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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

The R E A C H O U T

Lent is coming!! Lent is coming!! Prepare, get ready, Lent is coming! So, I have been getting ready to get into Lent by looking at devotionals and midweek sermon topics. Something to help us get better at following Jesus. During Lent, Jesus heads to the cross, he takes on our sins and sacrifices himself for us to pay for our sins. How many of us are truly ready to pick up their cross and follow Him?? Are we ready to give up our lives to follow Christ?? Can we give up wanting things our way?? Do we even know how to serve God?? I am struggling with two midweek Lenten services: one is based on Philippians 2:5-11, and the other is based on our covenant of Baptism. In the first one we look at and follow what Jesus did, and try to model that because He is our Lord. The second is us trying to live enjoying and keeping our covenant that was made at our Baptism. Hmmm?? Hope you join me the Wednesday evenings in Lent to find out. As usual we will have our 7PM Worship in person and on Zoom. Wendy will email out the link so you don't miss a thing.

In the meantime, the Presiding Bishop has put out a challenge. No, challenge is not the right word. She put before us a vision. Yes! That is, it. It is a vision for year 2021. She says that we are becoming polarized. We are separating! The pandemic is not helping matters. The Church (the Bod of Christ). Our vision! No, our priorities are: 1. To be a welcoming church, engaging new, young, and diverse people. 2. To be a thriving church, rooted in traditions and radically relevant. Would we be missed if we were to leave? Innovation, something new and useful, learning or knowing our past so we can teach and reach to the future. Understanding our theological view through knowing we are free, yet bound. 3. To be a connected, sustainable, church. Raising the bar together. Covid-19 was an example. We couldn't have large groups in the church. We quickly reached out with Zoom, YouTube, and other web meetings to have Bible study and even worship. The larger church and synods presented grants and ways to get monies to help care for the least of these in our midst.

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**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

February 22

So, what do I want from you during this Lenten season? I want you to see how much you are part of the church. I would like you to decide if you are fulfilling your baptismal promises? Do you express the welcome of this church? Do you reach out to those around you with joy in your heart and an invitation on your tongue? Do you know your fellow Christians? Do you know the rich traditions of the body of Christ? Would you be missed if you left? Would Good Hope be missed if we were no longer here? If we closed our doors would you miss us? Do you know what this statement means? “Free yet Bound” Are you part of this body? Are you connecting to and helping it to be sustainable? Or do you wait and see if the church is going to get in touch with you? Is the church going to call or check up on you? Or are you checking up on the church asking how you can help the church thrive during these hard times? Are you finding ways to connect with the church’s shut-ins or even those who are being isolated because of the pandemic? Please know, I just want you to ponder all these things on your Lenten journey. No quilt, no harm, no foul. We just have to decide, is the church a building or a synod, or a headquarters in Chicago, or is the church us? There is plenty of time to think about it. Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021 and Easter is Sunday April 4, 2021. Pray to God, these are hard questions.

I hope to see you or hear of your good deeds of love and concern for our neighbors.

God, please forgive me for I am a sinner. I confess that I am in bondage to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

May I hear? In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Pastor Ralph



Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
February 7th	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Isaiah 40: 21-31 Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 Mark 1: 29-39	In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.
February 14th	Transfiguration of Our Lord	white	2 Kings 2: 1-12 Psalm 50: 1-6 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9	The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.
February 21st	First Sunday in Lent	purple	Genesis 9: 8-17 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15	On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.
February 28th	Third Sunday in Lent	purple	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22: 23-31 Romans 4: 13-25 Mark 8: 31-38	The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE FEBRUARY

Serving in God's house	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE MARCH

Serving in God's house	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger
Communion bread	Do not need	Do not need	Do not need	Do not need
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk

Mark Your Calendar

February 2: The 3 C's annual meeting will be held at The Gate in the distribution room at 8pm. This meeting is open to anyone interested in attending.

February 14: The congregational meeting will be held February 14th from 9:30-10:15am. You may attend in person or on zoom. The zoom link will be sent out by email on February 12th.

