

Hope Lutheran Church

June 2026

From the Pastor,

I am preparing to attend the Nebraska Synod Assembly on Friday. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting some new acquaintances. This is my last Assembly representing Grace and Hope. That feels strange. Next year I will need to pay my own way to attend. I am beginning to feel like a pastor without a home.

But the Day of Pentecost reminds us that God does have a plan for the Church, the Kingdom of God on earth. And we are part of that plan. I just need to be patient and allow the plan to unfold. The same thing for Grace and Hope. The Day of Pentecost not only empowered the 12 appointed leaders of the Church, the Apostles, but also 108 laity. The Church grew because of the work of the ordinary believers.

Grace and Hope will be experiencing church and being Church differently. Then before I retired and yet they will still be a Church and do Church. God's Holy Spirit is with us.

Members of the Papillion Lions Club already have reached out to Kathy and me to consider transferring Lion membership to their club when we settle into our new living arrangement.

April 19th Lisa from the Synod office invited me to consider attending the church in Bellevue that she attends. It's nice to feel wanted by people who do not even know me well, just by reputation. (Pause for your jokes.) Remember to invite others into the chaos we are entering come August. We can all grow together in that Holy Spirit thing called the new Grace and Hope.

Pastor Jim

Church Seasons: We are now in the Time After Pentecost. The color is green and the scripture readings invite us to live in the Holy Spirit that was gifted to the Church on the Day of Pentecost.

Festival Days: June 11th, Barnabas, Apostle

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

June 24th, The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 25th, Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

June 29th, Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

June 19th, Juneteenth, National Independence Day

June 21st, Father's Day & Summer Begins

Monthly Schedule: June 8th, Grace and Hope Bible Study at Grace 2:00 p.m.

June 9th, Grace Council, 7:00 p.m.

June 10th, Hope Council 7:30 Workbook afterwards

June 18th, Pastor leads worship at 2:30 p.m. Orchard Park

June 21st-28th Pastor & confirmation students at camp

June 24th Linden View Worship at 2:00 p.m.

June 25th Grace ELW 7:00 p.m.

June 28th, Burr Days Community Worship 10:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. Meal to follow at the Burr Community Center sponsored by the Burr Community Club.

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 13, 2026

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

Pastor Helgren opened the meeting with prayer.

THE MINUTES from the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT: by Megan Pope for April reports:

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$3,881.50
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-\$6,126.27
NET TOTAL	-\$2,244.77

Balance April 30th was \$10,827.36. The treasurer's report was approved.

**A request was made by a member for Hope to start a Venmo account so he could send his offering when he wasn't able to be in church. After some discussion we decided to have Megan Pope, treasurer, set up a Venmo account for Hope Lutheran.

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED: **Two thank yous were received. The first from the ELCA in regards to the \$1,200 to purchase Good Gifts purchased by the Sunday School. The second from Nebraska Synod thanking us for our Mission Share gift.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor visited and communed Judy Lubben, texted with Carol Speth.

**The Road Show at Grace sponsored by Nebraska Synod went well.

**Pastor led worship at Orchard Park April 16th and Linden View April 27th. He will lead worship May 21st at Orchard Park.

**The Synod will now offer Zoom Confirmation classes for those churches in need.

**The Castle Project is offering grants to equip Synod Authorized Ministers and Lay Leaders for rural ministry.

**Pastor officiated a graveside service April 25th for Dee Stoner at the Unadilla Cemetery.

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

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

**Pastor will attend Synod Assembly May 29th-31st.

**There will be no worship service at Hope on May 31st. We will have joint worship at Grace with a hymn sing at 8:30 a.m. They will stream the worship service from Synod Assembly.

**Pentecost is May 24th

OLD BUSINESS: **Our Saturday Memorial Lunch will be May 23rd 11:00-1:00. The offering goes to Hope Women of the ELCA or Hope Cemetery fund.

**Mission Fest will be October 25th a joint service at Hope. Hope will supply the meat dishes.

**July 12th will be joint worship at Hope and a Retirement Potluck for Pastor and Kathy.

**We will vote on the cranberry hymnals Sunday, May 17th following worship.

NEW BUSINESS: **Burr Community Worship is June 28th 10:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church. Lunch will be provided at the Community building after worship.

**VBS will be at Osage this year.

**Carol Speth has agreed to wait until planting is over to get the items from her home.

**We need to decide what to pay lay leaders when they lead worship for us. It was suggested \$175-\$200. Pulpit Supply pastors receive \$250 plus mileage. We have a schedule through the

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED: end of the year with Grace. Pastor Helgren will supply two times a month. There will be one joint service with Grace and we will alternate churches each week. Church will be at 9:30 a.m.

****The new lawn area may have grubs and need treatment.**

****Jane Antholz has been live streaming our worship services. Is there someone that would help with this?**

Counting Schedule: 5/17/26 Sharon, comm. ser., Janice, 5/24/26 Keith, 5/31/26 at Grace, 6/7/26 Trevor, comm. ser. Janice.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:30 p.m. followed with a Workbook meeting.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Carman.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA: Many thanks to everyone who brought food or helped in any way to make our Memorial Luncheon go smoothly. We had a successful day and it was nice to see everyone visiting and enjoying the good fellowship. Women of the ELCA received \$1,009 for their treasury and the Cemetery fund received \$805.

