

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

Honoring Our High School Graduates

Offering/Offertory

Lori Skaro-Johnson, Flute
Kari Stadem, Piano

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

(Blue #310/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction**

“Aaron’s Blessing”

Postlude

Notes:

Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

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** "Jesus, Name Above All Names" (STF #2071/Screen)

***Call to Worship** **Lay Reader:** Kathy Taatjes

One: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

ALL: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

ALL: Let us give what we can to all who have needs, so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

ALL: For in this way, God will add to our numbers every day.

***Morning Prayer**

One: Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, so that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly.

ALL: Amen.

Hymn of Praise "O Come and Sing Unto the Lord" vs. 1,2,5 (Blue #214/Screen)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold, and guard our souls in Jesus' 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 Lori Skaro-Johnson, Flute
Kari Stadem, Piano

Children's Time

"Jesus Bids Us Shine" Kid's Choir

"This Little Light of Mine" Kid's Choir & Congregation

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

Honoring Our Christian Education Leaders

Prayer for Illumination

One: Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, so that through it, we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Reading from Acts: Acts 2: 42-47

Gospel Reading: John 10: 1-10

Sermon "Not Fun?" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

***Sermon Hymn** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Blue #171/Screen)

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

April 26th: Leslie & Mark Radabaugh, Brooke & Savannah Appleby

May 3rd: Pam Sigafoos & Nancy Birkeland

Ushers

April 26th: Brooke & Savannah Appleby, Matt & Kelli Haglund

May 3rd: Brooke & Savannah Appleby, Amanda & Madelyn Titus

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

April 26th: Kathy Taatjes

May 3rd: Jeff Wersal

Acolytes

Savannah & George Appleby

(open)

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

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

FINANCE REPORT

	Month of March 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date March 2026	Prior Year to Date March 2025
Income	\$23,731.27	\$20,615.20	\$61,845.59	\$65,426.89
Expenses	\$26,356.83	\$24,673.22	\$74,019.66	\$72,057.00
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$2,625.56)		(\$12,174.07)	(\$6,630.11)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$27,674.40
Per Capita Assessment for 2026				\$7,144.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 3/31/2026				\$2,468.00

2026 Per Capita is \$47 per member.

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

Special offering envelopes are now located on the table in the Narthex rather than in the pews. See an usher if you need help finding them.

HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge: May's products of the month are for the birthday kits!

These items include: a disposable 9x13 pan with cover, cake mix, frosting, plates, napkins, tablecloth, balloons, candles, a can of pop (any flavor), and a medium size birthday bag. Please leave your donations on the table by the mailboxes or in the CARE Pantry box by the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support!

Blessing Box will be opening for the season on May 1st!

Now that the weather is starting to warm up, we will be opening up the Blessing Box again for those in the community needing help feeding their families. We are looking for non-expired, non-perishable food that we can put in there. Please put your donations in the tote by the mailboxes marked "Blessing Box Items". Thank you!

Campus Ministry's Service Opportunity

Sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall to either help or bring cookies/bars for our next serving opportunity at Campus Ministries Center on Wednesday, April 29th. If you plan to help, please be there by 10:30 a.m. Questions – ask Robin. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NLS Baccalaureate

The community is invited to attend the NLS Baccalaureate service TONIGHT at 7:00 pm at the New London-Spicer Performing Arts Center. Please consider going to cheer on this year's graduates in their faith.

Book Sale

Willmar AAUW is having their annual used book sale on Thursday, April 30th (8am-7pm), Friday, May 1st (8am-4pm), and Saturday, May 2nd (9am-12pm) at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar. Proceeds go to scholarships.

AED & CPR Training

AAHFS is partnering with Advocates for Health to provide a free AED & CPR training on Tuesday, April 28th at 10:00 am at the Atwater Community Center. Call the AAHFS office by April 27th to register. 320-974-8737

OWL Camp at Faith Lutheran Church

Calling all Older Wiser Learners! OWL Camp is returning this year – May 4th through May 6th from 8:15 – 11:30 am. Please see the poster on the bulletin board by the offices for more information and how to register.

Young Artist Concert

The Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra is having a Young Artist Concert on Sunday, May 10th at 3:00 pm at the WEAC in Willmar. Cost: \$15 per adult, tickets available at the door.

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

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 26 th	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Honoring our HS Graduates and CE Leaders	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) – Kids sing!
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate at the NLS Performing Art Center
April 27 th (Monday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 pm	Session meeting
April 28 th (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday's Table – Peace Lutheran
April 29 th (Wednesday)	10:30 a.m.	Campus Ministries Serving Opportunity
	5:30 p.m.	Family supper
	6:00 p.m.	All kids go to Glen Oaks
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
April 30 th (Thursday)		
May 1 st (Friday)		
May 2 nd (Saturday)	7:00 p.m.	AA
May 3 rd	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Also on Facebook Live and Radio) – With communion

April – May – June “These Days” Devotionals

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:

* Ardis Just, Dick Lindahl, Velda Jones, Wayne Thompson, Ceila Evenson, Arlos Jones, Elroy Jones, Jason Bents

Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Bev Gunther (Dick Lindahl's sister)

Grieving:

Family of Dan (Kyle Salvatora's uncle)

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.

April Deacons of the Month: Lisa Thorson & Karen Bents

May Deacons of the Month: Sherry Bratsch & Jason Windingstad