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## Summer Stewardship Thoughts

By Pastor Christopher Martin

With spring soon turning to summer, I want to take a moment to remind all of us at Hope Lutheran Church of a few important things as it pertains to our lives of discipleship in Jesus Christ for the summer months.

First, I realize that with the summer break from our school year schedules, many families take advantage of that time to take vacations. I also know that some of these may take you away from home on a given Sunday morning. When that happens, remember in the Third Commandment, we're encouraged to "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy" which Martin Luther explains in the Small Catechism to mean: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and God's Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." This applies even if we don't happen to be home to attend worship at Hope on a given Sunday morning.

If you happen to find yourself away from home on a given Sunday this summer, there are a few ways you can continue to remember the Sabbath day. First, you can visit a sister NALC church if there is one near where your travels are taking you! If you need help finding one, please let me know before you leave. Odds are, I may even know the Pastor in that location, and I know any of our congregations of the NALC would love to have you join them for worship anytime. Second, you can always continue to worship with your church family at Hope by catching the livestream of our worship service on the church Facebook page. Bonnie almost always has the bulletin for the coming Sunday on the website so you can follow along with the service, and stay up to date on what is happening while you are away. Finally, I'd encourage you to take *(Pastor's column, cont.)*

things a step further, and take a few moments each day to get into the Word of God for devotions and prayer.

The other thing I wish to gently remind you of is the reality that when our church attendance numbers tend to fall a bit during the summer vacation season, often times, so do our offerings. Hope Lutheran Church continues to have financial needs throughout the year, and we welcome your ongoing financial support even when you are not here so that we are able to continue to meet our financial needs. There are several ways you can continue to give your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, even if you won't be here during the summer months: Paypal via the church website, utilize the Simply Giving program, using your bank's online bill payment program, or simply bring your offering to the church office during the week during office hours or mail it to the church at P.O. Box 184, Ladysmith, WI 54848. If you need more information on Simply Giving, please contact the Church Office.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the many ways you continue to support the ministry and mission of Hope Lutheran Church. May God richly bless us in these summer months as we continue to live out our Mission Statement: we are commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.



## **Youth Ministry Hiking Trip**

Youth will be taking a hiking trip to the Blue Hills Felsenmeer on Saturday, June 11 at 9:30am (returning to the church around 3:00pm). Our guide is very familiar with the area, making this sure to be a great experience for all who attend. Bug spray is highly recommended. All youth are invited and friends are welcome. Lunch will be provided but youth can bring additional snacks if desired. Youth should sign up on the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board at Hope or call/text Nick Sovacool at 715-415-2679.



Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event on Wednesday, July 27 from 9:00am-3:00pm. VBS is for children entering PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme for this year's VBS is "Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way". Registration forms can be found in this newsletter or on the church's website: [hlcladysmith.org](http://hlcladysmith.org).

Volunteers are needed to help in all areas. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Jana Nyhagen (715-781-4567).

## **Farmer's Market Booth**

Hope Lutheran will have a presence at the Saturday Ladysmith Farmer's Market beginning on June 11. Volunteers are needed for set-up and/or greet customers on Saturday mornings from 7:45 to 12:30. Per regulations, food items should not include pumpkin, squash, cream pies, cheesecake, freezer jams, or anything that would need to be kept refrigerated. We can sell garden produce, crafts, jewelry, plants, etc. The committee would also accept monetary donations to purchase some spiritual items to give away to the children that pass by the booth.

If you are able to work in the booth, bake, make, or donate items to sell at the market, please contact George Lawrence (715-403-1526) or Aileen Tauchen (715-532-7116).

## **Musicians Wanted**

We are looking for individuals or groups willing to provide special music (either vocal or instrumental) at worship during the summer months. If you would be willing, please contact Lisa Borman (715-415-1806).



## Hope Lutheran Church Women



**Monthly Meeting:** The HLCW will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 16 at 9:30am. All women of Hope are welcome!

