

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

February 2019

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PASTOR'S CORNER

It has been a frigid stretch this January, which has us all looking to better weather and great activities in February. It will start with Souper Bowl of Caring weekend, February 3. Remember to bring your food donations for Floodwood Food Shelf and cash donations for Life House ministries in Duluth, which works with homeless teens. There is the special Valentine's dinner on Saturday, February 9th, served by our youth group. I am especially looking forward to the installation of the three newly elected council members coming up in February. It is a joy to see those members using their special spiritual gifts to serve our Lord here at Hope Lutheran.

I am hoping to start a Bible study on Thursday mornings entitled, "I Talked to God Today, The Hidden Purpose of Prayer." More details will be coming as we get closer to the startup date. Also, I would like to start a Sunday morning Bible study following church service from 11:00- 12:00. It will focus on the book by Kent Hunter entitled, "Who Broke My Church?" and examines seven proven strategies for renewal and revival of churches like ours. Let me know if there is a better time that might work out for those interested in attending.

As I look ahead to March, we will be starting the journey of Lent toward Resurrection Sunday. I hope and pray we can make the journey a meaningful one together. Jesus is calling us to the cross to see and remember what He has done.

God Bless,
Pastor John

Hope Lutheran Church Women



In contrast to January's studied titled, "Bad Words", the February one is "Good Words"; again based on various verses found in Proverbs. Our words have an awesome power for evil, but also an awesome power for good, making us a blessing to others. "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones" . [Proverbs 16:24.] Join the discussion on Tuesday February 12th at 10:00 A.M. Shirley and Elvi will serve coffee. (*continued page 3*)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2018

Members Present: Susan Coccie, Mark Johnsen, Pat Seredinski, Rob Benson, Dean Fries, Pastor John Burgess, Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Pastor Burgess opened with Prayer. Meeting called to order at 10:55 AM by Mark Johnsen.

Motion by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Pat Seredinski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report: November 20, 2018 Council Minutes – Motion by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Mark Johnsen to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Reviewed financial report. Motion by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Rob Benson to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report: Pastor Burgess provided a written report and verbally highlighted several items. Some of the items highlighted included: Visited folks in Floodwood and Duluth, working on Bible Studies for 2019, teaching first communion class on December 16. Council agreed to cover ½ of Cindy's Medicare Advantage plan costs.

Administrator's Report: Jeff's report was provided in packet. Annual meeting reports are due by January 6, 2019. Annual meeting is

scheduled for Sunday, January 20, 2019 following worship service.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth – Feed Sack fundraiser has 3 days booked for 2019 Fair Season. Youth Christmas program on Sunday, December 16 during worship service. Arrowhead Transit is lined up to provide transportation for Elementary RR Youth Caroling on Wednesday, December 19.

Outreach Committee – Nothing to report.

Building Committee – Mold issue in Southwest back room. Will need to remove sheet rock to clean up (eliminate mold) and then replace sheet rock. No updates on the steeple.

Quilting – No quilting in December.

Old Business

Council Member Ideas – Susan reported that LuAnn Heikkila, Deb Tollgaard, and Tanya Johnson are interested in serving on the Church Council.

New Business

2019 Budget Discussion – Minor adjustments as needed. Council all agreed that Suhonen's, Ekka's, and LSS should be line items (ongoing giving) again in 2019 Budget. No major changes anticipated.

Items for Annual Meeting – Nothing special. Agenda as in the past. Should mention Rental property.

Quake Event – February 15-17 in Minneapolis. Council approved

getting 2 rooms, and registering 4 people.

Special Year End
Donations/Giving – None.

Globe Offering – January globe offering will be for the youth Quake Event in February 2019.

Next Meeting – Sunday, January 13, 2019 following fellowship. Pastor Burgess closed with Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM.

HOPE LUTHERAN YOUTH



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, the Hope Lutheran Youth will be joining other youth around the nation in the Souper Bowl of Caring, to help tackle hunger. Leading up to Super Bowl Sunday, the youth will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash for the Floodwood Food Shelf. Items can be dropped off at the church. On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth will present a skit on hunger to the congregation. All cash donated on that day will be given to the Life House in Duluth. The Life House works with homeless teens.

