

Herald of Hope May 2026



Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA

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The church office will be closed May 25.



HOPE BUILDS

Hope Lutheran has been asked by The Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity to build three garden sheds for the Habitat homes in Cass Lake we helped push over the finish line last Fall.

Our goal is three sheds in three days!

The sheds will be built on the basketball court behind the church. Construction will begin **8:00 am Thursday May 28th** with the goal of finishing Saturday May 30. **NO SPECIAL SKILLS NEEDED!** Come for an hour, come for all three days; any and all help will be welcome! For more details contact Pastor Dave: 218-507-0190, phone or text.

With your help:

WE CAN DO THIS!

Kitchen Remodel Project

Our kitchen upgrade is underway! New kitchen cabinets, flooring, countertops, including a new sink and faucet are being installed. The entire kitchen is being repainted. We are also replacing the main refrigerator and adding some new kitchen racks.

The kitchen will not be available for use during the month of May, with all equipment and items beginning to be removed around May 1st. We hope to have the kitchen returned to service by May 27.

The Fellowship Hall will also not be usable during much of the remodel, due to items being temporarily stored there and the general dust and cleanliness during construction.

Your gifts to the *Renewing Hope's Promise* fund make this much-needed kitchen upgrade possible! Thank you for your support.

SAVED



What does it mean to be "saved"?

What does the Bible say about salvation?

Can one lose their salvation?

Is salvation universal?

Join Pastor Dave on Sunday, May 17th at 10:00 am as we discuss salvation and the questions that often surround it. Bring your coffee, cookie, and questions to the choir room following worship as we examine this central belief of our Christian faith.

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 lechlaketv.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!

Wednesday Worship May 6 & 13 at 6:15

No supper due to kitchen renovation!

From Pastor Matt

Spirit Stuff

Church folks often talk about the Holy Spirit as the “shy One” of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). I wonder, though, if that label says more about us — and our hesitation to say much about the Third Person of the Trinity — than it does about God the Spirit. Things of spirit or ghosts are already mysterious in and of themselves. Their very nature is elusive; when we try to grab hold of them, they slip through our imagination.

The Spirit-breath of God — *ruah* in Hebrew — hovered over the nothingness before God spoke creation into being. But what did it look like? (Gen. 1:1–2) It descended onto Jesus in the form of a dove at the Jordan in his baptism (Matt. 3:16), and as tongues of fire on the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1–4). So, which is it — dove, tongues, or dove-tongues?

As obscure as it may seem, the church actually has a robust understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit that emerges from Scripture. The Spirit is God (Matt. 28:19), attested to by divine attributes: creating (Gen. 1:2), being everywhere (Psalm 139:7–10), searching the depths of God (1 Cor. 2:10), and being eternal (Heb. 9:14). The Spirit lives in us (1 Cor. 3:16), empowers sharing the good news and preaching (Acts 2:4, 11), creates faith through hearing (1 Cor. 12:3; Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:37–42), works forgiveness through absolution (John 20:22–23), saves through the renewal of Holy Baptism (Titus 3:5), and gives gifts to the people of the church “for the common good” (1 Cor. 12:4–11).

Unity & Connection

One particular aspect of the Spirit’s work that ought to be lifted up among us here at Hope is how the Spirit connects us in the unity of shared faith in Jesus Christ. While our stories of what brought us to the greater Leech Lake area may be quite different, our unity begins through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit that dwells in us through Baptism connects us with God, empowers us to confess together, “Jesus is Lord,” and strengthens the bonds of our community through the gift we are to one another for the sake of our shared life and the common good.

One thing I’ve heard many say in recent months is, “I don’t know as many people here at Hope as I used to.” A quick review of our official church record book reveals that we have commended at least 170 members of Hope into the care of Christ through funeral services over the last 12 years.

Many of us also have friends who have relocated to be closer to family or medical care. At the same time, we’ve welcomed dozens of new individuals, households, and families who bring their own unique gifts and presence into our fellowship. Even amidst the grief of lost connections and the curiosity of unfamiliar faces, the Spirit is still at work weaving new connections throughout our community of faith — connections that bear fruit for us and for our neighbors.

I, along with others here at Hope, am actively discerning how the Spirit is calling us to deepen our bonds of connection with one another in this time and place, for the building up of the community for the common good. I invite you to join us in prayer, that together we might wonder at the creative, life-giving movement of the Spirit among us.

MINISTERIAL ACT

Saturday, April 18
Memorial Service for
LaVerne Kennedy

“Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism...”
(*Ephesians 4:3–5, NRSV*)

Upcoming Memorial Services

✠Arlen Boll

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Hope
Visitation begins at 10:00
Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

✠Tanis Beadle

Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Hope
Visitation begins at 10:00.
Reception to follow at Tianna.

