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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** on Tuesdays at 1pm.  
If you have questions, please ask Sharon Hopkins.

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!



### Altar

2nd-Martha Pregler  
9th-Martha Pregler  
16th-Terry Tody  
23rd-Dee Musselman  
30th-Dee Musselman

### Elders

2nd-  
9th-  
16th-  
23rd-  
30th-

Noisy Offering for January, February and March 2022 is going to the **Michigan Lutherans For Life**  
Reminder: Noisy offering will be taken on second Sundays!

### 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**

(not approved by Council)

GENERAL FUND	NOV 2021	YTD JUL-NOV
Income	8,352.00	48,971.92
Expense	-8,849.76	-33,542.56
Net	-497.76	15,429.36
<b>EARMARKED FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>61,444.47</b>
	<b>NOV 2021</b>	<b>YTD JUL-NOV</b>
Together in Missions	25.00	105.00
Christian Help Center	25.00	90.00
Noisy Offering	40.91	184.95
	<b>NOV 2021</b>	
<b>Church Extension Mortgage</b>		<b>470,000.00</b>
Mortgage Principal Payment	1,043.80	15,074.81
Earmarked Principal Payment	14,800.00	27,878.20
Mortgage Interest Payment	1,341.20	
<b>MORTGAGE BALANCE</b>		<b>427,046.99</b>

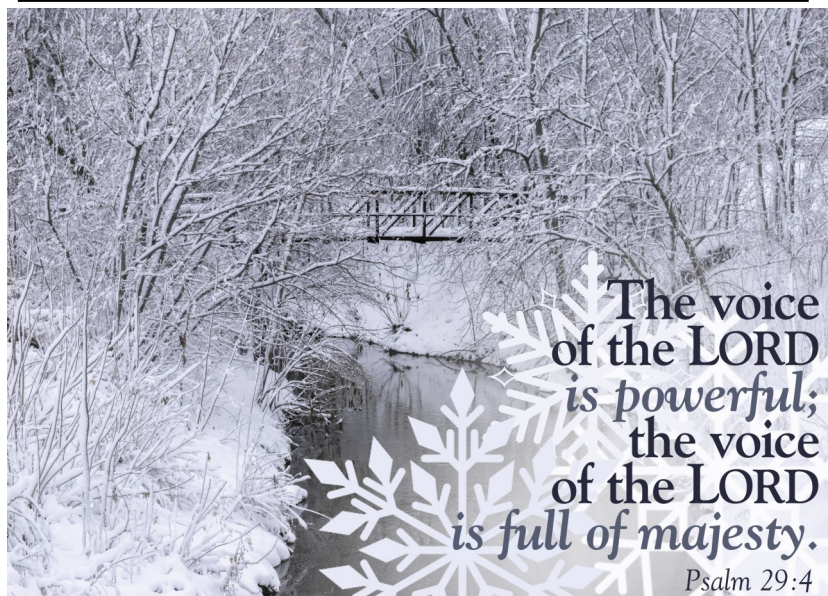
Attendance

November	7	38
	14	42
	21	47
	24	20
	28	21



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

Your 2021 contribution statements have been sent via USPS mail.



TO PLACE SOMEONE ON PRAYER CHAIN:

Call Lynn Richmond at 989-390-8632 or [lynn-carol-morris@yahoo.com](mailto:lynn-carol-morris@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

**Reminder about inclement weather and church functions:** Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying. Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!

## Stewards Living with Purpose

In the book of Psalms, King David wrote, *“The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me”* (Psalm 138:8). In spite of David’s sinful life and the difficulties he had with Saul and Absalom, the Lord fulfilled His purpose for David. Just as God had a purpose for David, so He has for us as well. Have you given much thought to what purpose God may have for your life? By grace, we understand that we were created for God’s purpose, not ours.

One important purpose God gives His people is to care for His creation and His people. We are given the honor to be His stewards. Stewards care for all that God entrusts to us according to His will. As His stewards, we understand that He is the creator and owner of all things. When we responsibly care for the earth and provide for His people both physically and spiritually, we honor God as His stewards,

God’s Word reminds us that by nature we are sinful fallen people who are spiritually dead and unable to accomplish the purpose that God has designed us to do. The Apostle Paul tells us that *“We once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us...made us alive together with Christ...”* (Ephesians 2:3-5). The only way we can do anything to please Him and to live with a God-pleasing purpose is to be recreated by the Holy Spirit and to be converted into new people in Christ (2 Corinthians 5).

As people of faith, our purpose is not to live for ourselves but for Jesus Who *“died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised”* (2 Corinthians 5:15). In our lives as stewards, we can, with God’s help, put Him first in all things. *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). When we serve, let us serve *“by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”* (1 Peter 4:11).

Thomas Carlyle, an historian and author, wrote, *“The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder—a waif, a nothing a no man.”* We need purpose in order to have meaning for our lives. We are blessed because in Christ we have purpose for living. May we all thank God that He has given us faith and wisdom to understand that our purpose in life is to give Him glory, honor, and service.

**CREDIT CARDS SHOULD CONTAIN THE CLAUSE, “THIS CREDIT CARD CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR FINANCIAL WELL-BEING.”**

*“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15).



### Stewardship Corner

An important part of being a faithful steward is understanding that we are called to give cheerfully and generously from all the blessings that God entrusts to us. Giving honors God and expresses our thankfulness to Him for all of His blessings, especially the gift of His Son, Jesus. As Rev. Stephen Olford, a 20<sup>th</sup> century Christian leader, aptly stated, *“Giving satisfies the soul, edifies the church, and magnifies the Lord.”* Through faith, our giving changes from a *“must give”* to a *“want to give”* attitude. May God grant us all the resolve to put Him first with the money that He entrusts to each of us.

**ALL THAT YOU ARE, HAVE, AND HOPE TO BE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.**

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...”* (James 1:17).







Jackie Bulmer~4th  
 Lynn Richmond~4th  
 John Niemann~9th  
 Amy Kolka~11th  
 Carol Shields~16th  
 Don Kelsey~19th  
 Shirley Bragg~26th  
 Susie Dougherty~26th  
 Erin Krabill~30th

**Healing Members**

Bill Richmond

**Friends**

Josh Bastian  
 Terry McGregor  
 Kim Mendoza  
 Butch Miller

**Cancer Members**

Susie Moore  
 Dave Weissenborn  
 Paul Smith  
 Barb Mauro  
 Steve Koch

**Friends**

Larry Morris  
 Jim Dugdale



**In Military Service**

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

**Anniversaries**



Paul & Dee Musselman~14th  
 Vicki & Bob Howden~28th



Dollie Adolph  
 Jean Wittig

**PRAYER REQUESTS**



*In Our Prayers*

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**

Gayle Prause (Roscommon)  
 Kay Gregg (Gaylord)

**Grand Rapids Home for Veterans**

Kenneth Hopkins

**The Lighthouse at Roscommon**

Elsa Knutson



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