

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear members and friends of Hope Community Presbyterian Church,

As we move into the months of June and July, we will finally experience why we love to live in northern Minnesota! It is finally Summer! It has been such a privilege and blessings to be the pastor of Hope Community Presbyterian Church for one year. I began on June 13, 2022. As I move into year two, I must say I have enjoyed leading worship, preaching, moderating the session, attending Presbytery meetings, attending HCPC committee meetings, visiting congregation members in their homes, officiating at two funerals and two baptisms, occasionally singing in the choir, meeting with members in the church office, learning about and stocking the Little Pantry, volunteering at Ruby's Pantry, participating in the Sanctuary Centennial, and getting to know the wonderful congregation at Hope Community Presbyterian Church. It is evident that the congregation at Hope Presbyterian Church exhibits the Fruits of the Spirit identified in Galatians 5: 22 as "love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control."

Beginning June 6, 2023 at 2:00 pm, you are invited to be part of a Bible study at the church. The Present Word quarterly Bible study is based on the Uniform Series, a plan for reading and studying the Bible. The objectives of the series are to help persons increasingly:

1. to know the contents of the Bible;
2. to understand the message of the Bible in light of their experiences and relationships; and
3. to be aware of God's self-disclosure, especially God's redeeming love as revealed in Jesus Christ, that they may respond in faith and love.

The emphasis is on the Bible as the primary source of understanding the meaning of the Christian faith and as the most effective means of confronting persons with the significant concerns of the gospel. The concerns include personal faith, values, human relationships, social responsibility, Christian hope, and the implications of Christian discipleship under the lordship of Christ in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to seeing you there! Have a wonderful, safe Summer!

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Wendy

Lectionary Readings for June & July 2023

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
06/04/23	Gen. 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8	2 Cor.: 11-13	Matt. 28: 16-20
06/11/23	Gen. 12: 1-9 and Psalm 33: 1-12	Romans 4: 13-25	Matt. 9: 9-13, 18-26
06/18/23	Gen. 18: 1-15 and Psalm 100	Romans 5: 1-8	Matt. 9:35 - 10:8
06/25/23	Gen. 21: 8-21 and Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17	Romans 6: 1b-11	Matt, 10: 24-39
07/02/23	Gen. 22: 1-14 and Psalm 13	Romans 6: 12-23	Matt. 10: 40-42
07/09/23	Gen. 24: 34-38, 42-49,58-67 and Psalm 45: 10-17	Romans 7: 15-25a	Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30
07/16/23	Gen. 25: 19-34 and Psalm 119: 105-112	Romans 8: 1-11	Matt. 13: 1-9 & 18-23
07/23/23	Gen. 28: 10-19a and Psalm 139: 1-12 & 23-24	Romans 8: 12-25	Matt. 13: 24-30 & 36-43
07/30/23	Gen. 29: 15-28 and Psalm 105: 1-11 & 45b	Romans 8: 26-39	Matt 13: 31-33 & 44-52

Happy June Birthdays

1 – John Pearsall 26 – Amanda Claesson
2 – Jo Paulson 27 – Lee Kesanen
5 – Jordan Skalko 29 – Stephanie Falkowski
12 – Clyda 29 – Pete Wilhelm
13 – Roselle Parsons 30 – Noah Zezel

Happy July Birthdays

1 – Bonnie Schandorf 10 – Janice Rafferty
4 – Dawn Koski 15 – Bob Falkowski
5 – Adam Hadrava 23 – Roger Koski
7 – Madeline Hadrava 25 – Kate Stangl

Session Highlights

- The new executive director of Youth for Christ, Jake Grass, spoke with Session about the mission of YFC.
- A new 1-year contract will be signed on June 13 for Rev. Wendy to continue serving as our pastor.

Youth in Philanthropy Grant

Mason Kroll applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from the Northland Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program. The funds will be used to help purchase food for our Little Free Pantry. Thanks and congratulations, Mason!

Land of the Loon Parade

Join us on Saturday, June 17 at 9 a.m. for the Land of the Loon parade! We'll need donations of bottled water, cans of pop (coke, dr. pepper, root beer, sprite), unpopped popcorn, butter-flavored popcorn oil, and ice. Donations of money to buy anything else that is needed are also appreciated. Proceeds from Land of the Loon concessions will go toward our Little Free Pantry.

