March 2022 Council Highlights

The monthly meeting of Hope Lutheran’s Church Council was hybrid, held Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in Hope’s conference room.

* The Call Team is meeting biweekly, and currently working on step two of the process, organizational charts for church staffing and ministries/teams.
* We welcome back Wednesday Night Connections with Lenten Soup Suppers! If you would like to help with food prep/set-up, cooking, serving, and/or clean-up, please contact Joe Squeo or the church office. Youth activities for elementary through high school re-started Wednesday, March 9, including Confirmation class for 7th/8th graders, taught by Pastor Rick Hall. Bring the kids for dinner and Holden Evening Prayer before their activities!
* The first alternative Sunday evening service is scheduled for March 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a Healing Service, led by Pastor Rick Hall with music by Delaney Wright and Jennifer Penner.
* A church directory update is underway. Please make sure the church office has your current contact information.
* A ministry directory update is also underway. Look for this coming out later this month for opportunities to volunteer, share your talents, and make Hope happen!
* The Welcome Team will be working to clean out and update Katie’s Crib and Luther Chapel.
* Children’s Ministry: First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. Confirmation will be held at the 11 a.m. service on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Plans are also in the works for VBS July 18-22. Mark your calendars! Also check the News from Hope and be sure to let Christa know if your kids will attend any of the many camps offered this summer.
* Preschool Chapel for the Learning Tree will re-start March 23. Wearing masks, the students will be led by Christa, Sam, or Pastor Rick in singing, dancing, learning about a Bible story, and praying.
* Plans are in the works for new lighting, water-wise landscaping, and signage to improve the safety and beauty of our church. Look for upcoming fundraising opportunities to give this project to the church for its 60th anniversary this year!
* Financially, church expenses exceeded income for February 2022, with offerings at 131% of budget. Facility use is increasing. Our campus is coming alive again!
* A church council member will be available to greet you at the door on Sunday mornings and during coffee hour. Please come to us with your questions and concerns!
* A hybrid Hope Lutheran Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us to approve the Annual Report, hear information about landscaping plans, an update from the Call Team, a financial update, and vote for representatives to the Bethel Home and Synod Assembly. Copies of the annual report will be available in the office, on the web page, in the email blast, and in person at the meeting.
* Even as the state mask mandate expired, we respectfully encourage you to please continue to wear your mask indoors to protect the vulnerable among us. Don’t give up your mask for Lent!

Next church council meeting is hybrid, Hope Lutheran conference room, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 3/17/22,

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