

Hope Lutheran Church

May 2026

From the Pastor,

April Showers bring May flowers. April Death and Resurrection bring May Ascension and Pentecost.

May flowers, the grass, and trees all grow better when April does its job and provides rain to provide moisture for those things that thrive when moisture is in the soil. A dry April means a difficult time for growing plants. It means humans need to pay more attention to watering the things silently begging for a drink.

Jesus needed to die with our sins upon himself so he could take them to the grave with himself. God needed to raise Jesus from the dead in order to conquer sin, death, and the power of the devil. Jesus walked on earth following the resurrection forty days. Jesus could not remain on the earth indefinitely because the Holy Spirit could only be sent after Jesus ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God. The apostles (the church) could only have the power to proclaim Christ if it received the Holy Spirit. The book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a states "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die."

There really is a plan and timing in everything. One can't die if one is not born. One can not ascend if one does not die and be raised from the dead. It is all part of God's plan. But so is the sending of the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowers us to live out our lives in that faith provided to us.

God has a plan for us but we are also responsible to live in the plan and to live out that plan. My two star words are "Be" and "Let go." I get to "Be" part of God's plan and "Let Go" of my plans that interfere with God's plan for my life. How does your star word help you live in the Holy Spirit this year?

Christ has ascended so the Holy Spirit may come to you.

Pastor Jim

Festival Days: May 1st, Philip and James, Apostles

May 14th, Ascension of Our Lord

May 24th, The Day of Pentecost

May 31st, The Holy Trinity

U.S. Holidays: May 16th, Armed Forces Day

May 25th, Memorial Day

Monthly Schedule: May 11th, Grace and Hope Bible Study at Grace 2:00 p.m.

May 13th, Kids for Christ at Grace 4:00 p.m.

May 13th, Hope Council 7:30 p.m.

May 21st, Pastor leads worship at 2:30 p.m. Orchard Park

May 29th-31st, Synod Assembly

Church Seasons: The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus continues until the Day of Pentecost, May 24th, and then we enter the Time After Pentecost until the First Sunday in Advent.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes April 8, 2026

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

Pastor Helgren opened the meeting with prayer.

THE MINUTES from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Megan Pope for March reports:	TOTAL INFLOWS	\$11,556.53
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$4,490.27
	NET TOTAL	\$ 7,066.26

Balance March 31st was \$13,072.13. Thriven money was transferred to cover an upcoming insurance bill. The treasurer's report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor visited and communed Judy Lubben, he will see Carol Speth tomorrow.

****Pastor led worship at Orchard Park April 16th.**

****There will be a record keeping workshop at Grace April 17th at 10:00 a.m.**

****April 18th Grace will host a Synod sponsored "On the Road Again" informational meeting. Please register. 10:00-3:00 p.m.**

****April 19th Amy Woods, Synod Staff representative will give a Temple Talk at Hope and Grace.**

****Pastor will lead worship at Linden View April 22nd.**

Pastor will officiate a graveside service for Dee Stoner at the Unadilla cemetery April 25th.

****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.**

****May 23rd pastor will officiate at a graveside service at Hope cemetery for Anita Lowe Hervey.**

OLD BUSINESS: Hope will need someone to take over the record keeping duties when the pastor retires.

NEW BUSINESS: Confirmation will be on a noncommunion Sunday. Jane Antholz will get gifts for the girls but someone else will need to give the gifts as Dave Antholz will be gone.

****Harley Lubben will graduate this May. We will honor her May 3rd.**

****Scholarship forms are available and need to be given to Megan Pope.**

****Saturday, May 23rd will be a Memorial lunch 11:00-1:00 at Hope.**

June 28th will be the Community Worship at the Burr Methodist Church 11:00 a.m. Dinner will follow at the community building; food provided.

****We will have a joint worship service with Grace at Hope July 12th catered dinner following as a retirement party for Pastor Jim. Pastor may do some pulpit supply for us after retirement.**

****Mission Fest will be at Hope October 11th. We will try to get a speaker from Carol Joy Holling Camp.**

****After some discussion regarding the cranberry song books, Sharon made a motion to buy 100 books along with the altar book and two organist books using the money from the organ fund. Trevor Pope seconded the motion. Motion passed. We will bring this to the congregation for a vote.**

Counting Schedule: 4/12/26 Dave, 4/19/26 Trevor, comm. ser. Keith, 4/26/26 Mark, 5/3/26 Keith, comm. ser. Ruth, 5/10/26 Sharon,

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. The workbook committee discussed when to meet again. It was decided to take time off during planting season.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr May 2026

Pastor
Jim Helgren

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service
unless noted otherwise

Church Council
Chairman: Dave Antholz
V. Sec. Janice Beethe
Treas. Megan Pope
Sec. Sharon Carman
Deacons: Keith Moss
Trevor Pope
Mark Rumery

Worship & Music
Linda Block
Sharon Carman
Keith Moss

Organists
Linda Block
Keith Moss
John Neeman

WELCA President
Marilyn Moss

Bulletin/Newsletter
Sharon Carman

Cemetery
Dave Antholz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 May Day	2
3 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 a.m. Worship Mother's Day	11 2:00 p.m. Hope & Grace Bible Study	12	13 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ 7:30 Hope Council	14	15	16
17 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	18	19	20 4:00 Kids for Christ,	21 2:30 p.m. Worship at Orchard Park	22	23 11-1:00 Memorial Lunch
24 10:00 a.m. Worship 31 Worship at Grace tba	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Synod Assembly 29th—31st	30

WELCA Meeting

Altar Guild

Visitation

Bible Study: 2nd Monday @ Grace

Megan & Sharon

Sharon