

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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## *Pastor's Corner*

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have reached August. It will soon be the end of summer and back to school days. That is in a “normal” year. This is anything but that. We have restarted church worship services, but so far, only about 50% of you are attending. I hear you, that you are concerned about catching coronavirus. It is a serious infection and we are taking recommended precautions to protect you.

Now in accordance with Governor Waltz’s statewide mandatory facemask executive order for inside activities we are recommending you wear facemasks or a face shield and spread out social distancing 6 feet or more apart. If you can’t wear a mask due to a pre-existing medical condition you are still welcome to attend since we have abundant room to spread out and can find a space for you to feel safe and comfortable. This mandate is to try and protect all of us during this viral pandemic. Some are concerned about singing. We have only two songs in the service. There are a few song leaders up front, a safe distance from those in the pews. You can listen only or hum along. Some are also concerned about the fact we take an attendance list. This is for our use in contacting you if someone in the service comes down with the virus. It is for your protection to know if you should have to quarantine in the event someone tests positive. As of now, we have had no cases to respond to. God is watching over us.

I know this can be a scary time but as Christians we are told not to worry. Worry comes out of fear. Peace comes out of love and trust in a God who loves us. Our God is with us and has guaranteed us a heavenly home with him. He tells us He will take care of all our needs including keeping us safe if we will seek His face, ask Him and trust Him. Let us all take the opportunity to do this together in worship again. I look forward to seeing you.

God Bless, Pastor John

## *Thank You*

Thank you to Ed and Anne Lundstrom for delivering the 45 quilts that were created by the Hope Quilters this past year. Their new home is the Duluth Salvation Army in West Duluth. Hopefully they will keep a host of people warm in the months ahead.

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 10, 2020

### Members Present

Dean Fries, Tanya Johnson, Deb Tollgaard, Mark Johnsen, LuAnn Heikkila, Bubba Vance, Pastor John Burgess, Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Missy Wojtysiak arrived at 7:04 pm.

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mark Johnsen.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bubba Vance, second by Tanya Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### Secretaries Report

May 27, 2020 Council Minutes Motion by Dean Fries, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

### Treasurers Report

Reviewed May Financial reports. Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by Mark Johnsen to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

### Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report: Pastor, with help has produced recorded online Sunday morning and Wednesday midweek services for the past 3 months. They

have been well received. Special thanks to Susan Coccie, Mark, Kathy and Jeanette Johnsen, Cindy Burgess, and Jeff Kletscher for all of their help with this as well. Special thanks to all of the Hope Lutheran for making all of the facemasks that were made and to Grace, Cindy and Mark for help with drive thru communion. Pastor purchased hand bags for Mother's Day for the ladies and candy bars for the men on Father's Day. He visited with Carlene and Sulo Jatkola, gave them face masks, Mother's day bag and they enjoy the online services which helps them stay connected with us in Floodwood. Pastor has also been putting out prayers each week for use by members to help them establish daily prayer time and he eagerly look forward to restarting church services together again.

### Administrator's Report

Report was provided in packet, it included general checking deposit on June 9, \$1895.00. 125 produce boxes were given away in less than 2 hours. Thank you to all of the volunteers.

### Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth – There is a meeting coming up on the 12th to discuss if there will be a VBS this summer.

Outreach Committee – No report.

Building Committee – Tree removal: Greg Schminski looked at the tree and said he would only charge \$25 to cut it down. Terry Heikkila and others will need to help haul away and clean up the site. Motion made by Bubba Vance, second by Deb Tollgaard to have Schminski remove the tree for \$25. Motion carried. Shrub removal –

(pending) David Zieroth suggested we should spray it with round up and then clean it up.

Quilting – Ladies have been making face masks. They are also finishing up some additional quilts. Quilts will be donated to Salvation Army in Duluth.

### Old Business

a. Rental Update – Jeff spoke with the Lampings. The Lampings wanted the church to sell them the land and the garage. Discussion held on next steps, it was very clear that we do not want to sell “any part of the lot”. Suggestion to sell the garage only to the Lampings for \$250 as long as they remove it from the lot by August 1, 2020. Otherwise it would be demolished along with the house if Congregation approves the demo at congregational meeting. Motion made by Dean Fries, second by Bubba Vance sell garage to the Lampings for \$250 if removed by August 1, 2020. Motion carried.

b. Employee Evaluation - Tabled

c. 2019 Audit – Tabled

### New Business

a. Re-opening, Discussions and Plan Design – A plan was developed and reviewed regarding the reopening of Hope Lutheran Church for services – with safety measures in place. The front door will be used only! Everyone will wear

masks unless unable, then you can sit in basement. Visiting outside only with social distancing. There will be no singing. Ushers will seat people to ensure social distancing. Hand sanitizers are placed in easy access places. No additional Sunday online services at this point in time. Motion to reopen church and begin services on June 14 with the above mentioned guidelines made by Dean Fries, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.