**Quilting:** The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, June 28 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for the whole day, please bring a sack lunch. Quilt squares are also available to be sewn at home. Questions? Contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

### Adult Education & Fellowship

**Sunday Morning Study:** The PAPA Prayer study will continue on Sundays, June 5 & 12 at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

**Book Discussion:** The book group will meet on Sunday, June 19 at 10:30am to discuss Silent Star by Tracie Peterson.

**Men's Breakfast:** Men of Hope are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study held each Thursday at 7:00am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant. The group studies the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday and enjoys breakfast and a time of fellowship.

**Lunch of the Month:** The May "Lunch of the Month" was breakfast. In June we'll be moving it to suppertime! We'll meet for a Friday fish fry on June 17 at 4:30pm at J&S Supper Club (formerly Club 8). If you would like to carpool, please meet in the church parking lot at 4:15pm.

### Church Library

Looking for something to read? Don't forget to stop by the church library! There's something for everyone--fiction, non-fiction, devotionals and study materials, children's literature, magazines and more! The church library is located in the corner of the Multipurpose room.

## **Food Pantry**

The Hope Lutheran Food Pantry serves those in need throughout Rusk County. The Pantry is open Mondays 1:00-3:00pm and Fridays 9:30-11:30am. Volunteers are needed on Monday, June 6 & 20 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves. Donations of non-perishable food items can be brought to the church during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Monetary donations can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate (clearly marked "Food Pantry").

## **Property Improvements**

The Property Committee has several projects completed and in the planning stages. We've added more blown-in insulation above the Education Wing in an effort to prevent the ice buildup in the valley on the south side and eliminate any water leaking in. We have added air conditioning to the multipurpose room and the three offices in the Education Wing. We will be replacing the three windows in the offices in June. Please watch for the special campaign to cover the cost of the air conditioning project. Your support is important as we maintain our church property.

## **MANNA Meals**

The June MANNA Meal will take place on Thursday, June 23 with serving from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing food and fellowship to those in needs. This month's meal is sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church.

## **Scrip**

Scrip cards are sold following the worship service most Sundays. Through the Scrip program, you receive the full value of the cards and a percentage of every card sold is returned to the church as a charitable contribution. Scrip cards are available from a variety of businesses and can be special ordered from a long list of other vendors. Proceeds from the Scrip program go towards building and maintenance needs

# Summary of Church Council Meeting

## May 17, 2022

**Committee Structure Task Force:** The goal of this committee is to define a way that the church can operate more efficiently based on the current challenges and create a plan within three to four months. Task force members are Dave Borman, Brian Buchholz, Charlie Holtebeck, Rosemary Johnson, and Pastor Martin.

**Adult Education & Fellowship:** Bible studies will be taking a break during the summer months and will resume in the fall. There are some summer fellowship events being planned. Next meeting: June 3 at 11:00am.

**Congregational Care & Outreach:** Received \$800 grant to purchase books and literature for GriefShare. The committee has been making calls to inactive members. Farmer's Market booth begins June 11. Next meeting: June 14 at 3:00pm.

**Property:** New air conditioning units should be operational soon. Next meeting: June 14 at 6:00pm.

**Social Ministries:** MANNA Meal is back up and running. Food pantry has seen an increase in clients. Committee members will be touring Nature's Edge Therapy Center in Rice Lake as they have been beneficiaries of our benevolence funds. Next meeting: June 14 at 4:30pm.

**Stewardship & Finance:** No report given. Next meeting: June 14 at 5:30pm.

**Worship & Music:** Seder Meal presented by Jews for Jesus was booked for Holy Week 2023. Wednesday Summer worship services will be held once a month on the church lawn. Next meeting: June 7 at 6:00pm.

**Youth Education:** No report given. Next meeting: June 5 at 10:15am.

**Youth Ministry:** Burt Zielke will lead a youth hike to the Blue Hills Felsenmeer in June. Next meeting: May 24 at 4:35pm.

