

Tidings of Hope

April, 2026



The Miracle of Easter Morning

The gospel on Easter Sunday from John 20 is a story that never grows old. Mary Magdalene comes to Jesus's tomb and finds the guards asleep, the stone rolled away, and Jesus gone.

As she is sobbing, two white-robed angels appear in the tomb. One says to her, "**He is not here. He has risen. Go and tell his disciples.**" As she leaves, she meets who she thinks is the gardener who calls her by name. She immediately knows that it is Jesus. Mary hurries to tell the good news to the disciples who are locked in a room fearing the Jewish leaders.

Mary bursts in and proclaims, "**I have seen the Lord.**" When Jesus came to them and showed them his hands and feet, they were overjoyed.

Listen to the greatest story ever told on Easter Sunday as if for the first time. It is a reminder of Jesus's unconditional love and ultimate sacrifice. He suffered and died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. All we have to do is say, "Yes, I believe."

Church Council Members: Jerry McEathron, President; Brian Buchholz, Vice-President; Terry Wedwick, Treasurer; Chris Holtebeck, Secretary; Committee Chairs: Dave Borman, Eric Hillan, Brian Johnson, Laurie Lemke, and Cora Schultz

Dates to Remember

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| April | 1 | 3:30pm No Wednesday School - Spring Break
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| April | 2 | 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship |
| April | 3 | Food Pantry Closed
6:30pm Good Friday Worship
8:00pm Cantata at Glen Flora Church |
| April | 4 | Deliver Easter Flowers to Church |
| April | 5 | 7:00am Easter Service |
| April | 6 | 8:00am making Lefsa
Feed My People delivery
12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry
6:00pm Call Committee Mtg |
| April | 7 | 8:00am making Lefsa |
| April | 8 | 3:30pm Wednesday School
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| April | 9 | 9:00am Meal of the Month at Jae Dees |
| April | 10 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| April | 12 | 9:00am Worship with Pastor Simonson
10:30am AED/defibulator training |
| April | 13 | 12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| April | 15 | 3:30pm Wednesday School
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| April | 16 | 9:30am HLCW Mtg |
| April | 17 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| April | 19 | 9:00am Worship with Pastor Paul Reiff
10:30pm Book Club Fireside Rm |
| April | 20 | Feed My People delivery
12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| April | 21 | 9:00am Quilter's Mtg
6:30pm Church Council Mtg |
| April | 22 | 3:30pm Wednesday School
4:30-6:00pm Scandinavian Dinner
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group (Jungle Rm) |
| April | 24 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| April | 26 | 9:00am Worship with Pastor Tom Reiff
10:30am Seventy Times Seven Study |
| April | 27 | 12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| April | 29 | 3:30pm Wednesday School - Last Day Party
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| April | 30 | 5:00pm MANNA Meal |



Holy Week Worship Schedule Continues with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Glen Flora at 5:00pm
Hope Lutheran at 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 3rd

Hope Lutheran at 6:30pm
Glen Flora Cantata "Who is Jesus?" at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Hope Lutheran at 7:00am
Glen Flora at 8:30am

We hope to see you there. All are invited.

♥ *A Special Thank You to all who planned, prepared, served, and cleaned-up the delicious Palm Sunday breakfast. It was a beautiful tribute to a congregation that works together and collaborated to celebrate the entry of Christ into Jerusalem beginning the Holiest of All Weeks. Your effort was appreciated!*

The Cantata "Who Is Jesus?" will be presented at Glen Flora on Good Friday, April 3rd at 8:00pm.

Lefsa making on April 6th & 7th starting at 8:00am each day for the Scandinavian Dinner. Volunteer & Come Join in the Fun!

The **Bible Study** entitled "Seventy Times Seven" based on forgiveness led by Jack Pederson will resume Sunday, April 26th and will return to its regular schedule the first 2 Sundays in May after worship. Everyone is welcome.

Book Group will meet on April 19th at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss This Life I Live by Rory Feek. If you have questions, contact group facilitator, Shari Grillo at (845-612-1522).

Quilters will meet on April 21st at 9:00am. There are jobs at all skill levels. Quilt squares are available to be sewn at home. If you have questions, please contact Karen Skeels at 715-452-5444.

GriefShare is a faith-based 13-week non-denominational support group program designed to help individuals navigate the pain of losing a loved one. **Support Group** will meet at Hope Lutheran Church from 6:00 to 7:30 on all Wednesdays in April and May. To register for the program, please call the Hope Lutheran Church office at 715-532-7739 or register online at griefshare.org, just click on "Find a group" and enter the Ladysmith zip code, 54848.

