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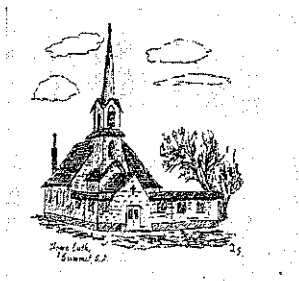
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"It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people.

God  
makes everything  
beautiful  
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11  
Happy Fall!



# October 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 green Children's Church-kids sing during Worship	3	4	5 Florence-VBS, youth, and confirmation	6 9:00 am quilting Dean zoom mtg.	7	8
9 green	10	11 <b>Florence-Eible study</b>	12 Summit-Confirmation (time TBD), youth group	13	14	15 Summit-bridal shower Florence-baptism
16 green	17	18 <b>Conference pastor's mtg</b>	19 Florence-confirmation	20 9:00 am quilting Support to Ministries mtg at Sioux Falls	21 <b>Newsletter items due</b>	22 Florence-wedding
23 green	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Pastor gone-26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>			
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Notes

Worship-9:00 am, (unless otherwise noted), Sunday school following Worship around 10:00 am. ☺

# HOPES HAPPENINGS

## **Possibilities for Thrivent Cares Project**

Thrivent has special programs called "Thrivent Care" grants. Members of Thrivent may do 2 of the grants each year and non members may now do 1. Applying for the grant is fairly easy and we have people in the congregation who will help you apply if needed. The grant is sent in the form of a gift card. Here are some of the needs that you could meet with a Thrivent grant card:

- Bibles for Confirmation students
- Confirmation class materials
- Bible Study materials
- Sunday School Materials
- Mission projects like the LWR school kits
- Refurnishing the pew cushions
- Quilting materials for our ladies
- Any special physical project around the church
- The online worship
- Youth Group materials
- Starters for fundraisers
- Worship materials

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## **CHURCH CLEAN-UP!!!**

October 22 beginning at 9:00 am there will be a church deep cleaning. All are welcome to come and help. Let Sarah Holt (our church custodian), know if you have seen spots that need attention to ensure they are completed. ☺

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If you notice something missing from the newsletter, you are not wrong. It was decided at council, that we will no longer publish birthdays. It was brought to our attention that identity thieves are using information of this type to steal people's personal information. Also, cell phone numbers won't be printed, unless the individual gives permission. I will, however, (try to remember), ☺ to print names of those celebrating the gift of life each week in our bulletins. It was a difficult decision but for the protection of our members, it was the wise thing to do. Sadly, the times we are living in, people will look at anyway to take advantage of others. ☹ We hope you understand.

## **Council meeting-September 14, 2022**

P: Becky Pies, Tim Gapp, Elsie Seffrood, Laura Frankenhoff, Traci Ellingson, Pastor Janet, Sarah Smith.

A: Brianna Lindholm, Michelle Urban, Kathy Brink

O: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright, Raelee Ellingson, Rabbit

Pastor opened with a prayer.

**Secretary report**-read M-Elsie, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Becky. Approved

**Treasurer report**-reviewed offerings and expenses. M-Becky, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sarah approved

### **Pastor's report-**

-baptisms coming up in October-1here, 1 Florence

-I wrote a monthly article for the Wilmot newspaper

-I drove some of our older ladies to the Holy Land presentation at Florence this week

-I did Sunday school planning and set up with Becky-we had 13 the first week but had 2 families gone for a family wedding so will be at about 21. We will be using Monumental VBS for the beginning weeks and then onto Hometown Nazareth theme before Christmas. Becky plans to put updates in each newsletter.

-I have confirmation orientation scheduled for Summit on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have kids coming from Waubay and possibly Wilmot school districts along with ours at Summit, so I have to check with parents. When I find out what time the kids can get here-we will schedule our youth group to start. I have to schedule one before I can schedule the other because of the time share with Florence's confirmation.

