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“WORDS OF HOPE FROM HOPE”

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Everyone is welcome

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Greetings Hope People!

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

Some of you met me at worship this summer and fall as a supply preacher. Starting in October, I will serve as a part-time intentional interim pastor. The initial contract is through June of 2026 and can be extended as mutually agreeable until Hope calls a settled pastor (a pastor with an unspecified end-date).

Hope is exploring the possibility of a part-time pastor instead of a full-time one. We'll see how well that fits the congregation's ministry at this time. I live in Aberdeen with my Mom - Joan - and cats (Jasper and Uschi). The plan is for me to be in Summit on Wednesdays, stay overnight (somewhere local) and work in the Summit area on Thursdays. Tuesdays will be work-from-home and conference meeting days. Mondays and Fridays are days off. Saturday is a flex/catch-up day. I am scheduled to lead Sunday worship 3-4 Sundays a month.

In addition to usual congregational ministry (worship planning and leading, confirmation, visiting, local and conference/synod group meetings, etc.) I will lead Hope through a process to prepare for a new pastor. We will form a Transition Team to look at five areas: Heritage, Leadership, Mission, Connections, and Future. Three key questions for discussion are: Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to do?

Look for ways to be a part of this conversation and process—the more participation we have the better. Also, it's fun to gather, learn, dream, and follow God together.

I look forward to getting to know Hope during my time here. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your ministry and story.

Peace,
Pastor Kari



Church Council Meeting 9-21-2025

Present - Dustin H, Tim G, Tracy E, Tamijo B, Vicky G, Brittany G, Scott K, and Nicole E, also Treasurer Annelies S and Pastor Kari Foss

Pastor Kari Foss opened in prayer

Intentional Interim Pastor discussion with Pastor Kari –

- a 9-month call with a 1-month notice.

- October 1st, 2025 – June 30th, 2026

- Salary and Benefits as negotiated**
- Vacation – 3 Vacation Sundays and only Preaching 3 Sundays a month. 27 out of 39 Sundays.**
- Overnights Wednesdays and Saturdays – Lots of options between The Abbey, Waubay hotel, Congregation members or local Airbnb's.**
- Preaching Wednesdays during lent, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.**
- Off Mondays and Fridays – Flex days on Saturday**
- Wednesdays and Thursdays are office days and Tuesday being a work from home**
- No Sunday School teaching but having a presence for the kids to know our Pastor**
- Confirmation, Youth Group, First Communion –A request for another adult to be present**
- Visitation as requested**
- Bible study in combination with the transition team**
- Thursday Quilters – have a presence and possible bible study once a month**
- Other Conference/Synod events and service.**
- Sick days – Contact Tamijo, Anneliese, or any council member if those 2 aren't available.**
- We will contact as soon as possible about weather cancellations.**

Board Authorizes the Board President or VP to sign official contract and bring to the Synod for approval for Paster Kari Foss to be our Intentional Interim Pastor

– Motion by Scott , 2nd by Tim, Motion passes

Secretary Report – Motion by Tim, 2nd by Brittany, Motion Passes

Treasurers Report – Motion by Dustin, 2nd by Tracy, Motion Passes

Cemetery and Church Mowing – Brink's/Bronson's, Schwinger's and Redlin's get a thank you letter and gift card. Motion by Dustin, 2nd by Tim, Motion Passes

The church will be receiving a generous gift from the Estate of Royce Strasser.

Christmas and Memory Wreaths – We are looking for a vendor to supply wreaths and porch pot supplies.

Update PO Box form – 4 names to be added – Nicole Ebsen, Sarah Holt, Tim Gapp, and Anneliese Seffrood. Motion by Tracy, 2nd by Dustin, Motion Passes

Portico Health Insurance decision between - Select Copay 2000 - Select HDHP 2000

Motion by Scott to choose Select Copay 2000, 2nd by Tracy, Motion passes

Sarah Holt to be the second otherized user on the Portico Health Insurance account -

Motion by Dustin, 2nd by Vicky, Motion passes

Snow Removal – Tim will talk to the city about snow removal

Christmas Eve worship time is 5:30

Cemetery Flags have moved into the basement

New City Sign – The city is offering a free spot through the end of the year. We will put church times and Sundays school times up.

