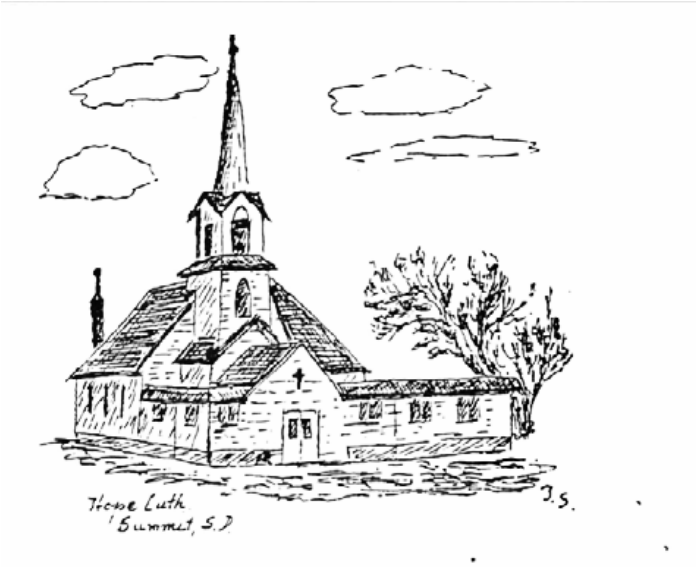


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WORDS OF HOPE, FROM HOPE

"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 and Educate all people.'

Everyone Is Welcome Here

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Greetings People of Hope!

Grace and peace to you from Christ our Savior, his loving Father, and the Holy Spirit!

I can't believe November is already solidly underway. After the long season of Ordinary Time (Time after Pentecost), November brings several shifts. It starts with All Saints' Day, which we celebrate on the first Sunday of November. As the days grow darker, harvest is underway, and it becomes brisk outside, we remember those who died during the previous year and light candles for all loved ones whose memory we carry. It's also a day to remember those baptized in the last year. We give thanks for all of their lives and the love that connects us.

In the Church calendar, the next celebration is Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) Sunday, marking the end of Ordinary Time. Following the chaos of WW I, shifts in Europe away from monarchies, increased rejection of Christianity in secular life, and to celebrate a Jubilee Year, Pope Pius XI established the feast day in 1925. In 1970 Pope Paul VI moved the celebration from October to the last day of Ordinary time. In the midst of cultural shifts and uncertainty, this day reminds us that Christ is our true source of guidance, safety, and community. When the world is upside down and violent, the promise of his return and knowing to whom we belong brings comfort and hope.

Frequently, November ends with the first Sunday of Advent—the start of the Church calendar year. Our main focus is waiting for the birth of Christ once again—telling the stories, remembering the promises, celebrating the physical incarnation of God in Christ Jesus.

During Advent, and the end of Ordinary Time, we also remember that we still wait for Christ to return. As followers of Christ, we believe that God's reign is already here—we already experience it—and yet, the promise isn't complete. We still experience the brokenness and pain of this world. What does it look like to wait faithfully? How do we stay alert? What does it mean to be prepared? How long will we wait for Christ's complete return? No one knows the answer to that. We do know, though, that nothing can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit is at work in, with, and through us. We can trust that no matter what the immediate future holds.

Peace,

Pastor Kari

Hope Happenings

- *Porch Pot Party - November 15th from 1-3:30. There is a sign up sheet at the church for time slots. Contact Nicole Ebsen if you are not able to come in and sign up. $50 if you would like us to provide a pot. $40 if you bring your own.*
- *Memory Wreaths are $40 and the sign up sheet is at the church. There will also be wreaths for sale available. The wreaths will be hung on November 29th.*
- *Along with out Christmas program on December 13th, we will be presenting bibles to 3rd, 6th, and 7th graders.*
- *They came and replaced the boiler in October and our kitchen remodel is set to start in January. We are excited for these amazing updates to our Church!*



This year, we encourage Sunday School students to give back! From October through the end of November, if your family would like to donate, we will collect money at the beginning of Sunday School to buy presents for the Angel Tree.


GIVE
thanks
To The Lord For He is Good
His Love Endures Forever.
Psalm 107:1

November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship w/ Communion	2	3	4 4:15 Confirmation	5 Quilting	6	7
8 9:30 SS 10:30 Children's Church w/ Cody Swanson 2 PM Parley on the Prairie	9	10	11 4:15 Confirmation 7:00 Youth Group - Pot-Luck	12 6:00 Church Council Meeting	13	14
15 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship w/ Communion 1-3:30 Porch Pot Party at the Summit Fire Hall	16	17	18 4:15 Confirmation	19 Quilting	20	21
22 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship - 1st Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens	30					