# Hope Lutheran

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

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

## Upcoming Events:

**May 9**
Mother's Day

**May 31**
Memorial Day **(Office Closed)**

## 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 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.

## 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:**
531-218-5793
**Email:**
The1revma@gmail.com

**Pastor Henry Witte:**
712-202-4751
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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.**

## GAINS

***Baptisms-***

- Eugenia Griffin 3/28/21

***Transferred In-***

- Lana Blakeman 3/25/21
- Kody Wageman 4/20/21

## Losses

***Deaths-***

- Glenda Beck 1/11/21
- Clarrene Leffler 3/09/21
- James Santee 4/13/21
- Charles Parker Jr. 4/15/21

***Transferred Out-***

- Nick Diediker 3/16/21

## Serving In May:

**Ushers:**
**2…Kim Mast & Gerald Barge**
**9……Russ Messerschmidt &**
**……Dave Calvert**
**16……..Steve Koch & Dave Schable**
**23……Daryl Daum &**
**……..Darwyn Glover**
**30…Kevin Diediker & Dave Calvert**

**Altar Care:**
**……..Sandy Calvert**
**……Mallory Calvert**

**Greeters:**
**2……..……..Edie Chester**
**9……..Mr. & Mrs. Terry Koebernick**
**16……..Ada Hunt**
**23……Paula Verzani & Mae Reuter**
**30……..Marcee McCall**

**Altar Flowers:**
**2……..Open**
**9……..Mike & Sheila Floyd**
**16…….....Open**
**23……Kim & Kathy Mast**
**30……..Ada Hunt**

***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.**

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 (21)**
Treasurer: Pat Glover (22)
Secretary: Sheila Floyd (21)
Financial Secretary: Cindy Quandt (21)

## Boards

**Elders**
**Ed Stone (22)** Doug Mallette (21) Richard Quandt (23)
Robert Billiar (21)

**Stewardship**
**Ada Hunt (21)** Marie Wakefield (21)

**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.

VBS

**Hey families! Please reserve June 7-11, 2021 for Hope Lutheran's Vacation Bible School. All children ages 3-11 are invited to join in on the fun of exciting, interactive Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks and more. Each day from 9-11:30 a.m.**

**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!

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.

**The famous St. Paul's Lutheran School steaks will be available this summer once again. Individually wrapped New York Strip steaks will be for sale (2 for $15). First time sales will be Sunday, May 2nd, just in time for Mother's Day! All proceeds from the steak sales go to St. Paul's School.**

**Congratulations to Stephanie Sandusky! Her scholarship from Hope Lutheran got accepted!**

**ATTENTION!!!! We are looking Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested, please call the church office. 402-494-1847**

## MAY Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 2nd | Carl Petersen |
| 3rd | Mary Cummins |
| 4th | Teresa Beatty |
| 5th | Marty Johnson |
| | Brandon Miller |
| | Marie Wakefield |
| | Pastor Michael Awe |
| 7th | Debbie Woten |
| 9th | Shawn Sandusky |
| | Brittnie Wendt |
| 10th | Sophia Johnson |
| 12th | Caitlyn Bloch |
| 15th | Lamont Peters |
| 16th | Jericho Maslonka |
| 17th | Sandi Mallette |
| | Marsha Jividen |
| 19th | Aden Ferrera |
| | Dorothy Yockey |
| 20th | Justin Woten |
| 21st | Lowell Beerman |
| 22nd | Megan Maslonka |
| | Zachary Roth |
| | Dennis Kochevar |
| 23rd | Christina Wakefield |
| | Leiton Heinemann |
| 24th | Whitney Terry |
| | Brynn Reed |
| 26th | Kala Anderson |
| | Jane Miller |
| | Matt Maslonka |
| 27th | Sara Gotch |
| 28th | Sam Chernock |
| | Jacob Mattoon |
| | Ty Jager |
| 29th | Lori Jackson |

### 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/*.
- 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.[1] [2]
- 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.[3]
- 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).[4]
- 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.

[1] For this and other information on the use of fetal cell lines in relation to COVID-19 vaccines, see *lozierinstitute.org/an-ethics-assessment-ofcovid-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.* 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.*

[2] 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.*

[3] 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.* 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.*

**May 2021 Newsletter Article**

Ben was eighty years old. He was in great shape for his age. Until fifteen years ago he had worked very hard, establishing his own business. The Lord blessed that effort with great value in that business. Upon retirement, it was time for Ben to enjoy more recreation time. He lined up four different groups with whom to golf throughout the week. His wife and he loved to gather with family and friends. In their new busy schedule of retirement, there was little energy left to review their estate plan.