February 17: The Ash Wednesday evening worship will be held at 7pm. You may attend in person or on zoom.

February 17: The Imposition of Ashes will be at the 7pm worship service and also at a drive-through from 11am– 12pm.

February 19: Lent Fish Fry at Good Hope. Your choice of baked or fried fish served with coleslaw and 2 other side dishes. Haluski and pierogi dinners also available for those who don't want fish. Serving from 3:30– 7pm. Cost is \$13.

February 21: The Beef Tips and Noodles dinner will be from noon till 3pm or until sold-out. The cost is \$13 per dinner. The meal includes beef tips and gravy over noodles, tossed salad, bread, and dessert. This is a take-out only dinner and you will be served at your car.

February 24– March 24: Lent worship services will be held Wednesdays at 7pm. You may attend in person or on zoom.

****Special Notes****

Zoom: When attending worship or meetings by zoom, please ask to join before the start time. Once the service starts, Pastor's back is to the computer and he can't see that you are trying to join. We apologize if this has happened to you.

Cookies needed: The dinner team is asking for cookies to give out at the Beef Tips and Noodles dinner. Any kind of cookie or bar cookie is much appreciated. Please no icing. You may drop your cookies off at the church on February 21st before noon. Thank you in advance!

Annual Reports: The Good Hope annual report will be available in the Narthex on February 5th. It will also be emailed out on the same day. Thank you for your reports!

*****Thank You*****

The dinner team thanks everyone who provided cookies or another dessert for the Chili Dinner. The customers always enjoy your baked goods! Proceeds from the Chili dinner were \$765.00.

Thanks to those who helped take down the Christmas decorations and to those who returned them to the storage unit. Your help is much appreciated!

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be March 9th at 7pm. The Furry Friends collection continues until Feb. 28th.

DINNER TEAM

Monthly dinners will be take out only.

Sunday February 21– Beef tips and Noodles– noon-3pm

Sunday March 14– Pasta Bake

Sunday April 11– Soup and Sandwich

Friday and Saturday May 14 and 15– Rummage Sale with BBQ

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The bible study will be postponed starting February 17th until after Easter.

Until the 17th, you may join us Wednesdays at 7pm on zoom or Thursdays in the chapel at 6pm.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you all for turning in your annual reports so quickly! The Annual report for Good Hope will be available on February 5th and mailed to the Synod office by the end of January.

Pastor Ralph will be anointing during worship the first Sunday of each month. He will be using a new q-tip for each person. Anointing will also be available at the communion drive-thru the first Sunday of the month.

Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

Coy Cope
Noel Melho
Joe Kreidler
Dave Sweeney
Constance Fabek
Barbara Gray
Barbara Hartsock
David Kuntz
Dan Bongino
Brennen Toy

Eric Barret
Karen Corey
Scott MacDonald
Ken & Pat Goff
Doug Hoffman
Barry Pitzer
Doris VandenBosch
Gavin
Nora Sabella
Tim Takich

Sharon Leader
Roman DeMaiolo
Beth & Steven
Serving in the military:
Morgan Rhinehart
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Liberty

