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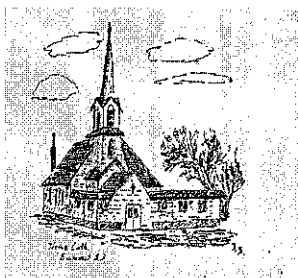
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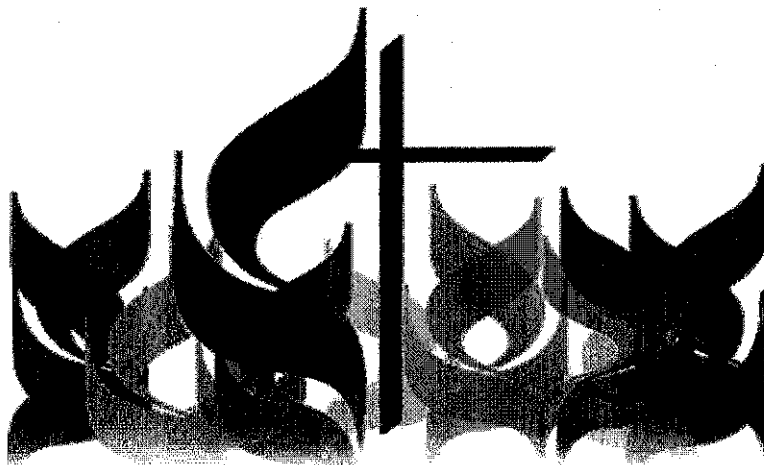
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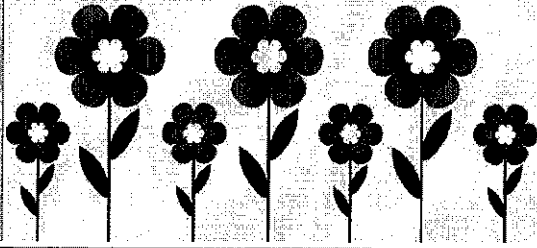
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May 2023

"It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people.





May 2023

Sun. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat.

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NOTE WORSHIP TIME CHANGES TO 8:30 AM. SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 9:30

9:00-noon
Quilting
Pastor Conference
Zoom

75 Easter-white
8:30 am Senior and Sunday
school recognition during
Worship (Communion at
the rail)
3:00-Piano recital at Hope

10
6:00
confirmation
7:00 youth
group

146 Easter- white



16
Conference
Pastor's
meeting

17
7:00
Baccalaureate

18
9:00-noon
Quilting
Pastor Conference
Zoom

19
Newsletter
items due

217 Easter- white
Continuous Communion

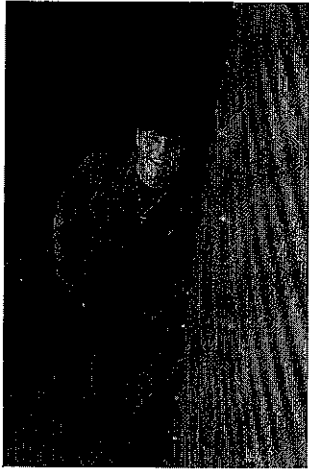
25
Support to
Ministries meeting

28 Pentecost- red

Every Sunday (unless otherwise noted)-Worship-8:30 am, Sunday school-9:30 am
Worship helpers as of printing- 5/7-all needed, 5/14-Adolph family, 5/21-all needed, 5/28-all needed
Communion note: The 1st Sunday of each month we will communion at the rail, the 3rd Sunday we will do continuous communion.

GRADUATION SPOTLIGHTS

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13



Brady Lindholm
Summit High School

Future plans: Attend Lake Area College for Precision Ag

Favorite High school memory: Going to Sweet 16 for Basketball

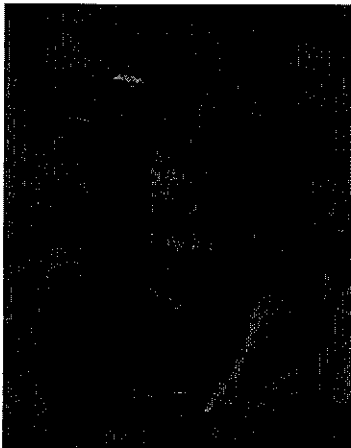
I am thankful to God for: My Health. My Friends. My family

