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April 2021

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# Hope Lutheran

218 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776

Website: [www.Hopelutheranssc.com](http://www.Hopelutheranssc.com) Telephone: 402-494-1847

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## 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: 531-218-5793.

**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](mailto: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:

### April 1

7:00PM Maundy Thursday  
Service w/ communion

### April 2

7:00PM Good Friday Service

### April 4

6:00AM Easter Sunrise  
Service w/ communion  
9:30AM Easter Service w/  
communion

### April 22

Earth Day

## Office Hours:

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

### Church email:

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531-218-5793

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**Pastor Henry Witte:**  
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**Pastor Paul Flo:**  
402-987-6805

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### VOTERS MEETING:

A reminder to all member of Hope Lutheran that there is a Voters Meeting held every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Official Actions

### GAINS

#### *Baptisms-*

❖ Eugenia Griffin 3/28/21

### Losses

#### *Deaths-*

❖ Glenda Beck 1/11/21  
❖ Clarrene Leffler 3/09/21

#### *Transferred Out-*

❖ Nick Diediker 3/16/21

### Serving In April:

#### Ushers:

4.....Kim Mast & Gerald Barge  
11.....Russ Messerschmidt &  
.....Dave Calvert  
18....Steve Koch & Dave Schable  
25.....Daryl Daum &  
.....Darwyn Glover

#### Altar Care:

.....Kathy Koch  
.....Viola Pearce  
.....Deb Kochevar

#### Greeters:

4.....Jo Diediker  
11.Mr. & Mrs. Terry Koebernick  
18.....Steve Koch  
25.....Joyce Stone

#### Altar Flowers:

4.....Easter Lilies  
11.....Open  
18.....Fowlers  
25.....Mr. & Mrs. Matt Calvert

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

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

[www.hopelutheranssc.com](http://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.



The 2021 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 (22)**

**Vice Chairman: Dave Calvert (23)**

Treasurer: Pat Glover (22)

Secretary: Sheila Floyd (21)

Financial Secretary: Cindy Quandt (21)

### Boards

#### Elders

**Ed Stone (22)**

Doug Mallette (23)

Richard Quandt (23)

Robert Billiar (21)

Mike Floyd (21)

#### Stewardship

**Ada Hunt (23)**

Marie Wakefield (23)

#### Education

Mallory Calvert (23)

LuAnn Petersen (22)

Jo Diediker (21)

#### Trustees

**Daryl Daum (22)**

Dave Schable (23)

Matt Calvert (21)

#### Missions

**Suzy Awe (22)**

Jeanie Heinemann (22)

Carl Petersen (23)

#### Friendship Committee

**Laverne Koebernick**

Sharon Weber

Pat Glover

Melissa Reed

Kathy Danielson

#### Hispanic Ministry Committee

**Dave Calvert**

Ed Stone

Sharon Weber

Kathy Danielson

Sandy Calvert (Treasurer)

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





## ANNOUNCEMENTS | (WHAT'S HAPPENING)

*Collecting Hygiene Kits again for Wayne Zone LWML Workshop!*

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")

*Secured them together and place the hygiene packs inside the bench in the Narthex.*

**Attention Hope Lutheran High school seniors and previous scholarship winners. The scholarship application is open to apply for the Hope Lutheran scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. You must be 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.**

### **SAVING HYVEE RECEIPTS:**

*Start saving your HyVee receipts for St. Paul Lutheran School. HyVee receipts from all Sioux City and South Sioux City stores!*

**~For every \$100.00 the school receives \$1.00**

**~YOU CAN PLACE THE RECEIPTS IN THE ST. PAUL JAR LOCATED IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX**

**Thanks For Your Support!**

*Thank You*

Thank you everyone for all of the beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls and prayers. Diane Barge

**Knights of Columbus  
South Sioux City**



Come and enjoy our weekly Friday night fish fry during Lent.

