

# CYF March 2026 Update

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- KOK

- February Highlights

- Big Idea and Bible Stories

- Big Idea: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- We talked about the ways Jesus is our friend, and what qualities make a good friend. Children identified how Jesus is a friend to them.

- Bible Stories: Walking on Water, The Disciples, Mary and Martha

- KOK Super Bowl Party

- We had so much fun playing games to revisit our Big Ideas, Bible stories, and Sticky Scripture from throughout the year! Children learned about the Disciples through game and song.

- March Upcoming Dates and Reminders

- 3/15 All Ages Intergenerational Event 10:35-11

- 3/22 KOK Family Easter Celebration 10:15-11

- 3/22 KOK sings at worship

- 3/29 No KOK - Spring Break

- All Ages Intergenerational Activity 3/15

- Children will create an Easter Cross Centerpiece to bring home.

- Thank you to Kelly Lorenz for her help planning this project!

- Last summer, office staff discussed potential timeframes with people who regularly participate in church activities. The participants chose the 10:35-11:00am timeframe, noting they preferred to enjoy coffee and fellowship before joining the activity. All Ages will be evaluated at the end of the program year as part of the regular CYF planning process.

- Information about All Ages activities will continue to be shared in the Enews, scrolling/bulletin/pastoral announcements, and fellowship hall table signs.

- KOK Family Easter Celebration 3/22

- The Celebration will take place during the regular KOK time. Families will participate in a Holy Week egg hunt, share in a family devotion time together, create a craft, and participate in a service project.

- If any BOYEM members are interested in hiding eggs before 9am worship on March 22nd **please let Danielle know by 3/8**. Thank you!

- An opportunity to help prepare supplies will be emailed out to BOYEM members, and KOK parents/guardians on the special event volunteer list.

- VBS

- VBS planning team will begin meeting in April.

- BPK

- Danielle and Pastor Diane are working on plans to connect with these families.

- The approval of the BPK classroom in the basement is an exciting step for Hope Lutheran! This space will create new opportunities to nurture the faith journeys of our youngest children.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

- **H2H & HSM**

- **February Highlights**

- Faith in Film was a wonderful evening where youth and congregation members gathered to watch *The Greatest Showman*, eat pizza and popcorn, and search for "Sneaky Jesus" in the film.
- The 7th/8th grade mentor program kicked off this month. We have 25 congregation members that are serving as mentors! Thank you to these amazing individuals for sharing their time, faith, and kindness with Hope's youth! Mentors/mentees will continue to meet during the Lenten soup/sandwich meals to engage in fellowship and discuss various faith-filled questions.

- **March Upcoming Dates and Reminders:**

- 3/4: Lenten Worship Service at 6:45pm (No Small Groups)
- 3/11: Lenten Worship Service at 6:45pm (No Small Groups) 5th Grade First Communion retreat will be held after the 6:45pm service. Youth will meet with Pastor Matt, Erik, and Leah to learn more about First Communion and decorate a chalice to be used on their First Communion.
- 3/15: 5th Grade First Communion at the 9:00am Worship Service
- 3/18: Lenten Worship Service at 6:45pm (No Small Groups)
- 3/22: Holy Week Retreat
  - March 22, 2026 4:00-6:00pm
  - Youth grades 7-12
  - Retreat will include: desserts, an escape room, worship music, fellowship time, and prayer around the cross
- 3/25: Lenten Worship Service at 6:45pm (No Small Groups)

- There will not be H2H/HSM Wednesday small groups throughout the Lenten season. Youth are asked to attend at least 4 Lenten services with their families in lieu of the small groups.

- **HSM Service/Adventure Trip:**

- Trip Dates: July 19-24, 2026
- Location: Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Lakeside, MT
- Cost: \$750 per person (not including travel costs)
- 13 youth are signed up to attend the trip!
- Pastor Matt, Erik, and Leah will be meeting about chaperones in the next two weeks.
- Staff will be tracking flight costs over the next month to determine the best time to purchase tickets.
- FLBC requires a \$1000 deposit and a signed contract to reserve our dates for camp. The deposit has been made and the contract has been sent to FLBC.
- Fundraisers
  - December: Holiday Traditions Dessert Sale
    - \$917 was raised!
  - February: Ash Wednesday Meal
    - \$405 was raised!
  - March: 144 Envelopes
    - This fundraiser will start on Sunday, March 1. Information will be

shared via e-news, email, and two youth will share at the March 1 worship service.

- Thank you to Hope's congregation for the continued support for the youth attending the trip to Montana!

## CYF

- **Bible Camp**
  - 20 children and youth are registered to attend camp July 12-16 at Shores of St. Andrew through Water's Edge Ministries!
  - Danielle Tieben will be on site as resource staff the week of July 12-16. There is no cost for resource staff.
- **CYF Event: Update**
  - Due to the unseasonably warm temperatures group tubing reservations are no longer available into March.
  - We're excited to pivot our CYF event to a family movie on March 15th at Hope Lutheran! More information will be shared with families in March.
- **Lent Family Bible Scavenger Hunt**
  - Lent Scavenger Hunt sheets are available at the CYF Center. The hope is this will encourage and guide families to spend time reading the Bible together each day, and spark meaningful conversations along the way.
  - This information was emailed to the entire congregation to encourage anyone to pick up a sheet.

## **Old Business**

- Hope Lutheran Staff will coordinate Volunteer Appreciation this year and moving forward.

