

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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From the Pastor:

"Giving With Gratitude"

This past week I had the joy of reading the devotional book, "Emmanuel", the personal stories of how you, the people of Hope Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa have experienced God's presence in the midst of your life. Your stories are an incredible witness to how you have experienced God's Love both in the midst of adversity and in the midst of great joy. Your stories proclaim the truth that Christianity is not about how we love God, but how God first loves us and how we respond to that love.

Sometimes Christianity puts the emphasis on proving our love for God by 'doing things to earn God's love'. That can leave us with feelings of inadequacy, fear that we have not done enough. But, when we put the emphasis on how God first loves us and we open ourselves to receiving God's love we are naturally drawn to respond to God's love by loving others with our whole being. It's not about 'earning love' but 'sharing love'.

That is the love I have witnessed and experienced here at Hope. When a need arises, you the people of Hope respond sometimes as a group such as the community meal in October when you served more than 200 people and opened your 'trunks with treats' for the children. Sometimes it is when you individually visit someone in the hospital, take a meal to a family, visit a person in the hospital or simply pick up the phone make a call to see how someone is doing or answer a call for help by simply listening and responding with words and actions of love, letting that person know their life matters. Sometimes it is when a member of our congregation experiences the death of a family member and you respond with hearts of love and compassion. Or maybe you are the person opening that doors of Hope and being present so someone can use our space for a memorial service. Or maybe you are here singing, quilting, making a prayer shawl, feasting, studying, painting the building, mowing the lawn, shoveling snow, fixing equipment or 'simply checking in'. It all makes a difference.

As we prepare for the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, I invite you to once again share your stories. For what is it that you are most grateful? Recently a dear friend shared with me all the moments he was grateful for in the midst of his

father's sudden death. The strangers, the medical team, the family and friends who reached out with compassion and love to care for his dad, a simple, ordinary man was extraordinary to him and he was overwhelmed with feelings of gratitude. For what are you grateful? It is often an 'attitude of gratitude' that helps us to see, to hear, to experience the gift of life and love. It is those gifts that provide the deepest meaning and purpose for our lives.

Pastor Franzenburg

Wednesday Evening Worship & Fellowship

5:30 - 7:30pm

Begins November 28, 2018

Starting November 28, 2018 we will begin a Wednesday Evening Worship. The setting for worship during the season of Advent will be the Holden Village Evening prayer Service. Evening Prayer is a worship service that celebrates that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World that no darkness can overcome. The service begins with the entrance of the Christ Candle, the Light of Christ that scatters the darkness and illumines the church.

This service is especially appropriate for the season of Advent when we 'Wait with Hope' for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The text of the liturgy tells the story of the Annunciation of Jesus' birth to Mary and her response as sung in the Magnificat.

Although evening prayer is usually celebrated without Communion, we will be adding communion to this service as it will replace the Saturday evening worship service. People who worship on Saturday evening have agreed to this change with the hope that families with children will also participate.

Immediately following worship, there will be a fellowship meal, followed by an intergenerational education event. November 28th we will be making Advent logs and talking about the story of

Advent and how we can prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

The schedule for the evening will be:

5:30pm Worship

6:15 - Fellowship Meal and/or choir

6:45 - 7:30pm - Education Activity

This service will be different than the Sunday morning service so all members are encouraged to participate. It is a great opportunity for us to prepare together as a faith community for the celebration of Jesus' incarnation and entrance into our world.

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. THIS WILL CONTINUE even though Wednesday worship has been postponed.

Pat Casner would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, prayers and thoughts during her knee replacement surgery. They were greatly appreciated.



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 the **Mission of Hope**. The Missions' food 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.

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.

**November 25, 2018
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER**

5-6:00 pm

Menu:
Assorted Casseroles
Salads/Relish Tray
Desserts/Cookies

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 Nancy Coffman – 396-0387, Jan Dyson – 551-9204 or Diane Hunt – 573-1182. Monetary donations are also accepted.