**Starting Friday, February 19-April 2**

**HOURS: 5:00PM-7:30PM**

**WHERE: Knights of Columbus Hall, 1805 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, South Sioux City.**

**We offer a take-out, drive thru service for your convenience if you would like.**



It is that time of the year again! We are now taking donations for Easter Lilies!! You can place a donation by getting an envelope by the cards in the Narthex and putting it in the lockbox with your name on it. Thank you!

## APRIL Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Tranmer  
4<sup>th</sup> Dave Calvert  
Katie Beerman  
5<sup>th</sup> Matt Calvert  
Italia Durant  
6<sup>th</sup> Dawn Anderson  
7<sup>th</sup> Courtney Ewing  
9<sup>th</sup> Braydon Hauf  
10<sup>th</sup> Katie Bigham  
Josie Cadwell  
11<sup>th</sup> Curt Arndt  
Eric Heinemann  
13<sup>th</sup> Liam Durant  
14<sup>th</sup> Brenda Pinney  
15<sup>th</sup> Daryl Daum  
16<sup>th</sup> Ruth Dean  
18<sup>th</sup> Edie Chester  
Dorothy Yockey  
19<sup>th</sup> Pat Wojcik  
20<sup>th</sup> Kirsten Awe  
21<sup>st</sup> Taylor Davies  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kyle Burke  
24<sup>th</sup> Carmin Gotch  
26<sup>th</sup> Karl Pauling  
27<sup>th</sup> Tristan Peters  
29<sup>th</sup> Jenni Jager  
Annette LeGrande



# The LCMS and COVID-19 Vaccines: Facts and Considerations

## COVID-19 Vaccines and Abortion

- Reliable information on the sourcing and testing of COVID-19 vaccines from the pro-life researchers of the Charlotte Lozier Institute may be found at [lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/](https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/).
- According to the Lozier Institute, the current FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna) do not use aborted human fetal tissue in the design, development or production of the vaccines.<sup>1 2</sup>
- The current FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines have been *tested* using human fetal cell lines (as are many other medicines, such as the MMR and polio vaccines, as well as treatments for HIV, Parkinson's and diabetes), but the vaccines themselves do not contain any aborted fetal cells.<sup>3</sup>
- Many remaining COVID-19 vaccines in development do use human fetal cell lines and are therefore considered “ethically controversial” (for instance, the UK-approved Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine as well as the one from Janssen/Johnson & Johnson).

## COVID-19 Vaccines and the Synod

- The Synod in convention has repeatedly adopted resolutions supporting the sanctity of human life and opposing abortion (e.g., 2019 Resolution 3-02A, 2010 Resolution 6-02A, 2007 Resolution 6-02, 2004 Resolution 6-04).
- The Synod in convention has not officially adopted a resolution concerning the use of vaccines developed from or tested using fetal cell lines.
- The absence of an official Synod stance does not impact an individual's ability to seek a religious or personal belief exemption from vaccine requirements. In many states, religious exemptions from vaccine requirements can be obtained by individuals on the basis of conscientious objection.
- Complete consensus does not exist in the pro-life community at-large on the reception of vaccines developed from or tested using fetal cell lines (e.g., the debates within Roman Catholic circles).<sup>4</sup>
- The Commission on Theology and Church Relations has published no report or opinion on vaccines. It has discussed the possibility of addressing it pursuant to 2019 Resolution 11-01A (“To Give Guidance and Encourage Action on Beginning-of-Life Issues”), but work on that has not begun.

## What We Can Say

- The Synod remains steadfastly committed to the sanctity of human life and supportive of those institutions and individuals advocating for the unborn.
- Genuine concerns for life exist on both sides of the COVID-19 vaccination question: concern for the use of aborted fetal cells in the design, development, production and testing of vaccines, as well as concern for the physical well-being of one's neighbor endangered by the virus.
- There is no official Synod position on the use of COVID-19 vaccines (as such positions are ordinarily expressed through a resolution of the Synod in convention).
- Christians should respect the consciences of one another on a question where Scripture and the Synod have not spoken expressly.
- Members of the Synod and Synod congregations are encouraged to:
  - Educate themselves about the vaccines;
  - Consult with trusted health care providers, clergy and those who may be impacted by their decision; and
  - Act on the basis of informed conscience as to receiving the vaccine.

