

Hope Lutheran Church

November 2024

From the Pastor,

I kind of think that I must talk about being thankful in my newsletter article every November. After all, it is kind of the November theme in the U.S.

We thank God for our veterans and take November 11th to celebrate and remember those men and women who served or are presently serving in the military. Every Veterans Day my wife texts "Happy veterans Day" greetings to our son serving in the Army Reserves. I put the middle school Veterans Day program on my calendar to be present to honor our community veterans, but also to demonstrate to my middle school members that it is important to honor our country's veterans.

The Women of the ELCA hold their thank offering service in November. The original idea behind this concept was for members to put change into a piggy bank all year round and bring it to church to present to God to aid the ministries of the National and Synodical WELCA. This service is recognized each year at both churches the third Sunday of November, this year November 17th.

And of course the national holiday Thanksgiving Day. My desk calendar gives the day a religious tone by referring to it as a Day of Thanksgiving. For the Christians' it seems natural to make Thanksgiving Day a day to give thanks to God. And the thought to do it as a nation seems appropriate. We hold a Thanksgiving Service the night before Thanksgiving. The tone on Thanksgiving Day is more about gathering with people to watch football and / or eat one's self into a coma. In many homes there is less of a sense of giving thanks to God, and just giving thanks to one another for not "killing" each other for another year.

For Martin Luther taking time each day to recognize where God blessed you and showered grace upon you leads to one to give thanks daily to God. If one does this daily then maybe one doesn't need one day set apart to count one's blessings from God but as a nation we do. Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Jim

Church Season: The Church Season of Time After Pentecost continues through November. It ends November 30th. The last Sunday of the Church year is November 24th.

Church Festival Days: November 1st, All Saints' Day

November 3rd, All Saints' Sunday

November 10th, Martin Luther, Birth #2no, Doctor and Confessor

November 24th, Christ the King, Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 30th, Andrew, Apostle

U.S. Holidays: November 5th, Election Day

November 11th, Veterans Day

November 28th, Thanksgiving Day

Monthly Schedule: 8th Grade Confirmation Nov. 6th, 13th, 20th, 6:00 p.m.

Grace LCW Nov. 7th, 7:00 p.m. at Grace

Joint Worship at Grace Nov. 10th 10:00 a.m. (no service at Hope)

GLC Chicken Dinner Nov. 10th following Worship at Cook Comm. Bldg.

Grace Bible Study Nov. 11th, 2:00 p.m.

Grace Church Council Nov. 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Kids for Christ, Nov. 13th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace

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

Hope Bible Study, Nov. 14th, 1:30 p.m.

Thankoffering Nov. 17th, at Grace & Hope

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Nov. 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at Hope

Mission Fest: \$775 was given through Hope. ??? was given through Grace for a total of ???
This is the Mission Fest offering given to the Northern Tanzania Diocese designated for
Tanzania-Sun School in Mpanda. Martin Malory, our guest speaker, chose this particular
school because it is close to his heart and run by Sister An and Sister Ann.

Cultivating Love thru Grace: Our November theme is Cultivation Love through Grace. The women are studying God's grace this month and next month through a Bible Study using the book of Ephesians and Paul's understanding of grace even though she believes Ephesians was probably written by a disciple of Paul's and not actually Paul himself.

Jesus calls us to love one another as he has loved us sacrificially and gracefully. Love without God's grace is just an emotion and not an action. Jesus' love full of grace has him die for us on the cross in our place to bring us the forgiveness of sins and open up the kingdom of God to us as forgiven sinners. Grace changes our relationship with God. Can our cultivating love through grace change our relationship with others in our life?

Faith Forward: Parent workshop online November 7th, 7:00-8:15 p.m. Triple-A-Adult Mentors November 21st, 7:00-8:15 p.m. A mentor is any adult that spends time with children not their own. (Pastor's definition).

Friendship Home: We will again be collecting items for the Friendship Home this Christmas. The Friendship Home takes in women and children coming from abusive relationships. We will place the rack in the Narthex for items after Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 9, 2024

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

THE MINUTES from the September meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for reports: TOTAL INFLOWS \$3,974.56

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$4,428.40

NET TOTAL -\$ 453.84

September 30th balance was \$3,075.00. Money will need to be transferred from Thrivent. The Treasurer's report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor visited and communed Judy Lubben and Dee Stoner.

****Pastor completed his Boundaries training.**

****Mission Fest will be Sunday, October 13th. Martin Mallory from Nebraska Synod will present on Tanzania.**

****Pastor watched his Faith Forward workshop.**

****Pastor will lead worship October 17th at Orchard Park where his sister, Char, resides. He will lead worship at Linden View October 23rd.**

****Hope raised \$145.00 for Crop.**

****Pastor officiated at the funeral service for Paul Wilken October 8th.**

****Trunk or Treat will be at Grace October 31st 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

OLD BUSINESS: No news on the parsonage move.

****We talked about a gift to St. John's Lutheran Church in Sterling to help with their repairs from a fire. Davis Lubben made a motion to donate \$500.00. Janice Beethe seconded. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS: We are waiting to hear from Rich Lichtenfeld about the possibility of changing our insurance to another company to lower the cost of our insurance. He was not optimistic about finding another company at a better price. The cost for a six month premium has increased from \$2,365 to \$4,646. We will remove the house and garage from the policy which lowers the cost about \$600. Also we will decrease coverage on the church from 100% to 80% this still gives us replacement value if there is a claim. This will lower the cost by about \$400.

****Thanksgiving service will be at Hope with communion November 27th at 7:00 p.m. Offering goes to the Osage Food Pantry.**

****Sarah Purcell serves on Synod Council and is available to give a presentation on her travels.**

****Mission Fest offering will go to Tanzania-Sun School in Mpanda.**

Counting Schedule: 10/13/24-Keith, 10/20/24-Mark, comm asst. Jane, 10/27/24-Dave L, 11/3/24-Sharon, comm asst. Janice, 11/10/24-Dave A.

The next meeting will be November 13th 8:00 p.m. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

Health Kits & School Kits: Hope Women of the ELCA collected and packed 37 school kits and 36 health kits. These kits are a blessing to many children and families around the world who lack these basic supplies. Thank you for your generosity!

November is Cultivating Love Thru Grace

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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
Trevor Pope

Worship & Music
Alberta Block
Sharon Carman
Sherri Moss

Organists
Alberta Block
Sheri Moss
Ruth Neeman

WELCA President
Marilyn Moss

Bulletin/Newsletter
Sharon Carman

Cemetery
Dave Antholz
Russel Moss
Craig Straube

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00 Holy Communion Worship, Comm. asst. Janice; All Saints' Sunday	4 1:30 p.m. Grace Bible Study	5 Election Day Go vote	6 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	7 Grace LCW 7:00 p.m.	8 1 All Saints' Day	9
10 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship at Grace; GLC Chicken Dinner at Community Building after church	11 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study Veterans Day	12 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	13 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 8:00 p.m. Hope Council	14 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study	15	16
17 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, Comm. asst. Deb Thankoffering	18 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	19	20 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	21	22	23
24 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service-Hope	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

WELCA Meeting Altar Guild Visitation
Bible Study: Sharon
Devotions: Deb & Marilyn
Hostess: Cathy