Car Cruise In's

Thank you to all who helped with the Car Cruise In's this summer. Even with the weather against us, it was a great fundraiser and everyone had a good time!



November Birthdays

- 1 Sharon Lagerquist, Urijah Fay-Guzman, Isreal Moser
- 5 Lila Evans, Emily Northup, Doug Weitnauer
- 6 Lacinda Taplin
- 7 Will Williamson
- 9 Kaylynn Rairdin
- 10 Elsie Patterson
- 13 Abbi Dyson
- 15 Donna Carlson, Seth Evans
- 16 Kaye Ross
- 20 Holly Njus
- 23 Joyce Hopfensperger
- 24 Mysti Edmunds
- 25 Bill Dougherty, Tom Hopfensperger,
- 26 Becky Holmes-Gerard, Gale Pierce
- 28 Terry Slinger, Matt Hennings
- 30 Sheila Hansen, John Hasson

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



THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY

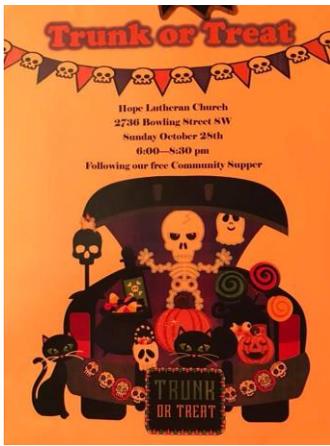
If you would like to sign up to have flowers for a special occasion, there are lots of spaces available! You can bring them yourself or have Kris order them for you from Pierson's. One bouquet is \$15 and two are \$25. That includes tax and delivery.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st Assistant: Sat.: Brent Pahl
Sun.: Doug Weitnauer
- 2nd Assistant: Sat.: Karen Pahl
Sun.: ??
- Musicians: Marcey Luxa & Lisa Rose
- Choir Director: Cody Techau
- Greeters: Sat.: ??
Sun.: Anjie Moser
- Ushers: Sat.: ??
Sun.: Betty Nelson & Monika Nordberg

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

Please sign up to help with our Worship Services on the clip boards in the sanctuary. If they are not being passed, they will be on the table in the back. Thank you.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Just wanted to thank everyone who brought their cars out to let the kids Trunk or Treat. I believe we had 17 cars and 270+ kids!



Upcoming Events:

Worship Services: Wednesday – 12:15 pm,
Saturday – 5:00 pm, Sunday -9:00 am

Wednesday Evening Holden Prayer Service will begin on November 28th. We will have a Fellowship Meal at 6:15 and Youth and Family time at 6:30. This will replace the Saturday evening worship during Advent.

1st Saturday of the month: Men of Hope 8:30 and Women of Hope 10:00

Every Wednesday at 1:00 “Spirited Seniors”
A light lunch served at 1 p.m. followed by games and activities. A free will offering is taken.

The first Tuesday of every month 12:00 is 55+ Potluck and meeting

The 3rd Tuesday of the month 10:30 am Bible Study & 6:00 pm Quilting

The last Sunday of each month “Free Community Supper”

Supper open to anyone in the community. Serving time is 5 to 6 p.m. A free will offering is taken and after the meal Bingo is played for items donated as prizes.

Carpet Fund

We are still collecting donations for new carpet in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, contact Pat Casner, Rose Dougherty, Andy Kuehl, Jerry Schmidt, Doug Torson, or Will Williamson. **If you would like to donate to the carpet fund, please make your checks payable to Hope Lutheran Carpet Fund and either give them to Pat Casner, Rose Dougherty or Andy Kuehl.**

55+ - NEXT MONTH on Tuesday, December 4th, 55+ will meet at The Longbrach, 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE. for lunch and our meeting. We will be having a \$5 non-gender gift exchange if you would like to participate. Meet at the Longbranch at 11:30 and tell them you are with the Hope group.