Ben had always said that 25% of his assets, except for the house, would be a gift to their congregation. Eventually, Ben agreed to meet with an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor and discovered that all his financial accounts were directed by beneficiary designations that would give 100% to his wife or 100% to their son. Since the will directed that their house be given to their son, and 100% of their financial accounts would be going to their son, what was left was about $3,500 in the checking account that would be controlled by the gifting language of their will. This successful businessman was going to give a $750 gift to his church.

That was not what Ben wanted at all! This realization moved him to put down the golf clubs for one day to work on his plans. After items were updated, Ben commented that he was really at peace knowing that their plan was secure and in place. He rejoiced in the gift that would be going to ministry.

Are you like Ben and his wife? Is it time for a review of your plans? Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfnd.org

## April 2021 Voters Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Glover.

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Terry Koebernick, Laverne Koebernick, Ed Stone, Sheila Floyd, Richard Quandt, Dave Calvert, Daryl Daum, Robert Billiar, Marie Wakefield, Sharon Weber with Pastor Witte.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Witte.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the March Minutes. 2nd by Richard Quandt. Passed.

Richard Quandt made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Laverne Koebernick. Passed.

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the March Financial Secretary's Report. 2nd by Laverne Koebernick. Passed.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the March Individual Summary of Accounts. 2nd by Robert Billiar. Passed.

**Christian Education:** No Report.

**Trustees:** Daryl replaced the broken hose on the vacuum cleaner. As the weather get better, the church side door will be replaced. The door has already been purchased and paid for. Daryl will be checking around the vent on the roof for leaks.

**Elders:** Meeting was held on March 31st to plan out Worship Services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Discussed plans for Acolyte, Lighting, readers and duties for the Holy Week services. Pastor Awe will resume his normal schedule for visiting shut-ins next week after he has received his 2nd COVID shot. We got 2 new members to Hope by transfer. They are Kody Wageman and Lana Blakeman.

**Missions:** No Report.

**Hispanic Ministry Committee:** Donations to the ministry have been down lately both in number and amounts. The ministry did receive a check for $50,000.00. The money came from the Nebraska District and other individual donations. We are very thankful for this money. Pastor Flo will take a more proactive approach to visiting area congregations. Instead of waiting for invitations he will develop a schedule for visiting them. Easter breakfast went well with $528 raised for Carmen Ortega. There was $1469 raised from the Lenten Suppers that will also go to Carmen Ortega. Pastor Flo has PALS on April 18th. His vacation is scheduled for the 20th to 23rd and he has an LWML presentation in Hawarden, Iowa on the 24th. Pastor Witte has vacation scheduled for April 27th to May 4th. He will lead Worship at St. Paul's on June 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th. Pastor Boring notified us that there is a grant available from Nebraska District for Hispanic kids to attend VBS or summer camps. Pastor Flo will follow up on this. HMC will meet again on May 4 at 6:00 PM.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Witte will be covering for Trinity in Hinton on May 9th and at St. Paul's on June 5th and 6th and 12th and 13th.

**Friendship Committee:** We reviewed our list of elder care and young adults. We have no high school graduates for 2020-2021. We delivered our quarterly Portal of Prayers plus Easter cards and crosses for our shut-ins. We discussed the South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce coffee hour. We will co-host on Friday, May 21st, 2021 from 9:30-10:30 AM. This will be held at the soccer fields at the shelter houses or the old Fire Station. (weather conditions). We will talk to Pastor Flo to be the speaker, and let people know about the work of the Hispanic Ministry. The fee for this event will be paid for by the Friendship Committee.

**Stewardship:** The Board met on April 8th at 2:30 PM to reviewed the March bank statements, bank account transfers, bank reports, memorial accounts and several church saving accounts. All statements looked good. The next meeting will be May 13th and the time will be decided later. Thanks Pat!

**Memorial Committee:** The Memorial Committee met on March 24th. The alter flowers in memory of Joice and Vergil Fowler were taken care of by Marie and Ed on February 7th and April 18th. Any money left in this fund will be rolled over to the Poor/Needy account. The committee along with Pastor Awe also discussed some ideas for the Carl Henshaw Estate accounts. The 3 new furnaces were paid for from the Don Esch memorial account. We recently received memorial money from the Clarrene Leffler family.

