

Hope Lutheran

218 W. 18th Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776

Website: www.Hopelutheranssc.com Telephone: 402-494-1847

Just a couple of reminders,

Hospital Visits: Due to federal hospital regulations, HIPAA, hospitals and care centers can only contact the church if you or your family give them permission or directions to do so. There is no way that Pastor can contact all facilities on a regular basis unless he knows of someone is admitted. Please leave message on the answering machine at the church as well as Pastor does have voice mail on his cell phone. If you should be hospitalized and do not receive a visit within 24 hours after contacting the church, please do so again because for whatever reason possibly the message has not been received. Church: 402-494-1847 or Pastor: 402-368-9929.

Prayer List: Please help us keep our prayer list updated by informing us graciously when names need to be added and removed. If we have taken off names that you would like for us to continue to remember in prayer, please graciously inform us. Thanks

Online Contributions: The church is now offering online contributions. If anyone is interested in contributing online please contact the secretary at the church, if you have any questions or if you are interested. We will have forms you can fill out at the church. Any amount can be contributed and on the day you specify. Contact church at 402-494-1847. Thank you.

Address Updates: If anyone has a change of address, email address or phone number, please let the church office know at

Angie@hopelutheranssc.com If we have your correct information, we will be able to contact you if need be. We do not give out any information because we do respect everyone's privacy.



Upcoming Events:

August 21

National Senior Citizen Day

Office Hours:

Monday 9AM-1PM

Tuesday 9AM-2PM

Wednesday 9AM-1PM

Thursday 9AM-2PM

Friday 9AM-3PM

Church email:

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Pastor Michael Awe:

402-368-9929

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The1revma@gmail.com

Pastor Henry Witte:

712-202-4751

Email:

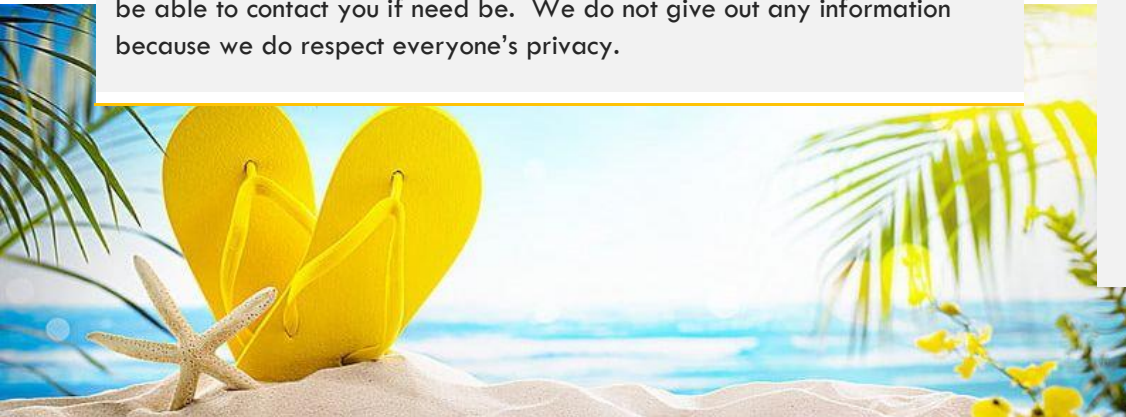
Handrwitte@gmail.com

Pastor Paul Flo:

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Pastorpaulflo@gmail.com



VOTERS MEETING:

A reminder to all member of Hope Lutheran that there is a Voters Meeting held every 3rd Tuesday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00PM in the Educational Building. We need everyone's input. All Chairpersons must attend.

SORRY IF WE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY:

If we do not have your birthday on our list of birthdays for each month, please let the church office know so your birthday can be added.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

No food or drinks are allowed in the church per the Trustees.



2020 Lamplighters Meeting Schedule

9:30AM-11:00AM

First Wednesday of each month.