WOMEN OF HOPE will meet next month on December 1st at 10:00 am. We will not be having a guest speaker this month but will have our meeting and a \$5.00 gift exchange. Also we are looking to see who can think of the most ingenious way to use all those pesky address labels we receive in the mail. Put your ideas in Jan Dyson or Linda Jones



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This years Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship will be held at St. Ludmila's Catholic Church on Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 pm. There will be a mass choir including people from Hope, St. Lud's, Hus Memorial and Asbury.



IN MEMORY OF

Jeanne Newport
from

Elizabeth Ray (Memorial Fund)
Jerry & Sharon Schmidt (Memorial Fund)
Bill & Rose Dougherty (General Fund)
Elsie Patterson (Carpet Fund)
Debra Walderbach (Carpet Fund)

Shirley Goff
Jerry & Sharon Schmidt (Memorial Fund)
Debra Walderbach (Carpet Fund)

Treasurer Report Week of 11/5-18, 2018

Receipts	\$2,735.00
Expenditures	\$2,159.58
Bills Due Next Week	\$ 851.66

The Receipts for this week include \$255 Simply Giving (Average weekly needed \$3,341)

Bills due next Week:
Salaries: Kris & Lyn
Imon \$126.46

Questions? Contact Lacinda Taplin – Treasurer.



Family Giving Tree is a activity we do at Hope Lutheran Church to help family's, seniors, in our congregation and community.

On the weekend of November 14th a small Christmas tree will be on the table in the narthex with gift tags on them. They will give you female or male, age and a idea what they would like. You can purchase the gift and bring it back to church with tag taped onto the Gift. No wrapping is needed. We would like to give the parents the chance to wrap the gifts. Any questions contact Debbie Walderbach at 319-350-8635 or debbieswald@aol.com
Thank you.

Christmas Bags –

This year Hope will be doing Christmas Bags for families at local agencies. This will be basically the same project as the Samaritan's Purse. You can pick up a bag starting the weekend of November 10th in the narthex. This way there will no shipping to pay.

Suggested items needed for the Hope Christmas Bags are:

Mc Donald Toys in packages, Colors, Color Pencils, Markers, Coloring books, story books, hats, gloves, Barbies, Action Figures, Candy, and Hot Wheels. Personal hygiene items would be toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair ties, hand sanitizer, and shampoo. Just about anything that will fit in the bag will work! If you have questions, please call the office at 319.365.3105 or Debbie Walderbach at 319.350.8635.



ADVENT BOX OFFERING

This year Hope is trying something new! If you are interested, talk to Kris about a box or find one at the grocery store. Every day of Advent purchase one item to put in your Advent box. This could be canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, etc. or personal hygiene items like tooth paste, soap, toilet paper. You could also add candy, paper towels, or other items that you would buy for yourself at home. On Christmas Eve, bring your box to worship and we will collect them to give to families in need. If you have questions, give Kris a call in the office at 319.365.3105 or 365.3999.

Fall Congregational Meeting Minutes November 11, 2018

Doug Bramow called the meeting to order at 10:40 am

38 were in attendance. Quorum was met.

President Doug Bramow gave his report.

Clete Moser moved and Anjie Moser second to approve the minutes of the spring congregational meeting. Passed

Pastor report is printed and in the packet that was handed out.

A power point was shown of all the activities going on in the church.

Budget - Betty Nelson moved to accept the budget, Doug Weitnauer second. Discussion followed. Passed with 1 Nay.

Andy Kuehl gave a report on the carpet committee. There is currently \$2657 in the carpet fund which is not enough to finish the rooms. There is some undesignated memorial money that Pat Casner is

checking with the families to see if they are willing to have it go to the carpet fund. This would give us enough to do Pastor's office, Kris's office and the Treasurer office. It was decided to postpone the fellowship hall and try to finish some of the other rooms. The individual costs for each of the rooms are as follows:

Pastor Office - \$1300

Kris's office - \$1400

Treasurer office - \$1200

Bethlehem (Sunday School room) - \$4500

We would still need \$4500 to do the Sunday School room which needs immediate attention because the carpet was cleaned and it has rippled and is now a hazard because someone could trip and fall. Pastor Kathryn offered to donate \$1000 from her November pay to go towards replacing the carpet in this room. Linda Jones moved to use the money we have for the other rooms and do a push to raise the remaining money for the Sunday School room. Karen Franks second. Passed. Several people gave donations already.

