

News of Hope

Hope Lutheran Church September 2017

Heimatfest is September 9th

TACO TIME at Heimatfest! Sign-up to help out in the Taco Stand on Friday night at the car cruise or Saturday during the Heimatfest celebration. There is a sign-up sheet at Hope, or you can e-mail the church at: office@hope-jordan.org.



Heimatfest

Come Home to Celebrate

Family Fun - Food - Fireworks
Friday & Saturday - September 8-9, 2017
Downtown and Lagoon Park - Jordan, Minnesota

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 10

We are called to put our faith into action by engaging in service activities in our neighborhood and surrounding community. On Sunday, **September 10th**, our congregation will gather to serve our community in ways that share the love of God with all God's people.

After a blessing prayer service, we will divide up into our different work groups. There is something for everyone! For the Kids of the Kingdom ~ making pictures and thank you cards for our Fire & Police Departments. Then...riding a bus down to the Fire Department to deliver them! For older kids and adults there are lot's of things! A car wash, hauling wood, making freezer meals, putting together hygiene bags for the homeless, cleaning up the woods behind the Elementary School, repairs at the Volkmann's, and clearing out Praise the Children area and ripping up the carpet. Oops, also forgot! Heimatfest set-up and take down of tables and chairs.



Need to activate Hope's Prayer Chain?

E-mail Sarah Gavert at slgavert@gmail.com

Or call her at (952) 463-6149

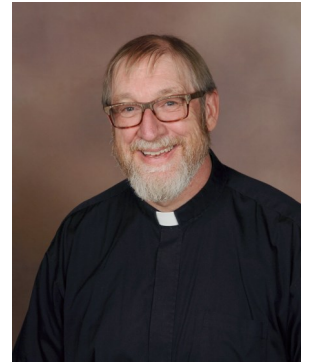


Who's Coming To Dinner? Saturday, September 9th @ 6:30pm

"Who's Coming to Dinner" is a great way to enjoy food and fellowship while getting to know fellow congregation members. If you talk to past participants, you will find out that these dinners are just plain fun, and that EVERYONE should participate. This is a great way to make connections with people you may not get to know otherwise. **How does it work?** The host provides the main dish and dinner attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. The host does not know who's coming to dinner. The dinner attendees know where they are going but don't know who's joining them. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Please e-mail Darlene Marte at darlenemarte@hotmail.com or call her at 492-6428 to sign up and let her know whether or not you are willing to host. *Adults only please.*



From Pastor Steve...



The School of Love

You've got to be taught to hate and fear
You've got to be taught from year
to year

It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear.
You've got to be carefully
taught

You've got to be taught to be afraid. Of people whose eyes are oddly made
And people whose skin is a different shade. You've got to be carefully taught
You've got to be taught before it's too late, Before you are six or seven or eight
To hate all the people your relatives hate. You've got to be carefully taught

(Rodgers and Hammerstein, from South Pacific)

Look at the faces of the people in the recent news. There is such hatred and contempt. What can account for it? It has to be that they have learned to fear that there is not enough for everyone. It has to be fear that if those “others” are included and empowered then somehow they will suffer loss. There is fear and pain behind those angry faces. They are seeing the world through victim lenses. Racism, classism, sexism - every kind of bigotry, is, I think, a manifestation of self-interest. And so is hating the ones who see the world through those distorted lenses of prejudice.

When our former president responded to the violence in Charlottesville he quoted Nelson Mandela's book Long Walk to Freedom.

No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

What do you think about that? Some will think this faith in love is naïve. Our Lutheran tradition includes deep acknowledgment of the human heart's uglier proclivities, but then remember that Mandela wrote with the authority of one who had been personally subjected to the deadly power of sin and hatred. Confrontation with the brutality of apartheid and twenty-seven years of imprisonment under the brutal apartheid regime of South Africa earns his testimony particular credibility. His faith was nothing cheap or naïve.

