

2024



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Hope Scope

*8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*9 The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.*

*Psalm 145:8-9 (NRSV)*

*This is the last Hope Scope before election day, that wonderful day we have all been so happily looking forward to. I am being a little facetious, but, as difficult as an election season may be for us, maybe there will be some joy in seeing it come to an end.*

*What happens on election day and the days and weeks after is anybody's guess. Maybe the results are posted, and everybody goes home, and all is well. Maybe there is unrest. Maybe there is something worse.*

*In any event, as important as elections and elected officials are to us and to the life of the nation, we will not find anyone who serves us in that capacity about whom we can say: He or she is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He or she is good to all, and his or her compassion is over all that he or she has made.*

*Those words describe our God, and let us thank God for that. Whatever happens on November 5 and afterward, there is a God who knows you by name and who loves you and who seeks your good. This is Good News and then some. This puts our lives in perspective. This shows us that we can live like followers of Jesus, no matter who is elected.*

*There is no one who will stop us from gathering to worship God, from praying and singing together. There is no one who will stop us from loving each other, and our neighbors, and even, yes, our enemies. No one. And that being the case, as important as these elections are, they do not determine who we are or how we live and love.*

*That's entirely up to us!*

Blessings, *Brian Jones*

At its October 7th meeting, the Session approved the following:

- \* approved Hope Church paying \$600 for each of the six youth going on the Belize mission trip and that it be paid from account 968, Gulbranson Youth Legacy Fund, for a total of \$3,600.

- \* approved the following requests by the Christian Education and Families Committee:

- \* the TAG group holding a lock-in in the River of Hope Youth Center and the church on a date determined at the discretion of Liz and Jason Windingstad, who will be the chaperones;

- \* holding an adoption fundraiser for the youth attending the Belize mission trip using donated Beanie Babies;

- \* having two adult Bible studies led by volunteers using the John Ortberg study of five lessons "The Me I want to Be";

- \* funding youth, who would like to attend Triennium 2025 in Louisville, Kentucky, at \$500 per youth for a maximum of seven youth, and;

- \* approved the request to use Hopewood Chapel and sound system for the wedding of Datrianna Lynn Jensen and Brent Allen Mahn on June 21, 2025 to be performed by Larry Grahn.

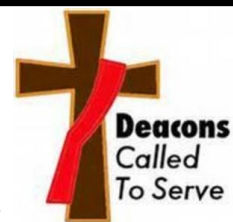
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### FINANCE REPORT

	Year to Date SEPTEMBER	Year to Date 09/30/2024	Year to Date Monthly Average
Income	\$24,172.97	\$203,495.71	\$22,610.63
Expenses	\$23,354.03	\$208,588.20	\$23,176.47
Net Profit (Loss)	\$818.94	(\$5,092.49)	
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses			\$26,118.65
Per Capita Assessment for 2024			\$7,425.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 09/30/2024			\$3,423.48

Kristene Foreman, Treasurer

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



Deacon's Corner:

According to the Presbyterian Book of Order: *The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ.*

The deacons attempt to fulfill this charge in several ways. Most people know they visit shut-ins but there is much more. Have you received a birthday card? That was Hilda Grosklags on behalf of the deacons. Maybe you have opened your mail to find a sympathy card, a get well card or a thinking of you card. These are sent by one of the two deacons of the month. It's part of a way to remind those who have struggles that they are in our prayers.

On a Sunday morning when you sit down and remember it's communion today, do you ever wonder who fills all those little cups and puts them in trays? Do you think about who cuts all those little squares of bread just so? Well, it's one of the jobs of the deacons. They also provide gifts for baptisms, confirmation and graduations. They assist with special services such as providing flowers for the All Saints Service of Remembrance. This is just a few of the behind the scene things that the deacons do. Next month find out about the organizations they support.

The deacons do not receive financing from the church's general budget, as they are financed entirely by donations that are specified for their use. Special envelopes are in the pews. Please consider supporting this important ministry.

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**\*Retirement Announcement!\***

**The Personnel Committee is announcing the retirement of Karen Bents, our Ministry & Staff Assistant, effective January 31, 2025. She has just completed her 12th year working in the office. We are taking applications for her position for 24-30 hours/week with flexibility. Computer skills are needed. A sheet of the Secretary's responsibilities is available. If interested in this position, please email Sandy at [sandywersal@gmail.com](mailto:sandywersal@gmail.com)**

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**Thanks so much to Bob & Carol Sampson and Greg Swenson for cleaning up all the leaves on the church grounds!**



# 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.

## On a Roll With God

I want to continue with our Christian Education theme this year and show ways we at Hope Presbyterian are “On a Roll with God!”

We, again, loved our neighbors by helping distribute food at the October 8 Kandiyohi County Food Shelf Distribution. The 10 participants were on a “Roll” handing out lots of produce!





