



2025

# Hope Scope

*First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,  
because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. Romans 1:8 (NRSV)*

As I write this, I am still clearing some of the cobwebs from fatigue and I don't know what else, following a mission trip to Belize that included 18 others from Hope Church. The words above were written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome, but I write them to you today. I want you to know that your faith was proclaimed in another part of the world this past week.

Nineteen of us travelled, but we took you all with us. We took your support, we took your prayers, and we took the confidence that we received through knowing you were with us. We thank you for the opportunity. And we are more than happy to share our experiences with you. But the thing I want you to be sure of is that every one of us, in one way or another, found a way to proclaim God's love for people. Every one. And you would have been especially proud of the younger ones among us. They engaged people and served them, and did so with joy.

If you have not travelled much, it might surprise you to learn that we have brothers and sisters all over the world. If you do travel, but don't spend time in the church abroad, it might not be clear to you that people of other languages, other races, other cultures, other levels of wealth and poverty—all of us—follow the same Christ and worship the same God, though, I will say that the worship can look quite different from the way it looks at Hope!

We see people finding ways to love and serve each other everywhere. We see the influence of Jesus everywhere, if we look. And if we try, we can see to it that our faith continues to be proclaimed throughout the world.

Blessings, *Brian Jones*

At its March 3rd meeting, the Session:

- Paying a maximum of \$525 per baptized member (or child who regularly attends weekly Christian Education activities at Hope), to attend Clearwater Forest Camp with each camper paying the first \$100 of the camp registration fee.
- Incorporating new language in the Funeral Policies relative to the Hope Presbyterian Women Luncheon Policy.
- The donation and installation of a salt water aquarium in the church to be maintained by Matt Haglund.
- Holding the 90th birthday of Erlis Flickinger at Hope Church on Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 2:00—5:00 pm

The following volunteered to serve communion on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service: Steve Barney, Jerry Bents, Deb Ficek, Jody Leason and Liz Windingstad

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## FINANCE REPORT

		Year to Date	Year to Date
	February	02/28/2025	Monthly Average
Income	\$16,040.78	\$43,561.14	\$21,780.57
Expenses	\$22,021.98	\$50,622.74	\$25,311.37
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$5,981.20)	(\$7,061.60)	

Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses	\$26,748.96
Per Capita Assessment for 2025	\$7,500.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 02/28/2025	\$1,664.00

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

**In 2025, Per Capita has increased to \$46.00 per active member.**



May 5, 6, & 7, 2025  
8:30-11:30am

Faith Lutheran - Spicer, MN



# OWL CAMP 2025

Living with God  
in the Wilderness

Calling all **Older Wiser Learners** for our second annual Owl Camp here at Faith Lutheran Church!

The theme this year is "Holy Whole" Living with God in the Wilderness". **Registration is open to all adults (not just Faith members)**, - help us spread the word & invite others to join you!

## OWL (Older Wiser Learners) Camp sample schedule:

- 8:30am Continental breakfast and fellowship
- 9:00am Music
- 9:30am **Study led by the Pastors and Bishop Dee Pederson**
- 10:30am Choice Time - (choice of activities such as art, music, devotions, games, etc.)
- 11:20am Closing Worship

*\*\*A free will offering will be taken each day to help cover costs.*

**REGISTER AT [FAITHSPICER.ORG](http://FAITHSPICER.ORG) OR BY CALLING  
THE FAITH OFFICE AT 320-796-2522.**



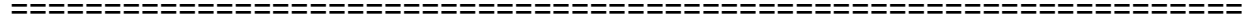
# Christian Education Youth and Families

“We love because God first loved us” 1John 4:19

This was our VBS verse of the week in Belize. We recited it many times and even Pastor Lino from the Baptist Church that hosted us in Orange Walk, Belize, recited it the last night in his farewell address. There certainly was a lot of God’s love shared among us and our Belizean neighbors. We can be so very proud of all 19 who went on the mission trip. Our 6 young people embraced and served the children and folks we met with open arms and hearts. They were quite amazing!

