

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I'm writing this article, the children of Summit are streaming out of the school following the homecoming parade. It was fun to be one of the cars lining main street and watching the kids go by on their floats or in the band. Once a year, we stop and celebrate who we are as a school and community. Adults remember all the homecomings in their past. Students get caught up in the excitement of the day. We recognize the ball teams, both volleyball and football, that are rostered that season. Depending on your age, homecoming can be about the past or a celebration of the present.

Have you ever thought about celebrating the future?

This week, I attended the South Dakota Synod's Fall Theological Conference. It is a conference for the pastors of the state. The lecturer for the conference was Dr. Barbara Rossing who is a seminary professor from the seminary in Chicago. Her lectures on the Biblical book of Revelation were eye opening and inspiring. Dr. Rossing's premise was that the book of Revelation is not about a future ending, but about a future "turning." A future of turning, turning evil to good, turning corruption into growing, turning violence and hatred into the peace as unprobeable as the Lion sitting with a lamb.

If you have ever felt helpless or hopeless about the future, Dr. Rossing says the book of Revelation is a book for you. In our modern world, evil often outshouts good. Sin seems far more seductive and sneakier than anything we can accomplish. Evil powers seem to smirk down at our feeble attempts to right the world's wrongs or make a difference in the lives of others.

The book of Revelation reminds us that evil does not have the absolute power it tries to convey. Through graphic imagery and sometimes beautiful prose, the book reminds us of the power of our Risen Christ and that the victory is our God's. Did you know that there are beasts, soldier angels, living creatures, lighting and thunder, prophecies and visions all in this one book? It's a little bit like a Marvel movie on steroids! Dr. Rossing explained that this vision of a world turning from evil to justice and peace never comes without hard work. Although God is the ultimate power in the victory over evil, we too have a part. We too can have a hand in the turning of the world to a better future.

There are thousands of songs and hymns inspired by the book of Revelation. We sang one of them throughout the conference called, the "*Canticle of The Turning*";

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight and my weakness you did not spurn. So, from east to west shall my name be blest, could the world be about to turn. My heart shall sing of the day you bring, Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me. And your mercy will last from the Depths Of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn You will show your might Put the strong to flight For the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, Not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your Justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more for the food they can never earn. There are tables spread, every mouth be fed, For the world is about to turn

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember Who holds us fast. God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears Heard is the promise which holds us bound. 'Til the spear and rod can be Crushed by God Who is turning the world around. My heart shall sing of the day you bring Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near and the world is about to turn!

Join in the celebration of the future we are promised. The future where you can have a part of "turning the world around".

Pastor Janet Miller

PS. For a sample of "The Canticle of the Turning" you can look on YouTube and find several versions of it or find a small sample of the pastors singing it on my personal facebook post about the conference.

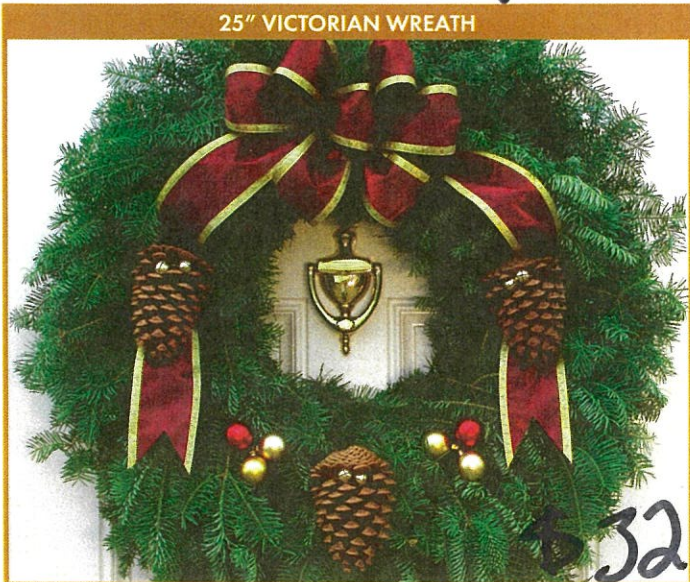
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

DELIVERED TO YOU BY OUR FUNDRAISING ORGANIZATION

HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AND JOIN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS!

