

Hope Lutheran Church

Voice of Hope

June, 2018

Serving All Through Jesus Christ In Thought, Word and Deed.

NEW PASTOR COMING SOON!

Pastor Collette Gould has accepted the call to be the next pastor at Hope Lutheran Church. The call was communicated to her verbally shortly after the congregational meeting on May 13, which voted unanimously to accept the Call Committee's recommendation to call her, and she responded with a verbal "yes." The church council is working with our ELCA synod to complete the call process.

Pastor Gould comes to Hope Lutheran with 12 years of experience, serving mostly at United Methodist parishes in rural Iowa. She has served an ELCA congregation in Washington State for the last two years, and she is currently in candidacy to become rostered in the ELCA.

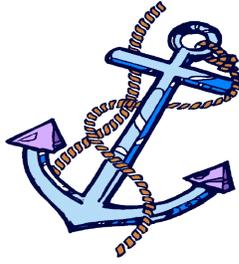
She is from the Midwest and is looking forward to returning here. She and her husband, Mitch, have four grown children, all of whom live in the Quad Cities area or elsewhere in northwestern Illinois. She is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, and she has a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Pastor Collette and Mitch are currently house-hunting in Milton. She will arrive at Hope Lutheran on Monday, June 18, and she will lead her first worship services at Hope Lutheran on Thursday, June 21, and Sunday, June 24.

This will mean the close of the interim work of Pastor Roger Black. A farewell potluck is planned for Sunday, June 3, at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Roger's work here will come to a close on Monday, June 11. Stu Bloom will lead Service of the Word on June 14 and June 17.

On behalf of the entire congregation, we offer a sincere thank you to Pastor Black for all his contributions to Hope Lutheran.

These are exciting times at Hope.



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Worship Schedule

Thursday

6:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am

9:30 am

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 Wisconsin

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NOTICE

We will be collecting money to purchase a thank you gift for Pastor Roger. You can use a Blue Gift of Love envelope at church and mark it "gift" or send a check made out to Hope, noting it is for Pastor Roger's gift. We only have a short time to get this together, so please consider donating as soon as possible.

Hope Church Council

From the Pastor

On Monday, June 4th I will be celebrating the fortieth anniversary of my ordination. There is nothing magical about forty. Just hanging around, as youth often say, is easy. Or to rephrase a musical song, “just being a pastor is easy; doing something significant during those years is hard.” Still, I have seen a lot of changes during those years, some good and some bad, and I have watched the church go from being a treasured institution of society to sometimes being what feels like a place I have to go when I need it, or only after consulting God through prayer or spirituality. But I have also seen how those who are in church regularly value it for the cornucopia, or horn of plenty, that it can be. It is kind of like the institution we value most, the family.

According to the unofficial “brief history of Hope Lutheran Church” the idea of a progressive Lutheran church was first brought into being in January 1974, and the first service was held on September 15 that year at Seventh Day Baptist Church. I remember that year well as I graduated from St. Olaf College in May and got married to my wife, Pam, in June. I was an idealistic twenty-one year old, excited to be going to seminary in September and looking forward to being a pastor four years later. Pastor George Carlson (and family) arrived in late November 1974 to begin as the Mission Development Pastor. Despite the great amount of work ahead—Pastor George in Milton and myself at Luther Seminary—I am sure he would agree that there was a great note of optimism. Following worship at the Seventh Day Baptist Church and the auditorium at the high school, the present building was complete in the fall of 1982 and dedicated on October 21, 1982. By that time I had enjoyed four and a half years of youth and education ministry in Milwaukee (Brown Deer). We worshiped around 400 a week at Abiding Savior, which now worships less than a hundred per week. I led youth and education ministries as an associate, and with a young family, remember dozens of like-minded young families who would rarely miss church and whose children through high school would be at church almost every week. I am quite sure that there was similar excitement and activity at Hope, particularly in your very own church building.

There were some things that weren't so good, though, in the seventies and eighties. Even though our church was barely in Milwaukee and drew from a rather integrated suburb, we only had one family who were persons of color, and they were a military family. Even though we had weekly youth events and even a drop-in center for youth, we often just did fun things with other Christian youth. We often just ignored the less advantaged people that were right in our midst, and certainly were not open to people very different than ourselves, who were marginalized in the society of the time.

