

The Voice of Hope



Welcoming, Worshipping, Serving
December 2020

There will also be
"A Journey to the
Manger"
That leads you around
our community.
December 23rd & 25th
5-7 PM

More info
on the
Youth Page!

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday December 24, 2020

4pm

- Public Access Channel 7
- Website- Hopeofmooselake.com
*Click "Sermons"
- Facebook- Hope Lutheran
Church or Wendy's
- Drive-in (Church Parking lot)
- 101.3 FM

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear People of Hope,

From the time I began this ministry with you, I knew the time would come when I would have to write this letter. However, that does not make it any easier. In spite of the pandemic, I have enjoyed my time at Hope and am grateful that I got to meet so many of you. I regret that I did not get to meet you all and that my contact with those I did meet was limited. Please know that you will all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

I give thanks to God for the ministry we have shared and the progress we made in addressing the financial concerns of the congregation. I am also thankful for all the encouragement and support you have provided me and the rest of your wonderful staff. It has been a delight to work with them. What a great ministry team!

Thank you for your patience as we learned how to do ministry during a pandemic and struggled to update our technology. While we have been successful in upgrading the technology, we have not been able to complete the replacement of the original windows in the old building. (Money has been set aside for this from money received from the sale of Art Swanson's house and from an insurance policy of Irene McTaggart who listed the church as her beneficiary). We are still waiting for the cost estimate for this from St. Germaine's and the authorization of the council to proceed.

My hope and prayer is that you will soon be extending a call for a new pastor and begin a new chapter in the life of Hope Lutheran Church. I look forward to the time when our paths

will cross again--in an unofficial capacity--of course! Take care and peace be with you.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Larry Johnson



All Saints Sunday



Floyd "Punky" and Bette Weske celebrated 70 years of marriage and made the news!

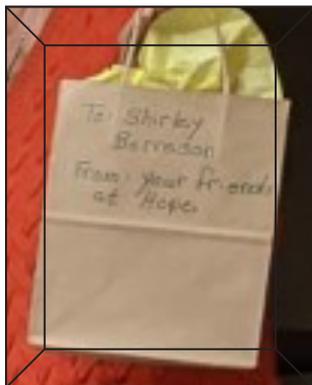
Friends in Faith Goodies!

They have been baking! They have been Making!
And they have been spreading joy to our congregation and community.

Gerene Johnson, Joanna Engstrom, Val and Phil Rogosheske all helped put together the goodie bags and deliver them.

Thank you all of you who baked goodies and dropped them off here at Hope. They were much appreciated.

(See the "Thank-yous" on the next page!)