**Globe Offering** Will be suspended at this time.

**Next Meeting** – Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 8 am, prior to worship service.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Dinah Tveit  
Madison Kuehl
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance  
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall  
David Shafer

- 17 Linda Christianson  
Bob Hosking
- 24 Tricia Love  
Charles Shafer
- 26 Lilly Manner
- 27 Jessica Hutton
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri  
Summer Johnson

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Sulo Jatkola  
Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 11 Megan Heikkila Russ
- 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
- 28 Jack Moe

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION**



Jeff has made arrangements with JAEOA for 1 more produce distribution in the Church Parking lot. The distribution will be held on Thursday, August 20 with a tentative start time of 2:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help – contact Jeff at 218-348-3334 to volunteer. Watch Facebook for additional information.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The voters unanimously approved the demolition of the rental house and garage to create green space. The fund for the demolition will come from the rental account. Jeff anticipates the demolition will occur mid-late August.

**HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
GIVING**

**General Fund Giving**

6-30	\$ 451.00
7-8	\$1818.58
7-15	\$1055.00
7-21	\$1980.00

*Offerings can be mailed to:*  
**Hope Lutheran Church  
PO Box 288  
Floodwood, MN 55736**

**Globe Offering**

**No globe offering for August**

**HLCW NEWS**

**W**e still won't be having meetings or Bible Study in August, but we need to do a good "spring " cleaning which didn't happen in June. We think we can safely do this now before we really start up again. There are several areas and if 2 or 3 people do an area, it should be safe. None of these areas have to be done at a certain time and shouldn't be done all at once, so we can distance ourselves.

**KITCHEN** Call Elvi 476-2886  
**BASEMENT TABLES AND CHAIRS** Call Grace 476-4281  
**NURSERY** Call Jeanette 879-4726  
**OUTSIDE WINDOWS** Someone who can handle a ladder Call Hazel 390-8789  
**PEWS**  
**MAIL BOXES**

If interested and able please call Grace 476-4281 or Hazel 390-8789.

Thank you everyone, let's work together on this and get it done.

**Q & A SESSION WITH  
JEFF**

**Q:** Jeff, why is the church keeping track of attendance each Sunday.

**A:** One of the recommendations of our insurance company before reopening was the keep a log/list of those who attend. (Most other resources also encouraged keeping the log/list.) It is kept in case there is a case of COVID-19 in someone who attended Church – think use for contract tracing. That way we know who to contact so they can be told about their exposure. This would be similar to going out to a restaurant to eat, most will require your contact information in case of a COVID-19 exposure at the restaurant in the time period you at there.

**Q:** Jeff, what do you do with the lists? Do you share them?

**A:** The log/list is kept in the church office, they are not shared with anyone. They are kept in a box along with a copy of the slideshow we project on the screen. They only time they would be shared would be if we have a COVID-19 case among those who attend Sunday Service and the St. Louis County Health Department or Minnesota Department of Health needs the information for contact tracing.

**PRAYER REQUESTS  
AUGUST 2020**



**For those who are ill or struggling**

Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Frances	Bob
Danette	Nick
Sadie	Willa
Grace W.	Lilly
Theresa	Lois
Bradley	Phil
Coach	Heather
Rosie	Liz
Gary 'Curly'	

Those suffering from natural disasters  
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

**For those in the military**

David Shafer  
Owen Serebinski  
Cody Farrell

**For places where wars and conflict take place**

Syria and Iraqi Christians and missionaries threatened by ISIS and the refugees.  
Those suffering from terrorism.  
Israel and Palestine and the peace of Jerusalem.  
Persecuted church around the world.

**For our missions and world missionaries**

Ekka family & WMPL  
Robert & Ulla Suhonen  
Vision Petrozavodsk  
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital  
Peace\*Love\*Haiti  
Madagascar Mission Project

\*For our congregation and Church Council

\*Pastor Julie  
\*For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta  
\*Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

**\*For our world and nation on dealing with the Covid-19 virus**

## AUGUST 2020 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>JULY 27</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola					1
2 9:30 Worship & communion	<b>3</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Worship	<b>10</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	11	12	13	14	15
<b>16</b> 8:00 Church Council  9:30 Worship & communion	<b>17</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	18	19	<b>20</b> 2:00 PM Free Produce Distribution Parking Lot	21	22
23 9:30 Worship	<b>24</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship	<b>31</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours					

## Five Loaves and Two Fish

Find the 38 bold words from Matthew 14:14-21 (ESV)

N O I S S A P M O C C I A S D  
E A T H B G S E D H Q L M E E  
V N D E Q R V E I O L S L D I  
I U W A I I O L L E O A F I F  
G E O V F P D K T P E F F U S S  
D E R E D R O A E H I C L E I  
V S C N E Y L D N E S S C L B T  
F S T N S O B T L S T N S X A  
R I M E S S E W L I O H F F E I S  
E T S E K E C C E Y O S E M D  
V E D H L S K E U S S U K Q L W  
O U E V E T A B I S S T E H O  
Y N E K O R B B E P A I W D M  
L O A V E S D J I I N P N O E  
Y V I L L A G E S X D V L G N

When he went ashore he saw a great **crowd**, and he had

**compassion** on them and **healed** their **sick**. Now when it was evening, the **disciples** came to him and said, "This is a **desolate** place, and the day is now over; **send** the crowds away to go into the **villages** and **buy food** for themselves." But **Jesus** said, "They need not go away; you **give** them something to **eat**." They said to him, "We have only **five loaves** here and **two fish**." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he **ordered** the crowds to **sit** down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he **looked** up to **heaven** and said a **blessing**. Then he **broke** the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they **all ate** and were **satisfied**. And they took up **twelve baskets full** of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about **five thousand men, besides women and children**.

