



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church MARCH 2015

A Word From Pastor Carl

“The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.” Psalm 16:6 KJV

Hope Lutheran was originally two congregations: Bethany and Trinity. Trinity Lutheran was a Scandinavian-heritage congregation, the majority of whom were Norwegians, and then there was Bethany Lutheran, a congregation of Finnish people. These two entities merged in 1967 to form our present congregation.

Irene Bolstad and I recently had a conversation about her early memories of Trinity. She shared with me a few personal memories of pastors going well back into the early 1930's. I also had a conversation with Lois Hendrickson a year or so ago about some of the pastors of years ago from Bethany, too, and heard some interesting stories about them, as well. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women

BIBLE STUDY/BUSINESS MEETING

The next meeting will be March 10, beginning at 10:00 in the church basement with Elsie serving coffee and Grace will lead the Bible Study.



The March women's Bible study is titled "The Story of Mary, Mother of Jesus", based on Luke 1-2 - and the subtitle, "Faithfulness". Besides discussing Mary we also "meet" Simeon, Anna, and Katherina von Bora [Martin Luther's wife]. The portion from Proverbs 31:30 proclaims, "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." All are welcome!!

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

First Communion classes: Four students (1-5th grader and 3-6th graders) have completed First Communion classes and will be recognized at the Maundy Thursday service on April 2, 2015.

Release Time: The last day of class will be April 8 for both High School and Elementary Religious Release time classes.

Youth Outreach: Free movie matinees have been offered at the Fair Building monthly this winter. The purpose of the movies is to have a positive family and community activity on Sunday afternoons once a month or so. Free-will donations are accepted for Hope Lutheran Youth who will attend the Minneapolis Quake-Zone gathering in March.

Youth Quake-Zone: Youth in Confirmation class from Hope Lutheran will attend the Youth Quake-Zone gathering in Bloomington, MN March 20-22, 2015. Thank you, Deana and Kalen for participating in fund-raising for this activity.

Homework Help: There are elementary as well as junior and senior high school students attending Wednesday Homework Help nights. All are appreciative of the suppers provided. Members of St. Louis Catholic church have provided meals and members from New Life have volunteered as homework tutors. All helpers are most appreciated and we hope the number of volunteers will increase, especially for elementary students and those who need help with math. We are averaging 24-26 students who are coming for help and supper with another 5-8 volunteer tutors. Homework Help will not conflict with Lenten soup supper or service. Homework supper is at 5:00 pm; Lenten soup supper is at 6:00 or 6:15 pm with Lenten service at 7:00 pm.

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In my conversation with these two and also hearing from others, I have heard many fine things about the preachers from the distant and more recent past. And also on occasion, I have heard about some of the pastors who held views that were more conservative than others in the congregation.

When Trinity Lutheran was first organized, it was a member of an association called Hauge's Synod. The Hauge's Synod in this country were people who practiced the means of grace like baptism and the Lord's Supper and carried out a simple form of worship. But the Haugeans also understood the importance of people living out their faith by words and deeds. This type of inward looking and outward demonstrating form of Lutheranism is called pietism.

Lutheranism in America sometimes swings in and out of degrees of pietism. One end of the spectrum sets forth faith in Christ but then tends to think about being a Christian in primarily in terms of behaviors to avoid.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is what we have seen out of the Lutheran church in this country in more recent decades. This newer kind of pietism is not so concerned about individual morality but instead thinks about the Christian life and action in matters of making peace and doing social justice. The new kind of pietism is called "new" because it is more presently in vogue. But the older kind of pietism is still around too, although its strongest expression has faded into the background. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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One of the activities that many of the old time pietists spoke negatively about was dancing. I have always assumed that many serious Christians disliked dancing in years past because of the heavy alcohol use that was often consumed in the same context and the typical late hours of dances on Saturday night that hindered Sunday morning church attendance. Furthermore, dancing (along with card playing) was seen as taking time away from getting work done.

Certainly one can enjoy dancing without having to engage in destructive behaviors. Christians today are right to appreciate beautiful movements that each culture of the world has developed in its folk life and music. Yet at the same time, God's people know that there is plenty of dancing that is not wholesome. Much of what we see encourages sensuality and immodesty.