<sup>1</sup> For this and other information on the use of fetal cell lines in relation to COVID-19 vaccines, see [lozierinstitute.org/an-ethics-assessment-of-covid-19-vaccine-programs/](https://lozierinstitute.org/an-ethics-assessment-of-covid-19-vaccine-programs/). The two cell lines pertinent to COVID-19 vaccines – HEK-293 and PER.C6 – were developed by a Dutch scientist from separate abortions that occurred in 1972 and 1985, respectively, though these abortions were not undertaken for the purpose of medical research. On this, see “Human Cell Strains in Vaccine Development,” *The History of Vaccines*, last modified Jan. 10, 2018, [historyofvaccines.org/content/articles/human-cell-strains-vaccine-development](https://historyofvaccines.org/content/articles/human-cell-strains-vaccine-development). See also Meredith Wadman, “Abortion Opponents Protest COVID-19 Vaccines’ Use of Fetal Cells,” *Science*, June 5, 2020, [sciencemag.org/news/2020/06/abortion-opponents-protest-covid-19-vaccines-use-fetal-cells](https://sciencemag.org/news/2020/06/abortion-opponents-protest-covid-19-vaccines-use-fetal-cells).

<sup>2</sup> Some objections have been raised within Roman Catholic circles to the status of the Moderna vaccine. See Stacy Trasancos, “Measuring Moderna’s COVID-19 Vaccine: Now’s the Time to Press Hard for Ethical Options,” *National Catholic Register*, Nov. 20, 2020, [ncregister.com/news/measuring-moderna-s-covid-19-vaccine-now-s-the-time-to-press-hard-for-ethical-options](https://ncregister.com/news/measuring-moderna-s-covid-19-vaccine-now-s-the-time-to-press-hard-for-ethical-options).

<sup>3</sup> See Ivan Couronne, “How Fetal Cells from the 1970s Power Medical Innovation Today,” *Medical Xpress*, Oct. 20, 2020, [medicalxpress.com/news/2020-10-fetal-cells-1970s-power-medical.html](https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-10-fetal-cells-1970s-power-medical.html). See also Carina Storrs, “How Exactly Fetal Tissue Is Used for Medicine,” *CNN*, Dec. 8, 2017, [cnn.com/2015/07/17/health/fetal-tissue-explainer/index.html](https://cnn.com/2015/07/17/health/fetal-tissue-explainer/index.html).

## March 2021 Voters Minutes

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Terry Koebernick, Laverne Koebernick, Ed Stone, Sheila Floyd, Richard Quandt, Dave Calvert, Robert Billiar, Ada Hunt, Marie Wakefield, Suzy Awe with Pastor Witte, Pastor Flo, and Pastor Awe

Meeting called to order by President Glover.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Robert Billiar made a motion to approve the April Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Glover. Passed.

Richard Quandt made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Stone. Passed.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the April Individual Summary of Accounts. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Quandt. Passed.

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the April Financial Secretary's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laverne Koebernick. Passed

**Christian Education:** June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> are the dates that we are looking at to have VBS. The plan right now is to have all the children BACK in the church. We have been in contact with Cubby Care with the plans for VBS.

**Trustees:** AA is in question right now. The group is propping the doors open, so some people will be able to go out and smoke. The group has been spoken to about leaving the doors propped open, and this means that mice can get in and the heat is going outside. Pastor Awe will address the group again. It was noted that if this problem keeps coming up, the AA group could be asked to leave. The church shouldn't have to keep giving warnings.

