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## WE VALUE

Bible-centered  
Preaching &  
Teaching

Dynamic Praise &  
Worship

The Sacraments

Prayer

Evangelism

Christian Education  
for All Ages

Loving Relationships

Strong Christian  
Families

## OUR VISION

By the love of Christ,  
our vision is to work together,  
reaching out to all people,  
through the Gospel,  
in our various activities and events.  
As we encourage each other to worship  
and grow in God's Word,  
we will be a Christian influence  
in our community.

## OUR MISSION

BUILDING TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY  
FOLLOWING THE TRIUNE GOD

## OUR PURPOSE

- Glorifying** God through *WORSHIP*
- Reaching** out to all with the Good News of  
salvation in Christ through *EVANGELISM*
- Actively** caring for God's people in Christ  
through *FELLOWSHIP*
- Creating** a family of God by Word and Sacrament  
through *MINISTRY*
- Equipping** people of all ages for life in Christ  
through *DISCIPLESHIP*

## **Notes and Announcements**

Ladies Bible Study is taking the summer off. We will start back up on September 6th.

**Reminder:** Noisy offering will be taken on second Sundays!

Noisy Offering for July-September will be going to Grayling Elementary School for lost hats and mittens fund.

Thank you for your donations.

LWML is looking for used sheets to use as middles in quilts. If you are cleaning out & find any, please donate them for quilts.

Thank you!



## **Family Fare Receipts**

There is a basket on the table in the narthex for these receipts. We are collecting them for the Day Care. If you have questions, please talk to Terry Tody.

### **Upcoming Food Trucks**

Friday, August 12th &  
Friday, September 16th at 11am

### **Altar**

7th-Kathy Woodman  
14th-Judi Mesack  
21st-Susie Moore  
28th-Judi Mesack

### **Elders**

7th-Jeff Pregler  
14th-Dave Jansen  
21st-Jack Owens  
28th-Frank Moore

### **MT. HOPE'S WEBSITE**

Did you know that Mt. Hope has a website? If you go to <http://www.mthopelcmsgrayling.org/> our website will come up. It is a multi page site with much information about our church, our congregation, our Pastor, what programs we are involved with and much more! Although there is a "member log-in" area, this is just for those who work on the site. Nancy Hatfield is our webmaster who keeps our website updated and makes any necessary changes. Anyone who goes to our site can access all pages. So...check it out!



**Mt. Hope Financial Report -** Mary Heinlein, Bookkeeper

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>JUN 2022</b>	<b>YTD JUL-JUN</b>
Income	10,454.14	145,076.38
Expense	-10,939.54	-115,620.27
Net	-485.40	29,456.11
<b>EARMARKED FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>101,537.62</b>
	<b>JUN 2022</b>	<b>YTD JUL-JUN</b>
Together in Missions	25.00	1,580.00
Christian Help Center	25.00	1,748.05
Noisy Offering	35.36	515.00
	<b>JUN 2022</b>	
<b>Church Extension Mortgage</b>		<b>470,000.00</b>
Mortgage Principal Payment	1,129.27	22,906.27
Earmarked Principal Payment	525.00	47,323.20
Mortgage Interest Payment	1,255.73	
<b>MORTGAGE BALANCE</b>		<b>399,770.53</b>

**Attendance**

June	5	56
	12	77
	19	62
	26	56



Attention: People need to sign up to host coffee hour or there will not be one.

Thank you to every one who donated, worked or bought from our Rummage Sale. We raised \$1243.25 the Toys for Tots program here in Crawford County.

Our last food truck on July 15th was the biggest amount of people we have ever done. We put 240 cars through, with 539 family members. Thank you to everyone who helped with it. Come out on August 12th at 9am and see if you can help us do more. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**TO PLACE  
SOMEONE ON  
PRAYER CHAIN:**

Call Lynn Richmond at  
989-390-8632 or  
[lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com](mailto:lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com)

Jamie Wohn will be handling the **sign changes**. Please email him with any necessary info for the sign at [jackwohn3@gmail.com](mailto:jackwohn3@gmail.com) or [jackwohn3@aol.com](mailto:jackwohn3@aol.com). If urgent, text him at (810) 965-1891



**Council Approved Minutes  
Council Meeting June 21, 2022  
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church-LCMS**

Meeting Called to Order by Ken Bendick at 3:00 pm.

