

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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January 2020

From the Pastor:

Hello Friends,

By the time you read this article most of the hectic portion of the holidays will be over. But as I sit and write this, the busiest part of the season is just right around the corner. I love this time of year, and I love the hustle and bustle because it means awesome things are happening. And I know that we will enjoy our time celebrating and worshipping together as a congregation during this Advent and Christmas season.

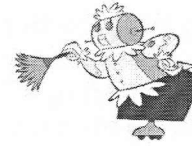
I am also aware that in the hectic schedule of my life, as I share time with two churches, there will be many things that I am unable to attend to this holiday season. I know there will be people who won't get visited, and phone calls that won't get made, and meetings that I won't be able to attend. In the joy of this season that is my only sadness - that I am not really able to concentrate my efforts on this congregation and it's needs. As we enter a new year together I hope that you all understand that anything that remains undone is simply a consequence of lack of time, not lack of commitment.

We have accomplished a lot together in 2019. My hope for 2020 is to add to the list of accomplishments by developing our youth program beyond Sunday morning. We have so much to celebrate now that we have a good number of kids attending worship. Those kids remind us why we gather, and what our hard work can accomplish.

I wonder what your hopes and dreams are for the next year at church? What do you want us to focus our energy on? What ministries would you like us to

develop? I have no doubt that with your continued commitment to our church we will do all things through Christ who strengthens us. So, dream with me. And dream big. 2020 is going to be one heck of a year. Let's enjoy every moment of our shared labor for the Gospel.

Happy New Year!!



TO ALL GROUPS USING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

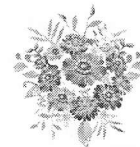
When you use the Fellowship Hall you need to clean up. That means:

Put chairs back, Wipe down tables and vacuum.

White tables (in the square) have 4 chairs at each table. Round tables have 6 chairs at each table. All other chairs need to be put away in the middle closet. There is a red vacuum in the Fellowship Hall, by the back/side door that you can use. If you have children at your event and they use the nursery room, please make sure it is cleaned up.

SPIRITED SENIORS

Our Wednesday group, Spirited Seniors meets every Wednesday. A light lunch is served followed by games and cards. If this is something you would like to help out with, please let the office know. (We will not be meeting on



THE 2020 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN ORDERED AND WILL BE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY

If you would like to sign up to have flowers for a special occasion, there are lots of spaces available!

You can bring them yourself or have Kris order them for you from Pierson's. One bouquet is \$15 and two are \$25. That includes tax and delivery.

January 26, 2020
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

5-6:00 pm

Menu:
Hot Dogs "Our Way"
Salads
Desserts

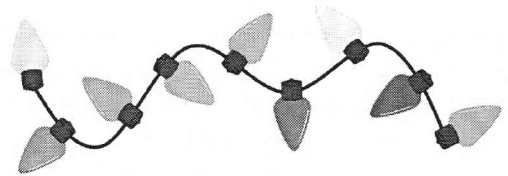
We will be playing Bingo with prizes awarded to the winners. There is no charge for the meal, however, a free will offering will be taken. Bingo will be cut down to 15 minutes due to the Trunk or Treat.

Good Food, Good Fellowship

The Free Community Supper is funded by members of Hope Lutheran and a "free will offering". We are feeding from 120-125 average per month. If you'd like to help prepare, serve, set/clean up or assist with Bingo, please contact Donna Fugate at 363.9183. Monetary donations are also accepted.



Just a reminder that the 1st weekend of each month is designated to bring non-perishable food for those less fortunate and fill the grocery cart. Food will be taken to a local food bank. The supply is constantly being depleted.



January Birthdays

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- 1 Josh Draper
- 2 Dillon DeFord
- 3 Marlys Halberg
- 5 Matt Richeson
- 6 Leon Jones, Derek Barnes, Gemma Franks
- 10 Kylie Edmonds
- 11 Doug Bramow
- 20 Jackie Norris
- 21 Larry Thomas
- 22 Kyle Dennis
- 23 Jerry Kilts
- 26 Kay Luther
- 29 Jocelyn Stastny, Addesyn Schmoll
- 30 Sharon Hursan
- 31 Bev Weitnauer, Marley Burge-Fay

If your birthday is in January, but you are not listed, please call the church office at 365-3105 or 365-3999. Thanks!

Treasurer Report Week of December 29 2019

Receipts: (Average weekly required for budget is \$3,508.00)

Actual Receipts: \$2,879.00 (Plate: \$2,629.00, Simply Giving: \$225.00, Memorials \$25.00)

Expenditures: \$4,706.69

Bills due Next Week: \$0

Received in Reserve for Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$355.00. (Total in Mortgage Reserve: \$16,564.65)

As of January 4, 2019 after all bills were paid, the balance in the checking account is \$24,067.21.

Which Includes the Reserve Mortgage: \$16,564.65.



QUILTING – A reminder that we meet the third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 PM. All skill levels are welcome and appreciated.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR January & February

January

1st Assistant: Sun.: Lacinda Taplin
2nd Assistant: Sun.: Shirley Hartgrave
Musicians: Marcey Luxa
Choir Director: Cody Techau
Greeters: Sun.: Hazel Druger & Lea Reed
Ushers: Sun.: Jeanne Dahm
& Monika Nordberg

February

1st Assistant: Sun.: Cindy Koppenhaver
2nd Assistant: Sun.: Amy Koppenhaver
Musicians: Marcey Luxa
Choir Director: Cody Techau
Greeters: Sun.: Lacinda Taplin &
Mary Paxton-Wright
Ushers: Sun.: Patty Hasson & Clete Moser



"Thursday Night Live" Evening Worship at 6:00

Are you looking for a non-traditional service that has all the elements of a traditional one? Thursday night might be just what you were looking for! Live music with **Bröken Hälös** (Pastor Nate, Scott Foizey, Joe Kell, and Cody Techau) play a variety of jazz, blues, pop and country music. There will be a hymn, some prayers, an awesome sermon, communion AND live music.

