

Hope Lutheran Church

June 2025

From the Pastor,

The theme for the Nebraska Synod Assembly is **Imagine! Imagine! Imagine!** I will be more able to explain what we are to imagine after the assembly is over. I have been told that there will not be a Synod yearly theme for 2025-2026. We will stop Cultivating Love at the end of May as the Synod Church year theme comes to an end.

But wait! If memory serves me well, Grace and Hope have an additional theme for 2025. Our church theme is to be Christlike. Being Christ-like explains why we cultivate love for God, others, and self. That is what Christ would do. But it is more than just asking the question, "What would Christ do?" As a popular Evangelical youth leader, challenge for their youth. The question is, "What is Christ-like?" It is allowing the Holy Spirit to transform your old human nature to be more like the very nature of Christ.

I no longer am kind because God expects me to be kind and being unkind probably breaks a commandment or two. I am kind because that is the nature of Christ. Kindness is a gift of the Spirit. A gift that makes me Christ-like. Our challenge in 2025 is to allow the Holy Spirit to work the Spirit's gifts in us not to just make us Christ-like. We are kind because God is part of being in the new nature God has begun in us since we were baptized.

Plus, don't forget you have a "star" word for the year. Mine is "be".

Pastor Jim

Church Season: The last Sunday of Easter is June 1st. The Sundays After Pentecost begins June 15th. Time After Pentecost is six months of the Church just living as children of God. The scriptures chosen guide us in being Christ-like in our faith journey.

Church Festival Days: June 8th, Day of Pentecost

June 11th, Barnabas, Apostle

June 12th, The Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, AD 325

June 24th, The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 25th, Philip Melanchthon, renewer of the Church and author of the Augsburg Confession

Church Festival Days: June 25th, Augsburg Confession

June 29th, St. Peter and St Paul, Apostles

U.S. Holidays: June 14th, Flag Day

June 15th, Father's Day

June 19th, Juneteenth, National Independence Day

June 20th, Summer begins

Monthly Schedule: June 1st, Joint Worship at Grace 10:00 a.m. streaming Nebraska Synod

Assembly Worship 10:00-11:30 a.m.

June 1st, Hope Council 7:00 p.m.

June 8th & 22nd, Communion Sundays at Hope

June 12th, Pastor leads worship at Orchard Park 2:30 p.m.

June 15th-20th, Pastor at Confirmation Camp

June 29th, Burr Community Worship 11:00 a.m. at Hope

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 4, 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 April meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Mark Panko for March reports: **TOTAL INFLOWS \$8,412.55**

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$8,374.98

NET TOTAL \$ 37.57

The April 30th balance was \$3,241.49. The Treasurer's report was approved.

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

**Pastor officiated the funeral service for Luetta Bruns and Gayleen Eden at Grace.

**Pastor will lead worship at Orchard Park May 8th.

****Tanzania Bishop Shoo will be touring Nebraska and be here for our Saturday Memorial Lunch May 24th.**

OLD BUSINESS: Confirmation for Jacob Rumery will be May 18th.

****Someone will need to adjust the thermostat while Dave Antholz is gone and Cathy Steinkuhler is out.**

****VBS is July 14th-18th at Grace with Sunday Worship in the Cook park July 20th.**

****Anusha, MacKensie and Jude will be going to camp from June 16th-20th.**

NEW BUSINESS: A thank you has been sent to Ruth Heitbrink for the delicious rolls for Easter Sunday.

****Sharon will send a thank you to Russel Moss and Keith Moss for purchasing the grass seed.**

****Sharon will send a thank you to Bill Volkmer for doing the grass seeding for us..**

****The joint Burr Community Worship Service will be June 29th at Hope. Pastor Karen Lamb will preach.**

****Sunday School money needs to be picked up while Dave Antholz is gone. Trevor will do this.**

****Janice Beethe will be gone May 25th and June 29th someone will need to count and record the offering on those Sundays.**

****June 1st is the Synod Assembly and we will have joint worship with Grace as the worship service will be streamed.**

Counting Schedule: 5/11/25 Trevor; 5/18/25 Sharon, Keith, comm. server; 5/25/25 Sharon; 6/1/25 at Grace; 6/8/25 Dave L. comm. server, Russel; 6/15/25 Trevor; 6/22/25 Sharon, comm. server, Janice; 6/29/25 Dave A.

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 1st 7:00 p.m. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

HOPE LUTHERAN WELCA MAY 15, 2025

Marilyn, Sharon, Alberta and Pastor Jim met on May 15th for Bible Study and General Meeting. The Secretary's report was presented as well as the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,116.81.

Mission Community, Alberta, reported on plans for the Memorial Saturday Luncheon. Megan Pope has consented to take over as the new person in charge of this event. Alberta and Megan are working together to prepare for this year's luncheon with help from others.

Mission Outreach, Sharon noted that it's not too early to begin collecting for Lutheran World Relief school kits and personal care kits.

WELCA donations from last year were perused and will be considered at a later meeting.

October 5th will be our Mission Sunday and a time to celebrate Pastor's birthday and 40th year of ordination. The service will be at Grace and they will let us know how we can help.

The June meeting date will be determined later.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned. Offering was received and Lord's Prayer recited.

Respectfully submitted, Alberta Block

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Jim Helgren						
9:00 Sunday School						
10:00 Worship Service						
*unless noted otherwise						
Church Council						
Chairman: Dave Antholz	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe						
Treas. Mark Panko						
Sec. Sharon Carman						
Decons: David Lubben						
Worship						
8 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day
Worship						
Alberta Block	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sharon Carman						
Sherri Moss						
Organists						
Alberta Block	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sheri Moss						
Ruth Neeman						
WELCA President						
Marilyn Moss	29	30				
Bulletin/Newsletter						
Sharon Carman						

Cemetery	WELCA Meeting	Altar Guild	Visitation
Dave Antholz	Bible Study:	Marilyn & Deb	Sheri
Russel Moss	Devotions:		
Craig Straube	Hostess:		