Mandela spoke not just of what comes naturally from the heart but of what is learned and of what is taught. Week after week we return to Jesus, to his words and example, to his spirit and communion, in order to learn the way of his love. He bids us pray for enemies and to defy the contempt of haters. He holds out to us his wounded hands and reveals the image of God in human flesh. His church is — or must urgently be — a school for love and a retraining center against hatred. For the sake of our nation and world, and for the sake of our children and ourselves, may we be both students and teachers in that school.

In the midst of the enormous anxiety in the world today a church that truly seeks to practice following the reconciling way of Jesus is more important than ever.

I am grateful for all of you fellow students in this school of love.

Pastor Steve



Adult Study Sundays at 10:15 Starting September 24th

The Bible, inspired by God, written by ordinary people over a period of about a thousand years, is the story of God and a people called by God to be agents of transformation. It's *our* story. Wouldn't you like to know the arc of the biblical story better? Our adult education offering this fall will be an opportunity to walk through a big-picture overview of the Bible—discussing key people, places, and events in an easy-to-understand way. Each of the 16 sessions will feature a compelling video by sand artist Joe Castillo and an opportunity for participants to read, hear, see, and discuss the story and how it connects to their lives. Please consider making a commitment to become more deeply acquainted with the Greatest Story.

Sixth Annual Lutherfest ~ October 15th at Hope

Join us following the education hour as we celebrate with a mini-festival full of FOOD, FAMILY GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN! We'll be having a German breakfast brunch! This will include hard boiled eggs, sausages, meat/cheese platters, and pastries. Watch for the October newsletter on what you can bring to make this day even tastier! Those of you who attended last year know how much fun it was, and you are not going to want to miss it this year for sure. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us.



~ Prayer Concerns of Our Family and Friends

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| Claire Olivia Lindell - multiple health issues | Brett Schaumburg - hemophilia |
| Al - shoulder surgery | Mary - lung cancer |
| Kathy - heart condition | Clarence - failing health |
| Jerry - cancer | Lexyn - continued clear scans |
| Connie - cervical cancer | Jacob - depression |
| Gary - muscle disease | Sue - breast cancer |
| Anna - acute myloid leukemia | Martha - victim of abuse |
| Those struggling with addiction and mental health issues | |

~ Pray for the following ministries & fellowship groups

- Pastor Steve and his ministry, Hope's Garden, F.I.S.H., Grief Support Group, Knitters, "God's Work. Our Hands."
Kids of the Kingdom, 5th Grade Youth Group, H2H, Joy, Praise, 5th-8th, and Adult Choir's



God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand His wisdom, but we simply have to trust His will.

Happy Birthday to You!

If an adult you know has a birthday in September, but is not listed here, please call the church office at 492-2099.

- 1 Dave Holzer, Dawn Bergsholm
- 3 Scott Hennen
- 4 Kacie Conrady, Char Senske
- 5 Virgil Jones, Angie Newton
- 7 Sally Voss, Shari Saul,
Kathy Mattson
- 9 Rylee Newton, John Hulet, Al Pickar
- 10 Sandy Iverson, Scott Sievers
- 12 Quentin McDermid
- 13 Randy Eckstein
- 15 Larry Breitung
- 16 Angie Wood
- 17 Karlie Nielsen, Cathy Smisek
- 18 Duane Herman
- 19 Jesse Knox
- 21 Joe Kruger, Sandy Louis
- 22 Sarah Wicklund, Kay Guenther
- 24 Paul Schmidt, Bonnie Carlson,
Brenda Carlson, Cullen Bahn
- 25 Nelson Morlock
- 28 Brooke Sievers
- 29 Joel Arnevik, Lolly Gosewisch



Men of Hope

In SEPTEMBER, the men's group will meet on the 1ST Saturday at Feedmill Restaurant in Jordan for breakfast. So, mark your calendar for September 2nd @ 7:30 am, and please feel free to invite anyone you know that might be looking for a new church home or just some good Christian guys to hang out with.