Brian would not want me to include this picture,  
but I couldn't resist the temptation.  
He is "On a Roll with God" everyday!!



## Beanie Babies “On a Roll with God” to Belize



Here's how the Beanie Baby Fundraising Project works: First, the project arose out of Beanie Baby donations from Wayne and Darlene Thompson and then more Beanie Babies were donated by Darlene Bratberg and Sue Block.

For a free will donation, you get to adopt and keep one Beanie Baby and also sponsor and send another Beanie Baby to Belize with those going on the Mission Trip in March.

Adults are also “On a Roll with God” as they started a new Bible Study on October 27. It is a 5-Session video series by Pastor and theologian, John Ortberg, entitled “The Me I Want to Be”.

There are 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

Sign up for the class in the fellowship hall, grab a class schedule, and attend whichever class works for you.

## **Fridge Bridge:**

### **November:**

- 3 Handbells rehearsal at 8:50 am
- 6 Family meal at 5:45 pm
- 10 Handbells play in church
- 19 CEYF Committee meeting at 6:30 pm
- 24 Make Christmas ornaments during church – ornaments for tree in fellowship hall and for the Deacons to add to Christmas bags.
- 27 No school at NLS, so no Wednesday classes
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving!

### **December**

- 1 Rehearsal for Christmas program and pizza after church
- 4 Family meal at 5:45 pm and then Christmas program rehearsal for ALL classes
- 8 Christmas program during church

Respectfully Submitted by Tyann Jones



# SEPTEMBER 2024 IMPACT FROM THE LINK

## THE FOOD PANTRY



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**NOV. 7TH**  
**4:30-7:30 for our**  
**Night of Gratitude**  
**@ The Link!**

In September, The Food Pantry served **180 Households**- including 282 adults, 179 children and 58 seniors-- distributing a total of 10,027 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.

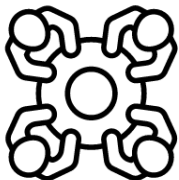
In August, your donations were able to support **67 families** by helping with medical bills and prescription cost, utility bills and rental payments along with providing budgeting support, networking and referrals for additional basic needs. The Link also provided **54 families** with basic household 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 **96 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 & winter gear 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!



**Sunday, November 10th 10:00 am**  
**Installation of HPW Officers & Committee Chairs**

**Thank Offering Received**

**(Meeting crucial needs for persons who are hurting. At least 40% is given to hospitals and health ministries.)**

**Lunch following service for Officers, Chairs & their Spouses.**

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**Tuesday, November 12th 6:30 pm**

**HPW Meeting**

**Devotions - Sandy Wersal**

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**Chili & Pie Auction Fundraiser**

**(Proceeds go towards the Belize Mission Trip)**



**Sunday, November 24th**  
**After Worship**  
**Free-will donation**

**Come for worship, bid on a pie or two, then  
stay for chili!**

**Thank you for your support!**



**Belize Mission Trip participants:**

**Stephanie Bents; Sue Block; Lauren Bratberg; Devory & Danny Fischer;  
Rylan Altermatt; Zach Fischer; Jill & Grace Gau; Matt & Anakin Haglund;  
Allie Johnson; Brian & Tyann Jones; Joni Lamphere; Alisa, Duane, Carter  
& Isaac Taatjes**

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

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**All Saints' Sunday  
November 10th**

**Remembering:  
Sheila Henneman  
Jane Dickman  
Doreen Haglund  
Hope Sampsal  
Susan Johnson  
Dale Flickinger  
Joann Gehrke**

**November  
CARE Pantry Challenge  
is.....  
Laundry Detergent**



**Coffee Servers**

- November 3: Kim & Ben O'Malley**
- November 10: Dee & Bill Schurman**
- November 17: Jonelle & Harold Foreman**
- November 24: Julie & Bob Ehrlich**





### **Members with Health Concerns:**

Darlene Thompson, Charlotte DeLong, Daryl Taatjes, Kathryn Frazee, Bob Hinderks, Judy Heath, Greg Mulder, Isaac Taatjes, Sandy Wersal

### **Family and Friends with Health Issues:**

Barb (Friend of Karen Hagemeyer)	Kaisa Robinson (Jonelle Foreman's niece)
Jackie (Friend of Eileen Helmstetter)	Blake Hinderks (Grandson of Bob & Pat)
Jerry Wall (Virginia McKean's son)	Pastor Randy Knuth
Paul Raynio (Jesse Appleby's Dad)	Dick Bratsch (Larry's brother)

### **Grieving:**

The Poe Family of Jerome Skluzacek, Family of Joann Gehrke, Family of Dale Flickinger, Family of Bev Eckblad (Jim Brown's sister)

### **Care Facilities:**

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

**November Deacons of the Month: Kathy Terpstra & Jeff Wersal**

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**SUNDAYS**

**Office Hours**

**Monday thru Thursday**

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

**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