Our congregation has a heritage of pastors and lay people who wanted other people to live in the abundant life and not find pleasure in things that shall pass. When you love and serve Jesus, the days really do become sweeter, in spite of all the terrible things that happen in our lives. While the troubles tend to multiply throughout the years (and the ending ones are often the most difficult), it is a joy to live for Jesus and serve him all of our days. As your love for Jesus deepens, you see that doing the things that God calls you to do really are the better things in life and worth your time and the time of others who need to hear and see Jesus from and in you.

HLCW News (Continued From Page 1)

PENNY JARS

Pennies: Do you have pennies piling up at home? The gallon jug at the back of the church is the perfect home for them. So far \$43.29 has been collected since last March. The pennies will be given to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf by the end of this March.

QUILTING

The Quilters will meet Tuesday, March 17th, don't have to know how to sew; come for the

The quilters met February 17, and completed 12 Coccie, Dinah Tveit, and Jeanette Johnsen.



from 9:00 until 3:00. Everyone is welcome. You fun.

quilts thanks to the work done at home by Susan



Madison Joy-Marie Kuehl was baptized on February 22, 2015. She is the daughter of Leigha and Quinn Kuehl,



Students Tamera Lundstrom, Savannah Speece, and Carter Stokke, made the unleavened Communion bread.

UNAPPROVED

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH FLOODWOOD, MN MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Meeting called to order and opened with prayer at 7:01 pm by Pastor Fiskness.

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Bubba Vance, Marion Shafer, Susan Coccie, David Zieroth, Kathy Johnsen, Jen Myles, Pat Seredinski, Rob Benson. Absent: Bryan Hutchinson, Lonna Hutchinson.

New council members Rob Benson and Pat Seredinski were welcomed.

Election of officers was held with the following results: President Susan Coccie, Vice-President David Zieroth, Secretary Kathy Johnsen, Treasurer Rob Benson.

AGENDA

MOTION BY JEN MYLES, SECOND BY KATHY JOHNSEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CHANGES.
MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECOND BY DAVID ZIEROTH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY DAVID ZIEROTH, SECOND BY BUBBA VANCE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Financial: January financial reports were reviewed. Susan will create a general ledger sheet for the asset accounts.
MOTION BY KATHY JOHNSEN, SECOND BY PAT SEREDINSKI TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.
MOTION CARRIED.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family, Education: Three students will celebrate their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Outreach: Rob stated the Homework Help on Wednesday nights is well-attended and the students are very appreciative of the help and meal. An anonymous donor has put \$1438 into an account at The Grocery Store to be used for meals and supplies.

Communication & Technology:

Building: Following a home health care audit, the family of the elderly woman in the rental house will be adding some safety features to the home, such as grab bars. Bubba will fix the dryer vent pipe at the parsonage.

Befrienders:

HLCW: Teddy Bear picnic is the next event.

Quilters: Completed 11 quilts this month.

Bryan Hutchinson arrived.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Auction – After being informed that the Hepola family will not be donating Arnold's estate, the auction was cancelled.
- B. Attendance records – Susan will order enough attendance record books to have one in every pew and six extra.
- C. Non-member church usage – It was decided to not charge a usage fee for funerals, weddings or baptisms, but consider whether a fee is appropriate for other events as requests are received. (*Continued on Page 5*)

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NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Audit Committee – Susan and Rob will conduct an audit of Hope’s financial records. MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECOND BY JEN MYLES TO ALLOW THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO BRING IN PROFESSIONAL HELP WITH THE AUDIT IF NECESSARY. MOTION CARRIED.
- B.** Casey Aro – Susan contacted Casey and scheduled him for Catfish Days.
- C.** Janitor hours – Leigha would like to have extra time allotted for cleaning in the winter months because of Wednesday activities at the church. Rob and Susan will meet with her to discuss how much time she needs. Rob suggested creating a Personnel Committee to be a liaison between employees and the council.
- D.** Welcome table – A suggestion was made to have a table with information about the church available for homework help students and church visitors.
- E.** Installation of Council – will be March 8, 2015.
- F.** Donation request – Pastor Fiskness relayed a request from Lake Superior LCMC-NALC for a donation to help with expenses for local events and congregational aid. MOTION BY JEN MYLES, SECOND BY BUBBA VANCE TO DONATE \$100 TO LAKE SUPERIOR LCMC-NALC TO BE TAKEN FROM THE LCMC ANNUAL GATHERING ACCOUNT. MOTION CARRIED.
- G.** QUAKE ZONE REQUEST – Pastor Fiskness stated fund raising for Quake Zone is not going to cover expenses and noted that funds will need to be used from the Youth Trips account. MOTION BY BRYAN HUTCHINSON, SECOND BY DAVID ZIEROTH TO APPROVE THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE YOUTH TRIPS ACCOUNT FOR QUAKE ZONE EXPENSES AS NEEDED. MOTION CARRIED.

