

Herald of Hope

June 2026



Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Worship with us Sundays at 9:00

If you can't join us in person, you can view Hope's live Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. at leechlaketv.org, or tune your antenna TV to Channel 21.5. The service is also broadcast live on KQKK 101.9 FM radio. You can sponsor a Sunday broadcast in memory or honor of a loved one or special occasion for \$75. Sign up for the date of your choice on the bulletin board near the church office, or just call in.

Stay after worship for Coffee & Fellowship!

Sunday Bible Study

June 21st following worship

God's Emmanuel: A Look Into Matthew's Jesus

Matthew's Gospel begins and ends with the same promise: that God is with us. This promise becomes the lens through which we see Jesus' life and ministry unfold — God's presence made visible, tangible, and near. Join Pastor Matt on the deck (weather permitting) on Sunday, June 21, following worship, for a time of study and conversation as we explore how the promise of *Emmanuel* threads through the rest of Matthew's Gospel and continues to shape our lives today.

Enjoy God's beautiful creation and Join us for Outdoor Worship Sunday, June 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Bring a chair if you are able. Some chairs are available for those who arrive by bike, or have difficulty carrying... or just forget! If you prefer to remain in your vehicle and would like an up-close parking spot, call the church office to reserve one. Worship will be held indoors if weather necessitates.

Renewing Hope's Kitchen, Renewing Hope's Promise Celebration Brunch, Sunday June 14!

About a year ago, Hope Lutheran Church began a five-year journey to renew and strengthen our church home through the "Renewing Hope's Promise" capital campaign. On July 6, 2025, we marked a joyful milestone with a luncheon celebrating the completion of our parking lot project.

Today, with deep gratitude, we are delighted to share that our planned activities to date (parking lot and kitchen improvements) have been fully funded through the generous gifts of our members. Because of your continuing support, we are well prepared to move forward with further projects. Now the frustrations of loose cabinet doors, peeling veneers, and worn flooring in our kitchen are finally behind us. Our refreshed space — with solid wood cabinetry, food-safe quartz countertops, fresh paint, and durable yet elegant commercial-grade flooring — will serve our fellowship and ministry for years to come. Even more encouraging, we have the funds in hand to complete this entire phase.

This is a meaningful accomplishment, and it reflects the dedication, generosity, and shared vision of this congregation. And we are not finished yet. Future phases will focus on essential needs such as air conditioning, boilers and furnaces, and eventually a new roof—ensuring our church remains a safe and comfortable place for years to come.

But first, we celebrate. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on June 14, following the morning worship service, for a Kitchen Celebration Brunch.

You'll have the opportunity to explore the new space, open drawers and cabinets, and see firsthand the care and craftsmanship that brought this project to life.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so generously to this project.

- To the Women of Hope — especially Shirley Dowson, Ardyce Pederson, Deb Fischer, and Angie Osatiuk — for the many hours spent planning, preparing, and clearing or refilling kitchen cabinets.

- To Scott Skalisky for coordinating schedules and guiding project development with care.

- To our Board of Property: Leroy Jordan for plumbing hookups; Duane Foss and Brian Bruns for lending their expertise to numerous tasks; Mike Frank for his leadership on the Capital Appeal team; and Wayne Osatiuk for serving faithfully as project manager.

- To the skilled local artisans whose craftsmanship made this transformation both beautiful and affordable.

Most importantly, thank you to each and every one of you whose generosity and encouragement made this phase possible.

These projects are about more than maintaining a building. They are about strengthening our ministry, deepening our fellowship, and allowing us to continue to serve our neighbors with renewed energy and purpose. Every improvement helps ensure that Hope remains a place where we gather, grow, and reach out in faith. Thank you for being such a vital part of Hope's present—and for helping renew Hope's promise for the future.

With gratitude and hope,
Renewing Hope's Promise
Capital Appeal Team

Marty Cook, Mike Frank, Wayne Osatiuk,
Pat Roush, Barb Sherman (Hope President),
Pastor Matt

Women of Hope

Women of Hope are jumping into June!

This month we will have the opportunity to enjoy our newly remodeled kitchen. Thanks to the Board of Property and Angie Osatiuk for their many hours of planning and hard work. It looks amazing!

Summer Potluck & Bible Study Wednesday, June 3rd at noon in the Fellowship Hall

All ladies are invited to our first potluck of the summer. We'll get a chance to use the new kitchen, a luncheon and a Bible study, *"I Am Created in the Image of God"* and a brief business meeting to learn more about the WOH and our activities. Bring your favorite potluck item to share and your *Gather* magazine if you have one. Invite a friend... summer visitors warmly welcomed!