**Elders:** Discussed COVID situation. Communion practices currently in use and will continue through Easter Sunday. Starting Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we will resume serving Holy Communion at the communion rail as we did before the pandemic. Beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>, we will resume using collection plates and hymnals. Seating in the gym will continue to be available during Worship. Masks and hand sanitizer will also be available and the sanitizing mister will be used afterwards. Elders and Pastor discussed reaching out to our members about resuming their attendance at Worship Services with "What will it take to get you back?" the question to be considered. Maundy Thursday Worship is at 7PM with Holy Communion and Good Friday Worship at 7PM also. We will have a sunrise service at 6 AM and regular Worship at 9:30 with Holy Communion at both services. Pastor Flo has begun a Bible study with young adults on Saturdays.

**Missions:** On Easter morning, between services, from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. the Mission Board will be serving Easter Breakfast. The menu will be egg casseroles, fruit and a variety of breads. This will be a free will offering. All proceeds will be going to Carmen Ortega who is going through cancer treatments.

**Hispanic Ministry Committee:** We held our meeting with about 9 people present. We talked about our financial situation and where we are at the present. Pastor Flo gave us a run down about his weekly schedule and what he does daily. He is very busy, and the results are showing. If the Mission Board needs any help with the Easter breakfast, to please ask the Hispanic ministry. We will be glad to help.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Witte reported that he still continues with our daily devotions. He will be covering for Pastor Dan Vogel in Storm Lake and Denison on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor Flo reported that he is working with people at their homes, so it doesn't always look like progress is being made. Thank you for helping with the Carmen Ortega fund raisers.

**Friendship Committee:** We had a successful night for our soup supper on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We served soup, chili, rolls and cookies. We had 43 people attend. In April we will deliver items to our shut ins. We will have large print Portal of Prayers, Easter cards and crosses (made by the Ladies Aid). We will send Easter cards and crosses to our service personnel and our young adults.

**Stewardship:** The Board reviewed the February bank statements, bank reports, bank account transfers, memorial and several church saving accounts, and all activity looked good. Great Job Pat. We still need some new members. Our next meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. We served Lent supper on March 10<sup>th</sup> with the Board of Education.

**Memorial Committee:** We received funds from the Carl Henshaw estate. We paid for three new furnaces.

**President's Report:** Thank you for coming.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Awe is planning to have Bible study after the Easter service. The Synodical Convention that is scheduled for 2022, had enough votes that this Convention is moved to 2023. The Nebraska District Convention that was scheduled for 2021 in Kearney got delayed till June 2022. If you sent in names for nominations, they will stay the same, unless you want to resubmit another name. One of our nominations will not be good, because their term is up this year.

**Old Business:** Keep the Job Descriptions updated. The Head Usher Duties need to add the following update about the lighting in the narthex. The stained-glass window and the trophy case light need to be turned on before service and off after service.

Pastor Witte will meet with Darwyn about removing items for the Ed Building. After they decide what to keep and what to get rid of, times will be set for clean-up.

**New Business:** Spring clean-up at the church will be Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The rain date will be March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

The nominating committee will be Pastor Awe, Darwyn Glover, Ed Stone, Dave Calvert, Deb Kochevar and possibly Kathy Danielson. Darwyn will check with Kathy about staying on this committee.

The potluck meal for March 24, will be cancelled. Pastor and Suzy will be providing Chic-fil-A, as a way to say "Thank You" for our partnership working together these last 5 years.

A motion by Pat Glover and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzy Awe to give the money collected through the Lenten dinners to Carmen Ortega. Passed.

We need to fill all open positions on the Boards of Hope Lutheran Church. Six people are needed to fill each Church Board except Trustees, which only need 3 people. We are struggling to get people to fill positions. If these Boards do not have a Chairman, the Board will DISAPPEAR, and this is according to the Church Bylaws. Two key Boards are in serious trouble. One is Stewardship and the other is Education. Without these two KEY Boards, Hope will not grow. This is not the Pastor's job to fill these positions, this is US, the CONGREGATION. If we do not do this as Voters, then there won't be a Board. We need to Pray about this and quit HIDING behind excuses.

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



## March 2021 Ladies Aid Minutes

The Ladies Aid group met on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM. President Ada called the meeting to order. She read from Psalm 40:10-11 and Psalm 111:5-8.