Fast forward ahead to the time I served as a solo pastor at West Koshkonong in Stoughton from 1984 to 1994, the first six years or so that Pastor George was still here at Hope. Good years to be a pastor in southern Wisconsin to be sure. The advent of the ELCA January 1, 1988 changed some things. We no longer saw our friends from the other side of southern Wisconsin and we merged with some of our “kissing cousins” from the LCA

(more progressive, Eastern based) and AELC (in exile from the more conservative Missouri Synod). I remember that at the end of the ALC (American Lutheran Church) there was a great movement toward evangelical outreach, some of which was stifled in the necessary work on a new church. Times did not change a lot, except for the experience of losing the first ELCA bishop under concerned circumstances. “Like a mighty army, the church of God” went on. Pastor George went on to Lutherdale, and you called Pastor Joel Olsen, who I had known at St. John’s in Oregon. Every Sunday communion happened here—a good move for all progressive Lutherans—in 1993 and there was more programmatic ministry that took place everywhere in youth and education and worship.

I left the church in Stoughton in the fall of 1994, and soon entered interim ministry in Beloit and LaCrosse and Viroqua. During those last years of the second millennium you nurtured interns and celebrated a 25th anniversary with 1025 members. I can’t say for sure about Hope, but it appears to me that the church as a whole was flourishing. I had very active interim congregations at English in LaCrosse and Good Shepherd in Viroqua, but was glad to get back to regular ministry in Antioch, IL. Six years later I returned to interim ministry for good, having experienced a congregational plateau—like a train we couldn’t quite get over the hill to becoming a larger congregation. You had some continued growth and some very effective ministry, but the 2010’s and on have seen the church losing some of its luster. We especially are challenged when placed against the growing sector of choices for young people today.

So where do we find ourselves in 2018? We are tempted to measure everything by numbers, something that effects individual pastors as well. But, truth be told, there is a lot of integrity about the church today. People are here because they want to be here. We have all kinds of outreach to help people in our society. We have now elected an African American woman, Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, to be our next bishop. Hope is calling a new pastor who wants to be in a church that emphasizes salvation by grace through faith, as well as the full meaning of baptism and Holy Communion as the means of grace made known to us. As Larry David’s character says in Curb Your Enthusiasm, “pretty, pretty, good!”

Somehow at the end of my forty years of ministry and near the end of your forty-four years of church life, our lives intersected, if only for fourteen months. I do want to say what a delightful “year” it has been for me. I thank you, members and friends of Hope, and look forward to hearing great things from you under the leadership of Pastor Collette. I am not ready to totally hang up ministry yet, wanting to work four and a half more years, but under retirement status. Who knows, as individuals we may run into each other somewhere in this great state of Wisconsin. I will love to come and see any progress toward the facility you greatly desire. But if history has taught us anything, let us be thankful for what we have, as we now have it. Let me close with the sentiment of the words of Felice Mancini, wife of the great television and movie score composer, Henry Mancini:

“Sometimes, Not often enough we reflect upon the good things
And our thoughts always center around those we love.

And I think about those people who mean so much to me
 and who for so many years have made me so very happy
 And I count the times I have forgotten to say thank you
 And just how much I love them.”

Thank you!
 Rev. Roger H. Black

Church Council

Farewell Potluck for Pastor Roger

On Sunday June 3rd, 10:45 am (after the second service) we will be having a potluck to say thank you and farewell to Pastor Roger for his 14 months as Interim Pastor at Hope. We also are celebrating Pastor’s 40th anniversary of his ordination. Please bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverage will be provided.

Pastor Roger’s last Sunday will be June 10th.

Community Outreach is looking for a liaison from Hope Lutheran Church to work with Faith Works Rock County (formerly Love Inc) in Janesville. Faith Works is a ministry partnering with local churches to help individuals and families who are in need. We are also in need of volunteers for the Food Pantry in Milton. We are only responsible for 2 hours every 6 weeks. If you are interested in serving in either capacity or have questions, please contact the church office or Jane Johns, 262-473-6263, 262-203-1346 or jane.johns517@gmail.com.

This summer the **Milton Food Pantry** will continue to serve families with school age children home for the summer with extra food items. They will be including snack items, breakfast and lunch items that are especially appealing to children. Please keep this in mind when you shop and contribute items for the Food Pantry this summer. These things for children are especially appreciated.

