

2022

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL

# Hope Scope

*But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. I Corinthians 8:9 (NRSV)*

When you have a few minutes, I invite you to read this whole passage, which runs from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. It is the Apostle Paul writing about a subject that is strange to us. It seems that in the early church, while there were still temples to other gods operating in many cities, some Christians were afraid to eat meat, because they feared that before the meat had come to the public market, it may have been offered as a sacrifice to another god—an idol—in one of those temples.

Some other Christians thought the whole subject was ridiculous, and freely ate meat bought at the public market. Their position was that since there is only one God, this meat was never offered in sacrifice to any real god, so it just didn't matter. They had the right to eat meat. This was a pretty divisive issue in Corinth.

And Paul agrees that there is no problem with eating the meat. But what if one of those Christians who has a problem with the meat sees you eating, and does so himself. His conscience will be disturbed, because he has now done something he thinks is wrong. And you were the one who influenced him to do it. What you find in the end is that Paul says eating meat is just fine. But if it causes harm to another, then, "I will never eat meat." Paul was willing to sacrifice his rights, so that harm did not come to another.

This controversy is one that is unlikely ever to bother us. But the Paul's idea about how we exercise our rights might continue to matter. We live in an age where personal freedom is a very high ideal—possibly to the point of becoming an idol for us. And so this idea—sacrificing our own rights so that we do no harm to another—has become quite foreign.

When I hear people in the news these days—and even in conversation—there is an awful lot of talk about personal liberty—personal freedom—and almost no talk about the personal responsibility we have for each other.

In this season of Lent, we remember the tremendous sacrifice that has been made for us, and if we choose to follow in Jesus' footsteps, we will find ways to make sacrifices for each other.

Blessings, **Brian Jones**

### Highlights from February 28th Session Meeting:

- \* Approved the purchase and installation of new outdoor speakers in the Hopewood Chapel from Advanced Ministry Technologies;
- \* Decided to ask members of the congregation to volunteer to work at the April 5 Presbytery meeting; and
- \* Set Sunday, September 11, for a 50th anniversary celebration for Hope Presbyterian Church.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (TAKEN ON EASTER SUNDAY)

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and vulnerable through three life-saving programs~

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

Please give generously!



### FINANCE REPORT

	February	Year to Date 2/28/2022	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$18,046.51	\$37,892.75	\$18,946.38
Expenses	\$22,780.60	\$46,443.91	\$23,221.96
Net Loss	(\$4,734.09)	(\$8,551.16)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$25,277.35
Per Capita Assessment for 2022			\$8,256.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 2/28/2022			\$2,271.00

Jerry Bents, Treasurer

**\*If you have not paid your Per Capita, please do so using the blue giving envelopes available in the pews, by sending a check to church, or pay online on our website ([hopechurchspicer.org](http://hopechurchspicer.org)) and click on "Give Now."**

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!!

### **Sign-Up today to schedule your photo session!**

To sign up for your photo session, please visit the signup website at <https://volunteersignup.org/KTMFQ>. Times still available are Sunday mornings, until Easter Sunday, before and after worship. You can also submit a photograph, either via email ([sandywersal@gmail.com](mailto:sandywersal@gmail.com)) or give it to Sandy Wersal. We would like to have everyone in the directory (members, non-members, summer and regular attendees. For planning purposes, we are using a brown background. If you have any questions, or to sign-up if you don't have a computer, please call Stephanie at 320-220-1504.



*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



Wednesday, April 6th  
5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper  
(Kitchen-All Groups)  
6:15 p.m. Worship

Sunday, April 10th  
Palm Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14th  
7:00 p.m. Worship  
With Communion and Cantata by the choir

Easter Sunday, April 17th  
(No early service this year)  
9:15 a.m. Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Worship

## Christian Education Youth Fellowship Report

“And even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, until I declare Your power to the next generation, Your mighty acts to all who are to come.” Psalm 71: 18

### Legacy

Legacies are important. I recently loss my father and was thinking about all the legacies he left with us, his children. My mother-in-law also gave me a book about legacies. Legacies are important. Everybody leaves a legacy.

