

Hope Lutheran Church

October 2024

From the Pastor,

Many of you are aware that my sister, Char, had a brain episode in June. Life drastically changed for her, Kathy and me. She enjoyed her new life in Nebraska.

She was happy. She also slept most of the time. She asked me why everyone was trying to get her to go to blanket making and other places because she wasn't bored and her life was full. She was busy just not their busy and she was right. She was content.

Beginning mid-July she stopped sleeping during the day. She now realized she was bored. She has been diagnosed with two types of dementia so while bored she cannot remember simple instructions from being given them to five seconds later putting the instructions to use.

September 9th she gave me permission to find a place for her to live where she wouldn't be lonely or bored. By 5:00 p.m. September 10th we think we found the perfect place for her. The week of September 23rd is stressful trying to pack with someone who cannot remember why you are taking their things.

This is all deja vu to the third degree. My grandfather and mother had Alzheimer's and my dad had a different kind of dementia. We see all three people in Char's actions.

As you can see Kathy and I have been under stress. I also have been trying to finish/start Grace and Hope's family program entitled Faith Forward.

Sometimes the unasked question screamed silently is "WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THIS!"

The answer to this question is God was in Grace and Hope. Thanks to the members who helped her not be bored or lonely. We did our best but it takes a village to raise our child. And the village our church family was there for us. I am grateful that we were able to informally form a Monday night pickleball club. People stepped up to love my sister and I thank you. People loved us and asked us how we were doing. Thank you. People were understanding and not judgemental. Thank you.

Where was God in all this? God was at Grace and in Lincoln guiding us to help Char. Thank you.

In 2010 our mantra was "Faith and Trust." This year sometimes we forgot to remind each other of that, but we did pray often for help and strength and patience. We did receive it when needed or eventually.

Where is God in all this? God was in our hearts and faith. Just sometimes God takes a while to speak up but when God does speak, listen and be grateful.

Again thank you to God and our church family. It's not over now that we moved here. Experience tells us the worst is yet to come but we have hope that we can deal with it because why would God stop helping her, us now. Faith and Trust and trying not to worry about the future until the future is today.

Pastor Jim

Church Season: We are entering the fifth month of Time (or Sundays) After Pentecost. The previous texts have told us to watch what our tongue says and to follow Jesus no matter what the cost to us.

Church Holy Days: October 18th, Luke, Evangelist

October 23rd, James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

October 28th, Simon and Jude, Apostles

October 31st, Reformation Day

U.S. Holidays: October 14th, Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day,

October 19th, Sweetest Day

October 31st, Reformation Day

Monthly Schedule: 8th Grade Confirmation Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 6:00 p.m.

Hope Bible Study, Oct. 8th, 1:30 p.m.

Kids for Christ, Oct. 9th & 23rd, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace

Hope Church Council, Oct. 9th at 8:00 p.m.

Grace Church Council, Oct. 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Mission Fest Oct. 13th, 10:00 a.m. at Hope

Grace Bible Study, Oct. 14th, 1:30 p.m.

Fall Leadership Gathering (Pastor) Oct. 21st-23rd

Trunk or Treat Oct. 31st, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Faith Forward: There are zoom workshops available for members to attend that will give training and ideas on passing on faith to the children in our lives.

Workshop dates: Grandparents, Tuesday October 1st at 10:00 a.m. It is repeated on Thursday Oct.. 24th. Link <https://forms.gle/G9RJoAsiaS2eDR65A>

Parents, Wednesday, October 9th at 1:00 p.m. repeated on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. Link <https://forms.glelyTHM2nLqHAen3fJA>

Triple-A-Adults, Mentors, Tuesday, October 15th, 1:00 p.m. repeated on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. Link <https://forms.glecquYGZvJ4mt9pasi6>

Faith leaders in our cohort have reported that those from their church who participated in the first round of workshops enjoyed them and appreciated the ideas and information presented.

There is also a poster and pastor has a handout that has a QR code one can use to register instead of using the links listed.

Crop Walk: There will not be an actual walk this year for the Crop Walk. Grace will collect an offering September 29th and October 6th using the noisy offering buckets. Hope will collect funds on October 6th.

