



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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A Word From Pastor Carl

SEVEN X SEVEN – NINE = LENT 2014

The practice of forfeiting something for Lent reminds me of the much greater sacrifice made by monks and nuns. A number of those who enter monasticism take the vow of silence, some for only part of the day and others for a year at a time. Monasteries and convents which observe a stricter period of quiet time refer to the sleeping hours as the “Great Silence.”

Jesus oftentimes felt the need to remove himself from the crowds and take time away for solitude. When Jesus felt refreshed again, he returned to his public ministry of preaching and teaching. But there came a time at the end of his life when the teachers and religious leaders of the day hoped to silence him once and for all. And so the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to capital punishment.
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Hope Lutheran Church Women

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

In March we will again discuss 2 lessons from the "Family Matters" series -- lessons 6 and 7, as we're playing catch-up due to sessions missed because of weather.

Lesson 6 was reviewed in the February newsletter. Lesson 7 is titled, "Living Up to our Reputation?" - The Legacy of Family History. The Old Testament scripture continues from Genesis 28: 1-17 - the reputations of Jacob and Esau. Matthew 10:16-39 reveals the reputations of Jesus' followers, such as a tax collector, a woman possessed of demons, prostitutes and sinners --- people who did not help his OWN reputation. Lastly, what is our own congregation's reputation in our community? All women are welcome as we meet on March 24 at 10 AM at the church.
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A common means of the death penalty in Jesus’ time was crucifixion. When we think of the torture that Jesus experienced while hanging on the cross, what usually comes to mind are the most horrible parts including: the crown of thorns that was placed upon his head, that his hands were nailed, or that his side was pierced. While all of these punishments that others did to Jesus were most terrible, what killed Jesus was the manner in which his weight was distributed on the cross that ultimately caused asphyxiation. Before Jesus was able to breathe his last, the Scriptures record him speaking at least seven last sentences. These phrases are commonly called the “Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ”.

When one refers to the Seven Last Words, we do not mean that he only said seven last words. Instead, we mean seven last sentences of Christ. This Lenten season, for the evening service, we will concentrate on these last phrases and what they mean for our salvation.

Ash Wednesday: The Pardoning Word

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)

Midweek 2: The Promising Word

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

Midweek 3: The Faithful Word

“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46)

Midweek 4: The Compassionate Word

“Woman, behold, your son!” . . . “Behold, your mother!” (John 19:26–27)

Midweek 5: The Suffering Word

“I thirst.” (John 19:28)

Midweek 6: The Dying Word

“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” (Luke 23:46)

Maundy Thursday: The Remembering Word

“It is finished.” (John 19:30)

We will begin the season with the Lenten soup suppers at 6:00. The worship service will start at 7:00. Following the worship service, the confirmation students and mentors will meet together.

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QUILTING

Hope Lutheran Church Women will meet for
are welcome.



quilting on March 25 at 9:00 a.m. at the church. All

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE

Hope Lutheran Church now has its very own web site. Visit us at:

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

*God Has Brought Me
Laughter*

What's the definition of an alto? A soprano who can read music.

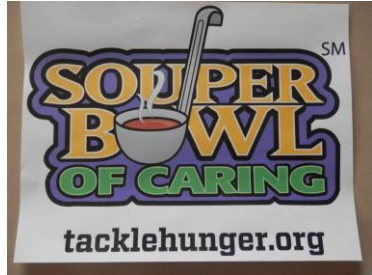
How do you get a guitar player to play softer? Give him some sheet music.

Why do bagpipe players walk while playing? To get away from the noise.

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*I NEED CLEAN, HUMOROUS
ITEMS FOR THE BEACON
NEWSLETTER---SEND TO:*
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March Birthdays

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| 1 | Tammy Peterson | 19 | Amber Schoenrock (Fries) |
| 6 | Ruth Shultz | 18 | Floyd Ahlgren |
| 7 | Scott Peterson | 20 | Linda Bettin |
| 8 | Robert Dahl
Brooke Hughes Johnson | 21 | Kaleb Johnson |
| 9 | Haylie Aho | 23 | Burt Suonvieri |
| 10 | Amelia Aho | 24 | Ramona Dalbacka |
| 11 | Carlene Jatkola
Ross Tollgaard | 26 | Evan Suonvieri |
| 12 | Alexis Stokke | 30 | Adam Schminski |
| 13 | Steve Hall | | |
| 15 | Nathan Seredinski
Michael Thom | | |
| 17 | Patricia Seredinski | | |



***March
Anniversaries***

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| 15 | Susan & Dick Coccie ('01) |
| 31 | LuAnn & Terry Heikkila |



**Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN 55736
Minutes of regular January Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

Meeting called to order by President Dean Fries at 7:18 PM.

Pastor Carl Fiskness read Psalms 71:1-3 and prayer.

