

2026



Hope Scope

"Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country."

~ Luke 4:14 (NRSV)

According to Luke's Gospel, in Jesus' time, somehow word about Jesus spread through all the surrounding country. And if we ask how that could happen, I am sure we would be told that it happened by word of mouth. There really were no other options.

But do you then find it surprising that getting word about Jesus out in our time seems to be so difficult? I mean we live in the age of information. We, and almost everyone we know, have smart phones and Wi-Fi. And if you are just a little bit old school, you might have a land line and maybe - just maybe - you even use the US Mail from time to time.

So, if word travelled so well 2000 years ago, what do you suppose the trouble is today? I would guess that part of it has to do with information overload. There is so much coming at us all day every day, that it is really hard to sort it out - to decide what is important. It's like trying to drink from a fire hose.

But I wonder, too, if those of us who know about Jesus are just a lot less excited about that than people were in the first century. Maybe it is harder for us to get excited because there is just so much. So much that is happening. So much stuff to keep track of. But doesn't it seem strange that we are not very good at (or maybe we are just unwilling!) talking with others about this most important thing?

Maybe we could put our heads together to try to think of ways to get the word out about Jesus, about God, about Hope Presbyterian. Do you have thoughts about it? I'd like to hear about them.

~ Blessings, Brian Jones

Due to the way the calendar fell for the month of September, the Session meeting was held after the Hope Scope was published. Stay tuned to November's Hope Scope for the September Session meeting highlights.



MISSION & MINISTRY OPERATING SNAPSHOT

Our giving reminds us that we do not own our possessions, but they are an extension of God's grace and care. The kind of giving that matters is when it is worshipful, sacrificial, and generous.

	Month of August 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date August 2026	Prior Year to Date August 2025
Operating Support Received	\$ 23,741.55	\$ 21,659.65	\$ 173,277.23	\$ 174,556.01
Operating Activity	\$ 29,378.89	\$ 25,324.37	\$ 202,594.94	\$ 184,537.90
Operating Variance (Loss)	(\$ 5,637.34)		(\$ 29,317.71)	(\$ 9,981.89)
Support Needed to Meet the Mission Plan				\$ 27,674.40
Per Capita Commitment for 2026				\$ 7,144.00
Per Capita Support Received Through 07/31/2026				\$ 3,139.00

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

In 2026, Per Capita has increased to \$47.00 per active member.



FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7730 NORTH SHORE DRIVE, SPICER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

-  Morning Coffee & Rolls
-  Soup/Chili & Sandwich Lunch
Pie and Bars
-  Bake Sale
-  Crafts
-  Garden Produce/Plants
-  Seasonal Décor
-  Books/Puzzles/CD's/Games/DVD's



Christian Education Youth & Families

Respectfully submitted by Tyann Jones

Rally Day was August 30th!!

We commissioned our Christian Education leaders; the kids helped sing in church; we had a "Special" table for the youth and fun games outside! What a wonderful celebration and kick-off to our Christian Education programs!

"Growing in God's Word"
"God's Word is a seed" Luke 8:11





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We have a meal EVERY
Wednesday night at 5:30.

There is a short worship service
at 6:00.

Then the youth go to their
classes as usual.

WOW 6:20-7:15
TAG 6:30-7:30

Everyone is ALWAYS welcome
to come to our Wednesday
night meals and worship
service!



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Learning about Trust during Wednesday night Worship





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Christian Education Leaders 2026-2027

Thank you for sharing your time and gifts for this very important ministry.

Preschool- Second Grade

Wally Titus, Sue Schiro

Third Grade – Sixth Grade

Joni Lamphere, Sarah Sampson

Confirmation

Pastor Brian Jones

T.A.G.

Seventh Grade – Twelfth Grade

Jason and Liz Windingstad

Kelli and Matt Haglund

Substitutes: Pastor Brian and Tyann Jones

Adult Bible Studies

Pastor Brian Jones
Volunteers as needed

Opening Exercises

Tyann Jones

Music

Maggie Harp

Substitute

Tyann Jones

Christian Education Youth & Families Committee

Deb Ficek, Allie Johnson, Tyann Jones, Alisa Taatjes, Joni Lamphere,
Melissa Mangen, Amanda Titus, Pam Sigafoos, Maggie Harp, Brooke Appleby
Jonelle Foreman, Stephanie Bents

Food Committee

Robin Mulder
Pam Sigafoos
Dee Schurman
Carol Sampson

The CEYF committee and Liz and Jason Windingstad will also be helping prepare Wednesday Night meals throughout the year.

