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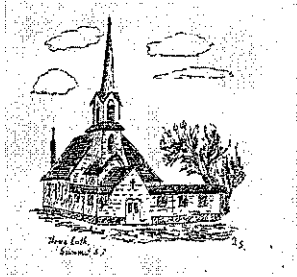
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November 2022

“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.





November 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Florence-LYO and Confirmation	3 9:00 am- quilting Conference Dean call	4 5 NeSoDak Scandinavian meals-11- 4 6:00 pm, 11-5 3:30 pm, 11-6 12:00 pm (look for more details in this newsletter)	
6 FALL BACK!! Daylight savings time ends. ☺	7	8	9 Summit-6:00 pm Confirmation (Cheyenne snacks)	10	11	12
13 green Children's church (confirmation kids will be reading) 6:00 Council Meeting	14	15 Conference Pastor's at Milbank	16	17 9:00 Quilting	18 Florence-Women's night out fundraiser Newsletter items due	19
20 white Florence-painting party	21 Pastor at mentor group	22	23 No confirmation	24 	25	26
27blue NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	28	29	30 Summit-6:00 pm Confirmation (Roman Snacks) 6:00-youth group- decorate for Christmas			

Notes

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). Servant Team 4 is in charge of worship helpers for November. Advent begins-November 27. ☺

Hope Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of September 14, 2022

Hope Lutheran Church Balance Sheet

	<u>Aug 31, 2022</u>	<u>Sept 30, 2022</u>
11102 · General Fund Checking	\$19,513.80	\$26,977.51
11112 · MWBank MC -Dawn	\$507.91	\$502.96
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$706.71	\$645.68
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	\$48.87	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$46,792.25	\$52,959.54

Council meeting-October 23-7:00 pm.

Dawn was gone so here are the bullet points from the meeting along with Pastor Janet's report.

- Next council meeting is the 11/20 at 6:00pm
- Children's church is 11/13 and the confirmation kids will be doing the readings
- they are fine with Lee buying the old nativity
- Wreath money will go to a new sign outside
- youth group and our confirmation class will decorate the church for Christmas on Nov. 30th at 6:00pm
- our executive committee will meet with Florence in November- they will go there for a worship and meet their committee after.
- council is going to talk with Sarah and have a help cleaning evening because most of us could not make the cleaning day
- Sunday School Christmas program has been set for Dec. 11th during worship

Pastor's Report

- 3 baptisms this month
- I wrote a monthly article for Wilmot newspaper
- got confirmation started with orientation and special class this month. Class will be the 2nd and 4th Wed. at Summit and 1st and 3rd at Florence. Summit has 8 students.
- Youth group has met and are going bowling on Oct. 30th
- I had 1 funeral this month at Hope
- I officiated 1 wedding this month in Watertown
- I served the conference pastors meeting at Hope last week

