

Mission Statement

God calls us to Mission and Ministry in our rural community and to the world. Gathered in Faith and nurtured by Word and Sacraments, we commit ourselves to share a hope for the future, to use our resources and talents guided by the Holy Spirit, and to work together to expand our ministry to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

**HOPE LUTHERAN & ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

Junr 2026

Sunday Worship:

Hope—9:00 AM
St. Paul's—10:30 AM
With Communion
on the first and third
Sundays

GLOW:

(Sept-April)
God's Love On
Wednesdays
5:30 PM Supper
6:00 PM GLOW
6:00 PM Ignite
(Confirmation)
Classes/Teen Power

Coffee & Fellowship:

Following Worship at
Hope

Welcome

WORSHIP TIMES:

**Hope Lutheran - 9:00 am Worship
(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)**

**St. Paul's Lutheran - 10:30 am Worship
(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)**

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

**Important July Dates
and an Opportunity for
Hope Lutheran
(See page 5 for information!)**

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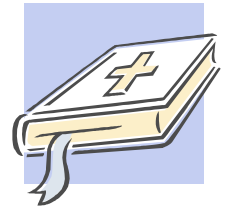
Synod Authorized
Minister: Jenn Warnock
Email: Jennifermcwarnock@gmail.com
GLOW Directors: Erin Roberts
Custodians: Jason & Jen Johnson & Family
Organists: Valerie Buysse, Wendy Sarazyn
Jubilation: Kasey Denney & Nona Gottskalkson

Church Email:
hopelutheran87@gmail.com
Church Website:
www.hopeminneota.org

Bible Studies for Men and Women

Gather Magazine Bible Study July 6, 6:30 pm
 Women of the Bible Study Resumes in September
 Men's Bible Study July 3, 8:00 am

At Church
 At Porter Cafe



2026 Church Attendance

April 2	65	Maundy Thursday	May 3	68	June 7
April 3	49	Good Friday	May 10	92	June 14
April 5	176	Easter	May 17	87	June 21
April 12	167	First Communion	May 24	45	June 28
April 19	140		May 31	61	Total:
April 26	90		Total:	353	Average:
Total:	687		Average:	71	
Average:	115				



Workgroup Chairpersons

Darwin & Lori Dyce (June) Nancy Weise (July)
 507-476-2042 or 507-828-9567 507-640-1263

Altar Guild (July 1-31)

Val Buysse 828-4404
 Sandy Tolk 872-6730

Date Sound Operators

June 7 Scott Josephson
 June 14 ?
 June 21 Todd Sonnenburg
 June 28 Cole Myhre

Date Acolytes

June 7
 June 14
 June 21
 June 28



Money Counters: June—Deb Belaen July—Sandy Josephson, Jason Johnson

Upcoming Dates:

***July 12—Following Worship:**

Question-and-Answer Session about the Wartburg TEEM Program

***July 19—Following Worship:**

Special Congregational Meeting and Vote regarding Minister Jennifer Warnock's request for Hope Lutheran to serve as her TEEM congregation

***August 1—Wedding of Laura Knutson & Charles Meier**

No Walk Around Offerings for June through August.



June Church Council Notes**Church Council Notes – June 3, 2026**

Fund Balances: General Fund:	\$ 36,082.10	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 71,608.62
Building Fund:	\$ 11,318.78	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 331.16
GLOW:	\$ 22,565.72		

Attendance:

Attending in Person: Amie Ascheman, Sandy Josephson, Barb Okrina, Cory Myhre, Deb Belaen, Jen Anderson, Susan Rassier, Lori Dyce, Jeff Van Keulen, Chris Pesch (church secretary)

Attending via Phone: Jason Johnson, Angie DeVos

Absent: Jasmine DeSmet

Devotions were led by Amie Ascheman

Secretary's Report – Motion made to approve May's secretary's report by Cory Myhre. Lori Dyce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- **Bills:** Bills for the month of June were sent out via e-mail prior to the meeting for review. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$9,737.77 with two additional bills. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Treasurer's Report. Cory Myhre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Trustees Report

- **Bills:** Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$9,737.77 with two additional bills: One Office Solution for \$113.27 for copier paper and Peter Soli for \$1,443.75 for May.
- **Peter Soli update:** Peter has completed his report. We had a meeting with him, and we have also received his follow-up from that meeting.
- **Jenn's TEEM Update:** Jenn is transitioning to the TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) program through Wartburg College.
 - This is a certification program versus a Master's of Divinity program, and it includes online classes, synod mentorship, and a congregational partner. Jenn has requested that Hope Lutheran be her TEEM congregation. The TEEM program is designed for completion in three years, with the last year a full-time internship in the congregation (if a candidate chooses four years – the last two years is a half-time internship).
 - As part of this program, there would be an agreement between the congregation and the pastor on the aligned expectations.
 - As this would be a 3-to-4-year commitment, we believe that this should be a congregation decision.
 - The TEEM's program starts in October, and if we moved forward with this, our call process would stop.
 - **Motion made by Cory Myhre to call a congregational meeting on July 26 immediately following the service to vote on Jenn's request to be her TEEM congregation. Susan Rassier seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
 - An informational / Q&A meeting will be held immediately following the service on July 19th. Amie will draft a letter for this meeting, and she will also have an article in the next newsletter with more information about this process.
- **Snowblower:** We are still in need of a different snowblower, and Lynn Okrina is attending an auction over the weekend. Chris will provide him a check made out to the auction company, so he can make the purchase if the blower is in acceptable shape and a reasonable price.
- **Motion made by Lori Dyce to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Cory Myhre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board of Deacons Report