Opening Devotion was given by Ken Bendick based on the "Great Commission" after Jesus' resurrection in making disciples, Matthew 28.

Opening Prayer was given by Steve Koch.

Attendance:

Pastor: Paul Schneider A	Chairman: Ken Bendick P	Vice Chairman:
Secretary: Sharon Hopkins P	Treasurer: Mitch Linendoll A	
Bookkeeper: Mary Heinlein A	Elders: Jack Owens P	
Education:	Evangelism: Terry Tody P	
Stewardship: Shirley Koch P	Stewardship: Paul Mesack P	Trustees: Mike Shields P
CADC: Salena Laskowski P	CADC: Steve Koch P	Youth: Salena Laskowski P

Guest: Jeff Pregler

Terry Tody moved the approval of the May 22, 2022 Minutes, seconded by Salena Laskowski, approved.

Reports: Council and Boards:

Bookkeeper: Mary Heinlein emailed ahead of the meeting and Steve Koch gave the report.

May 2022	<b>Income: \$16,658.50</b>	<b>Expenses: \$9,117.12</b>
	<b>Net gain \$7,541.38</b>	
2021-2022 YTD	<b>Income: \$134,622.24</b>	<b>Expenses: \$104,680.73</b>
	<b>Net gain \$29,941.51</b>	

Pastor Paul report

Treasurer Mitch Linendoll: No report.

Council Secretary Sharon Hopkins: No report.

Chairman Ken Bendick: No report.

Vice Chairman: no report.

Board of Elders Jack Owens:

Answering machine protocol not yet established.

Kurt Notstiene, IT person, was unable to resolve recording issues. Elders to check warranty for the red "input device" and possibly purchase new one.

2022-2023 Budget completed.

Nicole Alma's wages were increased.

Northern Pines nursing home meet and greet meeting with Jeff Pregler moved to July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Estimates for paving gravel CADC entrance drive off West Road and heating and plumbing repairs were presented.

A water spicket is needed outside the CADC building.

Board of Trustee Mike Shields:

"Goals and objectives" for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are still being worked on.

Outside spring cleanup is still ongoing.

The sprinkler system is up and running.

New blinds have been installed throughout the building except the sanctuary. Blinds in the sanctuary will be installed soon.

A riser has been installed on the septic tank for future septic field cleaning.

Lee Sperry is mowing the lawns.

Board of Education : No report

Board of Evangelism Terry Tody:

Last month's Food Truck was good and there is one scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Evangelism will sponsor a rummage sale, June 24 & 25 with proceeds going to Crawford County

Toys for Tots program to purchase toys for the kids in Crawford County.

Evan will be second to Jamie for outside sign updates.

"Kids in the Park" is questionable right now for Mt. Hope to be involved.

The Chamber of Commerce contacted Terry about entering a Mt. Hope float in this year's Parade, Terry did not commit to Mt. Hope being involved.

Board of Stewardship Shirley Koch:

The Chewing Stewardship message was placed in the Anchor each month upon receiving the information.

The Easter Wreaths at the Church entrance were removed on Memorial weekend and the hanging baskets hung for the summer.

Mt. Hope/Crawford Au Sable Day Care Salena Laskowski:

Rehired a former staff member for part time.

Mt. Hope Literacy Program was presented with monthly costs and schedule of needs to support this program.

\$325 additional monthly payment is being made on the principle of the mortgage.

Applied and received a Child Care Stabilization Grant for 2022:

Funds to be used for any operational costs/expenses.

Includes a staff bonus for childcare workers (\$1,000 for full-time and \$500 for part-time.)

Building Concerns:

New Licensing Consultant temporarily assigned until a permanent one is assigned.

Added 2 more security cameras:

Multi-purpose Room and front of building and parking lot.

Jeff (Northern Mechanical) and Jeremy (Bryant) walked the building and discussed the heating issues. Haven't heard back as to resolving the issues.

Furnace and Hot Water Heater were inspected by Hometown Heating and Cooling, required by licensing every 2 years.