February 7

Candy Peachey
Michael Peachey
Ava Peterson
Aza Peterson

February 14

Barry Pitzer
Kellen Pitzer
Amber Powell
Jim Powell

February 21

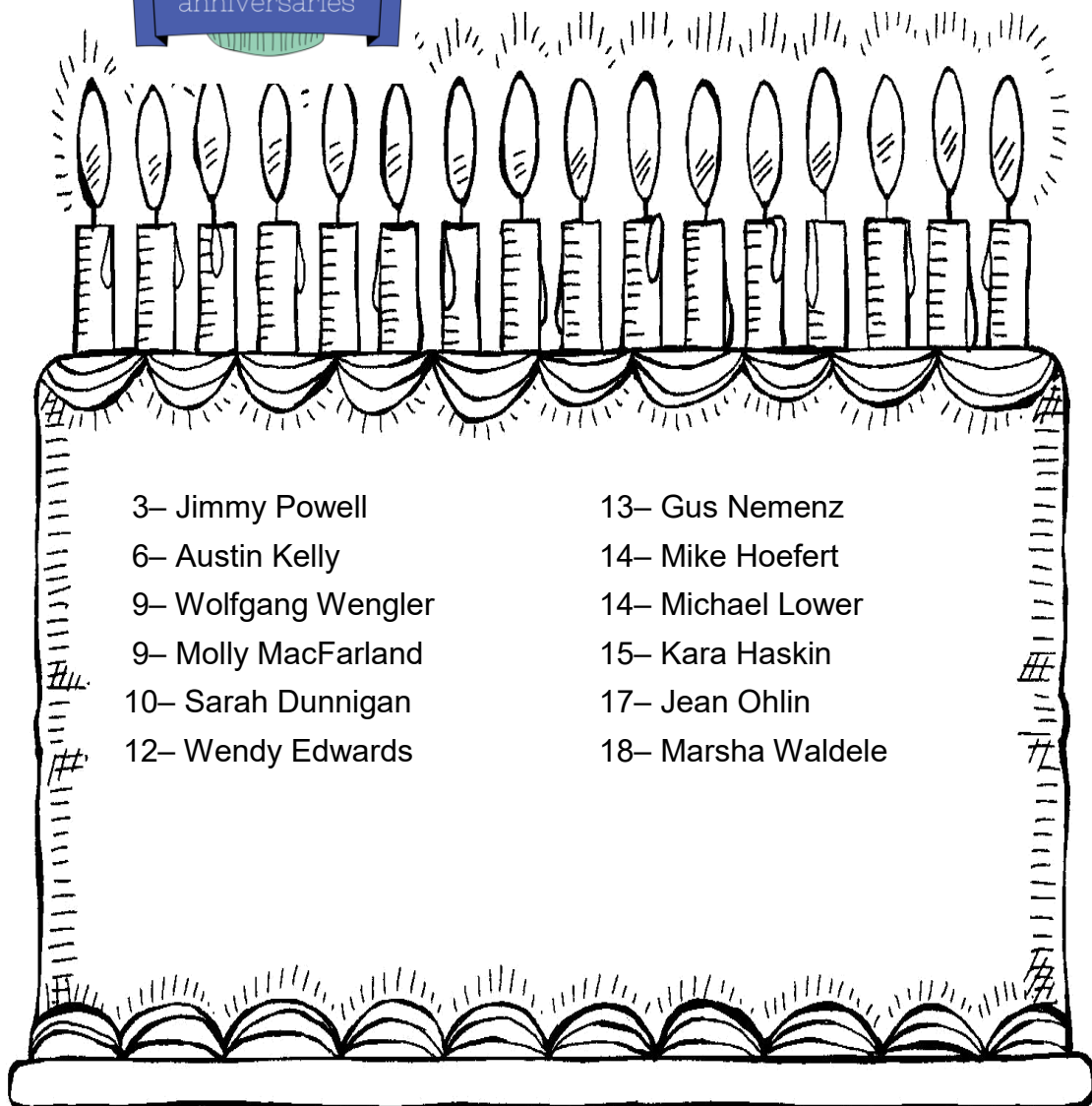
Jimmy Powell
Chelsea K. Razo
Chelsea R. Razo
Collin Razo

February 28

Evelynn Razo
Greg Razo
Jared Razo
Jennifer Razo



14– Jim & Linda Lude
16– Sonny & Kathy Schneider
27– Art & Barb Gray



3– Jimmy Powell
6– Austin Kelly
9– Wolfgang Wengler
9– Molly MacFarland
10– Sarah Dunnigan
12– Wendy Edwards

13– Gus Nemenz
14– Mike Hoefert
14– Michael Lower
15– Kara Haskin
17– Jean Ohlin
18– Marsha Waldele

MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021

present: Sarah, Nancy, Kevin, Wendy, P. Ralph, Stephanie, Kelly, Andy, Greg, Sue, Jeff
absent: Peggy

The meeting opened with prayer by P. Ralph.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly reports a positive checking account balance for December, about \$2,700.00. She also states that the church ended 2020 with a balance of almost \$25,000.

