

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Members of Hope;

I have a patch of flowers in my back yard that I've been watching the humming birds dart in and out of in the late afternoons. They move so fast and are so elusive that I sometimes wonder whether or not I really saw them. The end of summer is like those humming birds. As much as I want to hold on to summer, to make it last a little longer, it is slipping away. It may dart back for a day or two, or for a warm afternoon, but then it's gone again in the cold evening breeze and falling leaves of autumn. For some people involvement in church is a bit like being a humming bird. They care about the church and the community of people, but their lives are busy. They dart in and out when they have time, or they have a need. Those of us who are faithfully present all the time, do our best to welcome them each time they come, invite them to come more often, but they dart away again until next time they fly in. Often, we blame ourselves, wonder if we are doing something wrong, wonder

what we could do to entice them to become roosting chickens like us instead of darting, illusive humming birds. "The times aren't just a changing," as the old song sang to us, they have already changed and keep changing. We need to ask darting humming birds what they want church to be for them. So if you know any darting humming birds, or have some in your family that you will see over the holidays, ask them what they might be looking for in a church and faith community. Ask in a nonjudgmental way, not as chicken who can't understand why they don't like our coop. If you get any answers, write them down or share them with our Spiritual care team, as we begin a long process of helping all of us grow the Church. Karen Paul, Clete Moser, Donna Fugate and Antonin Aziti are all members of the team. There is no hurry, share with them ideas younger families may give you, over time, as you learn them. Thanks for your help and enjoy the last warm days of summer or early autumn!

Blessings, Pastor Rhea

CHOIR & TONE CHIME CHOIR

Choir meets for practice every Wednesday afternoon at **3:00pm**. **Our tone chime people are on a break but watch for updates!** Everyone is welcome to participate.

MEN OF HOPE

The Men of Hope will meet on Saturday, October at 8:30 for breakfast and meeting. All men are welcome and invited to come.

SPIRITED SENIORS

Spirited Seniors meets every Wednesday at noon for lunch and cards. Bring your own lunch (unless Jim says not to!)

55+ WILL MEET IN NOVEMBER on Tuesday, November 5th. Due to Elections being at the church, they are planning to meet elsewhere. Watch the bulletin for updates.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 18th at 5:30P.

If you weren't involved last year but would like to be this year, please contact Pastor Rhea.



Pastor Rhea's Thursday morning Bible Study will meet every other week unless notified otherwise. This month they will meet at 11A on October 17th and 31st.



It is time for a NEW pictorial directory for Hope Lutheran. This time, we will **NOT** be going with a professional company. Tami Rairdin will be taking pictures on September 8, 15, 29 and October 6, 13, 19, 20, and 27th before and after church service. Pastor or Kris will be taking pictures at the Wednesday communion service afternoon service.

If you have not signed up, someone will be giving you a call. We don't want to miss anyone.

If it is not possible where we can take your picture, please contact Kris or myself for the type of picture and format needed.



October Birthdays:

- 07 David Morgan
- 09 Tami Rairdin, Wendy Manuel
- 14 Jay Barnes, Monica Nordberg
- 28 Nancy Williamson
- 29 Linda White
- 31 Jan Dyson, Phil Evans

If your birthday is in October, and not listed, please call the church office.

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Doug and Judy Torson
From
Terry and Sandie Slinger

Russ Nelson
From
Marilyn Mittan



Please come and enjoy a day of crafts. Lunch will be available for purchase from the Women of Hope. We will also have a bake sale with a variety of delicious baked goods.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall Craft Show 2024

October 19th from 9am – 2 pm

If you are interested in having a table, please contact Tami Rairdin at 319/350-4925 or the church office at 319/365-3105.



HOPE NOW HAS an outdoor food/toiletry box that is open to the public. This box is outside by the sign. You are welcome to put items in the box and you are also welcome to take anything you might be in need of. Individual servings of food (i.e. soups, canned pasta, canned/pouch meat, peanut butter, crackers, granola bars etc.) seems to be what people are taking.

DAVID AND SUSAN ADAMS have done a wonderful job of recording our worship services but have decided to take a break. A signup sheet is now on the back table for Recording Sunday Worship. This will be a monthly signup - just like Readers and Ushers. You will need a smartphone (iPhone OR Android) and a Facebook account. David and Susan Adams will train all volunteers.

WOMEN OF HOPE

THE WOMEN OF HOPE will meet this Saturday (October 12) at 9:00A. The speaker will be from Freedom Foundation. An organization that assists veterans with lodging, food, transportation, financial and physical/mental medical assistance.



THE WOMEN OF HOPE would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of school supplies.



On Sunday, September 15th, joined together in teams to do our Annual cleanup of Bowling St. Thanks to Donna Fugate and David Adams for spearheading the project.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the clean up then stayed for Fellowship with lunch afterward.

