



October 2021



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

ATTENTION: A special meeting of the congregation has been set for **Sunday, October 31, 2021**, following the worship service.

The purpose of the special meeting is to approve a Letter of Call for a pastor. Six candidates expressed interest in serving Hope Lutheran. After interviewing three of the candidates, the Call Committee has recommended issuing a call to one of the candidates. Bylaws require congregation approval before an official Letter of Call can be issued. Information about the candidates will be shared at the meeting prior to the vote.

Bylaws permit members to participate in the meeting in person or via livestream. A link for a ZOOM meeting will be set up for those wanting to participate electronically. Information about the link will be provided via email several days prior to the meeting.

We are confident that God has a plan for Hope Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*



HELP NEEDED:

Can you volunteer an hour a month? We are still looking for **Sunday School teachers**. We are also in need of **substitute teachers**. If interested, please contact **Angie Bishop** at angie.bishop@k12.sd.us.



Livestream Assistant needed!

We need one more person to help with livestreaming here at Hope. Training will be provided! Please contact **Cliff Hadley** for more information!

Confirmation



At Hope Lutheran, we believe that to raise the next generation in the faith, it is vital for them to have a wide understanding of our beliefs and traditions. To this end, Confirmation is a ministry of teaching our youth in order that they can make an adult profession of their faith in Jesus Christ. We're happy to announce that the Rite of Confirmation will be held Sunday, October 31st for three of our members: **Conner Hofer, Jillian Reno, and Keaton Zomer.**



Women of Hope

If you would like to be part of a day of fellowship, food, and faith in service to our world missionary partners, **please contact Mary Fuchs**. Projects to be completed include sewing bags from upholstery samples and rolling bandages. No sewing skills required!

NEEDED: Plain White Sheets

The sheets can be stained but do need to be white. They will be used to make bandages for Global World Health.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



Hope Lutheran Church will once again be participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign, providing filled

shoeboxes for children in need throughout the world. Please begin collecting items. See the lists in Fellowship Hall for ideas of items needed for the various age groups. Please, no toy bugs, snakes or weapons! Remember, it all needs to fit in a shoebox when done! The boxes will be filled in November. You may also fill your own boxes. *Note: no shoe boxes are needed.*

Deadline is November 14th.

For additional information about the program, please see

www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child

A Study of Esther



The Book of Esther is the only book of the Bible that never mentions God's name. Yet every chapter is

filled with His presence. In this eight-session study, see how God works in your life the same way He worked in Esther's: through His presence, always there but invisible to your eyes.

If you would be interested in attending this bible study, please contact Mary Fuchs.

No Longer Looking for Help!

We would like to welcome Kelsey Fuehrer as the new Administrative Assistant in the Office. For the time being she will be in the office **Tuesday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** She is excited to be a part of our team here at Hope Lutheran!



Facebook Group

Hope Lutheran members and friends: please stay connected about our happenings through our Facebook group. Please search "Hope Lutheran Church Huron, SD" and click "Join". This group will help us communicate about the happenings of our church. If you would like something posted, you can post, or contact Shari Lord and she can post for you.

Shari.Lord@k12.sd.us

Parament Selection Committee Update



If you haven't noticed, we are using new altar frontlets and sometimes the pastor's stole that matches for this season – the season of Pentecost. The committee did their best to coordinate the colors with the large banners that we use at the front of the church. We wanted to keep it simple and since our altar furniture is so beautiful by itself, decided to use just altar frontlets.

We are still waiting for one red altar frontlet and stole for Reformation Sunday and celebration services. We hope to have them **by Oct. 31**.

After those are received, we plan to put them all out for display – wait for the viewing!

We are so grateful to the families who designated memorial funds for this project. If you see any members of the families of **Dick and Shirley Chase, Florence Holm, Ann Jensen, and Dick Shelton, be sure to thank them for their generosity. We also want to thank the Women of Hope for contributing to the purchase as well.**

The Parament Selection Committee – Diane Campbell, Mary Fuchs, Beth Picek, Marian Sprecher, and Paulette White as well as Pastor Tom Christenson

BUILDING FUND UPDATE:

As of September 30, 2021, there is \$47,663 in the building fund checking account. The remaining loan principal and interest **due December 31, 2021 will be \$63,130**. If members continue to honor their pledges over the final 3 months of the original pledge cycle, as they have since the project was approved, we should be within \$5,000 to \$7,500 of paying off all debt from the project. *Thanks to all who have contributed to help fund this project.*



The Missions and Evangelism committee says “**thank you**” to each of you for supporting the Salvation Army in kind products. In addition to the huge in-kind donation, Hope Lutheran gave \$800.00 to the food pantry. We know that the food pantry impacts our local neighbors.