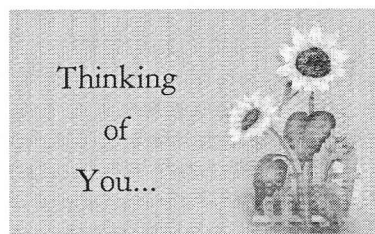
The Quarter Tower

Our youth collect quarters every Sunday to spend on projects to help others. This is a project they pick to do when we get a good amount of quarters. What a great lesson in spreading God's grace.

Simply Giving

Did you know that Hope Lutheran is involved with a program called "Simply Giving"?

Simply Giving is an electronic giving program which allows you make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provided much-needed donation consistency for our church. You can pick your amount, and what day of the month you wish to have it withdrawn from your account – you can even change your options at any time! If you have questions, contact Betty Nelson at 362-0721.



Elsie Dlouhy
Marion, IA 52302
365-5333
(NEW ADDRESS)

Larry Benge
Bickford Place
1100 Linden Dr.
Marion, IA 52302

Doug & Judy Torson
2717 Royal Oaks Dr. NW
Swisher, IA 52338
319-857-5300

Evelyn Andrews
5701 Briarwood St. S. W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
363-1998

Brent Pahl
4000 14th Ave. S. E.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
363-2557

Pam Evans
6329 Murfield Dr. S. W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
362-0843

In Memory

Betty Hansen

from

Elsie Patterson (Memorial)
 Phill & Pam Evans (Mortgage)
 Ben & Marlys Halberg (Mortgage)
 Donna Fugate (General)
 Wendy & Mark LeVan (Memorial)
 Gene & Jana Nassif
 Harold Klinsky
 Mary & Matt Richeson
 Leon and Linda Jones
 Dennis & Pat Casner
 Sharon Schmidt
 Carol Ann & Bing Nishiura
 Kathy Barnotes
 Hilda & Carl Machula (Memorial)
 Cathy Tieskoetter (Memorial)
 Bob and Linda Meyer (Memorial)
 Carol Kitzmen (Memorial)
 Randy & Joyce Skibbe
 Bill & Rose Dougherty (Memorial)
 Paulette & Dick Boquist
 Chuck & Diane Thorton
 Dean & Dorothy Teslik
 Sheryl VanScoyoc
 Bob & Donna Connolly
 Cheri Jones
 St. Lukes Employee Health
 Mary & Jim McDade
 Marcey Luxa
 Judy & Nick Battiste
 William Davis & Kathryn Franzenburg (Mortgage)
 Richmond Schmidt (Paper supply)
 Sue & Glenn Williams (Memorial)

Larry Luther

from

Leon & Linda Jones (Memorial)
 Elsie Patterson (Memorial)
 Cheryl Beachler (Memorial)
 Kathryn Franzenburg & William Davis (General)
 Hawkeye Lodge 423 (Memorial)

Jerry Schmidt

Donna Fugate (General)
 Richmond, Kevin & Randy Schmidt (Flag set)
 Bryce & Marie Andersen (Memorial)
 Michael Anderson (Memorial)
 Carol & Kenneth Andresen (Memorial)
 Donna Bean (Memorial)
 Kathryn Bly (Memorial)
 Delores Boat (Memorial)
 Lanny & Katie Downing (Memorial)

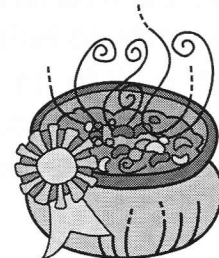
Barbara Duenow (Memorial)
 John & JoAnn Eadie (Memorial)
 William & Wendy Fletcher (Memorial)
 L. D. & D. A. Gray (Memorial)
 Douglas & Lisa Greif (Memorial)
 Francis & Barbette Henderson (Memorial)
 Leon & Linda Jones (Memorial)
 Jerry & Connie Kilts (Memorial)
 Harold Klinsky (Memorial)
 James & Christine Kreutner (Memorial)
 Andy & Liz Kuehl (Memorial)
 Gary & Carolyn Myers (Memorial)
 Irene Olney (Memorial)
 Brent & Karen Pahl (Memorial)
 Howard & Phyllis Peterson (Memorial)
 Ryan & Nichole Rentschler (Memorial)
 Matt & Mary Richeson (Memorial)
 H.G. & J.E. Schaefer (Memorial)
 Phillip Seebeck (Memorial)
 Justin & Maxine Silvius (Memorial)
 Terry & Sandra Slinger (Memorial)
 Gordon & Jean Stelling (Memorial)
 Glenn & Sue Williams (Memorial)
 Daniel Witkowski (Memorial)
 Alan & Marilyn Young (Memorial)
 Kathryn Franzenburg & William Davis (Mortgage)
 Dennis & Pat Casner (Mortgage)

June Farmer

Donna Fugate (General)



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Mitten Tree this year. We filled the tree and had overflow!



The Annual Chili Cookoff is coming! February 9th!