Pastor Larry,

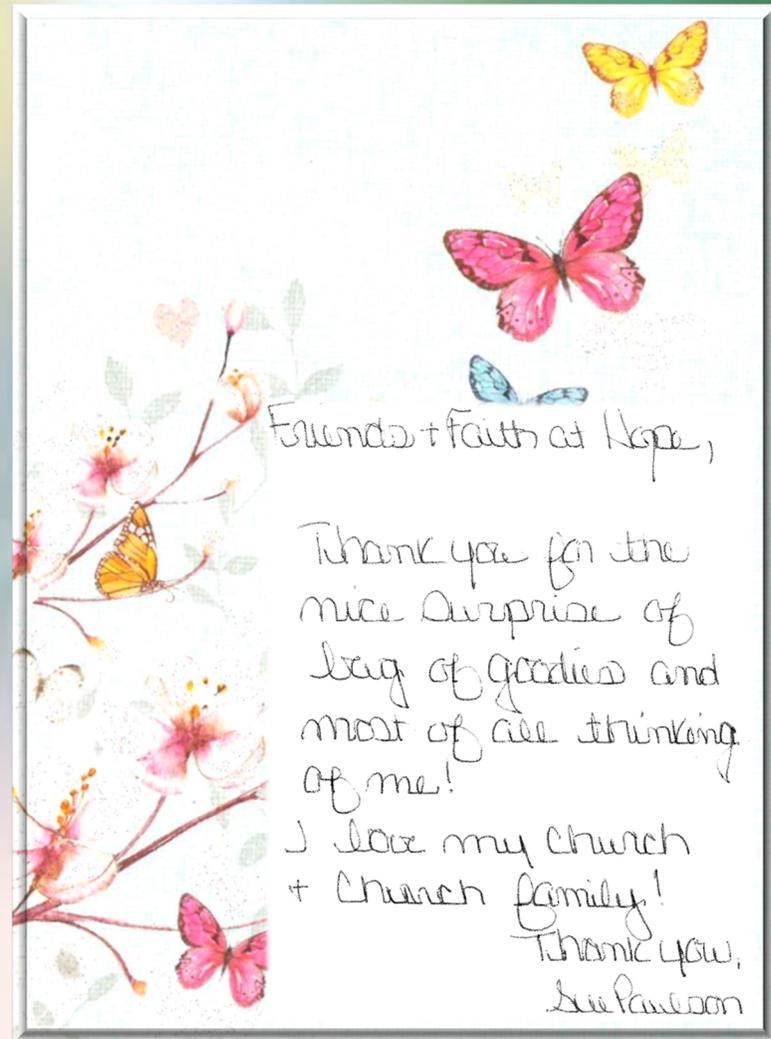
Thank you for all the sermons and for having the communion so I could participate in that part of the service. I wish they would have done that when my husband was homebound so he could have had communion as he was not able to attend church and he wasn't in the mood to have company. Have a nice week I hope they get this covid under control so we can be back in church again. I miss that. Several members from church have called or stopped by. Today Pat Olson brought over a flower in a vase she has done that many times over the years. She knows I like flowers. She is a great member and friend.

~Rita Tegland.



Joy to the world





Friends in Faith,
I was pleasantly surprised
some time ago to find a paper
bag on my front porch with a
loaf of delicious bread inside. I
truly appreciate being remem-
bered in this way and enjoyed
every bite. Thanks so much.
Sincerely,
Maryls Schmidt

A Thank you for the
wonderful treat
And the daily devotional
books - Thanks again
so yummy
Aileen Kaven

Dear Friends of Hope, 10-30-2020
Thank you for the treat
bag with bread, candy
& Christ in our home
Book. It is appreciated.
Nice to meet Val and
have a church member
stop by. Thanks Val
for bringing me the treat
Bag. Love to all.
Pete England



Bloom where you are planted



Coming at Christmas:

A Journey To the Manger

An interactive experience involving stones, artwork, twinkling lights, and the story of Christmas.

Dec. 23rd, 5-7pm

Dec. 26th, 5-7pm

Stay tuned for a family kit to prepare for your Journey to the Manger!

“Prayer Warrior”

These past few months have been trying times for all of us. The one thing for me that has been the same is my prayer life. I grew up in a Christian home, we attended church on Sunday and as a youth I attended Bible Camp many times. Prayer is one area of my Christian life that has grown over the years. I have been a part of the Prayer Ministry Team here at Hope since the beginning.

The day we had our motorcycle accident I was able to do my devotions before everyone showed up. The prayer at the end of that devotion was this:

