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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

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 (Romans 8:31-35,37-39)

I have been writing the front page for March for every year I have been here! We are in Lent now, and Easter is just around the corner. I never know what to write. Do I want to write about Easter or maybe Holy Week? Maundy Thursday or Good Friday?

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**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

March 25

What are you all thinking about? Maybe it is the planting season, starting your seeds for your plants for the garden this year. Maybe this year you are thinking about getting your vaccines for covid? Maybe you got your first shot? Maybe you got both of your shots and you're wondering what is next? After your second shot, do you get excited and go everywhere? You know like diving right in. Or do you take your time, do one or two things? You know like dipping your toes in the pool, taking it slow. No matter how you do it, we are glad you are back. This week I had my first full funeral service in over a year. I am not afraid to say that I almost forgot things. What was lucky, is that it was like riding a bike, things came back to me. So, we are going to go back to what we used to do, but different? Nope not yet. Are you thinking things will go back to normal? Well, I will let you decide whether that is going to happen or not.

So, I had two funerals one right after the other. We all wore masks. Some wanted to shake hands, some bumped elbows, and some bumped knuckles. I don't think we know what to do? I mean we do know what to do, it is in our heads, but we are not certain what to do. Lolololol!!! I really believe that is how we do our faith walk. We know what to do but do we really need to be radical or stand out? Or are we good Lutherans and we don't stand out at all? Don't make a scene. Keep your faith hidden. How do you live out your faith?

So, here we go!! We are in the middle of Lent where we should be fussing with our faith. How do I get closer to God? What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in my life? How does Christ come to me and help me when everything is going bad? Stop and wonder about your life without the church or without Christ. How does God play a part in your life? My favorite question for Lent is what is God calling you to do??

This season I hope and pray you really get into the season. Seek the Lord in your life and find where you keep God out of your life. Is there any part of your life where God is not?? If God is with you, are you using this knowledge to help you gift others with the peace you have in Christ? Share from your abundance. God is a God of abundance. God is Love! God is Hope! Remember Faith, Hope, and Love and the greatest of these is Love.

*Pastor Ralph*



# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
March 7th	Third Sunday in Lent	purple	Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.
March 14th	Fourth Sunday in Lent	purple	Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2: 1-10 John 3: 14-21	The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.
March 21st	Fifth Sunday in Lent	purple	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Psalm 51: 1-12 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.
March 28th	Palm Sunday	purple	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 14:1—15:47	This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

## 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

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE APRIL

Serving in God's house	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Sue Deutschlander Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Sarah Deiger	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer
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\***

**March 3, 10, 17, 24:** Lent worship services will be held Wednesdays at 7pm. You may attend in person or on zoom.

**March 5, 12, 19, 26:** Fish Fry at Good Hope from 3:30-7pm. Your choice of fried haddock or baked Boston scrod. Served with coleslaw and two sides of your choice. \$13

**March 7:** Corned beef dinner from noon –4pm. Served with cabbage, carrots, potatoes and stone -ground mustard for \$14.

**March 14:** Pasta Bake dinner from noon –4pm. Served with tossed salad and bread for \$10.

**April 1:** Maundy Thursday worship in person or on zoom at 7pm.

**April 2:** Good Friday worship in person or on zoom at 7pm.

## **\*\*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 Pasta Bake dinner. Any kind of cookie or bar cookie is much appreciated. Please no icing. You may drop your cookies off at the church on March 14th before noon. Thank you in advance!

## **\*\*\*Thank You\*\*\***

The dinner team thanks everyone who provided cookies or another dessert for the Beef Tip Dinner. Proceeds from the dinner were \$882.00.

Thank you everyone who donated to the Furry Friends collection! Your donations have been distributed to small local shelters and are much appreciated.

### **Maundy Thursday April 1st**

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

### **Good Friday April 2nd**

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10: 16-25

John 18: 1—19:42

## **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. Pastor Ralph has asked us to read 'Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity' written by Michael Ward.

### **DINNER TEAM**

Monthly dinners will be take out only.

Sunday March 14– Pasta Bake noon– 4pm.

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.

### **\*NOTES FROM THE OFFICE\***

A big thank you to all who came to the drive through communion even in the bad weather. It is really nice to see you and catch up!