Simon Pies
Summit High School

Future plans: work at Cal's repair

Favorite High school memory: my girlfriend

I am thankful to God for: peace and prosperity



William Thuringer
Webster High School

Future plans: Pursue a degree in English/History

Favorite High School memory: Paging at the state capital

I am thankful to God for: Strawberries



Jonathon Johnston
Summit High School

Future plans: Going to DSU for IT

Favorite High school memory: going to state for basketball

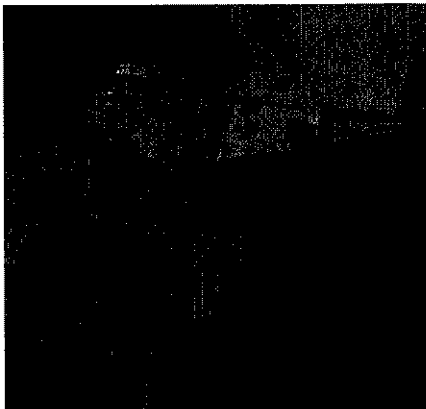
I am thankful to God for: family, friends

Elsie Seffrood
Milbank High School

Future plans: Attend Montana State University to major in Graphic Design and minor in Computer Science.

Favorite High school memory: Winning the Sportsmanship award at State Tennis in 2021.

I am thankful to God for: My family.



Hunter Zubke
Summit High School

Future plans-Farm or drive truck.

Favorite High School memory: Spending time with friends, making new friends, ect.

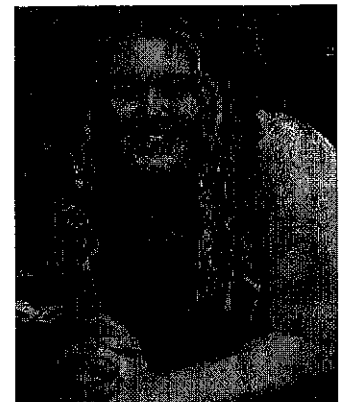
I am thankful to God for: helping me have the motivation to not give up on anything. Helping make my dreams come true.

Jorja Whempner
Summit High School

Future plans: Attend NSU for History Ed.

Favorite High school memory: playing cards in Mr. Blooms classroom

I am thankful to God for: The amazing community that supports me in everything I do.





Damon Opdahl
Summit High School

Future plans: Attend Mount Marty University for business/finance and play men's collegiate basketball.

Favorite High school memory: My favorite high school memory was making it to state B's. Both schools had not made it in a while, so it was nice to know all of the hard work had paid off and that we were able to share the experience with the schools and communities.

I am thankful to God for: giving me the opportunities that I have been given in life. I am especially thankful for a healthy family, a great supporting community, and also for the opportunity to continue my academic and athletic careers at Mount Marty University.

Brock Faeth
Summit High School

Future Plans: to become a musician

Favorite High School memory: When I played the drum set for all-state jazz.

I am thankful to God for: the friends I've made, the family that's helped me, and the things I've been able to learn.





**You're invited to celebrate the graduation of
Ellie Neugebauer on Saturday, May 13, 4-7
pm at American Lutheran Church, Milbank,
SD.**

***School kits- Due to changes in how the school kits are processed, the quilting ladies have decided they will no longer be collecting items for the school kits. They will instead ask if anyone who would like to give a monetary donation, is welcome to. They would do the shopping when the items go on sale and put them together as LWR requires. Thank You!!** 🍷

April 16, 2023 Council Meeting

Present: Traci E, Dustin H, Ben G, Maddy H, Billi W, Tamijo B, Laura F, Pastor Janet

Absent: Michelle U, Brianna L, Carrie R

Others Present: Annelies S

Motion by Dustin, Second by Tamijo to approve Minutes of March 19, 2023 meeting. Motion passed.

Motion by Maddy, Second by Dustin to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Pastor Janet gave her Pastor's Report. In-Person church attendance has been 45-60 people since Christmas and online worship continues to have over 200 views per week. She will be preaching at NeSoDak Bible Camp on July 2nd at 11:00.

See full report below:

-Glad to say attendance has been better the last few months. Easter we had 110 people!!

-I will be preaching at NeSoDak on July 2nd. Do we want to ask everyone to come out there again. We wouldn't have to with then 8:30 service this year, but wanted that to be an option.

-Ukrainian sponsorship idea- we could piggy back along with Grace Lutheran in Watertown or even possibly Florence if they end up doing it. Just something to talk about.

- Had 2 funerals this month- one for an unchurched family at a funeral home and one for Florence.

I taught 1st communion class at both Florence and Summit. We are rescheduling the 1st communion celebration because weather made us not have worship on Maundy Thurs.