Furnace filters will be replaced when they come in.

We would like Ron (R & S Custom Woodworking) to give us an estimate as to installing upper cabinets in all classrooms and additional lockers for the Multipurpose classroom. Grant money will be used to cover the cost if reasonable.

Board of Youth Salena Laskowski: No report.

LFL Life Team Sharon Hopkins:

Collection of diapers & wipes to River House Shelter, Grayling & **New Life Pregnancy Resource Center**, Gaylord. Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Articles have been sent to Nicole for the Anchor

2022-2023 Budget and Goals have been prepared for Council and Congregation meetings.

Call Committee meeting Jeff Pregler:

Originally the committee was given 10 candidates, but one has excluded himself, down to 9 men.

There is a meeting scheduled for tonight.

Committee is now looking at the candidate's info.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Mike Shields moved to accept all reports, seconded by Shirley Koch, accepted.

Unfinished Business:

CADC Building Concerns:

- The following two improvements were agreed to in order to ensure that the Day Care Building leased to CADC meets the necessary standards of operation expected of such a facility designed for the children in its care.
- Improve the unpaved portion of the drive by covering it with limestone and enhancing drainage (cost of approximately \$7,000)
- Improve the heat distribution in the Day Care (particularly in the multi-purpose room, offices, and vestibule) by adding additional damper-controlled zones with corresponding temperature sensors, and a supplemental electric heat source in the vestibule (cost of \$7,222.68 for this step plus the cost of the electric heat in the vestibule yet to be submitted by the electrician.) There are additional zones that can be added at additional cost if this proves inadequate.

There was discussion and possibly obtain additional contributions/estimates for the above 2 projects.

Sharon Hopkins moved to accept Jack Millikin, Inc.'s bid of \$6825.00 to lime stone the parking lot and Northern Mechanical Contractors LLC's bid to rezone the heating issues of \$7,222.68, seconded by Jack Owens, accepted.

The above improvements are being agreed to by the Council. However, the funding is expected to come from member contributions to preserve the commitment not to take funding from the General Fund. Such an appeal will be made at the Congregational meeting.

New Business:

Mike Shields moved the Mt. Hope Literacy program is an excellent outreach to CADC families, and that approximately \$1,000. should be covered out of the Council Outreach Budget to continue this program this next Fiscal Year, seconded by Terry Tody, approved.

Jack Owens moved to the approval to use CADC own grant funds to purchase and install upper cabinets in the class rooms as CADC requested. This improvement to the building was agreed to as required by the Lease, seconded by Mike Shields, approved.

2022-2023 Budget: Steve Koch presented the budget and it was approved by voice approval with corrections.

Nominating Committee/Officer Candidates: Steve Koch presented the slate.

Congregation meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>

Have the slate of officers ready for the June 26<sup>th</sup> Congregational meeting.

Ballots will be made for the Congregational vote.

As well as an agenda will be emailed to all members beforehand.

Jack Owens moved the adjournal of the meeting, seconded by Terry Tody, accepted.

We adjourned at 4:15 pm with a prayer by Ken Bendick.

The next meeting will be on July 19, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

The Devotion will be led by Sharon Hopkins.

Respectively submitted by, Sharon Hopkins, Church Secretary

## In Giving we Receive

God is the greatest giver, and, because we were made in His image, we were created to give. God uses giving to help direct our hearts to Him and away from the love of the world. Faithful and generous giving is evidence that God is first in our lives. In giving, we break the grip that this world has on us.

We don't give to be blessed, but God's Word clearly tells us that through our faithful generosity God will bless us. Several verses in Scripture promise us God's abundance when we honor Him through our giving. (Proverbs 3:10; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38). We are certain of His spiritual blessings and possibly material blessings.

In the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, which is found in all four Gospels, we find a truism that God blesses those who give. Jesus had attracted a large crowd to whom He was preaching. When it was time for dinner, Jesus' disciples wanted to send the people away to find their own food. Andrew, one of the disciples, told Jesus that a boy had given them five barley loaves and two fish. If the disciples had chosen to keep the boy's lunch for themselves, it could possibly have been enough food for Jesus and His twelve disciples. Realizing that Jesus intended to use the lunch to feed the crowd of people, the disciples became anxious about their situation, overlooking what Jesus could do with this meager amount of food.