**“When problems arise today, Father,
remind me that help is just a glance away.”**

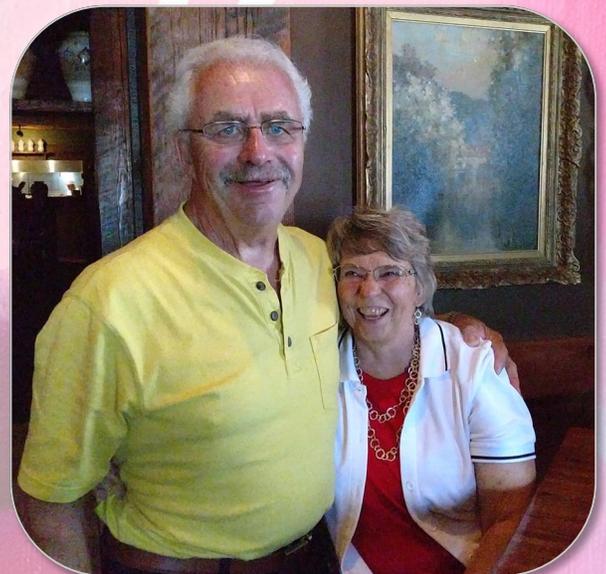
Problems did come that day for sure, but we got all the help that we needed, and God protected us. And let me tell you that prayers **were** needed as I went through my time of recovery, for this, I will always be thankful.

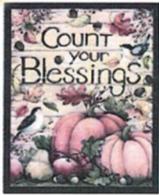
I had a ‘Prayer Warrior’ when I was growing up, my Auntie Clara, I learned from her that when you tell someone you are praying for them be sure you keep that promise. This is true of our Prayer Ministry Group that meets every Tuesday. We have both private prayers, prayer requests from our members along with others in the community. The Prayer Group has become the **‘Prayer Warriors’** of Hope.

For me prayers are said at all times of the day, especially in the early morning hours when I wake much too early to get out of bed, but one of my favorite places to pray was when I was sitting behind Bruce on the motorcycle. I cannot do this anymore but mark my words I still love to talk to my Lord bringing the needs of my family and the concerns of those who reach out to the prayer group.

When asked to write my Faith Statement for the Voice of Hope I knew I would write about my Prayer Life and the Prayer Ministry here at Hope. This is where my focus has been throughout my years as a member of this church. I know that prayers will need to be said to help us get through this winter since we are not going south, but more important is that prayer will get us through this Covid19 and we look forward to gathering again as the People of Hope.

Barb Lang



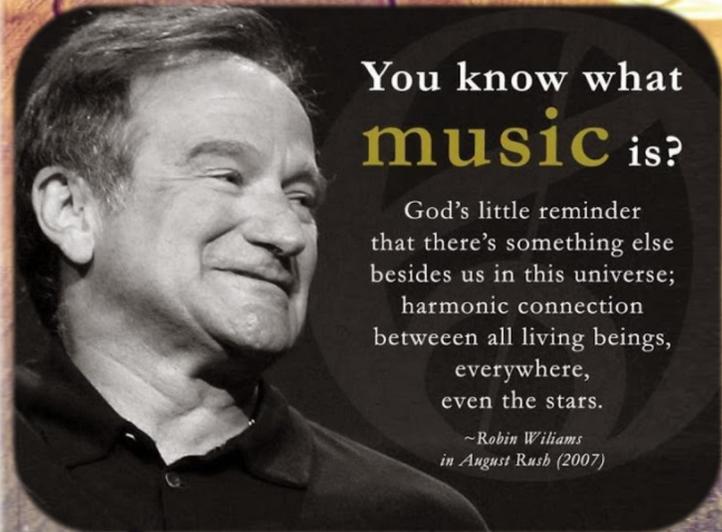


Humbling

To Michael and the youth that helped move dirt at my house this summer "Thank you"! I realize this is long over do and I apologize.

I want to tell all of you what a "humbling experience this was for my husband and I. We are both former Marines. "NO pain, no gain" Pain is not an option. So when I had back surgery and wasn't able to do most everything instantly I was upset. Jay my husband has had both knees replaced and is recovering. We both have had to tell ourselves listen to the pain and adjust. This is not an easy step for us. It is even harder to ask for help. Especially when people look at you and wonder why your not doing it. I know I have looked at people and asked "why aren't they doing it". Messages and lessons sometimes are hard to learn and often get mixed up. So I want to let you all know how truly "Thankful" I am to all of you for your help. You have also helped me to accept help when I really do need it. All of you are a blessing. Thank you for helping me straighten out my way of thinking! God bless and reach for your dreams!

