

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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Hope Lutheran Congregation; **We Are So Blessed!**

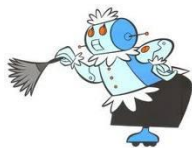
Pastor Nate made an announcement on Sunday February 16th that a person outside of our congregation would like to have a Fund Raising Challenge to begin in Lent. The Challenge will enable us to hopefully pay off the mortgage by the end of the year! For every dollar that is donated to the Mortgage Fund, they will kick in fifty cents... They are willing to donate up to \$10,000 which will go towards the principal of the mortgage. With this fundraiser and the money we already have in the mortgage reserve fund, this could become a reality!

Please consider giving whatever you are comfortable in giving. If all of us give a little something we will be Mortgage free! (Please note on your donation that it is for the Mortgage.) This brings us one step closer to being Mortgage free by December!

In God's Love,
The Fund Raising Committee
Mary Richeson and Doug Bramow

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.



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.



THE 2020 FLOWER CALENDAR IS 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.



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.



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

March 29, 2020
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

5-6:00 pm

Menu:
Chicken & Noodles and Biscuits
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.

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.

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.



Chili Cook-off Results



Our distinguished panel of judges.



2nd Place Pat Truesdale



3rd Place Tyler Trinkle



People's Choice Andy Kuehl



1st Place Jamie Boardman

Treasurer Report Week of March 2, 2020

Receipts: (Average weekly required for budget is \$3,451.00)

Actual Receipts: \$2,232.00 (Plate: \$1,917.00 Simply Giving: \$1,190.00, Hope Outreach \$40.00, Ash Wednesday \$85.00)

Expenditures: \$4,881.80

Bills due Next Week: \$12.83

Received in Reserve for Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$1,660.00 (Total in Mortgage Reserve: \$16,660.00)

As of February 24, 2020 after all bills were paid, the balance in the checking account is \$21,438.29.

Which Includes the Reserve Mortgage: \$15,406.65.



Upcoming Blood Drive
Thursday, April 30
Appointments from 1-4pm
Walk-ins always welcome!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, are you aware that you may have Choice Dollars that you can give to a non-profit organization of your choice? Hope Lutheran Church Hope Lutheran Church can be **YOUR** non-profit of choice and we are already set up to receive your donations. You have until March 31, 2020 to direct your Choice Dollars. If you choose, these can be directed to the Hope fund of your choosing (i.e. General Fund, Mortgage Reserve Fund). if you have questions, please contact Betty Nelson at 319.362.0721.



**“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.

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.

WOMEN OF HOPE will meet at 10am on Saturday, March 7th. Their speaker for the month will be Pam Skelton from Living Room Ministries. Cedar Rapids has a population of ‘invisible’ women. These women face unemployment, unhealthy relationships, and homelessness. All of which, make them the most vulnerable to becoming physically, emotionally and sexually victimized. **LRM** has a desire to provide a safe, supportive, and Christ filled place for women to gather, to build healthy relationships, discover and build upon their strengths/talents, and realize their value through a relationship with Christ. Women of Hope will be collecting items for **LRM** thru the month of March. These items include: toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates/cups, bath/hand towels, computer paper and monetary donations.



March Birthdays.....

- 2 Logan Kuehl
- 4 Riley & Carson Mudd
- 9 Nina Rairdin
- 13 Nichol Kessell
- 12 Deb Clark
- 17 Betty Nelson,
- 19 Darrell Rairdin
- 22 Anjie Moser
- 23 Dorcas Henderson
- 24 Lucy Kaegbein
- 29 Brianna Atkinson, JoAnn Eadie
- 30 Rick Schmidt
- 31 Victoria Evans

If you have a March birthday and are not listed, please call the church office at 365-3105.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR
March & April**

March

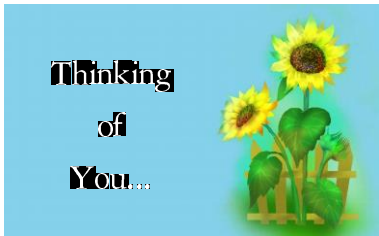
- 1st Assistant: Sun.: Patty Hasson
- 2nd Assistant: Sun.: Lacinda Taplin
- Musicians: Marcey Luxa
- Choir Director: Cody Techau
- Greeters: Sun.: Cindy & Amy Koppenhaver
- Ushers: Sun.: Clete Moser

April

- 1st Assistant: Sun.: Doug Weitnauer
- 2nd Assistant: Sun.: Lea Reed
- Musicians: Marcey Luxa
- Choir Director: Cody Techau
- Greeters: Sun.: Sharon Schmidt
- Ushers: Sun.: Leon & Linda Jones

FUNDRAISER MEETING

It's that time of year again when we get together to talk about our yearly fundraisers. This year we will meet on Sunday, **MARCH 22 following worship.** This meeting usually covers Knights Corn Stand, possible garage sales, Car Cruise Ins and any other fundraising opportunities people would like to share. It's kind of a brain storming meeting. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTENED** and share your ideas.



