

# Hope Lutheran Church

## April 2026

From the Pastor,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**

When texting using all CAPS is a way of expressing ANGER. Caps can also express excitement or emphasize an exclamation.

The devil probably would use caps to express the anger of thinking God lost humanity when the devil convinced the religious leaders and the Roman governor to kill the Son of God. The death of Jesus meant whatever God's plan was to use the Son to save humanity thwarted with the death of the Son. Who could have guessed that the death of the Son was part of the plan. Who would sacrifice their life for stupid humans?

The women who went to the tomb of Jesus Easter morning attended with grief and left with excitement and fear. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus returned to Jerusalem EXCITED to proclaim the resurrection to the apostles and others.

The angels used caps to send a text to the devil to express the joy of knowing that God is more powerful and wise than the devil ever can be.

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!!! HA! HA!!! GOD WINS! YOU LOSE! HUMANITY IS SAVED! HA HA!!!**  
Have a **HAPPY EASTER** because **JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN!!! INDEED!!!**

Pastor Jim

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**Festival Days: April 1st, Wednesday in Holy Week**

**April 2nd, Maundy or Holy Thursday**

**April 3rd, Good Friday**

**April 4th, Holy Saturday**

**April 5th, The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**April 25th, Mark, Evangelist**

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**U.S. Holidays: April 1st, April Fool's Day**

**April 5th, Easter**

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

**April 22nd Administrative Professional Day & Earth Day**

**Jewish Holiday: Passover Begins**

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**Monthly Schedule: April 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation at Grace 6:00 p.m.**

**April 8th, & 22nd, Kids for Christ at Grace 4:00 p.m.**

**April 2nd, Maundy Thursday, at Grace 7:00 p.m.**

**April 3th, Good Friday, at Hope 7:00 p.m.**

**April 7th, Meeting with Synod Rep., Amy Wood, with Faith, Grace & Hope councils at Grace 7:00 p.m.**

**April 8th, Hope Council 7:00 p.m. Workbook Committee**

**April 13th, Grace and Hope Bible Study at Grace 2:00 p.m.**

**April 22nd, Pastor leads worship at Linden View 2:00 p.m.**

**April 26th, Rite of Confirmation at Grace 8:30 a.m.**

**April 26th, Rite of Confirmation at Hope 10:00 a.m.**

**April 17th, Grace Church Council 7:00 p.m.**

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**Church Seasons: April begins with us being in the middle of Holy Week. Not really Lent but not, not Lent. Holy Week leads us to Sunday, April 5th, the Resurrection of Our Lord. The season following will be known as the Time of Easter. It is a joyous time to praising God for using Jesus, the Son, to conquer sin, death, and the power of the devil for us. The Church Season will continue until May 24th.**

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**Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 15, 2026**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Helgren, Janice Beethe, Keith Moss, Megan Pope, Trevor Pope, Mark Rumery, and Sharon Carman. Dave Antholz was absent.

**Pastor Helgren opened the meeting with prayer.**

**THE MINUTES from the February meeting were reviewed and approved.**

**Council Minutes Continued:**

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT:** by Megan Pope for Febr. reports: **TOTAL INFLOWS** \$4,726.07  
**TOTAL OUTFLOWS** -\$4,314.08  
**NET TOTAL** \$ 411.99

Balance February 28th was \$6,005.87. The treasurer's report was approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor visited and communed Judy Lubben, he was not able to see Carol Speth.

**\*\*Pastor led worship at Orchard Park February 19th.**

**\*\*Pastor led worship at Linden View February 25th.**

**\*\*Pastor will lead worship at Orchard Park March 19th.**

**\*\*April 3rd will be Good Friday worship at Hope.**

**\*\*April 26th will be the Rite of Confirmation for Mackenzie Sell and Anusha Thomas. We will ask the girls to still light the candles next year.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Lenten offerings will go to Oaks Indian Mission.

**\*\*We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following Easter Worship.**

**\*\*April 18th is a presentation by synod staff "On the Road Show" discussing the future of God's church.**

**Counting Schedule:** 3/22/26 Keith, 3/29/26 Sharon, 4/5/26 Mark, Comm. Ser. Nancy,

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. We will also have a Workbook Committee meeting.**

**We excused Pastor Helgren and then worked on the Workbook Committee and closed with the Lord's Prayer.**

**Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.**

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**An abbreviated meeting of Hope Lutheran WELCA met on Monday, March 9, 2026. Those present were Pastor, Marilyn, Sharon, and Alberta.**

**It was decided to send a \$50 offering to the Spring Conference which will be on March 14th.**

Marilyn and Alberta are ordering the Gather magazine for the upcoming year. Sharon has already ordered hers.

An offering for the last few months was made and will be given to Cathy (treasurer). Cathy sends a share of offerings to synod.

It was decided to purchase two Easter lilies to adorn our church.

Marilyn thanked those who brought February donations to the City Mission.

No further business.

Respectfully, Alberta Block

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

With thankful hearts, we, Hope Lutheran Congregation, exist because God has given us promise and Hope through Christ's death and resurrection. Our mission is to:

Help and care for others with love and concern;

Outreach with witness and service to our community and the world;

Preach and teach the Word of God with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving;

Equip ourselves for these ministries.

We dedicate our activities in the name of Jesus and to his glory.

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You may bring an Easter lily for service Easter morning. Also remember to join us for rolls, coffee and juice at 9:00 a.m. Easter morning supplied by Ruth Heitbrink. Thanks, Ruth!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	2 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday @	3 7:00 p.m. Good Friday @	4
5 9:00 a.m Coffee & Rolls 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Easter Worship	6	7 7:00 p.m. Councils meeting at Grace with Amy Woods	8 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 Hope Council 8:00 Workbook	9	10	11
12 10:00 a.m. Worship	13 2:00 p.m. Hope & Grace Bible Study	14	15 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	16	17	18
19 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	20	21	22 4:00 Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation	23	24	25
26 10:00 a.m. Worship with Rite of Confirmation	27	28	29	30		

WELCA Meeting

Altar Guild

Visitation

Bible Study: 2nd Monday @ Grace

Kim & Nancy

Marilyn