

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS MAY 2021



Pentecost Sunday is May 23 and a very big day for Hope Lutheran!

Starting on Sunday May 23, we will be having worship **INSIDE** the sanctuary! We will still conduct ourselves by Covid rules: wear a mask, social distance, and communion will be done with prepackaged wafers and grape juice. We still want to remain as safe as possible. People are getting their shots, flowers are blooming and we are starting to reopen our doors. The service will still be live streamed for those who aren't quite comfortable being inside yet. We will also start with a shortened version of our monthly Highlights.

That being said, in the past we have always decorated the alter with red geraniums. We can order them from Piersons for \$6.50 each or you are welcome to bring your own. Plants that are not picked up will be planted in the church yard by the sign.

We couldn't think of a more perfect day to reopen our doors than Pentecost. And don't forget to WEAR RED!

NO MORE MORTGAGE!!

Through all of your hard work and generous donations, Hope no longer has a mortgage payment! What a wonderful tribute to our members and their faithfulness!! We will have a mortgage burning ceremony/party sometime this summer. Watch for details.

May Birthdays:

1	Nate Montover
5	Zoey Tharp
7	McKenzie Rentschler
9	Kelly Draper
14	Marcey Luxa
17	Gary Couch
18	Barb Long
20	Joni Tharp, Donna Fugate
23	Rayleen Pearson
24	Clete Moser
30	Jan Haar



Easter Sunday

We had our first parking lot worship of the season on Easter Sunday. And what a Sunday it was! We had around 75 people in the parking lot, Cody on the keyboard, Marcey on the organ and Karen giving a rousing rendition of "The Holy City". Pastor Nate gave a great sermon and many smiles and hugs (with masks) were shared.

Another highlight of the service was Betty getting up and letting everyone know that the mortgage will be paid off as soon as we receive a payoff amount from the mortgage company. The money is in the bank and we will mortgage free! Watch for a mortgage burning party this summer.

Small Group Meetings

We are starting to open up small group meetings again. "Small group" consists of 10-15 people. This means the **Women of Hope** and the **Men of Hope** will start their regular monthly meetings next month. The Women will meet the first Saturday of the month (May 1st) at 10am. If you have any questions call Patty Hasson at 365.0057. The Men of Hope will also resume on May 1st at 8:30. Questions on that, give Jim Boardman a call at 364-1146.



Car Cruise Ins are returning!

Hope has been notified that the Car Cruise people would like to start meeting at Hope again! This is such a fun event and happens monthly in Hopes parking lot from May thru August. There will still be precautions taken due to the Covid but the Council felt this was a safe time to start things up again. The first Cruise will be held on Thursday, May 27th from 4pm until dusk. Food will be available for purchase.



It won't be long until summer is in full swing. You know what that means? Fresh Knights sweetcorn and homemade salsa! Kris is in need of canning jars (pint and ½ pint) and canning rings. Currently we have plenty of lids but the other two things are necessities! If you run across some in your cupboard or at the store, please pick up some for a donation to the cause.



Hope Outreach's Free Hot Meal has been a success. On average we are feeding about 125 meals on the last Sunday of each month. This has been a drive thru pick up with 7-10 people inside the church serving up the meals in to-go containers and delivering them to cars. With the generosity of private donations and a Go Fund Me page (set up by Richmond Schmidt) we were able to partner with Dostel Catering the past three months for catered meals. On April 25, we returned to home cooked meals. We served 52 people with 5 no shows. If this is something you think you would be interested in helping with, please call Donna Fugate at 363.9183.



THE NEW ROOF IS FINISHED!

Last Monday, 10+ roofers showed up early in the morning and started tearing off the storm damaged roof. Council was held that night and to our surprise at 8:30 pm when we left the church they were just finishing up clean up. They had completed the whole roof in just one day! Hats off to T & K Roofing for a job well done. The next step will be replacing the fascia and soffit on the outside of the building.

Spring Congregational Meeting

On May 16th we will have our semi-annual meeting in the parking lot following worship. This is the meeting where we talk about and vote for new incoming Synod Assembly Delegates and Nominating Committee members. If there are any council seats opening, we will also elect new council members. We need a 10% quorum of the congregation to vote, so please stay a few minutes for the meeting.