Hope Lutheran Church-Burr June 2026

Pastor
Jim Helgren

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

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

Worship & Music
Alberta Block
Sharon Carman
Sherri Moss

Organists
Alberta Block
Sheri Moss
Ruth Neeman

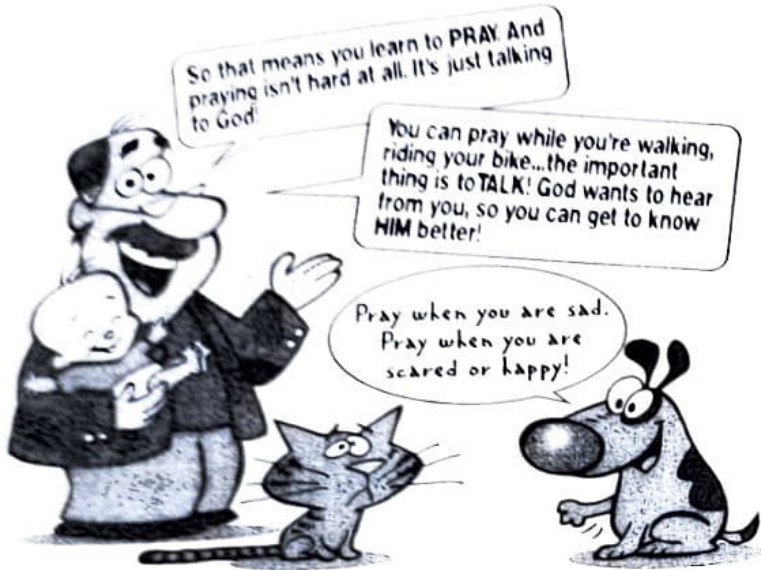
WELCA President
Marilyn Moss

Bulletin/Newsletter
Sharon Carman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship	8 2:00 p.m. Hope & Grace Bible Study	9 7:00 p.m. Grace Council	10 7:30 Hope Council & Workbook	11 2:30 p.m. Worship at Orchard Park	12	13
14 10:00 a.m. Worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, Father's Day, Summer begins	22 Pastor and	23 Confirmation	24 2:00 p.m. Worship at Linden View Kids at Camp—	25 7:00 p.m. ELW at Grace -----	26 -----	27
28 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Methodist Church; lunch at Community Center	29	30				

Cemetery WELCA Meeting Altar Guild Visitation
 Dave Antholz Bible Study: 2nd Monday @ Grace Nancy & Kim Cathy

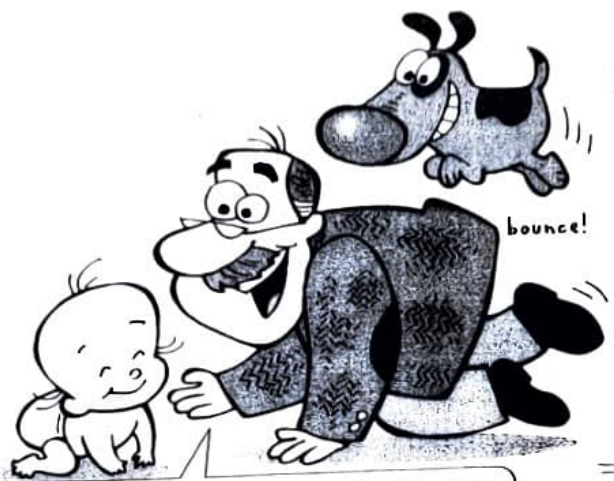




So that means you learn to **PRAY** And praying isn't hard at all. It's just talking to God!

You can pray while you're walking, riding your bike...the important thing is to **TALK!** God wants to hear from you, so you can get to know **HIM** better!

Pray when you are sad. Pray when you are scared or happy!



bounce!

Fourth, just like babies grow to love the other people in their families, God wants you to love the other people in His family.

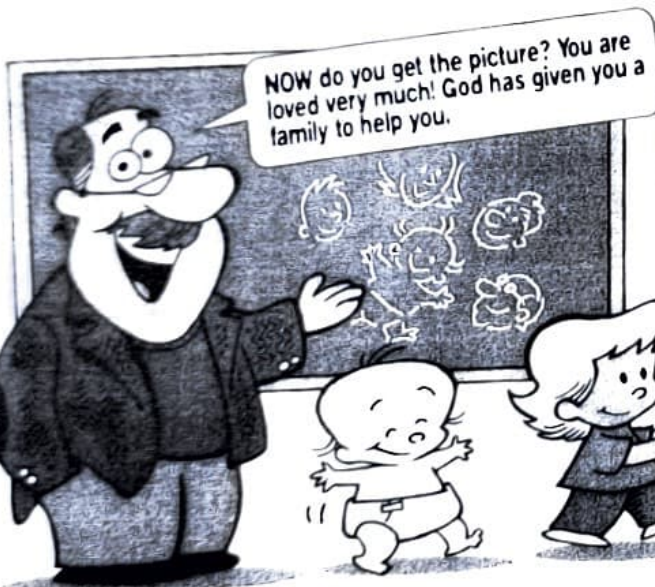


Oh, and one more thing! Once a baby can talk, it's important for the baby to tell others the great love for you and how glad you are to be part of His family.

Bak! Bak!

I know it's a ball! Yeah!

Stretch!



NOW do you get the picture? You are loved very much! God has given you a family to help you.

He has given you His Word, the Bible, as the food you need to grow as His child. He wants you to exercise by obeying Him. He wants you to learn to talk to Him in prayer and tell others about His love.



And He doesn't expect you to do that all by yourself! He has sent His Spirit to help you do whatever you need to do.

God loves you and will help you grow to be all He wants you to be. Eat! Exercise! And enjoy being part of God's amazing family!

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