

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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: "Friends"

Adult Choir

***Doxology**

(Blue # 592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** "That's Why We Praise Him"

(Screen)

***Charge/Benediction:** "Aaron's Blessing"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/
Congregation echo

Postlude

Maggie

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Sunday, April 30, 2023

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship

(On Facebook Live & KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)

GRADUATE SUNDAY



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

Maggie Harp

Introit: "Gentle Shepherd"

Adult Choir

Welcome

Lay Reader: Kathryn Frazee

***Call to Worship**

One: Praise God, the Good Shepherd.

ALL: In the valley of deep shadows, God's voice guides us.

One: We are God's sheep.

ALL: And God never abandons God's own sheep.

***Opening Prayer**

One: God, your loving voice calls to us. With our names spoken so tenderly, we follow joyfully. Jesus, when we lose our way, you do not give up until you have us securely in your arms. Holy Spirit, help us express our soul's deep desire to meet you in worship today.

ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "Awesome God"

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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**

(Blue #577/Screen)

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

Announcements

Special Music: "Shepherd Me, O God"

Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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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

Reading from Acts: Acts 2:42-47

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

Sermon: "Being Led"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn:** "Blessed Be Your Name"

(Screen)

Introduction of our 2023 High School Graduates

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

ALL: 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.

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

April 30: Alisa & Duane Taatjes (Graduate Reception)

May 7: Dee & Bill Schurman

Ushers

April 30: Bill & Dee Schurman, Rod & Nancy Gjerde

May 7: ****Open****

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

April 30: Kathryn Frazee

May 7: Jonelle Foreman

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

CentraCare Hospice & Volunteer Training

Hospice care brings hope to help people live life as fully as possible during their final journey on this side of Heaven. Volunteer training will be held at Rice Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, May 9th and Thursday, May 11th. See the brochure on the Community Events bulletin board for a registration form.

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

CARE Pantry Challenge

We will be collecting BIRTHDAY KIT donations for the month of May. The CARE Pantry gives out approximately 50 kits yearly to clients for their children's birthdays. Kits include: Birthday plates, napkins, cups, tablecloth, candles, cake mix, tub of frosting, a birthday bag, decorations (streamers, balloons) and a 9x13 disposable cake pan with cover. Any of these items are helpful! Our food donation to The Link totaled 91 pounds. Awesome!!

Graduate Sunday

Today we are celebrating our 2023 High School Graduates. They include: Isaac Haglund, Carter Taatjes, Wyatt Steele, Jacey Altermatt and Zach Schandorff.

Family Meal this Wednesday

Please join us with your child for the last Family Meal for this school year. We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, so please come and enjoy!

Spring Clean-Up Tuesday, May 9th

Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9th. If you would like to come at any time that day, that would be fine. Joni will find you a job to do!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Meatball Supper! Friday, June 9th 4-7 pm! Sign-up sheets are coming soon for help in various areas or to bring home-made bread and bars.

Prairie Arts Chorale Concert

The Prairie Arts Chorale, singers of southwest MN, present their 2023 spring concert: THE JOURNEY HOME – BLUE SKIES AND COUNTRY ROADS. The concert will be this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 (under age 18 free).

Veterans' Appreciation Picnic

Flag exchange, appreciation lunch and seminar at the Harvey Anderson & Johnson Funeral Home in New London on Tuesday, May 2nd 11:00 am. Call 354-2211 to guarantee your place, or email courtney@hafh.org

Memories "Sharing, Caring and Education on the Journey thru Dementia"

Will be held at the Dethlefs Community Center in Spicer, on Wednesday, May 3rd, 12-1:30 pm. Family or caregivers must attend with loved ones-all are welcome. Register for meal (served at 11:30 am) for \$8.75/meal, by calling 320-262-7025.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 30 (Sunday)	Graduate Sunday 9:00 a.m. Property Committee 9:15 a.m. Coffee (Graduate Reception) & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio)
May 1 (Monday)	8:30 a.m. Staff meeting 6:30 p.m. Session
May 2 (Tuesday)	12:00 p.m. CARE Pantry Devotion, Lunch, Distribution 6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Our Lady of Lakes Catholic
May 3 (Wednesday)	5:45 p.m. Family Meal 6:15 p.m. WOW, Pre-Confirmation 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir
May 4 (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Circle II Leader: Jonelle Foreman, Lesson 2
May 5 (Friday)	Office Closed Maggie out of office till May 12th
May 6 (Saturday)	6:00 p.m. ROHYC In Use till 11:00 am Sunday 7:00 p.m. AA
May 7 (Sunday)	Teacher Recognition Sunday 9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 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:

Audrey Dean, Darlene Thompson, Pete Bratberg, Larry Bratsch, Darlene Bratberg, Bob Sampson, Bob Hinderks, Ed Johnston, Dick Lindahl, Sandy Ardoff, Judy Heath

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Mike (Friend of Tim Block)	Darah Altermatt
Josh Gerhke	Ali Zare
Kristi Barber	Brian Johnson (Jo Holm's son)
Gladys Guitz (Guatemala)	Sue Anderson
Kim (Friend of Sherry Bratsch)	Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)
Sandy Aalderks	Ross Antonson (Deb Steele's brother)

Grieving:

Family of Jim Kubesh (Isaac Taatjes' godfather), Family of Josh Owen, Family of Justin Owen, Family of Sandra Amdahl

Care Facilities:

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Ed Johnston (GlenOaks Apts.), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Bob Sietsema (Bethesda North Pointe), 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, violence in schools, 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 elsewhere

April Deacons of the Month: Sue Block & Robin Mulder