



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church FEBRUARY 2016

## A Word From Pastor Carl

### THE RULE OF THREE

There were three significant events in the American Religious landscape in the month of January.

1) The Anglican Communion is a fellowship of churches whose leader is the Archbishop of Canterbury of the Church of England. The feel and flavor of Anglicanism can be described as being halfway in-between Lutheranism and Catholicism. The top bishop from each Anglican Church in a particular country is called the primate. For example, Kenya has one primate. Canada has one primate, etc. The primates recently convened and determined that the Episcopal Church will not be allowed to participate in the Anglican Communion because the Episcopal Church has altered its view on traditional Christian teaching and in particular marriage. This move removes the Episcopal Church out of the 80,000,000 people worldwide fellowship. The smaller Anglican Church in North America, which has recently formed out of the Episcopal Church for similar reasons, remains in good standing with the other world Anglican churches. *(Continued on Page 4)*

## Hope Lutheran Church Women

### HLCW BIBLE STUDY & MEETING



“They Don’t Always Listen” is the topic for February’s Bible study in the “Growing Older and Wiser” series. The scripture portion is from 1 Kings 12:1-20 where Rehoboam, king after Solomon, took advice on how to rule from those his own age [the younger men] rather than listening to advice from the elders, with sad results. Would we rather follow advice from people we know and like rather than seeking God’s will?

We meet February 9th, 10:00 AM at the church. Grace will serve coffee and Carolyn will lead the lesson. Everyone is welcome.

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Hope Lutheran Church  
Floodwood, MN**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2016**

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

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

### AGENDA

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY SEREDINSKI TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL AND LIGHTING UNDER NEW BUSINESS. MOTION CARRIED.

### REPORTS

**Secretary:** MOTION BY SEREDINSKI, SECOND BY VANCE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2015 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY SEREDINSKI, SECOND BY MYLES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2016 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE MOTION CORRECTED TO READ "WE ACCEPT THE INTERVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE JEFF KLETSCHER AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT THE RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR." MOTION CARRIED. The council also agreed to do a review in 2 months.

**Financial:** MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECOND BY VANCE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

**Pastor:** Activities report attached.

**Youth & Family:** Religious Release has resumed after the Christmas break; the youth are considering ideas for fund-raising for the Quake Zone trip and will be participating in Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for Life House in Duluth; a First Communion class is scheduled to begin around Lent.

**Outreach:** Homework Help is settling in after trying to work around the early student release time and sports practices; they are trying to involve students in Sunday services.

**Communication & Technology:** No report.

**Building:** Susan stated she would like to see updating and maintenance of the side entrance done in the spring.

**Befrienders:** Continue to send cards.

**HLCW:** Will try to organize a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**Quilters:** Will resume in January.

### OLD BUSINESS

A. MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY BENSON TO AUTHORIZE JEFF KLETSCHER TO SIGN HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHECKS. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Susan reported 38 people attended the Christmas Day dinner, and 2 meals were packaged to go.

C. Budget Committee nominees are needed before the Annual Meeting, and new offering counters will be needed also.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Old computer – MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY HUTCHINSON TO GIVE THE OLD COMPUTER FROM THE BASEMENT TO MARION SHAFER. MOTION CARRIED. (*Continued on Page 3*)

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**B.** FBCP Renewal – MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY ZIEROTH TO RENEW HOPE LUTHERAN’S MEMBERSHIP IN THE FLOODWOOD BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATION FOR \$40. MOTION CARRIED.

**C.** Sunday offering counters – discussed in Old Business.

**D.** 2016 Budget – MOTION BY BENSON, SECOND BY SEREDINSKI TO APPROVE THE 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

**E.** Next year’s council – Three terms are up, and one member is leaving as the extra year they agreed to because no one else could be found is up. Susan is willing to serve a second term, but it may be necessary to run the council with only 7 members next year.

**F.** Lighting – David feels the sanctuary is too dark and would like to change the bulbs to LEDs. It was decided that Jeff will contact MN Power to do a cost versus benefit study.

**GLOBE OFFERING:** January – World Mission Prayer League; February – Souper Bowl of Caring; March – Food Shelf

**NEXT MEETINGS:** February 11; March 15

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**

January 10, 2016

Present: Pastor Carl, Rob Benson, Hazel Bailey, Pat Seredinski, Susan Coccie, Carolyn Hosking, Jennifer Myles.

