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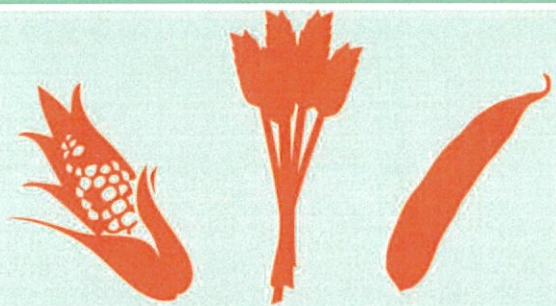
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"It is the mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people grow in their faith; to be a leader in the community; to serve the needs of all people; and to teach/educate all people.





# August 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 9-noon-Quilting Conference Dean call	4	5
	VBS-August 1-3, 5:00-7:00					
6 green Communion	7	8	9 Office day	10	11 Pastor at "Quality of Call" mtg in the a.m. Office in the p.m.	12
13 green	14	15 Conference Pastor's meeting	16 Office day 6:30-Council meets	17 9-noon Quilting	18 Newsletter items due	19
20 green Communion	21 School starts in Summit	22 Support to Ministry's in Sioux Falls	23 Office day	24	25	26
27 green	28	29	30 Office day	31		

## Notes

Worship time: 8:30 am (unless otherwise noted), Coffee Fellowship to follow. No worship helpers as of printing.

# Building Project & Fundraising Update

The **FROSTED GLASS PARTITION** was installed between the sanctuary and fellowship hall the first week of June. The glass door to the Sunday School area will be completed in the next 1-2 months.

We are on the calendar for **NEW SIDING** this fall. The contractor has been chosen and we are waiting for him to complete other projects.

The estimate for both projects is \$80,000. As of July 15<sup>th</sup>, we have raised over \$15,000.

Fundraising kicked off with a Paint & Pour event on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 30 women (and a couple of guys) painted a rural church and wildflower scene with Pastor Janet. Another painting event will be held later this fall.

An appeal letter is "in the mail" as this newsletter is being printed. It will take the generosity of not just current members, but former members and other "Friends of Hope" to meet our goal of \$80,000. If you know of someone to add to our list, contact us at [HLChurch@tnics.com](mailto:HLChurch@tnics.com)

The church has a Venmo account. It can be used for regular offerings, special donations, or to purchase raffle tickets.



**venmo**

## 2023 Building Fund Raffle

\$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20

To be drawn Sunday, September 10, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> prize Quilt made by Margie Wright

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Print of Hope Lutheran Church on canvas

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Quarter beef donated by Kris & Tamijo Bronson

Tickets available at the church, the Coffee Cup, or from any church council member

## SAVE THE DATE: RALLY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship

11:00 Worship Service – let's Pack the Pews

12:00 Freewill Donation Meal & Raffle Drawing  
& Other Fun Activities

Stay tuned for more details.





South Dakota Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Summer 2023 Newsletter Inserts

### From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

THANK YOU for sending your rostered leaders and voting members to the 2023 synod assembly. Almost 400 people gathered under the theme of "Cultivate" with a focus on rural ministry. Our two keynote speakers, Rev. Mark Yackel-Juleen from Wartburg Seminary and Rev. Jon Anderson from Luther Seminary, shared hard facts and data as well as hope and future vision. Did you know that Region 3, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, are the largest region in the ELCA? Did you know that 75% of the members of the ELCA live rural communities? And did you know that the average worship attendance across the ELCA is 50-75 people?

When I travel and visit congregations across our synod I either hear directly or in between the lines that ministry can feel lonesome as a rostered leader as well as a congregation. I hope you heard at the synod assembly that you are not alone, but that you have partners that care and are standing by to accompany you. Rev. Phil Hirsch was our churchwide representative at the Synod Assembly. While I give thanks for his report, what I want to share with you, that you do not know, is that you have left an impression on him. Once the synod assembly concluded on Saturday, he took off with our Rural Ministry Liaison, Pastor Alan Blankenfeld, and Kathy McHenry from Lutheran Planned Generosity to experience rural South Dakota. I know that he enjoyed his experience, both at the assembly as well as the tutoring from the synod, because he said so. It has sharpened his understanding of rural ministry and our place in the life and ministry of the ELCA. Thank you, South Dakota Synod, for your hospitality, your welcome, and for your ministry.

I pray for adequate moisture, farm and ranch safety, energy as you plan for fall ministry, and fun and growth during your summer ministry programming. Please know that I am always happy to come and visit. Crystal McCormick at the synod office will be delighted to schedule a visit with you; just reach out

to her via email [cmccormick@sdsynod.org](mailto:cmccormick@sdsynod.org) and she'll get us together.