- Lent was tough as we got in less than half of the services due to our horrible winter and bad roads.

- I am our Conference Dean and our conference was the one to host this year's Spring Theological Event for the South Dakota synod (our state). Colleagues from all over SD came to Watertown for it. I was in charge of the planning and everything so that was hard the week after Easter. It turned out well and 100 pastor's attended.

- We received more checks from people who attend our worship online- both from people who have never attended in person and some from our members who only watch online most Sundays. This continues to happen on a pretty regular basis. We are thankful!

Traci gave update on new church website options. Motion by Billi, Second by Tamijo to use WebHostingHub for website server and ACSTechnologies for website templates and church management. Motion passed.

Annelies gave update on sanctuary/fellowship hall doors. Tony Kneeland from Glass Products Inc. was out to measure.

The siding project was discussed. Dustin & Ben are going to work on a Request for Proposal. They have the names of several contractors interested in the project. Laura & Carrie are organizing a group to fundraise. Pastor Janet will lead a Paint & Pour event on Sunday, April30 at 4:00 pm to kick off the fundraising.

Annelies gave an update on the boilers. Both boilers have been serviced. Boiler #1 is in use and Boiler #2 is turned off. New Nest Learning thermostats have been installed in the sanctuary, entry, and fellowship hall.

Motion by Billi, Second by Dustin to accept the bid from Valley Office Products to lease a Xerox color copier. Motion passed

Motion by Billi, Second by Dustin to pay the 2023 CCLI license fee. The Florence Parish paid it in 2022. Motion passed.

Reminder: Starting in May worship is at 8:30 with Sunday School at 9:30 (May 7 & 14). May 7th will be Sunday School & Senior Recognition Day. Graduates & Sunday School teachers will be honored during worship and the men of the congregation will serve muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee after the service.

Motion by Tamijo, Second by Maddy to adjourn.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

8:21 AM
04/16/23
Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church Offerings and Expenses March 2023

