

Hope Lutheran Church

March 2025

From the Pastor,

Epiphany Season is over. The time of seeing God's light shine in darkness, and observing God in the simple, ordinary things in life. A star word was handed out at Grace to help one focus on God speaking to you in January and February.

Continue to let God speak to you through your star word. I will continue to "Be" in March. As in "Be" busy. Lent is a time when Pastors and churches add to their schedule but nothing is removed. My wife found it interesting that during the Lenten Holy Week non-member friends would ask how her husband was holding up during this time while members were confused by the question. Non-members would point out that there was a lot of worship happening during Holy Week. Members response was "Oh, yeah."

Sometimes we take each other for granted. But we also just do what we need to do to make the church run and offer the activities necessary to assist us in our faith. Don't forget to check in with each other during Lent. Some may be struggling with the extra time devoted to church in Lent. Some may be experiencing Lent for the first time without their loved one.

For those with or without a star word, let us include the word "grace" as our lenten star word. Lent is observed to prepare for Holy Week and the last Three Days. Lent is our time to prepare to receive God's grace coming off the cross. Let us focus on "grace" and how the word will speak to us in March and April.

Pastor Jim

Church Season: The Church Season of Time After Epiphany ends with the Transfiguration of Our Lord March 2nd. The Lenten Season begins March 5th with Ash Wednesday Services. The Lenten Season will run through April 13th.

Church Festival Days: March 2nd, Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 25th, Annunciation of Our Lord

U.S. Holidays: March 9th, Daylight Savings Time begins

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

March 20 Spring Begins

Monthly Schedule: 8th Grade Confirmation Mar. 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th 6:00 p.m. at Grace

Kids for Christ, Mar. 12th, & 26th 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Grace

Hope Church Council, Mar. 12th at 7:30 p.m

Lenten Schedule: March 5th Ash Wednesday at Grace at 7:00 p.m.

March 12th Lenten Service at Hope at 7:00 p.m.

March 13th Lenten Lunch at Grace at 11:30 a.m.

March 19th Lenten Service at Grace at 7:00 p.m.

March 20th Lenten Lunch at Grace at 11:30 a.m.

March 26th Lenten Service at Hope 7:00 p.m.

March 27th Lenten Lunch at Grace 11:30 a.m.

April 2nd Lenten Service at Grace 7:00 p.m.

April 3rd Lenten Lunch at Grace at 11:30 a.m.

April 9th Lenten Service at Hope at 7:00 p.m.

April 10th Lenten Lunch at Grace at 11:30 a.m.

The Thursday Luncheon Midweek Worship includes the worship and theme from the night before and lunch. People may begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. Worship will begin at 11:45 a.m. with lunch being served 11:47 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The service will continue following the meal. People may arrive and leave as their schedule permits.

We will use the Nebraska Synod material "Cultivating Love Through Call, Response and Conversation, A Lenten Journey."

Themes for Midweek: March 12/13 We Respond with our Hands

March 19/20 We respond with our Voice

March 26/27 We respond with our Time

Cultivating Love: The theme for March is Cultivating Love Through Response. We cultivate love when we respond to the gospel of Jesus in positive ways. God cultivates love in us through the Holy Spirit using the gospel to foster faith in us in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus instructs us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We do this as a response to the gospel. Sunday, February 23rd the Gospel of Luke told us this love should even extend to our enemies. It is not always easy to respond to God's love by loving other people. Are there people in your life that make it difficult to respond to them in loving ways? Cultivating love is not always an easy thing to do. Just ask Jesus about that on April 18th.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 16, 2025

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

THE MINUTES from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for January reports: **TOTAL INFLOWS \$3,867.51**
TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$5,821.27

NET TOTAL -\$1,953.76

The January 31st balance was \$4,740.76. The Treasurer's report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor visited and communed Judy Lubben, Dee Stoner and Carol Speth. Carol is now out of rehab and in the care center part of Gateway Vista.

**Pastor will lead worship at Linden View February 26th.

**They will reschedule confirmation at Grace as the young man was ill.

**The grandparent workshop of Faith Forward is at 6:00 tonight on Zoom.

**Pastor will lead worship at Orchard Park.

**Pastor has one more article for the Tecumseh Chieftain.

OLD BUSINESS: We acknowledged Keith Moss as our outgoing deacon and welcomed Mark Rumery as deacon.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed purchasing the cranberry hymnal. We will visit this again next month.

**We need three people to serve on a Homework Committee to gather information about Hope. Russel Moss, Dave Antholz, and Mark Rumery will serve on this. The Nebraska Synod will meet with the committees from Hope and Grace to let them know their duties.

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED: Pastor also stated that churches need to have a grief period when a pastor leaves. After the pastor is gone then a call committee can be gathered.

****There are some lightbulbs that need to be replaced. The men will see to this following the meeting.**

****Dave Antholz will be gone February 26th-March 5th and March 12th-23rd.**

Counting Schedule: 2/23/25-Dave A., 3/2/25-Dave L., Comm. asst. Deb, 3/9/25-Sharon.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

March is Cultivating Love Thru Response



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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: David Lubben
Trevor Pope
Mark Rumery

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
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2 10:00 Holy Communion Worship Transfiguration of our Lord	3	4	5 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Ash Wednesday at Grace	6	7	8
9 10:00 a.m. Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	11	12 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Lent -Hope 7:30 Council	13 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace	14	15
16 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Only Confirmation 7:00 Lent -Grace	20 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Spring Begins	21	22
23 and 30 10:00 a.m. Worship	24 and 31	25 Annunciation of Our Lord	26 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Lent -Hope	27 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace	28	29

WELCA Meeting
Bible Study: Sharon
Devotions:
Hostess:

Altar Guild
Janice & Becky

Visitation
Nancy