Hope Treasurer’s Report

Income & expense from Designated Offering does not pay normal operating expenses.

April General Operating Income	\$26,652.21
April General Operating Expenses	\$21,143.21
Difference	\$ 5,509.00
YTD Operating Income	\$78,552.01
YTYD Operating Expense	\$82,990.23
Difference	(\$4,438.22)

Hope's Happenings

HFFFFFF -Friday, June 1. Yeti's Bar and Pub in Newville, 5:00 pm. Please sign up in narthex by wed., May 30th. Any questions please contact Marilyn Krause 608-8687939/608-751-2264. All are welcome.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Jake's Junction Pub, 130 Merchant Row, Milton, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. June 12th. No need to RSVP, just come if you can!! Cocktails, food, and even a good cup of coffee are available for purchase. Come and relax with us!

Men's Breakfast Group

First Tuesday of the month we meet at church for Bible study and coffee. On the third Tuesday we meet at Milton Family Restaurant for breakfast and discussion. June's meeting dates are the 5th & 19th. If you have questions, please contact the church or Ron Parsons.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and gifts I received at my retirement party. I also want to thank the kitchen people for all the good food we had and all the people who were there. Lester Hartzell

Thank you to John Torstveit for his many years of watering and fertilizing the flower gardens and buckets and keeping them looking beautiful. You and your green thumb will be missed!



Senior High Youth News

To all our **Hope members and supporters**, the **30 Hour Famine** was another large success and we would like to say thanks to so many of our volunteers for helping make it such a success for the kids. Thanks to the chaperones who helped run the event, the volunteer drivers to collect food for the Milton Food Pantry, and of course the wonderful volunteers who provided the meal with plenty to eat and awesome deserts.

We had 20 kids participate in fasting for the 30 hours, during which: they packaged 7,992 meals for Kids Against Hunger and also raised \$600.00 for that organization. They collected \$1,479.00 in sponsorship for World Vision. They blanketed Milton and collected food to fill the shelves of our own Milton Food Pantry

Sincere thanks to all from the SHY coordinators, Brinda and Kevin Shea

DATE	<u>Assisting</u> Minister	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion</u> Assistant	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Sacristans</u>	<u>Bread for</u> <u>Both</u> <u>Services</u>
03-Jun	Marie Benson	Pat Parsons	Bob Gohde Chuck Hansing	Ron Parsons	Sarah Olson	Jordy & Glen Getchel	Lois Mengoni	Donna Gohde
10-Jun	Patrick Russell	Tammy Russell	Karl Westlund Les Hartzell	Eileen Hansing	Marilyn Krause	Chuck & Eileen Hansing	Jake & Jean- ette Koele	Suzanne Mickelson
17-Jun	Stu Bloom	Karl Westlund	Frank Maxwell Al Astin			Janet Parr	Frank & Ann McCulloch	
24-Jun	Sherry Wille	Carol Polarski	Ron & Pat Parsons	Marie Benson	Marie Benson	Dave & Nancy An- derson	Kristin Mathesius	Sue Chwala
01-Jul	Karl Westlund	Sharon Whitford	Ken Whitford Bob Gohde	Linda Blade	Sherry Barrenger	Rob Malewicki	Denise Webb	Sandy Randall

June 20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:45 am Farewell potluck	4 6:00 pm Board of Education	5 8:00 am Men's Bible Study @Hope 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	6
10 Pastor Roger's last day 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with graduate recognition	11	12 7:00 pm Ladies Night Out	13
17 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship	18 Pastor Collette starts 6:30 Master Plan Committee	19 8:00 am Men's Bible Study @MFR 6:30 pm Church Council	20
24 8:00 am Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship	25	26	27

2018

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:00 HFFFFFF @ Yeti's	2
	7 6:30 pm Worship	8	9
	14 6:30 pm Worship	15	16
	21 6:30 pm Worship	22	23 Mission Trip Departs
	28 6:30 pm Worship	29	30 Mission Trip Returns

