

### 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

March, 2024

#### Sunday Worship:

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

#### GLOW:

God's Love On  
Wednesdays  
5:30 PM Supper  
6:00 PM GLOW  
6:00 PM Confirmation  
Classes/Teen Power

#### Coffee & Fellowship:

Hope—10:00 AM

Hope Services Are  
Streamed on  
Facebook

# happy Easter

March 28—Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm at Hope

March 29—Good Friday, 7:00 pm at Hope

March 31—Easter Sunday

7:30 am at Hope

8:30 am at St. Paul's

10:00 am at Hope

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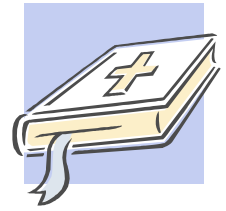
Pastor:  
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PO Box 87  
Minneota, MN 56264-0087

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
412 East Lyon Street  
Minneota, MN 56264

**Bible Studies for Men and Women**

Circle Bible Study	March 4th, 7:00 pm	At Church
Circle Bible Study	March 13th, 10:00 am	At Angie Borstad's Home
Men's Bible Study	March 1st, 8:00 am	At Porter Cafe

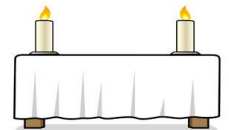


**2024 Church Attendance**

January 7	107	February 4	February 25	Lent
January 14	Cancelled-Cold	February 11	February 28	
January 21	70 Est.	February 14	Ash Wed.	
January 28		February 18	Total:	
Total:		February 21	Lent	
Avg:			Avg:	

**Altar Guild (February 28—March 26)**

Jena Corbin 829-8725  
Rose Van Uden 829-1806



**Workgroup Chairpersons**

**Date Sound Operators**

March 3 Matt Myhre  
March 10 Todd Sonnenburg  
March 17 Scott Josephson  
March 24 Greg Gottskalkson  
March 31 Cory Myhre

**Date Acolytes**

March 3 Beckham Norby & Logan Esping  
March 10 Logan Pohlen & Owen Myrvik  
March 17 Alexis Bitker & Colton Bitker  
March 24 Brycen Myhre & Louie DeVos  
March 31 Kingston Ryer & Mason Johnson



**Money Counters:** March: Angie DeVos & Jen Anderson

**Upcoming Dates:**

- \***Sunday, March 3** (John Lupkes, Lay Minister, No Communion)
- \***Wednesday, March 6**  
    6:45 pm – Lenten Worship
- \***Sunday, March 10** (No Communion, Tim Gone)
- \***Wednesday, March 13**  
    10 am – Morning Bible Study at Angie Borstad's Home  
    6:45 pm – Lenten Worship
- \***Sunday, March 17**  
    Baptism for Ellie Reiss, Daughter of Brendan & Lizzy Reiss
- \***Wednesday, March 20**  
    6:45 pm – Lenten Worship
- \***Sunday, March 24** – Palm Sunday—Walk Around Offering, Food Shelf
- \***Wednesday, March 27**  
    NO GLOW, Happy Easter!
- \***Thursday, March 28** - 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday at Hope
- \***Friday, March 29** - 7:00 pm – Good Friday at St. Paul's
- \***Sunday, March 31, Easter**  
    10:00 am Easter Worship

**Church Council Notes – February 7, 2024**

<b>Fund Balances:</b> General Fund:	\$ 18,163.31	Cornerstone Fund:	\$ 37,803.55
Building Fund:	\$ 3,903.85	Petty Cash Fund:	\$ 94.12
Building Fund Savings:	\$ 2,641.21	GLOW:	\$ 3,741.48

**Attendance:**

- **Attending in Person:** Deb Belaen, Rose Van Uden, Angie DeVos, Emily Hennen, Barb Knutson, , Jen Anderson, Aimee Ascheman, Jason Johnson, Lizzy Reiss, Sandy Josephson, James Danielson, Cory Myhre, Chris Pesch-Church Secretary
- **Attending via Phone:** Terri Myhre
- **Absent:**

