

Gospel Reading: Luke 18: 1-8		
Sermon	“Persistence”	Rev. Dr. Brian Jones
Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer		
*Sermon Hymn	“I Danced in the Morning”	(Blue #302/Screen)
*Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles’ Creed		
Offering/Offertory	“Oh, Lord, You’re Beautiful”	Adult Choir
*Doxology		(Blue #592/Screen)
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Closing Hymn	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”	(Blue #260/Screen)
*Charge/Benediction	“Aaron’s Blessing”	
Postlude		

Notes:

Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

***Opening Song** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (Screen)

***Call to Worship** **Lay Reader:** Jeff Wersal

One: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

ALL: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

***Morning Prayer**

One: God of justice and mercy, we thank you for the gift of the law and all the Scriptures. We thank you for establishing justice and for dealing with us not according to our faithfulness, but according to your mercy. Put your persistent Spirit within us so that we may work tirelessly, and cry out day and night, until your will is done in all the earth. We pray to you who helps us, in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn of Praise "Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee" (Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands

and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and Word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name, 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 "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior" Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (Sing the Faith #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination

One: Holy God, the words of scripture are inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit, breathe your word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the living Word.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119: 97-104

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

⁹⁸ **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

¹⁰² **I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.**

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ **Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

October 19th: Pam Sigafoos & Mary O'Malley

October 26th: Bob & Julie Ehrlich

Ushers

October 19th: Brooke, Savannah & George Appleby, Stephanie Bents

October 26th: (open)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

October 19th: Jeff Wersal

October 26th: Kathy Taatjes

Acolytes

George & Savannah Appleby

(Open)

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus

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

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

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 Sept 2025	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date Jan 1 – Sept 30 th	Prior Year to Date Jan 1 – Sept 30 th
Income	\$18,319.66	\$21,149.00	\$190,341.03	\$203,495.71
Expenses	\$22,205.21	\$22,950.54	\$206,554.82	\$208,588.20
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$3,885.55)		(\$16,213.79)	(\$5,092.49)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$26,748.96
Per Capita Assessment for 2025				\$7,500.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 08/31/2025				\$4,260.00

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

HOPE’S HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge

October’s products of the month are.... Cleansers – glass, multi-surface, toilet bowl, scrubbing, and disinfectant wipes. Please leave your donations in the box by the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support of the CARE Pantry!

TAG Group Trick of Treating for CARE Pantry

The TAG group will be Trick or Treating for the CARE Pantry once again on Wednesday, October 29th starting at 6:30 pm. Please fill out the sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give to Tyann if you would like the TAG group to come to your home.

Arlos Jones’ 95th Birthday Party

You are invited to come celebrate Arlos Jones’ 95th birthday party on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall here at church. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lutefisk Opener

Join Faith Lutheran Church for their Lutefisk and meatball supper on Saturday, October 25th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm Cost: \$20 per person in advance, \$22 at the door. Kids (7-12): \$13, Kids (6 and under): free See the bulletin board by the offices for more information.

Cosmic Harmonies

Enjoy some music from “The Planets” on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 3:00 pm at the WEAC in Willmar. Cost: \$15 adults See the poster by the offices for more information.

A Bit of Norway

The West Central Singers will be performing “A Bit of Norway” on Saturday, Nov. 1st at 4:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church - Norway Lake and on Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 4:00 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church – Willmar. Tickets to either performance are \$10 at the door. See the poster by the offices for more information.

Women’s Retreat

Join us at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm on Saturday, November 15th for a Women’s Retreat. Music & Worship, Art & Creativity, Food & Fellowship... come see what the leaders of Hope Presbyterian, Eagle Lake Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Ebenezer Lutheran, and Tripolis Lutheran churches are planning. See the poster by the offices for more information.

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

<u>THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</u>		
October 19th (Sunday)	8:50 a.m.	Hand bell practice
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Bible Study
October 20th (Monday)	8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
October 21st (Tuesday)	11 am - 2 pm	CARE Pantry Product Distribution
	12:00 pm	CARE Pantry lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Faith Luth. Church - Spicer
October 22nd (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:30 p.m.	Family Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:20 p.m.	WOW
	6:30 p.m.	TAG
	7:15 p.m.	Choir practice
October 23rd (Thursday)		
October 24th (Friday)		
October 25th (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
October 26th (Sunday)	8:50 a.m.	Hand bell practice
	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	11:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00-3:00 pm	Arlos Jones' 95 th Birthday Party
	4:30-5:30 pm	Trunk or Treat
	5:30 pm	Youth Fun Night at ROHYC

October Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Greg Swenson

Attention Committee Chairs!!!! The 2026 budget sheets are in your mailboxes in the office. Please fill these in with your committees input and approval, and return the budget sheet to Steph by Sunday, November 2nd. Thank you!

October – November – December Devotionals – “These Days” devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:

Darlene Bratberg, Paul Hagen (Betty's son/Nancy Birkeland's nephew), Hilda Grosklags, Arlos Jones, Jo Holm, John & Conny Williamson, Daryl Taatjes, Ruth Birkeland

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Victor Helmstetter (Helmstetter's nephew)	Rob Benson (Schiro's friend)
Friend of Sarah Sampson	Dan Dolan (Maggie's brother)
Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)	Fred Nathan (Joni's cousin)

Grieving:

Family of Eileen Helmstetter, Family of Richard Hopkins (Skylar's family friend)

Care Facilities:

Donald Shaw (Bethesda - Willmar)
 Barb Morris (Copperleaf - Willmar)
 Jeanette Gault (Glen Oaks - New London)
 Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks Assisted Living – New London)
 Ruth Birkeland (Bethesda Therapy Suites Room #522 – Willmar)
 Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)
 David Carlson (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.