

2024



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Hope Scope

<sup>3</sup> *Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.*

<sup>4</sup> *Our soul has had more than its fill  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.*

***Psalm 123:2-3 (NRSV)***

I sometimes wonder when we will decide that what our critics think of us doesn't matter much. Oh, I think we should always have our ears open to honest criticism, so that we can continue to grow, and to grow in the right direction.

But very often, people who think they are better than we are will judge us as somehow lacking—not really good enough. And they feel justified in their judgment because they are more wealthy or powerful or good-looking or successful or something, than we are.

And we just have to understand that even if the world takes more seriously the judgments of “successful” people, we should not. Nobody has any business judging us, any more than it is our business to judge others.

And as for their success, let us never forget that all good gifts come from God. All of them. Whatever “success” others have found, we know that we can find people who are smarter or who work harder, and they have maybe not been so successful. All of the good stuff is from God. They can take credit for it if they want to, but it's not very charitable of them. Nor is it very honest.

I have no doubt that is why Jesus taught us that in God's kingdom, the social structure is reversed. The first shall be last, and so on.

Very often we take too seriously the claims of people, just because they are more wealthy or more powerful or more famous than others. Sometimes they are just louder. It's pretty silly when you think about it.

How about if we instead take Jesus more seriously? Because he tells us the poor and the meek are particularly blessed—as are the peacemakers and the ones who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Blessings, *Brian Jones*

At its September 3rd meeting, the Session approved the following:

\* requests by the Christian, Education, Youth and Families Committee:

\* the youth attending a Christian music concert on September 8, 2024 at the Ledge in St. Cloud;

\* paying one-half of the youth concert ticket from the TAG budget, if four or more commit to going; and

\* reimbursing mileage and paying for the concert tickets of Liz and Jason Windingstad, adult chaperones, from the Gulbranson Youth Legacy fund.

\* quote of Advanced Ministry Technologies in the amount of \$24,950 for the purchase/ installation of a SBC LED outdoor video sign with (4) 5 mm pixel pitch panels (7.5' w x 4' h) and subcontracted labor by Lakes Area Property Services for the sign base, Koronis Fabricating for the steel frame and posts and Cory's Electric to run conduit, paying the \$15,000 deposit from the New Covenant Funds and continuing to raise the remaining funds from the congregation.

The Session was also informed by the Property Committee that four additional handicap parking signs will be installed. Moderator Jones will give the information gathered from the informal congregational meetings to committees where appropriate and ask volunteers from the congregation to form a task force to address other items.

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**FINANCE REPORT**

	Aug	Year to Date 08/31/2024	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$20,050.71	\$179,322.74	\$22,415.34
Expenses	\$22,737.76	\$185,511.67	\$23,188.96
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$2,687.05)	(\$6,188.93)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,118.65
Per Capita Assessment for 2024			\$7,425.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 08/31/2024			\$3,278.48

Per Capita amount is \$45 for each member of the congregation. There are designated envelopes in the pews, also envelopes designated for the Deacons.

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer



### Deacon's Corner:

People don't know much about what the deacons do. Their charge is:

*" The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost and friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structure or anyone in distress. "* from Book of Order

The deacons at Hope do the important ministry of visiting shut-ins, letting them know that they are not forgotten and keeping them connected to the congregation. At Hope the deacons do so much more, they prepare communion and support ministries in and out of the church. They help a lot of people quietly and behind the scenes. Next month find out about some of the work they do on behalf of the church and on behalf of Christ. The deacons are financed by donations that are specified for their use. Special envelopes are in the pews on Communion Sundays. Please consider supporting this important ministry.

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### Thrivent Community Impact Card

Do you have Thrivent Insurance? Do you know that you can receive Thrivent Community Impact cards twice a year to help a project in your church or community? You are able to receive a \$250 VISA card twice a year. These cards have been used for the Meatball Supper and also for CARE Pantry supplies. To apply is very simple, going online to fill out the application. Talk to Joni Lamphere or Sue Block if you have any questions.

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**Thanks so much to those who have mowed our lawn this summer! Hats off to Steve Barney, Myron Ficek and Elroy Jones!**

**Also, thank you so very much to Alisa Taatjes, Joni Lamphere and Stephanie Bents for weeding and working in the Prayer Garden.**

**Our bathrooms are almost finished being upgraded! Thanks to the Committee (Sue Block, Pam Sigafos, Joni Lamphere, Liz Windingstad & Stephanie Bents), Jerry Leason and Bob Barr for all the work that has been done upgrading 6 bathrooms!!**



## Christian Education Youth and Families Report

“The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

### Mission statement:

Through Christ, at Hope Presbyterian, we meet people where they are to provide opportunities for faith formation and growth to help transform individuals to become who God created them to be.

