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

The R E A C H O U

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans Chapter 12)

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<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:7-11)

Last year I asked why do you come here? What makes you come to Good Hope Lutheran Church on the corner of Rt. 165 and Rt. 7? This year, I am asking what makes you give to the church? What drives you to give? When you give extra what is the reason? The Scriptures talk about giving all the time. The big one is in Malachi where God talks about testing God. It talks about giving 10% and God responding with a blessing. This is an old covenant thing. We are not bound by this. You will not go to hell for not giving. There are two problems with not giving. One, it means to not get what Jesus is saying and two, you miss out on the blessing of the tithe. God does not change. The promise of the blessing is still there but, remember it is a start. You are not giving to God. You are giving back what was given to you. There is a good article to explain this. The Money Series: (Tithes and Offering by Mike Mobley <a href="https://www.beforethecross.com/money-series/tithes-and-offerings/">https://www.beforethecross.com/money-series/tithes-and-offerings/</a>)

I want to know why you are giving. What makes you give to Good Hope Lutheran Church? My example would be: My general giving that I give weekly is my promise to God. I sat down and told God I would give this much every week and it would be to the general fund. The rest I give out of generosity. We give to a family who we know is struggling or we buy dog food to give during that drive. Or I take someone food or take them out to eat. I add what is needed to make a total come out or break even. Another reason I give is because I want to make sure the church is always going to be here. If we are not here people will miss out on the love that comes from Good Hope to the world, starting with our back yard. Another reason that I give is to watch God give joy or surprise to someone who is down and out and just needs a blessing. I love to watch the face of someone who says, I only need this much for tickets for a church event, and I bless them with an extra amount. The joy and excitement of the blessing feels so good!

Wendy and I got to work with some real life problems this year and to hear someone say that they have never had anyone do what we did and it humbled me. Really? Isn't it sad that some people never ever feel loved or cared for? Makes me sad even as I write this. God enjoys the message of LOVE we bring to this corner. And the LOVE that spreads from this place to a larger community and world. The last two years have been filled with the loneliness of the people, the hurt of the people who just need a word of HOPE, FAITH and LOVE. Just some direction, just some hope that it is not all in vain. That love is really out there and I really don't believe I deserve it, but this person has gifted me with it. WHY? It is fun to tell them, it's because you are worth it, that is why.



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PAGE 3 THE REACHOUT

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
February 6th	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Isaiah 6: 1-13 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11	The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.
February 13th	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	green	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed ares" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.
February 20th	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	green	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50 Luke 6: 27-38	Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.
February 27th	Transfiguration of Our Lord	white	Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9: 28-43a	Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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# SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE FEBRUARY

Serving in God's house	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Sarah Deiger	Greg Razo  Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Pam Nock
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger Sandy Kuntz	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk

# SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE MARCH

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# **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:

Shannon Styer
Thomas C.
Sherman Gumbs
Dave Sweeney
Mark Shaffer
Gail & Lazarus Jaji
Barbara Neal
Eunice Schmucker
Gloria Hum
Tracy Pollak
Dianne Rota

Joe Kreidler
Anna & Ernie Gagye
Bruce Holisky
T.J. Irons
Isaac Phillips
Joyce Feder
Shannon Richards
Candi Peachey
Landon
Kate
Cadie Waldele

Mike Alexander
Darla Allen
Brynn Peters
Donna Shipley
Nicole D'Amico
Carol Rhodes
Serving in the military:
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry

Lyndsey Miller

#### February 6

Daralee Graham Wayne Graham Art Gray Barb Gray

### February 13

Anna Greenberg Don Greenberg Sharon Greenberg Kathy Grossen

## February 20

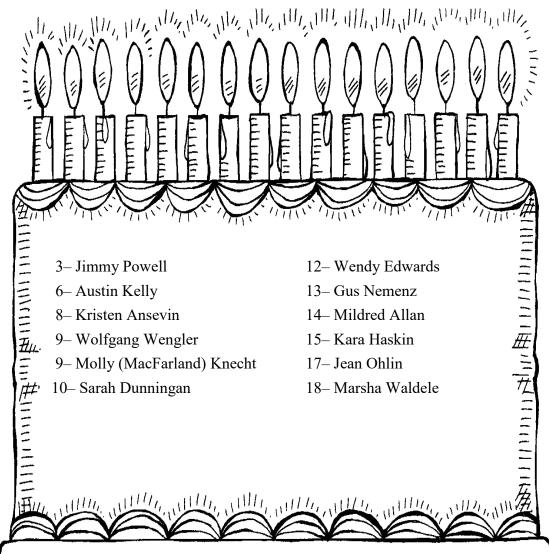
Debbie Haines Nick Haines Alice Ann Haller Chuck Haller

