

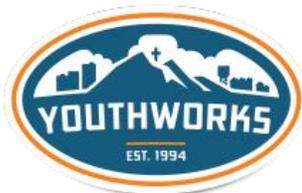


July/August Newsletter – 2016



All of us are busy with our summer schedules, including baseball and softball games, time at the lake, vacations, reunions and camps. The fellowship with other believers is still important in our lives. Hope Lutheran Church worships each Sunday morning at 9:30 am throughout the summer.

Regular Sunday sermons and bulletins are available at our website www.hopelutheranhurong.com if you are unable to be with us. Extra copies of the weekly bulletins are available at the church as well.



July 24th – July 30th
Pastor Tom and Courtney Dickson will lead 10 high school youth: Kamaron Christensen, Sarah Christenson, Landon Claeys, Elisebeth Dickson, Noah Dickson, Alison Fenske, Kaitlyn King, Emily Lord, Spencer Lord and Hannah Pageler in a Youth Works mission trip to Kansas City.

Please pray for the youth and their chaperones as they travel and serve.



Family Fun Fest!

No matter if you are a family of one or a dozen.....or how young, or not-so-young you are, we want you to join us for a mid-week time of fellowship and praise!

When ? - Wednesday, August 3rd and 17th
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where ? - Hope Lutheran!

Theme ? - "What's Love Got to Do With It"!

What to Bring ? – A Friend or Two

What can I expect ?

- A meal
- Some Fun with your church family
- Some tunes to sing
- Some games to play
- And besides, God will be here, and that should be enough!

What do I need to do? - please e-mail to pastortlc@gmail.com or call and leave a message at the church number (554-1002) by **July 31st** just to tell us how many to expect on August 3rd.



Baby Blessings

We have been blessed with a number of new babies in our Hope Lutheran family!

Congratulations to:

Eric & Lona Simon, along with Kenleigh, Chapel and Declan welcomed Ledger Bishop on May 2nd

John & Sue Kruzfeldt, along with Kaden and Reece welcomed Ryder Marvin on June 2nd

John & Maggie Alton welcomed Eleanor Elizabeth on June 10th

Matt & Andrea Morlock, along with Blake, welcomed Easton James on July 18th



2016
Weddings to date

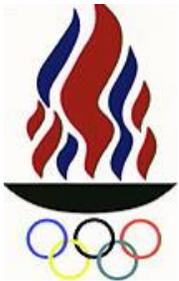


Best Wishes go out to:
Rick Fuchs & Kelsey Meyer
Omaha, NE – March 5th
Mark Freese & Charlie Fenske
Rapid City – April 29th
Brandon Holevoet & Emily Gustafson
Port Byron, IL. – June 25th



New members will be received in October.

In October, we will welcome those who have indicated their desire to become members of Hope Lutheran Church. If this is the right time for you to make your commitment, please contact Pastor Tom.



Rally Day

September 11th!

Wear Red, White and/or Blue,
since we will celebrate the
beginning of the fall season of
Sunday School with the
“End of Summer Olympics”!

Sunday School Team Teachers are needed
for the following age groupings:

- Music Time
- Preschool – Kindergarten
- Grades 1-3
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8



Please contact Michelle Chase with your class preference: michelle.chase@k12.sd.us

Confirmation Ministry at Hope Lutheran



is an intentional faith development time for our 6th – 8th graders. This will begin on Wednesday, September 7th from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Pastor Tom will be having further contact with member families who have youth in this class grouping. If you know of someone from outside our congregation who might be looking for a solid biblical program for their youth, please ask them to call Pastor Tom.

Financial Update



Here is a summary on Hope Lutheran's finances for the first six months of 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Ruedebusch.

Please note: Income for the year is \$5,270.38 behind budget as of June 30th. Even though we are still “in the black”, please remember the needs of your church in your weekly contributions.

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Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2016

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

General Fund	\$31,866.98
Building Fund	\$75,921.59
Contingency Fund	\$44,619.58
Memorial Fund	\$17,637.52
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$170,045.67

FIXED ASSETS

Equipment/Furnishings	\$41,784.18
Land and Buildings	\$294,972.08
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$336,756.26

TOTAL ASSETS

\$506,801.93

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$506,801.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$506,801.93

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General Fund Budget vs. Actuals

January 1 – June 30, 2016

	2016 Budget	Actual thru 06/30/2016
INCOME		
General Fund Offering	\$165,824.00	\$77,641.62
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	169.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$165,924.00	\$77,810.62
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses	\$141,924.00	\$64,668.03
Transfers to Building Fund	\$24,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$159,800.00	\$74,668.03

From your President, Steve Sprecher

A group from Hope Lutheran traveled to Hosanna Lutheran in Watertown to view their new facility and meet with the Chairmen of the Building and Finance Committees. I called our trip to Watertown a “fact-finding” mission.