## Hope Lutheran Church

### BOYEM Meeting

March 2, 2026

5:00 pm

### MINUTES

**Present:** Jess Felten, Jo Nelson, Chris Fuhrman, Lanae McClellan, Sarah Gavert, & Hope Mack

1. Program Updates and Reports:
  - a. Council Update (Chris)
    - i. We received a request to rent out the sanctuary on Sunday nights to another church. The trustees and staff are discussing this.
    - ii. Council approved to create a Birth-PreK room out of the old preschool/nursery room in the basement.
    - iii. Changes to the format of BOYEM are on hold until a new constitution is approved.
  - b. KOK / VBS (Danielle/Lanae)
    - i. The intergenerational activities are wonderful, we just need to keep working to encourage participation.
    - ii. BOYEM is very excited to begin reaching out to our birth-PreK families!
  - c. H2H (Erik & Leah/Jess)
    - i. Thanks to all the mentors over the lent season It's great to have another Holy Week Retreat, but would be good to make this a planned event on the yearly calendar to give families more notice going forward.
  - d. HSM / Mission Trip (Erik & Leah/Jess)
    - i. It's amazing to have so many youth going on the HSM trip and to bible camp this summer! Thanks to all the chaperones who will be accompanying them.
  - e. Camp/CYF Events (CYF Staff/Hope)
    - i. With March always a wild card for weather, we should consider planning a tubing event in January or February next year.
  - f. Adult Ed (Pastor Matt/Jo)
    - i. Golden Fellowship will continue once a month over the summer. New ideas for Lent were discussed such as a Lent Devotional and '40 miles in 40 days'.
2. Old Business
  - a. Volunteer Appreciation will be handled by staff this year and moving forward, thank you!

3. New Business
  - a. Youth fund balance = \$5,600
    - i. BOYEM brainstormed ideas on ways to use some of these funds to provide new experiences and activities for youth.
4. Recommendations for the Council
5. Review YTD Budget
6. Next Meeting: 4/6/26 at 5pm

## **Deacon Board Minutes**

Sunday, March 8, 2026, 10:15 AM

In attendance: Matt Lorenz, Lynda Schaumburg, Dylan Meyers, Kathy Mattson, Sarah Gavert

## **Church Council**

Feb. 22 report from Dylan

March 16—Lynda will attend

## **Old Business**

### **Food Share Month—March 1-April 6**

Envelopes are added to the Sunday bulletins

Announcements are included in Hope Happenings emails

Posters are up and look awesome!

**Lenten Wednesday Services**      Soup and Sandwiches meals

There are new printed instructions for volunteers posted on kitchen wall.

These instructions will be updated as needed. Volunteers should read them every time they come to serve.

Reminder to Deacons to arrive by 5:15 PM to get set up started.

March 4    Dylan and Matt    Attendance: approx.. 115

Donations: \$58

March 11    Chad, Dylan and Lynda

March 18    Matt

March 25    Kathy and Lynda

Most current change: salt, peppers, sweeteners remain on tables throughout the week in Fellowship Room.

## **New Business**

### **Celebrate Jordan—April 12, 1-4 PM at the CERC**

Lynda is reaching out to Molly Warmka to see how Deacons need to be involved in this event,

### **Mother's Day—May 10**

Angie will order carnations.

Matt Lorenz will coordinate with Erik and Leah Aamlid about distributing the carnations.

### **Father's Day—June 21**

Plan to ask the men about continuing the root beer floats or not.  
Add something to try out for future? Open to suggestions.

**Next meetings dates/time:**

April 12—change to Monday April 13 at 5 PM.

May 10—change to Monday May 11 or Tuesday May 12?

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

## **Monthly Meeting of Hope Lutheran Trustees - Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**Convened - 10:15 AM**

**Present:** Steve McClellan, John Tieben Sr., Daryl Goulson, Angie Newton, Paul Engfer

**Absent:** Doug Hvidsten

### **Agenda:**

#### **Monthly checklist: Review Budget**

The budget is on track except for the \$4000 marketing income. This usually is generated in March. Suggest the council look for different options to generate the \$4000 income.

**Thermostat App (ECOBEE):** Steve will check with Brad about access and usage.

#### **Mobile Magnetic Whiteboard:**

Danielle (KOK) to investigate options and work with Angie on budget. (researching options)

#### **Lease of Sanctuary and Activity room:**

Trustees were tasked with figuring out logistics. Many items were discussed related to a lease: short term and long term usage, cost, key access, a hope representative at services for a while, trial period, conflict of space, cleaning, sound system, projector usage and music equipment usage. We determined the best way to figure all this out was to meet with Ivan D and work through all of these in person. Seeking to meet prior to the council meeting in a week.

Looking at the Facility Use policy the fee for both spaces would be \$500 a week. We understand Matt discussed a price with Ivan but we feel it needs to be readdressed.

#### **Other:**

1. The parking lot is separated from pavers and there's a dip in asphalt near the walk-way.

Action TBD.

2. Privacy Screen in Narthex Bathroom: By-The-Yard has agreed to supply material to build a replacement privacy screen. John will address that in March.

3. Noticed sheetrock tape is separating in the sanctuary. Southeast corner above the windows. Look for options to repair the loose tape.

4. There is a halogen light out over the sound booth.

5. A request to lease the sanctuary and activity room to a church on Sunday nights starting ASAP.

#### **Completed Action Items:**

1. Steve finished patching / painting the back stairwell leading to the lower-level worship area.
2. John, Daryl and Doug replaced smoke detector batteries on Feb 7.
3. Replaced the far left spotlight over the altar that was burned out.
4. Brad installed a new tankless water heater in the bathroom off the narthex on Feb 7.
5. Blinds in sanctuary were recharged on Feb 7.

**Deferred Actions:**

1. Sound System Improvements: Estimate in the \$7K-\$8K range. Action still pending.  
John will talk with Kyle Narum about disposing of old sound board.
3. Paver project final eval and approval is pending until spring.
4. Angie and Molly have the action item to address bulletin advertising.

**Adjourned** at 11:15 AM

Prepared by John Tieben