The Voice of Hope

Welcoming, Worshipping, Serving
May 2021

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
For

Zach Danelski

2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Greetings to all the beautiful souls of Hope Lutheran Church. God is good and we are grateful, Amen!! The seasons are about to change, well, they are changing albeit a bit slower than we would all like, (as I sit at my desk and watch snow flurries on April 21). Life continues to move forward we can't stop time, it just keeps rolling along.

I am very excited about the season change and soon it will be summer. I love to fish and to be on the water and that season is right around the corner, Praise the Lord! It has been said that the only constant in the life is change. I have come to understand that to some degree, especially in the last few years of my life. Many things have changed, new granddaughter, new jobs, new communities, new relationships, new roles in life, many changes. And yet some things remain secure, God, my faith in God, my love for my family and my friends, my passion for ministry, and my obsession for muskie fishing, to name a few.

Here's my encouragement; whether things are all sorts of changing in your world or things are relatively steady. Tomorrow will be good, it might not be easy or it might be delightfully smooth, but it will be good. Why? Because,

God is already there,
God is with you,

God is working to bring good to your life, it might not come how or when we want, but it will happen. Trust the good work of God.

Hopefully soon you will find yourself with the warm sun on your face, a cool breeze at your back, and calm waters at your feet. Invite Jesus to join you, and don't just invite…

make room.

Praise the Lord!

Pastor Matt

John and Nancy Marshall

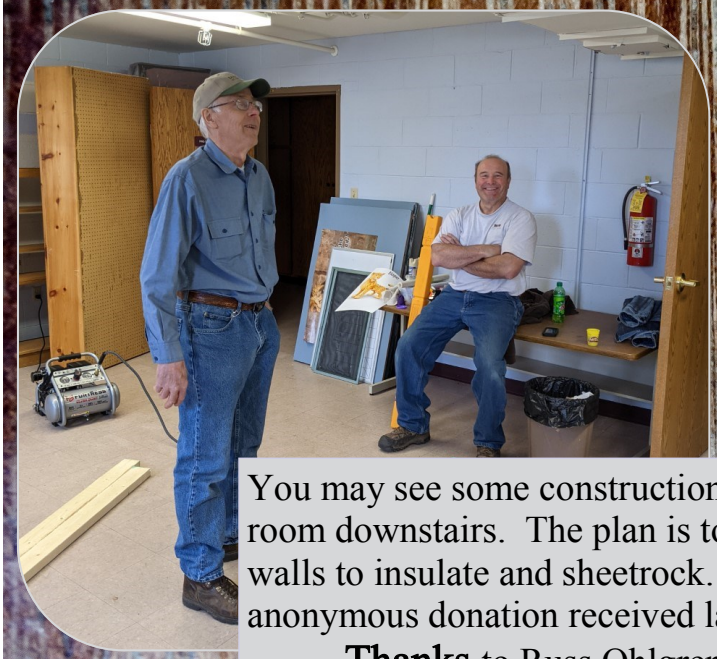
Pastor Matthew Cordes

Welcome

To our newest members!

Bonnie and Gene Muenchow

Sara and Luke Nichols



You may see some construction work being done in our pre-school room downstairs. The plan is to replace the windows, fur out the walls to insulate and sheetrock. The money for this project is from an anonymous donation received last fall.

Thanks to Russ Ohlgren and Scott Brecht for their work.

in Loving Memory

A Celebration of Life for

Helen Maltby

Saturday April 17, 2021
Hope Lutheran Church
Moose Lake, MN

Bloom where you are planted

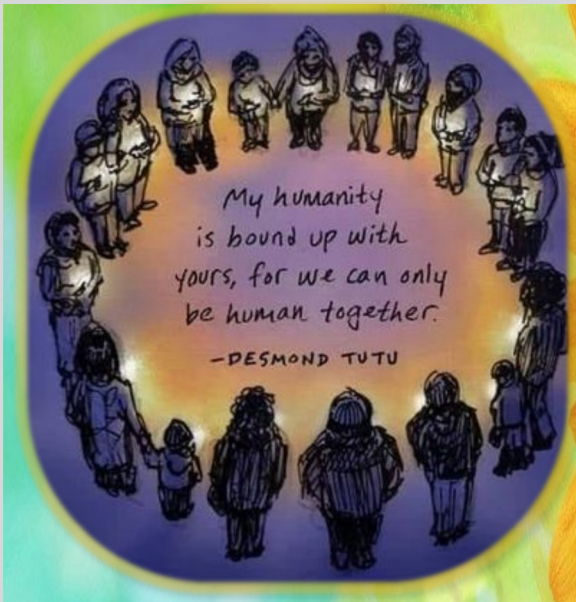
Wendy has been working on the blankets for our seniors.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Jay from Jazzy Farms in Denham brought us lambs for the kids to see and touch...and they POOPED! The kids got a kick out of it! And so did Pastor Matt!