Jesus had another idea: He had the people sit down in groups. He gave thanks for the bread and fish. After the blessing, the disciples began to distribute the food. As the disciples gave each person a portion of the bread and pieces of the fish, the food never ran out. In his book *Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey*, William Chancellor Weedon shares the following:

Stop and ask yourself what would have happened if the disciples had held onto their little lunch, had kept it for themselves in fear, terrified that there would be no more if they gave it away and then they would go hungry? How much would each have had at the close of that day? A handful? That's it. But Jesus began to open their eyes that day to see a new truth in God's economy. By giving away to others, they ended up richer themselves! They ended up with a basket of bread each, far more than that fistful they had started out with. Hands clutching in fear were transformed into hands opened wide to give away.

May God grant us giving hearts so that He can multiply our gifts to help others and to extend His kingdom.



## We Are Accountable

From the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), we learn that our financial lives are important to God and that He wants us to multiply the gifts He entrusts to us. In the parable, a master (Jesus) entrusted three servants with different numbers of talents before going on a journey. After the master returned, he asked each to give an account of what he had done with what he had been given. The master commended the two servants who faithfully and wisely invested the talents given to them. Because they were faithful in their efforts to please and serve him, the master told each of them, *“Well done, good and faithful servant!”*

When we acknowledge God as owner of our resources, we understand our obligation and responsibility to be faithful caretakers of all that He entrusts to us. As God’s stewards, we realize that all things, including our money, are to be used for His purpose. Ask this question: “What is God’s will for the money He has given me?” We understand through the Parable of the Talents that our heavenly Father is pleased when we manage our money responsibly and displeased when we handle it poorly. Jesus said, *“If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?”* (Luke 16:11). There is a direct connection between our faithful use of money here and now and the “true riches” God wants to entrust to us. Jesus calls us to handle money wisely and prudently as well as have a proper attitude and relationship toward money.

Just as Jesus held the servants in the parable accountable, He holds us accountable for what He entrusts to us. This parable leads us to the conclusion that wise management of our money, along with all our gifts, pleases the Lord, and poor management greatly displeases Him. When He comes again, *“... then each of us will give an account of himself to God”* (Romans 14:12). We will want to hear, *“Well done, good and faithful servant!”*

### Stewardship Corner

Whether God gives us little or lots of money, we need to be faithful stewards by being responsible planners. Planning enables us to accomplish more with the money God entrusts to us. In Proverbs 16:3 we read: *“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”* Plan with confidence since God will always be with us to bless and watch over those plans that we have committed to Him. *“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps”* (Proverbs 16:9). Planning for the future begins today. Procrastination is one of the greatest hindrances to financial planning. Galatians 6:7 reminds us that we reap what we sow. If we sow nothing (that is, don’t plan), we reap nothing. In other words, little or no planning results in the likelihood that our financial goals will not be achieved. Best intentions without follow-through will get us nowhere.





**GIVING IS NOT SO MUCH AN ACT OF GENEROSITY AS IT IS AN ACT OF TRUST.**

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:11).

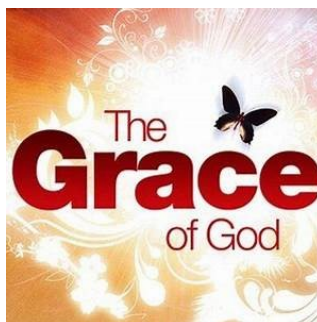
**JESUS’ SACRIFICIAL LOVE DEFINES US, AND IT MAKES US PEOPLE OF PURPOSE.**

“By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).



**STEWARDSHIP IS THE FREE AND LOVING RESPONSE TO THE GRACE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES.**

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).



### **Stewardship Corner**

God wants and deserves to be glorified. However, it is in our nature to resist giving God glory. Each and every day Satan is working to encourage us to put ourselves first. Satan works on our selfish ambition, pride, arrogance, or other character flaws to get in the way of serving and glorifying God with our hearts, minds, and strength. Rather than give God glory, our thoughts are more like “What’s in it for me?” Me, mine, and myself are words used again and again as we focus on ourselves. Only with the help of the Holy Spirit can we change from being self-centered people to being God-centered.