Pam + Jay Vargas



You know what **music** is?

God's little reminder that there's something else besides us in this universe; harmonic connection between all living beings, everywhere, even the stars.

~Robin Williams in August Rush (2007)



December

The Birth of King Jesus



Our smiling Sisters!

- Day 1 – John 1:1-5
- Day 2 – Isaiah 9:6-7
- Day 3 – Isaiah 11:1-2
- Day 4 – Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Day 5 – Luke 1:26-31
- Day 6 – Luke 1:31-33
- Day 7 – Luke 1:34-38
- Day 8 – Matthew 1:18-21
- Day 9 – Matthew 1:22-25
- Day 10 – Luke 1:39-45
- Day 11 – Luke 1:46-56
- Day 12 – Micah 5:2-4
- Day 13 – Luke 2:1-7
- Day 14 – Luke 2:8-12
- Day 15 – Luke 2:13-14
- Day 16 – Luke 2:15-18
- Day 17 – Luke 2:19-20
- Day 18 – Matthew 2:1-2
- Day 19 – Matthew 2:3-6
- Day 20 – Matthew 2:7-10
- Day 21 – Matthew 2:11-12
- Day 22 – Matthew 2:13-14, 19-23
- Day 23 – John 1:14
- Day 24 – John 18:36-37
- Day 25 – John 3:16
- Day 26 – Romans 6:23
- Day 27 – Galatians 4:4-5
- Day 28 – 1 John 5:11
- Day 29 – 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- Day 30 – Revelation 3:20-21
- Day 31 – Titus 3:3-7



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Prayer Concerns

Dr. Charles Koski– Shelly Schaffer’s Dad
 Braxton Battaglia -granddaughter of Dave & Judy Paulson
 Louise Engstrom
 Pam Dragseth -friend of Carma Coon
 Carol Liupakka
 Steve Storebo - son of Rolly & Imy Johnson
 Ken Dahlberg
 Linda Huhta– Holmstrom’s Niece
 Roy Evgen
 Lyle Almquist
 Tom Garcia– brother of Kay Graftaas
 Steve Anderson

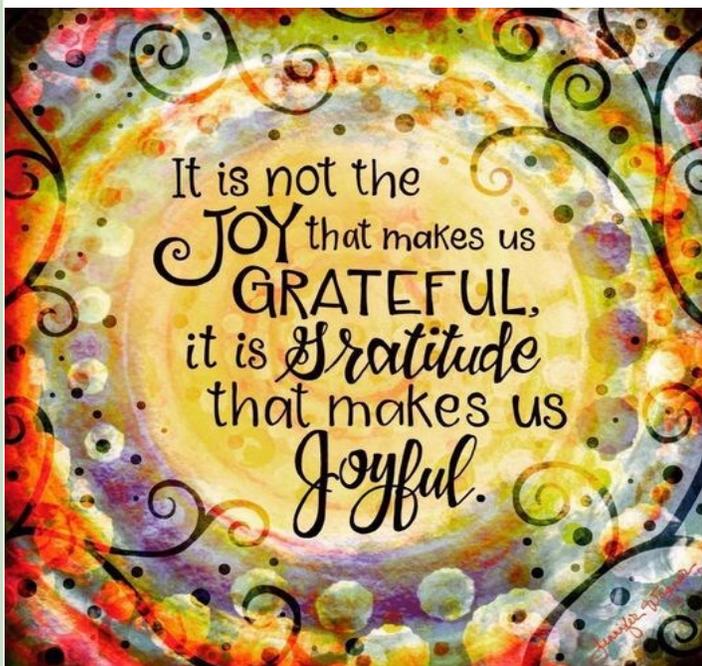


Besides those named on this page, please remember those not named suffering from chronic pain, or any other physical or mental issues. Especially remember those from our church family in assisted living or nursing homes, though not listed above unless health conditions deteriorate. They are: Lyle Almquist, Jan Ecklund, Carol Carlson, Helen Maltby, Annette Dahlmeier, Ardella Pingeon, Andi Carlson, Mary Lu Carlson, Irene McTaggart and Punky and Bette Weske. Pray for those that are homebound: Gordy Paulson. There are also many who prefer not to be listed individually, but have requested private prayers.