(Youth missionaries – Carter and Isaac Taatjes, Anakin Haglund, Zach Fischer, Grace Gau, and Rylan Altermatt)





**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** – Where does the money go?  
Remember the word, “**S H E!**”

- S** Self-development of People
- H** Hunger Fund
- E** (Emergencies) Disaster Assistance Program



# The Beanie Baby Fundraiser was a huge hit!!!

**THANK YOU** to Darlene & Wayne Thompson, Darlene Bratberg, Sue Block, and others who donated Beanie Babies to the Christian Education Committee. The committee paired them up and people donated money to adopt one to keep and sponsor one to go to Belize with the team to be given to a child there. Right around \$1600 was raised for the trip with this project and the kids loved the Beanie Babies. **THANK YOU** all for donating and sponsoring this unique project

Note: Anakin Haglund got especially close to a boy, Zayden, and out of 120 Beanie Babies, Zayden received the Beanie Baby that Anakin sponsored!!!  
Quite the moment!



We will be honoring our Christian Education Leaders in church on April 27, 2025. We appreciate all their energy, hard work and dedication to our ministry.





**Congratulations to Ava O'Malley, our high school graduate!!**

We will be celebrating her during coffee hour and in church on Sunday, April 27, 2025. She will be going to Duluth, MN to study Radiology Science.



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## **Fridge Bridge**

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| <b>April 6</b>   | Camp Sunday   |
| <b>April 9</b>   | All youth host bread and soup meal  |
| <b>April 13</b>  | Palm Sunday<br><b>Kids sing in church</b><br>Fish banks are due<br>March into the service carrying palms                    |
| <b>April 15</b>  | CEYF Committee meeting at 6:30  |
| <b>April 20</b>  | Easter  |
| <b>April 27</b>  | Honoring Christian Education Leaders in church<br>Honoring high school graduate, Ava O'Malley<br><b>Kids sing in church</b> |
| <b>May 4</b>     | Baccalaureate at the PAC 7:00pm   |
| <b>May 7</b>     | All youth to Glen Oaks to spend time with the residents in the apts   |
| <b>May 9</b>     | Meatball supper 4:00-7:00pm- ALL YOUTH NEEDED TO HELP   |
| <b>May 14</b>    | Family meal at 5:45, last day of classes – group activity   |
| <b>May 16-18</b> | Clearwater Forest weekend   |
| <b>May 18</b>    | NLS graduation  |
| <b>May 20</b>    | CEYF meeting at 6:30  |

Respectfully Submitted by Tyann Jones





# FEBRUARY 2025 IMPACT FROM THE LINK

## THE FOOD PANTRY



In February, The Food Pantry served 204 **households** - including 355 adults, 185 children and 57 seniors-distributing a total of 11,334 pounds of food!

### CLIENT OUTREACH and HOUSEHOLD EXCHANGE

Each month, The Link is able to provide support to a number of families facing hardships, such as (but not limited to): job loss, chronic illness, unexpected change in family dynamics and increase in the cost of living.



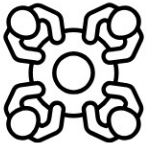
In February, your donations were able to support **74 families** by helping with medical bills and prescription cost, utility bills and rental payments along with providing budgeting support, networking and referrals for additional basic household needs including clothing, winter gear, dishes and furniture!

### WILDCAT BACKPACK AND SNACK PANTRY

The Wildcat Backpack Program is again providing students from NLS for the weekend. Currently, there are **141 students** benefitting from this program! If you would like to sponsor a child for the year, please call Ashley at 320-354-5465



**The Snack Pantry** is currently providing snacks for over 30 teachers at NLS to distribute to their students throughout the school day.



### TUESDAY'S TABLE

A free community meal the 1st Tuesday of the month: Our Lady of the Lakes (Spicer), 2nd Tuesday: Evangelical Covenant (New London), 3rd Tuesday: Faith Lutheran (Spicer), 4th Tuesday: Peace Lutheran (New London), 5th Tuesday: Crossroads Community Church (Spicer).

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray for the Link and the community; Help us spread awareness by talking about The Link to your friends and family and sharing on social media; Donate unexpired food items to the food pantry or organize a food drive; Volunteer at the thrift store or in the food pantry;



Donate your gently used clothing and household goods- (all proceeds kick back into The Link's programs; Donate financially-

**Remember for every \$1 donated, The Link can purchase \$10 in food through Second Harvest.**

### CURRENT NEEDS:

Household essentials and gently used clothing;  
Food: Kid-friendly food (corn dogs, chicken nuggets, french fries, pizza,  
Monetary donations.