Those in attendance include: Kathy Johnsen, LuAnn Heikkila, Rae Rosemore, Bubba Vance, Lonna Hutchinson, Brian Hutchinson, Jeff Kletscher, Dave Zieroth, Marion Shafer, Pastor Carl Fiskness, Dean Fries and Susan Coccie. Absent: Carlene Jatkola.

Agenda

Motion by Susan Coccie, second by Kathy Johnsen to approve the agenda with additions; motion approved.

Reports

Secretary – Motion by Brian Hutchinson, second by Rae Rosemore to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes; motion approved.

Pastor – Reviewed report.

President – There was a budget meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014. The Budget Committee is Jeff Kletscher, Dean Fries, Marion Shafer, Jan Benson, Susan Coccie and Liz Thom. We looked over the Giving Report and 2014 Annual Meeting Budget Report. We discussed Pastor's raise and insurance. Motion by Susan Coccie, second by Bubba Vance to set Pastor Carl's raise at 5%; motion approved. There were questions on health insurance with Pastor and Jodi. We need to ask if he needs any help on this. Motion by Bubba Vance, second by Brian Hutchinson to approve the budget and financial statement for the annual meeting; motion approved.

Communications and Technology – Susan Coccie sent Jeff Kletscher the passwords. Susan maintains Facebook and Jeff will maintain Website.

Building Committee – We talked about the handrail again. Dean suggested Nick Dinehart of Dinehery Fence, West Duluth. Air exchanger at the parsonage was not working correctly. Brian Hutchinson looked at it. Church janitor Hazel Bailey asked if the salt would not be spread so thick outside. Too much of it comes inside. Ushers need to be notified to use the salt spreader.

Old Business

Fire extinguishers – table until February.

Worship CD's - They were installed by Jeff Kletscher. Sermons are being recorded. Jeff will burn a CD and let Pastor Carl listen to. Five sermons have been recorded.

Church Software – Jeff Kletscher continues to look at packages online and check costs.

Office remodel – LuAnn Heikkila is going to Duluth and will pick up end tables, mirror, clock and cross.

Boy Scouts – Pastor Carl still needs to call.

Church Directory – table for a couple months.

Annual Meeting – Questioned the purpose of the Stewardship Committee. Last year a letter was written and sent out by them but nothing this year. Stewardship committee is Jeanette Johnsen, Susan Coccie, Nancy Raihala and Shirley Johnson; keep on another year. Pass It On Campaign will be part of the Stewardship committee. Three council members terms are done this year – Dean Fries, LuAnn Heikkila and Dave Zieroth (finished first term). Dave said he will serve a second term. We will need one more council member if we keep it at nine.

New Business

Council size – We discussed to drop the council size down from nine to seven. We need to discuss this at the annual meeting for input.

Movie night – Pastor Carl talked about a possible movie night at church. Youth would take care of this. It was decided to have the movie in the basement because food will be served.

Globe offering – Quake Zone starting in February.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 at 7 PM. Schedule Bill Pohl for March meeting.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Heikkila, Secretary

~ March 2014 ~ HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24 USHER TEAM: Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1	25	26	27	28	1
2 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	3 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation & learning	4 10:00 LCMC & NALC Pastor’s Meeting 6:00 Special Council training session on Stewardship-Pastor Bill Pohl facilitator	5 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring	6 9-10:30 Ruby’s Pantry at Arrowhead Town Hall	7 10-12 pm Pastor’s Office Hours	8
9 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	10 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard – Team 3	11	12 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring	13	14 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Riverview Manor 12-2 pm Pastor’s Office Hours	15
16 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship Special Congregation Mtg.	17 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4 7:00 p.m. Home Fellowship Bible Study at Parsonage	18 6:00 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee 7:00 p.m. Church Council	19 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring	20 9:30 Worship & Music Committee	21 12-2 pm Pastor’s Office Hours	22
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30 9:30 Worship & Sunday School-Jim Olsen preaching 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">Bloomington</div>	31 USHER TEAM: Marion Shafer & Burt Suonvieri & Evan – Team 6	Notes:				

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, March 16th after the church service, to consider the sale of the lot that Lillian Seymore's Living Trust had donated to the church. The lot is located on the same block as the grocery store.

FEBRUARY 2014 GIVING

General Fund	\$ 5553.30
Youth - QuakeZone	\$ 125.77
Souper Bowl –	
Floodwood Food Shelf	\$ 624.83

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Betty Rauvola from Jim & Ethel Pensak	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Donny Mattila from Jim & Ethel Pensak	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Donny Mattila from Clifford & Dorothy Tollgaard	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Donny Mattila from Jeanette Johnsen	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Sue Behrens from Elina Johnson	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Sue Behrens from Nancy Raihala	\$ 25.00

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