



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church FEBRUARY 2018

## WORD FROM PASTOR

### *Looking Forward to Lenten Celebrations*

January has quickly progressed to February, maybe due to the flurry of activities at both Hope LC, and in the Floodwood community! This year has certainly started out with a bang, and February looks to be an active month too.

We'll begin with our Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday on February 4<sup>th</sup>. All contributions from the church will be donated to the Life House in Duluth. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, our Youth and the Christian Education/Youth committee will put on a Valentine's Dinner and Dance. Proceeds from that special evening will benefit our Youth and their activities.

At mid-month, we'll be fixing our eyes upon Jesus, as Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be at 12:15 pm, including the Imposition of Ashes after the conclusion of the service. It is the hope of the Worship Committee and the Church Council that you'll be able to spend the Valentine's Day evening with loved ones and friends.

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## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### *Bible Study and Meeting*

February's Bible study in the "Spiritual Warfare" series is titled, "Defeating the Destroyer" based on Mark 5:1-20, where Jesus confronts a demon-possessed man. Although we know nothing about the man's life prior to his demon possession, what steps might lead an ordinary person to become increasingly controlled by evil? What do the man's experiences teach us about the devil's desire for each one of us? Join the discussion on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. All women are welcome.

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# Committee Reports

## Hope Lutheran Church Minutes of Council Meeting Floodwood, MN

January 18, 2018

Present: Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Mark Johnsen, Elvi Tollgaard, Lonna Hutchinson, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski, Pastor Julie Gellert, Rob Benson

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnsen at 6:00 pm  
Pastor Julie opened with prayer.

### AGENDA

A motion made by Coccie to approve the agenda with two additions, second by Tollgaard.

### REPORTS

**Secretary:** Motion by Seredinski to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting, second by Coccie. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Motion by Tollgaard, second by Hutchinson to approve the December financial report. Motion carried.

**Pastor:** Written report provided.

**Christian Education and Youth:** Brea and Malcom Walklaker have agreed to be chaperons for Quake. The Youth will decorate and serve for the Souper Bowl of Caring, and monies collected will go be donated to the Life House in Duluth. They will also have a short program at the end of the service. The Valentine Dinner Fundraiser is scheduled for February 10th.

**Outreach:** Rob Benson, Dave Bolstad and Jim Dusek have been helping with Homework help over at the school. 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been doing an awesome job helping with Sunday School.

**Community & Technology:** No report.

**Building Committee:** The lights in the upstairs bathroom and also the garbage disposal need attention at the parsonage. Elevator inspector was here; elevator good for another 3 months.

**Befrienders:** HLCW to take over this program.

**Quilters:** No report. Quilting will resume on January 23.

**Administrator:** Will be switching phone/internet provider to SCI Broadband for hopefully faster service. Renters gave notice for possible end of March 2018. It was decided to renew our FBCP membership.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Annual Meeting set for January 28, 2018 following the Service. Potluck to follow the meeting.
- B. LCMC 3 days of prayer went well. This event always falls in the first week in January.
- C. Shield 616 presentation went very well.
- D. Checking into prices for replacement of white board for Sunday School room.

- E. Church security was discussed again. A reminder to anyone interested in the Church Security meeting in Hibbing, on January 27<sup>th</sup>, that all are welcome to attend. Pastor Julie will be taking a car and she has room for three more. Will announce in church and be an insert in the bulletin.
- F. December meeting with MN DOT Staff on Hwy 73 project was attended by Jeff and Susan. The offer is \$500 per easement. We have three parcels for a total of \$1500.00. A motion was made by Coccie with a second by Seredinski to accept this offer and grant MN DOT temporary construction easements on our three parcels. Motion carried.
- G. Lenten midweek services will be as follows: Ash Wednesday a service from 12:15 until 1 pm. February 21st, 28th and March 7th and 14th soup suppers at 6 pm followed by a 7 pm service. March 21st – 6 pm the movie Risen will be shown.
- H. Christmas dinner was well attended along with several take outs.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. As we do not belong to a District we are looking at the Epiphany District as it is geared toward smaller churches.
- B. We will continue to sponsor an ad in the Voyageur Press for their Faith Page.
- C. The Council will be in need of 4 new council members this year. Please consider filing one of those positions.
- D. We went over the 2018 budget. Johnsen made a motion to approve the budget with a second from Benson. Motion carried.

