for the year.

In July ask the question "How is this action, words, inaction cultivating love?" Make all your decisions based on how you answered the question. Our Faith Forward project will help us cultivate love in us and our children.

Monthly Schedule: Grace Bible Study, July 8th, 2:00 p.m.

Hope Bible Study, July 11th, 1:30 p.m.

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

Hope Church Council, July 11th at 8:00 p.m.

VBS at Osage 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. July 15th-19th.

Cook Community Worship in Windmill Park July 21st at 9:00 a.m.

No worship at Hope on the 21st.

Worship at Hope July 28th at 10:00 a.m. by PMA Fred Bredehoeft from

Luther Memorial. No worship at Grace on the 28th.

Pastor will be on vacation July 22nd-July 28th. Pastor Kate Wolfe will be available in case of emergencies. Her cell number is 316-371-0803. Pastor and Kathy will be doing a staycation but Pastor, Kathy and Char will be out of town July 26th-28th.

BLESSING: Grace and Hope will be doing something new August 4th. (I know, CHANGE?) We will be doing a blessing of backpacks for students and adults who use a backpack or briefcase or lunch receptacle. If you have seen my "briefcase" then you know it needs a good blessing. So bring your backpacks to church Sunday, August 4th.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 12, 2024

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

THE MINUTES from the May 15th meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for May **TOTAL INFLOWS** **\$2,888.28**

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$4,093.24

NET TOTAL - \$1,204.96

PASTOR'S REPORT: Burr Community Worship will be June 30th at the Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Helgren will lead the worship service. There will be a potluck at the Community Building following the service.

**Pastor Helgren will do the inurnment service for Marlene Haeffner July 6th at Hopewell Cemetery.

Hope Council Minutes continued: Pastor did the inurnment service for Bill Bohling May 22nd.

** Pastor officiated the marriage for Madison Panko on May 25th.

**Pastor led the releasing of ashes for Bruce Gerking May 26th.

**Pastor did the funeral service for Gene Gardner June 7th at wherry Mortuary.

**Pastor will lead worship service at Linden View June 26th.

**Pastor plans to take vacation July 22nd-August 5th. Worship service will be held jointly at Hope July 28th at 10:00 a.m. and August 4th at Grace at 8:30 a.m. PMA Fred Bredehoeft will lead worship for these services. There will be no communion on August 4th so we will have it on August 11th.

**Grace Lutheran would like to borrow our communion trays and one offering plate for their upcoming 75th Anniversary Worship service on June 23rd.

** Grace is doing a blessing of backpacks for the school children as they return to school on August 4th. We will also plan to do it for our students during our worship service.

**Pastor will be gone to Confirmation Camp June 15th-21st. Jacob Rumery will be going from Hope along with two students from Grace and one student from Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor will be returning Wednesday afternoon to do the inurnment service for the daughter of Paul Eisenhauer, Elizabeth Santoro, at Helena Cemetery.

**Pastor took part in a zoom meeting for Faith Forward on June 4th. There will be a coaching meeting sometime and also plan for a community meal activity in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: Parsonage update: The Voelkers have their basement done and are waiting on a moving date from OPPD. Keith will check in again to see if a date has been set.

**Dave Antholz will check on a date to get the front doors done.

**The organ tuner will be here tomorrow, June 13th to put in the new speakers. Dave will be there to assist him.

**We will order a \$100 bouquet of flowers for the 75th anniversary at Grace June 23rd. The Nebraska Synod Bishop, Scott Johnson, will do the sermon for the anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS: We should be receiving the propane bill for the coming winter any time.

Vacation Bible School 2024

Hosted by: Grace Lutheran, St. Paul's UCC Osage, and Hope Lutheran
All Kids Pre-K through 6th Grade are Invited to Attend.

Where: St. Paul's United Church of Christ (Osage)
3288 R Rd, Cook, NE 68329

When: July 15-19, 2024
5:30 – 7:45 pm each night
Supper provided during VBS.
VBS Kids will perform at the Community Church Service on July 21st!

RSVP: RSVP by June 30 to ensure we have the necessary
t-shirts, food, and craft supplies.

Use the QR Code to go directly to registration link or
Email [Erin Ebeler](mailto:Erin.Ebeler@gmail.com) ([eebeler@gmail.com](mailto:Erin.Ebeler@gmail.com)) or
[Carley Goracke](mailto:Carley.Goracke@yahoo.com) ([jeremyandcarley@yahoo.com](mailto:Carley.Goracke@yahoo.com)) to
request the registration link be sent to you.

No Cost to Attend.



Hope Lutheran Church-Burr July 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 Independence Day	5	6	
Church Council Chairman: Dave Antholz Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe Treas. Mark Panko Sec. Sharon Carman Decons: Keith Moss David Lubben Trevor Pope	7 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship Comm. asst. Deb	8 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	9	10 8:00 p.m. Hope Council	11 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	12	13
	14 10:00 a.m. Worship	15 7:00 p.m. Grace Council VBS 15th-19th 5:30.-7:45p.m.	16 VBS-----	17 VBS-----	18 VBS-----	19 VBS-----	20
Worship & Music Alberta Block Sharon Carman Sherri Moss	21 9:00 a.m. Worship in Windmill Park at Cook	22 Pastor on vacation 22nd-28th-----	23	24	25	26	27
Organists Alberta Block Sheri Moss Ruth Neeman							
WELCA President Marilyn Moss	28 10:00 a.m. joint Worship PMA Bredehoeft	29	30	31			

Bulletin/Newsletter

Sharon Carman

Cemetery

Dave Antholz

Russel Moss

Craig Straube

WELCA Meeting

Bible Study: Alberta

Devotions:

Hostess: All

Altar Guild

Cathy

Visitation

Cathy