

Hope Lutheran Church

August 2025

From the Pastor,

From the rising of the setting sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised! ESV Psalm 113:3. This was the VBS Bible verse for the week. There was also a different daily Bible verse we read every day.

When we wake up we get to praise God that we didn't wake up dead. When we lie down to sleep we can praise God that we made it through the day. One of the gifts given to us from God is the opportunity from sunrise to sunset to observe God's actions in our life and praise God about them.

Thanks and praise go hand in hand. When I count or notice a blessing from God then I can thank God for it but that thanks can lead to praise. When I praise God for something like a beautiful sunset, often that praise leads to thanking God for the sunset.

Seeking reasons to thank and praise God can help us put our lives in different perspectives. My knee hurts the most when I stand up after I have been sitting. While sitting I can praise God my knee does not hurt. When I get up and the pain ramps up I can praise God I didn't fall down and I am able to move. The longer I walk the less the pain, praise God.

There are reasons to complain about one's life but I prefer to seek more reasons to praise and thank God.

Pastor Jim

Church Season: We remain in the Church Season of Time (Sundays) After Pentecost. The Sunday texts teach and challenge us to be Christlike.

Church Festival Days: August 15th, Mary, Mother of Our Lord

August 24th, Bartholomew, Apostle

Backpacks: The new tradition at Grace and Hope of blessing the student backpacks will be during each worship on Sunday, August 10th. Students should bring their backpacks to church that morning and we will bless them and students will receive a backpack tag.

Monthly Schedule: August 10th, 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks
August 11, 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study
August 13th, 8:00 p.m. Hope Council
August 18th, 7:00 p.m. Grace Council
August 21st, 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study
August 27th, 2:00 p.m. Pastor leads Worship at Linden View
August 28th, 2:45 p.m. Pastor leads Worship at Orchard Park

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes July 16, 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 June meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$3,416.77
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$3,949.36
NET TOTAL	-\$532.59

\$10,000 was transferred from savings. Balance June 30th was \$3,601.70

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

**Pastor led worship at Orchard Park July 10th.

**Pastor will lead worship at Linden View July 30th.

**Pastor will be on vacation July 22nd-30th. PMA Fred Brettehhoeft will lead worship on July 27th. It will be a joint service at Hope at 10:00 a.m. Pastor will also be off August 17th.

**VBS is going well. There were 33 students and plenty of helpers from all three churches.

**August 10th we will bless the backpacks in church.

**6th & 7th grade confirmation class has met over the summer and will be ready to be confirmed next year.

**Church records have been updated.

OLD BUSINESS: Homework committee has received their workbooks and will review the first two chapters before the next council meeting.

**Pastor will check to see if we have any bill for the VBS children from Hope.

**Worship on July 20th is at 9:00 a.m. in the Cook Park. VBS children will sing.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a meeting of councils from Faith Lutheran, Talmage, Grace Lutheran, Cook, and Hope Lutheran, Burr, August 7th at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday School will resume the Sunday following Labor Day.

**Propane contract has been sent in.

Counting Schedule: 7/27/25 Trevor, 8/3/25 Dave L., Comm. Server, Nancy, 8/10/25 Mark R. 8/17/25 Sharon, Comm. Server, Keith

The next meeting will be August 13th 7:30 p.m. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

Hope Lutheran WELCA July 17, 2025

Bible Study and General Meeting was held on July 17th. Those present were Marilyn, Sharon Diane, Gerri, Alberta and Pastor Helgren.

The Secretary's report from the May meeting was presented. Cathy reported a balance on hand of \$1,711.81.

Alberta reported on the Memorial luncheon. The crowd was a bit smaller due to conflicts but those who attended seemed to enjoy having lunch and a place to visit. Megan Pope will head up next year's event.

Sharon reported that we will be using Thrivent money to help purchase items for Lutheran World Relief School kits and personal care kits. A nice amount of items have already been donated. Sharon is planning a day (July 22nd, 10:00 a.m) when Mackenzie and Anusha can help us pack some of the items.

Marilyn reminded us that September General Meeting officers will be elected.

It was voted to donate \$100 to each of the following: NE Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Peoples City Mission, Lutheran Family Services, Mosaic, Good Samaritan Society Syracuse, Otoe County Food Pantry and PBS.

Also, \$200 to Mission Festival on October 5th.

Marilyn noted that the Saved to Serve time is August 8-10th at Mosaic in Beatrice.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned and we closed with our Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Alberta Block

Notes from Confirmation Camp: At camp I was really nervous about meeting new people and what our schedule was but on the third day I realized how fun it was. We got to ride horses and went swimming every night. You also didn't have to worry about ticks which was wonderful! Mackenzie Sell

Camp was really fun. The mud hike was my favorite part of camp even though it was really hard even though it was really hard to get the mud off. The food was really good. The high ropes course was really scary but fun making it worth the scare. Pink fluffy unicorns for life. We did pretty good, I would say. Anusha Thomas

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr

August 2025

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Jim Helgren						1	2
9:00 Sunday School							
10:00 Worship Service *unless noted otherwise	3 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9
Church Council Chairman: Dave Antholz Fin. Sec. Janice Bee the Treas. Mark Panko Sec. Sharon Carman Decons: David Lubber Trevor Pope Mark Rumet	10 10:00 a.m. Worship	11 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	12 Blessing of the Backpacks	13 7:30 p.m. Hope Council	14	15	16
Worship & Music Alberta Block Sharon Carman Sherri Moss	17 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	18 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	19	20	21 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study & General Meeting	22	23
Organists Alberta Block Sheri Moss Ruth Neeman					27 2:00 Linden View Worship	28 2:45 p.m. Orchard Park Worship	
WELCA President Marilyn Moss	24 10:00 a.m. Worship	25 31 10:00 a.m. Worship	26			29	30
Bulletin/Newsletter Sharon Carman							

Cemetery	WELCA Meeting	Altar Guild	Visitation
Dave Antholz Russel Moss Craig Straube	Bible Study: Sharon Devotions: Hostess:	Marlene	Alberta