

TIDINGS OF HOPE

lutheran church

If you have been in my office at the church, perhaps you have seen a couple of banners hanging on the walls. They were given to me at the time of my ordination into pastoral ministry. Both banners have a cross in the center, but other than that they are quite different from each other. They each have unique colors, types of fabric and stitching patterns, just to name a few of the differences. But they are both very special to me, as one was made by my home congregation, and the other by the congregation in South Dakota where I served as a pastoral intern. And along with their places of origin, and the occasion for which they were made, another reason why these banners are special is because in both cases it is clear a great deal of work went into their construction. When you examine the patterns, the stitching, the color scheme, and much more, you can see the full extent of the detailed handiwork. Both banners are most certainly labors of great love.

Seeing them reminds me of what Paul wrote in Ephesians 2, verses 8-10, *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

The first two of those verses are quite familiar, as they are one of the best, and most frequently quoted, summaries in scripture of the Gospel of grace through faith in Christ. But often the last verse, v.10, is left off when one is offering a quote of Ephesians 2. Verse 10, however, should be read just as often as the rest, I believe, for these words reveal to us that our lives are no accident! Each one of us is here on this earth for a purpose – a divinely appointed purpose. Each one of us is a part of God’s intricate and comprehensive plans for creation. We are here not to earn our salvation by doing good works, but because of God’s great mercy and love, the good works flow out of us by the power of the Spirit, and these good works both glorify God and are a blessing for others.

There are many worldviews and philosophies in the world that suggest our lives, and the universe we live in, are a mere random-chance accident. But nothing could be further from the truth! Just as the fabric and thread of the banners in my office didn’t just come together randomly out of nothing, this world, and each one of us, are the intricate and purposeful handiwork of an amazing Heavenly Father, who revealed himself to us in His Son Jesus, and is present with us in the Holy Spirit. And in the days ahead, may the Lord continually remind us of this important truth as we, by His grace, are blessed to live by faith in Christ, doing good works for His glory.

God’s Blessings, Pastor Dan



HARVEST FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 13

Worship



MISSION STATEMENT

“As a community of Christians, we commit ourselves to worship, grow in faith, to witness and reach out with Christ’s love to promote healing, support and service to one another, society, and the world.”

WORSHIP: 10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month.
EDUCATION: 9:00 am Adult Study
9:00 am Sunday School

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday School children will sing during worship on **Sunday, February 12**. A noisy offering will be received.

There will be a benefit luncheon and auction for Bob Doran **Sunday, February 12** at Hap Ketelsen. Lunch will be served from 11-2 with a live auction to start at 1 p.m. There will also be a silent auction and a bake sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the bake sale. Please have your baked goods packaged for sale and have them to Hap Ketelsen between 1-3 p.m. Saturday, February 11. Thank you!

Quilt Day will be **Wednesday, February 22**, starting at 9 am.

Save the date! The Father Daughter Dance will be **Saturday, March 18** from 6:30-9pm at Hap Ketelson Community Center.



Consider a marriage retreat! Marriage has never been easy, and it's possible it's more challenging than ever. Why is that? What can be done to help? How can learning new tools for a marriage relationship impact EVERY relationship in a family? All this and more will be explored at 'The New Rules for Marriage', an Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp marriage retreat **February 10-12**. Visit okoboji.org for more info or call the camp at 1-800-OKOBOJI. Remember, campships are available!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Donna Schoelerman	8 Kayla Reynolds	14 Amrie Curry	21 Hannah Tostenrud
3 Kathy Goeken	8 Maurine Spangler	14 Susie Schmidt	22 Marlis Tesch
3 Eli Harmon	9 Leona Holtz	15 Donna Shuck	23 John Geerdes
3 Travis Tesch	10 Kyle Johnson	16 Holly Johnson	23 Aiden Johnson
5 Irv Maaland	10 Nancy Welle	16 Dylan Behrens	23 David Keene
7 Olivia Addengast	11 Neila Rohan	17 Bev Rinehart	24 Joanne Follon
7 Annette Tesch	11 Craig Schmeling	19 Lois Doran	24 Leah Keene
7 Hannah Tessum	12 Graecyn Doppler	19 Jillian Rud	24 Craig Tesch
7 Leah Wyman	14 Ben Bunge	20 Leona Koechert	25 Devon Rud

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

6 Bill and Terri Vander Gaast	21 Maynard and Leona Holtz	27 Carl and Carol Jensen
14 Gary and Vicki Severson	22 Steve and Paula Smith	

YOUTH NEWS

To start things off a huge thank you to everyone who have supplied meals on Wednesday nights it has been greatly appreciated. Youth group meets every Wednesday at approx. 6:15 where there are two types of meals provided, the first being that which is great for our stomachs and the second which is far more important is the feeding of our spirit.

