

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:

September 7

Labor Day (OFFICE CLOSED)

September 12

9:00AM Faith, Food & Fun Day Starts

September 14

6:00PM ESL Classes Start

Office Hours:

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

Church email:

Angie@hopelutheranssc.com

Pastor Michael Awe:
402-368-9929

Email:

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 September:

Ushers:

6.....Dave Schable & Steve Koch
13...Darwyn Glover & Dave Calvert
20.....Gerald Barge & Kim Mast
27....Daryl Daum & Kevin Diediker

Altar Care:

.....Jo Diediker
.....Mary
Cummins

Greeters:

6.....Mr. & Mrs. Terry Koebernick
13.....Mr. & Mrs. Steve Koch
20.....Jo Diediker
27.....Judy Bloch

Altar Flowers:

6.....John & Debi Hammer
13.....Lois Lackore
20.....Kevin & Jo Diediker
27.....Shirley Billiar

Acolyte:

6.....Nicole Messerschmidt
13.....Leiton Heinemann
20.....Erick Moreno
27.....Jacy Jackson

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

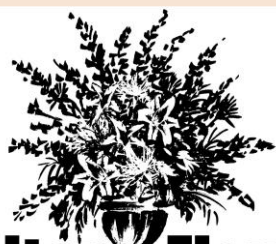
Keep Informed

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

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)

Kevin Diediker (22)

Doug Mallette (20)

Richard Quandt (20)

Robert Billiar (21)

Mike Floyd (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 (21)

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)

- ❖ The Ladies Aid will be collecting items to make School and Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train. The items that will be needed are listed below. These items can be put in the bench in the Narthex. The items need to be collected by October 4th. We appreciate all your help. This is a very worth while project. Hygiene Kits: 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 bath size bar of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, 6 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4") School Kits: New backpack, 2 spiral notebooks, 2 pencils, 2 pens, 10 sheets of construction paper, 24 pack of crayons, ruler, 2 glue sticks, scissors, washable markers 8-10 pack

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.

Thank you from our Hispanic Ministry Committee! We give thanks for all who helped with VBS this year and for all who contributed to their mission project (our Hispanic Ministry!). "Damos gracias a Dios" ("we give thanks to God") and to all of you for the resources and support that have been set aside to continue our work as we reach our Hispanic neighbors with the love and message of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks also to Pastor Awe for, well, the hair 😊

In need of volunteers to help out with Faith, Food & Fun Day. It will only require one hour of your time. Need volunteers for serving meals, help watching the kids in the gym, and teachers. It will be every Saturday starting September 12-December 19. If you are interested please contact Pastor Awe-402-368-9929 OR Pastor Flo-402-987-6805

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

On September 11, 2020 commemorates the 18th anniversary of the terrorists attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Let us remember all our fallen heroes.

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

1 st	Don Gatzmeyer Bruce Pauling
2 nd	Abel Tranmer
4 th	Donna Durant Rianne Nelsen
5 th	Lindsay Reed
6 th	Jo Chernock
7 th	Shirley Billiar Deb Dixon-Kochevar
8 th	Exodus Moreno Josh Rysavy
12 th	Derek Durant Isabella Wakefield
14 th	Tyler Reed
15 th	John Diediker Ed Stone
17 th	Cherilynne Weber
18 th	Darwyn Glover Brady Parker
19 th	Evan Jacob Norma Sogn
20 th	Vern Cummins Jordan Curiel Jo Diediker
21 st	Jessy Rysavy Jamison Baker
22 nd	Mickie Burke Melissa Reed Ireland Robertson
23 rd	Craig Dean
26 th	Andrew Miller Dennis Lewis
27 th	Taye Baker
28 th	Daniela Garcia Willow Santee Scott Wendt
29 th	Jerry Chester
30 th	Dahlia Godoy Joe Strahmann

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY TO SEE THESE HAIR STYLES ONLINE OR IN PERSON! WE RAISED \$5,000!



August 2020 Voters Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Glover.

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

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Robert Billiar made a motion to approve the July Minutes. 2nd by Laverne Koebernick. Passed. Tom Gesell made a motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Dale Hosch. Passed. Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the July Individual Summary of Accounts. 2nd by Ed Stone. Passed. Pat Glover made a motion to approve the July Financial Secretary's Report. 2nd by Laverne Koebernick. Passed.