Roll call was read with 8 members present.

The Minutes for February were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Amanda, and will be filed for review.

The Valentine favors that were made for the shut-ins were given to Laverne Koebernick from the Friendship Committee for distribution.

Lois Wendt reported that she sent out 2 get well cards. One to Darwyn Glover and one to Suzy Awe.

**Old Business:** The Wayne Zone held their meeting on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Wayne Zone workshop will be Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne. The Theme will be "Know Your Identity!" The speaker will be Pastor Nabil Nour from Hartford, S.D. The Ladies Aid will be collecting items for kits to be taken to Orphan Grain Train. Watch the church bulletin for more information.

The National LWML Convention will be in Lexington, Kentucky from June 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Our congregation is still looking for a delegate to go to the convention. Expenses are to be paid for the delegate.

The Pastor's conference was changed from Hope to Winnebago on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The ladies did not serve lunch that day.

Hope went ahead and held the Bible Institute on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Eleven people were served soup and pie by the Ladies Aid.

The table cloths have not been decided on at this time.

**New Business:** We will be serving the supper for Lent on March 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was passed around for food and workers. We decided to do tater tot and runza casseroles. Cole slaw and a lettuce salad will be added along with bars.

With the money from the coffee fund, a motion by Shirley Billiar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Schultz to increase the donut count to 4 dozen for Sunday morning Bible class. Passed.

The secretary sent word to Shirley Peterson Mahoney that the Ladies Aid donated \$50.00 to LWML in memory of Glenda Beck. Shirley was to let her siblings know about this donation.

Sick and Charity for April May and June will take the Easter favors to the nursing homes in South Sioux. Ada will get a count on the number of favors that will be delivered.

The Ladies Aid will be taking donations for the Easter lilies and we will also pick up the palms for Palm Sunday.

Correspondence at this time was from Ronald McDonald House and Concordia Seminary.

The only Birthday this month was Darlene Bennett.

There were no Hostesses this month. Hostesses for next month will be Mae Reuter and Paula Verzani.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheila Floyd



Understanding Muslims means understanding what they believe. In *The Challenge of Islam (Part Two): Defending the Christian Faith*, Islamic assumptions about Christianity, the three phases of jihad, and talking points for sharing our Christian hope with Muslims make this Bible study relevant—and timely.

**The Challenge of**

**Islam**

**(PART TWO): DEFENDING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**



**Sunday Morning Bible Class**

**11 April - 16 May 2021**

**10:30AM**



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

Period  
Ending 02/28/2021

Checkbook Prior Month Ending Bal (387.29) Current Mth Ending Bal (1,060.18)

Account #		Current Month	YTD Amount	Budget to Date	Annual Budget Amt
<b>Budget Receipts</b>					
1010	Envelopes - General Fund	10,713.72	24,638.44		
1020	Loose Plate - General Fund	40.00	79.00		
	Sub Total	10,753.72	24,717.44		
<b>Non-Budget Receipts</b>					
1110	Debt Reduction		0.00		
1120	Special Gifts	1,046.10	1,710.10		
1130	Reimbursements	417.87	1,467.87		
	Miscellaneous Income	157.00	387.00		
	Sub Total	1,620.97	3,564.97		
+	Transfer from Savings		0.00		
+	Transfer from Stifel		0.00		
+	Transfer from LCEF	5,000.00	5,000.00		
+	Loan Proceeds		0.00		
	<b>Total Deposits</b>	17,374.69	33,282.41		
<b>Monthly Balance</b>					
	Total Monthly Disbursements	18,022.58	33,834.07		
+	Transfers to Savings-Stifel	25.00	664.00		
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	18,047.58	34,498.07		
	<b>Current Balance</b>	(1,060.18)			
<b>Disbursements</b>					
<b>Mission Board Outreach</b>					
2010	Synod Support (3%)	418.91	862.15	750.00	4,500.00
2020	Hispanic Ministry (2%)	279.27	574.77	633.33	3,800.00
2030	Light of the World Outreach		0.00	100.00	600.00
2040	Concordia Seminary Support		0.00	66.67	400.00
2110	Missionary Support - Schulte's		0.00	133.33	800.00
2120	Lutheran Family Service of Iowa		0.00	83.33	500.00
2130	Her Health		0.00	83.33	500.00
2140	Poland		0.00	166.67	1,000.00