**THANK YOU for giving of your time and talents to serve.
You are appreciated!**



This article was in the Clearwater Forest Newsletter:

Volunteer Spotlight & Impact Moment: Harold & Jonelle Foreman

Harold and Jonelle Foreman are a dynamic duo who make Clearwater Forest a better place! Harold helps with miscellaneous work projects, such as replacing the steps at the Grouse Circle Bathhouse and remodeling various spaces while Jonelle zips around camp doing cleaning and painting of every sort. Harold and Jonelle are regulars at the Clearwater campgrounds and help keep Clearwater Forest looking great!
Thank you for everything you do, Foremans!!



Way to go Harold and Jonelle!

In addition to Harold and Jonelle, we have volunteers from Hope Church who travel to Clearwater Forest Camp every spring and fall to help set up and then to help put everything away.

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Mental Wellness Presentation

October 11th 11:15-12:00 in the Fireside Room

Meal served after the presentation

Ashley Kjos from Woodland Centers will be discussing 2 issues:

- **Depression and Socialization**
- **Grief, Loss, and Transitions**

Be sure to attend and bring a friend!

**Adult Bible Study starting October 11th after church.
6 Session Video series by Max Lucado.
“Tame Your Thoughts”- 3 Tools to renew your mind and transform
your life.**



CALLING ALL TRUNK OR TREATERS!



- When:** Sunday, October 25th 4:30 - 5:30
Set up trunks at 4:00
- Where:** Parking lot of Hope Presbyterian Church
- Who:** All of us at Hope and Our Whole Community
- Also:** All youth and those who decorated a trunk
are invited with their families to eat pizza up
at the youth center afterwards.

Trunk or Treat Community Event



Sunday, October 25, 2026

4:30-5:30 PM

**Hope Presbyterian Church
7730 North Shore Drive, Spicer.**

Put on your Halloween costumes and join the fun. There will be an array of decorated “Trunks with Treats” as well as drinks and assorted goodies.



Everyone is Welcome!

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Fridge Bridge:

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| October 4 | Hand bells rehearsal 8:50 am
Mental Wellness presentation at 11:15, meal afterwards |
| October 7 | Family Supper 5:30, followed by worship at 6:00 and then classes |
| October 11 | Hand bells PLAY in church
Adult Bible Study begins after church |

Fridge Bridge: (continued...)

- October 13 CEYF committee meeting at 6:30
- October 14 NO Wednesday night classes** – Football game before NLS fall break
- October 18 Hand bells rehearsal 8:50am
- October 21 Family Supper 5:30, followed by worship at 6:00 and then classes
- October 25 Hand bells rehearsal 8:50am
- October 25 Trunk or Treat 4:30 - 5:30 All Welcome**
- October 25 ALL YOUTH and trunk decorators and families will have pizza at the Youth Center 5:30 - 6:30pm.
- October 28 Family Supper 5:30, followed by worship at 6:00 and then classes
- TAG trick or treating for CARE Pantry 6:30 - 7:30pm



October's CARE Pantry Challenge products are... Cleansers!

This includes: window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, powdered scrubbing cleanser, and disinfectant wipes.

Please place your donations in the CARE Pantry box by the mailboxes.
Thank you for your continued support of the CARE Pantry's mission!



Turn those clocks back and get an extra hour of sleep Saturday night!

Fall Clean-up

Just a reminder.... On Saturday, October 3rd, we will be doing our fall clean-up at the church from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be treats! Many hands make light work!



Thank you to my Hope Church family for all of your prayers, thoughts, and cards during my recent procedure.

~ Gaylord Lind

You are invited!



Come help Dee & Palmer Norling celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, October 11th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, here at Hope Presbyterian Church.