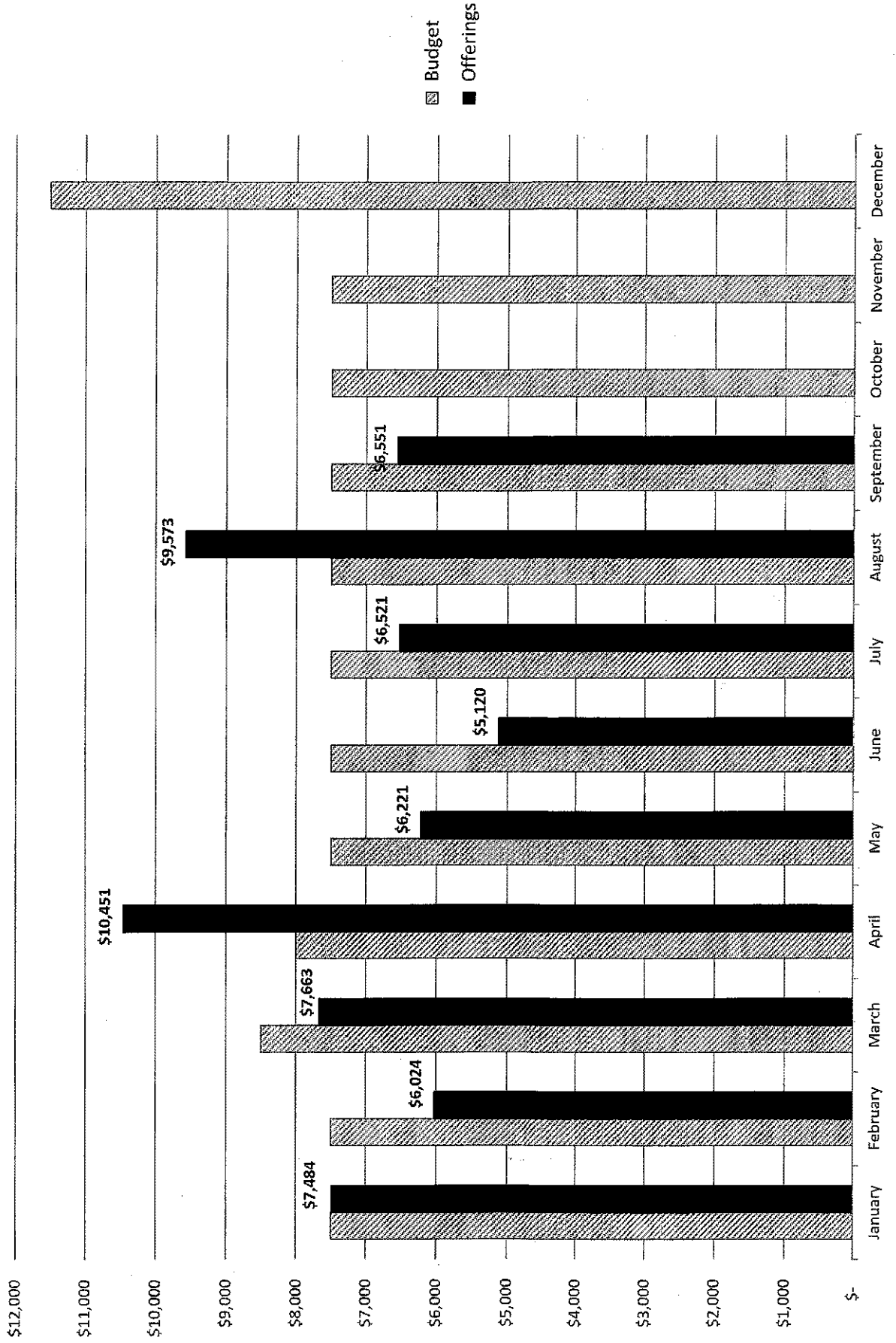
REMINDER-If you need to use the church for any reason, please remember to turn off the lights and turn down the heat before you leave. Also, make sure all the doors are locked as well. Thanks!

 This helps save money and keep the church safe.

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



6:05 PM
10/22/22
Cash Basis

Hope Lutheran Church Offerings and Expenses September 2022

	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Aug 22</u>	<u>Year -to-date 2022</u>
Income			
41100 · Regular Offerings	\$ 6,551.00	\$ 9,573.00	\$ 63,672.25
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,936.00
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,553.00
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Total 44000 · Other income	\$ 12.56	\$ 0.20	\$ 2,852.54
Total Income	\$ 9,563.56	\$ 12,573.20	\$ 97,013.79
Expense			
71100 · HSYG National Gathering Exp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.09
76100 · SS Teaching Materials	\$ (1,181.57)	\$ 126.49	\$ -
66110 · Pastor Salary	\$ 3,385.34	\$ 3,385.34	\$ 30,480.81
66120 · Pastor Housing Allowance	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 15,000.03
66150 · Pastor Social Security	\$ 386.50	\$ 386.50	\$ 3,465.75
66160 · Pastor Benefits	\$ 2,713.81	\$ 2,713.81	\$ 24,424.29
66170 · Pastor Medical Reimbursement	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.38	\$ 120.42
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 3,150.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$ 215.00	\$ -	\$ 1,720.00
66330 · Organist Salary	\$ -	\$ 480.00	\$ 1,400.00
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferencs	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 754.56
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$ 298.52	\$ 298.52	\$ 2,686.68
63110 · Worship Materials	\$ 136.34	\$ -	\$ 800.32
63100 · Worship & Education - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.90
62200 · Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43.65
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$ 80.35	\$ 81.15	\$ 1,063.91
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176.92
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$ -	\$ 36.28	\$ 526.74
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$ 15.66	\$ 15.66	\$ 157.61
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	\$ 878.63	\$ 1,171.50	\$ 4,579.51
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 662.76	\$ -	\$ 750.24
67300 · Small Tools and Equipment	\$ -	\$ 8.49	\$ 8.49
67410 · Propane/Heat	\$ 1,146.90	\$ -	\$ 6,467.33
67420 · Electricity	\$ 57.69	\$ 43.01	\$ 1,249.79
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$ 74.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 666.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$ 115.73	\$ 115.73	\$ 1,041.57
61410 · Synod Mission Support	\$ -	\$ 1,757.78	\$ 3,653.17
61420 · Good Samaritan Fund	\$ -	\$ 49.00	\$ 144.17
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 570.00
61470 · Thrivent Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 9.90	\$ (43.92)	\$ 139.10
Total Expense	\$ 11,025.61	\$ 12,839.39	\$ 105,896.05
Net Income	\$ (1,462.05)	\$ (266.19)	\$ (8,862.26)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

<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 & doing a full run through!
<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> 9:00 Hope church service which will be Hope's kids' program!!! 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 BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR JESUS 10:00 Sunday School <i>with</i> our family & friends! All are welcome!