**President's Report:** Thank you for coming. Please keep up the good work.
**Pastor's Report:** No Report.

**Old Business:** A time needs to be set to clean-up and remove old marker boards TV's and cabinets from the Ed. building. These things could be taken to Dakota City during their city clean-up. We should think about replacing some tables.
There are upcoming nominations for Boards. We have to fill the OPEN positions that are on the ballot. Stewardship is one Board that needs members. We want to thank those who have stepped forward to say they will serve on a Board.
**New Business:** The soundproofing of the offices and conference room has been done. Help is needed to bring in the new cabinets. There will be more bills that will be coming in to finish this project. There will be money from Mid-American for $1000 and the rest on the money for the bills to be paid will be coming out of Memorials.

The parking lot issues have been addressed again. Darwyn had talked to the gentleman that is using our parking lot after hours. He has agreed to move the vehicles off the lot before 6 PM. A motion by Ed Stone and 2nd by Richard Quandt to put up a pole on the lot with a sign that states "All Unauthorized Vehicles will be Towed". Passed.

In the near future we will have to fix some of the sinking in the parking lot. Rich told us about a plan to have a Security Committee formed. With the use of the church, it has been noticed that someone is smoking close to the building while the doors are being blocked open. This is a problem with people renting the gym. We need a committee that can look over the rental agreement, and make changes that might say if the agreement rules are broken, they can lose their security deposit. A committee with Richard Quandt, Dave Calvert and Darwyn Glover will work on the rental agreement.

The Church Mutual Insurance Co. sent us a device that is a silent alarm that will call the police in case of an emergency. This was installed in the church, and should be part of the Ushers training, so they know what the device is used for.

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

## April 2021 Ladies Aid Minutes

The Ladies Aid group met on April 6th at 6 PM. President Ada called the meeting to order. She read God Promises a Safe Landing, Not a Calm Passage.

For Christian Growth, Paula gave a reading on "Being Positive During the Corona Virus". She gave so many great ideas to try. We can make our own personal improvement plan. Hopefully we will remember to work on being positive and staying healthy.

Roll call was read with 11 members present.

The Minutes for March were read and approved.

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

Sick and Charity reported they served 97 for the Clarrene Leffler funeral.

Lois Wendt reported that she sent 1 get well card, to Jen Bruggeman and 3 sympathy cards. One to the Clarrene Leffler family, one to Edie Chester and one to the Etchison family.

**Old Business:** The Wayne Zone workshop will be Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne. The registration time will be from 9 to 9:20 AM. Lunch will be at noon. The Theme will be "Know Your Identity!" The speaker will be Pastor Nabil Nour from Hartford, S.D. The ladies packed 13 hygiene kits and 2 school kits that will go to Orphan Grain Train.

The National LWML Convention will be in Lexington, Kentucky from June 24th to the 27th. Expenses for the Delegate will be paid for by the Zone. Suzy Awe will be our delegate. Marie Wakefield will also be going to the convention.

The table cloths are in the storage room and will be sorted through and determined what can be used.

Ada gave us some information about Lamplighters.

**New Business:** It was noted that through an oversight the Easter favors for the nursing homes were not delivered. Pat will call the homes and get a head count. Mae Reuter and Paula Verzani are on Sick and Charity for April, May and June. They will deliver the favors to the nursing homes.

Mae Reuter told us about all the wonderful cards she received for her 90th birthday. She said she enjoyed reading them all. Diane Barge told the ladies Thank You for the get-well card and for thinking about her during her stay in the hospital.

Correspondence at this time was from Lamp, and a Thank You from the Reed family for Clarrene Leffler's funeral.

There were no Birthdays this month.

Our Hostesses this month were Mae Reuter and Paula Verzani. Our next meeting will be May 4th at 6 PM. We will be cleaning the church kitchen. We will also order pizza at that time.