There was discussion on needing to properly maintain the new carpet so that it will last.

The water heater needs to be replaced. The cost will be \$700. Doug & Judy Torson volunteered to donate the money to purchase this.

Car cruise in is going well and all the people want to stay here.

The nomination committee only has two people on it and we need to have three. One more person needs to be added. If anyone is interested they can let Doug Bramow know.

We need one female delegate to the Synod Assembly. Sue Williams has volunteered to be the delegate.

Rose Dougherty moved and Doug Weitnauer moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Coffman



Jeanne Newport passed from this life on October 28, 2018. Jeanne and Jerry were Charter Members here at Hope (#'s 40/41) They transferred from 1st Lutheran on March 25, 1956.

Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2018

Doug Bramow called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Nancy Coffman, Pastor Kathryn, Doug Weitnauer, Lacinda Taplin, Doug Bramow, Harrison Sieck, Larry Luther, Sue Williams, Andy Kuehl, and Betty Nelson

Excused: Leon Jones and Monica Nordberg

Doug W gave devotions.

Minutes of the September meeting were presented. Lacinda moved and Andy second to accept.

Treasurer report was presented. Bills are up to date and we have money in the bank. Doug W moved and Betty second to accept the treasurer report.

Pastor report – It was quite lengthy as Pastor Kathryn has been very busy. One item was a proposal to change the Saturday service to Wednesday evening and have it more family oriented. The service will begin at 5:30. This would begin November 28th to coincide with Advent. Larry moved and Harrison second to make this change. Approved.

Old Business:

Door Locks – Kris is scheduling this to be completed in November.

Employee Review – Kris is done. Andy and Leon are ready to do Lyn but have not completed it yet. Betty will find someone to help her do the musicians.

Pay Increase – Lyn will make \$10/hr and Kris will get \$1.61 raise with the disbursement to be determined.

Policy manual - It is being updated by Doug B and Kris. Still need to look at Kris's sick leave and vacation leave.

New Business

Committees – Are still being researched and checking to see if the people involved still want to do it. The Committees so far are Worship, Stewardship, Youth & Family, Outreach.

Financial report – Betty gave an expected income guideline for 2018.

Betty also reported that she has \$640 from the quarter collection. It was decided to allocate \$300 for ELCA Good Gifts animals with the Sunday School children deciding what they would like to purchase. \$300 for Socktober, which is donations of socks to homeless shelters. They will be distributed to shelter(s) here in town. Nancy will look into where they can be donated. The remaining \$40 will go towards hats and mittens for the collection coming up.

Andy gave quotes on individual rooms for carpet. He will be meeting with the carpet committee to move forward on some more carpet replacement with the funds that we currently have.

The quotes he had are:

Pastor Office - \$1300

Library - \$1500

Bethlehem (Sunday School room) - \$4500

Kris's office - \$1400

Treasurer office - \$1200

Fellowship hall - \$10,500

Home Communion – Working on getting people involved in doing this again.

Budget – Betty moved to accept the budget as proposed. Sue second. Passed.

Parochial report – Kris and Betty are going through membership records to clean up. Must be done by end of May 2019. This is when the software company will be charging flat amount per number of active members.

Upcoming events – One final Car Cruise will be October 25th and Trunk or Treat will be Sunday October 27th after the monthly community meal.

Next meeting is Monday, November 26th at 6:30 pm.

The men's group wants to remove bushes on west side of the church by Kris's office. This was given approval. They want to know when they can remove Pastor Dan's name on the sign outside by the drive. This was given approval. Their water heater issue has been put on hold.

Larry moved and Betty second to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Coffman