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  
Jaquelyn Eazley  
Sherman Gumbs  
Family of Walter Kyser  
Serving in the military:  
Morgan Rhinehart  
Alyssa  
Bryce Liberty  
Jakeb Fry  
Lyndsey Miller

## March 7

Jordan Razo  
Mark Razo  
Ouni Razo  
Stephanie Razo

## March 14

Brandy Renforth  
Jordan Renforth  
Mackenna Renforth  
Morgan Renforth

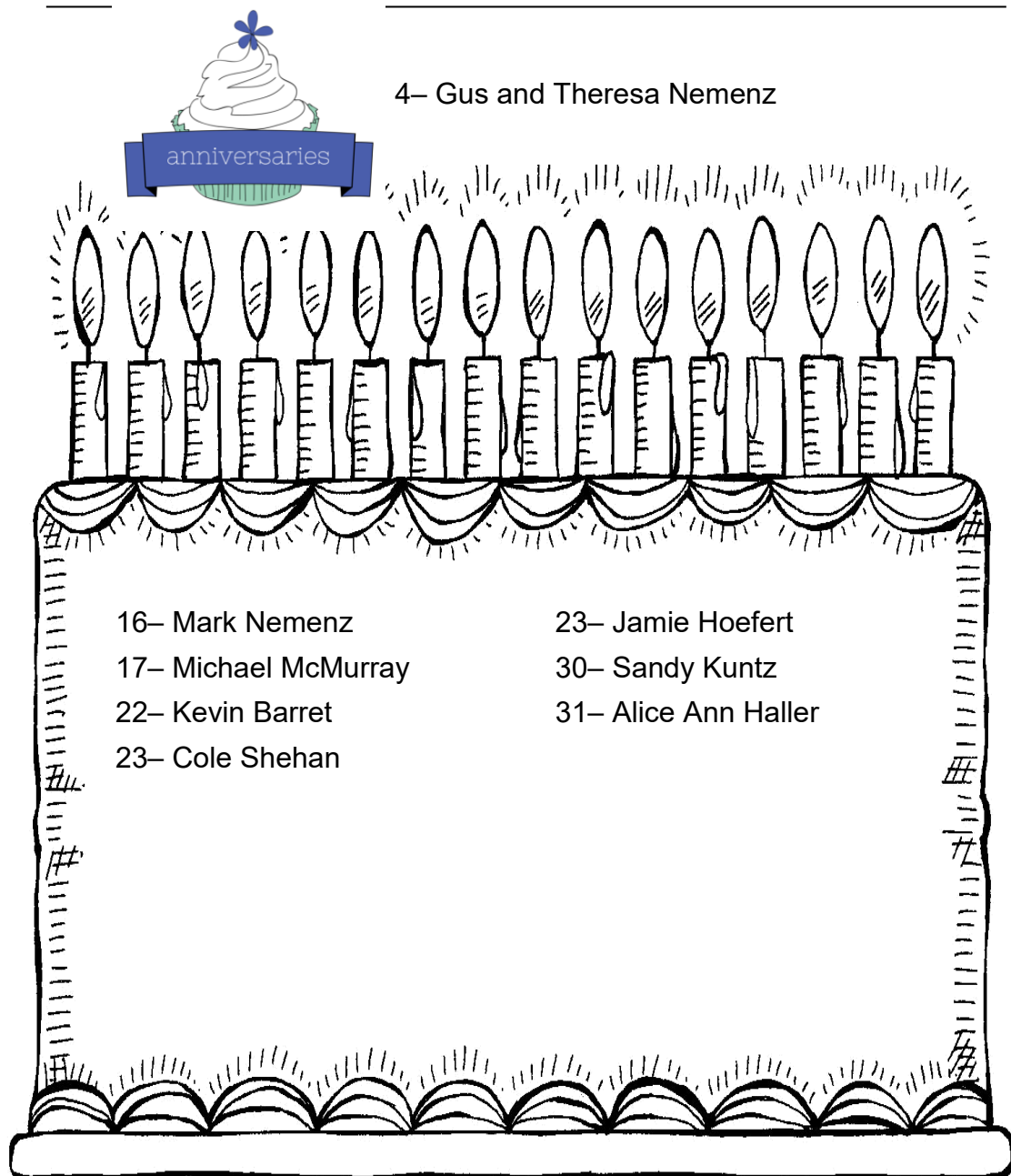
## March 21

Ralph Renforth  
Caitlin Rettenmaier  
Morgan Rhinehart  
Amanda Rogenski

## March 28

Cammy Rogenski  
Chad Rogenski  
Michael Rogenski, Jr  
Michael Rogenski

4– Gus and Theresa Nemenz



# MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2021

Present on zoom: Greg, Andy, Kevin, Nancy, Sarah, Peggy, Sue, P. Ralph, Wendy

excused: Kelly

absent: Jeff, Stephanie

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

**Treasurer:** Kelly will update council in March.

### Pastor's report –February– 2021

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ♦ I had 22 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ♦ 1 Hospital Visit Roman DeMaiolo, Beth Stricko. Steve DeMaiolo
- ♦ 20 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 14 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