#### Donations made easy

Monthly giving at the the Link is convenient . You can set up online giving directly through your bank or by visiting The Link's website at [www.youarethelink.org](http://www.youarethelink.org) by scanning the QR code. You can also mail your donation to P.O. Box 823 , New London, MN 56273, drop off your donation in person or leave your check in the drop box outside of The Link's door at 20 Central Ave E, New London.

Questions? Contact Ashley at 320-354-5555.



# Thank you for your support! YOU are The Link!





44TH ANNUAL  
MN FOOD SHARE CAMPAIGN  
MARCH 1-APRIL 6



SCAN TO DONATE



# MN FOOD SHARE

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**THE MORE WE RAISE- THE MORE WE EARN**  
ALL DONATIONS (FOOD AND MONETARY) ARE PROPORTIONALLY MATCHED BY  
MN FOODSHARE (GMCC).

SUPPORT THE LINK'S FOOD PANTRY DURING THE LARGEST STATEWIDE FOOD  
AND FUNDRAISER AT A TIME WHEN DONATIONS TEND TO BE AT THEIR LOWEST!

**DONATE ANY TIME BETWEEN  
MARCH 1-APRIL 6TH  
AND INCREASE YOUR IMPACT!  
HELP US SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!**

WAYS TO DONATE:  
SCAN THE QR CODE ON THIS FLYER  
DONATE ONLINE AT [WWW.YOURETHELINK.ORG](http://WWW.YOURETHELINK.ORG) AND CLICK "DONATE"  
VIA VENMO @THE-LINK-1  
MAIL YOUR DONATION TO: PO BOX 823, NEW LONDON, MN 56273  
STOP IN AND SEE US AT 20 CENTRAL AVE E, NEW LONDON, MN



Thank you for "showering" me with your thoughtful cards and good wishes on my 80th birthday. It was so special to receive all your beautiful cards presented to me in a decorated surprise gift box. And I was surprised! Thank you, again.

- Kathryn Frazee

Thank you to the WOW and TAG kids for putting together "Welcome Home" care packages for us when we arrived at our rides from the airport. That was very thoughtful and something we weren't expecting!

Also thank you to our drivers for getting us to and from the airport safely! Jim Boonstra, Pete Bratberg, Joe Johnson, Kathy & Dale Jones, & Liz Windingstad

- Team Belize

# Soup 'n' Bread Suppers

Lenten Services to follow at 6:15 pm

Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall  
with what you would like to bring

April 2nd - Work Group 4 in the kitchen  
April 9th - Kids and families in the kitchen



## April's CARE Pantry Challenge is.....



## Dish Soap

Please place your donations  
on the table in front of the  
mailboxes.

## APRIL COFFEE SERVERS

April 6: Wendy & Bob Barr

April 13: Jill & Grace Gau

April 20: Easter - Session

April 27: Melissa & Lyle Mangen



# *Prayer Requests*



## **Members with Health Issues:**

\*Jackie Wahl, Larry Bratsch, Palmer Norling, Shar Williams, Wayne Thompson, Frank & Shelly Peralta, Darlene Thompson, Bob Hinderks

## **Family and Friends with Health Issues:**

\*Nathan Verch (friend of Hope)      Dale & Barb (Friends of Karen Hagemeyer)  
Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother)      Krista (Brooke Appleby's friend)  
Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)      Kim (Friend of Jeff Lamphere)  
Pam & Scott Prouty (Pastors at Redwood Falls)

## **Grieving:**

Family of Bill Garling (Joe Johnson's grandfather), Family of Amy Burns,  
Family of Larry Terpstra (Dave's brother), Family of Jeri Jergenson (Rev. Al  
Jergenson's wife), Family of Jerry Gault

## **Care Facilities:**

Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North  
Pointe-New London), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks-New London), Betty Harder  
(Bethesda North Pointe-New London), Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar),  
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

**April Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Greg Swenson**





## Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

## SUNDAYS

9:15 A.M. Coffee

10:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

Also on Facebook Live & on Radio 96.9 FM

TV - Channel 18 or Channel 181

Sundays 2:15 pm

Tuesdays 11:30 am & 3:00 pm

Thursdays 8:00 am & 5:00 pm



## Synod of Lakes & Prairies

Synod School 2025

Re-Forming "Normal": Expanding HOPE

July 20—25th, 2025

Buena Vista University

Storm Lake, Iowa

Registration starts April 1st

Register at [www.lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school](http://www.lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school)

See the bulletin board by the offices  
for more information