

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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Greetings, Friends!

There was plenty of snow in the parking lot when I arrived at the office this morning. Cleto was here plowing so that we would have dry pavement in time for our Thursday service. I suppose that means that we are officially finished with summer, and now it's time to prepare for a cold winter.

We have come a long way since late summer. We have managed to make critical changes that have allowed us to put our financial house in order. I am amazed at the generosity of the congregation - not only in terms of providing financial resources but in the many hours you give each week to keep our many programs rolling!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. It is important to me that we are free from any financial burdens as soon as possible so that we can be free to do whatever the congregation feels called to do in the name of Jesus for our neighbors in need. Your generosity is what will make that happen and I am aware of the trust you have put in the leadership at Hope and we will work to deserve that trust.

We have managed to raise enough funds to make certain that our mortgage payment is covered, and we have increased our income and reduced spending. Every day puts us one step closer to the goal of paying the mortgage off and building a financial safety net. If I can dream on paper with you all, I often daydream about having the mortgage paid off by Easter, and I bet it's possible, but just knowing that we are in good shape is enough to make me smile wide no matter when the mortgage is paid.

I want to assure you that I am committed, and your council is committed, to budgeting conservatively, and spending your generous contributions faithfully. I know how hard you work and how generous your contributions are - and I will do my best to make certain that your resources are managed wisely. We are so close to our goals! Keep up the great work and dream big dreams with me.

Yours in Christ,

Nate

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.

Dear Hope Lutheran Church Member...

On Sunday August 25, Pastor Nate had a conversation with the congregation that our budget was not going to cover his salary. The Church Council and Fundraising committee conducted a special meeting to discuss a strategy to continue our fundraising for the mortgage. It was voted on that we would place calls to each member to discuss our situation and have members make additional giving above and beyond their current amounts. All new funds will be earmarked for the monthly mortgage payments and not the principal. We have four years left to pay on the mortgage with a balance of \$87,000. With this extra cushion of cash coming in, we will be able to meet our payroll and overhead.

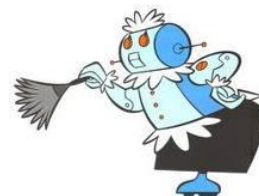
We deeply appreciate any extra giving you can give as we do not want to lose our Pastor. We have a strong and committed congregation who always rises to the occasion and we Thank You for that! Look for the special table in the Narthex for envelopes for your special Mortgage giving...also expect a call from either Donna Fugate, Sue Williams or Mary Richeson in the next two weeks!

In God's Love

The Fund Raising Committee and Church Council
Hope Lutheran Church



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.



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.



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



THE 2019 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.



CHOIR PRACTICE HAS BEEN MOVED TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 5:30. Everyone is welcome to join us!



November Birthdays

November 24, 2019
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

5-6:00 pm

Menu:
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
Salads
Corn
Deserts

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.

November Birthdays

- 1 Urijah Fay-Guzman, Isreal Moser
- 5 Emily Northup, Doug Weitnauer
- 6 Lacinda Taplin
- 7 Will Williamson
- 8 Kevin Lewis, Mary Paxton-Wright
- 9 Kaylynn Rairdin
- 10 Elsie Patterson
- 13 Abbi Dyson
- 15 Donna Carlson
- 16 Kaye Ross
- 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 October, but you are not listed, please call the church office at 365-3105 or 365-3999. Thanks!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR November & December

- November**
1st Assistant: Sun.: Betty Nelson
2nd Assistant: Sun.: Sharon Boardman
Musicians: Marcey Luxa
Choir Director: Cody Techau
Greeters: Sun.: Lea Reed
Ushers: Sun.: Jeanne Dahm & Jan Dyson

- December**
1st Assistant: Sun.: Harlene Stewart
2nd Assistant: Sun.: ?????
Musicians: Marcey Luxa
Choir Director: Cody Techau
Greeters: Sun.: Cindy Koppenhaver
Ushers: Sun.: Jan Dyson

WE ARE IN NEED OF A 2ND ASSISTANT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. PLEASE SIGN UP OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 365-3105.

Treasurer Report Week of November 5, 2019

Receipts: (Average weekly required for budget is \$3,508.00)
Actual Receipts: \$2,667.00(Plate: \$1,290.00 Simply Giving: \$1,195.00, Memorial to General Fund: \$100.00, Friday AA: \$80.00, Envelope Expense: \$2.00)

Expenditures: \$2,784.60
Bills due November 1: \$4,172.33 (includes payroll).

Received in Reserve for Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$110.00. (Total in Mortgage Reserve: \$10,641.65)

As of November 7, 2019 after all bills due were paid, the balance in the checking account is \$13,510.26.
Which Includes the Reserve Mortgage: \$10,641.65.

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.

“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 Pastor Nate, Scott Foizey, Joe Kell, and Cody Techau (the name of the band will be announced soon) play a variety of jazz, blues, pop and country music. There will be a hymn, some prayers, an awesome sermon, communion AND live music.



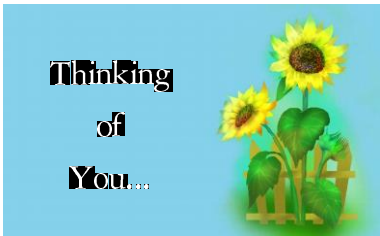
A BIG THANK YOU.....

to everyone who worked the corn wagon this season. I don't have totals yet on what our totals were but will be getting them to you as soon as I get them. Special thanks to Patty Hasson and Codge Jones for coordinating everything. Totals for the year including tips and produce was \$13,508. That's an increase of \$2,270 over last years total of \$11,238.



and Free Community Supper





Larry Luther
from

Debra Walderbach (General Fund)
Ben & Marlys Halberg (General Fund)
Patty Hasson (General Fund)
Betty & Rick Nelson (General Fund)

Dee Farner
from
Leon & Linda Jones (Memorial)

June Farmer
from
Rick & Betty Nelson (General Fund)

Dorothy Klinsky
from Rick & Betty Nelson (General Fund)
Donna Fugate (General Fund)
Patty Hasson (General Fund)
Leon & Linda Jones (Memorial)
Marcey Luxa (Memorial)

Jerry Schmidt
from
Elsie Patterson (Memorial)
Patty Hasson (General Fund)
Phill & Pam Evans (Mortgage)
Jim & Jerry Buttleman (Memorial)
Ronnie & Carol Carlson (Memorial)

Betty Hansen
from
Patty Hasson (General Fund)
Bill & Debbie Walderbach (Memorial Fund)
Cash (Memorial)
Ben & Marlys Halberg (Mortgage Fund)
Cheryl Beachler (Memorial)

Elsie Dlouhy
Scott's Meadow
5960 E
Marion, IA 52302
365-5333

(Elsie will be moving in 2 weeks but I don't have her
new address yet)

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

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

Kevin Lewis
112 33rd Ave. S. W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404



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.



WOMEN OF HOPE

The Women of Hope will be meeting on December 7th at 10:00 to put together plates of cookies for our shut-ins. Make sure to bring some cookies to fill the plates. They will also concentrate on putting up the mitten tree. So if you have a stash of mittens, hats, and scarves for the tree, go ahead and bring them.