Journeying in Christ with you,  
Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the SD Synod

### From the Director of Evangelical Mission

Beloved partners in Christ,

As I write this, my time with you in South Dakota grows short. I cannot help but think on Paul's words in Philippians 1, "I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (v 3-5).

Just as Paul was thankful in prayer for the church in Philippi, so I am thankful for all the ministries I have witnessed across South Dakota. I have seen deep relationships where people care for one another. I have experienced the welcome and hospitality of so many communities. I have celebrated the generosity we have toward one another, making incredible ministry possible. And I know all of this is rooted in our shared faith in Jesus Christ, and propelled forward by the Holy Spirit.

I will continue to pray for you, and for the work that is shared in the South Dakota Synod. Know that it has been a blessing to me to Journey Together in Christ with you, and I am thankful for the work we have accomplished through our partnership.

Peace and blessings to you!

Rev. Jonathan Steiner  
Director for Evangelical Mission and Associate to  
the Bishop for Stewardship & Outreach

### Back on the Road!

What an exciting time in the SD Synod! I am still energized from the Synod Assembly's focus on rural ministry, and being able to see the fruits of our labors is incredible. I think that people from all parts of the synod and all walks of life know that there are benefits and struggles of rural life, not to mention rural ministry. But when we approach the fears and struggles together, we are able to make our way through them; sometimes it's not easy but yet we can do it. Rural ministry can be so rewarding if we can get



rostered ministers to realize this and embrace these small rural communities.

I am also very thankful for Bishop Constanze and her vision of raising up lay leaders – this is also a very exciting part of my call. I get to help lay leaders look at the educational possibilities available to them that weren't there before; whether they just want to take lay classes or are ready to explore what seminary may look like for them. Some of the people that I have coffee with will be in seminary but they just don't know it yet! If you or someone you know would like to have coffee with me, please let me know.

I would also like to thank Bergen Lutheran church for their commitment to rural ministry as they are hosting a Threshing Bee to benefit Rural Ministries in the South Dakota Synod on Sunday July 30!! I hope to see many of you there!

Rural ministry is rewarding and difficult all at the same time but what a wonderful ministry it is!

Blessings,  
Pastor Alan Blankenfeld  
Rural Ministry Liaison

40 for 40 – A Reason to Celebrate

Three milestones of generosity in the South Dakota Synod were celebrated at this year's assembly: the **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of a gift planning position in the synod, created by Bishop Norman Eitheim and filled by Rev. Franklin Pudas; the **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the establishment of the Synod Endowment; and the **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (LPGSD) partnership and ministry. Lots of reasons to celebrate and to be extremely thankful.

The gifts made because of this work have impacted congregations, rostered leaders, and ministries across our synod and around the world. Because of the way an endowment continues to make gifts, that impact extends far into the future and continues to grow.

Can you help us celebrate this milestone? LPGSD hopes to create and/or document **40 planned gifts** by the end of 2023 to recognize **40 years of intentional generosity**. You may have already named your church or another ministry as a

beneficiary of your will, a life insurance policy, or an IRA/investment. Or maybe you've talked about creating a legacy plan but aren't sure how to make it happen, or whether it's possible.

Thank you for helping us honor those who paved the way by ensuring that generosity and ministry continue in the future. To learn more about how you can be a part of **40 for 40**, or if you have questions about how to make a plan to make a difference, contact us at 605.274.5030 or [LPGSD@sdsynod.org](mailto:LPGSD@sdsynod.org).

Kathy McHenry, LPGSD Executive Director  
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\*Due to changes in how the school kits are processed, the quilting ladies are asking for monetary donations. They will do the shopping when the items go on sale. If you would like to help, please give your donations to any of our quilting ladies. 😊 Thank you!!

Hope Lutheran Church	
Balance Sheet	
As of June 27, 2023	
	Jun 27, 23
11102 · General Fund Checking	\$34,001.85
11112 · MWBank MC -Dawn	\$371.90
11113 · MWBank MC - Pastor Janet	\$1,246.45
11114 · MWBank MC - Sarah	\$179.55
12140 · CD 710143990	\$15,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$50,799.75
11300 · HS Youth Group Checking Acct	\$9,079.64
11400 · Sunday School Checking Acct	\$638.61
11500 · Campership Checking Acct	\$2,536.92