What is needed:

UPDATE: BUNK BEDS WERE DONATED - THANK YOU! Still in need of a full or queen bed for single mother sleeping on floor. Thanks.

What Created the need:

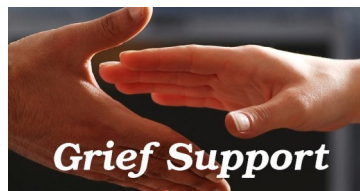
Single mother of 2 boys were forced to relocate to Minnesota. They were homeless and recently housed but have been unable to find affordable beds.

**Please contact Sarah in the office if you are able to help.*



Grief Support Group on September 11

We all have to walk through some bewildering hard times in this life of constant change. Are you struggling with the pain of any kind of grief or loss? We don't have to walk alone in our grief. If you feel that sharing your experience with other sisters and brothers who are struggling would be helpful you are invited to attend a grief support group that will meet from **7:00 to 8:00 pm** on the second Monday of each month. Pastor Steve will



facilitate the group and give helpful resources and processes to work through the pain of loss.



Date	Description	Expense	Income	Balance
12/4/2016	Donation in Memory of Rod Boyd		\$2,139	\$6,476
12/4/2016	Donation in Memory of Todd Oakes		\$500	\$6,976
12/8/2016	Barnd Electric-outdoor lighting	\$5,970		\$1,006
6/11/2017	Donation in Honor of William Tieben's Baptism		\$100	\$1,100
6/21/2017	Amazon.com-Baptism books	\$102		\$998
7/2/2017	Donation in Memory of Nicholas Hunstad		\$500	\$1,498

September Family of the Month

~ Dean & Nancy Christiansen and their daughter Mia(7) ~

Dean and Nancy have been members since November of 2010. Dean is currently serving on the Board of Trustees and Nancy has been helping with materials preparation for Kids of the Kingdom. Mia is involved in the Praise Choir and Kids of the Kingdom. They have enjoyed working on different tasks that come up with "God's Work. Our Hands."

Why do you like Hope Lutheran Church? We feel that it's a very warm place, and feel that we were welcomed in to the family from the start. The musical talent of so many folks, from the choirs, to those who sing up front during services, to the different tastes of music that Pastor Steve brings each Sunday make worship really enjoyable.

What is your most memorable moment? There have been a lot of memorable moments at Hope but one of our best is having our daughter Mia baptized by Pastor Steve.

How has your involvement at Hope made a difference? As a family our involvement at Hope has strengthened our faith and our daughter has learned so much from Bible lessons taught at Kids of the Kingdom and VBS over the years. We have also made new friends and just feel more connected within our community.

Why is it important to share your time and talents with our church community? There are so many amazing things happening at Hope Lutheran Church that benefit our church community and community as a whole (e.g., Kids of the Kingdom, Gods Work Our Hands, Families Moving Forward, Operation Shoebox). It would be impossible for our church to carry out these programs without volunteers and helpers. We believe strongly in our church and wanted to help out. We also believe it is important for our daughter to learn how important it is to be involved and to one day share her own special talents with our community.



Red Lake Reservation Mission Trip



September Service Team Schedule

	September 3	September 10 Gods Work. Our Hands.	September 17	September 24
Greeter	Pasek's		Leik's	Wood's
Ushers	Laughridge _____		_____ _____	_____ _____
Comm. Prep	Kristi Pasek		_____	_____
Comm. Serve	Kay Guenther _____		Bob & Sandy Iverson	Nefstead Bob Iverson
Comm. Clean-up	Kristi Pasek		_____	_____
Read & Prayers	Kay Guenther		_____	_____
Provide Treats	Pasek's Wood's		Leik's Cindy Bennett	Nefstead Wood's
Coffee Clean-up	_____		_____	_____
Media Specialist	_____		_____	Nefstead/Kalow
Acolyte	Katelyn Hvidsten		Lleyton Fremming	Claire Helgerson

News of our Members & Community

~ **Congratulations and God's Blessings** to Macy Ann Kempf who was welcomed into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, August 6th. Macy is the daughter of Dustin & Ashley Kempf and her sponsors are Nathan Enze and Danielle Kempf.