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August 2 - Gospel

## Take Heart

Find the 42 bold words from Matthew 14:25-33 (ESV)

C D N D D Z S O W U S R T R Y  
O E I E J I E E F A E U A U J  
M K G I E V A S L A L H S E O  
M L H F D D E I R C P I K O E F  
A A T I D D N D H F Z I T I L J  
N W N R R K O E Z J A H C H N D  
D R O R G D C E A S E D S E G  
S L S E H T R U O F Z J P I G  
Y L E T A I D E M M I I D H D  
W E P E T E R W D B H L O E E  
I O J R L T S N A S O S U K K  
N W A T R A A I R T A B O A  
D E T U W H T O K C A T P T  
H I L A N S W E R E D H X S W  
L Y C O M E W E M A C T O G E

And in the **fourth watch** of the **night** he **came** to them, **walking** on the **sea**. But when the **disciples** **saw** him walking on the sea, they were **terrified**, and said, "It is a **ghost!**" and they **cried** out in **fear**. But **immediately** **Jesus** **spoke** to them, saying, "**Take heart**; it is I. Do not be **afraid**." And **Peter** **answered** him, "Lord, if it is you, **command** me to **come** to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter **got out** of the **boat** and **walked** on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the **wind**, he was afraid, and beginning to **sink** he cried out, "Lord, **save** me." Jesus immediately **reached** out his **hand** and **took hold** of him, saying to him, "O you of **little faith**, why did you **doubt**?" And when they got into the boat, the wind **ceased**. And those in the boat **worshipped** him, saying, "**Truly** you are the **Son of God**!"

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August 9 - Gospel

## Great Faith

Find the 38 bold words from Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)

C L W S S Z J H D C B R X P M U  
 R S E Z E T E A I E E H G F N  
 Y B N A A I L N S T V A H E I O  
 I M K A R A P H U N A R O P M  
 N U F N A S G I S S I D E L E  
 G R I N E U I W C S O E Y S D  
 P C I P A L E X E S H N L I R  
 L T T D Y R T D T S I N T D I  
 E S E V E R E L Y S Y D N O G  
 H N D E S S E R P P O W A N H  
 T Y R E D E G G E B O L T T  
 H E A L E D M W R M E O S A T  
 Y C R E M A O E A A C R N E J  
 H O U S E R A N T M B D I R M  
 T N E S D D W O R H T D O G S

And **Jesus** went away from there and withdrew to the district of **Tyre** and **Sidon**. And **behold**, a **Canaanite woman** from that region came out and was **crying**, "Have **mercy** on me, O **Lord**, **Son of David**; **my daughter** is **severely oppressed** by a **demon**." But he did not **answer** her a **word**. And **his disciples** came and **begged** him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was **sent** only to the **lost sheep** of the **house of Israel**." But she came and **knelt** before him, saying, "Lord, **help me**." And he answered, "It is not **right** to take the children's **bread** and **throw** it to the **dogs**." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the **dogs eat the crumbs** that fall from their masters' table." Then **Jesus** answered her, "O woman, **great** is your **faith**! Be it done for you as you **desire**." And her daughter was **healed instantly**.

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August 16 - Gospels

## The Keys of the Kingdom

Find the 42 bold words from Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

H S N M S M F I D L S G B L B  
 A U T O O A A I P T L L J I A  
 I S N R T D S N E P E E O V P  
 M E E H I C G H C S I E H I T  
 E J E T I C P N S H L L N N I  
 R R O P A O T E I P R O I G S  
 E D L N R G D L O K I I O H T  
 J E H P A N K E Y S A Y S S P  
 S G T C I H P N E V A E H T E  
 F R R B R N R E V E A L E D O  
 L A A G O U B G J E L I J A H  
 E H E M R L H L I A V E R P Y  
 S C I O O R M C S D L I U B O  
 H S C O A E R A S E A C N A U  
 O K D B O U N D O G P E T E R

Now when **Jesus** came into the district of **Caesarea Philippi**, he asked his **disciples**, "Who do **people say** that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say **John the Baptist**, others say **Elijah**, and others **Jeremiah** or one of the **prophets**." He said to them, "But who do **you say** that I am?" **Simon Peter** replied, "You are the **Christ**, the **Son of the living God**." And **Jesus** answered him, "**Blessed** are you, **Simon Bar-Jonah**! For **flesh** and **blood** has not **revealed** this to you, but my **Father** who is in **heaven**. And I tell you, you are **Peter**, and on this **rock** I will **build** my **church**, and the **gates of hell** shall **not prevail** against it. I will give you the **keys** of the **kingdom** of heaven, and whatever you **bind** on **earth** shall be **bound** in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he **strictly charged** the disciples to tell no one that he was the **Christ**.

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August 23 - Gospels



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