## February 27

Donna Jean Haller Loetta Haller Bruce Hartsock Kara Haskin



14– Jim and Linda Lude27– Art and Barb Gray



# **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Council Meeting Minutes for January, 18, 2022**

present: Lauren, Sarah, Nancy, Kevin, Greg, Mike, P. Ralph, Wendy

excused: Stephanie, Andy

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

Area of Focus Last Month

- I had 24 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others
- Funerals 3- Joyce Zigler, Rod Cushman, Ralph Burnett
- Baptism 2- Kayden Derr, Declan Derr-Lockner
- I had 31 contacts by phone for significant help.
- We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services
- Over the past month, I have presided at 21 worship services and prepared 12 sermons.
- \* Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesday Avent worship 7pm
- \* Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 Wednesday Bible Study 5:30pm
- \* Dec 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent
- \* Dec12 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
- \* Dec 12 Naomi started as pianist
- \* Dec 19 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent
- \* Dec 19 Blue Christmas worship 7pm
- \* Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- \* Dec 25 Christmas Day Sat Evening Worship.
- \* Dec 25 Take candy to Teen Challenge
- Dec 26 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Christmas
- \* Dec 26 Evening Wendy and Pastor leave for vacation

## Secretary's Report:

Attended confirmation classes

Volunteered at Shop with a Cop

Volunteered at Christmas festival

Changed paraments

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Prepared 9 bulletins and 13 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

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#### **Old Business:**

- a. Kevin and Nancy will ask Kelly for the information to perform the audit. They will also contact Stephanie to schedule a date for the audit.
- b. Greg will pull the old sign poles out of the yard.
- c. LED 3 replaced a cad wire to get rid of the glitch in the electronic sign.

#### **New Business:**

- a. Kevin motions to put the Christmas offering into the weekly operating fund. P. Ralph seconds. Motion carried.
- b. Mike motions to hold the next congregational meeting at 11:35 on February 13, 2022. Kevin seconds. Motion carried. Pastor Ralph will announce the meeting for 2 Sundays before and Wendy will send out an email for the 2 Fridays before.
- c. P. Ralph motions to table discussion about spending less and earning more until the February meeting. Council members are to brainstorm before then. Nancy seconds. Motion carried.
- d. Greg and Kevin will contact Kelly with their financial questions.
- e. Sarah states that Shepherd of the Valley posted a thank you to Good Hope on their webpage. She copied this to Good Hope's Facebook page.
- f. Parking lot rental papers were signed by Greg and Sarah. Wendy will have the new property owner and tenants sign also. We are getting new neighbors on the West side of the church.

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



## Treasurer's Report Ending December 31, 2021

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$15,245.82	\$175,671.04	\$18,388.96
Expense	\$20,823.23	\$198,331.62	(\$4,271.62)
Net Total	(\$5,577.41)	(\$22,660.58)	\$22,660.58

# \*Mark Your Calendar\*

January 28- Fish Fry 3:30-7pm

February 1-28- pet supplies collected for shelter

**February 13**– The congregational meeting will be held right after the 10:30 worship. On the agenda is the 2021 annual report.

February 13 – Beef Tips and Noodles Dinner noon – 3pm

**March 2**– Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm

# \*\*Special Notes\*\*

Giving envelopes for 2022 available in the Narthex. If you no longer want envelopes, please let the office know.

Bible study will be suspended during Lent. The last meeting will be February 23rd and we will resume April 27th.

The dinner team needs desserts for the Beef Tips and Noodles Dinner. If you wish to donate a dessert, please bring it to the church February 13th before noon. Thank you!

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

The dinner team thanks you for the delicious desserts that you provided for the Chili Dinner! Proceeds from the dinner were \$558.

Thank you everyone for turning in your annual reports so quickly! The report will be available February 6th in the Narthex.

Wishing you a Joyful Christmas and a New Year full of promise

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Dear Members,

"Thank you" for

another year of Christmas

gifts! Every thing was

wonderful. Your

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gifts.

Mod bless you.

grant you good health 4 much hoppiness in the years to come. Sincerely, mgt. Binashung Room 207 50V







This year we will collect pet supplies in January and 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 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!

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# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 12 TO 3 P.M. Good Hope Lutheran Church

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BEEF TIPS AND NOODLES DINNER Served with tossed salad, bread, and dessert.

\$13.00 per meal

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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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