~ **God's Blessings** to all of our students and teachers who will be starting a new school year in a just a few short days. May God grant you wisdom, peace, and joy throughout the whole year!

~ **Do you feel called to serve on one of Hope's Boards or Committees?** Many opportunities to serve will be open at the end of the year. Open positions are listed below. Please contact Angie Newton at 952-492-2099 or office@hope-jordan.org for position descriptions or if you are interested in serving.

Executive Board

Secretary, 2 year term
Treasurer, 2 year term

Board of Deacons

1 opening, 3 year term

Audit Committee

1 opening, 3 year term

Board of Youth and Educational Ministries (BOYEM)

2 openings, 3 year term

Board of Trustees

1 opening, 3 year term

Nominating Committee

3 openings, 2 year term

Mission Endowment Fund

1 opening, 3 year term

Youth & Family Stuff

Confirmation & 5th Gr. Youth Group Orientation Wed., Sept. 6th 7:00 pm



All 5-8 grade students & parents should have received information recently about H2H confirmation and 5th Gr. youth group. This meeting is for parents and students. Registration forms were e-mailed out but there will also be copies at the meeting to complete. Class begins on September 20th at 7:00 pm.

Kids of the Kingdom - Register Now!

Mark your calendars! Kids of the Kingdom children have an opportunity to participate in **God's Work Our Hands on Sunday, September 10th**. Our congregation will gather to serve our community in ways that share the love of God with all God's people. Kids of the Kingdom children and their family are invited to gather downstairs at 9:15 a.m. to create thank you posters and cards for the Jordan Fire and Police Departments. We will ride a school bus together to each department to deliver our creations in person. Check your email for a link to sign up. We hope you can join us! On **Sunday, September 17th**, Kids of the Kingdom will share their Gods Work Our Hands experiences at a fellowship breakfast starting at 10:15 a.m. These activities are planned for the whole family and children must be accompanied by an adult. Regular rotation curriculum and classes will begin on **Sunday, September 24th from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.**



Ninth Grade Confirmands



A package was mailed to all ninth graders with information regarding your confirmation on October 29th. You will need to meet with your mentor, complete the assignments, and turn in your mentor information to the office. If you did not receive your packet, please call the church office at 952-492-2099.

Children's Choir Resumes September 27th

5-8 Choir will meet at 6:00-6:40 each Wednesday night before H2H Pizza Dinner. Come join and help us sing for worship services once each month. We have some exciting music and rhythm pieces to work on. We need your voice! Questions?... Char Senske 612-916-1210 (call or text)



PRAISE & JOY CHOIR BEGIN SEPTEMBER 27

Praise Choir invites singers from grades 1-4 to learn lots of fun songs and sing for our worship services once each month. We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:45-7:20. We will learn some rounds and sing some action songs together. We need lots of voices to have a great choir! Questions?... Char Senske @ 612-916-1210 (call or text) Joy Choir invites 3 year olds through Kindergarten and they meet every Wednesday from 6-6:30pm in the activity room (e-mail bethanysj@hotmail.com with questions).

Operation Christmas Child 2017 is coming!

Kids of the Kingdom will hold its 11th annual Operation Christmas Child box packing party on Sunday, November 12 during the Education Hour. This special project helps our children share the love of Jesus with impoverished children around the world! Over the next several months, Kids of the Kingdom will be collecting various gift items to help fill these boxes. As you are shopping for school supplies, please consider purchasing a few extra items for Operation Christmas Child. Needed items include pens, sharpened pencils, crayons, markers, small pads of paper, rulers, & calculators. You will find a collection box in the narthex at Hope.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated supplies to the VBS program. The kids had a wonderful time and you helped make it possible. Thank you also to those of you who graciously gave of your time & talents and volunteered during VBS. Some of you for one or two days and others for the entire week!