January 2—Concordia (LSA Meeting)

February 5—Faith

March 4—Hope

April 1—Redeemer (LSA Meeting)

May 6—St. Paul

June 3— Trinity

July 1—Calvary (LSA Meeting)

August 5—Concordia

September 2—Faith

October 7—Hope (LSA Meeting)

November 4—Redeemer

December 2—St. Paul

January 6, 2021— Trinity (LSA Meeting)

Serving In August:

Ushers:

2.....Gerald Barge & Kim Mast
9...Darwyn Glover & Dave Calvert
16.....Dave Schable & Steve Koch
23.....Daryl Daum & Kevin Diediker
30.....Gerald Barge & Kim Mast

Altar Care:

.....Joyce Stone
.....Jane Miller

Greeters:

2.....Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stone
9.....Sharon Weber
16.....Ada Hunt
23.....Mr. & Mrs. Terry Koebernick
30.....Paula Verzani

Altar Flowers:

2.....Open
9.....Open
16.....Ada Hunt
23.....Marie Dahle
30.....Ray & Karen Bathke

Acolyte:

2.....Nicole Messerschmidt
9.....Leiton Heinemann
16.....Erick Moreno
23.....Jacy Jackson
30.....Josy Jackson

***Please note you do not have to come in if you do not feel comfortable still due to COVID-19**

Keep Informed

Please follow our website for any updates regarding services and events due to the COVID-19 mandates.

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****Offerings****

Can be mailed to the church or brought to the church during open office hours. Or you can give offerings directly on the website.



Altar Flowers

The 2020 Calender for altar flowers is in the Narthex. So if anyone would like to sign up for flowers, please sign your name and also what the flowers represent. Thank you

Officers

Chairman: Darwyn Glover (20)

Treasurer: Pat Glover (20)

Secretary: Sheila Floyd (21)

Financial Secretary: Cindy Quandt (21)

Boards

Elders

Ed Stone (22)

Kevin Diediker (22)

Doug Mallette (20)

Richard Quandt (20)

Robert Billiar (21)

Stewardship

Tom Gesell (20)

Vern Cummins (20)

Ada Hunt (21)

Marie Wakefield (21)

Education

Katie Andersen (20)

Mallory Calvert (20)

Vicki Gesell (22)

LuAnn Petersen (22)

Jo Diediker (21)

Trustees

Daryl Daum (22)

Dave Schable (20)

Matt Calvert (21)

Missions

Suzy Awe (22)

Annette Poss (21)

Jeanie Heinemann (22)

Carl Petersen

Friendship Committee

Laverne Koebernick

Sharon Weber

Pat Glover

Melissa Reed

Clarrene Leffler

Kathy Danielson

Hispanic Ministry Committee

Dave Calvert

Dorothy Westin

Ed Stone

Clarrene Leffler

Sharon Weber

Kathy Danielson

Sandy Calvert (Treasurer)

Names that are **highlighted in bold** are the Chairpersons of each board.



ANNOUNCEMENTS | (WHAT'S HAPPENING)

- ❖ LWML needs your help. Ladies Aid has been sending Mites (checks, cash, and loose change) to the District to help fulfill the wish list for the Mission Grants. As you might remember, Hope has applied for a Grant for the Hispanic Ministry. At the back of the church, you will find the MITE Box that you can drop your monetary donations into. Please help us with this Great Cause. Thank you for your support

The live stream is available on the bottom of the welcome page on the church website. There is also a tab that says livestream and will take you directly to the video. Previous videos are listed under the livestream tab as well.

Please do NOT hesitate to contact Pastor Awe if you would like him to come see you. 402-368-9929

Thank you everyone who helped and participated in VBS. It was a big success!

The Church Boards are looking for more new faces to fill some of the open chairs. Please give prayerful consideration to these positions if someone from the Nominating Committee would approach you. They are not looking for an answer that very moment but would like you to pray and think about these positions. Remember, it takes all of us at Hope to keep the church moving forward in a positive direction.

**NO ICE CREAM
SOCIAL THIS YEAR**

AUGUST Birthdays

2 nd	Brent Wojcik
4 th	Taylor Koch
7 th	Angie Heinemann
	Abigail Durant
	Averie Verzani
9 th	Rick Gotch
10 th	Emily McIntyre
	Isabella Wakefield
11 th	Randy Kirsch
12 th	Barbee Knecht
13 th	Logan Logemann
14 th	Melany Hilton
	Jenni Miller
16 th	Laura Salas
	River Terry
17 th	Elizabeth Mattoon
19 th	Chasity Soto
21 st	Jacy Jackson
	Blake Banta
25 th	Leitha Ramirez
28 th	Marie Dahle
	Angel Roth
29 th	Roxanne Daum
	Shirley Patrick
30 th	Kristina Gotch
	Helen Roth
31 st	Renee Nissen

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY TO SEE THESE HAIR STYLES ONLINE OR IN PERSON! WE RAISED OVER \$3,500!