**Election of Officers and Committees**

- Rose Van Uden nominated Cory Myhre for President. Emily Hennen nominated Terri Myhre for President. **Paper ballots were distributed and counted by Deb as acting Secretary. Terri Myhre was elected as President.**
- Rose Van Uden nominated Cory Myhre for Treasurer. Emily Hennen nominated Aimee Ascheman for Treasurer. **Paper ballots were distributed and counted by Deb as acting Secretary. Cory Myhre was elected as Treasurer.**
- Barb Knutson nominated Deb Belaen for Secretary. Emily Hennen seconded the nomination. **Rose Van Uden made a motion to cease nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Deb, seconded by Barb Knutson. Motion carried.** Deb Belaen is our Secretary.
- Board of Trustees – Terri Myhre, Cory Myhre, Deb Belaen, Aimee Ascheman, James Danielson
- Board of Deacons – Rose Van Uden, Jason Johnson, Barb Knutson, Sandy Josephson
- Board of Education – Emily Hennen, Jen Anderson, Lizzy Reiss, Angie DeVos

**Secretary's Report** – It was noted that Tim Velde is a lay minister, so the reference to him as pastor should be removed from the minutes from last month's report. Deb will make that correction. **Motion made by Emily Hennen to approve the corrected secretary's report. Angie DeVos seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**

- **Bills** – Bills for the month of February were presented by Terri Myhre. Total General Fund bills are estimated at \$6,977.80. **Motion made by Rose Van Uden to approve the Treasurer's Report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Board of Trustees Report**

- **Bills:** The bill for VK Services for website maintenance from July 2023 – January 2024 (after a portion was donated) is \$273.95. As it was voted on during the annual meeting, the annual budgeted amount to the Synod was raised to \$3,000 (\$250.00 per month). This will increase the total for February to \$7,061.13. It was noted that the deposit of \$600 for VBS was paid in January. There was also discussion about the amount to pay Tim Velde for doing Lenten services. It was agreed that he would be paid \$150 + mileage for Ash Wednesday and \$75 + mileage for the other Wednesday services. There was also additional discussion on the budget increase voted on during the annual meeting for the organists and pianist to \$3600 annually. They are currently paid \$50 per Sunday. This item was tabled until next month's meeting to allow several individuals to check on local rates to make the change only once.
- **Money Counters:** The list was sent around so people could sign up. Please show up for the months that you signed up; if you are not available, please ask someone else to fill in for you.
- **Bell Tower Update:** Scott Josephson provided an update on the Bell Tower. The Endowment Fund committee contacted a restoration person from Wisconsin, and he looked at it yesterday. This person is a professional on restoring older buildings. Structurally it is sound; moisture management is the concern. The two areas that need to be addressed are the tuck pointing and the rubber mat. He thinks we have a ventilation issue in the dead space above the organ. The damage on the sandstone is not a structural issue; it is a cosmetic issue with flaking. The Endowment Committee paid him a \$3500 retainer, and he will tell us what we need to do and who the right people are to do it. We also gave him all the original plans from when the church was built; he will digitize them and send the digital files and the original paper documents back to us.
- **Furnaces:** After consultation with several contractors, the trustees made the decision to replace both of the furnaces at church. The estimated cost for the furnaces and installation is \$10,000. There was additional discussion on how to pay for this repair, and we will request assistance from the Endowment Building fund.
- **Cemetery Permanent Care Fund:** As a follow up from the discussion at the annual meeting about finding an alternate investment strategy to ensure that the maintenance of the cemetery, including larger purchases like a lawn mower, can be covered. Per our bylaws, the Cemetery Permanent Care Fund is under the responsibility of the trustees. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to designate the Endowment Fund Committee to manage the Cemetery Permanent Care Fund including determining the investment strategy. Barb Knutson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to approve the Board of Trustees' report. Cory Myhre seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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## Church Council Notes (continued)