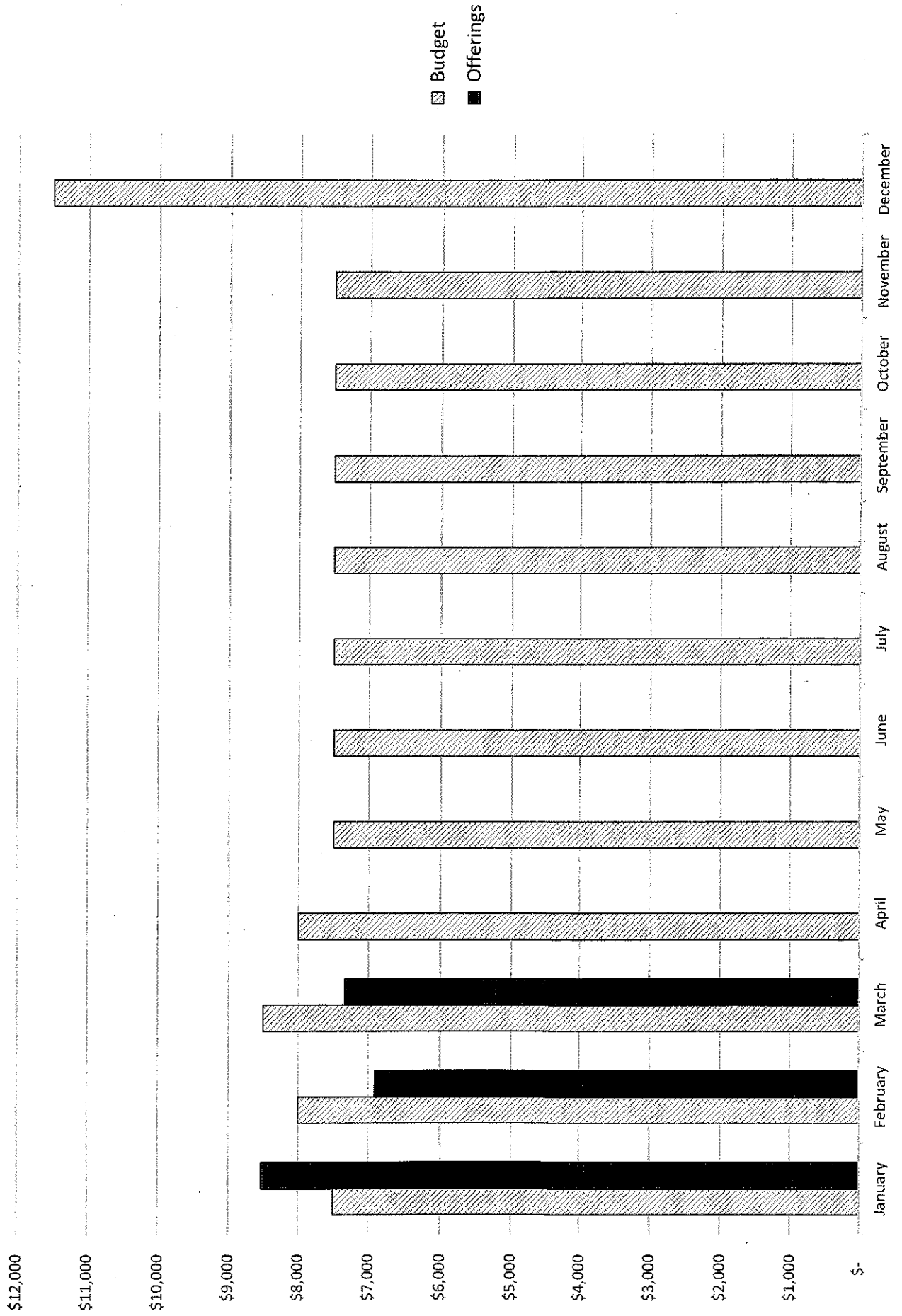
	Mar 23	Feb 23	YTD 2023 Jan Mar
Offerings & Income			
41100 · Regular Offerings	\$ 5,588.50	\$ 6,909.00	\$ 21,024.50
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$ 1,743.00	\$ -	\$ 1,743.00
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
44100 · Interest Earned	\$ 2.46	\$ 1.46	\$ 3.92
44200 · Thrivent	\$ 242.00	\$ 666.00	\$ 908.00
44300 · Special Event Donations	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 90.00
44350 · Christmas Greens Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
44600 · Amazon Smile	\$ -	\$ 25.24	\$ 25.24
Total Income	\$ 11,105.96	\$ 11,161.70	\$ 34,394.66
Expenses			
76100 · SS Teaching Materials	\$ 63.31	\$ -	\$ 63.31
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	\$ 8,738.66	\$ 9,235.51	\$ 26,216.02
66191 · Relief Pastor Salary	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$ 375.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,125.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$ 230.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 690.00
66330 · Organist Salary	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$ -	\$ 318.86	\$ 637.72
63130 · Confirmation / Adult Ed	\$ -	\$ 48.55	\$ 48.55
63110 · Worship Materials	\$ 434.22	\$ -	\$ 624.21
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$ 360.20	\$ 170.97	\$ 531.17
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 70.40	\$ -	\$ 70.40
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$ 43.13	\$ 44.00	\$ 408.04
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$ 15.66	\$ 15.66	\$ 46.98
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 125.60	\$ 418.41	\$ 552.26
67300 · Small Tools and Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268.50
67400 · Utilities			
67410 · Propane/Heat	\$ 45.05	\$ -	\$ 45.05
67420 · Electricity	\$ 100.76	\$ 181.04	\$ 370.12
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$ 78.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 226.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$ 95.73	\$ 95.73	\$ 287.19
61410 · Synod Mission Support	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 14.85	\$ 9.90	\$ 39.60
Total Expense	\$ 10,915.57	\$ 11,422.63	\$ 32,540.12
Net Income	\$ 190.39	-\$260.93	\$ 1,854.54

Balance Sheet

	31-Mar-23	16-Apr-23
Checking/Savings		
11102 · General Fund Checking	\$ 32,498.84	\$ 32,719.76
11112 · MWBank MC - Dawn	\$ 376.85	\$ 376.85
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$ 389.12	\$ 327.52
11114 · MWBank MC - Sarah	\$ 194.40	\$ 194.40
12140 · CD 710143990	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Total General Fund	\$ 48,459.21	\$ 48,618.53
11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$ 9,079.64	\$ 9,079.64
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$ 564.95	\$ 605.93
11500 · Campership Checking Acct	\$ 1,380.92	\$ 1,736.92

2023 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(does not include memorials, special gifts, other income)
as of 3/31/2023 offerings are \$1233 below budget