Abortion advocates in the media and on social media have unleashed a barrage of myths about pro-life laws since *Roe v. Wade* was reversed on June 24. The misinformation is creating a wave of fear across the nation, as compassionate Americans now fear women will die and children will be born into abuse and neglect if abortion is not legal and on-demand through all nine months of pregnancy.

Yet none of these myths are true.

#### MYTH: TREATMENT FOR ECTOPIC PREGNANCY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

One of the most common myths spreading about pro-life laws in a post-*Roe* world is that women will not be able to receive treatment for ectopic pregnancy, which would kill them. *This is completely false.* Michigan's Constitution shows that each law says treatment for an ectopic pregnancy, treatment for a medical emergency, or a procedure to save the life of the mother (which would include treatment for an ectopic pregnancy) is not legally considered an abortion. The legal definition of abortion is not the same as the medical definition of abortion, which has led to this mass confusion. These rumors are untrue; any woman who suffers an ectopic pregnancy has a right to the health care that will save her life.

#### MYTH: PREGNANT WOMEN WHOSE LIVES ARE IN DANGER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE TREATMENT.

There is never a medically necessary reason to have an abortion because other procedures exist in order to save a woman whose life is at risk during pregnancy. Legally, an abortion is the act of intentionally killing the embryo or fetus prior to delivery, therefore, if the woman's life is at risk, the doctor can induce delivery or carry out an emergency C-section to save the woman's life without purposefully killing the preborn child. There will be tragic situations in which the child is too young to survive outside of the womb, but in situations necessitating early delivery where there was never an intent to kill the child, the procedure is not legally considered an abortion. In addition, the majority of pro-life laws carry an exception for the mother's health and life.

Essentially, no doctor has to deliberately kill one patient in order to save the other. A pregnancy can end without the intentional killing of the child, but an abortion carries the goal of ensuring that the child is dead.

#### MYTH: TREATMENT FOR MISCARRIAGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

Another myth is that if a woman miscarries, she won't be able to undergo surgery to remove her deceased child if the miscarriage does not progress on its own. This is also untrue.

Pro-life laws are clear that an abortion carries the intent to cause the child's death. In a **miscarriage** situation, if the child has already died, removing his or her body is important to ensure the mother's continued good health, and no pro-life law prevents a doctor from carrying out a D&C or other surgery to remove the miscarried child's remains from the mother's uterus to prevent illness or infection.

#### MYTH: HEALTH APPS WILL TRACK WOMEN'S MENSTRUAL CYCLE DATA IN ORDER TO PROSECUTE THEM FOR ABORTIONS.

In today's world, it seems every piece of technology is tracking every move a person makes, from their cell phone to their fitness watch. Suddenly, abortion advocates are instilling fear that any woman who uses a period tracker will be watched by authorities for any signs that she may have had an abortion based on changes in her menstrual cycle as she tracks it.

This idea is little more than fear-mongering, especially since women have their information everywhere already, and a text message to a friend about a pregnancy — or a search online for the abortion pill — would provide more "evidence" to anyone seeking to prosecute someone for an abortion more than tracking someone's (potentially extremely irregular) menstrual cycle would.

#### MYTH: WOMEN WILL BE PROSECUTED FOR MISCARRIAGES.

As stated above, removing the remains of a preborn child who is already deceased is not an abortion; neither is a natural miscarriage, because in that case, *no one committed an act intended to kill the child.*

While increased use of the abortion pill makes it harder to tell if a woman has had an abortion or a miscarriage, none of the current pro-life laws aim to punish the mother for the abortion. Under current laws, a woman would not be prosecuted for a miscarriage *or* an elective abortion.

As reported by **Secular Pro-Life**, if there is any investigation into the death of a preborn child, it is most likely because the child's death is linked to a crime separate from an illegal abortion, such as drug use or infanticide, or instances in which a baby is found in a dumpster.

