

Hope Lutheran Church

November 2025

From the Pastor,

The November Tower Echoes (Hope Newsletter) article is always about giving thanks to God. This article is about me doing thanks.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Mission Festivals and or contributed to the mission project Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The Churches raised over \$2,800 for the two churches accounts. This fund is just sitting like a fireman just waiting for the next fire to breakout. When someone calls me and says my life is falling apart and I need help with my electric bill or the power will be turned off. I can now say meet me in my office and we'll see how I can help you. I worry about their dignity as well as their needs. I try to treat those in need the way I wanted to be treated in my past time of need. Again thank you for teaming with me, helping people in their time of crises. I do report to the church councils when I help someone from the PDF but do not use names. This is part of being accountable for the use of the fund.

Thank you to Mike and Penny Weber for making, decorating and baking the 40th Anniversary of Ordination and my 70th Birthday cakes. Thank you to the servers and everyone who helped in some way and or came to the celebration. I found it very meaningful.

Thank you to both congregations for the Moostash Joe gift certificate. It is a use it or lose it deal and we will use it. After our first bus trip this year we have made a list of at least four bus trips we would like to take in the next two years.

I would like to thank Kathy for being my partner in ministry for the last forty-five years, married forty-four. Next year I skip my birthday and celebrate forty-five years of marriage. One pastor friend once shook his head and smirking said, "How does Kathy put up with you?"

And of course, I want to thank God for calling me and then equipping me for ministry. And thank you for calling me here out of your need at the time but then out of desire to be church together at Grace and Hope.

Pastor Jim

Festival Days: November 1st, All Saints Day

November 10th, Martin Luther birth, Doctor and Confessor

November 23rd, Christ the King Sunday

November 30th, St Andrew, Apostle and First Sunday in Advent

U.S. Holidays: November 4th, Election Day

November 11th, Veterans Day

November 27th, Thanksgiving Day

Church Season: We are still in the Church Season of Time After Pentecost. November 30th begins the Season of Advent, the time to prepare the building and our hearts to celebrate the birth of God's Son.

Monthly Schedule: Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6th, 7th, & 8th

November 10th, 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study

November 12th 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

November 12th, 7:30 p.m. Hope Council

November 16th, Joint Worship at Grace 10:00 a.m.; Creamed Chicken

Dinner at Cook Community Building

November 20th, 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study

November 23rd, Thank offering during Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

November 24th, 7:00 p.m. Grace Council

November 26th, 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at Grace

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 15, 2025

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

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

THE MINUTES from the September meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

TOTAL INFLOWS \$3,206.65

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -\$5,496.86

NET TOTAL -\$2,290.21

Balance September 30th was \$3.216.53.

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

**Pastor had a funeral service at Grace October 14th for Eunice Weber.

**Sunday School has started. Teachers are Nancy Gerking and Vanessa Sell, Sharon Carman leads music.

****Hope collected \$1,400 for the Pastor's Discretionary Account from Mission Fest.**

****A Nebraska Synod Listening Post was held at Grace with 17 people in attendance. We discussed the different ways our churches reach out to help others.**

OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS: **The council opted to reduce the coverage on the church to reduce the insurance premium.

****November 16th we will have a joint worship at Grace at 10:00 a.m. Grace will have their annual cream chicken dinner at the community building.**

****The church propane tank was painted by Bottula Propane.**

****The south entry door needs some repairs. We will evaluate and determine what needs to be done.**

****The kitchen floor drain was plugged and Blessing from Tecumseh took care of this**

Counting Schedule: 10/19/25 Dave A., Comm. Ser. Janice, 10/26/25 Trevor, 11/2/25 Sharon, Comm. Ser. Deb., 11/9/25 Dave J.

The next meeting will be on November 12th 7:30 p.m. We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer
Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman

The WELCA ladies would like to thank all of you for contributing to the Lutheran World Relief School Kits and Health Kits. We also want to thank Mackenzie Sell and Anusha Thomas for helping us pack them. We had 40 school kits and 38 Health Kits. Pastor Helgren blessed them and they will be delivered to Omaha by our church friends at Grace. Many thanks to all!

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr October 2025

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

Deacons: 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

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Sharon Carman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints Day
2 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship All Saints Sunday	3	4 Election Day	5 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	6	7	8
9 10:00 a.m. Worship	10 2:00 p.m. Grace Bible Study	11 Veterans Day	12 4:00 Kids for Christ 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:30 p.m. Hope Council	13	14	15
16 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship joint service at Grace dinner	17	18	19 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	20 1:30 p.m. Hope Bible Study	21	22
23 10:00 a.m. Worship	24 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	25	26 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service @ Grace	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 10:00 Worship						

Cemetery

Dave Antholz

WELCA Meeting

Bible Study: Sharon

Altar Guild

Deb & Marilyn

Visitation

Cathy