I was thinking about the legacies of Jesus Christ. All that He was is a legacy for us. He left a legacy of love, forgiveness, grace, acceptance, sacrifice, and the list goes on! During this season of Lent there is no end to things to contemplate. We could pick just one legacy of Jesus and focus on how that one legacy impacts our lives.

Legacies are important. I would like to think I will pass on at least hints of the legacies left to us from Jesus. I ask myself if I am intentional about the legacy I will leave. We all leave legacies. What will they be?



The sledding party at Sibley State Park on March 13 was a fun time!



The fish banks have been distributed. They should be **brought back to church on Palm Sunday, April, 10<sup>th</sup>.**

This money is used for 3 Presbyterian projects:

- 1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- 2. Self-Development of People
- 3. Presbyterian Hunger Program

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**Upcoming Events in Christian Education:**

- Saturday, April 2      Mission work for Grades 6-12 – Volunteer work at The Link  
                                         **9:45-12:00** with Pizza at the River of Hope Youth Center afterwards
- Palm Sunday, April 10    1. Return Fish Banks
- 2. The youth will march into church waving palm branches
- 3. WOW students will be singing during church

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**Looking ahead to May:**

- May 4                      Family Meal is **moved** to next week – May 11
- May 11                    Family Meal and end-of-year celebration
- May 13                    Meatball Supper (Pending Session approval) - No Silent Auction
- May 15                    1. High School Graduate reception at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall
- 2. We will be honoring our graduates in church



**High School Graduates:**

Dylan Gehrke                      Anakin Haglund                      Trevin O'Malley                      Skyla Sampson

Respectfully Submitted by Tyann Jones

## LOVE DIVINE

**LOVE DIVINE**, as the title states, takes its theme from John 3:16. The Bible verse which is the central pillar of Christianity: “For God so loved the World that He gave His one and only Son: that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” The love behind Christ’s sacrifice, as Charles Wesley’s timeless lyrics tell us, is pure and unbounded and excels all others.—Joel Ramey

Hope’s Choir will present Joel Ramey’s cantata, **LOVE DIVINE**, beginning on Thursday evening, April 14th, as part of the Maundy Thursday worship, and complete it on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Through music and narration, the cantata effectively commemorates the story of Christ’s Passion, concluding with the Resurrection.

We began rehearsals of **LOVE DIVINE** in February of 2020, and because of COVID-19, had to table it until this Spring. Now we are in full rehearsals of the music, experiencing musical trials and triumphs.

We will perform the Passion part, the first seven songs of the cantata, Maundy Thursday and triumphantly complete the cantata with the last two songs, at the 10:00 Worship on Easter Sunday.

We hope to see you at both the Maundy Thursday Worship and the 10:00 Easter Sunday Worship. Commemorating the Passion is unpleasant, but without it, there is no Easter Joy!

**MAGGIE HARP**





### Easter Flowers/Memorial Ornament

Members of the congregation are invited to contribute to the purchase of Easter Flowers that will be used to decorate the sanctuary at Easter, or purchase a Memorial Ornament for a keepsake. The cost will be \$15 for a flower or ornament.

Please complete this form below and fill in names of those "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" for which you have purchased. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please pick up your flower or ornament after the service. Flowers not taken home after the service will be delivered to the ill or shut-ins by the Deacons.

Please indicate the number of:

Flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Ornaments \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of money enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check (X) "In Honor of" \_\_\_\_\_ or "In Memory of" \_\_\_\_\_

Contributed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Hope Presbyterian Church and make a notation on your check "Easter Floral & Ornament Fund." Please return this form to the church office, place in Sunday's offering plate or mail to the church: 7730 North Shore Drive, Spicer, MN 56288

**These slips will also be available in the Sunday bulletin on April 3rd.**



Thank  
you

**To Hope Church:**

Thank you so much for all you have done for us. All the prayers, food, concern, cards, etc.