While abortion advocates point to **El Salvador** as an example of women being jailed for miscarriage in a pro-life nation, the truth is that those women serving jail time have actually killed their newborn babies horrifically by stabbing, strangulation, and other means (as the graphic photos prove). They have not been jailed for miscarriage, but for the *infanticide of newborn babies*.

#### MYTH: MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES WILL INCREASE WITHOUT LEGAL ABORTION.

Statistics show that the maternal mortality rate will *not* increase if abortion is restricted. Countries that legalized abortion like the U.S. have actually seen their maternal mortality rates (MMR) **increase** over time, while countries that banned abortion have seen a *decrease* in maternal deaths. For example, in 1972, the year before *Roe*, 18.8 of every 100,000 women died during or within one year of giving birth. By 2020, that number had grown to 23.8 women per 100,000 births.

However, in nations that chose to protect human beings in the womb, the opposite occurred. For example, El Salvador did so in 1998. The country's MMR was 155 per 100,000 live births while abortion was legal, but dropped to 46 per 100,000 live births after abortion was made illegal. And since Poland restricted abortion in most cases in 1989, the MMR has declined from 17 to two.

#### MYTH: MORE CHILDREN WILL SUFFER IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IF ABORTION IS RESTRICTED.

Another common claim is that more children will enter the foster care system if abortion is banned. But children aren't born directly into foster care unless an issue is discovered at birth in which it is clear that the child must be moved to a safe home. Women who choose adoption while pregnant are able to handpick the adoptive parents of her baby because there are 36 families waiting to adopt for every one child placed for adoption.

In addition, though the foster care system has its flaws, it is not a fate worse than death. No child should be **killed** out of concern that she might go into foster care or might experience suffering in life. What is needed is reform of the foster care system and for more people to step up to help these vulnerable children rather than argue that they should have been killed in the womb.

Where suffering exists, we don't kill the sufferer; we ease the suffering.

#### MYTH: WOMEN WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL THEIR LIVES/FUTURES/CAREERS WITHOUT ROE.

It is anti-feminist to tell a woman she needs to kill her growing child in the womb in order to succeed, or because she is too young. Women are *inherently equal to men* – contrary to pro-abortion claims, legalized abortion does not “make” women equal to men – and the fact that women have the ability to carry a child does not somehow make them less than men.

Rather than liberating women, abortion has turned women into oppressors, on the level of the worst of men who abandon the children they help to create. Just because men have been allowed to *abandon* their children without consequence doesn't mean woman should be able to *kill* those children before birth. Instead, *men should be held more accountable*.

When a woman becomes pregnant, resources should already be in place for her at her university, her school, or her company to ensure she and her children have what they need. Legally, a pregnant student is entitled to special accommodations from her university or school under Title IX, and no woman can legally be fired for being pregnant or being a mother.

If businesses are going to employ women as they should, they must recognize the value of women and

mothers in the workplace. They can show their respect for mothers by providing solid health care, nursing and pumping rooms, in-house daycare, paid paternity and maternity leave – and by monetarily rewarding people fairly for their hard work.

No one can predict the future, and woman's life can be impacted by any number of things. But women are capable of adapting and changing and growing – and they never have to kill their babies in order to continue to pursue their dreams and goals.

### MYTH: ABORTION WILL BECOME MORE DANGEROUS WITHOUT ROE.

Abortion has *never* been safe – one person always dies in the process. But the reality is that there are no solid statistics on just how dangerous legal abortion is for the millions of women who have sought them since *Roe*. Only about **half of all states** even report complications from abortions – complications which can include uterine and cervical perforation, hemorrhaging, incomplete abortion, infection, infertility, and even death.

With *Roe* in place, abortion advocates were already moving to make abortion even more dangerous than ever.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, abortionists and their advocates made abortion more dangerous by removing safety protocols on the distribution of the abortion pill. While certain medical situations such as ectopic pregnancy have the potential to make the use of the abortion pill deadly for a woman, the Biden administration ensured that women *never have to be seen by a doctor prior to taking the abortion pill*. The **“no-test” abortion pill protocol** also allows for a woman to obtain the abortion pill **without** an ultrasound or blood tests to determine gestational age or even diagnose an ectopic pregnancy beforehand.