DATE	Assisting Minister	Lector	Ushers	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Greeters	Sacristans	Bread for Both Services
10:30 AM								
03-Jun	Paula Yanke	Brenda O'Beirne	Gary Yanke	Cliff O'Beirne	James Mickelson	Carmen Hume	Lois Mengoni	Donna Gohde
10-Jun	Donna Usher	Ann DeWilde	Jake Koele	Julie Lebakken	Rebecca Garber	Lebakken Family	Jake & Jeanette Koele	Suzanne Mickelson
17-Jun	Jen Watson	Arlene Miland	Brian Benson			Mathesius Family	Frank & Ann McCulloch	
24-Jun	Paula Yanke	Ann DeWilde	Kevin Shea	Jerry Arneson	Ken & Karen Holland	Sharon Terese Sandy McNutt	Kristin Mathesius	Sue Chwala
01-Jul	Donna Usher	Julie Lebakken	Randy & Emily Lebakken	Rebecca Garber	Carmen Hume	Carmen Hume	Denise Webb	Sandy Randall

Education News

Congratulations and God's Blessings to our High School Graduates and All Graduates

The congregation is invited to join in celebrating graduation on June 10, at the 9:30 am service. Refreshments will be served by the Board of Congregational Life between services from 9:00 – 9:30 am. Good luck in the future and God's Blessings to all our graduates!

Maker Fun Factory-Created by God, Built for a Purpose -- Vacation Bible School

When: Monday, July 30 – Thursday, August 2

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

For: Pre-School to 6th grade students

Cost: **EARLY REGISTRATION**

\$15.00 per student or \$30.00 per family **BY JULY 8**

After July 8, 2018, then the cost will be \$20.00 per student or \$40.00 maximum per family (Scholarships are available from the Good Samaritan Fund – Talk to Sue Chwala.)

Who: ANYONE AND EVERYONE!!!

Bring a friend and you and your friend will receive a FREE gift!

Come to Maker Fun Factory VBS for awesome adventures. Kids will discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Come for incredible Bible learning experiences that kids can see, hear, touch and taste! Science-fun, team-building games, cool Bible songs, creative crafts and lip-smacking snacks are all a part of VBS. Registration Forms are in the narthex. Call Jen Watson, VBS Coordinator, at 757-8322 or Sue Chwala, 868-3680 for more information.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School – Maker Fun Factory!

Many willing volunteers are needed for the week of VBS. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. Take a minute to sign up and be a part of this great mission at Hope. Call Jen Watson, VBS Coordinator, at 757-8322 or Sue Chwala 868-3680. Volunteer for: advertising, arts and crafts, snack preparation and kitchen, Bible stories, singing and music, recreation, group guides for each age group, decorating, clean-up, etc. Confirmation students and High school students are encouraged to volunteer for Vacation Bible School. Volunteering for VBS counts for Confirmation service hours and Silver Cord hours.

VBS Donations Wanted

Changing Hope Lutheran Church into the “Maker Fun Factory” requires lots of imagination - from Jen Watson, lots of helping hands – from volunteers, and lots of supplies – from the congregation! Please help by donating any of the following materials:

Decorating and Craft Supply Donations: plastic and metal coffee cans, cleaned-out non-sharp edged soup cans, bright colored plastic tablecloths,

duct tape, fishing line, colored plastic clothes pins, vibrant colors of spray paint, clear or white heavy-duty plastic 5' x 15' pieces, Poster Board putty, cardboard, Goodwill gift cards.

Snack/Food Donations: raisins, mini-marshmallows, teddy grahams, cheerios, animal crackers, goldfish crackers, grapes, blueberries, apples, 1 pound or larger blocks of cheddar & mozzarella cheese (we will be cutting it into cubes), pizza sauce, string cheese, small soft flour or corn tortillas, milk, apple juice, toothpicks, Kwik Trip or Woodman's gift cards.

Needing to Borrow: Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, oscillating sprinkler, spray bottles

Notes from your Christian Education Coordinator

By Sue Chwala

Sunny weather has finally arrived! We are planning for VBS and Christian education programming for next year! 9th graders and parents have had their orientation and are beginning their readings and service projects already. If you have ever thought about helping at Sunday School or Confirmation, now is the time to join this ministry at Hope. Being a parent is not a prerequisite for helping with Christian education, only that you want to be involved in the faith journeys of our young people.

Hope's education program works so well because of all our volunteers who teach and help, are a small group leader, teach VBS, do crafts or music or recreation for VBS, are a mentor, or LRE teacher, etc. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. To volunteer call the church office 868-3680, or talk with Sue Chwala, Pastor Roger Black or any Board of Education member.

