

Hope Lutheran Church

September 2024

From the Pastor,

Kathy and my vacation time in August was a vacation with a purpose. We were there to be of help to Kathy's sister as she recovered from her recent back surgery. We did not do tourist activities but we did go for early morning walks at 6:30 a.m. when the temperature was only 86 degrees and drove around the immediate area and we discovered the deliciousness of Del Taco. We came back to Nebraska feeling relaxed and refreshed.

I did miss not being in John 6 for five Sundays. I was present for just three of the Sundays. I enjoy being reminded every three years about the importance of Holy Communion and thus the church. The eating and drinking of the body and blood of Christ gives eternal life. The Church is the only institution established by Christ to give this gift of life. My appreciation for the Lord's Supper is heightened during these five weeks of being in John 6 and talking about bread.

Our nephew discovered that walking barefoot on the sun soaked patio bricks could be very painful. Afternoon temperatures in Pebblecreek, Goodyear, Arizona were between 106 and 112 degrees during our week there. Imagine how hot the patio bricks are in hell. Jesus offers us eternal life with God. To reject this gift means having eternal life without God.

Pastor Jim

Cultivating New _____: We cultivated love, cultivated love through re-creation and this month, September, we will Cultivate Love through New _____. Take a chance or do a new God thing. Try to vary your prayer time. Try visiting with a new person to you. Add a new way of serving God. Read Scripture as a prayer or just read Scripture if that is new. Stay silent for thirty seconds and listen for the Holy Spirit to speak during your waking hours.

We can cultivate love through new questions, new ideas, and new dreams and imagination. Sometimes to move forward in our lives and or our faith we need the Holy Spirit to challenge us to do something new or different. I officially hate change yet I understand that the cross changes everything. So maybe I can embrace change (sometimes). Have fun challenging yourself this month to cultivating love through a new challenge.

Church Season: We remain in the Church Season Time After Pentecost. The color remains green and the texts continue to inform us how to live our lives for Christ. The Gospels in August reminded us the importance of receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Festival Days: September 14th, Holy Cross Day

September 21st, Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 29th, Michael and All Angels

U.S. Holidays: September 2nd, Labor Day

September 8th, Grandparents Day

September 11th, Patriot Day

September 22nd, Autumn Begins

Monthly Schedule: 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Confirmation Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th, 6:00 p.m.

ELCW Sept. 5th 7:00 p.m. at Grace

Kids for Christ, Sept. 11th 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace

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

Hope Bible Study, Sept. 12th, 1:30 p.m.

Grace Bible Study, Sept. 16th, 1:30 p.m.

Grace Church Council, Sept. 16th, 7:00 p.m.

New Members: Hunter and Shawna Thompson and their son, Jaxon have transferred their membership from Grace Lutheran Church, Cook to Hope Lutheran Church, Burr. They were received into membership during worship on August 25th.

Sydney Othmer and her daughter Paisley Rosekrans were received into membership at Hope August 25th. They came to us from another Lutheran Church.

Sydney's son, Michael Shawn Rosekrans was received into membership through rite of Infant baptism August 25th. Michael was born 7/15/2024.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church!

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes August 14, 2024

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

Council President Dave Antholz opened the meeting.

THE MINUTES from the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for July reports:

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$8,339.83
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$8,307.99
NET TOTAL	\$ 31.84

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Helgren was on vacation but sent in a written report. July 17th pastor officially met with and brought Dee Stoner into membership of Hope Lutheran Church. Also communed her. Marilyn Moss was present representing the congregation.

**Pastor met with Evan Pope for confirmation classes July 30th, August 1st and 5th. They have gone through sections on the Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, prayer and 2nd petition.

**VBS was July 15th-19th. Everything went smoothly. No Hope students were in attendance but Jacob Rumery came as a helper and Hayden Wellensiek was glad not to be the only boy helper.

**Kids for Christ begins in September.

**Confirmation meeting with parents August 28th 7:00 p.m. at Grace. Students from Hope are Jacob Rumery 8th grade, Mackenzie Sell 6th grade, Anusha Thomas 6th grade, and Jude Fricke 6th grade.

**Pastor attended a webinar "Longevity in Ministry."

**We will be bringing in two families by Letter of Transfer or Letter of Release August 25th at the Worship Service. Hunter and Shawna Thompson and son, Jaxon transfer from Grace, Cook. Shawna's sister, Sydnie Othmer St. John Lutheran, Elk Creek and her daughter Paisley Rosekrans. Baptism August 25th Michael Shawn Rosekrans.

OLD BUSINESS: No news on the parsonage move.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave will speak with Nancy Gerking and Sharon Carman regarding Sunday School start date.

**We talked about a donation to St. John Lutheran Church in Sterling to help with the damage from their fire. We will table till October.

Counting Schedule: 8/18/24-Dave A. and Mark, Comm. asst. Nancy, 8/25/24-Mark, 9/1/24-Keith, Comm. asst. Ruth, 9/8/24-Trevor.

The next meeting will be September 11th 8:00 p.m.

We adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman, recorded by Janice Beethe.

Hope Women of the ELCA are collecting items for School Kits and Health Kits. Anyone can contribute to this good cause. A list of items is located in the Narthex.

September is Cultivating New _____

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Pastor</u> Jim Helgren 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service *unless noted otherwise	1 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, comm. asst. Ruth	2 Labor Day	3	4 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	5 7:00 p.m. ELCA - Grace	6	7
<u>Church Council</u> Chairman: Dave Antholz Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe Treas. Mark Panko Sec. Sharon Carman Decons: Keith Moss David Lubben Trevor Pope	8 10:00 Worship Grandparent's Day	9	10 Patriot Day-----	11 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 8:00 p.m. Hope Council	12 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study	13	14
<u>Worship & Music</u> Alberta Block Sharon Carman Sherri Moss	15 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, comm. asst . Alberta	16 1:30 p.m. Grace Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	17	18 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	19	20	21
<u>Organists</u> Alberta Block Sheri Moss Ruth Neeman	22 10:00 a.m. Worship Autumn Begins	23 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	24	25 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	26	27	28
<u>WELCA President</u> Marilyn Moss	29 10:00 a.m.	30					
<u>Bulletin/Newsletter</u> Sharon Carman							

<u>Cemetery</u> Dave Antholz Russel Moss Craig Straube	<u>WELCA Meeting</u> Bible Study: Marilyn Devotions: Hostess: All	<u>Altar Guild</u> Sharon	<u>Visitation</u> Marilyn
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