## Rally Day was September 8<sup>th</sup>!



“On a Roll with God”

We commissioned our Christian Education Leaders, the kids helped sing in church, we had a “Special” table for the youth, a photo booth, and fun games outside! What a wonderful celebration and kick-off to our Christian education programs!





Our TAG group hosted a free-will donation fundraiser meal on Rally Sunday. The proceeds will go to help fund their mission trips.

**THANK YOU for your generous support of our youth!**





The Grand Finale of Rally Day was a Christian Music Concert in St. Cloud.



On September 10, our youth had an opportunity to love our neighbors by helping at the Kandiyohi County Food Distribution. They were great helpers!



**We thank all of our Christian Education Leaders for sharing their talents and energy to help us as we are “On a Roll with God.”**

**Christian Education Leaders 2024-2025**

**Preschool- Second Grade**

Wally Titus, Alisa Taatjes

**Third Grade – Sixth Grade**

Joni Lamphere, Sarah Sampson  
Substitute: Jeff Lamphere

**Pre-Confirmation**

Jonelle Foreman

**Opening Exercises**

Tyann Jones

**Music**

Maggie Harp

**Substitutes**

Tyann Jones, Deb Ficek  
Jonelle Foreman

**T.A.G.**

**Seventh Grade – Twelfth Grade**

Jason and Liz Windingstad  
Subs - Pastor Brian and Tyann Jones

**Christian Education Youth & Families Comte.**

Deb Ficek, Allie Johnson, Tyann Jones,  
Alisa Taatjes, Joni Lamphere, Melissa  
Mangen, Amanda Titus, Pam Sigafoos,  
Maggie Harp, Jonelle Foreman,  
Stephanie Bents

**Adult Bible Study**

Greg Mulder  
Eileen Helmstetter  
Tyann Jones  
Joyce Schroeder  
Volunteers Needed

**Wednesday Night Family Supper Committee**

Robin Mulder  
Pam Sigafoos  
Dee Schurman  
Carol Sampson

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**Adult Bible Studies coming in October**

The plan is to have 2 options to attend the study:

1. Sundays at 9:00 am in the Jack Anderson Fireside Room
2. Wednesdays at 6:15pm in the Jack Anderson Fireside Room

**Volunteers to lead sessions are needed!!!**

You can sign up to lead 1 or more sessions.  
It is a video series with a guide to help you lead. Easy Peasy!!!  
Contact Tyann Jones to volunteer. You are needed!



# CALLING ALL TRUNK OR TREATERS!



**When:** Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30 pm  
Set up trunks at 4:00

**Where:** Parking lot of Hope Presbyterian Church

**Who:** All of us at Hope and Our Whole Community

**Also:** We are asking all participants to bring something for our Blessing Box (closing in Nov.) or Care Pantry. These items will be placed in a "Trunk" by our door.

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## Fridge Bridge:

- October 2 Family Supper 5:45
- October 6 Hand bells rehearsal 8:45am
- October 8 Mission opportunity – help with Kandiyohi Country Food Dist. at the Assembly of God parking lot at 3:30 pm. Tyann, Steph, and Joni will be picking kids up at school at 3:00.
- October 13 Hand bells PLAY in church
- October 16 NO Wednesday night classes – FB game before NLS fall break
- October 20 Hand bells rehearsal 8:50am
- October 27 Hand bells rehearsal 8:50am
- October 27 Trunk or Treat 4:30-5:30 All Welcome
- October 27 ALL YOUTH pizza, devotional, fun at RHYC 5:30-6:30pm
- October 30 TAG trick or treating for Care Pantry 6:30-7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by Tyann Jones



# AUGUST 2024 IMPACT FROM THE LINK

## THE FOOD PANTRY



In August, The Food Pantry served **183 Households** including 303 adults, 186 children and 56 seniors-- distributing a total of 11,502 pounds of food!

## CLIENT OUTREACH and HOUSEHOLD EXCHANGE



Each month, The Link is able to provide support to a number of families facing hardships, such as (but not limited to): job loss, chronic illness, unexpected change in family dynamics and increase in the cost of living.

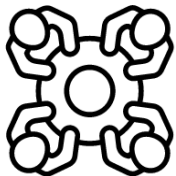
In August, your donations were able to support **70 families** by helping with medical bills and prescription cost, utility bills and rental payments along with providing budgeting support, networking and referrals for additional basic needs. The Link also provided **62 families** with basic household needs including clothing, dishes and furniture!