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

April 2023–May 2023–June/July 2023–Sept 2023

<u>Sunday April 16</u> 10:00 Sunday school – review our Lent Season worksheets 11:00 Hope church service
<u>Sunday April 23</u> 10:00 Sunday school – The 10 Commandments 11:00 Hope church service
<u>Sunday April 30</u> 10:00 Sunday school – The Power of Prayer 11:00 Hope church service
<u>Sunday May 7</u> 8:30 Hope church service 9:30 Sunday school – Mother's Day lesson
<u>Sunday May 14</u> 8:30 Hope church service with Kid's Church! Bring a NOISY OFFERING ;) 9:30 Sunday school LAST DAY until September 2023! Party day!
<p style="text-align: center;">Vacation Bible School! ... Dates & times to be determined</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><u>Sunday September 11, 2023</u> 1st day of the new Sunday school season! Hope church service</p>

Sunday school has been going great! The kids have learned some great lessons and have had a lot of fun with crafts and activities. We started out doing our Monumental lessons. We then learned Hometown Nazareth which tied into our Christmas program. The Christmas program went great & we are all so proud of Hope's kids! We then did a series of dvd's from KidVid. They taught some great lessons and had some great music! We are now on our Easter & Lent season worksheets. They follow the season of Lent & teach some great knowledge. We are going to wrap up our Sunday school season with a few random, but great lessons. The kids seem to be enjoying the variety of crafts that we are doing & every week is great fun!

The last Kid's church of the season is swiftly approaching & we are already thinking about vbs!

We could always use donations of some gently used supplies in the form of markers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, pencil boxes, & glue sticks. If you have some other misc. craft supplies that you are getting rid of we might be able to eventually find a use for it. Oftentimes our crafts are thrown together magic using what we have. God has blessed our kids with great talents & creativity!

We could definitely use some more adult help. We have a sign up sheet for volunteering & it is great to see names on there! You do not need any special skills, just yourself! If you haven't signed up yet please pick some dates. Make your high school kids volunteer too! Thank you in advance!

We will be looking for volunteers for vbs soon. Keep us in mind as you fill up your summer with activities!

If you have any comments, suggestions, questions, or would like to help feel free to talk to any staff member or call Pastor Janet @605-237-8005, Becky Pies @605-237-0539, or Annie Seffrood @605-949-5658.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I read a quote yesterday that said, "Working in a church is saying, "but after this week, things will slow down a bit" over and over until you die".

The quote made me laugh because it is true. I tend to wait for the "after" time. After Lent is over, things will seem lighter, the weather will be better... after Easter is done, the planning and worry for worship will be less and the weather will be better... after Spring Theological Event is over, I will feel more relieved, and the snow will all melt...After the snow is gone...after the water dries up...after the funeral is over...after council is done... The list of "after" is never finished. There is always something to wait for, to plan for or to worry your heart over.

Last week, I was helped some with my "after" worry. I was at the Spring Theological event for pastors. I was in charge of the planning committee and of making sure things ran on time. I was worried about food deliveries, speaker logistics, piano players, worship leaders, and anything else I could dream up to worry about. All the worry and the stress made it hard for me to sit down and take in the speaker or worship with the group.

I was standing in the back of our venue for the day, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. To the back of their sanctuary sits a large, square baptismal font made of concrete. It had a beautiful waterfall and water pool inside it. A little red headed daughter of one of our conference pastors was standing by the font with me. She eyed the water curiously. I watched as her father whispered to her about it, then touched the water and made the sign of a cross on her forehead. This delighted the little girl! The act made me smile. The little girl shared my smile and after wriggling from her father she stuck a finger into the font and reached for me. I leaned down and in her sweet voice she said, "God bless you!" then she made a cross on my forehead.

I was stopped in my tracks on my journey of the "afters". The thing that mattered in that moment was the blessing from God given by the cutest little girl you will ever meet. Now...this little girl...this moment of blessing mattered.

To my amazement, the next morning as I hustled into the conference with my head full of what needed to happen, I was met by the same little girl. With her grin and a wet finger, she welcomed me into the day with another, "God bless you!" and a cross on my forehead. Her smile warmed my heart all day long.

As we journey into the busy month of May, many of you worry over graduations, confirmations, end of school year events, scheduling summer vacations, finding summer daycare, etc. After this, I can plant my flowers...after this, I can take the time to rest I need... after this, my work schedule should get better...after this, I will have more time with my family... The "Afters" can become our worry and our focus and we can forget to stop and enjoy the beauty God is blessing us with today.

May you today, not *after*, but today take a moment to know how blessed and loved you are by your God. It's the blessing not the "after" that's most important.

Pastor Janet Miller