You got to see first hand the smiles and the kids faces and hear the joy in their singing. We want you to know that we are grateful to you for taking the time to help during VBS as it would not have been possible or flow as smoothly as it did without you. You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world!

We have enjoyed our time the past few years coordinating VBS but it is time for us to move on, so there is a need for new VBS Coordinators for 2018.

Please let the office know if you have an interest and we are happy to shed some light on the role and guide you through the transition.

~Thanks again, VBS Coordinators Jamie F., Jennifer S., & Kelly L.

What is needed:

I'm looking for a male mentor to take an 8 year old boy fishing. This little guy lives in New Prague and is desperately wanting to fish. In addition, he could benefit from a positive male role model in his life. This young man would like to learn how to fish in all seasons.

What Created the need:

This young man does not have people who are willing/able to take him fishing. Side note: family may request a background check but has the means to pay for this if they are not familiar with the person offering to volunteer. Thanks for considering!

Interested? See Sarah in the office.



Lawn Mowers Still Needed!

We've still got all of September and October to keep our church grounds looking groomed. Please sign-up on the poster in the narthex or call the church office to check available dates. Thank you!



Women of Hope

September 7, 2017

Potluck Supper

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 FMF	2 7:30am Men's Breakfast-Feed Mill Restaurant FMF
3 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship	4 <i>Labor Day ~ Office Closed</i>	5 5:00pm CoDA 7:00pm AA	6 12:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Parent/ Student Orientation- Youth Group 7:30pm Adult Choir	7 6:00pm Women of Hope 8:00pm AA	8 6:00pm Car Cruise/ Taco Stand	9 11:00am Heimatfest/ Taco Stand
10 8:00am Trustee Mtg. 9:00am God's Work. Our Hands.	11 7:00pm Grief Support Group	12 5:00pm CoDA 7:00pm AA	13 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Pizza Supper 7:00pm Youth Group Leader Training 7:30pm Adult Choir	14 8:00pm AA	15	16
17 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship 10:15am Continental Breakfast 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg.	18 6:30pm Knitters 7:00pm Council	19 5:00pm CoDA 7:00pm AA	20 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Pizza Supper 7:00pm 5-8 Youth Group 7:30pm Adult Choir	21 8:00pm AA	22	23
24 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship 10:15am Education Hour 12:00pm Bergsholm- Hope's Kitchen	25	26 5:00pm CoDA 7:00pm AA	27 12:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:30pm 5-8 Youth Group-JMS Event 7:30pm Adult Choir	28 8:00pm AA	29	30

Council Minutes from August 21, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm by Curt Wicklund
Present : Curt Wicklund, Steve Thompson, Tammy Schleifer, Kyle Narum, Dave Holzer
Angie Newton, Deb Barker

Devotions: Pastor Steve
Agenda: Approved
March Minutes: Approved
Shared Ministry Report: Written
Financial Reports: Written report
Deacons Report: Tammy Schleifer – Golf Outing is August 27th. There is help needed for Meals on Wheels for November. Luther fest will be held on October 15th.

BOYEM Report: Written
Trustees Report: Dean Christenson
Bathroom renovations are well underway.

Pastor Report: Discussion on Minneapolis Synod Initiative LEARN, LEAD, LAUNCH.
Old Business:
New Business: The church service for Christmas will be at 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.
Praise the Children closed on August 18th.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

Next meeting September, 2017



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September 10th
A special job for
KIDS of the Kingdom!

Children are invited to make **thank you's** for our local
Fire and Police Department's.
THEN...they will take a bus
(donated by Benjamin Bus, Inc) to the
Fire Department and deliver the thank you's!



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Pet Blessing