UPDATE COVID 19

As per the directive from Governor Ricketts the restrictions for the Coronavirus quarantines have been eased. What this means for us at Hope Lutheran is that the limit of 10 people per room has been removed. We will now be able to allow 10 people or more in the worship area. **What we are doing here is welcoming all of you to worship with us in person or you can still worship with us online.** As we are still following the regulations that Governor Ricketts have set up. This includes:

- Maintaining 6-foot distance between family units
- We will still be thoroughly cleaning everything in the church
- Encourage those who are sick or at risk to stay home. This includes:
 - – The elderly
 - – People with underlying medical conditions
 - – Family members who live with elderly people or those who are at risk
 - – People who have access to those at risk in nursing institutions
 - – People who have upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
 - – People who live with someone with upper respiratory or flu-like symptoms
 - – People with COVID-19 or live with someone with COVID-19
 - – People who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- If you are not comfortable in person, please feel free to wait to come back and worship with us online
- If you are elderly, showing any symptoms, or been in contact with anybody showing symptoms please stay home.
- The use of sacred books, hymnals, missals, etc. that remain in the house of worship for the general use by those present is not permitted as such materials can facilitate the spread of the virus. Those attending may bring their own sacred books to the service and take them home after the service. Alternatively, the house of worship could provide clean copies of such books for the exclusive use of individuals or parties which would be taken home by the parties after each service.
- Children present at services should remain with their parents or guardians and refrain from congregating or interacting with children of other parties on the premises. For example, nursery services are not permitted.

Sunday School will start back up slowly based on when teachers are comfortable coming back and families with children start coming back. Of course, the situation can easily change. As the spread of this virus effects many, please know that Pastor Awe is always available for any questions or concerns that anyone may have. We look toward Jesus our great physician and healer to give us the health and comfort and peace that we all desperately need.

July 2020 Voters Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Glover.

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Laverne Koebernick, Ed Stone, Sheila Floyd, Daryl Daum, Richard Quandt, Cindy Quandt, Dale Hosch, Suzy Awe, Dave Calvert, Katie Andersen, Robert Billiar, Tom Gesell, Marie Wakefield, Sharon Weber with Pastor Flo, and Pastor Awe

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Ed Stone made a motion to approve the June Minutes. 2nd by Richard Quandt. Passed. Richard Quandt made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Cindy Quandt. Passed. Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the June Financial Secretary's Report. 2nd by Pat Glover. Passed. Tom Gesell made a motion to approve the June Individual Summary of Accounts. 2nd by Ed Stone. Passed.

Christian Education: The board of education was able to meet in person this month! VBS is going really well! We are VERY close to our \$3,000 goal. We have 22 kids who are sent the video to watch and that come pick up their items after church on Sundays.

Because of the restrictions from Directed Health Measures, we also talked about Sunday School. AT THIS TIME, in phase three, we do not believe it is plausible for our regular Sunday School classes to resume. In its place, we plan to record Bible story videos to share with Sunday School aged children in the congregation and have something to pass out as they leave church each Sunday. This will look similar to the way we are running VBS. If we are still in phase 3 in August, we plan to postpone Rally Sunday and the start of the new Sunday School and Catechism season, UNTIL WE REACH PHASE 4 of the Directed Health Measures. Because of the Voters' Meeting timing, we wanted to announce this now. We will keep everyone updated in bulletin announcements. A new Catechism curriculum and schedule was discussed and approved. That will be discussed under New Business during this meeting.

Trustees: No Report.

Elders: Terry Koebernick has resigned his position as Elder due to his health. Pastor Awe and the Board of Elders thank Terry for his many years of dedication to the Board and to Hope Lutheran. The Board of Elders recommend that the TV screens not be installed in the sanctuary. Nebraska District, LCMS is maintaining contact with the Governor's office to adhere to guidelines set by the state. Pastor Awe officiated at the funeral and burial of Pastor Ray Adams. Elders approved payment of mileage for Pastor Awe. VBS is doing well while operating under current Covid-19 restrictions. Pastors Flo and Awe are working with Katie Anderson to adjust confirmation program to accommodate Hispanic families as well as our own families.

