



September 1, 2016



Welcome Back to the Fall Schedule!

Ready or not.... fall is 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. You can also consult our website/calendar at www.hopelutheranhuron.com

Confirmation Begins: Wednesday, Sept. 7th 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 6th – 8th 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.



NEEDED:

Individuals or small teams of Confirmed Youth and/or Adults to teach our Pre-School/Kindergarten, Grades 1-3 & Grades 4-5 Classes.
Contact Michelle Chase with your interest.



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”!**
Worship, Sunday School and a Congregational Potluck

Everyone is welcome at the potluck dinner at 11:15 am on Rally Sunday, September 11th. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Tableware and drinks will be provided.



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. 4th – Paper Products
- Sept. 11th – Canned Goods
- Sept. 18th – Boxed Meals
- Sept. 25th – Baby/Personal Care items

Have you noticed the cross on the wall in the sanctuary?

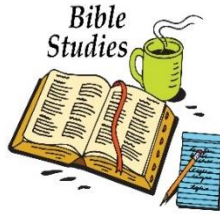
It was completed as part of the “Family Fun Fest” events held in August. The Wednesday evening services included food, fellowship and an opportunity strengthen our faith, reminding us to:

“Love Others” and “Love God”!



Fall Sr High/Adult Study

Pastor Tom is seeking your suggestions for a Biblical Book study or a topical study that you may wish to have as a Senior High/Adult study to start in October. We can offer a study at 9:30 am on Wednesdays, and repeat it at 8:00 pm. This time frame allows for Church Council and Committee meetings to be held on "church nights" during the 7:00 hour.



Abbott House Tour

Mission Partner Visit
Tuesday, September 27th
Carpool leaves at 5:30 pm

This ministry is right in our back yards in Mitchell, SD! We have been invited to take a tour and hear from one of their directors.

Abbott House is a private charity that provides residential treatment services to girls between the age of 7 and 23 who have endured trauma, suffered abuse or neglect and their families. The agency was founded in 1939, and provides not only intensive treatment but also foster care in therapeutic homes. See www.abbotthouse.org for more information.

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center or talk to Mary Fuchs or Pastor Tom with your interest and questions.



Senior High Youth Group –

Sunday the 18th

We are planning a fall "brainstorm" luncheon gathering at 11:45 am to meet, eat and discuss your desires for the shape of our ministry together. We need a youth group family that is willing to host us. Please talk to Pastor Tom.



Women of the Word Retreat Day

is an annual gathering of women from the Augustana District LCMC churches. This year, the retreat day is being held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN on Saturday, September 17th.

More info about the day is available on the poster in the narthex or lower-level church bulletin board.



Bandage Rolling Schedule

All are welcome to participate in bandage rolling for Global Health Ministries. No sewing skill is required! The dates this month are:

Tuesday, September 13th at 9:00 am
Wednesday, September 28th at 9:00 am



The Annual LCMC Gathering will be held on October 5th – 8th in Denver. Hope Lutheran is entitled to two voting delegates. Steve & Marian Sprecher have agreed to attend as our representatives. Pastor Tom and the Sprechers covet your prayers as we travel and represent Hope Lutheran in partnership with our wider association

Eternal Flame to be dedicated.

A new addition to our chancel will be dedicated on Sunday, September 11th. This "Eternal Flame" will serve as a reminder that God's light always shines upon us.



This is a memorial. given in memory of David Metter and Randy Metter, the two sons of Ray and LaVonne Metter who passed away in 2013 and 2015 respectively. We thank Ray and LaVonne and the others who contributed to David and Randy's memorials for making this new addition to our chancel possible.

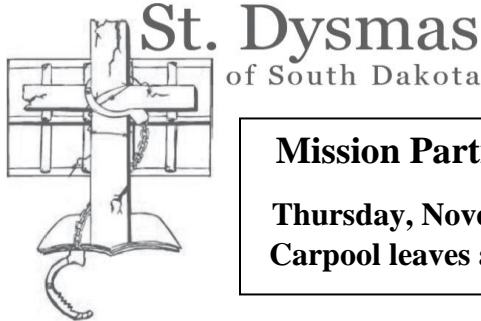


Needed by our Partners in Ethiopia!