Christian Education: No Report: Pastor Awe did talk about the new Catechism class that will start on Sept. 12th and will go till Dec. 19th. We are still looking for more volunteers to help out on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The volunteers will have training on August 29th at 9 a.m. Whatever area you want to volunteer for, will be the only thing you will be doing. If for some reason you can't be available every Saturday, the team will be able to work around that. Please contact Katie Andersen or Pastors Awe or Flo for more information. Sunday School will not start until we hear more on Covid-19.

Trustees: No Report.

Elders: Compliance with Covid19 restrictions was discussed. We need to resume the practice of dismissing the congregation after Worship ends. Ushers and Elders should ensure social distancing is maintained. Gerald Barge will be contacted so that ushers are aware of this. Also discussed possible scenarios and actions when Dakota County goes to Phase IV. Catechism program success will depend on our volunteers. Volunteers will have clearly defined jobs with specific duties spelled out. The Saturday program will begin when we move to Corona virus Phase IV. The lists of Elders' zones need to be reviewed with all members present. A special meeting will be set up for this task. Pastor Awe will be in Seward on August 27th & 28th for Nebraska District Board meeting. Lois Larson funeral was held at Hope with Pastor Paul Flo officiating. Medical insurance for Pastor Awe was reviewed. Deadline for benefit selection is September 5th.

Stewardship: Board reviewed the July 2020 bank statements, budget reports, bank account transfers, Memorial and several Church savings accounts, and all activity looked good. Contributions this summer to support our Church and mission work have been very good – God's blessing is ever present! The Board also discussed the need to add new members to the Stewardship Board and discussed the option of combining some committees or Boards to make work more efficient. Our next meeting is set for Thursday, September 10th @ 4p.m.

Memorial Committee: The committee paid for VBS supplies and snacks from a donation received from the family of Josephine Jager. Funds were taken from the restricted account for altar care in memory of Jerry Wendt which helped pay for two candle lighters, four offering plates, a crystal flagon, and an ash holder (for Ash Wednesday services). These items will be dedicated in a Worship Service scheduled for August 30th and donors of previous items will also be thanked for the previous use. Memorial money from the family and friends of Lois Larson was received and are restricted for electronics. Kathy and Marie are continually working on the memorial book to be displayed at a later date.

Missions: We were not scheduled to have an August meeting, but I put it in the bulletin to have one because we need to address our Missionary support change. I am sorry that I did not have a chance to Email everyone with this change. We sent \$500.00 to Mission Central in support of Sarah Kanoy, missionary in Africa. Sarah has decided to leave the mission field at this time. At the Voter's meeting I recommended that we give this money in support of Gary & Steph Schulte. This needed to be addressed right away. Our biggest mission opportunity right now is to encourage friends, family, and members of Hope Lutheran Church to come back to

church and get back into a routine of Sunday Morning (or Wednesday evening) Worship with our fellow believers. Rib-Fest/Silent Auction?? We discussed having the Silent Auction in Conjunction with the Friendship Dinner in October. The 2020 Meeting Schedule at 6:00 pm in Conference Room, are as scheduled. September 15th, October 20th November 17th, and December 15th. You can contact Suzy Awe at suzyawe@gmail.com for text or call 402-659-2278 with any questions. Pray for Missionaries: Poland Mission Team, Pastor Flo, Pastor & Ruthie Witte, Gary & Steph Schulte, Jana Inglehart, Sara Kanoy (as she transitions to State side life). You can Email or Send a Card to your Missionary and/or someone in our congregation. In August, September, or October there could possibly be a Silent Auction, or this could be something to go along with the Friendship Dinner. November Tentative: Thanks-Giving-Thanks-Living and in December, the In-Gatherings (Stuff the Stocking, Haven House).