We have been continuing our study in the book of Hosea where we have been learning some very valuable lessons. The main lesson that we have been learning the last few weeks is that of how we look at ourselves and each other. If we were to take a look at our life and compare it to that of an atheist, or a muslim, or any other religion and ask ourselves a simple question "What makes us different?" Some of the answers I got were rather interesting. Some said: "Because we believe in Jesus" while others said "Because we go to church". While those aren't bad things they are also not correct. I encourage you to take a moment before continuing on and really think "what makes us different." If you are thinking it is because we believe in life after death or it's because of how we talk or act you too would be wrong. When you look in a mirror what do you see? You see you, right? And that is where we need to change because if we see us then we don't see God. For Genesis 1:26 says "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" So the thing that should separate us from any other religion is the fact that when people look at us they should see Jesus. When you look at yourself in the mirror you should see Jesus, after all we are made in His image and in His likeness and He lives in us. So in all that we do in thought, word, and deed let us reflect our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Coming up: A tentative plan for either a Wing Night* or Bowling Night* sometime in February (*subject to change) March 5th there will be an Outreach night at Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp that starts at 5pm and ends roughly at 8pm. Due to inclement weather the No Apologizes event has been moved to March 15.



Women of Hope MEETING MINUTES

Women of Hope Board Meeting – January 11, 2017

The WOH Board meeting was held on Jan. 11, 2017 at 5PM with 6 members present. The meeting began with a devotional entitled “Love That Stays” read by President Kris Keene.

Secretary’s Report was read and approved M/S/C Cynthia/Jennifer. Several thank you notes were read for camperships, Love gifts, and several of the year-end donations. All expressed their appreciation for our support.

Treasurer’s Report – General Fund \$1120.17 Love Fund \$1164.82 One bill was presented for Janitor’s Closet (supplies) \$104.40 M/S/C Teresa/Kara. A motion was presented for the treasurer to have approval to pay routine monthly bills when due and then present at the next meeting. M/S/C Kara/Teresa. This is to avoid our bills being paid late. There were no Love gifts. The treasurer’s books have been audited and found to be in order. The annual financial report has been turned in the office for the annual report.

Mission Action - The next quilt day is Jan. 25, 2017.

Mission Communities - 30 more hats/mittens were delivered to Upper Des Moines. We need a volunteer for Christian Woman Speaks for the Feb 19 airing. It would be taped on Feb 13.

Mission Growth – The evening of April 26 has been set for the WOH Spring Gathering. Mark your calendars. More information to come.

New business - Installation of board members will be Jan 29 during worship service. All board members are encouraged to attend. A more organized manner is needed for scheduling volunteers for the Hartley Nursing Home luncheon when Pastor or Dave have the worship service there. Kris is working on this. 2 new Bible studies are being started shortly.

The meeting was adjourned M/S/C Cynthia/Jennifer. The Lord’s Prayer was recited.

The next board meeting will be held on **February 8 at 5PM.**

Secretary, Sherri Steffen

FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP KIT OF THE MONTH

Personal Care Kit taken to Lutheran World Relief

Items included in each Personal Care Kit:

*Please use new items in good condition.

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel - maximum 52” X 27”, dark color recommended
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap –equaling up to 8-9 ozs., any brand,in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers - attached file optional



‘When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it’s often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush . . . and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. We can share God’s grace and love by providing that simple comfort!’

Lutheran World Relief mission and vision: ‘Affirming God’s love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. Empowered by God’s unconditional love in Jesus Christ, we envision a world in which each person, every community and all generations live in justice, dignity and peace.’