- \* Jan 1 Office Closed
- \* Jan 6 & 7 Bible Studies will resume
- \* July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb Drive Through Communion
- \* Jan 6 & 7 Bible Studies will resume
- \* Jan 2 & 3 Zoom broadcast of Worship
- \* Jan 3 -10 Christmas Decoration Taken down
- \* Jan – Feb The Furry Friends Fundraiser
- \* Jan 10 Homemade Chili
- \* Jan 13 Cleaning out Sound Room
- \* Jan 16 Boundaries Training
- \* Jan 18 New computer Guy to clean up computers
- \* Jan 19 Rostered Ministers' Future Church
- \* Jan 22 March For Jesus intro
- \* Jan 24 Rustic Roasted Chicken and Char – Grilled Kielbasa Dinner
- \* Jan 26 – 28 Rostered Ministers Gathering
- \* January Attendance has been holding at 57 to 61

### **Secretary's January 2021 Report:**

Attended bible study

Assisted with 2 dinners

Prepared the Good Hope Annual report

Prepared the end of year Synod report

Assisted with drive through communion

Changed paraments

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Prepared 10 bulletins and 10 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly



**Old Business:**

- a. Sarah will be attending the March for Jesus meeting this Saturday. She will bring back information for the congregation. Volunteers will be needed.
- b. Kevin has signed the signature card for the church's account at Farmer's. He will get together with Kelly and Greg to decide whose name will be on the new debit card.

**New Business:**

- a. Kevin, Nancy, and Stephanie have completed the financial audit for 2020. They complimented Kelly on her organizational skills. Council thanks the audit team.

Kevin closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

**Congregational meeting minutes for February 14, 2021**

Sarah opens the meeting with prayer.

present: 12 in person and 8 on zoom

There were no questions or comments on the 2020 meeting minutes or on the 2020 annual report.

**For the good of the Church:**

Tammy Chuey asks for help with the rummage sale this Spring. Volunteers will be needed to set up, work the sale, and clean up. The date of the sale is to be determined soon.

Sarah thanks the team for their work on the parking lot paving project. She will be attending the February 20th meeting for the March for Jesus scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will bring back information for volunteers. Sarah invites members to contact her with any ideas or conflicts.

Pastor Ralph: You are the Church, the very body or presence of Jesus Christ in the world! Christ is our leader in this church and all things are possible with God and we shouldn't put limits on God or ourselves. Evangelism means to send out. We are charged with making disciples to serve. They will come to be baptized, and this is obedience to God. In 2020 Good Hope reached out to help our neighbors in many ways. Pastor Ralph has challenged the stewardship team to bring a new way of ministry to the congregation. We are to invite friends and family to do ministry with us. He has witnessed the faith, ministries, and sacrifices of this church and asks us to take one more step up. I look forward to watching you and assisting you in the ministry of God.

**Treasurer's Report Ending January 31, 2021**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$13,467.37	\$13,467.37	\$180,592.63
Expense	\$16,684.01	\$16,684.01	\$177,375.99
Net Total	(\$3,216.64)	(\$3,216.64)	\$3,216.64

### **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.

Your choice of two other side dishes such as mac and cheese, haluski,  
French fries, pierogis, or green beans.

**Starting March 5, 10, 17, 24 from 3:30– 7pm.**

**Cost is \$13 per meal.**

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

**There are no pre-orders for this dinner.**

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### **PASTA BAKE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

**Noon To 4p.m.**



**Served with tossed salad,  
bread, and dessert.**

**\$10.00**

**Take out only.**

**You will be served  
at your car.**

**SUNDAY MARCH 7TH**  
**NOON- 4PM OR TILL SOLDOUT**  
**Good Hope Lutheran Church**  
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*IN THE SPIRIT OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY*  
**BARBER DRIVE BARBEQUE IS HAVING A**  
*NEW ENGLAND CORN BEEF*  
*AND CABBAGE DINNER*

*Meal includes: ½ pound slow-cooked flat cut corn  
beef brisket served with red potatoes, baby carrots,  
tender cabbage, and stone-ground mustard  
on the side.*

*ALL FOR ONLY \$14*

**CALL OR TEXT MICHAEL TO PRE-ORDER AT**  
**330-727-0437**  
**PICK UP PRE-ORDERS NOON - 1:30**  
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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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