

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:

June 14

11:00AM-1:00PM VBS
Adventure

June 20

First Day of Summer

June 21

Father's Day

Office Hours:

Monday 9AM-1PM
Tuesday 9AM-2PM
Wednesday 9AM-1PM
Thursday 9AM-2PM
Friday 9AM-3PM

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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:
402-987-6805

Email:

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 June:

Ushers:

7.....Gerald Barge & Kim Mast
14.....Russ Messerschmidt
.....& Dave Calvert
21.....Dave Schable & Steve Koch
28.....Daryl Daum &
.....Kevin Diediker

Altar Care:

.....Pat Glover
.....Sandy Mallette

Greeters:

7.....Kathy Schable
14.....Ada Hunt
21.....Judy Bloch
28.....Viola Pearce

Altar Flowers:

7.....Vicki & Tom Gesell
14.....Clara Woten
21.....Open
28.....Edie Chester

Acolyte:

7.....Erick Moreno
14.....Jacy Jackson
21.....Josy Jackson
28.....Nicole Messerschmidt

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

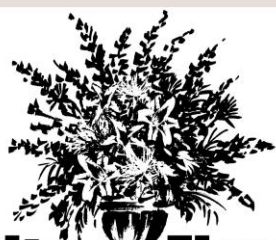
Keep Informed

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

www.hopelutheranssc.com

****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)

Doug Mallette (20)

Terry Koebernick (21)

Richard Quandt (20)

Kevin Diediker (22)

Robert Billiar (21)

Stewardship

Tom Gesell (20)

Marie Wakefield (21)

Vern Cummins (20)

Ada Hunt (21)

Education

Katie Andersen (20)

LuAnn Petersen (22)

Mallory Calvert (20)

Jo Diediker (21)

Vicki Gesell (22)

Trustees

Daryl Daum (22)

Dave Schable (20)

Matt Calvert (21)

Missions

Suzy Awe (22)

Carl Petersen

Annette Poss (21)

Jeanie Heinemann (22)

Friendship Committee

Laverne Koebernick

Melissa Reed

Sharon Weber

Clarrene Leffler

Pat Glover

Kathy Danielson

Hispanic Ministry Committee

Dave Calvert

Clarrene Leffler

Sandy Calvert (Treasurer)

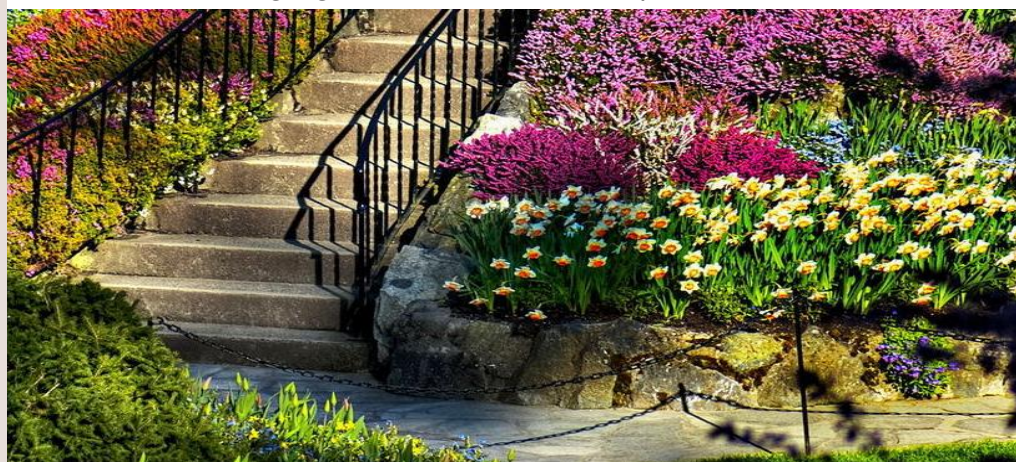
Dorothy Westin

Sharon Weber

Ed Stone

Kathy Danielson

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS | (WHAT'S HAPPENING)

- ❖ Attention Hope Lutheran High school seniors and previous scholarship winners. The scholarship application is open to apply for the Hope Lutheran scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. You must a member of Hope and you can apply for it, up to three years. The application is available in the Church office. Call 494-1847 to check with Angie on the office hours to pick up the application.