Larry Bengé
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
The Gardens of Cedar Rapids
5710 Dean Rd. S. W.
Room #212
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
363-2557

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

Glenn Williams
3032 Ridgemore Dr. S. E.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403



This year AARP will once again be doing tax prep here at Hope. I CAN NOT MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR YOU but if you call 211 they can set you up an appointment. It looks like their hours here at the church will be:

Monday 12:15 - 3:15
Tuesday 8:15 - 3:15
Thursday 8:15 - 3:15

211 will start setting up appointments via phone tomorrow (January 15). Appointments will begin on February 3rd and end on April 11th.

Remember, I have NO ACCESS to their schedules. You must call 211.

Thanks – Kris



We are in need of Lay Assistants, Ushers and Greeters during Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday). Please call Kris at 319.365.3105 or sign up on the sheets on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



In Memory of Elsie Dlouhy
from
Cheryl Beachler (Mortgage fund)
Donna Fugate (Mortgage fund)
Marcey Luxa (Memorial fund)
Bill & Rose Dougherty (Memorial fund)
Deb Walderbach (Memorial Fund)
Elsie Patterson (Memorial Fund)
IBEW Local Union #1362 (Memorial Fund)
Dennis & Pat Casner (Memorial Fund)
Sharon Schmidt (Memorial Fund)
Lucille Dlouhy (Memorial Fund)
Mark & Marcia Dlouhy (Memorial Fund)
Leon & Linda Jones (Memorial Fund)
Bill & Kathryn Franzenburg (Principal on Mortgage)
Ben & Marlys Halberg (Mortgage Fund)

In Memory of Jerry Schmidt
from
Ben & Marlys Halberg (Other)

BOLD WOMEN



Congratulations to Marlys Halberg, recipient of this year's Bold Women of the Year award. Marlys has been a member of Hope since February, 1980. She has been active with the Women of Hope, Funeral Dinners, Garage Sales – you name, she's helped with it!

Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2020

President Doug Bramow called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Becky Gerard, Jeanne Dahm, Donna Fugate, Leon Jones, Clete Moser, Doug Bramow, Andy Kuehl, Betty Nelson.

Excused: Pastor Nate, Jackie Norris, JoAnn Eadie, Sue Williams.

Unexcused: None

Devotions given by Andy Kuehl.

January minutes presented: Donna noted that she was excused at January the meeting. Clete moved to accept minutes with change, Leon seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's report presented: Leon moved to accept, Donna seconded. Approved.

Pastor's Report was read from email by Doug Bramow. Pastor noted, and Doug expanded, an individual has pledged to give .50 (up to \$10,000.00) for every \$1.00 given to the Mortgage Reserve during the time of Lent. Discussion followed. Noted: Pastor will have Ash Wed. evening service at Hope; there will be 1 service on Easter Sunday. Weekly Lenten Services will be on Thursday nights.

Old Business:

- 1) Alarm System. Audible alarm is still working, but is not monitored. Security cameras will give visuals. Jeanne moved to table subject until after Easter, Clete seconded. Approved. Men's group will research how many cameras would be needed and look into costs.
- 2) Eagle Scout Project – still considering what we could have them do.
- 3) Coin Values – Doug reported no further information.
- 4) EWALU – Betty reported \$300.00 was sent to EWALU from money collected in the quarter tower.
- 5) Fundraiser Meeting has been rescheduled for March.
- 6) Gazette Ad – has been cancelled, there will be a small prorated bill.
- 7) Quickbooks (payroll portion) has been cancelled. Have received a prorated refund, just over \$40.

New Business:

- 1) Lenten Matching Funds – discussed during Pastor's Report.
- 2) Nominating Committee – for the Spring Semi-Annual Meeting in April we will need names for 3 Council members, 1 for Nominating Committee and 1 for male delegate to Synod Assembly.
- 3) Andy moved to lower selling price of land from \$109,000 to \$70,000, Becky seconded. There has not been any interest. After some discussion Andy amended his original motion to drop the selling price to \$80,000, Becky agreed. Approved. Doug will contact the realtor.
- 4) Pastor, Janelle, and Doug have had review with Synod representative. Pastor Nate has contract with Lutheran Church of Resurrection for Interim

Ministry through October of this year.

Next meeting is Monday, March 16, 2020.

Clete moved to adjourn meeting, Becky seconded. Approved.

Closed with Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Betty Nelson,
Secretary Pro Tem

SPRING SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

The spring congregational meeting will be held in April this year on Sunday the 26th. The meeting will begin directly after worship. We will have a short agenda and will vote for new Council members, Synod Assembly people and Nominating Committee members.



It's time to order Spring Flowers for Easter!

This year the following will be available:

- Tulips \$10.75 in Red Yellow and Pink
- Hyacinth \$10.75 in Pink or Blue
- Azaleas \$21.50 in Red or Pink
- Lilies \$11.75
- Begonias \$16.00 in Red Yellow or Pink

You may purchase your own plant or Kris will be ordering from Pierson's. All orders must be paid for with the order form. Checks should be made out to Pierson's. The deadline to order is Sunday, March 29. There are order forms in the bulletin or on the table in the back of the narthex.



THURSDAY NIGHT CAR CRUISE NIGHTS WILL BEGIN APRIL 23 at Hope. We usually begin seeing cars drive in around 3:30 and stay until dusk. there will be meals available for purchase.