Hispanic Ministry Committee: We discussed our Grant Application for 2021 from Nebraska District and Iowa District. We discussed that ESL will be starting up again on September 14th. We are looking for volunteer teachers, and Pastor Flo can give more detail about that. We discussed “Faith Fun and Food” and how we can get the word out. For the Siouxland Meeting we are having a guest speaker coming on September 1st, at 6:30. This will be Todd Siefker. He is a local teacher. We will serve cake and coffee to honor the “Teacher of the Year”.

Pastor Flo’s Report: We have 5 or 6 teachers for ESL. Can use more volunteers. The Hispanic Ministry is getting support from the Martinsburg VBS. We also got the LWML grant. Pastor Flo is doing a Bible Study every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Flo is also doing a few in home Bible studies with 2 families from Guatemala, 1 family from El Salvador and 3 families from Mexico. We are still having trouble getting them to come to the church to worship.

Friendship Committee: No Report.

President’s Report: Thank you for coming. Nothing to report at this time.

Pastors Report: Pastor Awe’s goal right now is to encourage our members to come back to the church. The members of the church have helped out so much to keep things cleaned and disinfected. We want to let everyone know that we are following all the rules during this pandemic. We want to make everyone feel comfortable to come back.

Old Business: The repairs to the Narthex, the church main and south entrances and the renovation of the kitchen in the Ed. Building is still a work in progress. Family Services is currently not using the church at this time.

New Business: A motion by Robert Billiar and 2nd by Tom Gesell to accept Joyce Stone to the Scholarship Committee, to take Vicki Gesell’s place. (Vicki is moving). Passed. We also would like to say “Thank You” to Vicki for all the work and dedication she put forth on this committee. We also would like to say “Thank You” to Terry Koebernick for his long commitment to the Scholarship Committee. The Nominating Committee and Board Elections are still on hold till September. The sound proofing of the Pastors’ offices is on hold. Darwyn has gotten bids on the project, but will have to give an update at the next meeting. A motion by Richard Quandt and 2nd by Tom Gesell to authorize Katie Andersen to move forward to get Pastor Awe a new computer. Passed. A discussion was brought up on different ways to pay for the new computer. A motion by Robert Billiar and 2nd by Pat Glover to remove Sarah Kanoy as the recipient of the \$500.00 for mission work, as she is leaving the mission field, and the money be transferred to Gary and Steph Schulte. Passed. Darwyn brought in carpet samples and the committee will pick the kind that will go on the entryways to the church.

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

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6P Ladies Aid 6:30P HMC Meeting	2 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service w/ communion 8P Elder's Meeting	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 9:30A Worship Service w/communion 10:30A Bible Study 5:00P Hispanic Service	7  OFFICE CLOSED	8 10A Friendship Meeting	9 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service	10 4P Stewardship Meeting	11 Pastor's Day Off *Patriot Day	12 9A Faith, Food & Fun Day
13 9:30A Worship Service 10:30A Bible Study 5:00P Hispanic Service *Grandparents Day	14 10:30A Bible Study 6P ESL Classes Start	15 6P Mission Board Meeting 7P Voter's Meeting	16 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service	17 6P ESL Classes	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 9A Faith, Food & Fun Day
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Hope Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report
South Sioux City, Nebraska

Period
Ending 07/31/2020

Prior Month
Ending Bal 14,455.15
Current
Mth
Ending Bal 17,058.29
Checkbook

		Current Month	YTD Amount	Budget to Date	Annual Budget Amt
Budget Receipts					
Account #					
1010	Envelopes - General Fund	12,575.72	102,074.64		
1020	Loose Plate - General Fund	166.00	794.26		
	Sub Total	12,741.72	102,868.90		
Non-Budget Receipts					
1110	Debt Reduction		0.00		
1120	Special Gifts	4,854.59	6,509.50		
1130	Reimbursements	163.20	1,003.89		
1140	Miscellaneous Income	170.00	1,085.40		
	Sub Total	5,187.79	8,598.79		
+	Transfer from Savings		2,945.50		
+	Transfer from Stifel		0.00		
+	Transfer from LCEF		10,000.00		
+	Loan Proceeds		0.00		
	Total Deposits	17,929.51	124,413.19		
Monthly Balance					
	Total Monthly Disbursements	15,326.37	113,685.90		
+	Transfers to Savings		1,190.00		
	Total Disbursements	15,326.37	114,875.90		
	Current Balance	17,058.29			
Disbursements					
Mission Board					
Outreach					
2010	Synod Support (3%)	500.03	3,214.52	2,625.00	4,500.00
2020	Hispanic Ministry (2%)	333.35	2,143.01	2,216.67	3,800.00
2030	Light of the World Outreach		160.00	350.00	600.00
2040	Concordia Seminary Support		0.00	233.33	400.00
2110	Missionary Support - Sarah Kanoy		0.00	466.67	800.00
2120	Lutheran Family Service of Iowa		0.00	291.67	500.00