Coming to YOU from HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, South Sioux City! An exciting adventurous VBS like nothing before! Beginning Saturday, June 13, 2020 you will find a VBS video on the HOPE VBS YouTube Channel and watch an amazing Rainforest Exploration where "JESUS Leads the WAY!" Then on Sunday, June 14, 2020 between 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Your family may go on an adventure after church and find the Rainforest treasures that you learned about in the video. Does this sound like fun! YES!! Watch the big sign by the Church, the bulletin and especially check the website: www.hopelutheranssc.com that is www.hopelutheransss.com for further instructions on the best VBS ever!

The NE North LWML convention has been moved to Sept 25/26, 2020. We will still be at the same place Ramada Inn in Columbus. Tentatively we will begin our convention at 2:00 on Friday Sept. 25 with servant events, and we conclude on Saturday around 4:00. Please continue to watch for more details as to times and things happening. RAMADA INN RESERVATIONSall reservations that were made for the June dates have been cancelled and you will have to call again to get your room reserved for Sept 25. If you have already sent in your registration in you will be fine and the registration lady will keep them till Sept. PLEASE WATCH FOR A SPECIAL MAILING/EMAIL WITH A NEW REGISTRATION FORM.

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.

JUNE Birthdays

| | |
|------------------|---|
| 1 st | Colleen Nobbe |
| 2 nd | Susan Cook |
| 3 rd | Joel Pauling |
| 4 th | Joyce Stone Ed Bohlman |
| 5 th | Lance Beerman |
| 6 th | Jake Anderson Aaron Hilton |
| 8 th | Maraya Griffin |
| 9 th | Kathy Cadwell |
| 10 th | Aaron Mast Debi Hammer Lucas Beatty |
| 11 th | Dolly Parker Terry Todd |
| 14 th | Clara Woten |
| 16 th | Troy Bloch |
| 18 th | Bobbie Johnson |
| 19 th | Brandon Durant |
| 20 th | Rev. Ricky Jacob Abel Bayona Dennis Tranmer |
| 23 rd | Jeremy Nobbe |
| 26 th | Dave Heinemann Trey Pearce |
| 27 th | Diane Barge Justin Miller |
| 28 th | Pam Babe Lynn Sherry |
| 29 th | Janice Anderson |
| 30 th | Joshua Reed |

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. Beginning with our service on the **10 May 2020** 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. We are going to wait for Bible class to start up till the 7th of June. 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.

May 2020 Voters Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Glover.

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Terry Koebernick, Laverne Koebernick, Ed Stone, Sheila Floyd, Daryl Daum, Richard Quandt, Dave Calvert, Katie Andersen, Marie Wakefield, with Pastor Witte, Pastor Flo, and Pastor Awe

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Terry Koebernick made a motion to approve the April Minutes. 2nd by Richard Quandt. Passed.

Terry Koebernick made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Ed Stone. Passed.

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the April Financial Secretary's Report. 2nd by Richard Quandt. Passed.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the April Individual Summary of Accounts. 2nd by Terry Koebernick. Passed.

President Glover did not have the Boards give an oral account of what happened at their meetings. The Boards were asked to hand their reports to the Secretary. We'll move onto Old and New Business.

Christian Education: Board of Education met over a video call on Friday, May 15. We discussed the changes that will take place for VBS this year due to directed health measures that are in place. Though we are waiting to hear what the regulations will be for our county, the general plan is to provide live streamed and recorded content and grab-and-go bags (with a snack and craft) on a weekly basis. We will still be using the CPH provided theme of Rainforest Explorers. Volunteers for helping record, pack bags, plan video activities, etc. will be needed throughout the summer. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please talk to Suzy Awe or LuAnn Peterson. Other discussion centered around Sunday school over the summer. We plan on talking to each teacher to find out their thoughts and ideas, but again, we are waiting for further health directives before final decisions are made.