Stewardship Kit Coordinators: Shirley Adolf and Linda Harders

Our Mission Outreach Allocation from funds received in 2016 was recently approved at the Congregational Annual Meeting. \$13,500 was allocated and those checks are now being mailed. Praise The Lord!

The Mission Outreach Committee consisted of Kim Tessum, Rodney Thomsen, Kevin Adolf, David Hoye, John Jensen, Tom Goeken, and Pastor Dan. Most of the funding is a continuation of projects we have been funding located throughout the world.

After the allocation, there is \$2,900 left in Mission Outreach that can be used for projects that might come up during the year.

Please include these Mission Outreach projects in your prayers as they work to spread the good news of Christ. To God be the glory!

3,000 Wanda Garcia Family-Nicaragua:

Replacing thatched roofs with a metal roof @ \$600/roof.

1,500 Institute of Lutheran Theology – Brookings, SD

The Institute of Lutheran Theology is an independent, Lutheran school, holding that God in Jesus Christ brings sinners to repentance and new life. Because of its commitment to Scripture, to the Lutheran Confessions, and to deep dialogue with the contemporary intellectual horizon, the Institute works with supporting congregations to educate the next generation of faithful Lutheran preachers and teachers.

1,000 Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

The mission of Ingham and Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps is “to know Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to all”. They do that through their summer youth camps, summer family camp, fall and spring recharge youth retreats, and adult retreats.

2,700 Tom Goeken & Jamie

Tom has worked with Jamie in Nicaragua on several projects in the past including funding for a radio station startup. Now Tom and Jamie plan to help build a Christian School.

1,100 Operation Bootstrap

Several members of our congregation are helping to support a Tanzania gal go to University. The Mission Outreach Committee is helping to make this possible.

1,000 TD Sherman and wife

TD and his wife are in South Dakota and will be ministering on a college campus through CRU. CRU was formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ.

2,000 Louis & Jane Faulstich

Louis and Jane are a couple from Ruthven who are working through Wycliffe Bible Translators in the country of Vanuatu as missionaries and Bible Translators. Vanuatu is an island in the South Pacific Ocean near New Guinea and east of northern Australia. This is a many year project as they spent their first year getting acquainted with the culture.

1,200 Church of the Damascus Road

Prison ministry in Rockwell City. The Brothers of the Blue helps to bring Christ behind the prison walls. They have been struggling with their finances.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church was held January 22, 2017, following a potluck dinner served by the Church Council. President Hoye called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM. Devotions were given by Pastor Dan. No items were added to the agenda.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes from the January 24, 2016 meeting were read. Allen Boyles made a motion and Kate Hansen seconded it to approve the minutes as written with no additions or corrections. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report: As written.

President’s Report: President Hoye said it has been a pleasure to serve you.

Audit Report: Karla Saboe & Chris Schoelerman examined the books for 2016 and found them to be in order.

Nominating Committee: Dave Hoye and Kim Tessum were on the nominating committee. They reported that the following people have permitted their names to be placed in nomination. President, Kevin Adolf; Trustee, Brian Kahl; Deacon, LaVonne Peters; Board of Education, Kory Lux; Endowment, Karla Saboe. President Hoye asked for nominations from the floor – there were none. John Goeken made a motion to accept the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Rick Stueben seconded it. Motion carried. President Hoye thanked the outgoing council members and presented them with a certificate of appreciation for their service to Hope Lutheran Church.

Board of Trustees Report: As written.

Board of Deacons Report: As written.

Board of Education Report: As written.

Endowment Committee Report: Karla Saboe reported on the Endowment allocations. The total allocations this

year were \$30,000.00. The total allocations given out by the Endowment since 1992 is \$558,058.91. This money has been given to our Church, community and missions. Rick Stueben made a motion and Theresa Hansen seconded it to approve the allocations. Motion carried.

Altar Committee Report: As written.

Jr. High and Sr. High Financial Reports: As written.

Women of Hope: As written.

Mission Outreach Report: John Jensen gave a report on the Mission Outreach allocations. This year \$13,500.00 was allocated to several different missions locally and internationally. Kevin Adolf made a motion and Leo Behrens seconded that we approve the recommendations made by the committee. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Proposed 2017 Budget: John Jensen gave a detailed report on the financial position of the church and the proposed budget for 2017. Kevin Adolf made a motion and Leo Behrens seconded that we approve the Treasurer's report and the proposed budget for 2017. Motion carried.

