

## HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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October 2019

I have officially begun sharing time with all the saints at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Marion. This will allow our congregations to share ministries as well as sharing a large portion of the operating expenses at Hope. The end result will be a savings of over \$3000 per month for Hope, and \$40,000 for the calendar year.

My hope is that with a year of partnership, our congregation will be able to move towards a balanced budget. If we couple this savings with an aggressive move to pay off our mortgage we will position our congregation to do incredible things in the name of God for our community! We are moving toward financial freedom in order to increase our outreach ministries. As a result, your congregation will be able to become the kind of church that God imagines in scripture. We will be unencumbered by debt so that we can do even more to help those in need in our community, and that is worth the efforts we will share during the months ahead.

Yes, we will share my time with LCR, and as a result we are moving our Wednesday night programs to Thursday. No problem. Yes, I will spend fewer hours behind a desk waiting for phone calls, and will not be present at the congregation every day. No problem. Yes, I will be gone one Sunday a month in order to preach at LCR. No problem.

Yes, we will demolish the remainder of our debt so that we can be free to serve. No doubt. Yes, we will enter a new phase in the life of our congregation that will be a cause for celebration and thanksgiving to God. No doubt. Yes, God is faithful in all God's promises, and as long as we keep our eyes on the ministry Christ gave this church we will be everything that God has called us to be. No doubt.

All this is possible because of the flexibility, commitment, and generosity of the members of Hope. I want each of you to know that I will carry this burden along side you, as I also hope to share in the ministry of our congregation to the community as we move towards our promised future. Your time is valued, your commitments are inspiring, and your contributions will be put to good use.

That's where we are. That's where we are going. Thanks be to God.

Pastor 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Wednesday Evening Worship 6:00**

October 27, 2019  
**FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER**

**5-6:00 pm**

**Menu:**  
**Hot Dogs**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Chips**

**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.**

**Treasurer Report Week of September 29, 2019**

**Receipts:** (Average weekly required for budget is \$3,508.00)  
Actual Receipts: \$2,033.41 (Plate: \$1,179.41, Simply Giving: \$185.00, Corn Sales: \$664.00, Memorials \$5.00)

**Expenditures:** -\$4,770.77  
Bills due Next Week: \$329.46

**Received in Reserve for Monthly Mortgage Payment:** \$85.00.

As of October 1, 2019 after all bills due were paid, the balance in the checking account is \$10,446.51 **Which Includes the Reserve Monthly Mortgage: \$7,439.65.**



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



October Birthdays

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- 7 David Morgan
- 9 Tami Rairdin
- 10 Don Schlotfelt
- 14 Glenn Williams, Jay Barnes, Monika Nordberg
- 17 Amanda Fay
- 21 Virginia Schmoll
- 28 Nancy Williamson
- 31 Phill Evans, Jan Dyson

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 October & November**

**October**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant: Sun.: Karen Franks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant: Sun.: JoAnn Eadie
- Musicians: Marcey Luxa
- Choir Director: Cody Techau
- Greeters: Sun.: Esther Thomas
- Ushers: Sun.: Cindy and Amy Koppenhaver

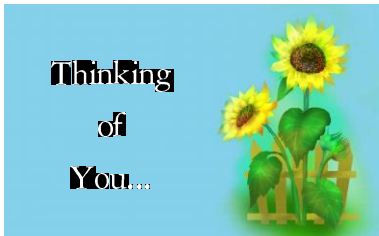
**November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant: Sun.: Betty Nelson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant: Sun.: Sharon Boardman
- Musicians: Marcey Luxa
- Choir Director: Cody Techau
- Greeters: Sun.: Jeanne Dahm
- Ushers: Sun.: Jeanne Dahm



This years Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 pm. This will follow our Free Community Supper at 5:00.

Sign up to bring your decorated car on the sign up sheet in the narthex. There is also a box for donated candy right below the sign. Last year we had over 100 kids and some folks ran out of candy so we will use this to replenish peoples supplies.



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## 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.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Craft Show

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
 from 8 am to 2 pm

Silent Auction  
 Bake Sale  
 Lunch served 11-1

**ALL CRAFTS – NO VENDORS**



Our youth used the quarters collected from the quarter tower to purchase school supplies to donate to those students who can't afford to purchase them. 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,**



Dorothy Klinsky  
 from

Donna Fugate (General Fund)  
 Patty Hasson (General Fund)  
 Rose & Bill Dougherty (Memorial)  
 Jerry and Sharon Schmidt (Sound System)  
 Harold Klinsky (Memorial)  
 Mary & William Martin (Memorial)

Larry Luther  
 from

Donna Fugate (General Fund)  
 Terry and Sandie Slinger (General Fund)  
 Jerry & Sharon Schmidt (Memorial)  
 Patty Hasson (General Fund)  
 Jim & Sharon Boardman (General Fund)