Next meeting – October 26th 2025 after church

Scott motioned to adjourn, Dustin Second - Meeting adjourned

Ended with The Lord's Prayer

Hope Lutheran Church
Offerings and Expenses 2025

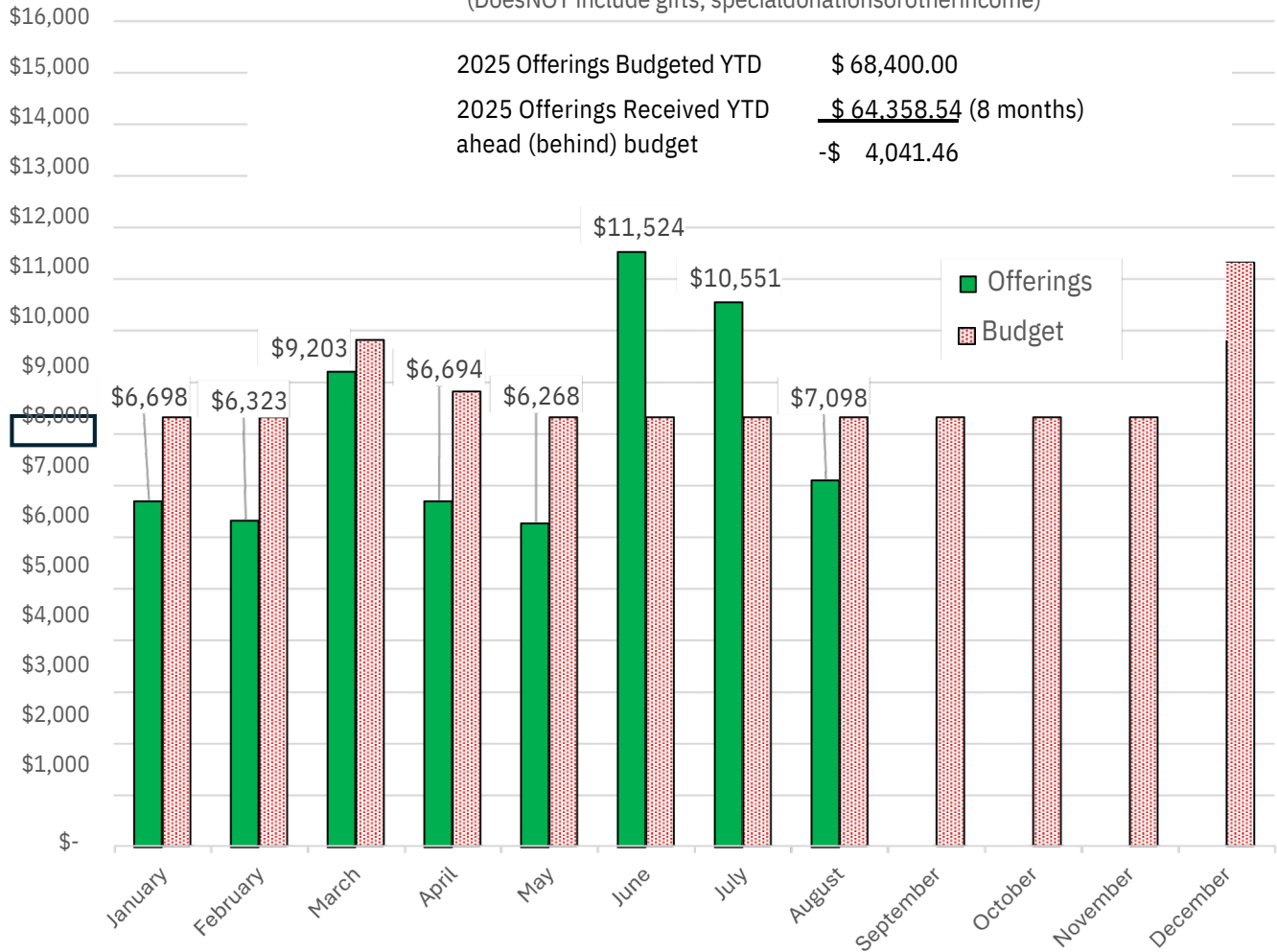
	July	August	Jan - Aug 2025
41000 · Offerings			
41120 · Traditional Offerings	\$ 9,320.75	\$ 6,153.00	\$ 50,858.54
41130 · Auto / Online Offering	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 5,453.00
41140 · Venmo Offerings	\$ 530.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 4,485.00
41200 · Lent & Christmas Eve Offerings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,562.00
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	\$ 10.00	\$ 4,221.45 *3	\$ 9,231.45
44310 · Building Project Donations	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 8,209.00
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00 *1	\$ 28,000.00
44100 · Interest Earned	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.87	\$ 307.44
44200 · Thrivent	\$ 98.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 1,938.00
44440 · Special Offerings to Pass On	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 418.29
44450 · Facility Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
44000 · Other Income - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,981.59
Total Income	<u>\$ 14,460.49</u>	<u>\$ 15,160.32</u>	<u>\$ 114,544.31</u>
Expense			
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	\$ 9,886.89 *2	\$ (449.44) *2	\$ 66,050.57
66191 · Relief Pastor Salary	\$ 225.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 1,350.00
66192 · Relief Pastor Mileage/Housing	\$ 92.40	\$ 281.93	\$ 477.93
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$ 250.00	\$ 249.99	\$ 999.99
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$ 250.00	\$ 249.99	\$ 1,999.96
66330 · Organist Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680.00