Elders: Elders discussed how to conduct Holy Communion considering the new guidelines set forth by Governor Ricketts. Pastor Awe recommends that family units and individuals commune in a way that maintains the 6-foot social distancing. Pastor provided the Elders with 4/30/2020 Nebraska "Guidelines for the Conduct of Faith-Based Services, including Weddings and Funerals held in Houses of Worship" official document from DHHS. Motion by Rich Quandt, second by Kevin Diediker to permanently change Sunday Worship time to 9:30 A.M. Motion passed by majority vote. Elders will change zones previously laid out by geographic location of members to zones defined by an alphabetic list of the last name of members. Pastor will work with the church secretary to get a workable list. Any official acts performed by Pastor Awe need to be reported to Voters. Pastor Awe's trip to Ghana is still scheduled for September 2020.

Stewardship: Board reviewed both the April 2020 bank statements, budget reports, bank account transfers, Memorial and Church savings account activity and all looked good. We did follow-up on a \$150 reduction in the Poland savings account and determined it was a payment to LCMS Short Term Mission made in January, prior to cancellation of the 2020 trip. Board discussed the contributions vs. budget activity and contributions in April were very good. Our next meeting is set for **Thursday, June 11 @ 4 p.m.** Board closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Memorial Committee: No Report.

Missions: No Report.

Hispanic Ministry Committee: Siouxland Multi-Cultural Fair has been rescheduled? Digital presence for our Siouxland Hispanic Ministry (Facebook and What's app). ACTION Steps: Focus on 2 that seem most beneficial (home visits/packets and open Gym on Thursday evenings)? Change in Spanish service times? Plan for our next quarterly meeting. Special Guest again? (6-02-20 @ 6:30). Budget: Donations and outgoing expenses. Both Districts are keeping up with their donations. Asked Pastor Witte, any updates? Sandy: Treasurer's Report? Thank You notes getting done? Questions and Answers? Any other discussions? The next Siouxland meeting is scheduled for June 2nd, 2020? HMC will be meeting monthly and next meeting is scheduled for June 2nd@ 6:30.

Pastor's Report: No report from Pastor Witte or Pastor Flo.

Friendship Committee: No report.

President's Report: Thank you for coming. It's nice to see a great turn out. We still need to keep the wheels moving here at Hope.

Pastor's Report: As you will notice in the Voters Report, there is an addition that will go under the Elders reports. This report is of all the Official Actions that have been performed either at Hope Lutheran or at other destinations. This is the accountability of all Official Acts that have happened since Pastor Awe was installed in May of 2016. The numbers at the bottom of the page with the Baptisms and Communicant members will hopefully change drastically this year. The Elders will be given names on the roster to see if they are still members. We will see in the Elders official reports the actions that were taken. We want to get the statistics cleaned up, so we don't lose anyone. If there are any questions about the services, please feel free to call Pastor Awe.

Old Business: The Narthex walls are still going to be addressed. A committee has not yet been fully appointed. The repair of the walls was given approval at last month's meeting, so we will let the voters know what decision has been made either to go with paint or vinyl. The repairs to the front entrance of the church will need new carpet and the bricks will need to be worked on. Darwyn will do the brick work. The cost of the carpet will fall under the Trustees. The prep work can be done with volunteers, but with everything involved, we should get bids from carpet places for the new carpet and installation. This will be coming up in June.