Angie Osatiuk is leading us in our new fundraiser in July *"Spark of Hope"*. As in the past, this event will include a luncheon, silent auction and bake sale. Select your favorite recipes and contribute to the desserts and bake sale. Handmade items are also wanted for the Silent Auction and Buy-it-Now tables. Talk to Meri Mengis about donating those items.

June 15 & 16 women from the Northeastern Synod will gather at Zion Lutheran in Grand Rapids for the **annual gathering**. Alice Groth will represent Hope as our delegate. There is still time to sign up to attend for one day or both days. Contact Shirley Dowson or Ardyce Pederson for questions you may have. At this event we will be packing newborn baby kits, participating in break-out sessions and worshipping together. This is a fun event and a time to connect with women from throughout our synod. Hope will be taking quilts, school kits and pinless diapers to be donated to LWR and Global Health.

Throughout the summer our card makers keep busy on Tuesday mornings, as do the quilters on Thursdays. Consider attending either!



Out with the old, in with the new!

Thanks to everyone who helped clear out the kitchen cupboards (Shirley, Ardyce & Bonnie pictured above) and the crew who came in to put everything back (including Scott, Ardyce & Shirley pictured below).



The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center's **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER** runs through Father's Day, June 21. Pick up a baby bottle from the church narthex and use it to collect change and return it by Father's Day. The Pregnancy Support Center is a non-profit organization helping local parents facing unplanned pregnancies, with education and resources to help them make a positive start as a new family!



Blessing of the Quilts, May 10, 2026

Spark of Hope

the *New* Community Fundraiser

Tuesday, July 21 10:30 a.m. – 1p.m.

“Christmas in July” has been transformed into the “Spark of Hope!” It’s still a special community fundraiser, but we’ve changed the name to echo the spirit our country’s Independence Day holiday and 250th birthday.

Mark your calendars now! The fundraising event will be held Tuesday, July 21 from 10:30 – 1 p.m. All the money raised from the lunch and sale of baked goods, crafts, cards and the quilt raffle will go to community organizations, such as the Walker-area Food Shelf, food boxes, W-H-A youth programs, Akeley Women’s Shelter, Boys & Girls Club and more.

No change here: donations and volunteer help are always welcomed! The committee is sure to find a job for anyone who wants to pitch in that day. And your donations are definitely needed, such as:

- ◆ Desserts (cookies or bars especially) for the luncheon
- ◆ Items for the silent auction/buy-it-now tables.
- ◆ Several “higher-value” handmade items for the silent auction
- ◆ Baked goodies for the bake sale

The organizing committee will be meeting on June 25 at 11 a.m. Contact Angie Osatiuk at 612-310-6860, or aosatiuk@live.com. Women of Hope thank you. Encourage your friends and family to come!



SPARK of Hope
COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISER

Join us for an event & lunch to raise money for community organizations

Tues., July 21
10:30 - 1 p.m.

**crafts - cards - quilt raffle -
bake sale & silent auction**

Proceeds go to support the Walker-area Food Shelf, Food Boxes, W-H-A Youth Programs, Akeley Women's Shelter, Boys & Girls Club & more