GLOBE

The globe offering for March will go to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf.

NEXT MEETINGS

March 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm; April 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

FEBRUARY 2015 GIVING

GENERAL FUND

Sunday Offering & Coffee	\$ 5570.45
Youth	\$ 210.59
Given to Youth Encounter at 2-18-14 Service	\$ 142.00
Homework Program Meals:	\$ 65.00

MEMORIALS

(Placed in Savings)

In Memory of Helen Tveit from Donald Tveit	\$ 100.00
In Memory of Walter Tveit from Donald Tveit	\$ 100.00

***God Has Brought Me
Laughter***



A Sunday School teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?”

“No.” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms.”

~ March 2015 ~ HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:45 Christian Education & Youth & Family Ministry Mtg.	2 USHER TEAM: Marion Shafer & Burt Suonvieri & Evan – Team 6	3 10:00 Lake Superior Fellowship Pastor’s Meeting at New Life in Duluth 6:00 Floodwood Ministerium	4 Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help at Hope Lutheran Church 6:15 Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 worship service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring following the service	5 9-10:30 AM Ruby’s Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	6 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	7
8 9:30 Worship & Sunday School <i>Installation of Church Council Members</i> 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <i>Day Light Savings Time Begins</i>	9 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7	10 10:00 HLCW meeting and Bible Study	11 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help at Hope Lutheran Church 6:15 Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 worship service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring following the service	12	13 10:00 Riverview Apartments Bible Study 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	14
15 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	16 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Wayne Thom – Team 8 NO BIBLE STUDY HOME FELLOWSHIP THIS MONTH <i>St. Urho’s Day</i>	17 9:00-3:00-HLCW Quilting 6:45 PM Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council <i>St. Patrick’s Day</i>	18 Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help at Hope Lutheran Church 6:15 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 worship service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring following the service	19 9:30 Worship & Music committee 11:00 Befrienders Meeting	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor Gone for Quake/Zone </div>	21
22 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Bloomington </div>	23 USHER TEAM: Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1	24	25 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help at Hope Lutheran Church 6:15 Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 worship service 8:00 confirmation mentoring following the service	26	27 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	28
29 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <i>Palm Sunday</i>	30 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2 7:00 Adult Confirmation	31	Notes: APRIL 1- No worship service nor confirmation mentoring. APRIL 2- 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service, First Communion reception for 5 th & 6 th graders APRIL 3- 7:00 Good Friday service at the Baptist Church APRIL 5- 8 AM-9 AM Easter Breakfast, 9:30 Worship Service (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL) APRIL 18- 10 AM-2 PM Lake Superior LCMC & NALC Spring Leadership Gathering, New Life Lutheran Church in Duluth			

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

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

**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Susan & Dick Coccie
(’01)
- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila



**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 7 Lilyana Johnson
- 8 Alaynah Mattila
- 9 David Zieroth
Imijyn Thompson
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Rosmosz
Hunter Rauvola
- 13 Tracy Hutchinson
- 14 Neva Polo
- 15 Ethel Pensak
Ed Hutton
Jazmine Johnson

- 6 Caleb Fries
Lane Grady
David Shafer
- 17 Maija Rauvola
- 18 Roy Autio
Sierra Farrell
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz (Sylvia
Shafer)
- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
Quinn Kuehl
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 25 Brooklyn Grovenburg
- 30 Faith Romanek

**APRIL
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall

HELP WANTED

Someone to manage the church website.

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Experienced assistant for audit committee.

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Homework help volunteer for elementary math and reading.

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Suggestions for your favorite hymns

IT'S A GIRL!

Greta Joy Elizabeth Fiskness

February 11, 2015

11:59 a.m.

6 pounds 13 ounces

20 inches

Parents: Carl & Jodi Fiskness

Photo by Amy Louhela Photography



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEB SITE

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

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

Also visit us on FACEBOOK:

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