New Business: The Big item now is the Security-key and intercom system. President Glover gave a run-down of the area that would be monitored by video cameras and accessing the locks for the doors and the cost for this system. There will be a monthly fee of \$25.00 for the web app and phone service. For the services described with this installation will be \$5,691.00. There is a second option that will be a video intercom. The secretary or Pastor will be able to see who is at the door. This cost is \$2,370.00. This bid is coming from Mid-West Alarm Systems. A committee of Katie Andersen, Darwyn Glover, Pastor Flo, and the Trustees will check out this system with a representative from Mid-West Systems to get all the details what will be the most efficient for Hope. A motion by Laverne Koebernick and 2nd by Richard Quandt to approve the purchase of the security system for \$8061.00, ONLY if the system meets the approval of the committee. Passed. A motion by Pat Glover and 2nd by Terry Koebernick to have the Security System paid for by the Memorial Funds. Passed. The nominating committee has not been able to meet properly and get a full slate for the election of new Board members. The committee is asking for an extension of 1 to 2 months until COVID-19 levels off before putting the nominations together. A motion by Ed Stone and 2nd by Terry Koebernick to delay the elections until a full slate of names can be obtained at this time. Passed. Current members on the Boards will still be in effect until the new election of Board Members are voted into place. The Ed. Building sink and counter situation needs to be renovated. A motion by Terry Koebernick and 2nd by Richard Quandt to appoint a committee for ideas on the renovation of the Ed. Building kitchen. Passed. The church parking lot needs some attention. There is cracking and some sinking. This is a project that will need to be addressed in the near future. If we don't take care of the small things now, it could turn into a major project that would involve paving the lot. As the cracks and sinking areas are fixed, Darwyn will take care of the striping. The Trustees can be looking into this parking lot project. Hopefully we can take care of this issue ourselves and not have to hire it out. The TV screens at the front of the church were discussed by Katie Andersen. The use of the TV screens could be very helpful at this time, since we are not allowed to use the Hymnals. We could get the service programing installed by Bryce and Katie. Katie can get this program from another church. There would be 3 TV's installed. Two at the front and one on the balcony. A motion by Laverne Koebernick and 2nd by Terry Koebernick to have Katie Andersen do a Photo Shop visual of the church with the TV's installed and how things would look. Also come back with price amounts. This would be looked at during the June meeting. Passed.

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



JUNE 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 9:30A Lamplighters @ Trinity 9:30A Staff Dev. 7P Worship Service w/ communion 8P Elder's Meeting | 4 | 5 6P Youth Group Pastor's Day Off | 6 |
| 7 9:15A Worship Service w/communion 10:35A Sunday School/Bible Class 5:00P Hispanic Service | 8 | 9 NO Ladies Aid No Friendship Meeting | 10 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service | 11 4P Stewardship Meeting | 12 Pastor's Day Off | 13 |
| 14 9:15A Worship Service 11:00A-1:00P VBS Adventure 5:00P Hispanic Service *Flag Day | 15 | 16 6P Mission Board Meeting 7P Voter's Meeting | 17 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service | 18 | 19 Pastor's Day Off | 20 *First Day of Summer |
| *Father's Day 21 9:15A Worship Service w/communion 10:35A Sunday School/Bible Class 5:00P Hispanic Service | 22 | 23 | 24 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service | 25 | 26 Pastor's Day Off | 27 |
| 28 9:15A Worship Service 10:35A Sunday School/Bible Class 5:00P Hispanic Service | 29 | 30 | | | | |