VBS Save the Date! July 26-30, 2021!!

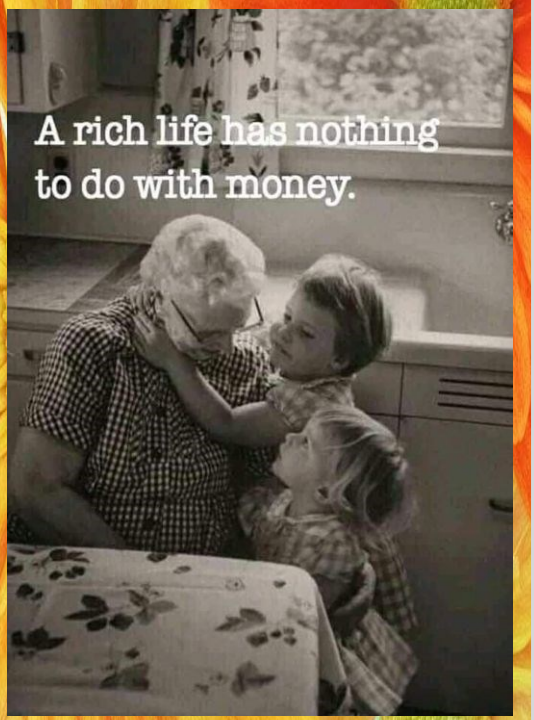
Spring is in the air! Our kiddos have been playing outside!



Thank you for all that you do Wendy.

To all the members of Hope who have worked tirelessly to bring the services to us by many routes, I know it has been difficult and new methods had to be learned, I really appreciated being able to get the services over Cable and enjoy the music and messages. Lately I've seen some people in the sanctuary that I haven't seen in months. Pastor Matt & Wendy always do a great job. I'll be glad when the Covid restrictions permit us to sing out like a Lutheran Congregation. The services held during Holy Week will stick with me for the rest of my life. Thank you!

Anne Johnson



"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

July usually brings songs in our hearts with the gathering of Sand Lake Choir. Sixty-six years ago the choir had its beginnings on the shores of Sand Lake led by Ethel Lundgren, a lover of choral music who gathered a group of swim suit clad youth to prepare special music for the Sunday morning worship on the shores of Sand Lake; later at Bethlehem Lutheran, a predecessor Hope, then at Hope. In the mid 1960's Dr Leland Sateren, a well known composer and Augsburg College Music Director led the group. Since 1996 Carla Walgren, Dr Sateren's niece continued the musical tradition.

We have looked forward to that weekend and to the Courier Quartet to bring songs of joy, hope, strength and fellowship. Many people have helped to make this weekend a success, and it is a beloved tradition. Unfortunately, this year we will cancel our concert due to health concerns.

May you find a song in your heart.
"To God be the Glory."

Thanks to Pastor Matt for all you do. For Encouragement to stay strong in our faith and help one another. We are fortunate for our Sunday morning connection and communion! and Thanks for our Wendy too. Remind everyone to get signed up for vaccine in their clinics with the several clinics becoming available. Gods love and Peace to all of you who serve our church,
Grayce Peterson

Hope Lutheran -
Pastor Matt,
Lee and all staff
and Congregation:

Bob + I have been following your services; Sundays, Lent and Daily dose of Hope. I have found all to be fulfilling and enjoy hearing Pastor Matt preach. Hope Lutheran is a Lucky congregation. You will and continue to serve God in Hope, Peace and Love. Bob + Kathy Kessler

Prayer Concerns

Mardella Marcela
Sharon Goetzinger
Ernie Holmstrom
Ronald Werner
Braxton Battaglia -granddaughter of Dave & Judy Paulson
Scott Besser
Carol Liupakka
Steve Storebo - son of Rolly & Imy Johnson
Ken Dahlberg
Lyle Almquist