Meal of the Month will meet on April 9th at 9:00am at Jae Dees in Glen Flora. Join in the fun & fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Ducommun at 715-828-6868.

AED/defibrillator training will be April 12th at 10:30am; Ushers, Council Members should attend as well as any other interested individuals.

The Hope Lutheran Endowment Fund was established over three decades ago and continues to be a wonderful blessing to our church, community and worldwide organizations. The Fund was established to provide people a means to gift monies to benefit worthwhile organizations. The Endowment Fund operational plan states that up to 5.5% of the funds can be distributed annually. As of 12/31/2025 the Endowment assets have increased to over \$169,000. If you feel that this fund is something you would like to earmark some of your giving to, please consider contributing to the HLC Endowment Fund.

Flood Buckets needed. During Lent we are called to prayer, repentance and reflection in our personal spiritual practices. This month our neighbors in other states have been hit hard by tornadoes. Your HLC volunteers would like to deliver flood buckets to the MN warehouse in April to help with the NALC Disaster Relief outreach. The cost of a flood bucket is about \$25. Please consider donating to this effort during this Lenten season.



Scandinavian Dinner

The Hope Lutheran Church women will hold their Scandinavian Dinner on Wednesday, April 22 from 4:30-6:00pm. The cost of the meal is \$15/adults, \$16/carry-out, \$10/children K-5th grade, and children PK and younger eat free. The menu will include baked ham, meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, baked beans, glazed carrots, salads, homemade rolls, lefse, rice pudding, and Scandinavian baked goods. We hope to see you all there!



Worship Assistants/Pastors

April 2 (Maundy Thursday) Ushers— Aileen Tauchen and Vinnie Jacobs; Lector-- Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Vinnie Jacobs; Acolyte –Tucker Hulle
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

April 3 (Good Friday) Ushers— Aileen Tauchen and Vinnie Jacobs; Lector -- Aileen Tauchen;
Communion Asst— Vinnie Jacobs
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

April 5 (Easter Sunday 7am) Usher—Judy & Don Soyering; Lector— Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Vinnie Jacobs
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

April 12 Ushers—Chris & Charlie Holtebeck;
Lector— Charlie Holtebeck; Communion Asst— Charlie Holtebeck
Pastor Eldon Simonson

April 19 Ushers— Pat & Jerry McEathron and Kathy Ducommun; Lector— Jana Nyhagen;
Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron
Pastor Paul Reiff

April 26 Ushers— Jackie & Brian Buchholz;
Lector — Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Irene Titera
Pastor Tom Reiff



April Birthdays/Anniversaries

1	Jim Segebrecht	21	Caitlin McGinnis
2	Evan Effertz		Elizabeth Narvaez
	Brian Johnson		Sarah Foss
3	Josh Lee	22	Vicki Monnier
4	Diane Doke		Jason Peggar
	Jake Peggar	23	Linda Wester
6	Mady Clark	24	Breena Effertz
	Manuel Moore		Michael Elling
	Kyle Towberman		Aileen Tauchen
7	Shelby Moore	25	Margaret Jennerman
	Lance Muholland	26	Katie Anderson
	Jessica Sands		Pat McEathron
9	Doreen Larson		Stacy Richardson
10	Tobey Krisik	27	Sarah Billings
	Pam Lee		Liz Robertson
11	Michelle Stohr	28	Laurie Lemke
12	Cindy Albus		Taylor Molstad
	Joe Lawrence		Rose Warwick
	Heather Shineflew	29	Briley Burmeister
13	Megan vanDoorn		Jesse Polak
15	Lindsay Schmidt	30	Megan Dieckman
	Carter Pohlman		
17	Jackie Buchholz		
	Payton Wold		

Anniversaries

18	Alli Clark	8	Carrie and Craig Becker
	Eme Clark	19	Kory and Shad Strom
	Kylie Osterbauer	21	Danita and Dan Everett
19	Alyssa Read	22	Diane and Pat Cumming
20	Shelly Richardson	27	Bonnie and Brad Billings

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The Tidings of Hope will be emailed to Hope Lutheran Church Members. There will be copies available in the narthex. The Tidings of Hope will be mailed through snail mail upon request.

Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.

Vision Statement

The Hope Lutheran Church family seeks to form disciples of Jesus in our daily relationships with Christ through weekly worship, daily prayer, and empowering them to develop their spiritual gifts to serve God and others.