

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offering/Offertory:** 10:00 a.m. service "We Bow Down" Kristene & Larry

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn:** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"  
(Sing the Faith # 2223/Screen)

**\*Charge/Benediction:** "Aaron's Blessing" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. Echo

**Postlude** Maggie Harp

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**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Worship (Hopewood Chapel)

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

(On Facebook Live & KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)



**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, aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:30 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 8:30 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).*

*ATTENDANCE FOLDERS: Please fill out the attendance pad located at the inside end of your pew and pass it down your row. If you are visiting, please mark the visitor column and include your mailing address. Thank You!*

**\*(Please stand as you are able)**

**Prelude:** "Almighty" (10:00 a.m. Service) Kristene Foreman & Larry Bratsch  
Evelyn Titus, Guitar Maggie Harp

**Welcome Lay Reader: 8:30 a.m. Jeff Wersal 10:00 a.m. Kathy Taatjes**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

**ALL: With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

One: Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (Sing the Faith #2088/Screen)

**Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Gloria Patri**

(Blue #577/Screen)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**\*Passing of the Peace** (Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another)

**Announcements**

**Special Music:** 8:30 a.m. Sing-a-Long

10:00 a.m. "Take Us to The River"

Kristene & Larry

**Children's Sermon**

**Response:** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. (Repeat)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

One: Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives, secured our future, and restored us to relationship with God. Remove the shame and fear that cause us to cower in your presence. By the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 133**

<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> **It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-15**

**Sermon: "That's Good. No, That's Bad."**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Jones**

**\*Sermon Hymn:** "God Is So Good"

(Sing the Faith # 2056/Screen)

## HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

### **Coffee Servers**

**August 20: Jeff & Sandy Wersal**

**August 27: Bratberg Family**

### **Ushers**

**August 20: 8:30 am Myron & Deb Ficek**

**10:00 am Sandy Meyer, Gwen Anfinson, Brenda Bratberg, Jan Saulsbury**

**August 27: 8:30 am \*\*Open\*\***

**10:00 am \*\*Open\*\***

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### **Lay Readers**

**August 20: 8:30 am Jeff Wersal**

**10:00 am Kathy Taatjes**

**August 27: 8:30 am \*\*Open\*\***

**10:00 am Kathy Taatjes**

**Sound Operators:** Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes

**Video Operators:** Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,  
Jerry Leason & Barry Sampson

**Screen Operators:** Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

**Radio Operators:** Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes, Duane Taatjes

**Contact Information for Rev. Dr. Brian Jones:** For any pastoral emergencies in the evenings or weekends when the office is not open, please contact Pastor Brian on his cell phone (605-204-0625) or email him at [brianwjones1980@hotmail.com](mailto:brianwjones1980@hotmail.com)

## HOPE HAPPENINGS!

### **CARE Pantry Challenge**

We will be collecting paper towels and facial tissue for the CARE Pantry in the month of August. Place your donations on the table by the mailboxes. Thanks!

### **Blessing Box**

Please contribute any non-perishable food items, Bibles or Children's Bible story books in the Blessing Box by the "Christian Education Entrance" sign. If the box is full, please place your items in the tote under the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Darlene Bratberg's 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**

Please join Darlene and her family next Sunday during coffee to help her celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday!!

### **Clearwater Forest Work Weekend**

Join us for a great time! Everyone is welcome!! Clearwater Forest Work Weekend is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the library if you are able to come! Jobs to be done are taking the docks out and removing the beach equipment and any other odd jobs that are needed.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR A HABITAT HOME BEING ACCEPTED**

Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota is seeking applicants for a 3-bedroom home in Spicer. Persons interested in Habitat's Homeownership Program may apply now through August 29, 2023. Program details are on [www. habitatwcm.org](http://www.habitatwcm.org) or on the bulletin board by the offices. Applications may be picked up at the Habitat office located at 4722 Highway 71 NE in Willmar.

## THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20 (Sunday)	8:30 a.m. Hopewood Chapel Worship 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
August 21 (Monday)	<b>**Hope Scope Deadline**</b> 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:45 p.m. Deacons
August 22 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. <b>No</b> Tuesday's Table at Peace Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee
August 23 (Wednesday)	
August 24 (Thursday)	
August 25 (Friday)	Office Closed
August 26 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
August 27 (Sunday)	8:30 a.m. Hopewood Chapel Worship 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship-Darlene Bratberg's 82 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday 9:15 a.m. Property Committee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)

**\*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.  
Thank You!



### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### **Members with Health Concerns:**

Judy Heath, Madelyn Titus, Mark Radabaugh, Bob Hinderks, Dick Lindahl

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

Henry Hoekstra  
Shelly Erickson  
Jordan Bast  
Bob Dieken (Karen Bents' brother)  
Pastor Jeff DeYoe  
Greg Skinner (Virginia McKean's son-in-law)  
Holly (Dee Schurman's sister)  
Jenna (Joni Lamphere's daughter)  
Johnny Lee Larson (Virginia McKean's great grandson)

#### **Grieving:**

Family of Craig Sietsema, Family of Bob Sietsema

#### **Care Facilities:**

Kathy Jansen (Bethesda North Pointe), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU's at GlenOaks)

#### **Other Concerns:**

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction  
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence, mass shootings  
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war  
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic  
For those serving in the military in Ukraine and those living in Ukraine & Russia

**August Deacons of the Month: Dave & Eileen Helmstetter**