-Deep cleaning day-some of our older members have encouraged Sarah to have a deep cleaning day and invite all the congregation to help. Oct. 22 is the day she picked. Let me know if you have any special jobs to add to our list. If people want to help but can't come that day, we will have a list of jobs put out and people can check them off when they are done.

-attending Fall Theological next week

-Our Savior's youth group in Waubay asked about possibly doing combined activities with the Summit youth group.

### **New business:**

-Property people: will need to have someone come and spray the weeds growing through the cracks in the sidewalk and in the parking lot.

-Snow removal-Janitor will need to be sure the front door is accessible on Sunday mornings; Dawn will check with Pete to see if he can take care of snow removal in the parking lot and sidewalk.

-Newsletter-it was discussed that publishing birthdays and cell phone numbers increases one's likelihood of identity theft. It was decided by council to no longer put these in our newsletter. Dawn will recognize birthdays each week in the bulletin, names only.

-A motion was made by Traci, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elsie to approve a \$500 reloadable debit card for Sarah to use for janitorial expenses. Motion approved.

### **Old business:**

-Boiler leak-Janet informed the council that she has been in contact with them several times and is still waiting for them to come and fix it.

-Insurance for Pastor-Motion by Becky to recommend Gold+ insurance for Pastor Janet. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura. Motion approved.

-Property-was discussed the state of the accordion doors separating the sanctuary and fellowship hall as well as the Sunday school area. Options were discussed. No decision was made.

-Began discussion of the 2023 budget.

-Tim reported a Summit Cares Act was given to a community member who was very appreciative of the gift.

Next meeting-TBD

Adjourned/closed with the Lord's Prayer

# Gift of Grain

With the tax law changes in 2018 many people think that charitable donations are not tax deductible. Yes, donations are still deductible, but..... The standard deduction was raised from \$12,700 to \$25,900 per couple. People who itemized their deductions (mortgage interest, property tax, health costs, charitable donations) in 2017 might find that the standard deduction in 2022 is larger than the itemized list. This can make it feel like the donations are not deductible.

Farmers have a special charitable donation option available to them. A Gift of Grain reduces income before any itemized deductions. It can be used in addition to the \$25,900 standard deduction. The Gift of Grain can also reduce the self-employed payroll tax.

A donor should always consult with his/her tax preparer to determine the tax implication prior to making a gift. The following information is not to be construed as specific tax advice.

## How a Gift of Grain Works:

1. The farmer completes a Letter of Understanding and then delivers the grain or agricultural commodity (ex. livestock) to the elevator.
2. The farmer asks the elevator to transfer xxx bushels/tons to Hope Lutheran Church.
3. Hope Lutheran Church receives the elevator receipt and pays any subsequent ownerships costs such as storage, etc.
4. Hope Lutheran Church authorizes the sale and collects the proceeds from the commodity.
5. The farmer includes the production expenses on his/her tax return, but NOT the income from the sale of the gifted bushels. The farmer does not take a separate charitable contribution itemized deduction on the amount of the sale.

## NOTES:

1. Gifts of Grain are available only to cash basis farmers.
2. Crop share landlords cannot gift grain.
3. The farmer must give up "dominion and control" of the commodity.
4. The farmer cannot sell the grain and direct the elevator to send the check to Hope Lutheran Church.
5. Hope Lutheran Church assumes all risk after the transfer. The church must direct the elevator when to market the grain. The Hope Lutheran Church Council has decided to sell all grain upon delivery. Please notify the church prior to delivering any grain.
6. The gift should be from unsold crop inventory. No sale commitment should be made prior to the gift by the farmer.
7. The crop should not be under lien to bank or other entity.