✠Illa Ommen

Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. at Hope
Visitation begins at 10:00.
Reception to follow at Benson’s

✠Wally Pottenger

Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m. at Hope
Visitation begins at Noon
Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

News of Hope

Hope Lutheran Church gives thanks for recent gifts received...

In memory of **Tanis Beadle**, gifts to the *General Fund* from Jim Bottrell, Jim & Bev Worcester; gifts to *Renewing Hope's Promise* from Tim & Linda Gilsrud, Cal & Sally Hiner, Rollie Haugen, Wayne & Angie Osatiuk, Dianne Kennedy; a gift to the *Food Box Fund* from Ann Harris

In memory of **Amy Haas**, gifts to the *General Fund* from Steve & Jane Ekholm, Rosie Albers, Erik & Amy Sevig; gifts to *Renewing Hope's Promise* from Larry & Meri Mengis; a gift to the *Food Box Fund* from Karen Kellogg

In memory of **LaVerne Kennedy**, a gift to the *Memorial Garden Fund* from Jan Henrikson; gifts to *Renewing Hope's Promise* from Larry & Meri Mengis, Dianne Kennedy

In memory of **Otto Ringle**, a gift to the *Memorial Garden Fund* from Dianne Kennedy

In memory of **Mary Fisher**, a gift to the *General Fund* from Jim & Bev Worcester; gifts to *Renewing Hope's Promise* from Juliane Proper, Dianne Kennedy; a gift to the *Youth of Hope* from Jan Henrikson

In memory of **Dale Jones**, gifts to the *General Fund* from Jim & Bev Worcester, Jan Henrikson; a gift to *Renewing Hope's Promise* from Dianne Kennedy

In memory of **Carl Berg**, a gift to *Renewing Hope's Promise* from Dianne Kennedy

In memory of **Jim Kellogg**, a gift to *Renewing Hope's Promise* from Dianne Kennedy

In memory of Mike Kerrigan's mother, a gift to the *General Fund* from Shirley Dowson; a gift to the *Food Box Fund* from Karen Kellogg

In memory of Carol Marriott's mother, a gift to the *General Fund* from Shirley Dowson

May Acolytes

May 3—Ryla J
May 10—Keeton M
May 17—Buzzy
May 24—*Volunteer Needed*
May 31—*Volunteer Needed*

May Ushers

May 3: Strosahls
May 10: Wayne Osatiuk
May 17: Richardson
May 24: Brian Hein
May 31: *Volunteer Needed*

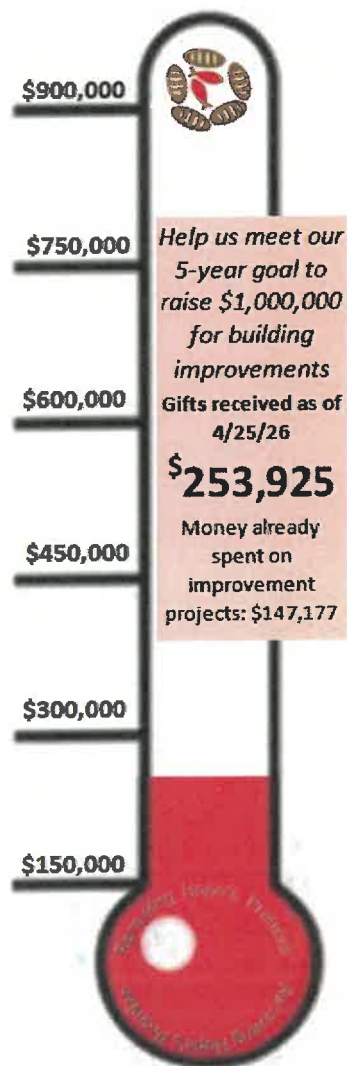
Readers

May 3: Ivan Paulsen
May 10: Zac Virnig
May 17: Shirley Dowson
May 24: Nancy Bruns
May 31: Martha Vetter



**Spring
Clean-Up**

**THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS**



Women of Hope

Just two ladies from Hope attended the **Living Waters Spring Gathering** at St. Andrew's. Pastor Vicki Taylor presided at our opening worship/communion service to start out the day. Our speaker presented on "First Call - 211", which is based out of Grand Rapids but they take calls for all of Minnesota. This is a service for non-emergencies to assist those in need with food or shelter; utility assistance; homeless services; substance use or mental health resources to name a few. Visiting with the ladies from the area churches in our Conference is always one of the high-lights of these gatherings. We are still working on filling open positions on the Living Waters board and the penny collections designation has not been determined yet.