This leaves women **vulnerable** to the **dangerous risks** of the abortion pill, which has been found to be **four times more dangerous** than a first-trimester surgical abortion. Mail order abortion pill sales encouraged by the Biden administration are likely to lead to more abortion-related injuries for women... and more coerced or forced abortions.

### MYTH: CONTRACEPTION WILL BE BANNED.

While there are some birth control devices and pills that have the **potential to function in an abortifacient capacity**, Justice Samuel Alito made it clear that contraception will not be banned under the *Dobbs* ruling that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. In the court's majority opinion, he wrote, “Roe's defenders characterize the abortion right as similar to the rights recognized in past decisions involving matters such as intimate sexual relations, contraception, and marriage, but abortion is fundamentally different, as both *Roe* and *Casey* acknowledged, because it destroys what those decisions called ‘fetal life’ and what the law now before us describes as an ‘unborn human being.’”

The opinion continues, “Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion.”

### MYTH: MOST AMERICANS WERE AGAINST OVERTURNING ROE.

Polls are being used to **create the false impression** that most Americans were against the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, but when more detailed polling is analyzed, a different picture emerges. According to a 2019 Gallup **poll**, about 60% of people believe abortion should be restricted to the first trimester. Support for abortion declines to less than 33% in the second trimester, yet *Roe* and its sister case *Doe v. Bolton* allowed for abortion through *all nine months* of pregnancy and *forced states to allow abortion until at least 24 weeks* (six months).

The bottom line when it comes to dispelling myths is this: The best thing to do when trying to understand an abortion law is to read the law itself without the media spin.



Nancy Hatfield~2nd  
 Paul Mesack~3rd  
 Kathy Woodman~6th  
 Cari Robison~11th  
 Jack Bulmer~17th  
 Skyler Robison~17th  
 Claudia Albright~19th  
 Kay Vedder~22nd  
 Marge Franklin~24th  
 Miles Hartman~28th  
 Brody Robison~28th  
 Alice Devantier~29th

**Anniversaries**

Jeff & Martha Pregler~4th  
 Dan & Ruth Stocker~4th  
 Dave & Chris Lauria~5th  
 Dave & Barb Mauro~10th  
 Paul & Judi Mesack~17th  
 Harry & Judith McGee~18th  
 Cari & Brody Robison~20th  
 Jack & Jeanne Bulmer~26th

**Healing Members**

**Healing- Members**

Bill Richmond  
 Lynn Richmond  
 Judi Riske  
 Ruth Stocker

**Friends**

Thom Becker  
 Joan Reisch  
 Scot Ferguson

**Cancer**

**Cancer-Members**

Dave Weissenborn  
 Paul Smith  
 Barb Mauro  
 Steve Koch

**Friends**

Donna LaDuke  
 Jim Dugdale  
 Don Kernstock  
 Barb Vidal



**In Military Service**

Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky,  
 Darin Nicholas,, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak,  
 Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough,  
 Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster,  
 Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

	<p><b>Dollie Adolph          Jean Wittig</b></p>
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**PRAYER REQUESTS**



Prayer request forms are available either in the Narthex on the podium by the guest book or in the office on the secretary's desk. If you need a prayer by

Pastor that day, you can give your completed prayer request form to one of the elders or ushers and ask that it be given to Pastor before worship. If your prayer request isn't needed until later in the week, you can place it in the offering plate or place it on the secretary's desk in the office.

**Assisted Living & Nursing Home List**

**The Brook**

Geri Methot (Grayling)

**Michigan Veterans Homes - Grand Rapids**

Kenneth Hopkins

**The Lighthouse at Roscommon**

Elsa Knutson

Mt. Hope needs all of us to pitch in and keep our church running and serving others, especially without a full time Pastor to lead us.

There are many opportunities to serve, either small or large.

A couple ideas are:

- • Sign up one Sunday to host coffee hour.
- • Twice a year be responsible for Adopt a Highway
- • Help plant or weed flower beds
- • Sweep the side walk and porch entrance
- • Volunteer to help with VBS this summer

A bigger project is to lead a Kitchen Clean up day

Just like at your house, there is always something to do at God's house!!

Thank you!

Your Stewardship Committee



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