

2024



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hope Scope

And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.

Acts 8:1-3 (NRSV)

The story about Saul, a few verses of which are set out above, is one of the most amazing in all of Scripture. Saul was a persecutor of the church, until Jesus got ahold of him and changed his name and his nature. He became Paul, probably the foremost evangelist the church has ever known.

And this is important to us for at least a couple of reasons. First, it is hard not to appreciate the way Paul, by the grace of God, came to see the error of his ways, and change. Not many people change their stripes—even on a much smaller scale.

But second, we just have to be able to see our own potential here. If God can make the world's greatest evangelist out of Saul, the great persecutor of the church, then think what God can do with us.

If you ever feel like you are less of a person or less of a Christian than others—if you feel some shame and guilt over all that—please stop. It is very likely you have not participated in the stoning of faithful Christians, as Saul did. And yet Paul became a servant of Christ. What might you become? I am afraid that sometimes we resist God's gifts because we can't imagine God could make us into something better. But in truth, that is exactly God's business, and God's plan for us.

Our God intends to make you into a new creation. That can start now. Even today. We can't do it on our own, but let us never resist God's work to make us better. Let us never believe that we can't be all that God hopes for from us.

Blessings,

Brian Jones

At its August 5, 2024 meeting, the Session received a thank you note from the Rice Estates Homeowners Association thanking the church for the use of its parking lot while their road was repaired and enclosing a donation in the amount of \$250. The Session was also informed of a \$10,000 donation to the church made in June by a non-member.

The Session approved the following:

- * requests by the Christian, Education, Youth and Families Committee:
- * youth holding a spaghetti dinner with a free-will offering for a mission fundraiser at a date to be determined;
- * using the Presbyterian curriculum, Growing in Grace and Gratitude for WOW during the 2024-2025 school year and Faith Questions for TAG;
- * the Christian Education leaders as presented for 2024-2025;
- * allowing Jonelle Foreman to teach Savannah Appleby on days other than Wednesdays; and
- * a 2024-2025 Christian Education calendar as presented, subject to change.
- * A donation of \$1,500 to The Compassionate Way (Rev. Dr. Candace Adam's ministry) from the Susan Johnson sale proceeds, at her request.
- * Using the remaining \$1,500 from the Susan Johnson sale plus her \$3,800 donation toward the purchase of an outdoor electronic sign and to raise the remaining funds from contributions by the congregation.
- * Changing the next Session meeting to September 3, 2024 due to the Labor Day holiday.
- * Tommy Griffith holding a public concert at Hope Presbyterian Church on the evening of October 20, 2024 and a freewill offering be taken and given to him for his performance.
- * The use of the church sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, classrooms and Jack Anderson Fireside Room for the Vestlandslag Stevne, a Norwegian conference, June 11-14, 2025 with no deposit being required and payment at the time of the conference.

The following volunteered to serve communion on Sunday, September 1, at the 10 a.m. worship service: Steve Barney, Deb Ficek, Greg Mulder and Bob Sampson.

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FINANCE REPORT

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

| | July | Year to Date 07/31/2024 | Year to Date Monthly Average |
|--|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Income | \$19,403.04 | \$159,272.03 | \$22,753.48 |
| Expenses | \$25,311.20 | \$162,773.91 | \$23,253.42 |
| Net Profit (Loss) | (\$5,908.16) | (\$3,501.88) | |
| Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses | | | \$26,118.65 |
| Per Capita Assessment for 2024 | | | \$7,425.00 |
| Per Capita Paid by Members Through 07/31/2024 | | | \$3,008.48 |

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

Christian Education Youth & Families

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.





August Family Fun Festival





**TAG Mission Trip
to the
Twin Cities**



Hop(e) on and join us. We're...
"On a Roll With God!"