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

Period
Ending 04/30/2020

Prior Month
Ending Bal 2,112.58

Current
Mth
Ending Bal 15,000.81

Checkbook

| Account # | | Current Month | YTD Amount | Budget to Date | Annual Budget Amt |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Budget Receipts | | | | | |
| 1010 | Envelopes - General Fund | 19,772.72 | 60,021.48 | | |
| 1020 | Loose Plate - General Fund | 80.00 | 628.26 | | |
| | Sub Total | 19,852.72 | 60,649.74 | | |
| Non-Budget Receipts | | | | | |
| 1110 | Debt Reduction | | 0.00 | | |
| 1120 | Special Gifts | 320.00 | 1,178.00 | | |
| 1130 | Reimbursements | 0.00 | 191.85 | | |
| 1140 | Miscellaneous Income | 50.40 | 545.40 | | |
| | Sub Total | 370.40 | 1,915.25 | | |
| + | Transfer from Savings | 2,795.50 | 2,945.50 | | |
| + | Transfer from Stifel | | 0.00 | | |
| + | Transfer from LCEF | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | | |
| + | Loan Proceeds | | 0.00 | | |
| | Total Deposits | 33,018.62 | 75,510.49 | | |
| Monthly Balance | | | | | |
| | Total Monthly Disbursements | 19,090.39 | 66,990.68 | | |
| + | Transfers to Savings | 1,040.00 | 1,040.00 | | |
| | Total Disbursements | 20,130.39 | 68,030.68 | | |
| | Current Balance | 15,000.81 | | | |
| Disbursements | | | | | |
| Mission Board Outreach | | | | | |
| 2010 | Synod Support (3%) | 453.41 | 1,734.62 | 1,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| 2020 | Hispanic Ministry (2%) | 302.28 | 1,156.42 | 1,266.67 | 3,800.00 |
| 2030 | Light of the World Outreach | | 160.00 | 200.00 | 600.00 |
| 2040 | Concordia Seminary Support | | 0.00 | 133.33 | 400.00 |
| 2110 | Missionary Support - Sarah Kanoy | | 0.00 | 266.67 | 800.00 |
| 2120 | Lutheran Family Service of Iowa | | 0.00 | 166.67 | 500.00 |

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| 2130 | Her Health | | 0.00 | 166.67 | 500.00 |
| 2140 | Poland | | 0.00 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| Friendship Committee | | | | | |
| 2310 | County Fair Ministry | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2320 | Local Outreach | 16.92 | 71.91 | 666.67 | 2,000.00 |
| 2330 | Inreach | | 0.00 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 2340 | Video Ministry | | 0.00 | 33.33 | 100.00 |
| 2950 | Non Budget - Mission Board | 283.40 | 328.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Mission Board - Sub Total | 1,056.01 | 3,451.63 | 5,066.67 | 15,200.00 |

Board of Christian Education

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|------|---|------|--------|----------|----------|
| 3010 | Sunday School | | 183.52 | 500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 3015 | Sunday School - Missions | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3020 | Vacation Bible School | | 159.99 | 500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 3025 | LCEF VBS Grant | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3030 | Teacher Training | | 0.00 | 166.67 | 500.00 |
| 3040 | Counselor Training and Expenses | | 0.00 | 166.67 | 500.00 |
| 3090 | Resource Material | | 0.00 | 116.67 | 350.00 |
| 3110 | Adult Education | | 0.00 | 66.67 | 200.00 |
| 3120 | Mid Week School | | 0.00 | 166.67 | 500.00 |
| 3210 | Parochial School Tuition Assistance | | 0.00 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 3220 | Camp Luther Jr League | | 0.00 | 83.33 | 250.00 |
| 3230 | Registration for District Meetings | | 0.00 | 100.00 | 300.00 |
| 3310 | Youth Activities | | 0.00 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 3320 | Sports Ministry | | 0.00 | 166.67 | 500.00 |
| 3950 | Non Budget - Board of Christian Education | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Board of Christian Education - Sub Total | 0.00 | 343.51 | 2,700.00 | 8,100.00 |

Board of Stewardship

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|------|-----------------------------------|------|------|--------|--------|
| 5110 | Offering Envelopes | | 0.00 | 33.33 | 100.00 |
| 5120 | Stewardship Education | | 0.00 | 166.67 | 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 | 200.00 | 600.00 |

