

Deacon Board Minutes  
Sunday March 10, 2024  
Hope Lutheran

Call Meeting to Order at 10:15 AM. All deacons in attendance, Lynda and Kathy phoned in.

Approval/Additions to Meeting Agenda –  
Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting -  
Past/Ongoing/Upcoming Events

## Old Business

### Gods Work Our Hands

Trustees are looking into ways they can discover needs.  
Yardwork may offer more opportunities for helping.

### Lent Soup and Bread Wednesday Meals—Meal at 6 PM/Service at 6:45 PM

Deacons volunteer to lead one Wednesday. Volunteers arrive at 5:30 PM.

- Feb 21 Kathy 85 attending \$282 donated
- Feb 28 Jason 72 attending \$184 donated
- Mar 6 Matt 91 attending \$267 donated
- Mar 13 Shelli
- Mar 20 Lynda

Discussion about going back to assigning members of the congregation to donate particular items on a particular Wednesday.

Also requests to bring back sandwiches—especially egg salad.

### Fellow Ship Ideas

- **Summer Movie Night?**
- **Picnic/BBQ at Lagoon Park?**

**MN Food Share Month—Feb. 26 thru April 6** is underway

### Christmas Tree in Sanctuary

The Linds have only tall mature trees available to harvest now. They have supplied trees annually for twenty years. They would be happy if Hope decided on another source.

Deacons are considering options for fundraising perhaps asking the Garage Sale Committee for funds.

## New Business

### Senior Connection Group

Spearheaded by Molly Warmka and her father, they envision a time that includes devotions, hymns, lunch and conversation to begin around April 17.

The question was asked about Deacons being involved. At this point, it is unclear what role a Deacon would play.

**Celebrate Jordan**

Scheduled for April 14. Cost is \$60 for a table for non profit groups.  
Church Council has signed up.

**Mother's Day in May**

Angie will order carnations—about 20% fewer than 2023.  
Plan is to put flowers in vases on tables in Fellowship Hall.

**Council Meeting March 18 or so****Next Deacon Meeting Date and Time –**

Early in April, Pizza with Pastor?

To discuss Outreach Committee—what it could look like.

**Adjournment –**

## Hope Lutheran Church

### BOYEM Meeting

March 5, 2024

5:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:** Jess Felten, Leah Aamlid, Hope Mack, & Sarah Gavert

**Absent:** Alan Strand & Derek Staloch

#### 1. Program Updates & Discussions

##### a. Church Council (Hope)

- i. I corrected a few items on the 2024 budget that we had requested.
- ii. Composting was suggested and we may have the kids help with it.
- iii. Pastor Matt is initiating 'Senior Connection', which will be a short service and light meal on Wednesdays at 10am aimed for senior citizens in the congregation.
- iv. We reviewed the Youth Director Job Description & Compensation Package. The goal is to hire someone this summer.
- v. A committee is being formed to revise our mission & vision statements.
- vi. If the BOYEM Council Rep. is unable to attend a Council meeting, any other eligible BOYEM member can go (and vote) in their place. In 2024, Jess is not eligible.

##### b. KOK / VBS (Leah)

- i. Dates have been selected for the 'Keeping the Promise' retreats and the office will notify families. All KOK kids will be invited to sing during the service on 3/17/24.
  1. 4/7/24: 1st Grade - Lord's Prayer
  2. 4/14/24: 2nd & 3rd Grade - Bibles
  3. 4/21/24: 4th Grade - Apostle's Creed

##### c. H2H (Derek)

- i. Upcoming Fellowship & Service Nights
  1. 2/7/24 RECAP: Fellowship Event: Movie Night at Church
    - a. The new TV & soundbar worked amazing for the movie.
  2. 4/17/24 Service Event: Bag of Smiles
  3. 5/1/24: Fellowship Event: Game night / End of Year Party
    - a. The date has been rescheduled from 5/8/24.
- ii. Pizza Supper Fruit/Veggies: Schedule BOYEM member to deliver on:
  1. 4/3/24: Hope
  2. 4/10/24: Leah
  3. 4/17/24: Jess
  4. 4/24/24: TBD

- iii. Alternate Meals
  - 1. Since the End of the Year party will have a meal we won't do another alternative this spring.
- iv. 5th Grade 1st Communion
  - 1. We'll need to check with Pastor Matt to see what he is planning for this. Next month we'll select the stones and carrier we want to purchase and implement this in the fall.
- v. Review Mentor Program
  - 1. We've heard lots of positive comments about the changes that have been made and would suggest that we extend the mentor program to more grades.
- d. Summer Camp / Family Camp / Mission Trip (Alan)**
  - i. Further discussion on a 2025 mission trip. Can we realistically be ready for a 2025 trip? Would it be better to wait until 2026 to give us time to plan, fundraise, and get the Youth Minister onboarded?
- e. High School Youth Group (Jess)**
  - i. No update
- f. Adult Ed (Leah)**
  - i. Life Group continues to be a great opportunity for fellowship. We discussed if we should ask parents to let us know ahead of time if they will be dropping off their kids and having the meetings offsite during the summer.
- 2. TV for Education Area
  - a. The TV & sound bar equipment cost \$1,334. The Valentines Dinner raised \$680, Baked Potato Supper \$325, & \$330 was generously donated. Thank you to the Deacons for allowing the funds for these events to go toward this purchase.
- 3. Easter Egg Hunt (3/17/24)
  - a. Jess will monitor the donations and determine if additional items need to be purchased. BOYEM will fill and hide the eggs and Danielle/Jenna will lead the event during KOK.
- 4. Volunteer Appreciation (4/28/24)
  - a. We'll coordinate someone to speak during the service and a little treat to hand out. We'll also order a cake to have after service.
- 5. Review YTD Budget / Expenses & Discuss Fundraising Needs
- 6. Schedule Next Meeting
  - a. Either 4/2 or 4/8 at 5pm

Respectfully submitted by Hope Mack; BOYEM Secretary

# Trustees Report

March 10, 2024

Present: Angie, Ben, Brad, Kelly, Steve, Steve

Next meeting: Apr. 14, 2024 @ 8:00 AM

## Completed Action Items:

1. A blind for the window by the piano was installed, the shade for the other half of the window had to be recut/reordered.
2. Tree varieties for the parking lot island & side lot were selected and a flier about them put on the silent auction bid tables.
3. Battery replaced in the heat sensor in the Ladies Restroom after the monitoring system notified us of the low battery.
4. ParMar inspection was done and found that the pantry sensor was still good, it just wasn't attached securely.

## New Business:

1. Furnace filter replacement training from Rod will be asked of him.
2. Ben will make an announcement informing the congregation that if they are interested in paying the full amount of one of the new trees that a memorial plaque could be placed by it if they would like a memorial tree.
3. Options explored for moving the mic cord that lays across the walkway by the front pew.

## Old Business:

1. The elevator inspector has not come back yet to show us how to do our monthly checks,
2. Look at cleaning the East side of the building in the spring.

## Action Items:

1. Update Trustee Checklist by adding Elevator Checks to each month
2. Share any spring cleaning projects with Angie to start compiling the Spring Clean Up list that will be posted on May 5th. Add pew vacuuming, trash pick up, window washing...
3. A Project Squad Board to post projects we could use help with around the church will be hung up late spring/early summer.
4. Gather ideas and images for redesigning the entrance to the church. Ben will make an announcement in church today & asked for additional members to join the team to address the design details of this project.
5. Contact the sanitation company about Compost receptacle for items.
6. Ask Steve about the ownership of the drum set that is being stored in the Activity Room.