

## Pastor's Page - January 2018

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*"Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10*

I have always loved this verse. We sang it as part of the liturgy in our church almost every Sunday as I was growing up. Every year, this is the Psalm assigned for the worship service on Ash Wednesday, which is always such a powerful service for me. I think it might even come up one or two other times throughout the year.

It is a beautiful verse of calling out to God to clean out our broken, sinful hearts and fill it with His love. A prayer that God might look past our failures and give us a new start with a right spirit to guide us so that our actions, thoughts, and words may be holy ones. This is a prayer we could pray every day of our lives.

However, I saw this verse in a new way just the other day. I was looking through a few of the devotional books I have in my office. As I am looking to the new year, one of my resolutions is to deepen my devotional life. I was glancing through the first couple devotionals in these books, just to see if they seemed to speak to me.

In one of the books, on the very first day of the year, the devotion was based on this verse from Psalm 51. I had never thought of using this Psalm as a prayer for the new year. But it is brilliant and it fits perfectly. That is what New Year's resolutions are all about – creating a new start and making changes in our lives so that we are better than we were the year before.

As you think about the year to come, I pray that you would use Psalm 51 as a guide for you. To help you do that, I wrote the following short prayer for you to use as you make your resolutions and as the calendar turns over to 2018. May God bless you and keep throughout the Christmas Season and fill you with joy in the New Year.

*God in this new year, will you create in all of us a clean heart. Help us to let go of the mistakes and sins and burdens of 2017. And renew a right spirit within us that we might lead lives that are holy and true in 2018. Amen.*

~ HAPPY ~  
*New Year*  
★ 2018 ★

# HOPES HAPPENINGS

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## **Church Un-Decorating**

Help will be needed on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> following worship to put away all of the Christmas Decorations. If you could please stick around for a few minutes, we would greatly appreciate it. Many hands make light work!

## **2018 Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 28**

The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> as part of our worship service. Conversations and decisions will be made throughout the service intermingled with Scripture Readings, short meditations, and singing. A few of the known Agenda items that will be discussed include the 2018 Budget, Election of new Church Council Members, and conversation concerning the Lebanon Lutheran Church Building southwest of town. Please be in attendance. There will be activities for the children during worship led by the Confirmation Class. Following worship, we will gather for a Potluck Lunch.

## **Thank Yous!**

Thank you to Pam Neugebauer for directly another wonderful Sunday School Christmas Program. Thank you to Sophia Seffrood for accompanying the Christmas Program music. Thank you to the Sunday School Teachers for working with your classes and your assistance during the program as well.

Thank you to those who will be finishing their terms on the Church Council. We appreciate your service to our church these past two years Laurie Kneeland, Derrick Rauen, Michelle Urban, and Emmett Whempner.

Thank you to those who donated poinsettias to the church as we celebrated Christmas together. A full list will be available in the February newsletter.

Thanks to Mike Adolph and his crew for planting grass on the South side of the church. It will look great come this spring! ☺

**WELCA news**- WELCA will meet for quilting on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Lunch Myla and Marge. 1:00 Business meeting. Devotions: Caroll, 2017 History: Myla, Cause of the month: Ephatha, Bible study: Pastor Justin. A second quilting day will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**NESODAK WINTER DAY**- January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00 am-4:00pm. Open to all 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and Adult leaders. Get ready for NeSoDak's Winter Wonderland Adventure! Come for a day of joyful winter activities, delicious warm food, games, crafts, worship and of course, hot chocolate!



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Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church  
Offerings and Expenses  
November 2017

	Nov 17	Oct 17	Jan - Nov 17
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
41000 · Offerings			
41100 · Regular Offerings	6,727.75	8,912.88	88,030.82
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	2,466.15
<b>Total 41000 · Offerings</b>	<b>6,727.75</b>	<b>8,912.88</b>	<b>90,496.97</b>
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	20.00	0.00	10,062.39
44000 · Other Income	194.43	163.85	1,837.32
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,942.18</b>	<b>9,076.73</b>	<b>102,396.68</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	0.00	0.00	578.97
66000 · Payroll Expenses			
66100 · Pastoral Payroll	7,045.60	7,255.91	78,027.04
66300 · Other Church Payroll			
66310 · Secretary Salary	320.00	320.00	3,520.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	200.00	200.00	2,200.00
66330 · Organist Salary	0.00	260.00	1,040.00
<b>Total 66300 · Other Church Payroll</b>	<b>520.00</b>	<b>780.00</b>	<b>6,760.00</b>
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>7,565.60</b>	<b>8,035.91</b>	<b>84,787.04</b>
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	0.00	759.17	1,886.42
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	0.00	0.00	936.48
63100 · Worship & Education	332.96	-86.43	1,206.08
62000 · Office Expenses	268.39	122.04	1,742.49
67000 · Church/Building Expenses	889.76	207.97	11,749.66
61400 · Charitable Contributions	0.00	2,178.86	8,172.12
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	3.00	3.00	257.08
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>9,059.71</b>	<b>11,220.52</b>	<b>111,316.54</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-2,117.53</b>	<b>-2,143.79</b>	<b>-8,919.86</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,117.53</b>	<b>-2,143.79</b>	<b>-8,919.86</b>

