

Hope Lutheran Church

August 2024

From the Pastor,

I like bread. Any kind of bread, even the green bread in my wallet. I enjoy the smell of bread, the feel of bread. Even how different loaves of bread look different from each other. I will more often than not, go past the bakery in the store I am in just to look at and smell the different breads for sale. Some people even have to squeeze the bread just to see if it is fresh, even if they are not buying any bread.

I eat less bread these days for health and weight reasons. That means I also eat pasta in moderate portions. Bread is my comfort food. Bread in the time of Jesus was a food staple. There may be nothing else to eat but a small, hard loaf of bread.

We will be spending five weeks in John 6 talking about wine and bread. Hopefully all this reading and preaching about bread will not tempt me to seek out more than I should of my comfort food. But all this discussion on bread is really about Jesus and his blood and body. Followers of Jesus begin to leave Jesus when he insists that one must eat his body and drink his blood in order to have eternal life. Many are offended and walk away from Jesus, yet he never stops insisting that he abides in us when we consume his body and blood.

John and Jesus of course are talking about Holy Communion. Jesus gives us his body and blood through bread and wine (juice, water). Jesus calls us to do this often in remembrance of his life, death, resurrection and ascension. Do this for the forgiveness of sins. Wow, what a true comfort food. A comfort food for the soul. a chance to eat and drink forgiveness of sins. Taste forgiveness, taste that the Lord is good to you.

The church is the only institution that provides this comfort food. Need to feel close to God, eat and drink Christ. Need to know that you are special and important to God, eat and drink Christ. Why do we need to attend church? Because Jesus said he abides in you when you eat his flesh and drink his blood. The only place set up to help us achieve that is the church, His body. Jesus the bread of life is my soul food staple.

Pastor Jim

Cultivating Re-Creation: We cultivated love in July. This month we are “Cultivating Re-Creation.” This is a play on the word recreation, a time to play, rest, vacation. We need time to just “be.” The first round of my vacation time was in July with a staycation ending with a play and boat ride in Brownsville. I am writing this July 15th so I have no idea if I actually rested and was recreated at that time.

The second round of my vacation will be in Goodyear, AZ with Kathy as we will rest and take care of my sister-in-law recovering from back surgery. She needed four weeks of recovery and only had three children to rotate with caregiving. Poor planning on her part.

How does God keep re-creating you in His image? Does private devotion and public worship assist you in the Holy Spirits' ability to recreate you weekly?

Church Season: We are in the church season of Time (Sundays) after Pentecost. The teachings and actions instead of his life activities like birth and death. July 28th-August 25th we will be discussing bread and how this staple in life compares to the body of Christ.

Festival Days: August 15th, Mary, Mother of Our Lord

August 24th, Bartholomew, Apostle

August 29th, The Martyrdom of John the Baptist

Monthly Schedule: Hope Worship August 4th 10:00 a.m with blessing of the backpacks

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

Hope Bible Study, August 15th, 1:30 p.m.

Grace Bible Study, August 19th, 2:00 p.m.

Grace Church Council, August 19th

Pastor will be on vacation August 10th-16th. Sunday, August 11th will be at Grace at 8:30 a.m. PMA Fred Bredehoeft will lead the service. Pastor Kate Wolfe will be available in case of emergencies. Her cell number is 316-371-0803.

BLESSING: There will be a blessing of backpacks August 4th during the worship service to kick off the school year. Any student, any age is invited to bring their backpacks to church to be blessed. Adults are also invited to bring their "backpacks" as well for a blessing.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 10, 2024

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

THE MINUTES from the June 12th meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for June	TOTAL INFLOWS	\$17,479.20
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$9,814.02
	NET TOTAL	\$7,665.18

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor officiated at the memorial service for Jim Pope, July 2nd. He also visited him at the hospital and at home.

**Pastor returned from Confirmation Camp to do the inurnment service for Elizabeth Santoro at Helena Cemetery.

**Pastor visited with Judy Lubben and Dee Stoner. Dee plans to move her membership to Hope.

**Pastor will work with Evan Pope to do his confirmation study this summer.

**We will do a "Blessing of the Backpacks" on August 4th instead of the 13th.

***VBS will be July 15th-19th at Osage 5:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. A supper meal will be served.

**Worship July 21st will be in the Cook Park at 9:00 a.m. with the VBS children singing.

OLD BUSINESS: No date on the removal of the parsonage.

**The work on the front church doors will be July 15th. Keith will stop by to assist.

**The propane contract has been sent in.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor will be on vacation July 22nd-28th and August 10th-16th. PMA Fred Bredehoeft will lead service the 28th at Hope at 10:00 a.m. and at Grace August 11th at 8:30 a.m.

**The battery in the elevator needed to be replaced and will need to be replaced again in 2028.

Counting Schedule: 7/14/24-Dave A, 7/21/24-at the park, 7/28/24-Keith, 8/4/24-Mark, comm. asst., Keith.

The next meeting will be August 14th 8:00 p.m.

We adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

JULY CULTIVATING LOVE!

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr August 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Jim Helgren				1	2	3	
9:00 Sunday School							
10:00 Worship Service *unless noted otherwise							
Church Council Chairman: Dave Anthobz Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe Treas. Mark Panko Sec. Sharon Carman Decons: Keith Moss David Lubben Trevor Pope							
Blessing of the backpacks	11 8:30 a.m. Worship at Grace	12 PMA Fred Bredehoeft	13 Emergency	14 8:00 p.m. Hope Council	15 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study	16	17 Pastor on vacation 10th-16th
Pastor Vacation—				Katie Woolf 316-371-0803			
Worship & Music Alberta Block Sharon Carman Sherri Moss	18 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	19 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	20 Asst. Nancy	21	22	23	24
Organists Alberta Block Sheri Moss Ruth Neeman	25 10:00 a.m.	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting Students & Parents	29	30	31
WELCA President Marilyn Moss							
Bulletin/Newsletter Sharon Carman							

Cemetery Dave Antholz Russel Moss Craig Straube	WELCA Meeting Bible Study: Sharon Devotions: Hostess: All	Altar Guild Marlene S. Alberta	Visitation
---	---	---	-------------------