Your Mission and Evangelism Committee has put forward a challenge goal of \$500 to help fund the purchase of a used 4-wheel drive vehicle for the Tabor Congregation's Mission Posts. This vehicle will allow pastors in Ethiopia to visit the remote posts where they provide training, encouragement and support.

The total estimated cost to purchase such a vehicle is \$38,000, due to the 200% vehicle tax in Ethiopia. This will be cost-shared between the Tabor Congregation and our Augustana District. To kick-start this project a District family has committed to a challenge grant of \$9,500.

So, won't you help us meet our goal? ***The "gas can" will be on the organ to receive your donation.***



Mission Partner Visit
Thursday, November 13th
Carpool leaves at 4:00 pm

Have you ever wondered why St. Dysmas Lutheran Church is a beneficiary of our mission partner dollars?

You can find out first hand by taking a road trip with Pastor Tom to worship with the men of the St. Dysmas parish. St. Dysmas is located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. We spend time visiting with the members of St. Dysmas both before and after worship. After the service, we go out for a late "Dutch treat" supper with the pastor to hear more about the ministry.

*Visitation forms (available at the Welcome Center) need to be completed and turned into the church office no later than **Sunday, October 23rd**.*



A printable calendar can also be downloaded at our church website:

www.hopelutheranuron.com

Sep. 4 – Sunday (*Food Pantry – Paper Products*)

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

Sep. 7 - Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
7:00 pm Worship Committee
8:00 pm Church Council

Sep. 11 – Sunday (*Food Pantry – Canned Goods*)

9:30 am Worship w/SS Teacher Installation
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am "End of Summer" Olympics (PreK-8th gr)
11:15 am Church Potluck!

Sep. 13 – Tuesday

9:00 am Global Health Bandage Rolling

Sep. 14 – Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)

Sep. 17 – Saturday

Women of the Word Retreat Day at Christ the King Lutheran - Hutchinson, MN

Sep. 18 – Sunday (*Food Pantry – Boxed Meals*)

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School (Pre-K – 8th grade)
11:45 am Sr. High Youth Group – TBA

Sep. 20 – Tuesday

9:00 am ESD Pastor's Meeting in Britton

Sep. 21 - Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
7:00 pm Mission & Evangelism Committee

Sep. 25 – Sunday (*Food Pantry – Baby/Pers. Care*)

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School (Pre-K – 8th grade)

Sept. 27 – Tuesday

5:30 pm Depart Hope for Abbott House Visit

Sept. 28 – Wednesday

9:00 am Global Health Bandage Rolling
6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)

The Preacher's Ponderings

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

Who can deny the gift of light?

Not only do we need light to work by, but if we did not have the light of the sun, how would we be able to raise crops to feed the people of the world?

Yes, light is a gift that we take for granted, yet it is a gift that God gave to us on the first day of His creation (Genesis 1:3), and God declared it *"to be good"*!

Jesus takes this first gift and also declares that it is a gift that we are to bear to the world. Not as a torch or a signal fire, but by faith in Him we are to shine with the very light of God into the places and into the people who still dwell in darkness.

If you have witnessed a baptism at Hope Lutheran, you will have heard a representative from the congregation make the declaration over the baptized as he or she presented the Baptismal Candle to one of the parents, saying: *"Let your light so shine before others so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven"*. So, even before the child is able to comprehend that there is a God, the declaration is upon them to be *"light for the world"*. Thus, just as we bear the cross, sealed on our foreheads as a sign that we have been chosen by God, so too our marching orders are made in Baptism that we are to be *"light for the world"*.

So, how do you think you are doing as be *"light for the world"*?

How do you think that our partnership together in Hope Lutheran is doing in being *"light for the world"*?

Please join with us in worship, study, and prayer, so that each of us may take seriously this charge to be the *"city set on a hill"*, to be the *"light on the lampstand"*, and to, without reservation, *"let our light shine"* to the glory of God!

In His Exciting Service,

Pastor Tom

Hope Lutheran Church Council

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



New members will be received in October.

Some more families have pledged their commitment to join in our community of faith.

If you would like more information about Hope Lutheran, there is an information packet in the Narthex as well as information on the church website under the **"About"** tab, including **Church History** and **What We Believe**. Or talk to Pastor Tom or any of our members!

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

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