The meeting closed with the League Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheila Floyd

**Hope Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report** | **Period Ending** | **03/31/2021**

**South Sioux City, Nebraska**

| | | Prior Month Ending Bal | Current Mth Ending Bal |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Checkbook** | (1,060.18) | (36.91) |

| Account # | | | Current Month | YTD Amount | Budget to Date | Annnual Budget Amt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Budget Receipts** | | | | | |
| 1010 | Envelopes - General Fund | | 16,333.72 | 40,972.16 | | |
| 1020 | Loose Plate - General Fund | | 161.00 | 240.00 | | |
| | | Sub Total | 16,494.72 | 41,212.16 | | |
| | **Non-Budget Receipts** | | | | | |
| 1110 | Debt Reduction | | | 0.00 | | |
| 1120 | Special Gifts | | 1,519.00 | 3,229.10 | | |
| 1130 | Reimbursements | | 250.00 | 1,717.87 | | |
| 1140 | Miscellaneous Income | | | 387.00 | | |
| | | Sub Total | 1,769.00 | 5,333.97 | | |
| + | Transfer from Savings | | | 0.00 | | |
| + | Transfer from Stifel | | | 0.00 | | |
| + | Transfer from LCEF | | | 5,000.00 | | |
| + | Loan Proceeds | | | 0.00 | | |
| | **Total Deposits** | | 18,263.72 | 51,546.13 | | |
| | **Monthly Balance** | | | | | |
| | Total Monthly Disbursements | | 17,240.45 | 51,074.52 | | |
| + | Transfers to Savings-Stifel | | | 664.00 | | |
| | **Total Disbursements** | | 17,240.45 | 51,738.52 | | |
| | **Current Balance** | | (36.91) | | | |

| | | Current Month | YTD Amount | Budget to Date | Annnual Budget Amt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Disbursements** | | | | |
| | **Mission Board** | | | | |
| | **Outreach** | | | | |
| 2010 | Synod Support (3%) | 322.61 | 1,184.76 | 1,125.00 | 4,500.00 |
| 2020 | Hispanic Ministry (2%) | 215.07 | 789.84 | 950.00 | 3,800.00 |
| 2030 | Light of the World Outreach | | 0.00 | 150.00 | 600.00 |
| 2040 | Concordia Seminary Support | | 0.00 | 100.00 | 400.00 |
| 2110 | Missionary Support - Schulte's | | 0.00 | 200.00 | 800.00 |
| 2120 | Lutheran Family Service of Iowa | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 500.00 |
| 2130 | Her Health | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 500.00 |
| 2140 | Poland | | 0.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |

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| 2150 | Congregations for Concordia University | | 0.00 | 544.66 | 2,178.64 |
| | **Friendship Committee** | | | | |
| 2310 | County Fair Ministry | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2320 | Local Outreach | 16.92 | 54.99 | 500.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 2330 | Inreach | | 0.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 2340 | Video Ministry | | 0.00 | 25.00 | 100.00 |
| 2950 | Non Budget - Mission Board | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Mission Board - Sub Total | 554.60 | 2,029.59 | 4,344.66 | 17,378.64 |
| | **Board of Christian Education** | | | | |
| 3010 | Sunday School | | 0.00 | 375.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 3015 | Sunday School - Missions | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3020 | Vacation Bible School | 186.99 | 186.99 | 375.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 3025 | LCEF VBS Grant | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3030 | Teacher Training | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 500.00 |
| 3040 | Counselor Training and Expenses | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 500.00 |
| 3090 | Resource Material | | 0.00 | 87.50 | 350.00 |
| 3110 | Adult Education | | 0.00 | 75.00 | 300.00 |
| 3120 | Mid Week School | | 22.58 | 375.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 3210 | Parochial School Tuition Assistance | | 0.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 3220 | Camp Luther Jr League | | 0.00 | 62.50 | 250.00 |
| 3230 | Registration for District Meetings | | 0.00 | 75.00 | 300.00 |
| 3310 | Youth Activities | | 0.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 3320 | Sports Ministry | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 500.00 |
| 3950 | Non Budget - Board of Christian Education | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Board of Christian Education - Sub Total | 186.99 | 209.57 | 2,300.00 | 9,200.00 |
| | **Board of Stewardship** | | | | |
| 5110 | Offering Envelopes | | 0.00 | 25.00 | 100.00 |
| 5120 | Stewardship Education | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 500.00 |
| 5510 | Vanco Online Admin Fee | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5950 | Non Budget - Board of Stewaradship | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Board of Stewardship - Sub Total | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 600.00 |
| | **Board of Elders** | **Current Month** | **YTD Amount** | **Budget to Date** | **Annnual Budget Amt** |
| | **Pastoral Support** | | | | |
| 6110 | Admin. Pastor's Salary | 3,480.08 | 10,440.24 | 12,840.25 | 51,361.00 |
| 6120 | Admin. Pastor's auto | 29.12 | 120.40 | 1,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| 6130 | Admin. Pastor's Housing | 2,140.00 | 6,420.00 | 6,420.00 | 25,680.00 |
| 6140 | Admin. Pastor's Health Reimbursement | | 2,240.00 | 700.00 | 2,800.00 |
| 6150 | Admin. Pastor's Benefits | 2,177.50 | 6,591.13 | 4,444.50 | 17,778.00 |
| 6160 | Admin. Pastor's Continuing Education | | 0.00 | 62.50 | 250.00 |
| 6170 | Admin. Pastor's Conventions and Conf | 80.00 | 80.00 | 187.50 | 750.00 |
| 6190 | Admin. Pastor's Retirement Contributution | 1,200.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,109.25 | 8,437.00 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6210 | Guest Speakers | | 0.00 | 112.50 | 450.00 |
| 6220 | Wayne NE Circuit Dues | | 0.00 | 75.00 | 300.00 |
| | **Administration** | | | | |
| 6310 | Secretary's Salary | 1,470.65 | 4,082.27 | 4,680.00 | 18,720.00 |
| 6320 | Secretary's Benefits | 139.28 | 417.84 | 512.50 | 2,050.00 |
| 6330 | Secretary's Soc. Security & Medicare | 110.29 | 332.64 | 358.00 | 1,432.00 |
| 6340 | Secretary's Soc Sec/Med/NE/Fed Withholding | 119.29 | 416.67 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6380 | Treasurer's Salary | | 0.00 | 62.50 | 250.00 |
| | **Christian Worship** | | | | |
| 6410 | Organists | 400.00 | 600.00 | 1,250.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 6421 | Music Fund | | 0.00 | 25.00 | 100.00 |
| 6510 | Alter/Worship Supplies | 277.34 | 320.63 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 6910 | Select Account Administration Fee | 7.80 | 23.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6950 | Non Budget - Board of Elders | 23.00 | 23.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Board of Elders - Sub Total | 11,654.35 | 34,508.22 | 35,089.50 | 140,358.00 |
| | **Board of Trustees** | | | | |
| | **Administration** | | | | |
| 7010 | Office Supplies | 1,022.72 | 2,488.65 | 1,375.00 | 5,500.00 |
| 7020 | Postage | | 0.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 7040 | Telephone | 125.55 | 376.96 | 300.00 | 1,200.00 |
| | **Church Properties** | | | | |
| 7210 | Custodian's Salary | 670.00 | 2,010.00 | 2,010.00 | 8,040.00 |
| 7310 | Janitor Supplies | 209.72 | 209.72 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 7320 | Kitchen Supplies | | 0.00 | 125.00 | 500.00 |
| 7410 | General Maintenance | 177.44 | 794.91 | 1,250.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 7420 | Equipment | | 0.00 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 7510 | Electricity | 588.92 | 1,829.96 | 1,875.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 7520 | Gas | 362.00 | 1,086.00 | 1,875.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 7530 | Water, Sewer and Garbage | 179.40 | 513.44 | 550.00 | 2,200.00 |
| 7540 | Snow Removal and Lawn Care | | 288.00 | 1,375.00 | 5,500.00 |
| 7810 | Insurance | 1,133.76 | 2,903.68 | 2,250.00 | 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 | 4,469.51 | 12,751.32 | 13,735.00 | 54,940.00 |
| 8000 | Non Budget - No Board | | 825.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8100 | HMC Pastor's Health Reimbursement | | 250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 8000 | HMC Pastor's Retirement Contribution | 375.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | **Total Budget Disbursements** | 16,842.45 | 49,225.70 | 55,619.16 | 222,476.64 |
| + | **Total Non Budget Disbursements** | 398.00 | 1,848.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | **Total Disbursements** | 17,240.45 | 51,074.52 | 55,619.16 | 222,476.64 |