To request more information, please contact Tim Gapp, council president, [tgapp@tnics.com](mailto:tgapp@tnics.com) or Annelies Seffrood, treasurer, at 605-949-5658 or email [annelies.seffrood@gmail.com](mailto:annelies.seffrood@gmail.com)

## Crop Commodity Transfer Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a cash basis farmer, elect to transfer \_\_\_\_\_ bushels of \_\_\_\_\_ (commodity) to the account of Hope Lutheran Church, Summit. I would like to transfer ownership of this grain as of today and request that all future costs incurred be billed to Hope Lutheran Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Note to Buyer:

The Hope Lutheran Church Council has adopted a policy to sell all grain at the time of delivery by the farmer making the donation.

Please complete the transaction on the day of delivery.

For any questions or payment directions, please contact Annelies Seffrood, treasurer, 605-949-5658 or [annelies.seffrood@gmail.com](mailto:annelies.seffrood@gmail.com)

09/14/22  
Cash Basis

## Hope Lutheran Church Offerings and Expenses August 2022

	<u>August 22</u>	<u>July 2022</u>	<u>YTD Jan-Aug 2022</u>
41100 · Regular Offerings	\$9,573.00	\$6,521.00	\$57,121.25
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,936.00
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$0.00	\$4,523.00	\$4,553.00
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$21,000.00
Total 44000 · Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,839.59
<b>Total Offerings &amp; Income</b>	<b>\$12,573.00</b>	<b>\$14,044.00</b>	<b>\$87,449.84</b>
Total 71000 · HS Youth Group Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.09
Total 76000 · Sunday School Expenses	\$126.49	\$418.26	\$1,181.57
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	\$8,165.70	\$8,165.70	\$65,325.60
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$2,800.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$1,505.00
66330 · Organist Salary	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$754.56
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$298.52	\$298.52	\$2,388.16
Total 63100 · Worship & Education	\$0.00	\$75.57	\$814.88
62200 · Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$43.65	\$43.65
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$81.15	\$55.17	\$983.56
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$176.92
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$36.28	\$36.93	\$526.74
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$15.66	\$15.66	\$141.95
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	\$1,171.50	\$1,171.50	\$3,700.88
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87.48
67300 · Small Tools and Equipment	\$8.49	\$0.00	\$8.49
67410 · Propane/Heat	\$0.00	\$4,535.70	\$5,320.43
67420 · Electricity	\$43.01	\$85.61	\$1,192.10
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$74.00	\$74.00	\$592.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$115.73	\$115.73	\$925.84
61410 · Synod Mission Support	\$1,757.78	\$0.00	\$3,653.17
61420 · Good Samaritan Fund	\$49.00	\$0.00	\$144.17
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
61470 · Thrivent Share	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	-\$43.92	\$64.85	\$129.20
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$12,839.39</b>	<b>\$16,221.85</b>	<b>\$94,870.44</b>
<b>Net Offerings &amp; Income less Expenses</b>	<b><u><u>-\$266.39</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>-\$2,177.85</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>-\$7,420.60</u></u></b>

