



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church APRIL 2016

A Word From Pastor Carl



QUAKE/ZONE FAREWELL

I give thanks that the youth who attended the Minneapolis Quake/Zone at the beginning of April experienced the opportunity to hear one of the Captive Free bands for a final time. As some of you have already heard, Youth Encounter will cease operations after the 2016 Quake/Zone season. (Continued on Page 3)

Hope Lutheran Church Women

HLCW MEETING

The HLCW meeting, to be held April 12th at 10:00, will feature Tricia Mattson. Tricia is an RN at Essentia. She and another nurse friend, Julie Zimmerman, have gone to Haiti several times since the earthquake. They go up high in the mountains and stay in a tent giving out medicines, caps, and sunglasses. They pack these items in little suitcases with wheels, which are later given to the Haitian mothers to be used for baby buggies.

After Tricia's presentation, there will be a time for open conversation. We will have a brief business meeting before adjourning.

Everyone is welcome and if you have gently used caps and sunglasses to give, please bring them. The last time we gave 70 caps and about 50 sunglasses.

There will not be a Bible Study on the 12th but in May we will do two Bible Study lessons.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN**

**Minutes of Council Meeting
March 15, 2016**

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, David Zieroth, Lonna Hutchinson, Jeff Kletscher, Elvi Tollgaard, Susan Coccie, Rob Benson, Pat Seredinski Absent: Jennifer Myles

Meeting was called to order by President David Zieroth at 7:00 pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

AGENDA

Motion by Tollgaard, second by Seredinski to approve the agenda.

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Coccie, second by Tollgaard to approve the minutes of February 11, 2016. Motion carried.

Financial: Motion by Tollgaard, second by Seredinski to approve the February financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: Still looking for a few more Sunday school teachers. Quake Zone is coming up.

Outreach: Homework help going well; Benson's will be gone in April and looking for replacements; Clothing Etc made a \$500 donation at The Grocery Store-the credit at the store is \$683.

Community & Technology: Easter breakfast is posted on line.

Building: A list of maintenance that needs to be done was posted but nowhere to be found. Hutchinson will check over list and contact members of the building committee to get it resolved ASAP.

Befrienders: no report

HLCW: Teddy Bear picnic is set for April 24th with the proceeds going to campership fund.

Quilters: Eleven quilts were done in February.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bank signatures were brought up to date. Jeff Kletscher requested the Church get a bank debit card as he was using his personal card and had to wait a month for reimbursement. Motion by Coccie to obtain debit card for the church. Second by Seredinski. Motion carried
- B. Jeff Kletscher review resulted in change in title to Church Administrator and a pay per hour increase to \$12 per hour not to exceed the current budgeted amount. A motion was made by Coccie and seconded by Benson to make these changes. Motion carried.
- C. Grace Auto came to discuss the 50th Anniversary luncheon. It was voted on to go with the original meal plan.
- D. Casey Aro has agreed to again come for Catfish Days on July 10th.
- E. Jeff Kletscher is working on replacement parts for the communion trays.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Vacation Bible School is set for June 13-17. No one is in charge as of this date
- B.** Jeff Kletscher reported online banking is now setup. Also mileage reimbursement was discussed for church members other than Pastor.
- C.** Good Friday service was discussed, Four Rivers Church is the host church with one reader and one pair of bars coming from the other churches participating.
- D.** Lonna Hutchinson was elected as the Secretary for the following year.

Globe offering April is for the 50th Anniversary.

Next two meetings: April 21st and May 19th.

Closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

Word from Pastor Carl – Quake/Zone Farewell (Continued From Page 1)

There are a number of reasons for the cessation of this ministry. The diminishing effect of having less people travelling meant that in the last number of years, there were less young people being exposed and personally acquainted with other team members and so the circle became smaller each year. This can happen only so many times before the circle become invisible.

There had been a precipitous decline in the last few years in the number of talented young adults who were interested in committing a year to travel on a team. This was a rather sharp change from even three years ago when there were something like six or seven teams. In years previous to this, there were even more teams including some who travelled internationally.

Financial pressures were a significant part of Youth Encounter's closure. But the finances were really symptoms of the precipitating problem of being unable to recruit the staff to cover the bases.