2150	Congregations for Concordia University		0.00	363.11	2,178.64
	<b>Friendship Committee</b>				
2310	County Fair Ministry		0.00	0.00	0.00
2320	Local Outreach	16.92	38.07	333.33	2,000.00
2330	Inreach		0.00	166.67	1,000.00
2340	Video Ministry		0.00	16.67	100.00
2950	Non Budget - Mission Board		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Mission Board - Sub Total	715.10	1,474.99	2,896.44	17,378.64

#### Board of Christian Education

3010	Sunday School		0.00	250.00	1,500.00
3015	Sunday School - Missions		0.00	0.00	0.00
3020	Vacation Bible School		0.00	250.00	1,500.00
3025	LCEF VBS Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00
3030	Teacher Training		0.00	83.33	500.00
3040	Counselor Training and Expenses		0.00	83.33	500.00
3090	Resource Material		0.00	58.33	350.00
3110	Adult Education		0.00	50.00	300.00
3120	Mid Week School		22.58	250.00	1,500.00
3210	Parochial School Tuition Assistance		0.00	166.67	1,000.00
3220	Camp Luther Jr League		0.00	41.67	250.00
3230	Registration for District Meetings		0.00	50.00	300.00
3310	Youth Activities		0.00	166.67	1,000.00
3320	Sports Ministry		0.00	83.33	500.00
3950	Non Budget - Board of Christian Education		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Board of Christian Education - Sub Total	0.00	22.58	1,533.33	9,200.00

#### Board of Stewardship

5110	Offering Envelopes		0.00	16.67	100.00
5120	Stewardship Education		0.00	83.33	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	100.00	600.00

#### Board of Elders

##### Pastoral Support

		Current Month	YTD Amount	Budget to Date	Annual Budget Amt
6110	Admin. Pastor's Salary	3,480.08	6,960.16	8,560.17	51,361.00
6120	Admin. Pastor's auto	91.28	91.28	666.67	4,000.00
6130	Admin. Pastor's Housing	2,140.00	4,280.00	4,280.00	25,680.00
6140	Admin. Pastor's Health Reimbursement	2,201.24	2,240.00	466.67	2,800.00
6150	Admin. Pastor's Benefits	2,236.13	4,413.63	2,963.00	17,778.00
6160	Admin. Pastor's Continuing Education		0.00	41.67	250.00
6170	Admin. Pastor's Conventions and Conf		0.00	125.00	750.00
6190	Admin. Pastor's Retirement Contribution	800.00	1,200.00	1,406.17	8,437.00