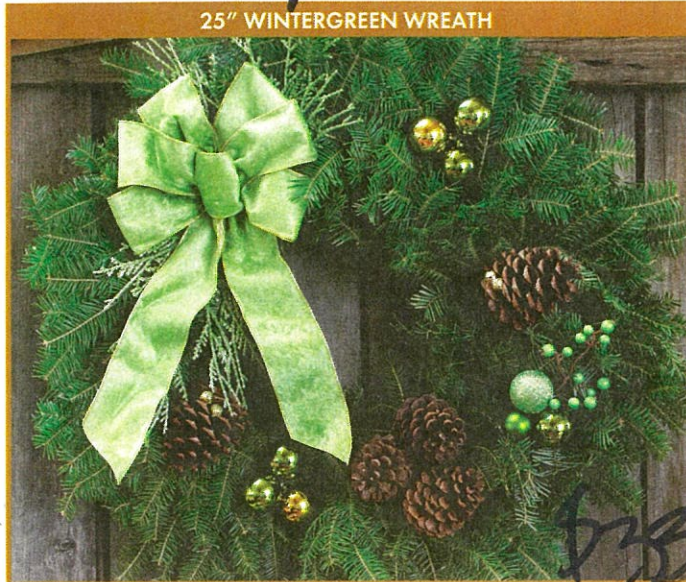
Fundraiser For: *Hope Lutheran Youth*

25" VICTORIAN WREATH



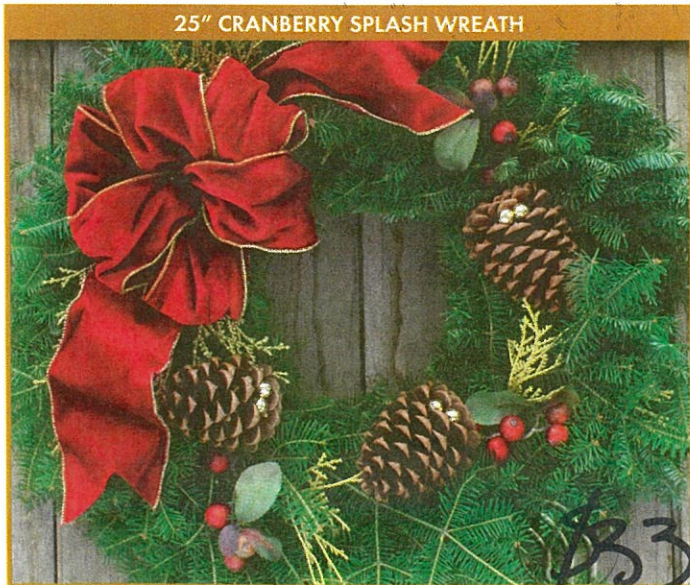
\$32

25" WINTERGREEN WREATH



\$33

25" CRANBERRY SPLASH WREATH



\$33

25" CLASSIC WREATH



\$25

memory wreath

26" EVERGREEN DOOR SPRAYS

Classic

Victorian

Cranberry Splash

Wintergreen



\$22

\$26

\$27

\$27

22" TABLE TOP TREE



\$34

CIANA CENTERPIECE



\$33

Youth Group/Hope's Happenings

Below is the monthly schedule for Youth Group. 😊

October- meeting on Oct 18th- Brianna brings food- we also plan on going bowling sometime in Oct. but that date will have to be announced on Facebook and in bulletins/remind too- wreath orders due Oct. 25th
Nov. 8th-Obstacle course and games at the church – Maddy and Brett bring food- the wreaths will be in and need to be delivered.

Dec- we are going to do a Christmas party and go swimming at the community center at Milbank- but date will be when we can get it. I will let you know- potluck for everyone- bring a silly gift to pass- \$10.00 or less.

Jan10- Board game night at the church- Regan brings food

Feb. 14- we will be having a "mission" day to help out some of the special mission's the kids selected.