Stewardship: Board reviewed the June 2020 bank statements, budget reports, bank account transfers, Memorial and several Church savings accounts and all activity looked good. Marie is looking at an Advent package pastor shared to be handed out during the Advent season. The Board also discussed the need to add new members to the Stewardship Board as Tom will be retiring and locating to Fremont in August. Our next meeting is set for Thursday, August 13th @ 4pm.

Memorial Committee: No Report.

Missions: We will again NOT meet Tuesday, July, 21. COVID-19 is still an issue and being safe is Number one! We WILL plan to meet in August. Pastor Awe will meet with us to speak about safe meeting protocol. We will have a silent auction later this year, we hopefully will be able to host a Ribfest as well. It will be harder for us to collect clothing this time around with restrictions but we will see what the future holds. God is in control and holds us securely in His hands. I am pleased as punch to announce that VBS has raised over \$3,000 for the Siouxland Hispanic Ministry and Pastor Awe will be soon receiving his fancy haircuts! It has been fun to work with the Board of Education on this project to see our Hispanic Ministry continue to be funded for the important work of Pastor Flo is our area. Thanks be to God for all that he and the Witte's do for the Hispanic and many others in this area...including me, if you get the chance to attend Pastor Flo's Monday morning Bible Study (10:30) you will be blessed! Have a great rest of July, God bless you and keep you! Most out of country Missionaries are still displaced and need prayers. Thank you, dear friends.

Hispanic Ministry Committee: Discussed grant applications for 2021 for Nebraska District and Iowa District West which are due August 14th. Application cover letter (pastors?) Letter of support (Dave/Ed). Budget worksheet (Sandy). 5 – year financial stability program (group). Discussed starting an SSL (Spanish as a Second Language)

class in conjunction with current ESL program. We are still waiting to hear if the special donation we received can be used in the General Fund. ESL target start date will be in August. Use of the same curriculum from the Hispanic ministry in Lincoln is being considered. Ideas for more contact between students and Hope members were discussed. Action steps: Gym available for use by Hispanics Mondays 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. and possibly for catechism students on Saturdays? Voters must approve. Bags for door-to-door visits. Todd Siesker, Spanish teacher from West High School will be the special speaker for the next quarterly meeting. Nebraska District President, Richard Snow will visit us on July 18 & 19. There will be a meeting with him at Hope on the 19th at 5 p.m. Next Siouxland HMC Group meeting will be August 4, 6:00 p.m.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Flo reported that we are trying to work out something with the open gym. We have talked with Katie about the open gym and the Catechism program. President Snow visited Hope to see how things are progressing with the Hispanic Ministry, since they are helping to support us. We had a good meeting with him. Also visited with Pastor Boring about the ministry. Pastor Flo reported that he has 3 adult classes going and 9 Catechism students.

Friendship Committee: We reviewed our greeter's system. Will revise the list (with the help of Time and Talent sheets). Planning to add some new people. We discussed the Fall Festival dinner. We'll discuss this next month to see if this is doable in late Oct. or early November. We will make some plans only. Discussed our Eldercare. They are doing OK. Lois Larson has passed away. We will send thinking of you cards in August.

President's Report: Thank you for coming. It's nice to see a good turn out during these times.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that it is the Elders and his goal to reach out to anyone that has concerns about COVID. Pastor Awe will be available to answer questions and we are staying within the guidelines that put before us. We want to make everyone feel comfortable as we notice more members of Hope are returning to church. We are planning to return back to normal, but will take things slow. We praise God that the COVID numbers are going down.

Old Business: The committee for making decisions on how to approach the repair of the narthex walls will be Daryl Daum, Pat Glover, Sheila Floyd and Darwyn Glover. The repairs are down to 2 choices. Either texture and paint, or do the lace pattern like what you see in the church. The goal is to have this done before Thanksgiving. When this project gets underway, there will be a shut down to the church entrance that we use now. We will have to enter the church through the gym. The carpet at both entrances to the church will have to be fixed. We are waiting on a bid to replace these carpets. When the bids come in, it will be brought to the voters for final approval. The renovation to the kitchen in the Ed. building will be addressed in August. We are still looking for people to be on the committee to make decisions. We would like to start this project in October.