2130	Her Health		0.00	291.67	500.00
2140	Poland		0.00	583.33	1,000.00
Friendship Committee					
2310	County Fair Ministry		0.00	0.00	0.00
2320	Local Outreach	16.92	126.90	1,166.67	2,000.00
2330	Inreach		0.00	583.33	1,000.00
2340	Video Ministry		0.00	58.33	100.00
2950	Non Budget - Mission Board		328.68	0.00	0.00
	Mission Board - Sub Total	850.30	5,973.11	8,866.67	15,200.00

Board of Christian Education

3010	Sunday School		183.52	875.00	1,500.00
3015	Sunday School - Missions		0.00	0.00	0.00
3020	Vacation Bible School	30.03	190.02	875.00	1,500.00
3025	LCEF VBS Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00
3030	Teacher Training		0.00	291.67	500.00
3040	Counselor Training and Expenses		0.00	291.67	500.00
3090	Resource Material		0.00	204.17	350.00
3110	Adult Education		238.19	116.67	200.00
3120	Mid Week School		442.05	291.67	500.00
3210	Parochial School Tuition Assistance		0.00	583.33	1,000.00
3220	Camp Luther Jr League		0.00	145.83	250.00
3230	Registration for District Meetings		0.00	175.00	300.00
3310	Youth Activities		0.00	583.33	1,000.00
3320	Sports Ministry		0.00	291.67	500.00
3950	Non Budget - Board of Christian Education		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Board of Christian Education - Sub Total	30.03	1,053.78	4,725.00	8,100.00

Board of Stewardship

5110	Offering Envelopes		0.00	58.33	100.00
5120	Stewardship Education		0.00	291.67	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	350.00	600.00

Board of Elders

Pastoral Support

6110	Admin. Pastor's Salary	3,837.16	26,860.12	29,660.17	50,846.00
6120	Admin. Pastor's auto		2,733.34	2,100.00	3,600.00
6130	Admin Pastor's Housing	2,118.66	12,711.96	14,830.67	25,424.00
6140	Pastor's Health Reimbursement	53.24	1,521.40	1,633.33	2,800.00
6150	Admin Pastor's Benefits	2,032.92	14,230.44	13,548.50	23,226.00
6160	Admin Pastor's Continuing Education		0.00	145.83	250.00
6170	Admin Pastor's Conventions and Conf	256.10	411.10	291.67	500.00