We are fast approaching our **summer Bible study/potluck luncheons** in June, July and August. We meet at noon on the first Wednesday for a delicious potluck lunch followed by Bible study from the "*Gather*" magazine and conclude with a short business meeting to keep everyone in the loop on activities and fund raisers planned by the Women of Hope. All ladies are invited - you do not need to be a member of a circle - all are welcome - bring a friend!

Our **summer women's synodical convention/gathering** will be held at Zion, Grand Rapids, June 15th & 16th. Alice Groth will be attending as our delegate. If you are interested in attending, see Shirley or Ardyce and they will get registration forms to you. Registration fee goes up after May 22nd. The theme is "Love Thy Neighbor"; in-kind focus is newborn kits. Living Waters attendees responsibilities are assisting with registration and hostessing at the registration area. We are also asked to assist with clean-up in the kitchen following the Monday luncheon.

Card makers meet here on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Connie Kaylor & Linda Sylstad are the main workers. They would love to have more help - stop in and talk with them - all materials are provided; cards can be produced in your home if you cannot commit to Tuesday mornings. We have Mother's Day cards!

Hope Quilters usually meet every Thursday morning around 8:30. It's a fun group - stop in and check it out. We'll find a job for you to do! During the month of May there may be weeks when we are unable to meet due to kitchen remodeling.

Blessing of the Quilts—Sunday, May 10th during 9:00 worship

May 6th - Women's board meeting - 10:00 a.m.
June 3rd - Women's board meeting - 10:00 a.m.
June 3rd - Bible Study/potluck luncheon - Noon *Lydia Circle* hostess
June 15 & 16 - N.E. Women's Synodical Convention/Gathering

Just a reminder: Our kitchen and Fellowship Hall will not be available through much of May due to the remodeling project

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center's Baby Bottle Fundraiser runs from Mother's Day, May 10th 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!

Women of Hope Gather Study

Notes from Pastor Dave

God's Name, God's Promise

Session Three

God who leads us: Resurrection and life

This is the final installment of our three part series on the name of God. It begins with the acknowledgement that we live in a broken world; one that often calls forth grief and lament. Question 1 invites the reader to name some of the brokenness arounds us. *How do you cry out to God in lament?* The psalms are an excellent source for finding language for faithful lament.

Study question three invites us to compare I Corinthians with the Isaiah passage. This would be a good exercise in using scripture to interpret scripture. *Does one passage seem more "spiritual" than the other? How do these passages fit with your understanding of resurrection?*

Read John 11:1-44, the story of the raising of Lazarus. Question four asks for a comparison between the raising of Lazarus and Jesus' resurrection. *What is similar? What is different?*

Think about John 14:1-14. *What is Jesus actually promising here? When Jesus says, "I will come again..." is he referring to his resurrection appearance or his coming at the end of the age? Father is a relational term. What does it mean that Jesus uses the word "Father" when he says, "No one comes to Father except through me"? Is he talking about a particular kind of relationship with "I AM" that he is offering?*

Remember, we are always invited to call on God's name in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. The One whose majestic name is "I AM" is the same One who comes near to us in Christ Jesus and calls us by name.

Pastor Dave

**Join the discussion on
this month's Circle Bible Study!**

"God's Name, God's Promise"

Miriam—Monday, May 11

Ruth—Wednesday, May 13

Lydia—Thursday, May 14

*Anyone is welcome! Pick the date
that works best and join us at 9:30 a.m.*

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

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board and available following many Sunday worship services.

The organizing committee meets on May 20 at 9 a.m. and 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!

Blood Drive, Thursday, May 28th

Hope Lutheran will be the site of Walker’s next Vitalant Blood Drive on Thursday, May 28th from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Vitalant is the primary supplier of blood to hospitals in our area. Please consider donating at this time when our hospitals are at their highest usage due to increased summer population. Schedule an appointment online through your Vitalant account.

We need volunteers to help take down tables prior to the drive on Thursday, and help putting the room back together Friday morning. Volunteers are also needed to register donors as they come in, and to help in the kitchen with refreshments. If you are able to help, please call or text Lynn Moen at 218 838-2803.