Mission Fest: Will be held at Hope Lutheran Church at 10:00 a.m. Martin Mallory from Nebraska Synod will speak about the Synod's relationship with the Northern Tanzania Diocese. The offering will be designated for Tanzania-Sun School in Mpanda. Hope will provide main dishes and Grace salads and desserts.

Cultivating Love: Cultivating Love through making connections. Faith Forward will be holding workshops to help adults connect with the children in their lives. I will be attending the Fall Leadership Gathering where I can network with fellow pastors/faith leaders about opportunities and things that concern Grace/Hope. In 2012 I sat at a table at breakfast with the intent to listen to others talk and just eat my breakfast. I ended up with a 5 year plan for Mission Fest.

The call to not be afraid to cultivate love through meeting new people or challenges. Cultivate love by staying connected to the people we already know and learn to enjoy and appreciate these relationships.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 11, 2024

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

THE MINUTES from the August meeting were read by Pastor Helgren and approved.

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

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$2,901.25
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$4,282.60
NET TOTAL	-\$1,381.35

The August 31st balance was \$3,528.84. The Treasurer's report was approved.

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

**Confirmation this year has one 8th grade student and two 6th grade students.

**Pastor ordered and presented new Martin Luther Catechism books for confirmation. All students are using the same Bible now.

**Kids for Christ started September 11th.

**Mission Fest will be October 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Hope Lutheran.

**Pastor will take part in a Faith Forward zoom meeting October 1st.

**Pastor will attend the Fall Leadership Gathering October 21st-23rd.

**Pastor will lead worship at Linden View October 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: No news on the parsonage move.

**Sunday School will start October 6th.

**Action on a gift to St. John's Lutheran Church Sterling was tabled till next month.

NEW BUSINESS: Mission Fest will be at Hope October 13th at 10:00 a.m. Hope will supply the meat dishes and Grace the cold dishes.

**Crop Walk will be October 6th. We will not have walkers but will ask for donations.

**Cleaning out the garage west of the parsonage was tabled till the next meeting.

Counting Schedule: 9/15/24-Keith, Alberta, Comm. asst., 9/22/24-Mark, 9/29/24-Trevor, 10/6/24-Keith, comm. asst. Russel.

The next meeting will be October 9th 8:00 p.m. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman, recorded by Janice Beethe.

Hope Lutheran Women of the ELCA

September 19, 2024

The September WELCA meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Marilyn Moss. Those present were Marilyn, Sharon, Alberta and Pastor.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,639.81.

Mission Community, Outreach and Education were discussed. LWR school kits and personal care kits are being packed. A Thrivent card was used to help purchase a nice amount of supplies to add to what was donated by church members. Items will still be packed if donated by October 13th.

Pastor stated that a plate for Crop Walk donations will be in the narthex the first Sunday in October.

Mission Festival is Sunday, October 13th. It is a joint service with Grace and Hope in Burr. The meal following the service will be cold items from Grace and hot foods prepared by Hope members.

Thanksgiving eve service is November 27th at Hope. Social time and snacks will follow the service.

The offering was collected. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Alberta Block

Health Kits & School Kits: 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. Please have your donation here by October 13th.

October is Cultivating Love

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

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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

Decons: 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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	3	4	5
6 10:00 Holy Communion Worship, Comm. asst. Russel	7 1:30 p.m. Grace Bible Study	8 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study	9 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 8:00 p.m. Hope Council	10	11	12
13 10:00 a.m. Worship Mission Fest meal to follow worship	14 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study Columbus Day	15	16 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	17	18	19
20 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, Comm. asst. Jane	21 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study Fall Leadership Pastor gone	22	23 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	24	25	26
27 10:00 a.m.	28	39	30	31 Halloween Trunk or Treat 5:00-6:30 p.m.		

Cemetery

Dave Antholz

Russel Moss

Craig Straube

WELCA Meeting

Bible Study: Alberta

Devotions:

Hostess:

Altar Guild

Janice

Visitation

Nancy