Carter Klund	2	Gordon D. Paulson	16
Kade Danelski	3	Leslie Evenson Bakhtiari	17
Tamra Newham	3	Shelley Shaffer	19
Wayne Peterson	3	Jackson Sickler	19
Savannah Gamst	4	Kiersten Evenson	21
Ted Eastman	5	Nicole Newham	21
Jodi Jo Michalski	5	Brennan Caroline	23
Mercedes Moffett	5	Mike Cadotte	24
Gordy Overland	5	Mike Rose	24
Jan Despot	6	Charles Coon	25
Imy Johnson	6	Joy Harrison	25
Margaret Bexell	7	Jay Vargas	25
Nancy Grimm	7	Jeff Shaw	26
Jeffrey Lofgren	7	Nathan Graftaas	27
Taya Rhoades	9	Jeffrey Lower	27
Melvin Rogers	9	Carole Noelle	27
Harlan Schroeder	10	Jan Erickson	28
Matthew Bohnsack	11	Maryls Schmidt	28
Carolyn Swanson	12	Matt Sickler	29
Paul Olson	13	Jeff Olson	30
Barbara Stone	13	Spencer Meyer	30
Tom Cannon	15	Don Erickson	31
Carma Coon	15	Kendra Sickler	31
Paula Arnold	16	Donna Eckman	31
Christopher Lofgren	16		

Military Service

Brian Erola	Joey Whited
Robert Dedrowski	Jeremy Hill
Daniel Conley	Jeremy Johnson
Anthony Mandt	Scott Eckman
Jason Johnson	Gage Mohelsky
Mike Tolerico	Maddie Shatz
John Kachinske	Danny Whited
Alexis Babcock	



HAPPY



Leo & Janet Matheson	15
Ray & Catherine Graftaas	19
Spencer & Barbara Stone	23
Jason & Stephanie Rhodes	31

ANNIVERSARY!

From the Office

Have you Heard?

In days past you woke up on Sunday mornings, and go to church. You got here to see all the wonderful people you know and love, and catch up on the week's happenings before service.

But.....

Did you really sit and listen to the music coming from our organ?

It has never been recorded music, tape player or CD. There is a wonderfully talented woman who has been our gift for years.

Me personally?

I hadn't really appreciated how much of a gift she is until now. Watching the service from my phone where I can see her play and really listen to the music shows me what I've been missing all of these years!

I have been fortunate enough to be one of the few present while she has been playing during this pandemic. I get goose (holy ghost) bumps EVERYTIME! She is amazing! She puts together concert quality music every Sunday.

She has been in charge of finding music/singers for Sundays now more than ever. Before the pandemic she coordinated when each choir would sing, when the bells would ring and when we would have special musicians in. My mom and I have sang for a couple of the Sundays; she is so easy to work with. She listens to us sing before service, tells us where she will hold so we can take a breath, and offers to put the song in another key so its easier to hit the higher notes.

At staff meetings she always has everything all organized. She knows what Sundays are coming up and the special things

we do for each of them.

I could go on and on about how she has made my job easier along with everyone else's. Being quietly supportive and never critical of anything or anyone.

So....

Next time we gather in our church, definitely catch up with missed friends, but take a moment to listen to our music. There is a woman that is up there giving her gift to us and to God. Thank you **Lee Mogen** for all that you do for us! We are truly grateful.



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- *Sundays 9:00 am
- * Sundays 10:30 am Drive-in

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