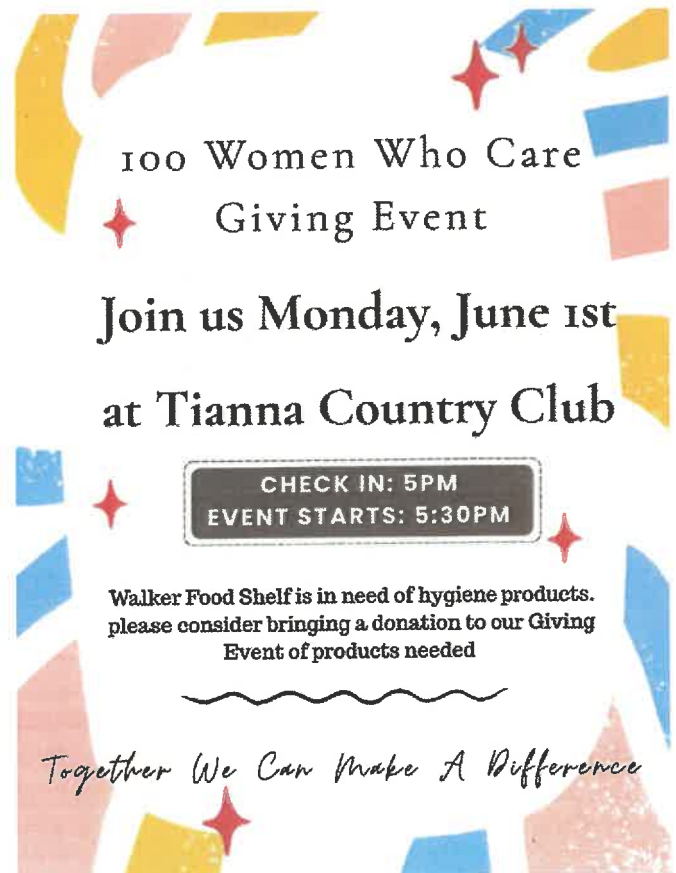
\$15 cost for lunch

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Spark of Hope Quilt Raffle

This beautiful 98X98” Broken Star quilt made by Ardyce Pederson will be raffled as part of our Spark fundraiser on July 21. Tickets are available for \$5 each.



100 Women Who Care
Giving Event

Join us Monday, June 1st
at Tianna Country Club

CHECK IN: 5PM
EVENT STARTS: 5:30PM

Walker Food Shelf is in need of hygiene products.
please consider bringing a donation to our Giving
Event of products needed

Together We Can Make A Difference

Youth of Hope

A HUGE thank you to our 2025-2026 Sunday School leaders; **Leah Cairns, Emily Turney, Lily Cairns, Everly Felton, Logan Felton, Trevor Kuechle, Danielle Malard, Tori Pederson, Anja Turney, Oliva Udem, Sophia Udem, Vada Yeats.** Looking for 1-2 adults to help out next year! Please let Michelle A. know if you are interested.

A HUGE thank you to **Sherren Foss** and **Pat Roush** for gifting their time and love with the Joyful noise choir. Thank you to **Samantha Beard, Olivia Murphy and Garret Turney** for your help with leading Wednesday Kids.

There are still spaces open for...
Preschool VBS June 15th-17th

9am-11:30am for those entering preschool through those entering kindergarten. Join us as we sing, craft, and play games based around the Women in the Bible!

**Register Here →
for PreSchool
VBS**



**Elementary Vacation Bible
School July 6th-9th, 9am-3pm**

Mountain Movers- Matthew 17:20
Kids who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us at Day Camp VBS this summer. Come join in the fun with Luther Crest Bible Camp as we learn about community, courage, faith & love. **Register Here →
for K-5th VBS**



Confirmation students can still earn Sermon Notes for acolyting and helping with communion during summer worship services. Sign up on Michelle's office door to volunteer!



Hope Lutheran Class of '26

On Sunday, May 17th we celebrated our graduating seniors! Each student selected a quilt made by the Hope Quilters to take with them to remind them of their home church and God's comforting presence in their lives. Back: **Clay Burns, Garret Turney, Sam Pfeiffer, Nick Harding, Hayden Rettke.** Front: **Lily Cairns, Lexi Gardner, Tori Pederson**

Students who have completed confirmation are eligible to apply for scholarships for further education from Hope's Graduate Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded based on how the students have continued to live out their faith during their high school years following confirmation. **Lily, Lexi, Tori, Garret & Sam,** each will receive an award, based on their amazing service as high schoolers, especially in sharing their faith and inspiring younger kids. You can help ensure Hope will be able to continue to recognize students this way by donating gifts or memorials to the Graduate Scholarship Fund.



Free Little Children's Book Library

Jill and Kyle Duclos, of Thrivent in Walker, are starting up a free little children's book library. It works just like any other free little book library, only it is specified for children's books! Individuals may take or leave a book or two whenever they wish to do so. We are looking to collect engaging, gently used, or new books to share with children. There is a collection box in the church narthex. Feel free to help fill the box! Otherwise, you may stop by our office to donate in the library box. We are located at 800 MN Avenue, across the street from the Holiday gas station. We look forward to filling the little library and watching eager readers stop to visit! Thank you! Feel free to call Jill if you have any questions 218-547-2798. Watch for the little library to be up soon!

**Support the youth who are attending the Fargo-Moorhead Service Trip,
San Diego Mission Trip & Bible Camp!**

Fargo Moorhead Service Trip, June 7-10: Ava Brovold, Easton Eckart, Trenton Kuechle, Buzzy McWaters, Olivia Udem, Dawson Weaver, Calen Zubke and Cooper Zubke, Michelle Anderson, Ben Brovold, Pastor Matt McWaters, Lily Cairns & Tori Pederson.

