

2022



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hope Scope

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:1-10 (NRSV)

Maybe you have noticed that the days are getting longer. We are adding a few minutes of daylight each day now. We all know spring is not yet here, and there will still be some winter weather. But maybe the sub-zero daily high temperatures are at an end for now. And those days! They really are getting longer. And it seems so hopeful.

As I write this, we will have 10 hours, 22 minutes of daylight. But last December, we were seeing only 8 hours, 32 minutes. That is progress. “. . . God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.”

The lengthening of our days might help us remember that we are the ones who walk in the light. We are the ones who live in the truth—even when that truth is an uncomfortable one. By God’s grace, we are the ones who tell the truth, even the truth about ourselves. And we are willing to tell that truth to each other, and to God, and (this might be the hardest) to ourselves.

This is why it has always been important for Presbyterians to pray a prayer of confession each time we worship together. But for us, there is more truth-telling—more walking in the light—than just that. We believe (because he said so) that Jesus is in a sense, the Truth for us. We live in that truth too. The truth about the one who came to us to lead and to guide us, and to save us.

The return of daylight is hopeful for us—and on some mornings, glorious. But it is the light of God that we walk in, summer or winter, day or night, that is life changing for us. It is that light that tells us and shows us who we are: Children of God.

Blessings, **Brian Jones**

Highlights from February 7th Session Meeting:

- * Approved the 2021 Church Statistical Report submitted by the Clerk to the General Assembly
- * Approved getting a recycling bin;
- * Received a report on the officer training held for the Deacons and Ruling Elders;
- * Approved the men of the church hosting a Fat Tuesday meal the evening of March 1, 2022;

Received information on:

- * Ash Wednesday service to be held March 2, 2022 at 7 p.m.
- * Soup and bread meals to be held each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. during Lent hosted by HPW followed by Lenten services at 6:15 p.m.
- * Maundy Thursday service to be held April 14 at 7 p.m. with Communion
- * Possibly holding Good Friday service on April 15 at the discretion of Pastor Jones
- * Session hosting a breakfast Easter Sunday, April 17, between worship services

The Session offered their thanks to Stephanie Bents for filling in while Karen was out for her surgery and to Barry, Bob and Carol Sampson for patching and painting the walls in the Christian Education wing.

FINANCE REPORT

	Year to Date	Year to Date
	01/31/22	Monthly Average
Income	\$19,846.24	\$19,846.24
Expenses	\$23,663.31	\$23,663.31
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$3,817.07)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses		\$25,277.35
Per Capita Assessment for 2022	\$8,256.00	
Paid by Members Through 01/31/22	\$1,495.00	

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."**

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!!

Now that we have a new Pastor, we need a new church photo directory! We are doing the directory ourselves. If you would like prints of your photo, we can email the picture to you to print on your own. To sign up for your 15-minute session, please visit <https://volunteersignup.org/KTMFQ>. Times still available include Saturday, March 5th, and March 12th. Sunday mornings in March include the 13th, 20th and the 27th. If none of the scheduled times work for you (and your family), you can call Jerry Bents at 354-2530 to schedule a time that would work, or you can submit a photograph to us either via email (sandywersal@gmail.com) or give it to Sandy Wersal. We would like to have everyone in the directory (members, non-members, and regular attendees). For planning purposes, we will be using a brown background (NOTE change in color). 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, March 2nd
"Ash Wednesday"
7:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, March 9th
5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper (Kitchen-Group 1)
6:15 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, March 16th
5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper (Kitchen-Group 2)
6:15 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, March 23rd
5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper (Kitchen-Group 3)
6:15 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, March 30th
5:45 p.m. Soup & Bread Supper (Kitchen-Group 4)
6:15 p.m. Worship

Christian Education Youth and Families

“Kind words are like honey- sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.” Proverbs 16:24

Wordle

“Wordle” is a computer word game that has taken off in our culture. The player gets up to 6 guesses to correctly identify the given 5-letter word for the day.

In our fast-paced lives, sometimes all we take time for is a passing “word”. We enter the season of Lent in the month of March. Try to think of 1 word that epitomizes Lent for YOU. Maybe it’s contemplate, sacrifice, repent, promises. You decide for yourself.

Take a bit of time. Come up with your Lenten word, write it down, put it on your bathroom mirror. Read it. Think about it. Change it. It’s your decision. It’s your word. Maybe that one word can draw you into the Lenten season in surprising ways.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE - MARCH 2, 2022

- 6:15 PM** Wednesday night family meal.
There will be a lesson given to all classes during the meal.
- 7:00 PM** Ash Wednesday Church Service



Sunday, March 13 (rescheduled from Feb. 6)

Church-Wide SLEDDING PARTY!