What were some of the facts and how did Hosanna Lutheran get started? 30 people came together and started to worship in a rented auditorium, then rented a church facility and finally a school gym. After a time, they decided to start planning for a church building of their own.

How did you decide what things you wanted to include in a new church? For 4-6 weeks during Coffee Fellowship they sat around tables and members had the opportunity to tell what they wanted in a church. The ideas were numbered and put on sheets of paper.

The Chairman of the Congregation formed two committees: a Building Committee and a Finance Committee. They interviewed several architects and contractors experienced in building churches before selecting their preferred architect and builder. The committees spent many hours talking about the numbered needs/wants the congregation had come up with. Keeping in mind future expansion, they decided on the size of the sanctuary, number of classrooms, size of the kitchen, nursery, fellowship hall and chapel. A conservative budget was approved with no canopy and no hard surface parking lot. Subcommittees were chosen, such as Kitchen Committee and Decorating Committee.

All ideas and plans went through the Building Committee, which was in charge of all final decisions. Few changes were made once the plan was approved because changes usually cost more money.

The Finance Committee did individual visits with members to obtain pledges.

The congregation was always kept informed! The congregation voted on three things:

1. To proceed with the plan
2. To approve the design and layout
3. To approve the budget and financing

In the end, they were able to do the canopy and pave the parking lot when large donations came in over and above the pledges.

They stressed that it is a large commitment of time and effort for all committees involved, especially the Building Committee. Committee members

were asked to sign an agreement acknowledging this and the Finance Committee also signed confidentiality agreements. Keep in mind, they had nothing when they started – no altar, banners, tables and chairs, dishes, office equipment, etc.

Hosanna Lutheran Church has a beautiful new facility. There are photos of the new facility and the building process on their website: <http://www.hosannalutheranwn.com/> The church building will be dedicated on August 14th. The congregation has grown steadily, especially as the new facility became a reality. They will install a second pastor on August 21st.

2016 Hope Lutheran Church Council



We wish to thank Andrea Morlock for her service to this church. Andrea and her family have moved to Brookings. We welcome Kris Gohn to the council to complete Andrea's term as Secretary. Here is your current Church Council:

President—Steve Sprecher
Vice President/Staff Relations—Jared Reno
Secretary/Stewardship—Kris Gohn
Treasurer/Finance—Jim Ruedebusch
Education—Michelle Chase
Mission & Evangelism—Marc Fenske
Family Life—Jim White
Properties—Erv Huber
Worship—Kurt Dickson

The 16th Annual International Gathering of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) will be held



October 2nd - 5th in Denver, Colorado. 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 President Steve Sprecher or Pastor Tom if you are interested in attending.

HOPE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sunday, July 24th

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship

Sunday, July 24th – Saturday, July 30th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor & Hope youth mission trip to Kansas City

Sunday – July 31st

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship

Wednesday, August 3rd

5:30-7:30 pm Family Fun Fest

Sunday, August 7th

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Fellowship

Wednesday, August 10th

7:00 pm Education Committee

Sunday – August 14th

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship

Wednesday, August 17th

5:30-7:30 pm Family Fun Fest
7:30 pm Church Council

Sunday, August 21st

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Fellowship

Wednesday, August 24th

7:30 pm Missions & Evangelism

Sunday – August 28th

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship

Full Calendar can be printed from our website:

www.hopelutheranhurong.com

Community Meeting

Are you interested in issues surrounding Refugee Resettlement? Ann Corocan, a researcher in this field, and a writer for *Refugee Resettlement Watch* will be in Huron to meet with select leaders on Tuesday, July 26. There is an open meeting with her at the Aroma Café at 2:00 pm. If you are interested in attending or desire more information, please contact Melanie Harrington at 350-1287.

COBORN'S RECEIPTS

for May, June and July are due to the church by **August 7th**.

Please remember to include your gas and prescription receipts!



The proceeds from the Coborn's receipts help fund the work and missions of the Women of Hope.



Family Christmas Program

Seems like a long way away when we are suffering from 100 + degree weather, but mark the date on your calendar:

Wednesday, December 21st

Anyone interested in working with the various facets of the program from planning to music to costumes and props, please contact Paulette White at 352-8184.

"Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Psalm 119:105



The annual gathering of the Augustana District Women of the Word (WOW) will be held in at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Registration (\$20 includes lunch and snacks) is due by September 5th. For information and registration form, please see the following link: <https://augustanadistrict.org/calendar/seventh-annual-wow-gathering/>



September is Salvation Army month at Hope Lutheran Church.

Each week we will have a special offering to help stock the shelves at the Huron Salvation Army. To help you plan your shopping, here is the special offering schedule:

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| September 4 th | Paper Goods |
| September 11 th | Canned Goods |
| September 18 th | Boxed Goods |
| September 25 th | Baby/Personal Items |

Pastor's Ponderings will return in a future newsletter!