

12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Sermon “Weeds!” Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer

*Sermon Hymn “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (Blue #377/Screen)

*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed

Offering/Offertory “Simple Gifts” Jerry Saetviet, mandola

*Doxology (Blue #592/Screen)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn “When We Are Living” (Blue #400/Screen)

*Charge/Benediction “Aaron’s Blessing”

Postlude Jerry Saetviet

Notes:

Hope Presbyterian Church

7730 North Shore Drive
Spicer, MN 56288
320-796-2650
E-mail: hopepres@gmail.com
Website: hopechurchspicer.org

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship in Chapel
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 Jerry Saetviet

Welcome

*Opening Song "Lead Me, Guide Me" (STF #2214/Screen)

*Call to Worship Lay Reader: (open)

One: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ALL: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

ALL: Yet, you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

*Morning Prayer

One: Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life, you are not bound by our visions, our structures, our doctrine. We cannot predict your coming or going, yet you have given us your story, your family, your work to do. Meet us here, we pray. Shape us for service in your world, for we carry the name of Jesus and live by the power of your breath.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn of Praise "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (Blue #298/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans— but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean.

Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. 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 "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" Jerry Saetviet, violin

Children's Sermon

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

Prayer for Illumination

One: Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation's praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

11 If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

July 19th: Jerry & Karen Bents

July 26th: Sue & Jerry Schiro

Ushers

July 19th – 8:30 am: (open)

10:00 am: Jerry & Karen Bents family

July 26th – 8:30 am: (open)

10:00 am: (open)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers (10:00 am service only)

July 19th: (open)

July 26th: Kathy Taatjes

****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 June 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date June 2026	Prior Year to Date June 2025
Ministry Support Received	\$ 18,537.60	\$ 21,477.94	\$ 128,867.63	\$ 128,813.24
Ministry & Operations Investment	\$ 24,643.38	\$ 25,255.29	\$ 151,531.72	\$ 141,344.33
Mission Plan Variance	(\$ 6,105.78)		(\$ 22,664.09)	(\$ 12,531.09)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$ 27,674.40
Per Capita Commitment for 2026				\$ 7,144.00
Per Capita Support Received Through 6/30/2026				\$ 2,945.00

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

HOPE’S HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: July’s products of the month are... Kids items! This includes shampoo/conditioner, body wash, hair gel, hair detangler, kids’ toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please leave your donations in the CARE Pantry box by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support!

Help Needed!

We have 2 outdoor weddings August 1st and 8th, and we need your help to spruce up the chapel! Please come the evenings of Tuesday, July 28th, Wednesday, July 29th and Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 pm to help pick weeds, trim trees, paint benches, and power wash in the chapel. All help is welcome!

Valleyfair Family Fun Day

The church will be going to Valleyfair on Saturday, August 15th, and we want to know if you are interested in going. Cost is \$30 for kids and \$40 for adults. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 2nd. Payment needs to be made by August 2nd as well. Sign up sheet is on the table in front of the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Tyann with any questions and to pay for your ticket(s). Drivers are also needed.

Ushers & Lay Readers Needed

Even though it is the summer months, we still need ushers and lay readers to help during the services! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, so Steph doesn’t have to spend time calling and texting people on Friday mornings!

Card Shower for Hilda Grosklags’ 95th Birthday

Hilda Grosklags has been faithfully sending birthday cards to each member of our congregation for a number of years. So to celebrate her 95th birthday on July 28th, we are throwing her a birthday card shower! Please send Hilda a card to wish her a happy birthday! Her address is: 104 Glen Oaks Drive, Apt # 203 - New London, MN 56273

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Giving Oven

Just a reminder that this fundraiser is ongoing throughout the summer from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer for some wood fired pizza! Event happens rain or shine! Dates you can attend are Wednesdays: July 29th; August 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. All proceeds made throughout the summer will go back to the non-profit organizations serving throughout the summer, which includes our Belize Mission team. Any questions or to preorder, go to spicercommunitywoodfiredpizza.com.

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

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 19th (Sunday)	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor worship in chapel
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Indoor Worship in sanctuary
		(Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
July 20th (Monday)	8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
July 21st (Tuesday)	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	CARE Pantry product distribution
	12:00 p.m.	CARE Pantry lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Faith Lutheran, Spicer
July 22nd (Wednesday)		
July 23rd (Thursday)		Hope Scope deadline
July 24th (Friday)		
July 25th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
July 26th (Sunday)	8:30 a.m.	Outdoor worship in chapel
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Indoor Worship in sanctuary
		(Also on Facebook Live and Radio)

July – August – September “These Days” Devotionals

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

CARE Pantry lunch help needed!

We are needing a few extra people to help make and serve lunch during this week’s CARE Pantry. If you are able to help out, please be at the church by 11:00 am on Tuesday. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

*Denotes New

Members with Health Issues:

Sharon Jones, Arlos Jones, Ruth Birkeland, Dick Lindahl

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Connie (Sarah Sampson’s grandma)	
Brent Barber (Shelly Peralta’s relative)	Roger Beck (Velda Jones’ neighbor)
Peter (Joni Lamphere’s nephew)	Danny (Sandy Wersal’s brother)
Rita (Sue Schiro’s friend)	Karen (Sue Schiro’s sister-in-law)
Resa Jones (Sharon & Elroy’s daughter)	Shirley (Sherry Bratsch’s mom)
David (Mark Radabaugh’s brother)	Larry (Leslie Radabaugh’s brother)

Grieving:

Family of Joan Stempel (Melissa Mangen’s mom)
Family of Randy Zitzmann (Sherry Bratsch’s daughter-in-law’s father)
Family of Scotty (Jennifer Court’s brother)
Family of Ardis Just
Family of Celia Evenson

Care Facilities:

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)

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.

July Deacons of the Month: Greg Swenson & Jeff Wersal