September 2022 Council Highlights

The monthly meeting of Hope Lutheran’s Church Council was hybrid, held Tuesday, September 20, 2022 in Hope’s conference room.

* Roof repairs as approved at the July 24th congregational meeting are complete! Bring on the rain!
* $93,020 has been pledged so far for Hope’s re-landscaping. If you would like project information and a pledge card, please contact the front office and consider contributing to Hope’s updated look.
* As you consider your landscaping pledges, please also consider Hope’s current finances. Hope is operating at a significant loss compared to budget this year. Any extra contributions to the general fund are much appreciated to keep Hope happening! Hope’s Council and Finance Team are working to reorganize some expenditures and save where we can to shrink this deficit by December.
* The Call Team continues to keep the process moving forward. They are currently drafting a survey for which the team needs full congregation participation. The survey will ultimately help the team draft Hope’s Mission Purpose and Direction for the Ministry Site Profile.
* Hope is happening! Wednesday Night Dinners and education classes resumed on September 7th. Thank you to the teams who are working so gracefully to feed everyone and provide education offerings. Sunday School and Confirmation classes for our youth resumed August 21. Christa Slater has many fun activities planned for Hope’s youth this year. Check out the calendar in the weekly email blast or ask for one in the front office. Bring your kids and grandkids, and invite your neighbors! Christa would also like a team to assist her in planning events and education for our youth and families. If you have a heart for youth and families, please contact Christa or one of the council members.
* Hope Matters! Our Stewardship Drive kicked off on Sunday, September 18. Look for Temple Talks during Sunday services over the next few weeks on why Hope Matters to some of our members. Why does Hope matter to you, and how are you called to respond with your time, talents, and treasure to God’s many blessings in your life? The Stewardship Drive will culminate with a Day of Prayer for Hope Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 29, and a single Commitment Celebration Service on Sunday, October 30, followed by lunch and fellowship.
* Save the Date! God’s Work, Our Hands, a community service day, is Sunday, October 2, 2022! This day is a fun time for our church community to come together and help many nonprofits in town. If you are interested in signing up for a service project and enjoying a delicious lunch and fellowship afterward, please contact [Amanda Berryhill](mailto:berryhill6@comcast.net) or the church office.
* Save this Date too! Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 30, 6-8 p.m. with a Disney theme. Thank you to those who have already inquired about volunteering. Sign-ups to decorate trunks and volunteer in other ways will be available soon in the News from Hope as well as the narthex, and candy donation bins will be out by Sunday, September 25.

Next church council meeting is hybrid, Hope Lutheran conference room, Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 9/21/22,

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