All of this change has been rather quick in the big picture and has hit a little close to home. My dad's good friend, Pastor Larry Johnson was the President of Youth Encounter for forty-some years before his recent retirement. This past year, a new executive was hired named Tom O'Neill who attempted to turn around the situation. Mr. O'Neill had a background as the director of a Missouri Synod Bible camp and corporate experience, most recently working for Thrivent Financial. With a new leader, the organization developed a new initiative with a greater focus on service projects. But there was not time enough time to chart a new course before the waves came crashing.

The cracks began to really show in the fall when Youth Encounter announced that it was not going to commission teams and instead wait until January for the Quake/Zone season and for Vacation Bible School in the summer. I also know that late last year, Youth Encounter requested that the LCMC Board of Trustees provide a loan which was denied. There also was exploration for the possibility of teaming up with another youth ministry but there is no one else out there to partner with that facilitates a similar kind of thing. And so the decision was made to simply cease operations.

I am sad because I personally witnessed what a great ministry Youth Encounter was. While I always enjoyed the Quake/Zones, the congregational visitations were the events of which I thought most highly. These young folks were people of Christian commitment, personable, musically talented and good public speakers and often eager Bible study leaders and participants. There was always a freshness and vitality that each group brought locally year after year. I regret the lost leadership opportunity for the church to not have this venue for developing and training young people for their future congregations. Thanks be to God for the sake of the Gospel because of the ministry of Youth Encounter.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Featuring Trenton Bailey

Trenton completed two years at Hibbing Community College intending to become a mechanical engineer. It may have been a “divine intervention” that gave him a different opportunity for his future. When he was 19 years old, his girlfriend’s stepdad broke his thumb and needed some help driving trucks. Trenton became extra busy as he rode with him 4 days per week and in-between time went to classes at Hibbing and also took online classes. He was able to get his Class A license at age 19 and since that time has logged over 550,000 miles in his trucking career.



Trenton is the third generation of his family working in the trucking industry. His specialty is hauling heavy, oversized equipment such as cranes, loaders, dozers, graders and railroad equipment. There was no specific training for this but because of Trenton’s family background, he learned to look closely at any hauling situation before making the first move. He rode with his dad, Ron, on a low-boy and after 3-4 days, his dad decided he was ready to be on his own. He knows how to run most equipment and has been doing the heavy hauls for two years. His life experience working with his family is serving him well.

Besides growing up around trucks and specialized equipment, Trenton’s cousins own the Kivi Brothers Trucking business in Duluth. Trenton is employed by them as well as being his own independent trucker and working for Alan Hill Trucking. Now at age 24, Trenton owns three trucks – his favorite being his 2013 Peterbilt Model 389 – and anticipates being back as an over-the-road hauler this spring. His over-the-road travels will take him across the lower 48 states plus Canada and Alaska. His ultimate goal is to own his own trucking business.

Trenton’s heaviest haul was bringing a crane from Pittsburgh to the new Viking Stadium in Minneapolis. The crane filled forty-two (42) semi loads and Trenton hauled the track for it. The track weight 103,000 pounds. State permits are required for specialized hauling, routing is done by the States so the drivers will know the height of any overpasses or bridges that they might encounter, where power lines are, as well as any weight restrictions on the roads or bridges. Minnesota plans a 6” buffer zone to help prevent accidents. For any bridge or overpass that is 15’3”, a route survey is needed before permits are issued. All of these details can take up to one month to figure out before a haul can be done. Locally, the most worrisome problem is the railroad overpass on Highway 2 near Saginaw. The overpass is posted at 13’9” but the buffer is only 5”.

There’s not much down-time in Trenton’s life but when there is, he enjoys working on vintage snowmobiles, hanging out with his friends and brother and is looking forward to his September wedding to Keri Pastika. They will be married in Floodwood.

Trenton’s career is interesting. It’s taken him from one end of the country to the other and beyond. He is knowledgeable about his vocation and is proud to continue his family’s tradition in the trucking industry. We ask God to bless Trenton and keep him safe in his travels. He is providing a valuable service and we honor his commitment to it. We will keep Trenton, Keri and their families in our prayers for their future and for their trucking enterprise.