New Business: We need a person to take over as Chairman for the Scholarship Committee and Chairman for the Stewardship Committee. Tom and Vicki Gesell will be moving in August. Please step up and help in this capacity. The Nominating Committee and Board Elections will be moved to September. The soundproofing of the Pastors' offices and the conference room will be worked on as soon as all the bids have been put together. A motion by Robert Billiar and 2nd by Richard Quandt to rescind the motion to put up the TV screens in the church, that were voted on at last months meeting. Passed. The reason for the TV's not being installed was for the space needed at the front of the church. The Elders didn't think there would be enough room to conduct Communion with the screens in place. A motion by Ed Stone and 2nd by Richard Quandt to accept Mike Floyd as an Elder. Mike will be replacing Terry Koebernick who has resigned.

A Heartfelt Thank You goes out to Terry Koebernick for being and Elder and all the other jobs and hours he has put in as a member of Hope Lutheran Church. Thank you, Terry.

We would like to say Thank You to Tom and Vicki Gesell for their services here at Hope. You will truly be missed, and we know you will be a Great asset to your new Congregation as you start a new chapter in your lives.

We have a lot of Big Voids to fill here at Hope.

The Board of Education and the Pastors have been working on a proposal to bring the Hispanic Ministry and the Catechism classes together. This proposals, main goal is to bring the Children together. An informative packet with details about a New Confirmation Program was presented to the voters for approval. After looking over the information and how things would be operating, a motion by Richard Quandt and 2nd by Ed Stone to approve this program. Passed. The informative packet will be put in the Anchor for all to view.

Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Sheila Floyd, Secretary

AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30A Worship Service w/communion 10:30A Bible Study 5:00P Hispanic Service	3 10:30A Bible Study	4 6P Ladies Aid 6P HMC Meeting	5 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service w/communion 8P Elder's Meeting	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
9 9:30A Worship Service 10:30A Bible Study 5:00P Hispanic Service	10 10:30A Bible Study	11 10A Friendship Meeting	12 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service	13 4P Stewardship Meeting	14 Pastor's Day Off	15
16 9:30A Worship Service w/communion 10:30A Bible Study 5:00P Hispanic Service	17 10:30A Bible Study	18 6P Mission Board Meeting 7P Voter's Meeting	19 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service	20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22
23 9:30A Worship Service 10:30A Bible Study 5:00P Hispanic Service	24 10:30A Bible Study	25	26 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service	27	28 Pastor's Day Off	29
30 9:30A Worship Service 10:30A Bible Study 5:00P Hispanic Service	31 10:30A Bible Study					

Hope Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report
South Sioux City, Nebraska

Period
Ending 06/30/2020

Current
Mth
Ending Bal
Prior Month
Ending Bal
Checkbook 11,672.81 14,455.15

Account #		Current Month	YTD Amount	Budget to Date	Annual Budget Amt
Budget Receipts					
1010	Envelopes - General Fund	16,667.72	89,498.92		
1020	Loose Plate - General Fund	0.00	628.26		
	Sub Total	16,667.72	90,127.18		
Non-Budget Receipts					
1110	Debt Reduction		0.00		
1120	Special Gifts	466.41	1,654.91		
1130	Reimbursements	498.84	840.69		
1140	Miscellaneous Income	250.00	915.40		
	Sub Total	1,215.25	3,411.00		
+	Transfer from Savings		2,945.50		
+	Transfer from Stifel		0.00		
+	Transfer from LCEF		10,000.00		
+	Loan Proceeds		0.00		
	Total Deposits	17,882.97	106,483.68		
Monthly Balance					
	Total Monthly Disbursements	15,100.63	98,359.53		
+	Transfers to Savings		1,190.00		
	Total Disbursements	15,100.63	99,549.53		
	Current Balance	14,455.15			
Disbursements					
Mission Board Outreach					
2010	Synod Support (3%)	384.29	2,714.49	2,250.00	4,500.00
2020	Hispanic Ministry (2%)	256.19	1,809.66	1,900.00	3,800.00
2030	Light of the World Outreach		160.00	300.00	600.00
2040	Concordia Seminary Support		0.00	200.00	400.00
2110	Missionary Support - Sarah Kanoy		0.00	400.00	800.00
2120	Lutheran Family Service of Iowa		0.00	250.00	500.00

2130	Her Health		0.00	250.00	500.00
2140	Poland		0.00	500.00	1,000.00
Friendship Committee					
2310	County Fair Ministry		0.00	0.00	0.00
2320	Local Outreach	16.92	109.98	1,000.00	2,000.00
2330	Inreach		0.00	500.00	1,000.00
2340	Video Ministry		0.00	50.00	100.00
2950	Non Budget - Mission Board		328.68	0.00	0.00
	Mission Board - Sub Total	657.40	5,122.81	7,600.00	15,200.00