Pastor's report –January– 2021

Area of Focus Last Month

I had 16 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
1 funeral Richard Weikel
25 contacts by phone for significant help.
Daily Reaching out to Members by phone.
We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning services
Over the past month, I have presided at 11 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

Nov 1 All Saints Day

Nov 26 Wendy and I Got Covid 19 Tested Positive on Saturday, Nov 28

Nov 28, 29 Dec 5, 6 Good Hope Closed.

Dec 2,9,16 Advent Services are canceled

Dec 12,13 Worship Restarts.

~~Dec 20 Blue Christmas Worship IP & Zoom~~

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services 7PM IP & Zoom ~~& 11PM IP~~

Dec 25 Office Closed

Jan 1 Office Closed

Jan 6 & 7 Bible Studies will resume

July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb Drive Through Communion

Secretary's December 2020 Report:

Assisted with drive through communion

Changed paraments

Attended Christmas Eve worship

Attended Family Day at Teen Challenge

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Prepared 8 bulletins and 8 power point services

Prepared the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

Old Business:

a. Sarah is the Good Hope coordinator for the March with Jesus coming in May. She will let us know when the next volunteer training is. P. Ralph will attend the Pastor's breakfast this week to gather information.

New Business:

- a. A new audit team is being put together. Stephanie, Kevin, and Nancy are considering the position.
- b. Andy has volunteered to be on a team to count the weekly offering.
- c. Greg motions to accept Kevin Barret, Kelly Anzevino, and Greg Razo as signers for the Good Hope checking account. Nancy seconds. Motion carried.
- d. The congregational meeting will be held Feb. 14 from 9:30- 10:15. The agenda will include the Good Hope annual report. P. Ralph will announce the meeting January 31 and February 7 and put out a one-call to the congregation on February 13. Wendy will email the congregation a notice of the meeting on February 1 and 8, and email the meeting link for zoom on February 12. Wendy will also prepare and email to the congregation the Annual Report on Friday, February 5, and have printed copies available at the church.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Andy.

January 21, 2021— motion made and voted on by email.

Pastor Ralph motions to accept Kevin, Nancy, and Stephanie as the 2020 audit team.

Stephanie seconds. Motion carried.



Treasurer's Report Ending December 31, 2020

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$18,494.60	\$230,109.59	(\$38,184.59)
Expense	\$15,797.25	\$205,346.60	(\$13,421.60)
Net Total	\$2,697.35	\$24,762.99	(\$24,762.99)

Furry Friends Collection

This year we will collect pet supplies through February. You may bring your donations to the Narthex when you attend church or during office hours. The shelters appreciate your help and will be glad to accept new or used supplies such as towels, blankets, food dishes, collars, etc. Most of the small shelters in our area do not receive public funding and they are overrun with unwanted animals in the cold months. Please consider donating. Thank you!



Dear Friends at Good Hope,
 ♥
 Thank you so very much
 for your generous
 Christmas gifts of
 money. I am so grateful
 for all of you.
 God bless, Sue D
 MUSIC MINISTER

Lent -Fish Fry- Fridays

Barber Drive Barbeque will hold a Fish Fry every Friday in Lent at Good Hope.

The meal includes baked Boston Scrod or breaded Fried Fish with coleslaw.

Two other side dishes such as mac and cheese, haluski, French fries, or pierogis
 will be included each week.

If you don't want fish, haluski and pierogi dinners are also available.

Starting February 19th from 3:30– 7pm.

Cost is \$13 per meal.

This dinner is take out only— you will be served at your car.

Please contact Michael at 330-727-0437 to pre-order.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
12 TO 3 P.M.
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BEEF TIPS AND NOODLES DINNER

Served with tossed salad, bread, and dessert.

\$13.00 per meal

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Please note the date of this dinner has changed.

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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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