San Diego Mission Trip, July 13-20: Konnor Ball, Elizabeth Cairns, Lily Cairns, Caleb Dubbe, Logan Felton, Josie Holly, Layla Krueckeberg, Lola Krueckeberg, Trevor Kuechle, Payton Lange, Noah McWaters, Tori Pederson, Anja Turney, Garret Turney, Jenna Udean, Sophia Udem, Vada Yeats, Michelle Anderson, Josh Cairns and Madelyn Tews.

June 14th, 6:30-7:30pm Parent & Youth Pre-Trip Meeting. Final Payments Due July 1st.

Luther Crest Bible Camp Week of July 26: Brooklin Anderson, Michelle Anderson, Maddy Beard, Samantha Beard, Willa Snyder, Susanna Girtz, Asher Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Layla Forseman, Amari Krueckeberg, Riley Gilbert, Barret Rusch, Hadley Gilbert, Lucy Kuechle, Grace Zumwalt, Trenton Kuechle, Buzzy McWaters, Christian Ringle, Levi Zumwalt, Ava Brovold, Paislee Erickson, Everly Felton, Olivia Udem, Elizabeth Cairns, Lily Cairns, Sophia Udem, Logan Felton, Trevor Kuechle and Noah McWaters



Brat & Hotdog Fundraisers: Hotdogs & brats for sale outside of the Meat Boutique on June 20th

SuperOne Fundraiser: Youth of Hope will be bagging your groceries at SuperOne on June 26, 27 & 28 for tips to help pay for mission trips & camp this summer.

A big thanks to everyone who stopped by the Meat Boutique for lunch on May 23rd. The youth made over \$800 to help defray the cost of summer camp and mission trips! The youth will be there again on the afternoon of June 20th.



DAY CAMP VBS

MOU^{TA}IN MOVERS
Matthew 17:20

JULY 6-9
COMPLETED GRADES
Kindergarten-5th Grade
9AM-3PM

REGISTER HERE:





COMMUNITY



COURAGE



FAITH



LOVE



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	2 9:30 am Card Makers 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	3 10:00 am Women of Hope Board Mtg Noon: Women's Potluck & Study 1:00 pm Bone Builders	4 8:30 am Quilters 9:15 am Gardeners 9:30 Bone Builders 11:30 Women's AA	5	6 Noon: visitation 1:00 Memorial service for Wally Pottenger
7 9:00 Communion Worship w/Wedde baptism 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship	8 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	9 9:00 Card Makers 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	10 11:00 & 12:30 Worship -May Creek 1:00 pm Bone Builders	11 9:15 am Gardeners 9:30 Bone Builders 11:30 Women's AA	12	13
<i>Middle School service trip to Fargo</i>						
14 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Kitchen Celebration Brunch 6:30 pm Youth trip meeting	15 9:00-11:30 Prek VBS 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	16 9:00-11:30 Prek VBS 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 6:00 Church council	17 8:30 am Board of Outreach 9:00-11:30 Prek VBS 1:00 pm Bone Builders	18 9:15 am Gardeners 9:30 Bone Builders 11:30 Women's AA	19	20 11:00 am Youth sell Hot Dogs & Brats at Meat Boufique
21 9:00 Outdoor Worship <i>worship will be moved indoors if necessary</i> 10:10 "God's Emmanuel" Study (deck)	22 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	23 9:00 Card Makers 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	24 1:00 pm Bone Builders	25 8:30 am Quilters 9:15 am Gardeners 9:30 Bone Builders 11:00 Spark Committee 11:30 Women's AA	26	27 3:00 Memorial reception for Karen Fagerman
28 9:00 Communion Worship w/Bjorn Dahl baptism 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship	29 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	30 9:00 Card Makers 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study				



Stay Connected *For Your Safety!*

What is Stay Connected?

A simple, caring way to support those living alone with daily check-ins for safety and peace of mind.

How It Works:

- A Connector sends you a quick text on your cell phone at a set time each day.
- Reply with an emoji or short message—conversation is optional!
- No response, we'll follow with a second text, then call you and still no answer call your emergency contact person. Still no answer? Local authorities will be contacted for a wellness check.



Get Involved:

- Join the program for daily check-ins.
- Volunteer as a Connector and make a difference in someone's life

Contact Joe Sherman at joebarb@arvig.net or call 218-251-3163 to sign up or learn more!
Together, let's share Christ's love through simple acts of safe being, care and connection.

HOPE
is alive!

HOPE'S MISSION
*Hope invites all to connect with
God and each other through*
... *Worship*
... *Community*
... *Service*

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