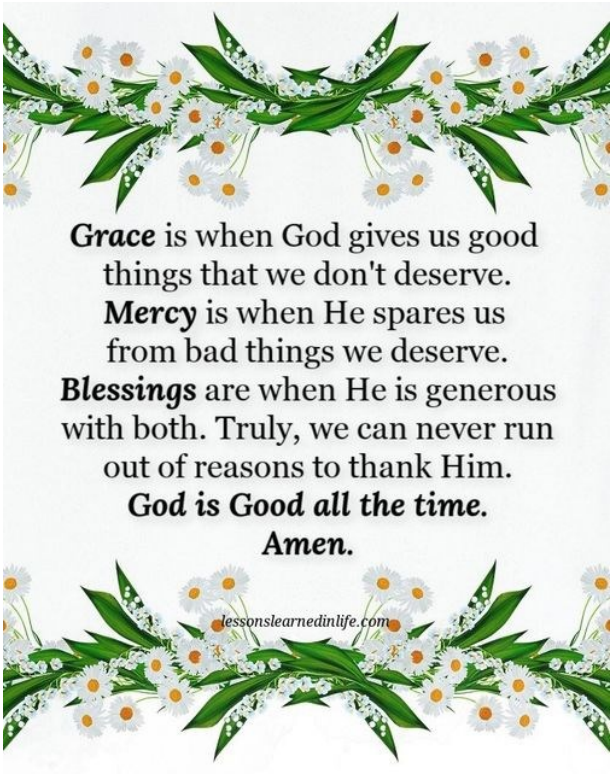
Deaths

Helen Maltby

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 and Patti Almquist, Jan Ecklund, Carol Carlson, Helen Maltby, Annette Dahlmeier, Andi Carlson, Mary Lu Carlson, and Punky and Bette Weske. Pray for those that are home-bound: Gordy Paulson. There are also many who prefer not to be listed individually, but have requested private prayers.

Military Service

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



Larry Agurkis	2	Lyle Anderson	19
Jennifer Mesojedec	3	Lance Nordstrom	19
Sue Jusczak	4	Addison Cadotte	20
Stephanie Rhodes	4	Pauline Dee	20
Reese Nordstrom	5	Erin Battalia	21
Carol Carlson	6	Andrew Burn	21
Madeline Stewart	6	Renee Kachinske	21
Blake Oquist	6	Frankie Hedman	22
Robert Hanson	7	Joseph Steen	22
Lauren Pederson	7	Don Adams	23
Nickolas Skog	7	Kimberly Hansen	23
David Eckman	9	Grace Stephenson	23
Ron Peterson	9	Jason Bexell	24
Cooper Bexell	10	Landin Kurhajetz	24
Paul Riihiluoma	10	Abigail Lattu	24
Lori Wasche	10	Bambi Neumann	25
Janice Bendrud	11	Braja Scheurman	25
Ann Haugen	11	Jennah Nelson	26
Alexis Babcock	12	Talon Nordstrom	26
Jason Benzie	13	Wyatt Waseen	26
Peter Engstrom	14	Donna Arnold	27
Ernie Holmstrom	14	Emily Klund	29
Evan Ballantine	15	Benjamin Steen	29
Aiden Grimm	16	Cindy Zuk	29
Jerry Rude	16	Tiffany Benoit	30
Laura Stephenson	16	Terry Burn	30
Brette Burginger	17	Trina Lower	30
Kaleb Weisert	17	Bo Moffett	30
Carter Riel	17	Marilyn Vargas	30
Erin Anderson	19	Melissa Gamst	31

Gil & Candice Gamst	4
Gordon & Barbara Overland	14
Robert & Dawn Moffett	21
Craig & Andrea Stevens	23
Shelley & David Shaffer	27
Ted & Deb Shaw	29

"Be gentle with yourself. You're doing the best you can!" — Unknown

From the Office

Happy little accidents

Last year I was fortunate enough to be the preschool teacher here at Hope. I had 14 little ones to keep track of! When Wendy and I started counting how many kids there were going to be we knew I would need help.

Cue the 5th graders! Sylvia was the teacher for the 5th graders and she had 15 of them! So we thought... why not pair them with the preschoolers?! They could have "Big" buddies.

It worked out great! Their "big buddy" would help the little ones with everything from getting their snow pants on for outside, learning new games, to teaching them how to act in the sanctuary. This group did great!

Fast forward to this year. Now they are our 6th graders. Normally the sixth grade goes to the nursing home during faith for the future, but this year it just wasn't possible. This year the sixth graders have been in charge of games with the younger grades along with setting up and cleaning up for programming. This group of kids has taken on a bigger leadership role within the church than any before them at this age.

When Wendy and I set up their pairing with the preschoolers we had no idea how much that decision would impact how comfortable leading they are now.

They most likely would have gotten to this same point, but they just naturally stepped into these roles. They were already used to caring for those preschoolers (now kindergarteners), so they naturally lead and teach the rest of the younger ones this year.

Last year we paired them out of necessity, we had no idea how useful these skills would be now in the new world we live in.

This Holy Spirit of ours has its ways of leading us without our knowledge sometimes. Talk about something coming around full circle!

I love it!

-Stephanie Rhodes

Now sixth grade and pre-school.

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Summer Services at the Park!

This summer we will again have

Outdoor Services!

We will have our traditional service on Sundays at 9:00am in church, then at 10:30 we will have our service at the Moose Lake City Park at the band-shell.

Summer Sunday Schedule

Starting May 30

9:00 AM in church
10:30 AM Moose Lake City Park

*If it is raining we will have the service here at church.

*There are some Sundays we weren't able to reserve the park (ex: Agate Days), but we will keep you informed!