Next meeting: February 22nd at 6:00 pm

Closing prayer given by Mark Johnsen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE**

**Hope Lutheran Youth**

The Youth and Sunday School kids continue to stay busy. On Saturday December 16, under the guidance of LuAnn, cookies were baked at the church that were added to the Hope Lutheran ladies' cookies for the Life House. The cookies and Christmas gifts were delivered to the Life House on

December 17th. Brooke, Amelia, Ree, chauffeur Rob Benson, along with Pastor Julie, Jan and Hazel delivered the Christmas blessings and were given a tour of the Life House by Margie Nelson.

The Youth continue to have their rummage table set up in the basement, so continue shopping.

**“SKOL to the Bowl”**



The Youth and Sunday School kids will be participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" again this year to help fight hunger and poverty. February 4<sup>th</sup>, Super Bowl Sunday, will be very entertaining as the Vikings WILL BE playing at Hope Lutheran Church. Even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help the Youth help the homeless.

Thank you for all the support to the Youth.

**Call Committee**

*Call Committee Minutes*

1-21-2018

Members present.: Dawn Shafer, Rob Benson, Pat Seredinski, Bubba Vance, Deanna Fries, Pastor Julie and guest- Dean Fries.

Absent: Sheryl Abell, LuAnn Heikkila and Anne Lundstrom

Meeting met after watching “The Bethlehem star”

We went over all the proposed changes in the congregation profile

and came up with final Draft. Which we will ask Jeff to email to all council members, with a request that they have an special meeting to go over and hopefully approve the profile so that we can get started on position description.

We will ask Jeff if he can find and send the call committee members a copy of the current pastor position description and letter of call. As well as sending them by snail mail to Bubba since he does not have internet.

We will plan to meet as soon as possible after getting the council's approval of the congregational profile. We want to get on with this as soon as possible to move the process along. We would like to have the updated position description for call letter done before Council's Feb. meeting if we can.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm

We also reviewed: Summary of Vision Responses- Hope LC 2018.

In 2018: To thrive, more youth, more people, several confirmands, find an energetic pastor.

In 5 years: A younger congregation, grow the church, bigger choir, light and fun, disciples of Jesus.

In 10 years: Active vibrant church, important in the community, more youth, sponsor new missionary.

**WORD FROM PASTOR**  
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Our Wednesday night Lenten services will begin on February 21<sup>st</sup>, with soup suppers at 6 pm, followed by informal worship services that focus on character sketches of not so likely people that were a part of Holy Week, the culmination of the Lenten season.

We will need actors to portray these characters, so if the Holy Spirit has prodded you gently to tell their story, please come see me. The scripts are pre-written so you don't have to create dialog, but we do need you to make these characters come alive for us!

Maybe we think that we, too, are insignificant characters this Lenten season, but I can assure you that we're not; any heart that turns back to Jesus to be renewed, that walks the 40-day journey with Him, is a pilgrim on it.

Traditionally, people have given up something for Lent-maybe a favorite food or drink-or a bad habit. More recently, the trend has been to add something instead, as a Lenten sacrifice. Reading a Psalm each day, or an entire book of the Bible that has significant prophecies of Christ, maybe Daniel or Isaiah, are good suggestions, should you choose to go that route.

Last year during Lent, I gave up texting during my daily Devotions, but I added making a place on the couch specially for Jesus and pictured having a meaningful discussion of the texts with Him.

Whatever you choose to do sacrificially during Lent, please remember that each Sunday is your Sabbath Rest from it; give thanks to God for that +.

Lent is a time for penitence, but that's not the same as guilt or self-hate; rather it's a time to turn to Christ and away from anything or anyone who would draw us away from the One Who made such a great Sacrifice for us (John 15:13). Let's embrace it as a congregation. With Joy,  
Pastor J

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**HLCW (Continued from Page 1)**

***HLCW Meeting***  
**JANUARY 9, 2018**

President Grace Autio called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. following the Bible Study. Nine members were present. Grace opened the meeting with a prayer.