6190	Church Plan-Retirement	400.00	2,800.00	0.00	0.00
6210	Guest Speakers		0.00	262.50	450.00
6220	Wayne NE Circuit Dues		250.00	145.83	250.00
	Administration				
6310	Secretary's Salary	1,392.08	8,496.47	10,192.00	17,472.00
6320	Secretary's Benefits	139.28	974.96	1,115.92	1,913.00
6330	Secretary's Soc. Security & Medicare Secretary's Soc Sec/Med/NE/Fed	114.19	715.82	779.92	1,337.00
6340	Withholding	186.58	889.18	0.00	0.00
6380	Treasurer's Salary		0.00	145.83	250.00
	Christian Worship				
6410	Organists	100.00	1,700.00	2,916.67	5,000.00
6421	Music Fund		0.00	58.33	100.00
6510	Alter/Worship Supplies		745.47	583.33	1,000.00
6910	Select Account Administration Fee	7.80	54.60	0.00	0.00
6950	Non Budget - Board of Elders		125.99	0.00	0.00
	Board of Elders - Sub Total	10,638.01	75,220.85	78,410.50	134,418.00
	Board of Trustees				
	Administration				
7010	Office Supplies	393.80	3,383.24	3,208.33	5,500.00
7020	Postage		55.00	583.33	1,000.00
7040	Telephone	122.78	863.24	700.00	1,200.00
	Church Properties				
7210	Custodian's Salary	670.00	4,690.00	4,690.00	8,040.00
7310	Janitor Supplies	48.03	504.61	583.33	1,000.00
7320	Kitchen Supplies		101.58	291.67	500.00
7410	General Maintenance	309.74	695.88	2,916.67	5,000.00
7420	Equipment		0.00	583.33	1,000.00
7510	Electricity	591.81	4,192.06	4,375.00	7,500.00
7520	Gas	594.00	3,324.00	4,375.00	7,500.00
7530	Water, Sewer and Garbage	185.25	1,301.21	1,283.33	2,200.00
7540	Snow Removal and Lawn Care	75.00	2,983.00	3,208.33	5,500.00
7810	Insurance	652.82	5,203.24	5,250.00	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	3,643.23	27,547.06	32,048.33	54,940.00
8000	I	164.80	3,891.10	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget Disbursements	15,161.57	109,090.13	124,400.50	213,258.00
+	Total Non Budget Disbursements	164.80	4,595.77	0.00	0.00
	Total Disbursements	15,326.37	113,685.90	124,400.50	213,258.00

Faith, Food & Fun Day

- Class
- Games
- Open Gym
- Food

Starting September 12, 2020

Saturdays

**9:00AM-
12:00PM**

**Hope
Lutheran
Church**

218 W. 18th Street
South Sioux City, NE
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9:00-10:00.....Class

10:00-11:30.....Open Gym & Games

11:30-12:00.....FREE Lunch

Confirmation classes, to learn about the Bible and the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

All kids, grades 3 and up are welcome!

Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

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!

One Year with *Siouxland Hispanic Ministry*!

It's hard to believe that a full year has already passed since I was called to South Sioux City, Nebraska to be the missionary pastor of *Siouxland Hispanic Ministry*. As usual, time seems to be paradoxical, moving both quickly and slowly; I feel I've been here for far longer than a year, and yet the year has truly flown by! Maybe you can relate.



From both Pastor Henry Witte and from me, thank you all for your support and prayers during this last year!

As time continues to fly and crawl simultaneously, we're given the opportunity to reflect. What has gone well? What hasn't worked at all? What have the joys and the struggles been?

How have we seen God at work through us? These are necessary reflections as we move forward with intentionality.

At the same time, since we know that things we can count too easily become our only measure, it's wonderful to know that our Lord *promises* to be at work in specific places—through His Word and Sacraments. The same life-giving Word of forgiveness and salvation through Christ is delivered directly to us in different ways: the *spoken Word*, the *watery Word* and the *tasty Word*. Thank God that His grace is not floating around the stratosphere waiting to be discovered; we don't have to guess where to find Him. Instead, *He* comes right to us and *He* promises to be at work in and among us through those specific "means of grace."

As we continue to build relationships with our Hispanic neighbors and share the Good News of all that Jesus, as *their* Lord, has done *for them* through His life, death, and resurrection, God's own Spirit will *call* them through that same Gospel, *enlighten*

them with His gifts, *make* them holy and *keep* them in the true faith—just as He has done for you and me and for Christians of *all* times and places. That’s our God’s way of doing things.

Now for a quick recap of some of the year’s happenings (you may remember some of these):



August 2019 at Camp Okoboji. Hispanic Lutherans from four different congregations throughout Iowa and Nebraska came together to enjoy a few days of fellowship.



October 2019: Two of our ESL students also work for a local restaurant. They celebrated their anniversary with free tacos and Mariachi music for all!



November 2019: An ESL student’s family came to support Carmen during our waffle breakfast fundraiser for her cancer treatment.



Thanksgiving 2019: A special service with our South Sioux, Storm Lake, and Denison congregations.



Left: Wednesday evening services with a meal.



Right: Working with other community non-profits to advocate for our immigrant neighbors.



Left: Some of the coolest kiddos in Siouxland... my catechism students. Since this picture was taken, I have 5 new kids and 3 adults that I study the Bible stories and catechism with every week.

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*—