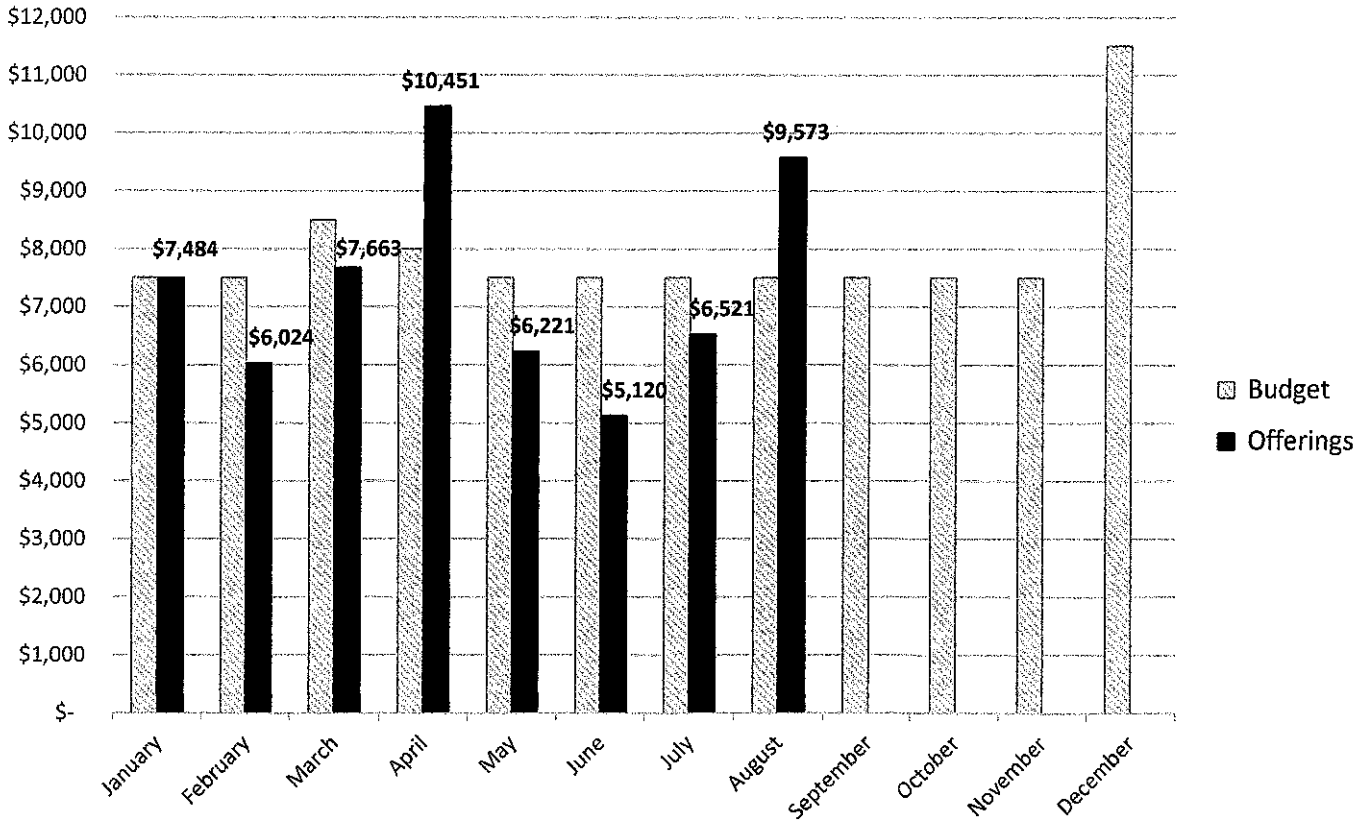
## Hope Lutheran Church Balance Sheet

	<u>Aug 31, 2022</u>	<u>Sep 14, 2022</u>
<b>11102 · General Fund Checking</b>	\$19,513.80	\$26,050.91
11112 · MWBank MC -Dawn	\$507.91	\$507.91
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$706.71	\$666.29
11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$9,200.64	\$9,200.64
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$1,420.40	\$238.83
11500 · Campership Checking Acct	\$393.92	\$393.92
12110 · CD 27566	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
12001 · Undeposited Funds	<u>\$48.87</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$46,792.25</b>	<b>\$52,058.50</b>