66350 · Payroll Taxes	\$ 38.26	\$ 38.24	\$ 229.50
66390 · Other Payroll Expenses	\$ -	\$ 207.02	\$ 207.02
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 428.80
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,176.03
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$ -	\$ 486.59	\$ 3,406.13
63130 · Confirmation / Adult Ed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.93
63120 · Sunday School Materials	\$ 221.33	\$ -	\$ 523.50
63110 · Worship Materials	\$ -	\$ 67.72	\$ 579.82
63100 · Worship & Education - Other	\$ 5.99	\$ -	\$ 11.98
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109.40
62200 · Office Supplies	\$ 44.30	\$ -	\$ 113.85
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$ 115.34	\$ 134.22	\$ 1,087.16
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ 66.38	\$ 136.58
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$ 17.70	\$ 17.70	\$ 135.36
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,250.00
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 21.87	\$ 764.29	\$ 1,075.28
67210 · Major Building Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,415.31
67410 · Propane/Heat	\$ -	\$ 4,913.28 *3	\$ 4,952.96
67420 · Electricity	\$ 70.48	\$ 70.34	\$ 1,123.52
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 672.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$ 96.47	\$ 96.47	\$ 771.76
61410 · Synod Mission Support	\$ -	\$ 1,920.08	\$ 3,451.82
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 418.29
63402 · Venmo fees	\$ -	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 4.95	\$ 104.95	\$ -
Total Expense	<u>\$ 12,624.98</u>	<u>\$ 11,580.75</u>	<u>\$ 104,601.74</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,835.51</u>	<u>\$ 3,579.57</u>	<u>\$ 9,942.57</u>
Net Without extra Florence payment & Building Fund Donations/Expenses	\$ 1,535.51	\$ (220.43)	\$ 6,648.88