6210	Guest Speakers		0.00	75.00	450.00
6220	Wayne NE Circuit Dues		0.00	50.00	300.00
	<b>Administration</b>				
6310	Secretary's Salary	1,301.46	2,611.62	3,120.00	18,720.00
6320	Secretary's Benefits	139.28	278.56	341.67	2,050.00
6330	Secretary's Soc. Security & Medicare Secretary's Soc Sec/Med/NE/Fed	110.85	222.35	238.67	1,432.00
6340	Withholding	117.85	297.38	0.00	0.00
6380	Treasurer's Salary		0.00	41.67	250.00
	<b>Christian Worship</b>				
6410	Organists		200.00	833.33	5,000.00
6421	Music Fund		0.00	16.67	100.00
6510	Alter/Worship Supplies	43.29	43.29	166.67	1,000.00
6910	Select Account Administration Fee	15.60	15.60	0.00	0.00
6950	Non Budget - Board of Elders		0.00	0.00	0.00
	Board of Elders - Sub Total	12,677.06	22,853.87	23,393.00	140,358.00
	<b>Board of Trustees</b>				
	<b>Administration</b>				
7010	Office Supplies	278.92	1,465.93	916.67	5,500.00
7020	Postage		0.00	166.67	1,000.00
7040	Telephone	125.69	251.41	200.00	1,200.00
	<b>Church Properties</b>				
7210	Custodian's Salary	670.00	1,340.00	1,340.00	8,040.00
7310	Janitor Supplies		0.00	166.67	1,000.00
7320	Kitchen Supplies		0.00	83.33	500.00
7410	General Maintenance	89.70	617.47	833.33	5,000.00
7420	Equipment		0.00	166.67	1,000.00
7510	Electricity	610.96	1,241.04	1,250.00	7,500.00
7520	Gas	362.00	724.00	1,250.00	7,500.00
7530	Water, Sewer and Garbage	174.80	334.04	366.67	2,200.00
7540	Snow Removal and Lawn Care	288.00	288.00	916.67	5,500.00
7810	Insurance	1,210.36	1,769.92	1,500.00	9,000.00
7910	Quickbooks Monthly Administration Fee		0.00	0.00	0.00
7950	Non Budget - Board of Trustees	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
	Board of Trustees - Sub Total	4,060.43	8,281.81	9,156.67	54,940.00
8000	Non Budget - No Board	319.99	825.82	0.00	0.00
8100	HMC Pastor's Health Reimbursement	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
8000	HMC Pastor's Retirement Contribution		125.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Budget Disbursements</b>	17,202.59	32,383.25	37,079.44	222,476.64
+	<b>Total Non Budget Disbursements</b>	819.99	1,450.82	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	18,022.58	33,834.07	37,079.44	222,476.64



# Lent 2021



## ***... Holy Night***

**Wednesdays at 7:00pm**

- *Ash Wednesday- Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion*

- 17 Feb Luke 2:18-19, 47-51 "...Round Yon Virgin Mother and Child"
- 24 Feb Mark 10:13-16 "...Holy Infant so Tender and Mild"
- 03 Mar Mark 1:9-11 "...Glories Stream from Heaven Afar"
- 10 Mar Mark 11:1-10 "...Heav'nly Hosts Sing, Halleluiah"
- 17 Mar Mark 9:2-13 "...Radiant Beams from Thy Holy Face"
- 24 Mar Mark 14:32-42 "...With the Dawn of Redeeming Grace"

(All Wednesday services are 30 minutes or less EXCEPT Ash Wednesday)

### ***Holy Week***

- **Maundy Thursday-with Holy Communion**

1 Apr 7:00pm Mark 14:12, 22-25 "...Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!"

- **Good Friday-Tenebrae Service**

2 Apr 7:00pm Luke 23:46 "...Sleep in Heavenly Peace!"

- **Easter Sunday-with Holy Communion**

4 Apr 6:00am Matthew 28:1-10 "Christ, the Savior is Born! "

4 Apr 9:30am Matthew 28:1-10 "Christ, the Savior is Born! "



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7P Maundy Thursday Service w/ communion	2 7P Good Friday Service	3
4 <b>EASTER</b> 6A Worship Service w/ communion 9:30A Worship Service w/ communion 10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School 5P Hispanic Service	5 10:30A Bible Study 6P ESL	6 6P Ladies Aid Meeting	7 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service w/ communion	8 4P Stewardship Meeting 6P ESL	9 Pastor's Day Off	10 9A Faith, Food & Fun Day
11 9:30A Worship Service 10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School 5P Hispanic Service	12 10:30A Bible Study 12P Blind Luncheon 6P ESL	13 10A Friendship Meeting	14 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service	15 6P ESL	16 Pastor's Day Off	17 9A Faith, Food & Fun Day
18 9:30A Worship Service w/communion 10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School 5P Hispanic Service	19 10:30A Bible Study 6P ESL	20 6P Mission Board Meeting 7P Voter's Meeting	21 9:30A Staff Devotions 7P Worship Service	22 6P ESL  *Earth Day	23 Pastor's Day Off	24 9A Faith, Food & Fun Day
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# Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

## Supporting Siouxland Hispanic Ministry

As we move forward into 2021, we continue seeking more financial stability. If financially supporting a specific ministry is something you or your congregation have been considering, please keep us in mind. Don't forget to add us to your daily prayer list!