**Quake Zone:** Pastor Carl, Rob Benson and Hazel Bailey have been working with the youth towards different fundraising ideas to go towards the cost of Quake Zone.

**Release Time:** Release time is going well, there are 18 students attending from Junior and Senior High. Also, a good number attend the elementary release time program. Both are going well.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class:** Pastor discussed that 1<sup>st</sup> classes will start sometime around Lent. These classes will be for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

**Super Bowl of Caring:** Hazel is working with the youth for Super Bowl Sunday on Feb 7. They will performing a little skit and donations earned on this day will go towards the Life House. The Youth plan on making a trip to the Life House to present them with the donations.

**Youth Formal Valentine’s Dinner:** Look for further information for the Valentine’s Dinner the youth will be providing.

**Pie Auction:** There was discussion about a Pie Auction taking place in March. More information will follow in the near future.

**Sunday School:** Sunday School is going well. We are always looking for volunteers. The sign- up sheet is in back window if you would like to sign up. Thank you.

**Word from Pastor Carl – (Continued From Page 1)**

2) In the history of American Lutheranism, around a hundred years ago, a movement started to provide the education of two years of Bible School for young people to be trained in the foundation of scripture before beginning college. Another purpose of the school was to provide leadership for young people to return to their congregations to provide Christian leadership. Schools for this purpose were established as the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis; Teaneck, New Jersey; Seattle, Washington; Irvine, California and Camrose, Alberta. These camps also operated Mount Carmel camp outside of Alexandria, MN, which is now an independent Lutheran camp and retreat center.

Beginning in the 1960's, the New Jersey campus closed and Seattle, Minneapolis and Camrose converted into more general two year Lutheran colleges. Minneapolis' campus moved out to Golden Valley and later closed in 1985 and is now the Perpich School for the Arts. (Interestingly, Flip Saunders began his basketball coaching career there at Golden Valley.) The California school has downgraded into a Bible study program disseminating and producing Bible Study material for congregations. Like the Minneapolis school moving to Golden Valley and becoming a college, Seattle LBI became Trinity Lutheran College. The Seattle school announced this month that at the end of this academic year, its doors will close because of declining enrollment. Now only the Canadian School operates as a residential college program.

3. The oldest Lutheran seminary (school for training pastors) in the country is at Gettysburg, PA and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia announced they will begin the process of merging to form one school. The Gettysburg seminary played a prominent role as a hospital during the Civil War battle. In 1864, for reasons unrelated to the war but for the concern that the teaching at Gettysburg was not Lutheran enough, the Philadelphia school began and the two have been separate schools ever since. For the immediate future, both campus will be used while the two institutions become one new reality but cost will likely dictate that one location will eventually emerge.

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**CHANGE THE GAME**  
**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

*More than 25 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:*

*“Lord, even as we enjoy  
the Super Bowl football game,  
help us be mindful of those  
without a bowl of soup to eat.”*

*Since that day, more than \$110 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring.*

*The Hope Lutheran Youth will be part of this movement to Tackle Hunger. The Youth will be collecting donations and will have the Soup Pots out on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, during Sunday Service. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday.*

*Every dollar donated goes to The Life House, our 2016 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice. Support the Hope Lutheran Youth and join us on Souper Bowl Sunday!!!!*

**Tackle Hunger**

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Featuring Cherie Suonvieri

## College

I graduated from Bethel University in December 2015 with degrees in both journalism and reconciliation studies, with minors in biblical and theological studies and communication studies. I started attending Bethel in September 2012.



## Internship Experience

In the spring of 2014, I worked as an editorial intern for Tiger Oak Publications. During that internship, I wrote articles for three community lifestyle magazines, including Plymouth Magazine, Saint Louis Park Magazine and White Bear Lake Magazine.

From September 2013 to May 2014, I worked as the Culture Section Editor for Bethel's campus newspaper, The Clarion. The following year (September 2014-May 2015) I was the Managing Editor for The Clarion. One of the highlights from my time working with the Clarion was winning an Associated Collegiate Press award for Best of Show for our last issue in 2015.

## Study Abroad

While at Bethel, I studied abroad three different times. I spent January 2014 studying media and communication in Kenya. I spent January 2015 studying the historic conflict, reconciliation efforts and the role that the church has played in it. And in December, I returned from a semester of studying communication in Europe. We studied in nine different countries, and I took side trips to four others.