# Hope Lutheran Church

## Offerings and Expenses

June 2023

	Jun - prelim	May 23	Jan - Jun 23
41100 · Regular Offerings	4,603.00	4,682.00	41,229.01
41200 · Special Services Offerings	0.00	0.00	1,743.00
42100 · Gifts & Memorials	0.00	0.00	50.00
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	3,500.00	3,500.00	21,000.00
44100 · Interest Earned	0.00	4.67	16.87
44200 · Thrivent	0.00	0.00	1,085.00
*44310 · Special Project - Siding & Partition	2,925.00	0.00	4,070.00
44350 · Christmas Greens Income	0.00	0.00	50.00
44440 · Special Offerings to Pass On	0.00	0.00	150.00
44600 · Amazon Smile	0.00	38.81	64.05
44000 · Other Income - Other	0.00	1,560.60	1,776.37
<b>Total Offerings &amp; Income</b>	<b>11,028.00</b>	<b>9,786.08</b>	<b>71,234.30</b>
 <i>*Total without Building Project Donation</i>	 <i>8,103.00</i>	 <i>9,786.08</i>	 <i>67,164.30</i>
 <b>Expense</b>			
Total 76000 · Sunday School Expenses	0.00	0.00	63.31
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	8,738.66	8,738.66	52,432.00
Total 66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	0.00	0.00	125.00
66310 · Secretary Salary	375.00	375.00	2,250.00
66320 · Janitor Salary	230.00	230.00	1,380.00
66330 · Organist Salary	0.00	0.00	640.00
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	0.00	0.00	369.42
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	0.00	0.00	125.00
63300 · Insurance Expense	0.00	318.86	1,594.30
Total 63100 · Worship & Education	0.00	136.35	849.05
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	0.00	224.59	243.76
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	0.00	139.20	764.61
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	327.70
62600 · Postage and Delivery	0.00	0.00	450.74
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	16.71	16.71	97.11
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	1,219.43	0.00	1,219.43
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	443.70	0.00	995.96
67300 · Small Tools and Equipment	0.00	0.00	268.50
67410 · Propane/Heat	62.59	1,063.68	1,171.32
67420 · Electricity	201.03	85.89	939.38
67430 · Water/Sewer	78.00	78.00	460.00
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	95.73	95.73	574.38
61410 · Synod Mission Support	0.00	0.00	1,681.96
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	0.00	0.00	150.00
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	9.90	4.95	74.25
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,470.75</b>	<b>11,507.62</b>	<b>69,247.18</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-442.75</b>	<b>-1,721.54</b>	<b>1,987.12</b>
 <i>*Net without Building Project Donations &amp; Expenses</i>	 <i>-\$3,367.75</i>	 <i>-\$1,721.54</i>	 <i>-\$2,082.88</i>

# 2023 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(does not include memorials, special gifts, other income)  
January - June \$4028 below offering budget





Dear Brother's and Sister's in Christ,

We had Vacation Bible School for Florence this week. Their Bible verse for the week was an interesting one, "Give us this day our daily bread."

When I asked the children where they had heard those words from, several raised their hands and said, "the prayer...the prayer we say in church" and one boy began to recite the Lord's prayer. By the time he got to the end, several of the kids were saying the prayer with him. Another child, about the same age, looked at him and asked, "how do you know that?" The answer was unanimous, "because we say it in church every week!"

I thought about the gift these children had received by their parents. The simple act of attending worship taught them the prayer our Savior wanted us all to know. What other parts of our faith had they soaked up during their time in worship and Sunday School? Being there, in God's holy place and being a part of the congregation matters in the faith formation of our children.

Our summer months are short so people of South Dakota try to make them important. We travel, we go to the lakes around us, we support our children in baseball, t-ball, football, volleyball and basketball leagues. The list is endless. We are so busy, many kids can't find the time to go to Bible camp anymore.

While the love of sports runs deep in the communities I serve, sometimes I have to question what we love the most. What do the things we make time for teach our children about our faith. Because how we spend our days is how we spend our lives. We teach our children our faith with every choice and every action we take.

Do your children think faith is just for an hour a week during the winter? How do they know how your faith moves and guides you? How will they know what church looks like, feels like and means to EVERY DAY of our lives if they never go to it?

I love the summer. I love the chance to be outside in the weather, the gardens and flowers, the lakes and family time. BUT, I can love them and still put time aside for sabbath and worship with my God. Our children need to see that faith from their parents too. They need to be reminded that showing up for God matters. Worshiping God, even if you are camping or driving to a ballgame or whatever the summer call you to can really matter to your kids. There are thousands of online options if you cannot make it to worship with us every Sunday. Make sure your children understand that God comes before fun and summer sun and all the great distractions and even the hard work that summer brings. Teach them about the God who provides for us *daily*...our bread, our health, our possessions, our loved ones as signs of his gracious love.

Pastor Janet Miller

Summit Vacation Bible School "Stellar- finding God in the darkness" will be August 1-3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00-7:00pm. We hope to see your kids there?