In October we supported the following Ministries:

- Augustana District for general support \$1,000;
- Abbott House \$500;
- Plus One Guidance Center \$500;
- Augustana District, North Central Ethiopian Crisis Fund \$500.00.

If there is a mission or need that you know about, please bring to the attention of any committee member.

Next meeting will be November 17th at 7:00pm.

-Barbara Lorenz

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Church Council voted to establish a committee to handle issues related to memorial funds given to Hope Lutheran. The Memorial Committee will consist of 3-5 members. Its duties would include developing a policy on how to handle future gifts, developing a record keeping system to record how donated funds have been used and providing an avenue for contact with donators to the fund. If you interested in serving on this committee, please contact John Krutzfeldt, Rich Reimer or Kelsey Fuehrer.

Hope Lutheran email address

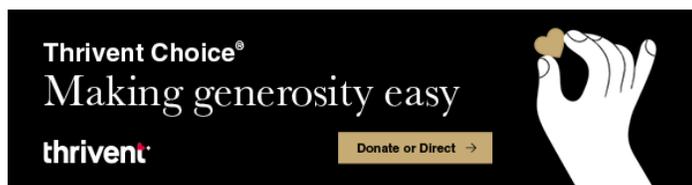
[hopelutheran@midconetwork.com](mailto:hoppelutheran@midconetwork.com)

Please use this e-mail address to communicate with the Council and Church office!



OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL

The new copy of the devotional book, Our Daily Bread for December, January, and February is available at the Welcome Center.



If you are a Thrivent member, please remember to designate your Thrivent Choice benefits. It can be done on the Thrivent website or through your Thrivent Associate.

At Hope Lutheran, the Thrivent Choice proceeds furnished the appliances in the new kitchen.



Coborn's receipts are submitted quarterly. Women of Hope receive the proceeds from these receipts. There is a box at the Welcome Center where gas, pharmacy and grocery receipts may be placed at any time.

Hope Lutheran Church Council

President - John Krutzfeldt
Vice President/Staff Relations - Cliff Hadley
Secretary/Stewardship - Shari Lord
Treasurer/Finance - Rich Reimer
Education - Angie Bishop
Evangelism, Missions - Barbara Lorenz
Fellowship/Family Life - Mike Fuchs
Properties - Bruce Pageler
Worship - Beth Picek

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

In order to keep you informed, we are including a copy of the 3rd Quarter General Financial Report along with this news update.



Individual quarterly giving statements are not included. With Kelsey beginning to work in the office over the past several weeks, the training priorities have been preparation of the weekly bulletins and learning the financial entry system. We would like to thank Kathy Chase for her help during this transition. If you would like a copy of your giving statement, please ask Rich and he can provide you a copy.

The General Fund Comparisons Sheet provides a comparison of the Income as of September 2021 (1st column) with the budgeted amount for the first 3 quarters of this year (2nd column) and the 3rd column shows the budgeted amount for the entire year 2021.

Financially there are both positives and negatives. Year-to-date giving is slightly higher than last year. Thank you for your continued support. However, as usual our income seems to lag behind over the summer month. Each year we need to play catch up in the final months of the year in an attempt to meet expenses and the budget. We simply ask for your continued prayers and financial support during these challenging times.

As we enter the 4th quarter, 2021 continues to be full of challenges. In-person worship services as well as online worship opportunities continue to be available as we continue to rely on the help of supply pastors. We must continue to thank God for his dedicated servants, both from within the congregation as well as from our supply pastors.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to Hope Lutheran. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Treasurer, Rich Reimer 354-4042 reimer1@hur.midco.net or [hopelutheran@hur.midco.net](mailto:hoppelutheran@hur.midco.net).

To the Honor and Praise of God!