March- kids will help out with the Easter music- possible trip to the ski hill in Alexandria depending on the sports team's success and schedule

April- (Possibly church on the Street- depending on their schedule)

May- Baccalaureate at Hope- and we will do something fun for our Seniors

Summer- National Youth Convention at New Orleans

***Sunday school teachers needed! We still have openings for teachers. If you are interested in volunteering for a week, a month or even the year, we would love to have you help!! Contact Pastor Janet or Becky Pies if interested. They will supply you with all the lessons you need.**

Classes are divided into PK-K, 1st-3rd, 4th-6th. Below is the schedule for October.

PK-K TEACHER: <i>sara or brittany</i>	1-3 RD TEACHER: <i>dawn</i>	4-6 TH TEACHER: <i>maddy</i>
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↑ Sunday, October 1 ↑

Sunday October 8, 2023

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Hope church service

PK-K TEACHER: <i>sara or brittany</i>	1-3 RD TEACHER: <i>dawn</i>	4-6 TH TEACHER: <i>maddy</i>
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Sunday October 15, 2023

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Hope church service

PK-K TEACHER: <i>sara or brittany</i>	1-3 RD TEACHER: <i>dawn</i>	4-6 TH TEACHER: <i>maddy</i>
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Sunday October 22, 2023

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Hope church service

PK-K TEACHER: <i>sara or brittany</i>	1-3 RD TEACHER: <i>dawn</i>	4-6 TH TEACHER: <i>maddy</i>
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Sunday October 29, 2023

10:00 Sunday school

11:00 Hope church service

PK-K TEACHER: <i>sara or brittany</i>	1-3 RD TEACHER: <i>dawn</i>	4-6 TH TEACHER: <i>maddy</i>
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*Wreath sales have begun. 🍁 In the newsletter you will find a sheet listing the prices and types of wreaths available. If you want to order a memory wreath, be sure to note who it's given for and by whom. Orders are due on October 25. Contact any youth group member or order at the church.

*Our quilters have been hard at work again this year!! On October 1, we will be taking a special offering during Worship to help with the shipping costs to send quilts and school kits to Lutheran World Relief. They will be sending 111 quilts and 100 school kits from Hope. Quilts will be on display as well for you to see. Thank you from the quilters for all your continued support!!

Building Project & Fundraising Update

The **FROSTED GLASS PARTITION & DOOR TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AREA** are complete. Come check them out. The total cost for the doors was \$19,500.

We are still on the calendar for **NEW SIDING** this fall.

The estimate for siding is \$55,000-60,000.

As of September 15th, we have raised over \$60,000. Thank you for your support. We are 75% of the way to our goal.

The appeal letter was mailed the end of July. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. If you know of someone to add to our list, contact us at HLChurch@tnics.com

The church has a Venmo account. It can be used for regular offerings or special donations.



venmo

2023 Building Fund Raffle Winners

1 st prize – Val Nelson	Quilt made by Margie Wright
2 nd prize – Dustin Holt	Print of Hope Lutheran Church on canvas
3 rd prize – Kim Thompson	Quarter beef donated by Kris & Tamijo Bronson
	Kim donated it back to Hope Lutheran

Possible Future Events – Let us know what interests you.

Paint & Pour with Pastor Janet	Meal Prep Session
Generational Lefse Making	Christmas Caroling
Family Hayride	

