



August 1, 2015

**Summer is still here....BUT the Fall Schedule is coming soon!**



Ready or not....fall is soon upon us - which means the programs of the church resume in fullest measure.

Please take time to read this, your church's offerings to you and to our wider community.

**Land Dedication & Fall Picnic – Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>!**

The Church Council, with input and help from all of the church committees, is planning a special event to kick-off our fall season.

On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> we will gather under the theme of

**“Hope in Christ Anchors the Soul”**

- 9:30 am – 45 minute worship at Hope
- 10:15 am – all depart for the land we bought for future church site (21<sup>st</sup> St. SE & James River)
- Games and site tours
- Dedication of Land Liturgy
- Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
- Large Group Games and Socializing

Please help us with the following:

- 1.) Bring your own lawn chair
- 2.) Bring a salad or dessert to share
- 3.) Bring your favorite yard game



**Sunday School Resumes** directly following our worship on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School Teachers will be installed during the morning worship.

Following worship, at 10:30 am, a special gathering time in the sanctuary will set the stage for the new year.

**Teachers and Substitute Teachers needed:**

Please consider your role in passing the faith on to the next generation! We will have the following Sunday Morning classes:



- Preschool – Kindergarten
- Grades 1-3
- Grades 4-5
- Middle School

Please contact Sue Krutzfeldt (350-6726) or Pastor Tom if you can serve in this way.



**Family Christmas Program....Really ?!**

Just an advance note, and an offer....the Hope Lutheran Family Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Paulette White is willing to serve as a coordinator, but invites others to help in planning and practicing. Please contact Paulette if you are willing to assist with the Family Christmas Program.



**Bible Class for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders!**

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special class for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Tom will lead a session of introduction to the Bible in preparation for these young people receiving a gift Bible from Hope Lutheran. If you are a parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader and know that date doesn't work for you, please call Pastor Tom as soon as possible so we can look at another date.



**Confirmation for Grades 6-8 Begins**

Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. At Hope Lutheran we believe that in raising 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 pastoral ministry of teaching our youth in order that they can make an adult profession of their faith in Jesus Christ.



Our Confirmation Ministry spans 20 weeks each in the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades with the Rite of Confirmation taking place on the Reformation Sunday (last Sunday of October) in the student's ninth grade year. Students should bring their own Bible, and a pen or pencil, as folders will be provided. Please contact Pastor Tom with any questions.

# Friends in Christ

**Friends in Christ** is a youth-group styled program for our younger children, preschool – grade 5. This group meets once a month and has a meal, shares in devotions and completes a service project. **The first gathering this year is at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

We need volunteers to serve the meal each month (approximately 12 kids & adults). If you are able to serve your church this way, please contact Sue Krutzfeldt or Pastor Tom.

## Youth Group Stuff

**For All Youth:** Join with youth from all over South Dakota at a Journey Worship Event at the South Dakota State Fair! On Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the churches of Huron invite all youth to meet in the Women's Bldg. for a 7:00 pm worship event. Past worship events have been well done and well attended, so let's have a Hope Lutheran presence for this one!

**Our Senior High Youth Group** has found that Sunday Lunch seems to work best in our busy calendars. The 20<sup>th</sup> of September might be a good day to kick-off this bunch...**IF we have a youth group family that is willing to host us.** Please talk to Pastor Tom.

**Middle School Youth** will get started with our Confirmation year, and then hatch a plan for some special events to celebrate in together.

**Adult Study:** Please complete the brief survey at the end of this newsletter. Return via e-mail or drop at the church office or in the offering plate.



**Women of the Word, Augustana District,** has an annual gathering of women from area LCMC churches. This year, the event is being held at Living Word Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the day is "Peace" based on Psalm 29:11 *"the Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace"*. More info about the day is available on the poster in the narthex or lower-level church bulletin board. Please contact Mary Fuchs if interested in attending.

## Salvation Army In-Kind Offerings!

As we have done in the past, September is our month to uphold and support the Food Pantry which is housed at the Salvation Army. We invite you to bring the following items to the church and into the sanctuary with you each week. Pastor Tom will recruit some "special ushers" to collect the items each week.

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Paper Products

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Canned Goods

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Boxed Meals

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Baby/Personal Care items



**The Annual International Gathering of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)** will be held

October 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> in Frisco, Texas (near Dallas). Hope Lutheran is entitled to two voting delegates. Others may attend in a visitor status. Monies are available to help defray delegates' travel and lodging costs. Please contact Bill Chase or Pastor Tom if you are interested in attending.

## Updating Church Records

The information in our church files needs to be updated. We know there have been changes in contact information that have not always made it to the church office. In addition, we didn't always receive complete or accurate information in the transfer process. Please complete the *Household Information Form* **plus an Individual Information Form** for each member of your family/household and **submit to the church office as soon as possible**. If you have any questions on this project, please talk to Pastor Tom or Kathy. The forms are available at the church or electronically (see link in cover e-mail).



## New members will be received in October.

Some more families have indicated that they wish to join our community of faith. In October, we will welcome those who have indicated their desire to become members of Hope.