August 2026 Impact Report

CURRENT ADDRESS:
110 MANITOBA STREET
SPICER, MN
(OLD MAC HARDWARE STORE)

**FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING
DONE ON BUILDING RENOVATIONS**
**WE PLAN TO RETURN TO NEW LONDON BUILDING ON
OCTOBER 13**

**KIDS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL! THROUGH OUR SCHOOL
SUPPLIES DRIVE, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE
SUPPLIES FOR 33 FAMILIES AND OVER 65 KIDS
WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. HUGE THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE THAT DONATED!**

**OUR BACKPACK PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY WITH
THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. WE CURRENTLY ARE
SERVING 167 STUDENTS WITH FOOD FOR THE
WEEKEND. DONATIONS OF ALL SIZES ARE
NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.**

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A CHILD IN OUR
BACKPACK PROGRAM; \$6 WEEK, \$60 FOR TEN
WEEKS, \$234 FOR SCHOOL YEAR**

**COMMUNITY REVIVAL IS STILL ACCEPTING
DONATIONS DURING NORMAL STORE HOURS!
YOU MAY HAVE TO COME TO THE FRONT
ENTRANCE DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE
PARKING LOT BEHIND THE BUILDING
THRIFT STORE NUMBER: 320-347-1047**

**OUR PHONE NUMBERS & MAILING ADDRESS
WILL REMAIN THE SAME
DURING THE RENOVATIONS!**
**MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 823,
NEW LONDON, MN 56273**
PHONE NUMBERS:
320-354-5555
320-354-5465

**Thank you for your patience and
support during the building renovation
process! We are so grateful and
excited to get into our updated space!**

YOUR IMPACT

290

families served in the Food Pantry

18,715

pounds of food distributed

167

students currently enrolled from the NL-S
Schools to receive food for the weekend.

431

hours donated by generous community
members to keep The Link's
programs running smoothly

67

families provided with household needs,
including:
clothing, dishes, furniture

10

provided with financial support to families
facing hardships. This support includes, but is
not limited to: medical bills, prescription costs,
utility bills, rent/mortgage payments and
other basic needs.

Tuesday's Table Schedule:

- 1st Tuesday: Our Lady of the Lakes
- 2nd Tuesday: Evangelical Covenant
- 3rd Tuesday: Faith Lutheran
- 4th Tuesday: Peace Lutheran
- 5th Tuesday: Crossroads Community

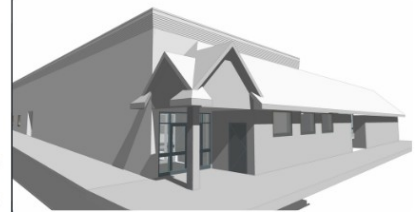
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!!**
YOU are The Link!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Gently used clothing (any size)
- Household essentials (dishes, sheets, small furniture items, etc.)
- Unexpired food donations
- Monetary donations to The Link's general fund
- Donations to The Link's Capital Campaign for needed building renovations
- Pray for The Link & your community
- Invite The Link's staff to attend a business or church meeting, book club or any group event to help spread awareness of The Link's programs

**BE A PART OF THE LINK'S
LEGACY!**

The Link Renewed



The Link has launched it's capital campaign for building renovations! Thank you to everyone for your support! Please reach out if you would like to donate!

**DONOR WALL
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**



Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Also on Facebook Live &
on Radio 96.9 FM

11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study

TV - Channel 18 or Channel 181 - Sundays 2:15 pm, Tuesdays 11:30 am &
3:00 pm, or Thursdays 8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Members with Health Issues:

Robert Pinske, Sandy Wersal, Roger Steele,
Kathy Taatjes, Velda Jones, Sharon Jones,
Arlos Jones, Ruth Birkeland

*Prayer
Requests*



Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Marie (sister of Amelie Dulas), Chet Wilberg (Kylie Taatjes' husband)

Grieving:

Family of Andy Swanson, Family of Howard Patrick, Family of Jack Tatge,
Family of Chuck Hauptert (friend of Jo Holm), Family of Marge Nelson (friend
of Jo Holm), Family of Dick Lindahl, Family of Mona (Beecroft) Tait, Family of
David Sampsal (Conny Williamson's brother), Family of Bill Titus

****Please Note** If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request
card found on the table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall and return it to
an usher or Pastor Brian.

October Deacons of the Month: Karen Bents & Lisa Thorson

October Coffee Servers

October 4th: Tyann & Brian Jones

October 11th: Sherry & Larry Bratsch
Jeff & Joni Lamphere

October 18th: (TBD)

October 25th: Kathy & Dave Terpstra