We miss being a part of the congregation and activities.

Gwen & Gary Anfinson

Dear Hope Church Family,

Thank you for keeping me in your prayers these past weeks-in anticipation of, during and following surgery. All went very well and recovery is going better than I could have anticipated!

I'm grateful to this community for your love, care and concern.

Peace, Sarah Kantor (Williamson)

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**

**SATURDAY**

**MAY 7TH, 8 AM-NOON**



*spring cleanup*



**APRIL**

**30th**

**8AM - 1PM**

**THE NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HOPE ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

**TWO GREETERS AT ENTRANCES (MAIN DOOR AND OFFICE DOOR)  
TWO AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE  
CHILDCARE (IF NEEDED)  
TWO-FOUR USHERS  
FIVE ELDERS TO SERVE COMMUNION**

**(PLEASE SIGN-UP ON SHEET BY THE LIBRARY OR CONTACT KAREN IN THE  
OFFICE TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE VOLUNTEER LIST)**

**THANK YOU!!!**

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Who Knew?

They can plan! They can cook! They can serve! They can clean up!  
On March 1<sup>st</sup> the men and boys of Hope Presbyterian cooked and served a delicious  
Fat Tuesday meal of pancakes, sausages, and eggs. The only thing better than the  
meal may have been the fun they had cooking it. It was fabulous! Thank you!

**Lay Readers:**

**April 3: Sue Block**

**April 10: Open**

**April 17: Open**

**April 24: Open**

**APRIL  
CARE PANTRY  
CHALLENGE!  
DISH DETERGENT**



**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

**Coffee Servers:**

**April 3rd: Sherry & Larry Bratsch**

**Joni & Jeff Lamphere**

**April 10th: Erica & John Hippen**

**Jean & Tom Bauer**

**April 17th: Session—Easter Breakfast**

**April 24th: Bev & Howard Jones**

**Amanda & Wally Titus**





**Members with Health Concerns:**

Alisa Taatjes, Gary Anfinson, David Carlson

**Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Mitzi (Alisa Taatjes' Aunt)

Naomi Bents

Bev (Sherry Bratsch's Aunt)

Phil Quam

Friend of Sharon Jones

Brandon Dean

Pastor Jeff DeYoe

Jeff (Relative of Joni Lamphere)

Leonard Jergenson (Jonelle Foreman's brother)

Mike Haubris (Bob Hinderks' neighbor)

Mikki Williams

Sandy Aalderks

Roger Ulferts

**Grieving:**

Family of Trevor Berger, Family of Gene Swaney (Tyann's Dad), Family of Ethan Lilleberg, Family of Phyllis Jensen (Dale Flickinger's sister), Family of Ron Plucker, Family of Paula Downs

**Care Facilities:**

David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Ed Johnston (GlenOaks), Bob Sietsema (Bethesda North Pointe), Barb Morris (Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU's at GlenOaks), Maxine Quale (Willmar)

**Other Concerns:**

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction

For those deeply wounded by domestic violence

For those grieving the death of a loved one due to violence and war

For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic

For those serving in the military in Ukraine and elsewhere

**Joys:**

Baby girl (Elliot Rose) born to Heather (Knopps) & Austin Hiltner on March 17th

**April Deacons of the Month:** Joni Lamphere & Kim O'Malley

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**2022**

**Office Hours**

**8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday thru Friday**

**SUNDAYS**

9:15 A.M. Coffee

10:00 A.M. Worship

Also Facebook Live & on Radio

11:00 A.M. Bible Study

Also on TV - Channel 18 or Channel 181:

Sundays 2:30 pm, Tuesdays 11:30 am  
& 8:30 pm and Thursdays  
8:00 am & 5:00 pm