### **Interested in Supporting?**

If you'd like to support our Hispanic ministry 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!**

## God's Law "Refreshing the Soul"

During a Bible study at our Spring District Conference on March 8-9, we reflected on how the Psalmist describes God's Law as perfect and "*refreshing the soul.*" He later exclaims, "*Oh! How I love your law!*" (Ps. 19:7; 119:97, NIV). If you're like me, you struggle with this at first glance; how can *any* of us stand up and feel "refreshed" by God's law with all of its holy demands? Doesn't the law always accuse us (*lex semper accusat* is the well-known Latin phrase)? Answer: When we attempt to justify ourselves *by the law*, it certainly *does* and *will always* accuse! St. Paul says it best: "*No one* will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin" (Rom. 3:20). Remembering Yessenia's comment from last month's newsletter, let's not offend Jesus by trying to impress God with our good works as if His were not enough!



Thanks be to God, Jesus has freed all of us from the curse of not fulfilling His law! In His atoning sacrifice Jesus says to you, "*I have taken your curse upon myself. I have paid the whole punishment with my blood. My Father's wrath toward you is gone now. You are freed and innocent*

## Prayers

- Thanksgiving that **Carmen's** cancer has not spread to her bones. Pray for her strength as she continues with chemotherapy for her lung cancer.
- For **Yessenia's** continued growth in the Christian faith.
- For **Rolando** as he pursues various projects to help the needy in his beloved Perú.

### For the Calendar

Our next quarterly Siouxland Hispanic Ministry meeting will be **Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 pm.** Please join us!

*and cleansed of your guilt and shame!”*

Now, because the curse of the law is gone, we are free to *begin* to fulfill God's law as new creatures by the power of His Spirit dwelling in us—always *imperfectly* this side of heaven, and yet, always covered by Jesus' blood! As our Lutheran Confessions state it:

*We believe, teach, and confess that, although people who truly believe in Christ and are genuinely converted to God have been liberated and set free from the curse and compulsion of the law through Christ, they indeed are not for that reason without the law. Instead, they have been redeemed by the Son of God so that they may practice the law day and night (Ps. 119:1). For our first parents did not live without the law even before the fall. This law of God was written into the heart, for they were created in the image of God (The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, VI, 2).*

The reason all of this comes to my mind is that I am witnessing the “refreshing” aspect of our Lord's law as I interact with people who are new to the faith. Liberated from the weight and guilt of the law upon hearing the good news of their *complete* forgiveness in Jesus, these people are finding that living according to their Creator's design is quite “refreshing” after years of utter lawlessness and chaos. Just as keeping the rules of a sport's game *allows* one to *enjoy* the game, it turns out that living according to our Creator's rules *allow* one to enjoy life more! Freed in Christ, God's good, holy, law is indeed **refreshing to the soul!**



## The Photos

1. Pictured on the first page is one of my very special catechism students, **Jasmine**. During our “*Faith, Food, Fun*” program on Saturdays, she is discovering that she has a knack for crafts.



2. To the left, a group of young teenagers practicing in our gym for a soccer tournament. One of our ESL students, **Jorge**, is a father and coach and asked if we’d be willing to let them use our space. Of course! Yet another opportunity to meet our Hispanic neighbors and build relationships. We’ll see what doors may open as a result.



3. To the right, one of our “*Faith, Fun, Food*” catechism students, **Eric**, and his teacher, **Mr. Ed**. Eric is quite the athlete at only 13 years old. He likes to challenge me to “1-v-1” (as he calls it) in basketball. I’m being reminded that skills don’t necessarily correspond with more age!

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

—**Pastor Paul Flo**—