Geranium Memorials

Angie Cantlon – In honor of family
Sylvia & Greg Chad – In memory of all our loved ones
Rev. Wendy Christianson – In memory of Wallace & Joyce Christianson
Judy & Claude Erickson – In honor of family and Lt. Commander Chaplain Connie Dorn
Falkowskis & Johnsons – In loving memory of all our loved ones and friends
Kathy Jacklen & Mel Moschler – In honor of loved ones
Diane Hakala – In memory of loved ones
Gordy & Kay Hoelscher – In honor of Uncle Fred who died in WWI

Riley's Baptism

We congratulate Riley Mae Zezel on her baptism on May 21 and welcome her into our church family! Riley was born on 12/19/22 and is the daughter of Stephanie Palokangas-Zezel & Jared Zezel and sister of Noah.

The Present Word Bible Study

On June 6, Rev. Wendy will begin leading weekly Bible Studies based on *The Present Word* publication from PC(USA). The sessions will be Tuesdays at 2pm.

Prayer Box

There is a prayer box at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to use. These are for private prayers, and no one will read them. We will burn the prayers after worship on 6/18 and scatter the ashes in the church garden.

June Communion

Communion will be served on June 11 instead of the usual 1st Sunday of the month.

Accessible Ramp/Chairlift

We want to remind people that our ramp and chairlift are available to help anyone needing a little help getting into the sanctuary. There is a doorbell outside the door at the top of the ramp. If you know you will need help on a given Sunday, feel free to contact the office ahead of time and we'll have someone keep an eye out for your arrival.

Janet & Roger Koski – In honor of son-in-law Jeff and loved ones
Marianne Loscheider - In memory of Harry Digerness and Peter Loscheider
Jack McKillop – In memory of son John and family and friends
Carolyn Olsen – In memory of Earl B. Olsen, Jr.
Susie & John Pearsall – In honor of Ed Pearsall and Elmer Nelson
Irene & Larry Salo – In memory of our parents the Salos and Makirannes
Sue & Craig Stevens – In honor of loved ones

Service Person Recognition

Kristin Clark	Air Force	1986-2008
Bobby Clark	Air Force	1986-2006
Jason Daniels	Marines	Iraq
Kevin Daniels	Marines, Army, Nat. Guard	Iraq
Dwight Day	Air Force	1981-1988
William Day	Air Force	WWII
Rev. Connie Dorn	Lt. Commander Navy Chaplain	
Robert C. Ely	Army	1941-1946
Robert H. Ely	Army	1917
Eugene Erickson	Army-POW	Korea
George Ewens	Navy	WWII
William Ewens	Air Force	1942-1946
Jacob Fahrendorff	Army Reserve	Active
C. A. Graham Jr	Army Sgt. MP	WWII
James Healy	Air Force	Vietnam
Jerry Healy	Army	Vietnam
Jerry Healy Jr	Nat. Guard	Kuwait/Afghan./Sudan/ Iraq
Judson Healy	Air Force	Vietnam
Lee Hendricks	Army	WWII
Tom Hewett	Air Force	1961-1965
Spencer Hjelle	Air Guard	1970-1991
Gordy Hoelscher	Army	1969-1972
Don Jacklen	Nat. Guard	Korea
Jim Jacklen	Navy	
Lawrence Jaksch	Army	Korea
Creighton Koski	MN Nat. Guard	
Roger Koski	Navy	1961-1964
Shannon Kroenke	Nat. Guard	Active
Bob Little	Army Ranger	WWII
Gregory Ladd Mason	Air Force	Vietnam
Wesley McKay	Army	WWII
Hugh McKillop	Army	WWII
Jack McKillop	Air Force	1958-1964
Tom McKillop	Army	WWII
Kenneth Moorefield	Marines	
Melvin Moschler	Navy	1970-1989
Earl B. Olsen, Jr	Army	Korea
Bob Prosen	Army	WWII
Scott Schewe	Army	1960-1962
John Smith	Navy	WWII
Orvel Smith	Navy	
Kenneth Smith	Army	
Wesley Tjosaas	Army	WWII - killed in action at age 19
Fred Warren		WWII
Lemual Wilhelm	Army-Yankee	Civil War



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June Weekly Thoughts

June 4 ~ Trinity Sunday Matthew 28:16-20

Do What's Right.

Focus on the importance of how Jesus sent his disciples to build his church and do what is right - even when it is difficult.

June 11 - Communion Matthew 9:9-13

God's Promise Comes by Faith

Jesus calls everyone to follow him - you don't have to be perfect to be a disciple of Jesus.

June 18 - Father's Day Matthew 9:35-38

Burning Prayer box contents

Share What You Have Learned.