*Sunday School meets between services from 9:15 - 10:15 am. Sunday School teachers work together in teams, which gives everyone the opportunity to have time off. "Spark" teaching materials are provided for you. Volunteers are also needed for special projects.

*LRE-Lutheran Religious Education meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:10 pm for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Teachers are encouraged to work in groups and "Connect" teaching materials are provided. We can always use an extra set of hands.

*VBS-Vacation Bible School will be July 30 – August 2, 9:00 am to 12 noon. Teachers and helpers will be needed for many areas – Bible storytelling, music, crafts, recreation, snacks, etc. For more information please talk with Jen Watson or Sue Chwala.

*Confirmation for 7th and 8th grades meets on Wednesday evenings. Small group leaders will be needed for small group discussion and service projects. Discussion topics and all materials are provided for you.

Christian Education Calendar

9th Grade Confirmation

May 27	Adult Mentors 1 st letter due to Hope office
June	Continue Bible Reading
June 13	Students 2 nd letter due in Hope office

July 1, Sun. Adult Mentors 2nd letter due to Hope office

May to August Summer service hours to Hope and Community
July to August Family Conferences with Pastor

Vacation Bible School – Maker Fun Factory

July 30 – August 2 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Complete the Kit

We have once again been awarded a Thrivent Action Team grant to complete baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. It will allow us to purchase a case of cloth diapers (20 dozen). This will be enough to make 60 baby care kits. Two local knitting groups, Riverview Heights Knitters and Fair-weather Stitchers, are providing sweaters and hats again. Flannel receiving blankets and diaper pins have also been donated. Our goal is to complete the kit by supplying the rest of the items needed for the kit.

In the back of the church there are paper bags with instructions to complete the kit. The items needed, which should range in size from 6-24 months, are:

TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)

TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns, two piece outfits or sleepers (without feet)

TWO pairs of socks

ONE hand towel, dark color recommended

TWO 4 oz. **or** THREE 3 oz. bath-size bars of **gentle** soap, any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars

Items must not have any religious symbols, messages, your group's name, U.S. flags, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Feel free to pair up with someone to complete a kit or just bring in an item or two and place in the container provided if you prefer not to complete a whole kit.

We are also in need of cardboard boxes to pack the kits for shipping. Items will be collected in June and July.

If you have questions, please contact Jane Johns, 262-473-6263 or jane.johns517@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of this project.

Lutherdale Dinners at the Lake

Meals served 4:30 – 7:00 pm the last Friday of each month April – August. Each week has a new theme and a new menu! Adults \$16 Children 10 and under \$8

June 29th 2018 Italian Rinfresco

Shrimp & Sun-dried Tomato Alfredo, House-made Marinara, Grilled Italian Sausage, Assorted Pastas, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Fresh Bread Sticks, House Made Soup, Dessert



1. Lindsey Heitsman
2. Claire Lebakken, Emily Lebakken, Heather Weberpal
3. Signe Fredrick, El Belanger
4. Jerry Hulburt
6. Leslie Alsteens, Sebastien Maier
9. Tim Lange, Dawn Heitsman
10. Carolyn Ellefson, Cole Kenyon, Charles Ellefson
11. Lisa Brovick, Jenna Mickelson, Stu Bloom
13. Duane Heitsman
14. Mathew Stephens
15. Carter Muth
16. Michael Holtz, Megan Dillman
17. Larry Preston, Logan Schwartzlow
18. Robert Blaser, Emily Suiter
19. Valerie Carlson, Dalton Shea, Betty Anderson
20. Dell Riechers, Jane Belanger, Jacob Fredrick
21. Vance Lien
22. Kathy Thompson, Triston Shea
23. Rose Klitzke, Emily Miller, Cole Gransee
24. Rebecca Garber, Elliott Anderson
25. Lynne Woolstrum, Roger Jensen, Alexis Henry, Clayton DeRemer
27. Steve Hornung, Al Astin, David Kane, Serena Westlund, Katja Mathesius, Emma Morehart
28. Zach Getchel, Rose Meyer
29. Dana Bush
30. Jon Watson



Special Birthday Wishes to

Bob Blaser -June 18

Betty Anderson - June 19

Dell Riechers -June 20

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