September 8

RALLY DAY SUNDAY

1. Introducing students and teachers
2. Kids will sing in church
3. Commission Christian Education Leaders during church
4. Congregational Meal hosted by the TAG group – Free will donation to help fund the TAG mission trip.
5. Games outside after lunch
6. Kids' table – There will be a special table at lunch just for the youth
7. Photo booth - theme: "On a Roll With God"

September 11

Return to Wednesday Night Classes

6:15 WOW (preschool-Gr 6)

6:30 TAG (Gr. 7-12)

Adult Classes starting in October

Contact Tyann Jones with questions or to volunteer.

605-204-0222

Fridge Bridge

September

- 4 Teacher training –Tyann – 5:30 pm meal provided
- 8 **Rally Day**
- 10 Mission opportunity- help with Kandiyohi County Food Distribution – Assembly of God parking lot at 3:30; Pick kids up at school at 3:00; bring \$ for supper afterwards
- 11 First night of classes
- 15 Hand bells rehearsal at 8:50 am
- 17 CEYF meeting at 6:30 pm
- 20-22 Clearwater Forest Camp Work Weekend
- 22 Hand bells rehearsal at 8:50 am
- 29 Hand bells rehearsal at 8:50 am

October

- 2 First Family meal at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tyann Jones

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Circle II

There are only three more meetings this year. We conclude in December and then take the three snowiest months off (January, February & March). We have been meeting in the church and that is working well. We have nine lessons, with a Leader signing up by the month. There are about a dozen members-not everyone gets to lead a lesson. We welcome anyone who would like to join our group on the first Thursday of the month. If you would like more information, please leave Jonelle Foreman a message at 320-796-2810. The next meeting is on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting at Kathy Jansen's, near to her room at Bethesda Grand—Room 103. Any questions please contact Eileen Helmstetter.



JULY 2024 IMPACT FROM THE LINK

THE FOOD PANTRY



In July, The Food Pantry served **189 Households**- including 324 adults, 204 children and 54 seniors-- distributing a total of 11,634 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.

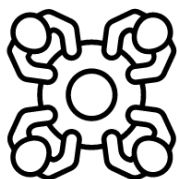
In July, your donations were able to support **52 families** by helping with medical bills and prescription cost, utility bills and rental payments along with providing budgeting support, networking and referrals for additional basic needs. The Link also provided **37 families** with basic household needs including clothing, dishes and furniture!

WILDCAT BACKPACK AND SNACK PANTRY

The Wildcat Backpack Program will be starting at the end of August for students at NL-S Schools. If you would like to sponsor a child for the year, please call Ashley at 320-354-5465



The Snack Pantry will resume again in September.



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

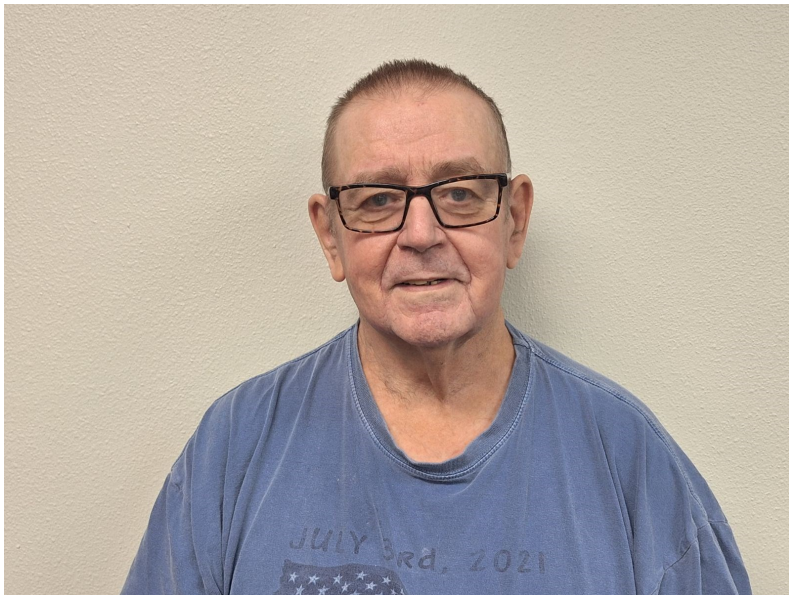
Monthly giving at the the Link is convenient . You can set up online giving directly through your bank or by visiting The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org by scanning the QR code. You can also mail your donation to P.O. Box 823 , New London, MN 56273, drop off your donation in person or leave 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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