### Board of Deacons Report

- Walk Around Offerings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Endowment matches walk around offerings 2:1 up to \$500
  - February 25 – Esther’s Kitchen / March 24 – Marshall Food Shelf / April 28 –
- March is FoodShare month in Minnesota, and there are usually opportunities for our donations to be matched by other organizations thus multiplying our giving. **Motion made by Deb Belaen to have the Endowment Fund match the March Walkaround 3 to 1 with no maximum. Rose Van Uden seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Barb will contact the Endowment Fund to let them know about this change.
- Work Groups: Work group leaders still need to be finalized for the year and the Deacons will work on this.
- Lenten Services: The Lenten services will be from 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm, and lectors are not needed.
- Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes is February 14, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.
- Group Meet: Angie Borstad contacted Barb about setting up a Group Meet as a way to do a Prayer Circle. They are very easy to set up, and Angie would be willing to do this. The response to this was very positive as others have used this.
- Pulpit Fill: Due to Tim Velde’s availability, we are adjusting dates for communion.
  - February 11 and February 18 – **No** Communion
  - February 25 – Communion
  - March 3 and March 10 – Tim will be gone; John Lupkes filling in – **No** Communion
  - April 7<sup>th</sup> – This is the date scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Letters have not been sent to the parents, yet. Tim will be gone that Sunday, so we will **move 1<sup>st</sup> Communion to April 14<sup>th</sup> when Tim will be available.**
  - April 14 and April 28 – We will have Communion on both of these days rather than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month as Tim will be here.
- Holy Week & Easter Services:
  - Maundy Thursday – 7 pm at Hope
  - Good Friday – 7 pm at St. Paul’s
  - Easter Sunday – 7:30 and 10:00 am at Hope; 8:30 am at St. Paul’s
- **Motion made by Lizzy Reiss to approve the Board of Deacons’ report. Aimee Acheman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### Board of Education Report

- Mission Trip Fundraisers: The Spaghetti Supper is Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Amy Johnson will also have Tastefully Simple items available for purchase, and we will also be doing a bake sale. Take out will be available and cost is \$15 per adult, \$10 for ages 5 to 12 year and free for ages 4 and under. The other fundraiser is through the Extra Innings Paninos & Pizza (Varsity Pub); you can get 20% off pizza and seasoning sales and 10% gift card sales. This fundraiser runs from January 22 – February 23. Please contact a mission trip student or Emily Hennen if you are interested in purchasing one of these. Any students going into 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades the fall of 2023 are eligible to go on the Mission Trip. Please let Emily Hennen know if your child would like to participate at [emhaugland@hotmail.com](mailto:emhaugland@hotmail.com).
- GLOW / YOH: We are back in session after the Christmas / New Year break. There is a date change for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders; this will now be **April 14<sup>th</sup>** due to Tim’s availability. Baccalaureate is May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Confirmation: Angie would like to do a panel discussion with the Confirmation students on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and is looking for volunteers to be on this panel for a Q&A session. It was also suggested that maybe some members of the Altar Guild would be interested in providing some insight into what they do for the Confirmation students.
- Teen Power: “Shoe Away Hunger” our annual footwear collection continues. Please bring all gently used footwear to Hope Lutheran to be donated to people who need footwear.
- VBS: Rae from Green Lake Ministry confirmed the dates of VBS will be July 29 through August 1<sup>st</sup>. The \$600 deposit has been paid to Green Lake to reserve that date. Aimee will continue to be the contact person for Hope Lutheran regarding VBS. We are looking for a person(s) to be in charge during VBS week. Please contact Aimee Ascheman or Emily Hennen if interested.
- **Motion made by Barb Knutson to approve the Board of Education report. Deb Belaen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### Other Business

- Council Attendance: Per our constitution, if you are absent for 2 consecutive council meetings, you will be consulted by the president of the congregation (Terri). If you are absent from 3 consecutive meetings without valid cause, the Council may declare the office vacant. We do allow people to be on the phone for meetings, as we do understand that some people have to travel for jobs. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please text Terri to make her aware.
- Call Committee Update: The committee conducted 2 interviews. The 2<sup>nd</sup> person interviewed is meeting with Pastor Heather at the synod about options. The 1<sup>st</sup> one probably wouldn’t be an option because the ELCA probably wouldn’t accept him.
- **Motion made by Deb Belaen to adjourn. Emily Hennen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Next Executive Discussion on Agenda: Week of March 4<sup>th</sup> via e-mail

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Boards meet at 7:15 pm after Lenten service. All together at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Deb Belaen, Council Secretary



## Easter Lilies

Easter is March 31st. Contributions will be used to purchase Easter Lilies. Any excess funds will go to the Memorial Fund. Please complete the form and return it to the church office by March 22nd. You may also place it in the offering plate at any service. Please make you checks out to Hope Lutheran Church (Memo—Easter Flower Fund). If you prefer to share a plant of your own, please bring it to church by March 30th.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation      \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing Own Plant

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