



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church AUGUST 2016

A Word From Pastor Carl

YOUR WORSHIP

Those of you who have reasons to travel, likely head south more frequently than north. This summer my family and I decided that we wanted to visit Canada for something different. We drove east to the northwestern corner of Montana called the Flathead Valley and spent time with friends from seminary. After we finished our stay in their beautiful mountains, we crossed the international border which brought us into the southeastern corner of British Columbia. From Canada's westernmost province, we then made our way eastward across the Trans-Canadian highway. We stayed overnight in Lethbridge, Alberta; Regina, Saskatchewan; and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

As we travelled throughout our neighbor to the north, some of the little differences we noted were not surprises. We anticipated distances measured in kilometers, gasoline in liters, temperature in Celsius and center spelled as "centre" and license spelled as "licence" along with many signs labelled in both English and French

But there were a few practices that we did not anticipate. In Winnipeg, many people park on the street even though it appears that the street is not sectioned off for such a purpose. One can be driving in the right lane and all of the sudden need to change to the center because a car is parked right in front of you. Another surprise is that the traffic signs often just display a symbol but do not include words. This was frequently confusing when seeing only an arrow pointed in one direction but not having the words "one way" written above the arrow. *(Continued on Page 3).*

Hope Lutheran Church Women

ACTIVITIES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Hope Lutheran Church Women activities will begin again in September. Please watch for them in the September issue of the Beacon. We will begin a new Bible study. If anyone has an idea for a new study, give Jeanette or Grace a call.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Hope Lutheran Church

Minutes of Council Meeting July 19, 2016

Present: David Zieroth, Lonna Hutchison, Jeff Kletcher, Elvi Tollgaard, Susan Coccie, Rob Benson, Pat Seredinski, Jen Myles Absent: Pastor Carl Fiskness

Meeting was called to order by President David Zieroth at 7:00pm. He also opened the meeting with prayer.

AGENDA

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

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Benson, second by Tollgaard to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016. Motion carried.

Financial: Motion by Seredinski, second by Myles to approve the June financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: Youth will be in charge of garage sale during the Fall Color Fest in September. Items to be donated may be brought anytime and left under the coat rack near the elevator.

Outreach: No report.

Administrative Assistant: Jeff Kletcher reported on finances. Also working on a list as to who has keys.

Community & Technology: No report.

Building: Zieroth has not had time to check on pricing for windows, still working on it.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Casey Aro was great for Catfish Days. Reminder for next year, service needs to conclude by 11 as many church members are also in the parade.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. No new business.
- B. Globe offering in July will go towards backpacks.

Next two meeting: August 16th and September 22nd.

Closing prayer given by Jeff Kletcher.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

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Another interesting difference that I learned a few months before our trip is that in Canada, the lawyers address a judge not as “your honor” but instead as “your worship.” In the United States, we generally use the term “worship” only for reverence to God. (On occasion, sun tanners will refer to themselves as “sun worshippers” where no solar service is anywhere implied.)

We all understand that when Canadian attorneys address the judiciary as your worship, they simply are showing respect. While I enjoy the culture of the land of the Maple Leaf very much, I am glad that in our country, we normally reserve the term for God alone. We use plenty of other words for both God and humans with verbs such as: love, serve, and adore, etc. But only the God of Israel is worthy of our highest praise. As Jesus said, “Worship the Lord and serve Him only.” (Luke 4:8)

PRAYER REQUESTS – AUGUST 2016

For those who are ill or hurting

Dinah Tveit	Millie Samuelson	Warren Johnson	Michael Mancuso
Theresa Fisher	Ethel Pensak	Joy Greene	Danette Johnson
Brody Wilton	Joy Cich	Violet Johnson	Wayne Thom
Bradley Hutton	Ed Hutton	Cindy Swenson	Yale and Char Pulling

For those in the military and their families

Michael Thom
David Shafer
Damien Autio

For places where wars and conflict take place

Syria and Iraq Christians and missionaries threatened by the advances of ISIS
Other victims of terrorism
Israel and Palestine
Persecuted church around the world
Those suffering from natural disasters

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
Peace*Love*Haiti

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Floodwood Community Vacation Bible School was held at the Downtown Fair Center from June 13 – 17. Fifty-seven children registered for this event. During the week the students heard from the leaders of the 5 local churches: Four Rivers Fellowship – Pastor Dave Rohde, New Life Church – Pastor Dan Johnson, Floodwood Baptist Church – Pastor Steve Ario, St. Louis Catholic Parish – Father Pio Antonio, and Hope Lutheran Church – Pastor Carl Fiskness.

This year the theme was “Submerged”. As students were submerged in God's Word, they discovered that Jesus doesn't just see what is on the outside of people, He looks deep down on the inside. During the week, appropriate crafts and lessons were used to enforce this reality.

On Friday, friends and family members were invited to attend a program presented by the students. Their presentation was followed by a luncheon.

It takes the time and commitment of many people to put on such an event. A very special “thank you” to organizers Pastor Steve and Judy Ario.

At a time when there is so much unrest in the world, isn't it wonderful to know that the people of Floodwood can unite to hold a Community Vacation Bible School.

August 2016 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 USHER TEAM: Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth	2	3	4 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall No Pastor's Office Hours	5	6
Pastor gone for worship conference at Association Free Lutheran Seminary in Plymouth, MN						
7 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship Beginning of display for new cornerstone material	8 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	9	10 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	11 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	12	13
14 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	15 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnson & Dave Zieroth	16 7:00 Church Council	17	18 12:30 FBCP 2-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours (note later time)	19	20
21 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	22 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	23	24 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours (note changed time)	25 NALC Pastors' meeting in Denham, MN	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;"> Southwest </div>	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;"> St. Louis </div>
28 9:30 Worship No Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; text-align: center; padding: 2px;"> County Fair </div>	29 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	30	31	Notes: September 1- Open House at the Floodwood School September 17 - Garage Sale for Youth. Bring donated items to the church and leave under the upstairs coatrack.		

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
C/O Edgewood Vista
4195 Westberg Rd.
Hermantown, MN 55811
- 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 Myrvol
- 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

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING****General Fund Giving**

May 29	\$1890
June 5	\$2476
June 12	\$2965
June 19	\$ 749
June 26	\$1404.50
July 3	\$2185.50
July 17	\$1839.25
July 24	\$1333

Savings

July 17	\$ 106.49
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Campership (Globe)

June 12	\$ 21
June 26	\$ 50
July 17	\$ 52
July 24	\$ 90

VBS (Globe)

May 29	\$ 146
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Anniversary Meal (Globe)

June 5	\$ 100
June 12	\$ 50
June 19	\$ 100

Eternal Candles

\$ 168.83

Memorials

In Memory of Kenny Stephen from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Savings)

In Memory of Jim Renaud from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Savings)

In Memory of Bette Copp from Bubba & Sue Vance \$20.00 (Memorial)

In Memory of Joyce Wennberg from Lorraine Guentzel \$25.00 (General Checking)

In Memory of Joyce Wennberg from Lois Hendrickson \$10.00 (General Checking)

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of your cards, condolences and prayers on the passing of my mother, Bette Copp. She loved the Hope congregation and said she felt very much at home from the first day she was in church.

Ann Bolstad

**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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