CHURCH COUNCIL

On March 6th, Pastor Carl Fiskness installed the new church council. From left to right: Elvi Tollgaard, President David Zieroth, Vice President Rob Benson, Treasurer Susan Coccie, Patricia Serebinski, and Jennifer Myles.



Thank You

for your Kindness

Thank you to all at Hope Lutheran Church who expressed their care and concern for me when I fell. God Bless you.

Lois Hendrickson

HLCW MEETING MARCH 8, 2016

President Grace Autio brought the meeting to order shortly after 10 a.m. with a prayer. Eight members present.

Upon motion by Susan Coccie, seconded by Elvi Tollgaard, the minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March Beacon. The vote was all aye.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$239.56, and after expenses, a balance of \$9.89 as of March 7, 2016. Savings is unchanged at \$735.55. After designated funds of \$365.47, there remains available funds of \$379.97. Upon motion by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by Laverne Hutton, the treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. Vote was all aye.

Grace read the single correspondence which was from Violet Johnson, thanking HLCW for the Christmas cookies.

Grace reported that as an update on the upcoming 50th Anniversary meal, the menu has not been decided upon and we will have a new menu to take to the church council on March 15th. Grace said she will attend that meeting.

Upon motion by Jeanette, seconded by Carole Ahlgren, the HLCW recommends a luncheon menu at a lesser cost that will be brought to the council. All voted aye.

Susan, representing the church council, said the April globe offering will go to the Celebration fund..

Justin Wilton is making a video photo presentation of about 12 minutes in length featuring photos of Hope Church's first fifty years in the community. Grace reported that cost of the video will be \$50.00 and she and Lois Hendrickson have agreed to pay for it. Anyone who wishes to contribute towards that project may do so.

Grace noted that the annual Teddy Bear Picnic fundraiser will be held April 24th, and Mary Circle will be in charge. Motion was made by Susan, seconded by Elsie to designate the picnic funds for youth camperships. All voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m., followed by the Bible study, led by Jeanette Johnsen.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

The Teddy Bear Picnic will be the last Sunday serving. A sign up list will be at the back of camperships. So please join us April 24TH for a



in April after church. The Mary Circle will do the the church. The proceeds will go to picnic with the Bears.

QUILTING

The quilters will meet the fourth Tuesday, lunch and join the group. This will be the welcome.



April 26th, starting at 9:00 - 3:00. Bring a bag last quilting day for this year. Everyone is

"Turning The Tide" Ministry Leadership Workshop

(Factors which can change congregational losses into gains and wellness)

Saturday, April 16, 2016

10:00am - 3:00pm

Registration begins at 9:30am

New Life Lutheran Church

4424 Venture Ave.

Duluth, MN

\$10 Fee Per Attendee for Conference

Additional Free Will Offering for Lunch

TURNING THE TIDE

Pastor Mark Holmen is going to address three challenges and opportunities facing the church today:

- ♦ Challenge #1 - How do we move people from being one hour consumers of church to 24/7, faith at home focused followers of Christ?
- ♦ Challenge#2 - what are millennials saying about the church today and how do we connect and engage them in the life and work of the church?
- ♦ Challenge #3 - How do small churches have an advantage over large churches and how can smallness be strength that is celebrated?

Pastor Mark A. Holmen is the Executive Director of Faith@Home Ministries which equips congregations and families to establish the home as the primary place where faith is lived and nurtured. Pastor Homen is nationally and internationally recognized author, speaker and seminar leader.

Pastor Mark and his wife, Maria, have been married for 25 years and have a daughter Malyn.

Pastor Bill Pohl Session Outline:

- ♦ Revisiting our Confirmation / Youth Ministries
- ♦ Step 1: Looking in the Mirror: What Do We Look Like to the Outsider?
- ♦ Step 2: Disciple Membership & Sunday Morning at St. Timothy's by the Salvage Yard.
- ♦ Outreach & Missional Ministries that work in the 21st Century

Pastor William Pohl has ministry experience at the Campus & Congregation Ministry including 4 interims; currently retired on Clergy Roster of LCMC. Doing mostly congregational & clergy leadership workshops and consulting work. Attends St. John's Lutheran, Stacy, MN.