## Employment and Future Plans

I am currently unemployed and job searching, whether that's from my home in Floodwood or while staying with friends in the Twin Cities. The nice thing about job searching is you can do it from anywhere.

As far as future plans go, I'm currently looking for non-profit work in the St. Paul area. Beyond that, it's hard to say! I'm waiting for the Lord to direct me to my next step.

## Fun & Recreation

As for fun and recreation goes, I have a passion for traveling, if you haven't guessed that already. If it were cheaper, I'd do it often enough to call it a hobby. When I'm not traveling, I enjoy being outside: skiing in the winter and kayaking, hiking and biking in the summer. I also really love photography; it's been a fun art for me as an individual and it's been fun to share with friends.

## Blog

I also keep a blog, if you're interested in including that: <https://cheriemaesuonvieri.wordpress.com/>

Cherie, our prayers are for God's wisdom and guidance in your future. He has well-prepared you to follow your pathway in His steps.

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## QUILTING

The quilters will meet the fourth Tues. February join the group. You do not have to know how



23, starting at 9:00 - 3:00. Bring a bag lunch and to sew; we will show you how you can help.

## HLCW MEETING JANUARY 12, 2016

The January, 2016 meeting of Hope HLCW was brought to order by President Grace Autio with a prayer. Eleven members were present.

The December 8th minutes were read and upon motion by Elvi Tollgaard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirley Johnson, were approved as read.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a checking balance as of Dec. 8 of \$2,721.56. After transferring \$2300 to the church treasury and sending \$300 each to the Suhonens and to the WMPL mission. The \$300 check designated to Haiti will be given to Carolyn Hosking on Sunday as Carolyn is meeting with the person next Tuesday who is going there.. The savings balance after transfers was \$735.55, and after designated funds there is a balance of available funds of \$609.64. A motion by Susan Coccie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Hosking, to approve the report as read. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: A reminder to bring ball caps and sunglasses to Carolyn in church on Sunday. These items designated for the upcoming mission to Haiti.

Grace noted that Naomi Circle will be in charge of serving the pot luck after the Annual Meeting Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

The next Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and Pastor Carl asks HLCW to think about when services will be held- on Christmas Eve and Day? Or just on Christmas Eve?

A reminder that Quilting takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Also, 2016 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hope Lutheran Church, and we need to think about what, if anything, we would like to do to commemorate the year. Lois Hendrickson, Grace, Shirley and Carolyn volunteered to be on a committee to plan any event we decide upon, and more may volunteer to be committee members.

Hope Council President Susan Coccie reported that the church has ended up in the black this year in the amount of \$5,550.00. This will be on the end of year report at the annual meeting.

There being no further business, Grace called the meeting adjourned at 10:30, followed by the Bible Study.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary



Marion Shafer was recognized for his 12 years of service to Hope Lutheran in serving as Church Secretary, at the January 24 Annual Meeting. He is pictured with his wife, Dawn Shafer.

### ***THANK YOU***

Thank you to Hazel Bailey for supervising the Release Time students as they took down the Christmas tree. Thank you Hazel for also putting away all of the Christmas Program props.

Thank you to Bubba Vance for his 6 years of serving on the Church Council. Thank you to Kathy Johnsen for serving for one term, plus one year on the second term. Thank you to Bryan Hutchinson and Susan Coccie for their completion of their first term on the council.

PRAYER REQUESTS  
Sunday, January 24, 2016

For those who are ill or hurting

Dinah Tveit	Millie Samuelson	Warren Johnson	Michael Mancuso
Shannon Dickey	Theresa Fisher	Ethel Pensak	Jack Moe
Deanna Runquist	Danette Johnson	Ed Hutton	Elsie Tollgaard
Brody Wilton	Pam Hastings	Violet Johnson	Grangruth Family
Joy Cich	Bette Copp		

Family of Gladys Marttila on her passing

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

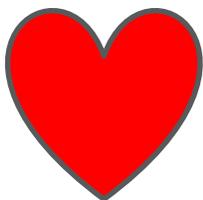
Syria and Iraq Christians and missionaries threatened by the advances of ISIS  
Israel and Palestine  
Persecuted church around the world

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

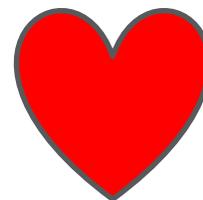
Thanksgiving:

World Mission Prayer League special offering  
Twelve years of service as church secretary for Marion Shafer  
Leadership demonstrated and elected at the annual meeting



*Formal Dinner*

*February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P..M.  
Hope Lutheran Church*



*Everyone is invited-Individuals, Groups, Couples-  
Reservations are required*

*Fund Raiser for Hope Lutheran Church Youth-  
Watch the bulletin for details*

**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis
- 8 John Seredinski
- 15 Jill Fries  
Shirley Johnson
- 17 Barbara Larson-Peterson
- 25 Judy Dressely

**FEBRUARY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Carole & Floyd Ahlgren  
(’56)
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek

**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 6 Ruth Shultz
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Robert Dahl  
Brooke Hughes Johnson
- 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
- 26 Evan Suonvieri
- 30 Adam Schminski

**MARCH  
ANNIVERSARIES**

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



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GIVING**

General Checking Account	
November 25 (Thanksgiving)	\$ 254.00
November 29	\$1412.00
December 6	\$3147.00
December 13	\$2026.75
December 20	\$3299.27
December 24 (Christmas Offering)	\$ 298.00
December 27	\$1272.44
January 3	\$2972.00
January 10	\$ 831.77
January 17	\$1400.50
Youth Account	\$ 465.00
Christmas Dinner	\$ 197.00
World Mission Prayer League	\$ 35.00
Given to the Robert & Ulla Suhonen	\$ 880.00

**MEMORIALS**

In Memory of Donald Tveit from Shirley Johnson	\$15.00 (savings)
In Memory of Donald Tveit from Pat and John Seredinski	\$25.00 (savings)
In Memory of Ivan Norris from His Family	\$45.80 (savings)
In Memory of Romana Dalbacka from Bubba & Sue Vance	\$20.00 (savings)
In Memory of Gladys Marttila from Elvi Tollgaard	\$10.00 (savings)
In Memory of Gladys Marttila from Elsie Tollgaard	\$10.00 (savings)
In Memory of Gladys Marttila from Marilyn Stephen	\$10.00 (savings)
In Memory of Gladys Marttila from Floyd & Carole Ahlgren	\$20.00 (savings)
In Memory of Romana Dalbacka from Jeanette Johnson	\$20.00
(Memorial)	

## February 2016 – HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance – Team 1	<b>2</b> <i>Groundhog Day</i>  <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i>	<b>3</b> Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS <b>2:30-7:00</b> Homework Help	<b>4</b> <b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall  <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	P A S T O R		G O N E			
<b>7 SOUPER</b> <b>BOWL OF</b> <b>CARING</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship Christian Ed & Youth & Family Ministry Mtg- Sunday Sch. Rm. <i>Transfiguration</i> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>8</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard– Team 2	<b>9</b> <b>10:00-HLCW</b> meeting and Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS <b>2:30-7:00</b> Homework Help <b>6:00</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00</b> Ash Wednesday Serv.	<b>11</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours  <b>7:00</b> Church Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>5:00 PM-Formal</b> Dinner-Hope Lutheran (sponsored by Hope Youth) details TBA
<b>14</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship  <i>St. Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 3  <i>Presidents' Day</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS <b>2:30-7:00</b> Homework Help <b>6:00</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00</b> Lenten Service	<b>18</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship and Music Committee <b>12:30</b> Floodwood Bus. & Comm. Partnership <b>2:00-4:00 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>19</b> <b>10:00</b> Bible Study at Riverview Manor	<b>20</b> <b>Beacon news</b> <b>items due</b>
<b>21</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship, Christian Ed. Study in the library <b>11:00-1:30</b> Fair Association Potluck	<b>22</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM-HLCW</b> Quilting (bring a bag lunch)	<b>24</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS <b>2:30-7:00</b> Homework Help <b>6:00</b> Lenten Soup Supper <b>7:00</b> Lenten Service	<b>25</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship	<b>29</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Jeff Kletscher & Dean Fries – Team 5	<b>Notes:</b> First Communion Classes offered: Wednesdays after school: February 17, 24, March 2 & 9; or Sundays during morning services: February 21, 28, March 6 & 13.				



Sunday, February 7th

## **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE**

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

[www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org](http://www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org)

**Also visit us on FACEBOOK:**

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*Sunday School & Worship 9:30 a.m.*

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