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Offerings and Expenses

July August 2023

	Aug 23	Jul 23	Jan - Aug 23	
41100 · Regular Offerings	\$6,560.00	\$7,488.00	\$55,477.01	budget = \$60,000
41200 · Special Services Offerings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,743.00	
43000 · Florence Parish Contribution	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$28,000.00	
44100 · Interest Earned	\$96.79	\$5.39	\$123.13	
44200 · Thrivent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,085.00	Goal: \$80,000
44310 · Special Project - Siding	\$30,595.04	\$7,293.28	\$52,004.32	\$60,143 raised
44350 · Christmas Greens Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	as of 9/20/2023
44440 · Special Offerings to Pass On	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	
44600 · Amazon Smile	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64.05	
44000 · Other Income - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,776.37	
Total Income	\$40,751.83	\$18,386.67	\$140,572.88	
** Total without Building Project Donations	\$10,156.79	\$11,093.39	\$88,568.56	
Expense				
76100 · SS Teaching Materials	\$0.00	\$174.43	\$237.74	
Total 66100 · Pastoral Payroll	\$8,738.66	\$8,738.66	\$69,909.32	
Total 66190 · Relief Pastor Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$340.00	
66310 · Secretary Salary	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$3,000.00	
66320 · Janitor Salary	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$1,840.00	
66330 · Organist Salary	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$1,160.00	
60200 · Auto/Mileage Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$369.42	
61800 · Continuing Ed & Conferences	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	
63300 · Insurance Expense	\$318.86	\$318.86	\$2,232.02	
63130 · Confirmation / Adult Ed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.55	
63120 · Sunday School Materials	\$231.07	\$0.00	\$231.07	
63110 · Worship Materials	\$92.16	\$10.62	\$1,206.32	
63200 · Fellowship Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$243.76	
62800 · Website Fees	\$52.80	\$191.97	\$244.77	
62200 · Office Supplies	\$1,405.03	\$0.00	\$1,532.83	
62300 · Printing and Reproduction	\$142.23	\$325.84	\$1,232.68	
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$174.89	
62600 · Postage and Delivery	\$45.28	\$42.08	\$579.95	
62000 · Office Expenses - Other	\$16.66	\$16.71	\$130.48	
67100 · Landscaping Expenses	\$0.00	\$617.70	\$1,837.13	
67200 · Repairs and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$2,091.16	\$3,087.12	
67210 · Siding & Glass Partition 2023	\$19,500.00	\$0.00	\$19,500.00	
67300 · Small Tools and Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268.50	
67410 · Propane/Heat	\$88.91	\$0.00	\$1,260.23	
67420 · Electricity	\$350.87	\$87.38	\$1,377.63	
67430 · Water/Sewer	\$78.00	\$78.00	\$616.00	
67440 · Telephone & Internet Expenses	\$95.72	\$95.72	\$765.82	
61410 · Synod Mission Support	\$0.00	\$1,632.36	\$3,314.32	
61450 · Special Offerings Sent On	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	
69000 · Miscellaneous Expenses	\$59.80	\$114.85	\$258.80	
Total Expense	\$31,821.05	\$15,761.34	\$117,374.35	
Net Income	\$8,930.78	\$2,625.33	\$23,198.53	
** Net without Building Project Donations & Expenses	-\$2,164.26	-\$4,667.95	-\$9,305.79	

2023 Monthly Offerings vs Budget

(does not include memorials, special gifts, other income)
January - August \$4,780 below offering budget (8 months)





October 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 green Communion, Companion Synod, LWR Sunday	2	3	4 Pastor Zoom meeting	5 9:00-noon quilting Pastor Dean Zoom	6	7
8 green	9	10	11 3:30-1st class confirmation 6:00-2nd class confirmation (Cheyenne treats) 7:00-Youth group (Brianna food)	12	13	14
15 green Communion	16	17	18 3:30-1st class confirmation (Benthin treats) 6:00-2nd class confirmation (Roman treats)	19 9:00-noon quilting Pastor's conference meeting at Hope	20 Quality of Call zoom <i>newsletter Items due</i>	21
22 green	23	24	25 Wreath orders due!! 3:30-1st class confirmation (Bronson's) 6:00-2nd class confirmation (Bronson's)	26	27	28
29 red Reformation Sunday	30	31				

Worship time: 11:00 AM, Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM.

Communion is 1st/3rd Sunday every month (unless otherwise noted)

Notes

Worship Helpers as of printing: 10/1-Coffee-Laura?, Ushers-Anne & John, Reader-Anne, Communion Set-up-Anne & Barb, Communion Servers-Anne & John, 10/8-C-need, U-Youth, R-youth, 10/15-C-Urbans, U-Jimmy & Urbans, R-needed, CSet-Barb, CS-needed, 10/22-C-Vicky, U-needed, R-?, 10/29-C-Margie & Billi, U-Billi, Jorja, Levi, R-Billi, CSet/CS-Billi & Jorja

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