

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

Sermon "While It Was Still Dark" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Sermon Hymn** "The Day of Resurrection!" (Blue #118/Screen)

***Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed**

Offering/Offertory "Hallelujah Chorus" Adult Choir

***Doxology** (Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** "Christ Arose" (Screen)

***Charge/Benediction** "Aaron's Blessing"

Postlude

Notes:

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Spicer, MN 56288

320-796-2650

E-mail: hopepres@gmail.com

Website: hopechurchspicer.org

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter/Resurrection Sunday

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God's love, grace and hope.

- *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

Lay Reader: Heather Carver

***Call to Worship**

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let this place resound with joy.

ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, so that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (Blue #113/Screen)

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, so that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us

courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through your love and by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 "He is Alive" Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (STF #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination

One: Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of life.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

2 Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

14 The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

April 5th: Session members

April 12th: Sandy & Jeff Wersal, Connie Swanson

Ushers

April 5th: Joni Lamphere, Eli Twernbold, Alisa & Isaac Taatjes

April 12th: Savannah & George Appleby

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

April 5th: Heather Carver

April 12th: Sue Block

Acolytes

Eli Twernbold, Isaac Taatjes

Savannah & George Appleby

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

****Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher or lay read. Thank You!****

FINANCE REPORT

	Month of Feb 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date Feb 2026	Prior Year to Date Feb 2025
Income	\$16,979.87	\$19,057.16	\$38,114.32	\$43,611.14
Expenses	\$25,947.32	\$23,829.22	\$47,658.44	\$50,664.19
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$8,967.45)		(\$9,544.12)	(\$7,053.05)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$27,674.40
Per Capita Assessment for 2026				\$7,144.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 2/28/2026				\$1,904.00

2026 Per Capita is \$47 per member.

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

Special offering envelopes are now located on the table in the Narthex rather than in the pews. See an usher if you need help finding them.

HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: April's product of the month is.... dish soap! Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes or in the CARE Pantry box by the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support!

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! The meatball supper will take place on Friday, April 24th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. It is a little earlier than usual due to activities at the school our kids are involved in. Cost: \$15 per plate. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fortune Cookies play

The Atwater Area Help for Seniors will be hosting "Fortune Cookies", in association with The Remember Project at the Atwater Community Center on Thursday, April 23rd from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. RSVP to 320-974-8737 if you plan to attend.

Camp GK Bear – Grief Camp for Kids

Join CentraCare for Camp GK Bear on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 am at the Lakeland Auditorium. Please register at www.CentraCare.com/CampGKBear by Friday, April 10th.

"Melodies That Matter: Utilizing Music with Intention While Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones" on Thursday, April 16th from 10:30 am to noon at Vinje Church – Willmar. Please see the poster on the Community Event board for more info.

"The Stories that Shape Us"

Prairie Arts Chorale presents "The Stories that Shape Us". See the Community Events bulletin board for dates, times, and locations.

"Beating A Dead Horse"

At the Barn Theatre – April 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th at 7:00 pm; April 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th at 2:00 pm

West Central Singers

Help the West Central Singers celebrate their 25th anniversary by attending their performance on Saturday, April 18th at 2:00 pm at the Brau Performing Arts Center at Willmar Senior High. This performance will feature the premiere of "Beauty Boundless" written by Carol Meier. Tickets available at the door for \$10.

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

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5th (Easter Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) No Adult Bible Study
April 6th (Monday)	Office Closed No Coffee & Conversation 6:30 p.m. Technology Committee meeting
April 7th (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m. Staff meeting 11 am – 2 pm CARE Pantry item distribution 12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry lunch 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table – Our Lady of the Lakes 6:30 p.m. HPW meeting (devotions: Sue Block)
April 8th (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. Family supper 6:00 p.m. Worship service 6:15 p.m. WOW 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
April 9th (Thursday)	
April 10th (Friday)	
April 11th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
April 12th (Camp Sunday)	9:00 a.m. Belize Mission Trip meeting 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) 11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Glen Oaks service

April – May – June “These Days” Devotionals

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:

Jason Bents, Mark Radabaugh, Myron Ficek, John & Conny Williamson

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Shelly Krossman (friend of Sherry Bratsch) Karlene DeGeest
Sarah Sampson's grandma Carl (Laura Norling's uncle)

Grieving:

Family of Joann Ryks, Family of Jane Hedin (Don Heath's sister-in-law), Family of Baylor Sietsema (infant son of Brennen & Courtney (Edwards) Sietsema – friends of Larry & Sherry Bratsch)

Care Facilities:

Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)
Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks apartments – 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)

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.

April Deacons of the Month: Lisa Thorson & Karen Bents