

- *We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.*
- *Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.*

God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God's love in Christ, and we invite you to join us.

Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, which is aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:15 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 3:00 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

*(Please stand as you are able)

Prelude

Welcome

*Opening Song "Firm Foundation" (Screen)

*Call to Worship Lay Reader: Sue Block

One: Give praise to God!
ALL: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.
One: It is God who forgives.
ALL: It is God who delivers.
One: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord!

*Morning Prayer

One: O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. **ALL: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "This Is My Father's World" (Blue #293/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
ALL: Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri (Screen)

*Passing of the Peace (Let us share Christ's peace by greeting each other)

Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys

Special Music "It's Your Song, Lord" Jo Halvorsen

Children's Sermon
Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Screen)

Prayer for Illumination
One: Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. **ALL: Amen.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:1-13
¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**
³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴**who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶**The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**
⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
¹⁰**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
¹²**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**
¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon "How Many Times?" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

September 13th: Bill & Dee Schurman

September 20th: Mary O'Malley

Ushers

September 13th: Steve Barney, Lisa Thorson, Jerry & Karen Bents

September 20th: Open

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

September 13th: Sue Block

September 20th: Jeff Wersal

****Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to usher or lay read. Thanks!****

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus, & Isaac Taatjes

Video Operators: Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes, & Barry Sampson

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Isaac Taatjes

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes

Mission & Ministry Financial Snapshot

	Month of July 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date July 2026	Prior Year to Date July 2025
Operating Support Received	\$ 20,668.05	\$ 21,362.24	\$ 149,535.68	\$ 150,099.05
Ministry Operating Activity	\$ 23,973.53	\$ 25,140.55	\$ 175,983.82	\$ 164,119.26
Operating Mission Plan Variance	(\$ 3,305.48)		(\$ 26,448.14)	(\$ 14,020.21)
Support Needed to Meet the Mission Plan				\$ 27,674.40
Per Capita Commitment for 2026				\$ 7,144.00
Per Capita Support Received Through 7/31/2026				\$ 2,992.00

2026 Per Capita is \$47 per member.
Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

HOPE’S HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: September’s products of the month are... baby wash, baby lotion, diapers, pull-ups, and wipes! Please leave your donations in the CARE Pantry box by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support!

Meal Groups

Since it has been almost a year since we started the meal groups, now is the time to switch it up! If you are interested in being in a group again or you want to join in on the fun, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together the new groups towards the middle of September.

Clearwater Forest Work Weekend

Mark your calendars now – Next weekend, September 18th-20th, will be the fall cleanup weekend at Clearwater Forest Camp. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the volunteer board in the Fellowship Hall. Questions or in need of lodging? Talk to Harold Foreman.

July – August – September “These Days” Devotionals

The devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Festivals & Bazaars

It is that time of year for Fall Festivals & Bazaars! Make sure to check out the Community Events board by Steph’s office for the many events that are happening. **Just a reminder that our Fall Harvest Festival is October 10th. Specialty areas are Bake Sale, Crafts, Garden Produce/Plants, Seasonal Décor and Books/Puzzles/CD’s/Games/DVD’s. See also the sign-up sheet for items needed for the kitchen for lunch.**

Theo of Golden Book Club

There will be a book study on *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi on Thursday, Sept. 17th at either 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Please call Faith to sign up tomorrow.

*Make sure to check out the bulletin board by the offices for more Community events!

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Indoor Worship in sanctuary (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
September 14th (Monday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:45 p.m.	Deacons
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
September 15th (Tuesday)	11:00-2:00 pm	CARE Pantry distribution & lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Faith Lutheran
September 16th (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m.	Family Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:20 p.m.	WOW
	6:30 p.m.	TAG
	7:15 p.m.	Choir practice
September 17th (Thursday)	6:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee
September 18th (Friday)		Clearwater Work Weekend
September 19th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
September 20th (Sunday)	8:50 a.m.	Handbells Practice
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Indoor Worship in sanctuary (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)

Presbytery Contacts

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Presbytery Phone: 320.235.7910 (leave a message and the appropriate person will return your call.

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Denotes New

Members with Health Issues:

Sandy Wersal, Roger Steele, Kathy Taatjes, Velda Jones, Sharon Jones, Arlos Jones, Ruth Birkeland, Dick Lindahl

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Kathy (Maggie's cousin) Judy Wohlin (Joy Oman's mom)
Kendall Kragenbring (Ashley Hanson's father – from the Link)

Grieving:

Family of David Sampsal (Conny Williamson's brother), Family of Bill Titus, Family of Cecil Meyer, Family of Steve Mulder (Greg's brother), Family of Jeff (Joni's cousin)

Care Facilities:

Ruth Birkeland (Bethesda Therapy Suites – Willmar, Room #506)
Roger Steele (Cura Therapy Suites – Willmar, Room #101)
Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)
Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks Assisted Living – New London)
Hilda Grosklags (Glen Oaks apartments – New London)
Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe – New London)
David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe – New London)
Dan Quale (Bethesda North Pointe – New London)
Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe – New London)
Dick Lindahl (Primrose Retirement Community – Gillette, WY)

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, illnesses

****Please Note** If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian.

September Deacons of the Month: Bob & Carol Sampson