



The Beacon of Hope

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FAMILIAR UNFAMILIARITY

One of the things in the life of the church that is both very familiar yet not understood by many is the liturgy. The liturgy is the word that we use for a particular order of service that developed some time and somehow early in the history of the church and continues to be used to this day.

In every church that uses liturgy, the basics are the same although there certainly are differences in practices even among congregations of the same synod or association. I will share a little bit about some of the foundational parts that come in the beginning of the service.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The first element is Confession and Absolution. What many do not realize is that Confession and Absolution is a counterpart to Individual Confession and Absolution where the person makes a confession of sin directly to the pastor. In response to hearing words of repentance, the pastor pronounces words of forgiveness. We generally choose to confess our sins directly to God and corporately receive words of forgiveness although on occasion persons make an individual confession to the pastor or another Christian.

KYRIE

The Kyrie (pronounced Kee-ree-aye) is a form of the Greek word Kyrios meaning , “Lord”. In the Kyrie, as sinners, we declare, “Lord, have mercy”. As it is laid out in our hymnals, the Kyrie comes as an afterthought after receiving the words of forgiveness for our sins. However, there is also a practice from tradition that sets the words of “Lord, have mercy” inside confession and forgiveness. First, we admit our sins, then we plead for Christ’s pardon and after we hear God’s pardon. This is my preference for leading the service with singing “Lord, Have Mercy” at the bottom of the page of the hymnal and then back to the top of the page for pronouncement of the forgiveness. This has always seemed to me to feel more sequential. (Continued on Page 2)

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GLORIA

Another frequent part of the service is the Gloria. The Gloria is taken from a biblical song of praise. The song used most frequently is the hymn of the angels singing to the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus' birth. Another biblical song of praise sometimes used is "This is the Feast" which points ahead to the marriage supper of the Lamb in Revelation 19.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Following the Gloria is a salutation and the Prayer of the Day (also sometimes known as the Collect--with the accent on the first syllable.) Ideally, the Prayer of the Day collects or summarizes the main theme of a particular week's service. If no prayer has been specifically written for the day or theme, then sometimes a more general prayer can be used.

After the Prayer, many times there is a break in the flow and so we will observe that in this article, as well. As space allows, I will share in future newsletters more on the following parts of our divine worship.

The Lord be with You,

Pastor Carl

Hope Lutheran Church Women

HLCW activities will begin in September. Watch the bulletin for any news during August. All activities will be mentioned in the September Beacon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FLOODWOOD, MN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, JULY 16, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Susan Coccie. Pastor Fiskness opened with prayer.

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

AGENDA

MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECOND BY B. HUTCHINSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF BOY SCOUTS UNDER OLD BUSINESS. MOTION APPROVED.

REPORTS

Secretary: MOTION BY SEREDINSKI, SECOND BY VANCE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 23, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED. (*Continued on Page 3*)

Council Minutes (Continued From Page 2)

Financial: MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY MYLES TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS. MOTION APPROVED.

It was decided to publish our current budget versus actual income and expenses in the bulletin and Beacon so the congregation is aware of our situation. Ideas to augment income included applying to corporations for grants, organizing bus trips to various events, seeing if there are other things similar to the Eternal Flame that could be sponsored, renting the building to Four Rivers Fellowship for their services, sharing Pastor Fiskness with another congregation. A congregational meeting may be called to discuss this last possibility further.

Pastor: Activities report attached; Pastor will be gone August 16.

Youth & Family: Four children will be going to camp next month.

Outreach: Working on a likes/dislikes survey to distribute to Hope members.

Communication & Technology: Susan reported 2,498 visits to Hope's Facebook page during VBS.

Building: John Seredinski and David Zieroth responded to a call about water in the basement of the rental house. The sump pump switch had failed and the floor drains are not working. David bought a new pump and John has made one working pump out of two bad ones. David created a tax-exempt account at Menards for the church.

Rental house roof bids were opened and discussed. MOTION BY B. HUTCHINSON, SECOND BY SEREDINSKI TO ACCEPT THE BID OF BEST CONSTRUCTION FOR \$4,744.00. MOTION APPROVED.

Befrienders: Sent 18 cards this month.

HLCW: Contributed \$400 toward camp registrations.

Quilters: Off for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Catfish Days – Casey Aro led the Sunday worship service; Carolyn Hosking organized a children's float for the parade.

B. Survey – Outreach Committee is working on the likes/dislikes survey.

C. Garage Sale – Will be during Fall Fest and the silent auction will be during the Fall Bazaar.

D. Camp – 4 children going.

E. Boy Scouts – Susan will check with Telisha Bennett about any other obligations Hope may have due to allowing the troop to use our Tax ID number.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GLOBE: The globe offering for August will be used for backpacks and school supplies.

NEXT MEETINGS: August 27, 7:00 p.m. and September 15, 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Fiskness closed the meeting with prayer at 8:50 p.m.

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGET SHORTFALL

First six months of 2015 budget expenses:	\$52,590
First six months of 2015 actual expenses:	\$50,517
First six months of 2015 budget income:	\$52,590
First six months of 2015 actual income:	\$40,174
First six months of 2015 income is short:	\$12,416

**AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1** Dustin Rahja
Dinah Tveit
Madison Kuehl
- 3** Elizabeth Bolstad
- 5** Grant Lundstrom
- 8** Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10** Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12** Dave Bolstad
Julia Suonvieri
- 14** Owen Seredinski
- 16** Bonnie Hall
David Shafer
Nicholas Johnson
- 17** Linda Christianson
Bob Hosking
- 19** Char Kadin
- 24** Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 28** Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson
- 29** Timothy Myles Jr.

**AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8** Jack & Willie Moe ('58)
- 14** Dave & Ann Bolstad
- 17** Mary & Dale Rauvola
- 27** Carlene & Sulo Jatkola

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2** Mya Myrvold
- 3** Haylie Aho
- 4** Sulo Jatkola
Tara Seredinski
- 6** Brenda Peterson
- 9** Sydney Lough
- 11** Megan Heikkila
- 12** Jim Pensak
- 14** Kiaja Stokke
- 17** Abby Johnsen
- 19** Levi Suonvieri
- 22** Autumn Peterson
- 23** Jared Seredinski
Phil Bennett
- 24** Dean Fries
Neil Vance
- 26** Savannah Speece
- 27** Jessica Hutton
- 28** Jack Moe

**SEPTEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12** Keven & Tanya Johnson
('07)
- 15** Mark & Kathy Johnsen
('84)
- 16** Burt & Cory Suonvieri
Hazel & Doug Bailey

**CAMP PATMOS
CAMPERS**



JULY 2015 GIVING

General Fund	
Offering and Refreshments	
	\$4383.67
Eternal Candle (Memorial Account)	
Elsie Tollgaard	\$100.00
Elvie Tollgaard	\$100.00
In Memory of Don Guentzel from Lorraine Guentzel (Memorial Acct)	\$100.00
Youth Acct for Camperships	\$440.00
Missions Account	\$20.00
Collected for Casey Aro	\$220.00

**FLOODWOOD FAIR CHURCH
SERVICE**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 10:00 AM

**AT THE RENDEZVOUS SITE ALONG THE RIVER
WALK IN FOODWOOD**



**DON CHESNEY WILL BE LEADING THE
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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