Board of Elders

Pastoral Support

| | | | | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 6110 | Admin. Pastor's Salary | 3,837.16 | 15,348.64 | 16,948.67 | 50,846.00 |
| 6120 | Admin. Pastor's auto | | 346.73 | 1,200.00 | 3,600.00 |
| 6130 | Admin Pastor's Housing | 2,118.66 | 8,474.64 | 8,474.67 | 25,424.00 |
| 6140 | Pastor's Health Reimbursement | 89.06 | 1,085.79 | 933.33 | 2,800.00 |
| 6150 | Admin Pastor's Benefits | 2,032.92 | 8,131.68 | 7,742.00 | 23,226.00 |
| 6160 | Admin Pastor's Continuing Education | | 0.00 | 83.33 | 250.00 |
| 6170 | Admin Pastor's Conventions and Conf | | 155.00 | 166.67 | 500.00 |

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|--------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 6190 | Church Plan | 400.00 | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6210 | Guest Speakers | | 0.00 | 150.00 | 450.00 |
| 6220 | Wayne NE Circuit Dues | | 250.00 | 83.33 | 250.00 |
| Administration | | | | | |
| 6310 | Secretary's Salary | 1,330.45 | 4,520.61 | 5,824.00 | 17,472.00 |
| 6320 | Secretary's Benefits | 139.28 | 557.12 | 637.67 | 1,913.00 |
| 6330 | Secretary's Soc. Security & Medicare Secretary's Soc Sec/Med/NE/Fed | 124.58 | 383.44 | 445.67 | 1,337.00 |
| 6340 | Withholding | 155.23 | 463.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6380 | Treasurer's Salary | | 0.00 | 83.33 | 250.00 |
| Christian Worship | | | | | |
| 6410 | Organists | 300.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,666.67 | 5,000.00 |
| 6421 | Music Fund | | 0.00 | 33.33 | 100.00 |
| 6510 | Alter/Worship Supplies | 31.92 | 251.67 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 6910 | Select Account Administration Fee | 7.80 | 31.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6950 | Non Budget - Board of Elders | | 35.99 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Board of Elders - Sub Total | 10,567.06 | 42,635.92 | 44,806.00 | 134,418.00 |
| Board of Trustees | | | | | |
| Administration | | | | | |
| 7010 | Office Supplies | 351.15 | 2,439.47 | 1,833.33 | 5,500.00 |
| 7020 | Postage | | 55.00 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 7040 | Telephone | 125.06 | 498.87 | 400.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Church Properties | | | | | |
| 7210 | Custodian's Salary | 670.00 | 2,680.00 | 2,680.00 | 8,040.00 |
| 7310 | Janitor Supplies | 136.26 | 310.01 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 7320 | Kitchen Supplies | 65.70 | 101.58 | 166.67 | 500.00 |
| 7410 | General Maintenance | | 312.13 | 3,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| 7420 | Equipment | | 0.00 | 333.33 | 1,000.00 |
| 7510 | Electricity | 603.21 | 2,412.47 | 2,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 7520 | Gas | 494.00 | 1,742.00 | 2,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 7530 | Water, Sewer and Garbage | 178.62 | 729.06 | 733.33 | 2,200.00 |
| 7540 | Snow Removal and Lawn Care | 1,395.00 | 2,683.00 | 500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 7810 | Insurance | 652.82 | 2,948.53 | 3,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| 7910 | Quickbooks Monthly Administration Fee | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7950 | Non Budget - Board of Trustees | | 250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Board of Trustees - Sub Total | 4,671.82 | 17,162.12 | 18,313.33 | 54,940.00 |
| 8000 | Non Budget - No Board | 2,795.50 | 3,397.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total Budget Disbursements | 16,011.49 | 62,978.51 | 71,086.00 | 213,258.00 |
| + | Total Non Budget Disbursements | 3,078.90 | 4,012.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total Disbursements | 19,090.39 | 66,990.68 | 71,086.00 | 213,258.00 |

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Prayers

- For our Siouxland community as we continue to see an increase in Covid-19 infections
- For **Carmen** as she recovers from surgery.
- For **Herlinda** and **Albino**, that Albino might be restored to health.
- For my father, **Steven**, and his health.
- That our Lord would continue to open doors for meaningful connections with our Hispanic neighbors.

For the Calendar

Our quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting will be: **Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm.** Come and join us!