BROOKE APPLEBY
On August 4, 2024

Transferred from Lakeside
Presbyterian Church in
Duluth, MN



BILL TITUS
On August 4, 2024

Received by Confession
of Faith

SKYLAR KING

On June 23, 2024

Received by Baptism



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Tuesday, Sept. 24th

6:30 p.m. HPW Meeting

Devotions: Sue Block

Election of officers/ Approval of Missions/ 2025 Calendar

**Kathy Terpstra will report on her experience at the Churchwide
Gathering of Presbyterian Women**

Fall Harvest Festival/Home Décor Sale

October 12th

Please look through your gently used jewelry you no longer wear and add them to the Accessory Sisters' tote by the library in the Fellowship Hall. The Fall Harvest Festival/Home Décor Sale will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 8 am-1 pm. Proceeds go to charities supported by HPW. Thanks!

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

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

**Thursday, Sept. 5th
6:00 pm Circle II
at Bethesda in Willmar
with Kathy Jansen
(Room 103)
Leader: Bev Jones**

**September
CARE Pantry Challenge
is.....**

**Baby Wash, Baby
Lotion, Baby Wipes,
Diapers and Pull-Ups**



Coffee Servers

- September 1: Jill & Grace Gau**
- September 8: Karen & Jerry Bents**
- September 15: Wendy & Bob Barr**
- September 22: Melissa & Lyle Mangen**
- September 29: Jackie Wahl & Gaylord Lind**



**Members with Health Concerns:**

Kathryn Frazee, John Williamson, Sandy Wersal

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Unborn child, Harper, of Co-worker at Taatjes Landscaping

Jack Tatge Mother of Lance Baumann (from Clearwater Forest Camp)

(Isaiah) Johanna Jergenson & baby Esther (Foreman's nephew)

Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother) Danny Poe (Sandy Wersal's brother)

Hudson (Brooke Appleby's relative) Paul Barney (Steve's brother)

Grieving:

Family of Gail Krossman, Family and friends of Susan Johnson, Family of Hope Sampsal (Conny Williamson's Mother)

Care Facilities:

Jerry Gault (Prairie Senior Cottages, 1705 19th 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), Barb Morris (Copperleaf in Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU's at GlenOaks)

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

September Deacons of the Month: Jeff Wersal & Kathy Taatjes

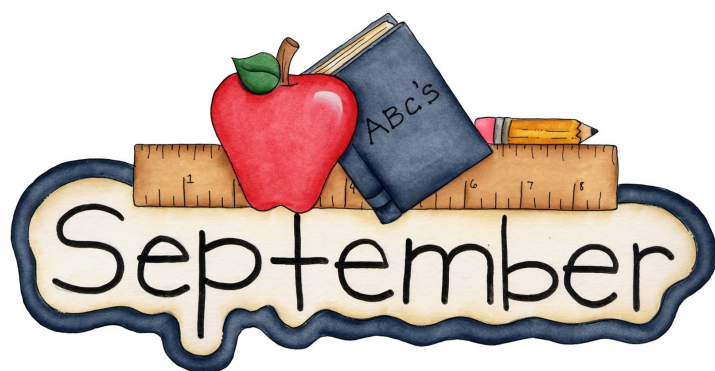
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2024

Office Hours

8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday

SUNDAYS

8:30 A.M. Outdoor Worship
in Chapel (only 9/1/24)
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