

2022



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hope Scope

... Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (NRSV)

As I write this, it is the Monday after Easter. So just yesterday the sanctuary was filled with blooming flowers and the seats were nearly full. And we celebrated Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It occurs to me that the celebration and the feeling of being in God's care sometimes wanes after Easter.

And so it is good to remind ourselves, as the Apostle Paul did with the church in Corinth, that something very big happened at Easter, that it was witnessed by hundreds of people, and that it profoundly shapes who we are. We are Easter people. We are people who get up every morning, with the Resurrection in our back pocket. We always have that piece of incredibly good news with us.

That means the way the world looks to us is different from the way it looks to some other people. We can see evidence of God's blessings in our lives and the lives of others. We can see signs of hope, when others become hopeless. And this is a blessing in itself for us, but it allows us to be a blessing for others, too. If we remember.

And so Paul reminds us. This is a great passage to have written down and just lying around, so that you see it and read it now and then. Because any given day, the activities of daily life—or just the evening news—will be enough to have us forgetting the blessings of Easter—and forgetting that God has the power and the plan to overcome everything that seeks to harm us—even death.

So no matter what happens, remember, please, that our God has blessed us beyond anything we can see or feel. God is with us, and always has been. And whatever comes at us tomorrow or the next day, God has things well in hand.

Blessings,

Brian Jones

At its April 4TH meeting, the Session approved:

- * a budget for the church's 50th anniversary celebration and requesting donations;
- * the camp meatball supper for Friday, May 13, 2022 and the costs to be charged for the meal;
- * the Mission Engagement Committee moving forward with a mission trip to Kentucky in the fall of 2022, if there is enough interest from the congregation;
- * the estimate of Cities Edge Architects to provide demolition and construction drawings needed to remodel the two main bathrooms to meet ADA requirements;
- * spring cleanup day on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and
- * receiving the annual financial records review, which found no concerns.



FINANCE REPORT

	March	Year to Date 3/31/2022	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$16,161.62	\$54,054.37	\$18,018.12
Expenses	\$28,048.07	\$74,491.98	\$24,830.66
Net Loss	(\$11,886.45)	(\$20,437.61)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$25,277.35
Per Capita Assessment for 2022			\$8,256.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 3/31/2022			\$2,658.00

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) and click on "Give Now."**

ANNUAL MEATBALL SUPPER

Fundraiser for the youth attending Clearwater Forest Camp this summer



Friday, May 13th

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Hope Presbyterian Church

7730 North Shore Drive – Spicer

Cost: \$15.00 Adults

\$10.00 Children 6-10 years

Menu: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy,
Corn, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Bars & Beverage

Christian Education Youth and Families Report Submitted by Tyann Jones

“He is not here; he has risen.” Matthew 28:6a



Love is an Overcomer

My son, Eli, once gave me this necklace that says, “OVERCOMER”. It is a very special gift to me. In Brian’s Easter sermon, he talked about God’s love “overcoming” even death! The dictionary defines “overcome” with words like succeed, defeat, overpower, and prevail. Think how powerful God’s love is to defeat even Jesus’ death on a cross.

Love is a powerful thing. Even love in our own lives can be powerful. Love can change people. Love can overcome prejudice, hatred, jealousy, and insecurities. It can overcome FEAR!

Our Christian Education leaders here at Hope Presbyterian teach about God’s amazing love for us. Our kids and adults hear this important message every week.

God’s love saved Jesus and it saves us too. Love is an “overcomer”. All of us, filled with God’s powerful love, can be “overcomers” too.

Fish Banks Swim Around the World

The One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks swam back to church on Palm Sunday. There was nearly \$100 in the banks. That money will be added to all the fish bank money from churches in our state, our country, and in the world. This money will help people all over our great big world!

Thank You for sharing your love.



The WOW students sang 3 songs in church on Palm Sunday. Thank You to the students and Maggie Harp for sharing their musical talents with us.