If this is the right time for you to make your commitment, please contact Pastor Tom.



## Financial Update

Here is a summary on Hope Lutheran's finances for the first six months of 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Bockorny.

**Please note: Income for the year is \$5,822.27 behind budget as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### Hope Lutheran Church

Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2015

#### ASSETS

##### CURRENT ASSETS

General Fund	\$19,886.97
Building Fund	\$40,585.79
Contingency Fund	\$44,484.77
Memorial Fund	\$4,814.92
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$109,772.45</b>

##### FIXED ASSETS

Equipment/Furnishings	\$39,421.90
Land and Buildings	\$294,972.08
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$334,393.98</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$444,166.43</b>
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#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$444,166.43
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$444,166.43</b>

### Hope Lutheran Church

General Fund Budget vs. Actuals  
January 1 – June 30, 2015

	2015 Budget	Actual thru 06/30/2015
<b>INCOME</b>		
General Fund Offering	\$165,824.00	\$77,030.42
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	109.31
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$165,924.00</b>	<b>\$77,139.73</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operating Expenses	\$141,924.00	\$65,631.16
Transfers to Building Fund	\$24,000.00	\$12,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$159,800.00</b>	<b>\$77,631.16</b>

A printable calendar can be downloaded from our church website: [www.hopelutheranhuron.com](http://www.hopelutheranhuron.com)

## Mark your calendar!



### Aug. 2 - Sunday

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship

### Aug. 5 - Wednesday

7:00 pm Mission & Evangelism Committee will meet at the Plus One Guidance Center, 35 Market St. E

### Aug. 9 - Sunday

9:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship

### Aug. 12 - Wednesday

7:30 pm Church Council

### Aug. 16 - Sunday

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship

### Aug. 23, 30 - Sundays

9:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship

### Sep. 6 - Sunday (*Food Pantry - Paper Products*)

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship

7:00 pm Journey Youth Worship at the Women's Building. (Fair Grounds)

### Sep. 9 - Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation Begins (grades 6-8)

### Sep. 10 - Thursday

10:00 am Pastor attends Huron Ministerial

### Sep. 13 - Sunday (*Food Pantry - Canned Goods*)

9:30 am Worship at the Hope Lutheran Church

10:30 am Land Dedication & Picnic at new site

### Sep. 15 - Tuesday

9:00 am ESD Pastor's Meeting in Brookings

### Sep. 16 - Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)

### Sep. 19 - Saturday

Women of the Word Annual Gathering at Living Word Lutheran in Milbank, SD

### Sep. 20 - Sunday (*Food Pantry - Boxed Meals*)

9:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion and Sunday School Teacher Installation followed by Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Sunday School (Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

11:45 am Sr. High Youth Group - TBA

### Sep. 23 - Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)

### Sep. 27 - Sunday (*Food Pantry - Baby/Pers.Care*)

9:30 am Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Sunday School (Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

10:45 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader (+parent) Bible Class

### Sep. 30 - Wednesday

5:30 pm Friends in Christ (Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)

# The Preacher's Ponderings

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

Hebrews 10:23-25

Hope that everyone is having a great summer, filled with family time, and maybe even some vacation time!

Especially when one still has kids in school, summer is about the only time to get in some extended family time.

But, even then, there is softball and baseball, swimming lessons and soccer, sports camps and bible camps.....time camping or at the cabin, and pretty soon, we see summer coming to an end.....and we wonder: *"Where did the summer go?"* But, if we are honest, the school year is just as full, but for some reason, the rhythm seems somewhat easier to handle.

So, as we flip our calendars to the month of August, we know that this month will quickly give way to the start of another school year for us, our kids, and our grandkids. And, how are we to set some priorities for our time?

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews brings some words of encouragement to his hearers. He knows that life can be hectic and the demands of family can become a burden. But he encourages those young Christians to make sure they do not neglect to regularly meet together, in Christ's name. He wants them to know that setting priority time for the worship of our God and to be in the company of fellow believers brings the encouragement *"hold fast to our confession of hope"*.

So, as we will soon return back to our school year schedule, I offer the same word of encouragement to you. Make your worship of our God a priority for you and your family. Make use of the times of Christian education and Bible study for the strengthening of your faith. And make use of the chances you have to share in fellowship with the saints, so that all

can be comforted, bolstered and prepared to meet life's challenges in the Hope that is ours in Christ Jesus.

*In His Exciting Service,*

*Pastor Tom*

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## Adult Education Survey

Please rank your preferred times 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am Sunday Mornings

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am Wednesday Mornings

\_\_\_\_\_ 7:15 pm Wednesday Nights

\_\_\_\_\_ Other time: \_\_\_\_\_

If we had wide interest in a Sunday morning time, we would need some lay leadership.

Would you work with a team to lead such a study? If yes, provide your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book of the Bible, Topic or Book Study you would be interested in studying:

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Please drop survey in church office, collection plate or e-mail to [pastortlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortlc@gmail.com)