Board of Christian Education

3010	Sunday School		183.52	750.00	1,500.00
3015	Sunday School - Missions		0.00	0.00	0.00
3020	Vacation Bible School		159.99	750.00	1,500.00
3025	LCEF VBS Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00
3030	Teacher Training		0.00	250.00	500.00
3040	Counselor Training and Expenses		0.00	250.00	500.00
3090	Resource Material		0.00	175.00	350.00
3110	Adult Education		238.19	100.00	200.00
3120	Mid Week School		442.05	250.00	500.00
3210	Parochial School Tuition Assistance		0.00	500.00	1,000.00
3220	Camp Luther Jr League		0.00	125.00	250.00
3230	Registration for District Meetings		0.00	150.00	300.00
3310	Youth Activities		0.00	500.00	1,000.00
3320	Sports Ministry		0.00	250.00	500.00
3950	Non Budget - Board of Christian Education		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Board of Christian Education - Sub Total	0.00	1,023.75	4,050.00	8,100.00

Board of Stewardship

5110	Offering Envelopes		0.00	50.00	100.00
5120	Stewardship Education		0.00	250.00	500.00
5510	Vanco Online Admin Fee		0.00	0.00	0.00
5950	Non Budget - Board of Stewardship		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Board of Stewardship - Sub Total	0.00	0.00	300.00	600.00

Board of Elders

Pastoral Support

		Current Month	YTD Amount	Budget to Date	Annual Budget Amt
6110	Admin. Pastor's Salary	3,837.16	23,022.96	25,423.00	50,846.00
6120	Admin. Pastor's auto	2,118.66	2,733.34	1,800.00	3,600.00
6130	Admin Pastor's Housing		10,593.30	12,712.00	25,424.00
6140	Pastor's Health Reimbursement	231.20	1,468.16	1,400.00	2,800.00
6150	Admin Pastor's Benefits	2,032.92	12,197.52	11,613.00	23,226.00
6160	Admin Pastor's Continuing Education		0.00	125.00	250.00
6170	Admin Pastor's Conventions and Conf		155.00	250.00	500.00

6190	Church Plan-Retirement	600.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00
6210	Guest Speakers		0.00	225.00	450.00
6220	Wayne NE Circuit Dues		250.00	125.00	250.00
	Administration				
6310	Secretary's Salary	1,341.92	7,104.39	8,736.00	17,472.00
6320	Secretary's Benefits	139.28	835.68	956.50	1,913.00
6330	Secretary's Soc. Security & Medicare Secretary's Soc Sec/Med/NE/Fed	105.08	601.63	668.50	1,337.00
6340	Withholding	113.08	702.60	0.00	0.00
6380	Treasurer's Salary		0.00	125.00	250.00
	Christian Worship				
6410	Organists	250.00	1,600.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
6421	Music Fund		0.00	50.00	100.00
6510	Alter/Worship Supplies	266.04	745.47	500.00	1,000.00
6910	Select Account Administration Fee	7.80	46.80	0.00	0.00
6950	Non Budget - Board of Elders		125.99	0.00	0.00
	Board of Elders - Sub Total	11,043.14	64,582.84	67,209.00	134,418.00
	Board of Trustees				
	Administration				
7010	Office Supplies	253.89	2,989.44	2,750.00	5,500.00
7020	Postage		55.00	500.00	1,000.00
7040	Telephone	241.59	740.46	600.00	1,200.00
	Church Properties				
7210	Custodian's Salary	670.00	4,020.00	4,020.00	8,040.00
7310	Janitor Supplies	51.71	456.58	500.00	1,000.00
7320	Kitchen Supplies		101.58	250.00	500.00
7410	General Maintenance	48.15	386.14	2,500.00	5,000.00
7420	Equipment		0.00	500.00	1,000.00
7510	Electricity	595.07	3,600.25	3,750.00	7,500.00
7520	Gas	494.00	2,730.00	3,750.00	7,500.00
7530	Water, Sewer and Garbage	185.26	1,115.96	1,100.00	2,200.00
7540	Snow Removal and Lawn Care	125.00	2,908.00	2,750.00	5,500.00
7810	Insurance	653.82	4,550.42	4,500.00	9,000.00
7910	Quickbooks Monthly Adminstration Fee		0.00	0.00	0.00
7950	Non Budget - Board of Trustees		250.00	0.00	0.00
	Board of Trustees - Sub Total	3,318.49	23,903.83	27,470.00	54,940.00
8000	Non Budget - No Board	81.60	3,726.30	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget Disbursements	15,019.03	93,928.56	106,629.00	213,258.00
+	Total Non Budget Disbursements	81.60	4,430.97	0.00	0.00
	Total Disbursements	15,100.63	98,359.53	106,629.00	213,258.00

Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

Slow and Steady

Prayers

- Keep your prayers going for **Carmen!** She's got 6 months of chemo left and we are praying for a cancer-free future!
- That our Lord would grant each of us patience in the various ministries in which He has called us to serve.
- That our Lord would continue to open doors for meaningful connections with our Hispanic neighbors in Siouxland.

For the Calendar

Our quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting will be: **Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 pm.** Come and join us!

Patience is a virtue, they say, and like all virtues, it must be fostered; it doesn't seem to come as naturally as we would like. This seems especially true in the ministry. A quote from Harold Senkbeil's *The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor's Heart* comes to mind (a great read even if you're not a pastor!):



“If we can learn anything from Scriptures and the ancient heritage of the care of souls, it’s this: impatient shepherds are their own worst enemy. ... Souls are not won or kept by hectic activity, but by steady, deliberate work in service of Christ Jesus, who is the real bishop and guardian of souls. Whoever wants to provide real help in Christ’s sheep pen had better keep one steady eye on the sheep and the other fixed on the Good Shepherd” (p.4).

In spite of our tendencies toward frenetic busyness, slow and steady is what’s often needed. God *will* work through the tools He’s given us—His spoken Word proclaimed, His watery Word in baptism, and His tasty Word in the Lord’s Supper. Always the Word, the life giving promise of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ. *These* tools (we call them God’s “means of grace”) create and sustain faith because the Spirit promises to be at work through them.

Supporting Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

In this time of pandemic, we have lost much of our regular support for our *Siouxland Hispanic Ministry*. If financially supporting a specific ministry is something you or your congregation has been considering, please keep us in mind. We are also in need of your prayers—please add us to your daily prayer list!

Interested in Supporting?

If you'd like to support our Hispanic ministry here in Siouxland, please send aid to the address on the bottom of the page.

Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church with "Hispanic Ministry" on the memo line.

Thank you!

So, slow and steady brothers and sisters (you remind me as well!). Let's love our neighbors—slowly and steadily loving them; slowly and steadily serving them; slowly and steadily building relationships where the love of Christ is shown and spoken about; slowly and steadily making use of the tools God has given us and promises to work through. *He's* the Good Shepherd, and He gives us, His sheep, front row seats as we see (and participate in!) His redemption unfolding...slowly and steadily.



A couple things to note: In last month's newsletter, I mentioned that I was approached by an organization called "Community Response" and asked to be the primary contact person for all Spanish speakers in our area seeking aid. After receiving about 3 calls every day for weeks, we have been able to connect *many* families with financial aid, food, and other community organizations offering help. As I help them fill out the applications over the phone, I have the opportunity to introduce myself and our "Iglesia Luterana Esperanza" (Hope Lutheran Church). In addition to the physical needs, many ask me to pray for them. Some ask for a visit to their homes. I have started a new weekly study with Juana and her son, Cristofer, from El Salvador as a result these connections.

Just yesterday, *Growing Community Connections* (a tristate effort to foster collaboration between all sorts of local organizations

and non-profits) asked me to be a member of their board of directors. We will see what new connections and opportunities this leads to. Slow and steady!



Picture on page 1: From left to right, meet Kristin, Dulce, Mauricio, Jaqueline, and little Krista up front. They were excited to show me their weekly VBS activity—rain sticks, which were very fitting for our “Rainforest Explorer” theme. I meet with these kids every Tuesday for catechism.

Picture on page 2: Fátima and Jasmine with a neighbor friend in between also showing off their VBS activities. Fátima, Jasmine, and their brother Angel (not pictured) study with me on Wednesdays.

Picture on page 3: One more with Fátima, Jasmine and Angel filling their VBS bags with the week’s activities.

That’s it for now! May our Lord bless you and keep you! Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of our *Siouxland Hispanic Ministry!*

Pastor Paul Flo