Pastor Bill and his wife, Laura currently reside in Lindstrom, MN. They have seven children, three step-children and 21 grandchildren.

PRAYER REQUESTS

April 2016

For those who are ill or hurting

Dinah Tveit	Millie Samuelson	Warren Johnson	Michael Mancuso
Theresa Fisher	Ethel Pensak	Jack Moe	Danette Johnson
Brody Wilton	Joy Cich	Violet Johnson	Wayne Thom
Tim Myles	Margaret McDermeit	Bette Copp	Pastor Steve Ario

For those in the military and their families

Michael Thom
John Seredinski Jr.
David Shafer
Damien Autio

For places where wars and conflict take place

Syria and Iraq Christians and missionaries threatened by the advances of ISIS
Israel and Palestine
Persecuted church around the world

For our missions and world missionaries

Ekka family & other missionaries commissioned with the World Mission Prayer League
Operation Mobilization and AIDS Link International
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital

Save the Date! Celebrate with us!



50 Years of Hope!

Sunday June 12, 2016

9:30 Fellowship
10:30 Service
Meal to follow

50th Anniversary Celebration
Everyone is welcome!

Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN



***Pennies and other Change to the Floodwood Area
Food Shelf***

The gallon jar that sits on the table at the back of the church yielded \$32.60 in the past year. The change jar always present at the women's Bible studies brought in \$35.69. A check for \$68.29 was given to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf. Thank you to all who contributed!!



**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)
Romosz
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 Hunt
- 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

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

Giving Report for Feb 21 to March 20

General Checking Account

February 21	\$ 1242.25
February 28	\$ 1429.60
March 6	\$ 2854.50
March 13	\$ 1613.50
March 20	\$ 1576.05
Total	\$ 8715.90
General Savings	\$ 10.00
Souper Bowl of Caring for Lifehouse	\$ 105.00
Youth	\$ 40.00
Floodwood Food Shelf	\$ 345.00

**MAY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1** Joe Rahja
Telisha Bennett
- 9** Alice Shafer
- 10** Gordy Granmoe
- 11** Tasha Belter
- 12** Rob Benson
- 14** Keven Johnson
- 19** Joyce Andrews
Jacob Seredinski
- 22** Don Rosemore
- 23** Grace Autio
Ben Rosemore
- 24** LeRoy Samuelson
- 28** Carol Schminski
- 29** Kathy Johnsen
Bob Rahja
- 30** Laverne Hutton

**APRIL
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 30** Bonnie & Steve Hall



**MAY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 28** Grace & Roy Autio ('55)

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER - April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 27	28 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2	29	30	31	1 1:00 Students leave for Quake/Zone <i>April Fools Day</i>	2
3 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pastor gone Sherri Olson leading worship 10:45 Fellowship 4:00 Students come home from Quake/Zone	4 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard– Team 3	5 7:00 Floodwood ministerial meeting at Hope	6 12:20 Confirmation during Release Time 2:30-7:00 Homework Help	7 9-10:30 AM Ruby’s Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	8 10:00 Bible Study at the Riverview Manor	9
10 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	11 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4	12 10:00-HLCW meeting and Bible Study	13 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST 12:20 Last day of Confirmation during Release Time 2:30-7:00 Homework Help	14 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	15	16 10:00-3:00 Spring Leadership Gathering for Lake Superior LCMC & NALC congregations “Turning the Tide” Ministry Leadership Workshop
17 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	18 USHER TEAM: Jeff Kletscher & Dean Fries – Team 5	19	20 2:30-7:00 Homework Help	21 9:30 Worship and Music Committee 12:30 FBPC 2-4 PM Pastor’s Office Hours 7:00 Church Council	22	23 Augustana District of LCMC annual gathering in Marshall, MN <i>Passover</i>
24 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 HLCW Teddy Bear Picnic	25 USHER TEAM: Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth – Team 6	26 9-3 HLCW Quilting	27 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST 2:30-7:00 Homework Help	28 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	29	30

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
TEDDY BEAR PICNIC
FUNDRAISER

APRIL 24TH

Following the Church Service



**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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Floodwood, MN

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