Instead of the kids taking home their artwork during Hometown Nazareth we will be displaying their talents to slowly morph the church into our décor for the big program day on December 11! We will get everything sent home afterwards on December 11th & December 18th. We are excited for you to be able to see our progress!

We understand that there are many obligations around the holiday time which is why we chose to do the Christmas program a week earlier than normal. On December 18th which is our last day of Sunday school in 2022 we would love to have family & friends join everyone in Sunday school. Let's celebrate Hope's kids' accomplishments, knowledge, & the blessed holiday season! We can all sing happy birthday to Jesus & celebrate early with snacks, crafts, games, & togetherness. We are inviting all who can make it & look forward to having a great time! If all you want to do is sit & drink coffee & partake in some snacks that is fine. If you want to play some games with some kids that is great. If you want to do some crafts or coloring with some kids that is also great. We just want you all to join us in whatever way you would like. If you have any coloring stuff, crafts, snacks, games, or other feel free to bring them to share!

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.

HOPES HAPPENINGS

*With the holiday shopping I thought it was a good time to remind everyone who shops on Amazon about designating Hope Lutheran for AmazonSmile. 😊

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Hope Lutheran Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. (Be sure it's Hope Lutheran in Summit, SD) 🌐 They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu 🌐 & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features (click on see more and scroll down until you see it)
3. Select "Hope Lutheran Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

THANK YOU!!!-The quilting ladies would like to thank all of you that helped us in any way. Either by donation of material and thread for quilts or supplies for the school kits and personal care kits. The special offering for Project Hope collected on October 2nd was \$133! That money will be used to help send all these articles overseas and, in the U.S. This year we sent 107 quilts, 70 school kits, and 5 personal care kits! Again, thanks to all of you so very much!!

Join us for a Scandinavian meal to support the ministry of NeSoDak Bible Camp.

- November 4, 6:00 pm
- November 5, 3:30 pm
- November 6, 12:00 pm

Tickets are \$40 per person and sell quickly. Make sure to reserve your place at the table soon!

Seating upon arrival at the Sorensen Lodge at NeSoDak. A limited number of tickets are available for each meal. In order to be good stewards of food and to limit waste, this year's meal will be plated. Lutefisk will still be "all you care to" eat!

Please RSVP by calling (605) 947-4440 or emailing nesodak@losd.org.

Advent begins Nov. 27th- this year's theme is "From Generation to Generation"

"The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in—to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone.

Our Advent theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Considering the many ways we embody, remember, and tell the story of Christ's birth, which rituals hold the most meaning for you? What about this season will you pass on to the next generation?

From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go."

At church last week, we had the scripture from the Luke 18:1-8. It tells the story of an unjust judge and a persistent widow.

"Then Jesus¹ told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The story has always bothered me a little. Jesus explains that God is NOT an unjust judge and does care for our needs, but it always left me feeling uncomfortable. Does "be persistent in prayer and not give up" mean there is a specific amount of prayer God needs to get my point? Is it like a kid begging to their parent until they wearily give in? I can't be alone in my questions about the "right" prayer to get what is in my heart.

We live in a world where almost everything we want can be purchased and can probably get to us in less than a week. We've been spoiled enough by our prosperity that it can spill into our faith life with God. Prayers can seem like a vending machine... we put in the prayers and out should pop our heart's desire. When it doesn't happen right away, we get mad at God or question the reality of our faith.

The truth about prayer is that it is the most intimate and individual contact we can have with our God. Our Heavenly Father wants our prayers, not because he needs us to keep begging to make up his mind, but because he wants to know where our hearts truly are. You cannot have a relationship with someone you never speak to. Prayer is our way of speaking to God and learning to listen for his answers. Sometimes the answer is, "yes," and we are thankful. Sometimes the answer is, "no," because God knows something more or better is coming up in your life. Sometimes the answer to our prayer is, "not yet," because we are not equipped to handle the things we are praying for.

There was an old Garth Brooks song that said, "some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers." Have you ever thought to take the time to be thankful for the things you didn't get? When I think back on some of the things I asked God for in the past, I can often see where God was guiding me and planning for me. His hand in my life shows in all the blessings and all the wise times he said, "No!"

I urge you to take a moment and think about all the things you have asked God for that didn't happen. Think of all the unexpected blessings you have that could never have happened if all of your prayers were immediately answered as, "yes". Thank God for always listening, wanting good for you and for the gift of sometimes saying, "no".

Pastor Janet Miller