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 – 23 May 2021**

**10:30AM**

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# May 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2<br>9:30A Worship Service w/ communion<br>10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School<br>5P Hispanic Service | 3<br>**10:30A Bible Study**<br>**6P ESL** | 4<br>**6P Ladies Aid Meeting** | 5<br>9:30A Staff Devotions<br>7P Worship Service w/ communion<br>**8P Elder's Meeting** | 6<br>**6P ESL** | 7<br>Pastor's Day Off | 8 |
| **Mother's Day** 9<br>9:30A Worship Service<br>10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School<br>5P Hispanic Service | 10<br>**10:30A Bible Study**<br>**12P Blind Luncheon**<br>**6P ESL** | 11<br>**10A Friendship Meeting** | 12<br>9:30A Staff Devotions<br>7P Worship Service | 13<br>**Stewardship Meeting**<br>**6P ESL Last Day** | 14<br>Pastor's Day Off | 15 |
| **16**<br>9:30A Worship Service w/communion<br>10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School<br>5P Hispanic Service | 17<br>**10:30A Bible Study** | 18<br>**6P Mission Board Meeting**<br>**7P Voter's Meeting** | 19<br>9:30A Staff Devotions<br>7P Worship Service | 20 | 21<br>Pastor's Day Off<br>**9:30A-10:30A SSC Chamber Coffee Hour @ Scenic Park** | 22 |
| 23<br>9:30A Worship Service<br>10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School<br>5P Hispanic Service | 24<br>**10:30A Bible Study** | 25 | 26<br>9:30A Staff Devotions<br>7P Worship Service | 27 | 28<br>Pastor's Day Off | 29 |
| 30<br>9:30A Worship Service<br>10:30A Bible Study/Sunday School<br>5P Hispanic Service | 31<br>**Memorial Day**<br>**(Office Closed)** | | | | | |

# 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!**

## Working Together as the Body!

This last month has been a busy one with the many Holy Week and Easter festivities. We hope that you continue to have a blessed Easter season—all fifty days of it as we move toward Pentecost! And even after the season, of course, Easter continues to shape our daily lives as God's children who have been baptized into Jesus' death so that we might rise to live a new life with Him.

One of *Siouxland Hispanic Ministry's* ongoing goals is to be working together as Lutheran congregations as we reach out to our Hispanic neighbors with the love and message of Christ. A full body can do far more than a hand or foot alone, so dividing ourselves into separate groups that don't interact or support each other just doesn't make much sense. One of the positive fruits of living in a culture that is increasing its pressures *against* faithfully living according to God's Word is that we as Christians will *have to* do what we should *always be* doing—doing life together! Interacting, supporting, encouraging, exhorting, burden-sharing, emboldening, and rejoicing together. As faithful

## Prayers

- Thanksgiving that **Carmen** has recovered from COVID-19. As you can imagine, we were very concerned about her since she is *also* battling cancer!
- For **Yessenia** who recently suffered a stroke.
- For **Rolando** as he pursues various projects to help the needy in his beloved Perú.

### For the Calendar

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

Christians get pushed to the fringes of our culture, we will rejoice *all the more* in our Christ-centered sub-culture, a closely-knit flock of sheep who hear and follow the voice of their Shepherd—a flock that boldly and unashamedly lives *counter*-culturally, living out the truth in love in a world where both seem to be rapidly diminishing.

On the first page, you see some local Lutherans who joined us for our quarterly *Siouxland Hispanic Ministry* meeting on March 9. There were about twenty-five people from four different *Siouxland* congregations who came together to talk about how this special ministry is going, share ideas, enjoy fellowship (and delicious tacos!), and pray together as we move forward with sharing the Gospel with our Hispanic neighbors—all together and **working together as the body!**

Above, you see **Ángel, Fátima,** and **Jasmine** at our local beach—the sandy shore of the Missouri River, that is!

***Other Photos***

1. LEFT: The **Calvert family** enjoying our Easter breakfast after sunrise service. We raised about $500 to help **Carmen** with her medical costs as she continues battling cancer.

2. RIGHT: Another group from our quarterly meeting— **Sandy, Joyce, Dave,** and **Ed** (top to bottom). A special thanks to Sandy, Dave, and Ed for all they do as core members of Hope Lutheran's Hispanic Ministry Committee.

3. BELOW: If you're a podcast listener, check out **"The Theology Flow"** that I've been working on. You'll hear short 10-15 minute reflections on a variety of topics. You can find it anywhere you listen to podcasts (Apple podcasts, iTunes, Spotify, etc.)

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 —**