



Lutheran Church

**March – April  
Newsletter – 2019**

**The Whole Armor of God**

*We continue in our Mid-Week Lenten Services through Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*Join Silvanus, the “Unlikely Centurion” as he learns from his dressers the Spiritual Meaning of each piece of armor.*

*Oh – and you get to pick the hymns too! Put your favorite hymn on a note in the bucket in the Narthex, and we will use as many of them as we can during Lenten Worship.*

- March 27<sup>th</sup> Shield of Faith
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> Helmet of Salvation
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Sword of the Spirit

**Theme Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20**



*Word on the street is that the Lenten Dramas have been entertaining – and provide a good message as well. Be sure to check them out! If you want to get “caught up” on the Sermon Series, or catch any recent sermons you may have missed the audio and*

*related bulletins can always be found at [www.hopelutheranhuron.com/bulletins-sermons](http://www.hopelutheranhuron.com/bulletins-sermons)*

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class March 24<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM**

This class is for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-and-older students who have not yet begun to receive Holy Communion. The Reception to 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be at the Maundy Thursday Worship.



**8<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Family  
Pizza &  
Games Night  
Sunday,  
March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**

Pizza & drinks provided by Women of Hope!

There will be board games, card games, etc. Some games will be provided, but *feel free to bring your favorite game with you, as long as it's not a video game!*

Please sign up or e-mail Pastor Tom that you will attend to assure there is enough “grub”



**Missions...Missions...Missions!**

*On Sundays, April 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> there will be tables set up in the back of the Sanctuary to highlight some of the “Hands-On” missions that are being done through Hope Lutheran.*



*Work we do with Global Health Ministries, the Orphan Grain Train, and Samaritan's Purse will be among those displayed. If you are involved in a mission you wish to highlight, please contact Barb Lorenz or Pastor Tom to ensure we have enough table space for the mission's emphasis.*

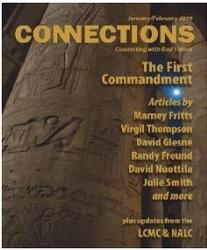


**Watch for our traditional  
Spring Flower Order Envelopes  
in the Pew Pads  
and at the Welcome Center.  
Cost this year will be \$9.00.**



**Did you read about the importance of LCMC Districts?**

If not...please grab your latest copy of the Connections Magazine that comes into the homes of Hope Members. The LCMC Service Coordinator, Mark VanderTuig features the importance of congregations having active involvement in one or more of the Districts that help connect LCMC churches and members.



The Connections Magazine currently comes into the homes of every member family as part of the ministry of our Missions and Evangelism Committee. We have provided this for you in the hopes that the articles and

mission focus of the periodical will help all to see the work of the wider Lutheran association to which we belong.

However, as there is a cost for the subscription, **if you do not read Connections**, please email Pastor Tom or drop a note on his desk with your name and request to be removed from the mailing.



Hope Lutheran is a member of the Augustana District, which focuses on Church, Theology and Missions. Dr. Mike Fuchs recently agreed to serve as the President of this District. Pastor Tom continues to serve as the volunteer Service Coordinator for South Dakota.

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**LCMC Conflict Resolution Workshop –**  
Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

**Augustana District Annual Convention –**  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am. All member churches are encouraged to send delegates, and all interested people are warmly invited to attend!

*Both events will be held at Living Word Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN*

Talk to Pastor Tom if you are able to attend either event. Registration Brochures are in the narthex.

**Kids Sing! – Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**



*Welcomes Everyone”, during this special service*

*The Sunday School Singers will process with palms at the beginning of our worship. Please have your children in the fellowship hall by 9:15! They will also offer the Special Music: “Jesus*

**Maundy Thursday Worship**  
**6:30 pm**



Join us for worship as we retell the story of Jesus’ life-giving Sacrament. For all who in faith partake in this meal receive the promise of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in His name.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Worship**  
**6:30 pm**



Be with us as we gather at the foot of the cross to reflect on the seven last words of Christ.



**Easter Sunday – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Breakfast 8:30 – 9:15 am**

prepared by our Youth  
Eggs – Muffins – Sausage  
Fruit – Juice – Coffee

*Free Will Offering  
to help fund summer Youth Trips*

**Festival Worship 9:30 am**

*With Holy Communion*





## The Preacher's Ponderings

*"Sharing and showing the love of Christ to all through God's grace"*

Hope's Mission Statement

"Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love". Ephesians 4:15-16

Spring is in the Air!

For those of us with children still in the home, we know that the kids are already picking up the scent of Spring. And, as Spring Fever sets in, it's going to be hard to keep them in their studies.

For those on the farm, plans for spring planting have been made, while the effects of winter are still being rolled out, with muddy feedlots and standing waters in the fields.

And for those of us together in Hope, we continue in the reflective season of Lent, but know that the joyous season of new life will dawn on us again on Easter Morn!