- **Walk Around Offerings:** 4th Sunday of the month - **Endowment matches walk around offerings 3:1 up to \$750.**
 - June – August – No walk around offerings
- **Upcoming Dates:**
 - June 7 and June 21 – Communion
 - June 14 and 28 – Val Buisse will be gone, and Mary Kay Rabaey will be playing organ/piano.
 - July 5 and July 18 – Communion
 - We are looking at doing a hymn sing before church.
- **Motion made by Jeff Van Keulen to approve the Board of Deacons report. Susan Rassier seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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June Church Council Notes (continued)**Board of Education Report**

- GLOW / Confirmation / Teen Power:
 - Confirmation - Angie is still trying to find a date for the confirmation students to work at the Banquet.
 - The programs are on summer break.
- Mission Trip:
 - The Mission Trip is continuing to do fundraisers.
 - Contact Emily Hennen, emhaugland@hotmail.com or 507-828-6797 if interested in going on 2027 Mission Trip.
- YBS: Vacation Bible School will be June 8th – June 11th from noon to 4 pm at Hope this year.
 - There are 53 campers and 8 volunteers registered!
 - There will be 2 adults and 4 camp counselors leading the event.
 - There is a program and ice cream social on June 11th at 4 pm.
- **Motion made by Cory Myhre to approve the Board of Education report. Barb Okrina seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Other Business

- July Council Meeting: July's council meeting will be via e-mail. Please have your committee reports sent to Deb by Monday, June 29th. I will send out all the information via e-mail and ask that you vote on the specified items.

Motion made by Barb Okrina to adjourn. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of June 29th via e-mail

Next Council Meeting - Wednesday, July 1, 2026, via e-mail

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen

From Jenn Warnock:

Dearly Beloved Church,

This month I want to share a Father's Day Poem with you!

I gave this to my Dad as a Father's Day gift when I was in college and didn't have money for a "real gift". Years later, he told me this was his favorite gift I have ever given him. My dad is a big fan of the old hymns, so you might notice some hymn references in there! Happy Father's Day to all the fathers! May you always walk in the love of the Savior and in the example of Our Heavenly Father.

FAITH OF MY FATHER

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH, MY FATHER.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

IT WAS UNTO A LITTLE CHILD

WITH A BIG IMAGINATION.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH MY FATHER,

IN GOD'S *AMAZING GRACE.*

BECAUSE I TOO BELIEVED I SOON

SHALL SEE HIM *FACE TO FACE.*

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH, MY FATHER.

TIS FAITH THAT MAKES US WHOLE,

AND BECAUSE OF YOUR EXAMPLE

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL.

Jennifer McDuffie Warnock

Dear beloved church,

Much love and thanks for your outpouring of love and grace for me, my family and Bishop Dee when I was installed as your Synod Authorized Minister.

Looking back on our last eighteen months in ministry together, I continue to be thankful that the Lord has brought me to Hope and St. Paul's! My prayer is that God will continue to strengthen, sustain, and bless us into God's will for our future and God's glory.

I love you all,

Jenn

Important July Dates and an Opportunity for Hope Lutheran

My Council President Newsletter is going to look a little different and more focused on one item this month. I'm going to start this article with two important dates to mark on your calendar:

- **July 12, following worship**—Question-and-Answer Session about the Wartburg TEEM Program
- **July 19, following worship**—Special Congregational Meeting and Vote regarding Minister Jennifer Warnock's request for Hope Lutheran to serve as her TEEM congregation

So, why are these dates important?

Minister Jennifer Warnock has informed both the synod and Hope Lutheran that she plans to continue her path toward ordained ministry through the Wartburg TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) program. TEEM is an alternative route to ordination within the ELCA that focuses on preparing leaders for ministry through a certificate program rather than a traditional Master of Divinity degree.

As part of that process, Jennifer has asked Hope Lutheran to serve as her TEEM congregation.

The TEEM program is designed to integrate theological education with active ministry. Through coursework, mentoring, and practical experience, candidates develop competency in areas such as Scripture, theology, ethics, Lutheran confessions, church history, worship, teaching, evangelism, stewardship, administration, service, and pastoral care.

A congregation that agrees to serve as a TEEM site enters into a partnership with the candidate for approximately three to four years. During that time, the candidate serves in ministry while receiving support and guidance from Wartburg Seminary, a pastoral mentor, and the synod. The program also includes an internship period, which often takes place within the same congregation.

One important aspect of the TEEM process is that when a congregation commits to being a TEEM site, any active pastoral call process is stopped while the congregation fulfills that commitment.