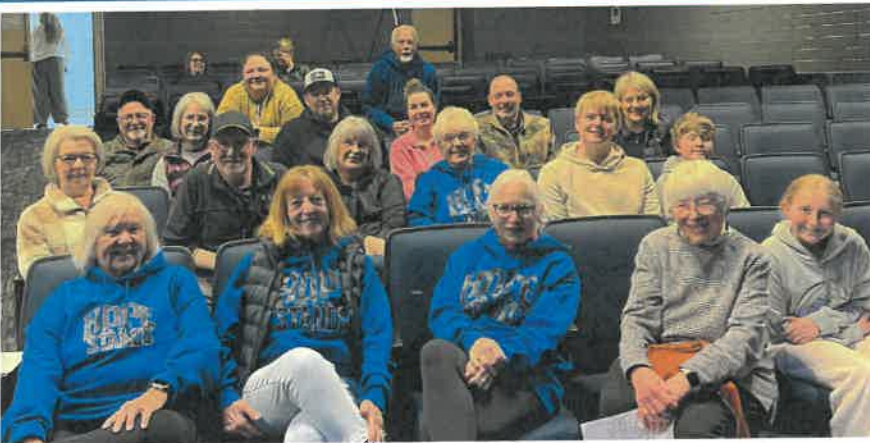
Geraniums for Pentecost

You can help us celebrate Pentecost with a burst of red geraniums in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 24th! Sponsor a geranium in memory or honor of a loved one. Fill out this form and return it to the offering plate or church office with payment by May 13. Your dedication will be listed in the bulletin on May 24th and you may take your plant(s) with you following worship.

_____ in memory _____ in honor
of _____

Given by _____

_____ geraniums x \$20 = \$ _____



Help make Hope a presence in our community by joining our “**Hope in the Stands**” group! The folks pictured above recently showed up to support WHA speech competitors (including the 7 kids heading to state competition!). The program is just in the beginning stages as we develop a list of potential community activities to attend and work on ways to publicize that info. We are developing an email group for HOPE IN THE STANDS! Send a message to hope-michelle@arvig.net if you wish to be included. We are also working on a Facebook group... details to follow. This is such a fun way to support the youth from our congregation and other events in the community. They notice when we show up!!!! Questions? Text Mar at 218-839-1974!

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

Sunday School

Sunday mornings kids will be invited out of worship to watch a video Bible story during the sermon.

May 3: *Living Stones, Chosen People* with Danielle & Emily

May 10: *The Spirit of Truth* with Michelle

May 17: *Jesus Ascends* with Sophia & Everly- Last Day of 25-26 SS!

Joyful Noise & Wednesday Kids

P3-5th graders join us on Wednesdays after school for Joyful Noise or Wednesday Kids, OR BOTH!

Our last day for the 2025-2026 year will be May 27th. No Joyful Noise or Wednesday Kids May 6th

SAVE THE DATES

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 VBS 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



10th-12th Grade Youth Group in May

May 6 & 13: 7pm-9pm(ish)- Following worship we will meet in the youth room for our continued study in the book of Luke followed by high-low-Jesus and some games!

May 20 & 27: 5:45pm-8pm(ish)- We will share in a meal together at a voted on restaurant. Followed by our Luke Bible Study, high-low-Jesus & games back at the church. May 27th will be our graduating senior night where seniors will choose where we eat & their meal will be paid for.



2026 Communion Class

Front: Aria Forseman, Everleigh Young, Adalyn Flesch, Cora Hart, Hallie Jackson. Back: Will Rogosheske, Jacob McWaters, Jace Siebenaler, Deacon Deck, Logan Freeman, Barrett Rusch, Rich Ehlenfeldt
Not pictured: Hadley Gilbert & Liam McCollough



Egg My Yard! The Youth of Hope served as the Easter Bunny's helpers, "egging" yards through snow & wind! Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun fundraiser!!

Meal Kit Packing for Local Families

On April 8th, Confirmation students and their mentors gathered to spend time together through service. Through *The Outreach Program of BLA*, they packed 5 different types of meal kits for local families experiencing food insecurity. The meals provide necessary nutrients, including protein, vitamins, and minerals. Each kit includes ingredients such as rice, pasta, beans, and seasoning and only requires boiling water, making it easy for families to prepare balanced meals with minimal cooking effort. The kits packed during this event will provide almost 10,000 meals!

The project was made possible through donations from confirmation students, their mentors and a few congregation members contributing over \$1000! In addition, money from Thrivent Choice Dollars was approved by the church council to help pay for the meals. Thank you to all who donated. During a Wednesday night service, a large pyramid of the packed food was built near the altar, where a special blessing was given. Following worship, the youth packed up the boxes and donated them to the Wolf Pack Pantry, Little Free Pantry, and the Walker Area Food Shelf.