Old Business: President Hoyer announced that there are some old folding chairs on the stage. If you would like some please just make a free will donation. All other items that have been cleaned out of storage areas have been spoken for.

New Business: Kathy Behrens asked if the curtains that close off the kitchen could be replaced. They seem to be original and with the other remodeling are needing attention. Kathy was asked to get pricing on new ones and to report to the Council. Marlene Schoelerman asked about the future of the food pantry. President Hoyer said that it is a go, the committee was dealing with some security issues and insurance questions but those items have been dealt with and are hoping for a March 1 open. They are looking for volunteers to sit in the pantry during open hours. The proposed date for the 2018 Annual Meeting is January 28, 2018.

Tom Goeken made a motion and Wyatt Glime seconded it to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Monica Glime, Secretary

Church Council Meeting - JANUARY MINUTES

President Hoyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on January 11, 2017. Pastor Dan gave devotions from Psalm 119 v 89, which talked about expression of praise for God being eternal.

Members present: Dave Hoyer – President
John Jensen – Treasurer
Monica Glime – Secretary

Brady Follon – Trustee
Carol Schmeling – Deacon
Todd Meyer – Trustee

Kris Keene – Women of Hope
Tracy Adrian – Vice President
Devon Rud – Board of Education

Secretary's report reviewed. M/S/C by Meyer/Adrian to approve report.

Treasurer's report reviewed, M/S/C by Keane/Adrian to approve report as presented and pay current bills.

President's report: Thanks to all members who have served with him for the past 3 years. It has been a productive 3 years.

Member's report: None **Deacons' report:** None **Trustees' report:** None

Board of Education: Board Members: Devon Rudd has finished her term on the board. Brooke Schueller will be the head of the Board with Megan Smith also having rights to the bank account.

Sunday School– WOW awards for opening and class time to see if it promotes better behavior. And look at having your child(ren) attend summer camps. Scholarships are available.

High School Youth – No Apologies event in Spencer on Wednesday, January 25th will be the activity of the month for Confirmation and High School Youth.

Women of Hope: Year-end giving was done at their last meeting, approximately \$2100 was divided amongst the groups they donated to. Spring meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017.

Old Business:

Local Mission and Outreach – Food pantry was discussed again with the possibility of adding security cameras at the entrances of the church for approx. \$100-\$300 each. We are still moving forward with the food pantry.

Nomination Committee – Kori Lux has agreed to go on Ballot for Board of Education.

New Business: 2017 Budget Approval – M/S/C Adrian/Keane as presented to the council.

Annual meeting: Sunday, January 22nd after worship and potluck.

The next council meeting will be **Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

Tidings material is due in the office on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:55 pm.

Secretary, Monica Glime

FEBRUARY

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	2		3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Meal 7:00 Youth Group	1			4
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion Greeter: Adam Pearson & family Reader: Kris Keene Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Eric Rud	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/SS Kids Sing/Noisy Offering Greeter: Dave Lux & family Reader: Jeannine Bunge Pianist: Connie Goeken Projection: Teresa Hansen 11:00 Bob Doran Benefit	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion Greeter: Jim Bunge & family Reader: John Goeken Organist: Cynthia Knapp Projection: Kara Taylor	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 Adult Study/Sunday School 10:00 Worship Greeter: Dick Goeken & family Reader: Karla Saboe Pianist: Sue Hartmann Projection: Denny Harmon	26	27	28				
		Tidings Material Due	9:00 Quilt Day 3:30 Confirmation 6:15 Youth Meal 7:00 Youth Group	Ushers: Adam Pearson, Dave Lux, Jim Bunge, Dick Goeken Altar: Emma Pearson & Holly Pearson Service Group #1		10-2 Food Pantry Open House	

Naomi Bible Study: Hostess in February is Chris Schoelerman. Study by Lois Doran. Held in fireside room.

Martha Bible Study: Hostesses in February are Alvena Koehn and Hope Wilken. Study by Doris Wilson. Treats by Kathy Goeken and Arlene Meyer.

Held at Hartley Community Health Center at 2 p.m.