If you would like to learn more about the TEEM program, I encourage you to explore the information available through Wartburg Seminary. We will also hold a Question-and-Answer session on July 12 following worship. We hope to have synod representation available to help answer questions. If the synod is unable to attend and there are questions, we cannot answer that day, we will work with the synod to gather the information and share it with the congregation.

Hope Lutheran's Decision

Serving as a TEEM congregation would be an exciting opportunity for Hope Lutheran. It would allow us to participate directly in the formation of a future ELCA pastor while continuing to benefit from Jennifer's gifts for ministry among us. At the same time, this is not a decision for the Council alone. It is a decision for the entire congregation. The commitment extends for at least three years, and the hope is that the ministry relationship would continue beyond Jennifer's completion of the program and ordination.

At its June meeting, the Church Council voted to call a Special Congregational Meeting on July 19 following worship. As with our previous special meeting, voting will be conducted by ballot. According to our congregational requirements, at least 50 voting members must be present for the vote, and a majority vote is needed for approval.

We are sharing this information well in advance so that everyone has the opportunity to learn about the TEEM program, ask questions, and prayerfully consider what this decision means for the future of Hope Lutheran.

If the congregation approves Jennifer's request, the Council and Jennifer will work together to clearly define expectations, responsibilities, and areas of ministry. Jennifer is already providing leadership in worship and offering pastoral care to members experiencing health challenges, death, or other difficult circumstances. Together, we would continue to evaluate the needs of Hope Lutheran and explore how her gifts can best support our congregation, including strengthening connections with our youth and families.

If the congregation does not approve the request, Jennifer would continue working with the synod to identify another congregation to serve as her TEEM site. In that case, Hope Lutheran would no longer receive the ministry and pastoral care she currently provides as she begins that journey elsewhere.

As we approach these important conversations and decisions, I invite all of us to keep Jennifer, our congregation, and the discernment process in our prayers. May God guide us with wisdom, faith, and openness to the opportunities before us.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me regarding any thoughts, questions, or concerns regarding this matter and other items regarding Hope Lutheran.

Amie Ascheman—amie@rlwlawyers.com—507-537-0515

2026 WORK GROUP 1**Updated 2-2026*****DUTIES: Locate ushers from your group for church services, unless instructed otherwise.******Prepare food and serve funerals on a rotating bases, with the funeral coordinator instructing you at the appropriate time.***

January:	Scott & Barb Knutson	507-828-9111	507-828-9117
April:	Fig & Linda Nuytten	507-828-7789	507-829-9379
July:	Nancy Wiese	507-640-1263	
October:	Lois VanDePutte	507-872-6422	507-530-9385

	#1		#2	Home #	#1 Cell	#2 Cell
Anderson			Bri			
Anderson			Jennifer			507-828-2326
Anderson	Keith			507-872-6290		
Anderson	Scott				507-828-1971	
Breyfogle	Nicholas	&	Allison		763-234-5767	507-828-2787
Dalager	Charles	&	Linda	507-872-6062		
DeSmet	Richard	&	Jasmine		605-881-4887	605-881-4138
Dovre			Rita	507-872-6059	507-828-7682	507-828-1415
Drown	Joe	&	Judy			507-828-4468
Fadness			Lisa			507-829-7487
Fier			Fran	507-872-6795		507-828-1423
Gilgert	Ronald			507-872-6743		
Hennen			Jen		507-829-4547	507-828-8394
Hettling	Royal			507-872-6326		
Horner	JJ	&	Jessica		507-828-7497	507-829-2799
Knutson	Scott	&	Barbara		507-828-9111	507-828-9117
Kompelien			Courtney			507-829-4783
Larson	Danny	&	Tracy	507-872-6068	507-828-6080	507-828-0389
Miller	Stan	&	Loralee	507-872-6526		
Muhl	Austin	&	Whitney			507-829-0455
Myhre	Cory	&	Leah		507-706-0006	507-401-7983
Myhre	Kurt	&	Kim	507-872-5481	507-829-2902	507-828-8008
Myhre	Nels	&	Pat		507-872-6787	
Nuytten	Richard (Fig)	&	Linda		507-828-7789	507-829-9379
Obe	Brian				507-829-3403	
Opdahl	Anthony	&	Kathy		507-828-6987	605-999-1557
Pesch	Henry	&	Taylor Burley		507-828-2459	218-330-3097
Petersen	Patrick				507-401-7922	
Pohlen	Alex	&	Jenny		507-829-2693	507-330-4628
Prellwitz			Brenda	507-872-6996	507-530-3878	
Rassier			Susan			507-828-2509
Reiss	Chad	&	Moriah		507-828-2999	507-828-2627
Roberts	Jerren	&	Erin		605-370-1679	507-530-4333
Rokeh	James	&	Helen	507-872-6847		
Sonnenburg	Tavin	&	Caitlyn		507-530-6055	507-829-2549
Tolk			Sandy	507-872-6730	507-530-1849	
Van Keulen	Jeff	&	Dawn		507-829-8398	507-829-8399
VanDePutte			Lois	507-872-6422	507-530-9385	
Wambeke			Judy	507-872-6069		763-843-9703
Wiese			Nancy			507-530-5502