## WILDCAT BACKPACK AND SNACK PANTRY

The Wildcat Backpack Program is again providing students from NLS for the weekend. Currently, there are 97 students benefitting from this program! If you would like to sponsor a child for the year, please call Ashley at 320-354-5465



The Snack Pantry is currently providing snacks for over 30 teachers at NLS to distribute to their students throughout the school day.



## TUESDAY'S TABLE

A free community meal the 1st Tuesday of the month: Our Lady of the Lakes (Spicer), 2nd Tuesday: Evangelical Covenant (New London), 3rd Tuesday: Faith Lutheran (Spicer), 4th Tuesday: Peace Lutheran (New London), 5th Tuesday: Crossroads Community Church (Spicer).

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray for the Link and the community; Help us spread awareness by talking about The Link to your friends and family and sharing on social media; Donate unexpired food items to the food pantry or organize a food drive; Volunteer at the thrift store or in the food pantry;



Donate your gently used clothing and household goods- (all proceeds kick back into The Link's programs; Donate financially-

**Remember for every \$1 donated, The Link can purchase \$10 in food through Second Harvest.**

## CURRENT NEEDS:

Gently used clothing and household essentials.

Food: Kid friendly food (corn dogs, chicken nuggets, french fries, pizza, snacks, etc. ), Monetary donations.



## Donations made easy

Monthly giving at the the Link is convenient . You can set up online giving directly through your bank or by visiting The Link's website at [www.youarethelink.org](http://www.youarethelink.org) by scanning the QR code. You can also mail your donation to P.O. Box 823 , New London, MN 56273, drop off your donation in person or leave your check in the drop box outside of The Link's door at 20 Central Ave E, New London. Questions? Contact Ashley at 320-354-5555.

# Thank you for your support! YOU are The Link!

**Tuesday, October 1st**  
**6:30 p.m. HPW Meeting**  
**Devotions: Jody Leason**  
**Guest speaker Ashley Hanson from The Link**  
**Speaking on "Foster Stitches"**

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**FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Home Décor Sale**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th**

**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



**Morning Coffee & Rolls**  
**Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Desserts**

**Accessory Sisters**

**Bake Sale**

**Garden Produce/Plants**

**Home Décor**

**Books/Puzzles/CD's**

**Crafts**

**Quilting Fabric**

**Sewing Books**



**Please sign up to lay read or usher on Sunday mornings. Thanks!!**

If you are a 7<sup>th</sup> grader or older and are interested in helping with the screen in the sound booth, contact Stephanie Bents.

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**Fall Clean-Up Day  
Saturday, October 5th  
8 am-noon**



**October  
CARE Pantry Challenge  
is.....  
Glass Cleaners and  
Cleaners (Liquid or dry)**



**Serving Lunch at  
Ridgewater  
Wednesday, October 30th  
10:30 am**

**Coffee Servers**

**October 6: Liz & Jason Windingstad**

**October 13: Allie & Joe Johnson**

**October 20: Brenda & Pete Bratberg**

**October 27: Leslie & Mark Radabaugh**



**Members with Health Concerns:**

Frank Peralta, Resa Jones, Judy Heath, Dale Flickinger, Greg Mulder, Isaac Taatjes, Charlotte DeLong, Kathryn Frazee, John Williamson, Sandy Wersal

**Family and Friends with Health Concerns:**

Pastor Randy Knuth  
Verna Patrick  
Mother of Lance Baumann (from Clearwater Forest Camp)  
Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother)

Paul Raynio (Jesse Appleby's Dad)  
Jack Tatge  
Danny Poe (Sandy Wersal's brother)

**Grieving:**

Family of Paul Halvorson, Family of Matt Hass, Family of Gail Krossman, Family and friends of Susan Johnson

**Care Facilities:**

Charlotte DeLong (GlenOaks Rehab), Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW-Willmar), Shar Williams (Carris Health Care Center, 1801 Willmar Ave. SW), Kathy Jansen (Bethesda Grand, 901 Willmar Ave. SE, Room 103), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe), Arlos Jones (GlenOaks Apts.), Barb Morris (Copperleaf in Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe)

**Other Concerns:**

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction  
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence  
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war  
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19

**October Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Greg Swenson**

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**2024**

**Office Hours**

**8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday thru Thursday**

**SUNDAYS**

**9:15 A.M. Coffee**

**10:00 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary**

Also Facebook Live & on Radio 96.9 FM

Also on TV - Channel 18 or Channel 181

Sundays 2:30 pm, Tuesdays

11:30 am & 8:30 pm and

Thursdays 8:00 am & 5:00 pm