As the December 2017 minutes were published in the January issue of The Beacon of Hope, a motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Susan Coccie, and seconded by Shirley Johnson. Grace called for a vote and the motion was approved by all present.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a balance in checking as of Nov. 13, 2017, of \$1,783.08. Income was \$2,056.50 (including the Christmas bazaar income of \$1,416.50), and expenses of \$3,582.50, leaving a checking balance as of Dec. 31, 2017 of \$257.08. The savings balance as of 12-31-17 was \$135.53 and a transfer from checking of \$500.06 was made to show a balance in savings of \$635.59. After designated funds of \$527.81 (for campers, B. Wain Memorial and Penny Jar), there is a balance of available funds of \$364.86.

Correspondence included a thank you message from Judy Yund for our contribution to her clinic in

Bolivia; and a note of thanks from Deanna Hakala for the gift of Christmas cookies.

Under Old business, Grace reported she bought batts for making baby quilts; and Carole Ahlgren added that she bought several batts also.

Under New business, Grace passed around copies of the three HLCW Circles list of members, noting that fewer people seem to be available to help with kitchen and other Circle duties during the year. She noted that the circles could be cut down to two; however, that would probably mean too much responsibility for the more active members during the year. Members are asked to think about this and come up with any solutions that may be available.

Grace noted that Liz Thom is no longer in charge of the Befrienders project and suggested that our group may be able to take on the responsibility together. A motion was made by Susan, seconded by Shirley that HLCW take on Befrienders as a group, and write out cards from a list brought to the group each month. When Grace asked for a vote on this, everyone agreed.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

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***Quilting***



Quilting will resume on Tuesday, February 27, 9:00-3:00 in the church basement. All are welcome.

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New HLCW circle member sheets are in your mail boxes. Please keep them for future reference.

## PRAYER REQUEST FEBRUARY 2018



### **For those who are ill or struggling**

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Mary	Monica
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Phil
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	
Theresa	Joy C.	Willa	Linda	

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

### **For those in the military**

Michael Thom  
David Shafer  
Damien Autio

### **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, the Call Committee and Church Council  
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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

**FEBRUARY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Carole & Floyd Ahlgren ('56)
- 6 Bill & Jan Manner
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 6 Ruth Shultz
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Brooke Hughes Johnson
- 10 Amelia Aho
- 11 Carlene Jatkola  
Ross Tollgaard
- 12 Alexis Stokke

- 13 Steve Hall
- 15 Nathan Seredinski
- 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 Fund Giving**

December 24 AM	\$681.00
December 24 Eve	\$296.00
December 31	\$624.00
January 7	\$2165.92
January 14	\$1490.00
January 21	\$1485.00

**From HLCW**

Youth Account for Quake Zone	\$1000.00
General Account	\$1757.66
(not included above)	

**Globe Christmas Dinner**

\$125.00

**Military Biblesticks**

\$235.00

*Valentine's  
dinner*

*Save the date*


***3rd Annual Valentine's Day Formal Dinner***

*Saturday, February 10th at Hope*

*Youth fund raiser for their trip to the Quake in  
March*

*Watch for more information on posters and the  
bulletin*

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen			<b>1</b> <b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship  tacklehunger.org	<b>5</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Valentines Youth Fundraising Dinner-See bulletin for details</i>
<b>11</b> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	<b>12</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	<b>13</b> 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	<b>14</b> 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; <b>12:15-Ash Wednesday Service</b> 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	<b>19</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class <b>6:00</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00</b> Lenten Service	<b>22</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship and Music committee <b>6:00 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	<b>26</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson	<b>27</b> 9:00 HLCW quilting in church basement	<b>28</b> 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class <b>6:00</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00</b> Lenten Service			

## SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

### February

*Leader: Burt & Cory Suonvieri*  
Floyd & Carole Ahlgren  
Rosie & Phil Speece  
LaVerne Hutton



### March

*Leader: Elvi Tollgaard*  
Marlys Piontek  
Elaine Stokke  
Sheryl Abell  
Dean & Jill Fries  
Lilly Autio (donation)

## 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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