Goings on in Christian Education and Youth Fellowship

- May 1 Deadline for letting Tyann know how you will be getting to the church to work at the Meatball Supper.
- May 4 The family supper is moved to May 11. Regular classes will still go on as usual.
- May 11 Family supper at 5:30 and then End-of-the-Year activities including making a bird feeder for GlenOaks residents and other residents of our church. LAST DAY for WOW, pre-confirmation and TAG.
- May 13 Meatball supper from 4:00-7:00. This is a fundraiser to help send kids to Clearwater Forest Camp. All students help with this.
- May 15 We will honor our high school graduates with a reception during coffee hour and also during the 10:00 church service.
NLS High School Baccalaureate at 7:00 pm at the Performing Arts Center

June 22, July 20, August 17 6-8 pm Dates for fun Family Festivals

Congratulation to our High School Graduates:

Dylan Gehrke Anakin Haglund Skyla Sampson Trevin O'Malley



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SUMMER CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

May 30th-September 15th 15 hrs./week paid position

Open to Members & Non-members

If interested, please mail a cover letter to Sandy Wersal (16667 Co. Rd. 9 NE, New London) or email her at sandywersal@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To assist Maggie in preparing for the early service's musical needs, helping her at 7:30 am on Sunday mornings this summer for the outdoor worship services. A sign-up sheet will be available.

JEWELRY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Accessory Sisters would like jewelry donations for the Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 1st. Please place in the purple tote by the library.

ANAKIN HAGLUND

PARENTS: MATT & KELLI HAGLUND

Please join us in celebrating Anakin's High School Graduation! His Open House will be on Saturday, May 14th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the River of Hope Youth Center.

Future Plans: Attending Ridgewater in the fall.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."



SKYLA ELIZABETH SAMPSON



PARENTS: BARRY & SARAH SAMPSON

Please join us in celebrating Skyla's High School Graduation! Her Open House will be on Saturday, May 21st from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the River of Hope Youth Center.

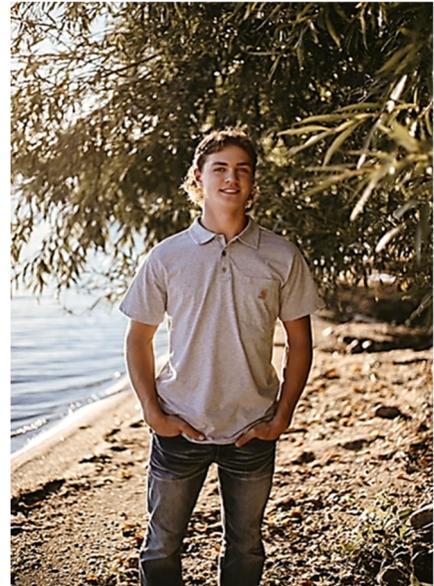
Future Plans: Attending College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, majoring in Biochemistry.

TREVIN O'MALLEY

PARENTS: BEN & KIM O'MALLEY

Please join us in celebrating Trevin's High School Graduation! His Open House will be on Friday, May 20th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at O'Neils in Spicer.

Future Plans: Attending NDSCS in Wahpeton, ND For Business Management



DYLAN GEHRKE



**PARENTS: JOSHUA GEHRKE
& DAISY GEHRKE**

Future Plans: working

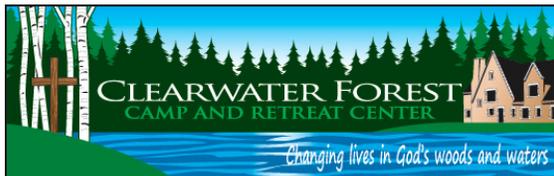


Thank
you

Thanks for the cards and concern at the time of my Dad's death & funeral. It was all appreciated so very much!

Tyann & Pastor Brian

**CLEARWATER
WORK
WEEKEND
MAY 20TH-21ST-22ND**



**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY
MAY 7TH, 8 AM-NOON**



HAVING SURGERY SOON?