You don't need to guess why *Times that Challenge* is an appropriate title for this newsletter. We all understand. But actually, I'm referring to something slightly different than the physical and mental challenges this pandemic has been bringing. I'm referring to times that challenge the way we think about and see the world. It's been fascinating to see how *all* of us are having our views of reality challenged by these times. Let me explain: Do we tend to think that science and technology are progressing in such a way that makes humanity relatively unstoppable, unshakeable, untouchable, and secure? The world—*every* people, *every* class, *every* economy, *every* one—has completely shut down in a matter of months! We've never

Action Steps

Our Hispanic Ministry Committee focuses on a couple “action plan” items each quarter to keep us moving forward and aligned to our goals as we serve our Hispanic neighbors.

Right now, we are planning two things: **(1)** Weekly open-gym activities for the kids in our neighborhood—shooting baskets, pizza, and a devotion to close.

(2) Packets of devotional materials, invitations, and some treats to deliver during door-to-door visits. Both of these plans are on hold until this virus passes, but we are gearing up so we’re ready to go when possible!

Interested in Supporting?

We’re still in need of close to \$50,000 to sustain our Siouxland Hispanic Ministry in 2020. If you’d like to join us, please send aid to the address below.

Checks can be paid to Hope Lutheran Church with “Hispanic Ministry” on the memo line. **Thank**

seen anything on this scale! Humanity is *far* less secure and *far* more shakeable than we know!

These are truly times that challenge!

Do we tend to think that having faith in God means exemption from suffering? Or that *really* believing is all that’s needed to have our best life now? No. Faith does *not* exempt us and suffering does *not* discriminate along political, religious, or racial lines. Prayers aren’t always answered how we’d like. Dreams can vanish in a moment and “your best life now” becomes an empty phrase only highlighting the pain and loss. **These are truly times that challenge!** As Christians, we find ourselves on our knees praying like our Lord in Gethsemane, “*My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me [from my family, from my community, from my nation]; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will*” (Matt. 26:39). We are reminded that His ways are not our ways. Faith takes on a deeper, perhaps more painful, character. It means letting go. It means we are not in control. **These are truly times that challenge!** As we are being challenged—physically, mentally, *and* spiritually—may our Lord grant us His peace which surpasses all understanding! The only enduring peace available.

Now, for a few things going on and some photos from the past (since social distancing guidelines have put most things on hold):

1. Since people are at home, we’re thinking of better ways to reach them at home. We’ve formed a Whatsapp group (a messaging service very popular throughout most of the world). We now have nearly 30 people in our group receiving daily audio and video devotions from Pastor Henry and me. We’ve never met most members of the



group in person, so it's been a good way to pave the way for new connections and relationships.

2. I've been asked by a community leader to be the primary contact person for all Spanish speakers in our county who call our "211" Nebraska hotline looking for social services. I pray this will lead to many new connections and an increased reputation as "the church who speaks our language and is here to serve."
3. Typically, we've had our Spanish services on Sunday evenings. With the goal of helping our Anglo and Hispanic members feel more united, we'll be having our English and Spanish services at the same time (Sundays at 9:30 am). This will allow our Hispanic kids to go to Sunday school with their peers, the adults to share some coffee and donuts, and it will also open opportunities for bilingual services on special occasions.



Picture on page 1: I joined a group of community members who parked outside the Tyson meat plant at the shift change to hold signs showing our support and appreciation for their hard work as they continue to supply our area with food.

Picture on page 2: You see my little "flock" (as one member called it) of catechism students. They have enjoyed participating in the services...they get to show the adults how they've been memorizing the Lord's Prayer and Creed. I have 3 more students who are not in this photo.

Left, above: POST-catechism Diary Queen adventures. Notice the strategic placement of the sugar-high (*never* pre-catechism).

Left, below: I was invited to the 1 year anniversary of *Unity in Action*, a local organization specializing in immigration issues and advocacy. They have asked me to join them for various events and planning sessions.



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