

Hope Lutheran Church

April 2025

From the Pastor,

Jesus Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! He Is Risen Indeed!

Wait, don't say that yet. We have a long time yet to live without alleluias and focus on life. We are still in Lent walking to the cross and death. We are still repenting and being penitent. We shouldn't rush to alleluias yet. Life has not arisen from death yet.

We need to face death with Christ. We need to remember there is a price to Jesus and God in order to give us Life. The death of Jesus as us, human, can give us hope that death may not be the end of life as we know it. But Jesus dying does remind us all things die. Death is death unless it is not.

Holy Saturday is a day of sorrow and hopelessness. For the disciples it is a day to wait for nothing. A Sabbath day where work was forbidden but who wants to work when one is full of such great sorrow and hopelessness. Mary and the other woman/women could not wait until Sunday when they could at least do something besides just wait in hopelessness. Something was better than doing nothing. The male disciples did nothing except grieve and be confused as to what to do next.

We can sit in a locked room and do nothing when we feel hopeless or we can leave the safety of the room and seek Jesus. The women gave up safety and found the Risen Lord. April 20th we come to church to proclaim: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! Sometimes one must live in the hopelessness in order to find the Hope in Christ.

P.S. Take a look at the calendar over his desk in Pastor's office at Grace to understand why he can't wait until March is over. He keeps feeling as if he is being watched and judged.

Pastor Jim

Church Season: The Time in Lent continues in April. Holy Week begins April 13th with Palm Sunday and continues through Holy Saturday. The Time of Easter Church Season begins April 20th with the Resurrection of Our Lord. The Time In Easter Season continues into June.

Church Festival Days: April 9th, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theologian, died 1945

April 13th, Holy Week, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
April 13th-19th, Holy Week
April 17th, Maundy Thursday
April 18th, Good Friday
April 20th, The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 25th, Mark, Evangelist

Jewish Festival Days: April 12th, Passover begins

U.S. Holidays: April 15th, Tax Day

April 22nd, Earth Day

April 23rd, Administrative Professionals Day

Monthly Schedule: April 2nd,5th, 16th, 23rd,8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 p.m. at Grace

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

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

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

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

April. 9th, Hope Church Council following Lenten Service

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

April 10th, Pastor leads Worship at Orchard Park 2:45 p.m.

April 14th, Grace Bible Study 2:00 p.m, at Grace

April 17th, Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. at Hope

April 18th, Good Friday 7:00 p.m. at Grace

April 20th, Resurrection of Our Lord 8:30 a.m. Grace, 10:00 a.m. Hope

April 23rd, Pastor leads Worship at Linden View at 2:00 p.m.

Monthly Schedule Cont: April 27th, Rite of Confirmation 8:30 a.m. at Grace

Lenten Schedule: April 2nd Lenten Service at Grace 7:00 p.m. "We Respond With Talents"

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

April 9th Lenten Service at Hope at 7:00 p.m. "What Is Holding Us Back"

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

Holy Week: April 13th, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday 10:00 a.m.

April 17th, Holy (Maundy) Thursday 7:00 p.m. at Hope

April 18th, Good Friday 7:00 p.m. at Grace

April 20th, The Resurrection of Our Lord 10:00 a.m.

Cultivating Love Through Creation: The April theme invites us to view creation through the eyes of Lent, Holy Week and Easter as God not only reconciles us to Godself but also nature and all of creation. Spring allows us to appreciate the sun, rain, new growth and opportunities to be loved and to love.

Rite of Confirmation, Grace: April 2th at 8:30 a.m. Worship Service Samatha Effken and Kenna Thomas will make their Affirmation of Baptism and become confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 11, 2025

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

THE MINUTES from the February meeting were reviewed and it was noted Trevor Pope was absent..

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for February reports: **TOTAL INFLOWS \$3,361.19**
TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$4,318.24

NET TOTAL -\$ 957.05

The February 28th balance was \$3,783.71.. The Treasurer's report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor visited and communed Judy Lubben, Dee Stoner and Carol Speth. Bruce Reinsche is now at Good Samaritan Society Syracuse.

****Pastor will lead worship at Linden View every fourth Wednesday.**

****The Ash Wednesday service was recorded due to the snow.**

****Pastor will lead worship at Orchard Park March 13th.**

****Pastor will have Thursday Lenten Lunches at Grace starting at 11:30. Lunch will be served.**

****Pastor officiated at the funeral service for Jodi Bridgmon March 10th.**

****Pastor attended the Cluster Meeting March 11th.**

**** Pastor will set up a prayer table with battery candles for our Lenten services. People can come forward as desired to pray and light a candle.**

****Pastor is again in the Lions Club Melodrama April 11th & 12th, and 25th & 26th.**

****The palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday from the Added Touch.**

OLD BUSINESS: We discussed buying the cranberry hymnal and tabled it till another time.

****The Homework committee is ready and on hold for now.**

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED: A light bulb was replaced upstairs and one downstairs will be done soon.

****The fire extinguishers were checked.**

****Lenten offering will go to Oaks Indian Mission.**

NEW BUSINESS: Maundy Thursday will be at Hope at 7:00 p.m. April 17th.

****Confirmation for Jacob Rumery will be May 18th.**

****Dave Antholz will be gone March 12th-23rd.**

****Mark Rumery requested to use the basement for Preston's graduation party May 18th. It was approved.**

Counting Schedule: 3/16/25-Sharon, Cm. ser. Trevor, 3/23/25-Dave L., 3/30/25-Dave A.. 4/5/25 Dave A., Cm Ser., Nancy.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9th following Lenten Worship. We adjourne with the Lord's Prayer. Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

Hope Luthran WELCA March 18, 2025

Marilyn, Sharon, Alberta and Pastor met on Tuesday, March 18th for Bible Study led by Sharon.

The General meeting was called to order by Marilyn. The minutes of the last meeting were presented and approved. The Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,126.81 was approved.

Marilyn announced the Spring Gathering would be at St. John's in Beatrice on April 5th. Cathy, treasurer, is sending a \$50 offering from Hope WELCA.

Sharon will put a reminder in the bulletin that Easter Lilies can be brought to the church to beautify our sanctuary for Easter.

Memorial Luncheon Saturday, May 24th. Alberta is planning to work beside someone this year to plan, purchase supplies and serve the luncheon. Then next year the new person will take over the responsibility. Alberta and Judy have done this since 1984 with lots of great help from church members.

Our next Bible Study will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 1:30 since the following week is Holy Week.

Respectfully,

Alberta Block

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April Fools' Day	2 6:00 p.m. confirmation, 7:00 Lent Grace	3 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace	4	5 WELCA Spring Gathering Confirmation
6 10:00 Holy Communion Worship	7	8 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study	9 4:00 Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Lent Hope	10 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch at Grace	11	12 Passover begins
13 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship	14 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	15 Tax Day	16 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	17 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at Hope	18 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at Grace	19
20 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Easter Worship	21	22 Earth Day	23 2:00 Linden View Worship, 4:00 Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Only Confirmation	24	25	26
27 10:00 a.m. Worship	29	30				

Cemetery
Dave Antholz
Russel Moss
Craig Straubee

WELCA Meeting
Bible Study: Pastor
Devotions:
Hostess:

Kim & Nancy

Marilyn