Jesus brings healing and freedom through our faith and trust in the Lord.

June 25 - Matthew 10:24-39

Live a New Life

Try to resist sin each day and live the new life Jesus has given to us.



Land of the Loon 2023

There will be a Land of the Loon celebration and parade this year - June 18-19. The Deacons may be selling popcorn, coffee, and pop/water on the church steps. Come and enjoy this good place to watch the parade. Enjoy and stay safe and well.

July Weekly Thoughts

July 2 - Matthew 10:40-42

Welcome, Hospitality, Kindness

Jesus teaches his disciples to not let sin control their lives. Welcome all people, show hospitality and kindness, even if they are different from you.

July 9 - Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Good News From Jesus

Jesus speaks and prays to keep sin away. Fight against sin and remember America fought for Freedom.

July 16 - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Parable of the Sower

Plant your seeds in good soil. Good soil are people who listen to Jesus and live their life as He wants. Be strong, have faith even when things get tough.

July 23 - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Parable of Weeds

Accept people as they are, do not judge. We do not know what is in someone's heart but God does - He is the only one to judge them.

July 30 - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Parable of the Mustard Seed

We learn to have hope. When God is with us great things can come from small beginnings.

Birthday Corner

Noah Zezel - June 30

Madeline Hadrava - July 7



Christian Education Calendar

Sunday June 4	Sunday June 11	Sunday June 18	Sunday June 26	Sunday July 2	Tuesday July 4
Trinity Sunday 	Communion 	Father's Day and Land of the Loon 	Happy Sunday! 	Communion 	4th of July 



If we serve God with all our hearts we are set free from sin, and the result leads to holiness and eternal life.



Write words that match the clues.
Then use the letters to find a mystery message.

- 1 2 3 4 5
- 6 7 8 9
- 10 11 12 13 14 15
- 16 17 18 19 20

- opposite of north
- crust covering a wound
- “ _____ bells, _____ bells”
- one of Snow White's friends

- 20 2 19 4 5 15
- 17 18 13 15 1 2 20 1 11 12
- 11 6 16 15 8 4 5 9 3 4
- 4 5 15 13 11 20 4 2 20
- 13 2 16 11 1
- 15 4 15 19 12 18 14 14 11 20 15
- 11 12 7 5 19 11 1 4
- 10 15 1 3 1 2 3 19
- 14 2 19 16

Ages 7+

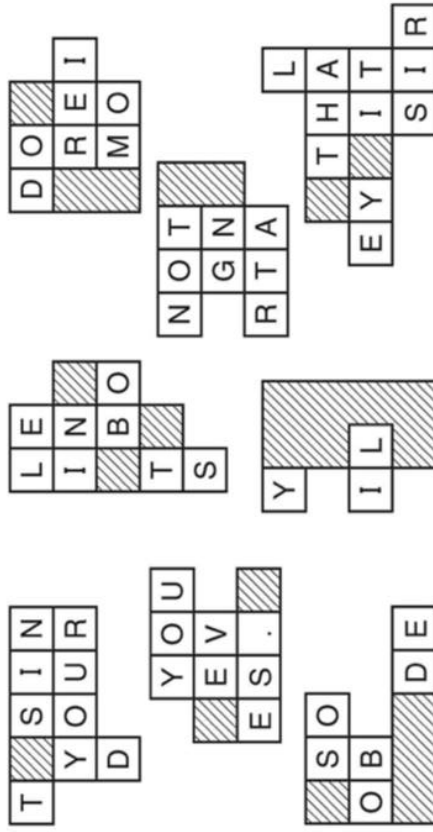
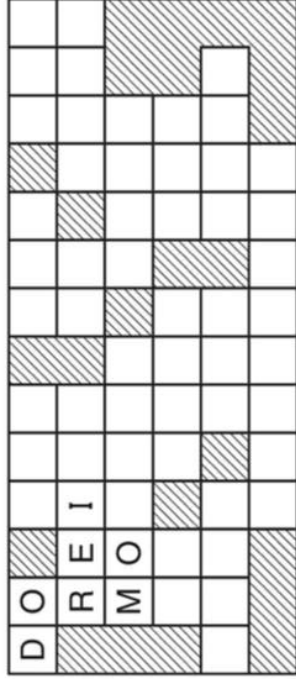
July 2, 2023 • Romans 6:12-23

Set Free from Sin



Don't let sin control your life!

Arrange the 6 shapes in the rectangle to create a verse.



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