## 2022 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(does not include memorials, special gifts, other income)

As of August 31, 2022 Actual Offerings are \$2,450 below budget





# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Sunday Sept 25</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! We will be reviewing Monumental! We can't wait to share some of it with you on Oct 2!
<u>Sunday Oct 2</u> 9:00 Hope church service with <b>Hope's kids singing MONUMENTAL music!</b> 10:00 Sunday School! We will dive into chapter 1 of Hometown Nazareth!
<u>Sunday Oct 9</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be crafts that require more time than what time usually allows! <b>WE COULD ADD A STRAY LESSON</b>
<u>Sunday Oct 16</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sun School! Hope's kids will be doing ch 2 of Hometown Nazareth & will be introduced to their program!
<u>Sunday Oct 23</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be doing chapter 3 of Hometown Nazareth & assigning program parts!
<u>Sunday Oct 30</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be doing chapter 4 of Hometown Nazareth & reading parts out loud.
<u>Sunday Nov 6</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be doing chapter 5 of Hometown Nazareth & reading their parts.
<u>Sunday Nov 13</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be practicing & prepping the church for their awesome program!
<u>Sunday Nov 20</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be practicing & prepping the church for their awesome program!
<u>Sunday Nov 27</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be practicing & prepping the church for their & <u>doing a full run through!</u>
<u>Sunday Dec 4</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School! Hope's kids will be doing a <i>last</i> run through of the program with full "dress rehearsal".
<u>Sunday Dec 11</u> <b>9:00 Hope church service which will be Hope's kids' program!!!</b> 10:00 Sunday School! We will discuss what the kids learned from Hometown Nazareth & do a fun craft!
<u>Sunday Dec 18</u> 9:00 Hope church service 10:00 Sunday School <u>with</u> our family & friends! All are welcome! More info next month!

Sunday school is going great! The kids have enjoyed continuing with their vacation bible school theme of Monumental! We can't wait for them to share some of Monumental with you all on October 2<sup>nd</sup> during the church service which starts at 9. Let's pack the pews & show Hope's kids how proud we are of them!

After the special church serve on October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will begin diving into our Christmas program theme! This seems insanely early! We want to be able to have the kids learn some great lessons as we put everything together. We will be doing the Hometown Nazareth lessons which will tie into our Christmas program. We want to slowly introduce everything and then neatly tie it together for the program which will be on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>!

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.

I'm writing my article on Summit's homecoming week. It's been fun to look at the playground and view children dressed in the colors or special style of the day. My favorite is always pajama day.

It can be a really fun week at the school. Beginning with coronation and ending with a parade then the football game. Most of us remember the times of float making and marching band with fond thoughts.

Have you ever wondered about the point of all the homecoming activities? The earliest school "homecomings" began at the college level in the early 1900s. They were devised as a way to bring everyone who was an alumni back and boost school spirit. Homecoming was an actual coming home. They were invited home to a place they once loved and worked hard for. (It was secretly also a time to attract financial support for the college programs in need.)

It feels like we have lost some of the original intent of Homecoming. After all, other than last year's graduates, how many other former students actually come home for the week? Class reunions are held during the summer most of the time. As small towns shrink into smaller towns, there is seldom anything to attract people to come back.

The same problems are felt in church. Since the closings of Covid in 2020, attendance numbers have never returned to the pre-pandemic normal. The last two summers have seen worship numbers average around 20 people each week. There were 47 people at our rally day worship this year. Five years ago, that was close to 100. Like the shrinking little towns, shrinking worship attendance can seem defeating.

Yet, this year our little town school had an amazing homecoming week. Students laughed and grew together. Kids and adults were reminded of their pride in who they are- not in who they have been at some other time- but who they are as supporters of the Dakota Hills Grizzlies and the Waubay/Summit Mustangs. Class spirit, school spirit and team spirit runs high this week. Parents and grandparents will still line the street and cheer on the parade. We will be proud of our girls volleyball players and boys football players no matter if they win or lose.

I remind you that the church can be the same. We are not and will never be the church of the past. Even if all our members come to worship this week, we will still not be the same as before. But, we will still be okay. We go on into our future as a changed congregation. We will teach our children the faith. We will sing God's praises and do God's work in our community and all of his world through our missions. We will remember that "homecoming" isn't always about the past.

If we can stop mourning who we were, it gives the Holy Spirit a place to take us forward into a new life as God's church. Let's let that Spirit revitalize, inspire and lead us into a new kind of "Coming Home."

Pastor Janet Miller