*1 accidental transfer- will be returned to Florence
 *2 accidental double payment in July - repaid in August
 *3 Gift of Propane

2025 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(Does include Lent Services&ChristmasEve)

(DoesNOT include gifts, specialdonationsorotherincome)



2025 Offerings Budgeted YTD \$ 68,400.00
 2025 Offerings Received YTD \$ 64,358.54 (8 months)
 ahead (behind) budget -\$ 4,041.46

ASSETS

Checking/Savings

11102 · General Fund Check	\$22,255.25
12101 · Undeposited General Funds	\$1,204.00
11201 · Building Fund Saving	\$11,878.96
11113 · PrePaid MC - Pastor	\$33.02
12004 · CD710143990	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$50,371.25

OTHER ACCOUNTS

HSYouthGroup Acct	\$3,540.61
Sunday School Acct	\$1,054.28
Campership Acct	\$793.92

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

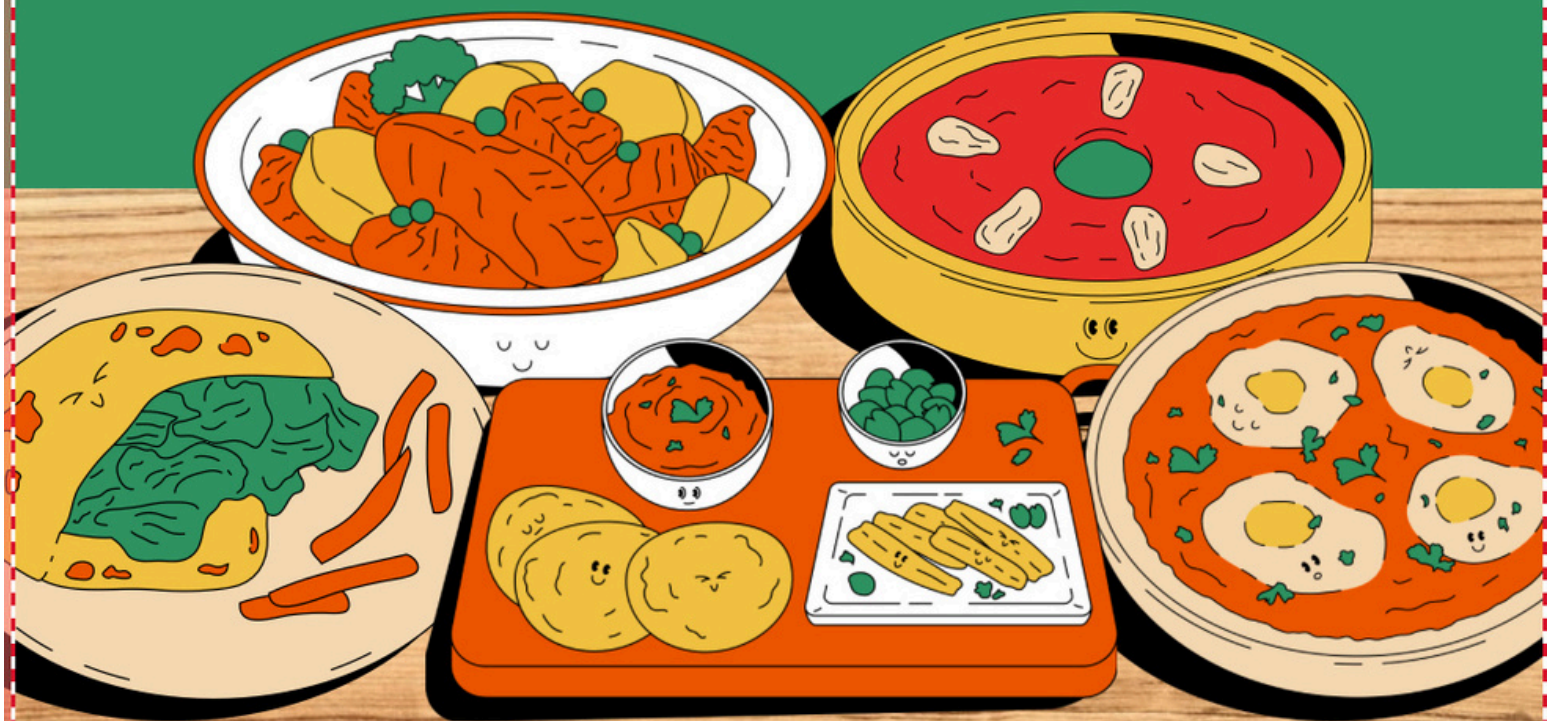
22003 · SecretaryCreditCard	-\$297.38
22000 · MasterAcct(JulyPayment)	<u>\$243.20</u>
Total 22000 · Master Account Balance	-\$54.18

6:30
OCT
1st

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

POTLUCK WITH PASTOR KARI FOSS

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



October 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Potluck w/ Pastor Kari	2 Quilting	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 With Adriann Wise Green	6	7	8	9 WELCA Fall Retreat at NeSoDak	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:30 Children's Church 10:30 Green	13 Youth 3rd Grade and older that have not received a Bible will be getting one at church on Sunday the 12th. Please reach out to Nicole so she knows who needs one.	14	15	16 Quilting	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Green	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Red	27	28	29	30	31	