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL FUND COMPARISONS WITH 2021 BUDGET								
			<u>Sep-21</u>	<u>9 mnth Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>		<u>% of Annual Budget</u>	
INCOME							75.00%	
	Interest Earnings		\$ 16.40	\$ -	\$ -			
	Miscellaneous Income		\$ 253.11	\$ 112.50	\$ 150.00		168.74%	
	Offerings		\$ 138,659.00	\$ 140,471.25	\$ 187,295.00		74.03%	
TOTAL INCOME			<u>\$ 138,928.51</u>	<u>\$ 140,583.75</u>	<u>\$ 187,445.00</u>		74.12%	
EXPENSE								
EDUCATION								
	Adult Education		\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 300.00		0.00%	
	Middle/High School Activities		\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00		0.00%	
	Pastor's Continuing Education		\$ 413.16	\$ 637.50	\$ 850.00		48.61%	
	Youth Education & Confirmation		\$ 708.00	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 1,750.00		40.46%	
Total Education			<u>\$ 1,121.16</u>	<u>\$ 2,925.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>		28.75%	
EVANGELISM & MISSIONS			<u>\$ 9,900.80</u>	<u>\$ 12,427.50</u>	<u>\$ 16,570.00</u>		59.75%	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION								
	Fellowship Supplies		\$ -	\$ 187.50	\$ 250.00		0.00%	
	General Supplies		\$ 23.73	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00		11.87%	
	LCMC Delegate Assembly		\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00		0.00%	
	Office Supplies		\$ 3,149.10	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 3,500.00		89.97%	
	Pastor's Convention Expense		\$ -	\$ 525.00	\$ 700.00		0.00%	
	Pastor's Mileage		\$ 889.81	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00		44.49%	
	Supply Pastor Services		\$ 2,832.72	\$ 675.00	\$ 900.00		314.75%	
	Telephone and Internet		\$ 1,064.48	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,600.00		66.53%	
Total General Administration			<u>\$ 7,959.84</u>	<u>\$ 7,612.50</u>	<u>\$ 10,150.00</u>		78.42%	
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS			<u>\$ 335.00</u>	<u>\$ 375.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>		67.00%	
PROPERTIES								
	Furniture & Equipment		\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 500.00		0.00%	
	Gas & Electric		\$ 3,618.09	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 7,200.00		50.25%	
	General Insurance		\$ 3,331.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,200.00		104.09%	
	Janitorial Services		\$ 4,291.98	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 5,500.00		78.04%	
	Lawncare		\$ 525.87	\$ 525.00	\$ 700.00		75.12%	
	Facility Enhancement		\$ 52.56	\$ 187.50	\$ 250.00		21.02%	
	Repairs and Maintenance		\$ 558.77	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,500.00		37.25%	
	Snow Removal		\$ 427.80	\$ 1,687.50	\$ 2,250.00		19.01%	
	Transfer to Building Fund		\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 24,000.00		75.00%	
	Water, Sewer & Garbage		\$ 810.25	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00		67.52%	
Total Properties			<u>\$ 31,616.32</u>	<u>\$ 34,725.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,300.00</u>		68.29%	
STAFF								
	Financial Secretary's Matching		\$ 207.13	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00		51.78%	
	Financial Secretary's Salary		\$ 2,707.50	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,600.00		75.21%	
	Pastor Housing Allowance		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 18,000.00		66.67%	
	Pastor Insurance		\$ 17,941.94	\$ 19,245.00	\$ 25,660.00		69.92%	
	Pastor Pension		\$ 5,593.60	\$ 6,341.25	\$ 8,455.00		66.16%	
	Pastor Salary		\$ 34,426.96	\$ 38,940.00	\$ 51,920.00		66.31%	
Total Staff			<u>\$ 72,877.13</u>	<u>\$ 81,026.25</u>	<u>\$ 108,035.00</u>		67.46%	
WORSHIP								
	Music		\$ 695.08	\$ 817.50	\$ 1,090.00		63.77%	
	Worship Supplies		\$ 1,190.11	\$ 675.00	\$ 900.00		132.23%	
Total Worship			<u>\$ 1,885.19</u>	<u>\$ 1,492.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,990.00</u>		94.73%	
TOTAL EXPENSE			<u>\$ 125,695.44</u>	<u>\$ 140,583.75</u>	<u>\$ 187,445.00</u>		67.06%	
NET INCOME			<u>\$ 13,233.07</u>		<u>\$ -</u>			