Yes, we are a people of Hope, even in the midst of periods of time that try our patience and test our wills. And being a people of Hope we know that our futures are secure in the love of Christ Jesus.

That is the promise that was made to us, as the prophet said, *"even as we were being knitted together in the womb"*. That promise was then made real to us when we received upon our brows the cross of Christ, and daily live into the fact that the sacrifice of one man, brought the hope of salvation to all humankind. This we hold, teach and proclaim through our ministry together at Hope. And we give thanks to God that he has blessed our congregation in so many ways. But there is still more that can be done to make our witness and service even more vibrant.

That is the reason our Lord instituted the church, as the body of Christ. The church is the body of believers that bear Christ into the world through our words and our deeds. And the Church is at its best when all members of the body are working in unison for one purpose...to spread the Good News of Christ Jesus to the world!

Oh, not all are called to preach, not all are gifted to teach, not all are equipped to lead, not all are blessed with the gift of hospitality, but we are, "held together" in faith and hope. Each member of the body, when "working properly" contributes to the health of the whole.

That is the Apostle Paul's vision for us, and it is also the mandate under which we are brought together. The church, as the body of Christ, is a place of welcome and belonging. It is a place of where people pray for one another, serve one another, challenge one another and rejoice with one another.....ever being "built up in love".

I suspect that the original members of Hope Lutheran had this vision of the church in mind as they set forth the guiding mission of our church as being: *"Sharing and showing the love of Christ to all through God's grace"*.

It is a great vision and mission....but it has to have an intentionality for it to become even a greater reality.

So, as we prepare to enter the Season of New Life, I ask you to pray for God to show you a way in which you can share and show the love of Christ within the body, and to those yet outside the body of Christ.

Pray, and then listen for what God wants you to do to make an even greater impact for Christ....ever trusting that God does not call you to anything that he is not already equipping you to accomplish....for the sake of the one who is our life and salvation.

To Him alone be the glory!

Pastor Tom

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Full Calendar can be printed from our website:  
[www.hopelutheranhuron.com](http://www.hopelutheranhuron.com)

Sun 03/24	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	5:30 PM	8th Annual Family Pizza and Games Night
Wed 03/27	5:30 PM	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
Sun 3/31	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	4:00 PM	Community "Good News" Concert at 1st United Methodist Church
Wed 04/03	5:30 PM	Fellowship Supper
	6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
Sun 04/07	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:30 AM	Senior High Youth Group
Wed 04/10	5:30 PM	Fellowship Supper
Sun 04/14	6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
Thur 04/18	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday
Fri 04/19	6:30 PM	Good Friday Worship
Sun 04/21	8:30 AM	Easter Breakfast prepared by our Youth
	9:30 AM	Easter Festival Worship w/Holy Communion
		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
Sun 04/28	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School

### 2019 Hope Lutheran Church Council

- President—Jared Reno
- Vice President/Staff Relations—Matt Zomer
- Secretary/Stewardship—Shari Lord
- Treasurer/Finance—Holly Bouvette
- Education—Angie Bishop
- Mission & Evangelism—Barb Lorenz
- Family Life—John Krutzfeldt
- Properties—Bill Campbell
- Worship—Danette Peterson

## Electronic Giving Update

Greetings!

I would like to remind everyone of the Electronic Giving option for making your contributions to the church. This increasingly popular option offers convenience for you and provides consistent cash flow for the church. You can find the **Electronic Giving Form** to start your initial giving in the Narthex. I am pleased to introduce two new forms as well: the **Electronic Giving Change Form** and the **Electronic Giving Stop Form** will allow you to make changes to your electronic giving or stop using the electronic giving option if your circumstances change. Thank you for faithfully supporting Hope Lutheran with your financial gifts!

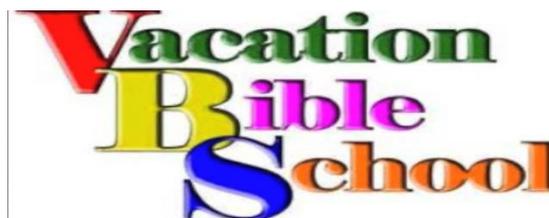
*Holly Bouvette, Treasurer*

### Upcoming Special Events:

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 4:00 pm**  
**"Good News" Concert**

at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church featuring Area Church Choirs and Music Groups, plus Community Choir Selections. There will be a practice prior to the event for the Community Choir....please see Pastor Tom for the music if you wish to be part of the mass choir.

## FAMILY



**June 21-22 at Lake Byron Bible Camp**  
**5:30 pm Friday – 4:00 pm Saturday**

Overnight VBS for our preschool – current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students *and their families*. At least one parent/grandparent must attend and participate with your kid(s)!

This unique setting with Family Lodge accommodations has been a favorite for our children. This is provided free of charge to all member families. More information will come out after Easter....but.... put it on your calendar now, and plan to join us!!