A huge thank you to our confirmation leaders for sharing with our youth your gifts of time, love, patience and so much more! Thank you Lily Cairns, Bryn Hatten-Virnig, Mar Kuha, Brittni McWaters, Tori Pederson, Barb Sherman and Martha Vetter.

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, MJ Diekman, Easton Eckart, Trenton Kuechle, Buzzy McWaters, Olivia Udem, Dawson Weaver, Calen Zubke and Cooper Zubke, Michelle Anderson, 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.

May 17th 6:30-8pm Pre-Trip Meeting for youth & leaders

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, Suzanna 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 May 23rd and June 20th (date changed)!

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 2026						
3 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship	4 <i>Kitchen clean-out</i> 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	5 7:15 am HS Bible Study at Walker Bay Coffee 9:30 am Card Makers 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	6 10:00 am Women of Hope Board Mtg 1:00 pm Bone Builders No Joyful Noise or Wednesday Kids 4:30 pm Celebration Handbells 6:15 pm Wednesday worship 7:00 pm Sr High Youth Group	7 8:30 am Quilters 9:30 Bone Builders 11:30 Women's AA 1:00 pm PEO	8	9 10:00 am visitation 11:00 Memorial service for Tanis Beadle
10 9:00 Communion Worship w/Blessing of the Quilts 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship	11 9:30 am Miriam Circle 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	12 7:15 am HS Bible Study at Walker Bay Coffee 9:00 Card Makers 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	13 8:30 am Board of Outreach 8:30 am Middle School Release Time 9:30 am Ruth Circle 11:00 & 12:30 Worship -May Creek 1:00 pm Bone Builders 3:30 Joyful Noise 4:15 Wednesday Kids 4:30 pm Celebration Handbells 6:15 pm Wednesday worship 7:00 pm Sr High Youth Group	14 9:15 am Gardeners 9:30 Lydia Circle 9:30 Bone Builders 11:30 Women's AA 5:00 pm Girl Scouts	15	16 10:00 am visitation 11:00 Memorial service for Illa Ommen
17 9:00 Communion Worship w/Graduate Recognition 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 "Saved" Bible Study 6:30 pm Youth trip meeting	18 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	19 7:15 am HS Bible Study at Walker Bay Coffee 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	20 9:00 am "Spark" Fundraiser Comm. 1:00 pm Bone Builders 3:30 Joyful Noise 4:15 Wednesday Kids 4:30 pm Celebration Handbells 7:00 pm Sr High Youth Group	21 9:15 am Gardeners 9:30 Bone Builders 11:30 Women's AA	22	23 Youth sell Hot Dogs & Brats at Meat Boutique
24 Pentecost 9:00 Communion Worship 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 AA 1:00 pm Bone Builders	26 9:00 Card Makers 9:30 Bone Builders Noon: Lectionary Bible Study	27 1:00 pm Bone Builders 3:30 Joyful Noise sing at May Creek 4:15 Wednesday Kids 4:30 pm Celebration Handbells 7:00 pm Sr High Youth Group	28 8:30 am Quilters 9:15 am Gardeners 9:30 Bone Builders 11:30 Women's AA 1:30 Blood Drive	29	30
31 9:00 Communion Worship w/Strosahl baptism 10:00 Coffee & Fellowship	<i>Building sheds at Hope for Habitat for Humanity</i>					

Stay Connected – *For Your Safety!*

Hope Fellowship invites YOU to join the Connected Program!

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 or call 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.

Why It Matters:

- Extra layer of safety for those living alone.
- Reassurance that someone cares.
- Optional conversation if both parties want to.

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.

Connected Program Interest Form

Hope Fellowship Committee – Stay Connected!

Name: _____ Email _____

Cell Phone: _____ Landline _____

Physical Address, (Fire Number) _____

Emergency contact. Name _____ Number _____

1. **Do you live alone and want daily check-ins?** Yes, I'd like to join the program No, not currently
2. **Would you like to volunteer as a Connector?** Yes, I'd like to help No, not currently

Preferred Contact Method: Text Message Landline Phone Call

Additional Comments: _____

📞 Contact Joe Sherman at joebarb@arvig.net or call 218-251-3163 for questions or more info

Flower Gardeners Wanted!

If you like sunshine, warm breezes, digging in the soil, planting scrubs and flowers and weeding – then helping Hope's Memorial Flower Garden is the place for you! Weather permitting, we hope to start around the middle of May. We meet on Thursdays about 9:15 a.m. We look forward to seeing you! Questions? Contact Linda Piller 507 676-3563




HOPE
is alive!

HOPE'S MISSION

*Hope invites all to connect with
God and each other through*

- ... Worship*
- ... Community*
- ... Service*

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

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