**Next Council Meeting:** June 21 at 6:30pm.



## **Deadlines...**

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday. We will be doing a combined July/August newsletter. Items for the July/August issue are due no later than Tuesday, June 21.

The preferred method of submission is via email (hlcladysmith@gmail.com) or electronic file. Items may also be left in the office mailbox or dropped off at the office during office hours.

## **Change of Address and/or Phone Number?**

If you have had a change in address or phone number, please notify the church office of these changes. Also, in an effort to improve communication we are seeking email addresses for members of the congregation. If you would like to have your email address added to the list, please send it to the church office at hlcladysmith@gmail.com.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Christopher Martin
Church Secretary	Bonnie Billings
Custodian	Rosemary Warwick
Organists	Lisa Borman Karen Tappon Terry Wedwick

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## *June Worship Assistants*

<b>5</b>	Ushers Lector Comm. Asst. Projection	Sovacool family Bonnie Billings Linda Reissner Dave Borman
<b>12</b>	Ushers Lector Comm. Asst. Projection	Aileen Tauchen, Irene Titera Irene Titera Linda Campbell Don Bartig
<b>19</b>	Ushers Lector Comm. Asst. Projection	Gordie & Bev Dukerschein Linda Campbell Gordie/Bev Dukerschein Don Bartig
<b>26</b>	Ushers Lector Comm. Asst. Projection	Dave Borman, Charlie Holtebeck Charlie Holtebeck Chris Holtebeck Don Bartig

### **Prayer Concerns**

If you have asked to have someone listed in the prayer concerns in the Sunday bulletins, please contact the church office (715-532-7739 or hlcladysmith@gmail.com) with periodic updates so that we can keep the list current. If we do not receive an update, the person will be removed from the list after one month.

### *Mission Statement*

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



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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|-----------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Samantha Debroux | <b>15</b> | Bonnie Billings    |
| <b>3</b>  | Solveig Anderson |           | Zach Lee           |
|           | Karalee Krisik   |           | Erle Lindelof      |
| <b>4</b>  | Greg Stohr       | <b>16</b> | Kyle Craker        |
| <b>5</b>  | Susan vanDoorn   |           | Stevie Lacey       |
| <b>6</b>  | Carla Closs      |           | Cheryl Petrus      |
|           | Emily Peterson   | <b>17</b> | Marilyn Kulibert   |
|           | Gerard Schueller |           | Cortlen Stanton    |
|           | Irene Titera     | <b>18</b> | Azrael Narvaez     |
| <b>7</b>  | Sandra Brooks    |           | Caleb Towberman    |
|           | Karen Langland   | <b>20</b> | Jan Hyde           |
|           | Olivia Mincoff   |           | Tucker Konichek    |
|           | Chad Nisbit      |           | Jordan Shineflew   |
|           | Dakota Thompson  | <b>21</b> | Jean Raymond       |
|           | Emmersyn Usher   | <b>22</b> | Max Kauphusman     |
| <b>9</b>  | Jace Peterson    |           | Lacey McGinn       |
|           | Kevin Segebrecht | <b>23</b> | Lisa Congemi       |
|           | Doug Towberman   |           | Clark James        |
| <b>10</b> | DJ Buchholz      |           | Jubilee Lauterborn |
|           | Jeff Carey       |           | Burt Zielke        |
|           | Kayla Coggins    | <b>25</b> | Kelli Vetterkind   |
|           | Matt Loser       | <b>26</b> | Al Plath           |
|           | Jared Rausch     |           | Vicki Richardson   |
| <b>12</b> | Marie Bentley    | <b>29</b> | Chase Hillman      |
|           | Gayleen Duzy     | <b>30</b> | Jared Diekman      |
|           | Lois MacArthur   |           |                    |
| <b>14</b> | Jim Kenyon       |           |                    |
|           | Brady Polak      |           |                    |
|           | Lance Schwaller  |           |                    |
|           | Joel Solsrud     |           |                    |
|           | Wayne Tappan     |           |                    |