8:25 PM  
12/02/17  
Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church  
Balance Sheet  
As of November 30, 2017

	Nov 30, 17
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
11100 · General Fund Checking Acct	12,225.49
11110 · PSB Reloadable Mastercard	222.38
<b>12000 · CD's</b>	
12130 · CD 27604	10,201.00
12110 · CD 27566	15,000.00
<b>Total 12000 · CD's</b>	<b>25,201.00</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>37,648.87</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12001 · Undeposited Funds	194.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>194.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>37,842.87</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
15100 · Property & Buildings	13,654.51
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>13,654.51</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>51,497.38</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
21000 · Inter Account Loans	3,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>

## Church Council

December 3, 2017

Members present: Laurie Kneeland, Mark Amdahl, Kathy Brink, Thomas Frankenhoff, Michelle Urban, Tamijo Bronson, Laura Frankenhoff, Pastor Justin. Absent: Emmett Whempner, Jennica Pottebaum, Derrick Rauen. Others: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright.

**Pastor report**-Acts, 1 Funeral (Alan Theye), 3 baptisms- Mackenzie Moe, Quinn Adolph, Cash O'Farrell, New members-Brandi O'Farrell, Cade O'Farrell, Gary and Heather Crandall and family, Ben Graff, Jen Brus. "Lights on Afterschool" event went well, Pledge Sunday (good returns), attendance has been very good with average over 65, Sunday school attendance at 46, Youth-15 kids at youth group-decorated church and put care packages together for college students, fundraising for youth convention. New Year's week-Justin will be on vacation. Laurie will do the Lessons and Carolls service. Advent liturgy and faith stories (looking for people to share).

**Secretary**- Add Thank you to Mike Adolph. Read and approved.

**Financial secretary**-last Sunday offering to be added in yet.

**Treasurer report**- read and approved. 2018 budget presentation. Reviewed 2017 budget.

Pastor salary-Motion Mark Amdahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Frankenhoff to offer annual salary of \$44, 160/\$1000 bonus, Christmas \$500. Motion passed.

Secretary/Custodian salary-Motion Mark Amdahl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas to set monthly salary at \$320 secretary/\$200 custodian. Motion passed.

Motion by Laurie Kneeland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Frankenhoff to create an annual employee review committee consisting of President and Vice President of council to complete annual reviews. Motion passed.

Benevolence to SD synod. Motion Laurie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas to leave at 8%.

Insurance review- Pastor and Anne will look it over.

2018 Budget will be approved at the annual meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Old Business

Parking lot update- Quonset gone, still waiting on the house to be moved.

South Lawn-seeded by Mike Adolph.

Lebanon Church- Lebanon preservation society asking to have it gifted to them. Will be on the agenda at the annual meeting to decide what to do.

Power washing church-will wait now until spring.

## New Business

Snow removal-Laurie will call around to see who may have been doing it in the past.

Christmas Un-decorating-Sunday, January 7 after Worship.

Annual meeting-January 28. Need financial reports by January 7 and all other reports by January 14. Auditing committee member needed. Kathy Brink will call for auditing members.

Servant teams- Pastor and Laurie will sit down and review it.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting – following annual meeting

Closed with Lord's Prayer and circle prayer.

# Happy New Year!

## January 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 4:00 Confirmation	4 9:00 am- WELCA quilting, 1:00 Bible study	5	6
7 white Un-decorating following Worship	8	9	10 4:00 Confirmation 6:30 Youth group	11	12	13
14 green Youth gathering trip meeting-9:15 am	15	16	17 4:00 Confirmation	18 9:00 am WELCA quilting	19 Newsletter items due	20
21 green	22	23	24 4:00 Confirmation	25	26	27
28 green Annual Meeting Worship/Potluck lunch	29	30	31 7:00 confirmation w/parents			

Notes

Worship 10:30 am (unless otherwise noted), 9:15 am Sunday school, 9:30  
Coffee.

Communion- 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Communion committee-Val Amdahl, Diane Kneeland

Servant Team- Team 2 John and Anne Seffrrood

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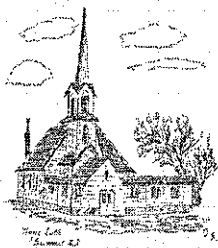
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**January Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1-Gage Conners

2- Elsie Seffrood

6-Sophia Seffrood

10-Jennifer Brus

11-Mark Larson

11-Morgan Lewandowski

12-Randy Holt

18-Val Amdahl

19-Preslee Phillips

20- Pete Eccles

21-Gene Olson

22-Ethan Lewandowski

23-Tamijo Bronson

25-Diane Kneeland

28- Montana Crandall

30-Becki Steinocker

30-Roshanna Bourassa

30-David and Penny Cardwell