The church has available these items that you can borrow:

- * Crutches**
- * Seated wheeled walker**
- * Shower chair—Long one that fits over tub**
- * Shower chair— that fits in the shower**

April 2022 Updates



Things have been busy at The Link as The Food Pantry has seen an increased need as well as Client Outreach services. We also just wrapped up MNFood Share where we raised 2,082 pounds of food and \$12,794. We have also been busy planning RibFest 2022!!!! **RibFest has been scheduled for Saturday, June 11th and will take place in the large city parking lot behind The Link!!! We are excited to try out a new space and have access to our building at our finger tips! Stay tuned for more information.....**

In March, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 12 new families, served 38 children, 81 adults and 22 seniors, 2,697 pounds of food was distributed and 311.5 pounds of food was donated from community members and churches. Food Rescue also brought in 1,805 pounds of food from Cashwise and ALDI'S. **We are currently also in need of more Food Pantry volunteers for Thursday afternoons. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in volunteering, please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555.**

The Wildcat Backpack Program-Each week, 2 kids from the High School come to pack backpacks and deliver them to each school. So far, there are approximately 50 kids that are utilizing this program weekly. If you would like to donate any food for this program or if you know someone that would benefit from utilizing the program, please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555 for more information. **Senior Food Delivery**-The Senior Food Delivery program is designed to deliver food to anyone that is homebound. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about this program please have them call Ashley at 320-354-5555.

The Link's **Client Outreach and Household Exchange** programs served 8 families in the month of March. Throughout the month, The Link was able to help with utility bills, gas for medical appointments and furniture items such as beds, living room furniture, kitchen appliances, dishes and dining room furniture for families just getting back on their feet.

The Community Revival Boutique and Thrift Store Volunteers Needed!!! We do have a specific need for regular Saturday volunteers (which could be anything from once a month to every Saturday). The Store hours are Wednesday-Friday 10am-3pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer on a regular basis in a fun, fast paced environment, please contact Shawna at 320-347-1047 or stop in during store hours. We have a lot of different jobs available from sorting and pricing donations to opening the store and running the till.

**Donations of clothing and most household items are being taken Wednesdays-Fridays 10-3 and Saturdays from 10-2 (or by appointment). Please call if you have any questions about when/where to drop off items and if there is a need for any of your bigger household items.

Volunteer Hours totaled 421 for the month of March! The work that is done at The Link and Community Revival would not be possible without the dedication to all of our faithful volunteers willing to give their time! Thank you is not enough....we are grateful to each and every one of you!!!

Tuesday's Table: may be back soon. Talk of starting it up again is in the works. If you would like to participate this year, please let Ashley know.

Monthly Giving Opportunities: The Link makes monthly giving a convenient option for our donors. You can set up online giving through The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org or directly through your bank. If you would like to make a one-time donation, you can send a check to P.O. Box 823, New London, MN 56273 or via Venmo @The-Link-1. Please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555 or email her at ashley@youarethelink.org for more information.

Lay Readers:

May 1: Deb Ficek

May 8: Jeff Wersal

May 15: Open

May 22: Kathy Taatjes

May 29: 8:30 am: Open

10:00 am: Sue Block

MAY

CARE PANTRY

CHALLENGE!

**BIRTHDAY KIT ITEMS:
CAKE MIX, FROSTING,
CANDLES, BIRTHDAY
PLATES, NAPKINS, CUPS,
TABLECLOTH, AND
DECORATIONS**



Coffee Servers:

May 1st: Sarah & Barry Sampson

May 8th: Jackie Wahl & Gaylord Lind

May 15th: Graduates, Wendy & Bob Barr

May 22nd: Karen & Jerry Bents

May 29th: Melissa & Lyle Mangen





Members with Health Concerns:

Jason Bents, Jean Bauer, Alisa Taatjes, Gary Anfinson, Robin Mulder, David Carlson

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Roger Jones (Arlos' brother)	Logan Erickson (Relative of the Taatjes')
Barb Roguske	Mitzi (Alisa Taatjes' Aunt)
Naomi Bents	Jeff (Relative of Joni Lamphere)
Bev (Sherry Bratsch's Aunt)	Roger Ulferts
Steve (Sherry Bratsch's Uncle)	Mike Haubris (Bob Hinderks' neighbor)
Friend of Sharon Jones	Mikki Williams
Brandon Dean	Sandy Aalderks

Grieving:

Family of Jordan & Steve's child (Radabaugh's granddaughter), Family of Donna Elliot (Corey Thorson's mother-in-law)

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 and injury 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

May Deacons of the Month: Sandy Meyer & Celia Evenson

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Office Hours

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

Monday thru Friday

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BEGINS OUR 8:30 A.M. OUTDOOR SERVICE

2022

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