We will have a pizza lunch right after church and then go to Sibley Park to go sledding. We will have the warming house at Sibley Park available for us. We will provide snacks and hot chocolate in the warming house. Bring your own sled or tube. We will need to pay the park entrance fee. We can carpool to save on that if needed. EVERYONE is INVITED!

If there is no snow, we will go on a nature hike/activities at Sibley Park instead.





NO WOW, Confirmation or TAG classes on March 23- spring break
Fish Banks will be coming soon. The banks will be returned
to church on Palm Sunday.

The One Great Hour of Sharing donations go to 3 projects of our denomination.

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



Submitted by Tyann Jones

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FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

(Served by the Men!)

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Starting at 5:30 p.m.



**JOIN US AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM
FOR A PROGRAM ON GARDENING
BROUGHT TO US BY JO HOLM, MASTER GARDENER!
SPRING IS COMING!!!!**



BABY SHOWER

For Heather (Knopps)
and Austin Hiltner
On Saturday, March 5th
at 1:00 p.m.
in the River of Hope
Youth Center!
Everyone welcome!



THANK YOU!!

We want to thank our church family at "Hope" for helping us celebrate our 80th birthday. For the gifts, phone calls, cards and spoken words of Happy Birthday. Also a thank you to the Taatjes family for serving the coffee and cupcakes. God's Blessing to all of you!!

Daryl Masters & Darlene Thompson



APRIL

30th

8AM - 1PM

February 2022 Updates



January was a quieter month for The Link, which has been nice to settle and get into a routine. We are now planning for MN FoodShare month, which starts February 28 and runs through April 10th. The [Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign](#) brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help keep 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year. Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over 18 million dollars to March Campaign participating food shelves throughout the state via the Minnesota FoodShare FoodFund. This fund includes donations secured year-round from corporations, individuals, foundations, and businesses. One hundred percent of donations received by Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to March Campaign participating food shelves. For more information on the Minnesota FoodShare, visit www.mnfoodshare.org.

The Community Revival Boutique and Thrift Store Volunteers Needed!!! We are in need of more volunteers!!! 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.

In January, **The Food Pantry** welcomed 9 new families, served 31 children, 75 adults, and 20 seniors. Food equaling 2,814 pounds was distributed and 341 pounds of food was donated from community members and churches. Food Rescue also brought in 2,561 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 12-2:30 any Thursday if you are available, please contact Ashley at 320-354-5555.

The Wildcat Backpack Program- Each week, 2 kids from the High School come 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 January. 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.

Tuesday's Table: Tuesday's Table continues to be cancelled until further notice.

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:

**March 6: Jonelle Foreman
“Celebrate the Gifts of
Women Sunday”**

March 13: Sue Block

March 20: Open

March 27: Open

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

**MARCH
CARE PANTRY
CHALLENGE!
SHAMPOO AND
CONDITIONER**



ADULTS, BABIES & KIDS !!



Communion Servers for Sunday, March 6th: Steve Barney, Kristene Foreman, Greg Mulder, Bob Sampson and Sandy Wersal

Coffee Servers:

March 6: Dee & Bill Schurman

March 13: Robin & Greg Mulder

March 20: Conny & John Williamson

March 27: Deb Steele & Kristene Foreman





Members with Health Concerns:

Duane Taatjes, Karen Sulheim, Dee & Palmer Norling, Robin Mulder, David Carlson

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Paula Downs	Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)
Jill Gau	Co-worker of Sherry Bratsch
Brandon Dean	Steve (Friend of Larry Bratsch)
Nathan Saetveit	Sara (Williamson) & Dan Kantor
Sandy Aalderks	Pastor Jeff DeYoe
Roger Ulferts	David Hallberg
Norma Brown (Pete Schandorff's Mom)	Bill (Bob Sampson's brother-in-law)

Grieving:

Family of Jim Berg, Family of Maxine Welch, Family of Geraldine McPherson (Jim Berg's Mom)

Care Facilities:

Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Ed Johnston (GlenOaks), Bob Sietsema (Bethesda North Pointe, New London), 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

For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic

For those serving in the military

*****Paula Downs is now on Hospice-If you would like to send a card to her, her address is: 5260 127th St. N., Suite 14 in Hugo, MN 55038.**

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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