The Youth Ministry Committee met on January 9th to discuss all the upcoming events involving the Youth Program. Looking ahead:

Saturday February 9th the Youth will have their annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser.

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Hope Youth

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Friday, February 15th to Sunday, February 17th three youth will be going to the Quake Event in Minneapolis.

The youth will be helping with Lent Soup Supper, Easter Breakfast, and a spring flower, hanging basket fundraiser.

August fundraiser at the county fairs: feed sack presentation.

More information will be available as event dates get closer and all plans are in place.

Thanks to all who support the Youth Program.

HLCW (Continued from page 1)

HLCW Meeting

January 8, 2019

HLCW President Grace Autio called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM; 9 members were present. No Secretary's Report was given, but it had been previously published in the Beacon of Hope.

The Treasurer, Jeanette Johnsen, reported that a check had been given to the church for \$2,477.85 as a donation from funds received from the sale of pies, and from the bazaar, leaving a total of \$528.73 HLCW available funds. A motion was made by Elsie Tollgaard to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Susan Coccie, voted on, and passed.

Old Business:

A new small coffee pot has been purchased for the church kitchen. Everyone who attended the Meadowlands Ladies Luncheon last month had an enjoyable time.

New Business:

The Mary circle will be responsible for setting up and serving the Annual Meeting pot luck. We all agreed to help serve the soup suppers during Lent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.
Susan Coccie
Vice President

QUILTING



Quilting will be held on February 26th, 2019, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. All are welcome. Bring a bag lunch.

**4th ANNUAL
VALENTINE'S
DINNER**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
RESERVATIONS TAKEN FOR
5:00, 5:30 & 6:00 PM**

MENU:

BEEF TIPS OR COUNTRY RIBS

SINGLE \$20

COUPLE \$38

YOUTH FUND RAISER

CONTACT LUANN OR HAZEL

PRAYER REQUEST FEBRUARY 2019



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Linda	Phil
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Dion
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	Carole
Theresa	Joy C.	Willa	Jack	Mark

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

For those in the military

David Shafer
Damien Autio
Owen Seredinski
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

Annual Meeting-February 20th



Church Council president, Mark Johnsen, addressed the congregation. The following people were elected to serve on the **Church Council: Deb Tollgaard, LuAnn Heikkila, and Tanya Johnson.**



Thank you to all who attended the meeting, and to those who participated in the potluck. We look forward to seeing what God is going to do in our church and community in 2019.



Pastor John Burgess administered First Communion to Summer Johnson during the worship service on February 20th. Summer is the daughter of Tanya and Keven Johnson. Lilyana also joined in for the picture.

**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
- 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



**Worship and Music
Committee Meeting**

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, February 28th at 9:30 am. We welcome new participants in the group. Suggestions for hymns/music can be submitted to Jeannette or Pastor John before that day.

**FOR SALE
CHURCH STEEPLE**



\$500.00
**CONTACT MARK
JOHNSEN**

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

Nov. 25	\$1187.50
Dec. 2	\$2596.00
Dec. 9	\$1334.00
Dec. 16	\$ 984.00
Dec. 23	\$5469.10
Dec. 24	\$ 483.00
Dec. 31	\$ 924.00
Jan. 6	\$2673.23
Jan. 13	\$ 598.00
Jan. 20	\$2030.00

Quake Event

Jan. 13	\$ 10.00
Jan. 20	\$ 40.00

Christmas Dinner

Nov. 25	\$ 140.00
Dec. 2	\$ 115.00
Dec. 9	\$ 20.00
Dec. 16	\$ 104.00
Dec. 30	\$ 71.00

February 2019 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson				1	2
3 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship  Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday	4 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	5	6 Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation	7	8	9 Valentine's Dinner  5:00, 5:30, or 6:00 PM Reserve seating (Sponsored by Hope Youth)
10 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <i>Church Council Meeting</i>	11 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	12 10:00 AM HCLW Bible Study and Meeting	13 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation Boy Scouts until 4:30	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">MINNEAPOLIS</div>	18 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	19	20 Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation	21	22 <i>Beacon News Items due</i>	23
24 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	25 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	26 9-3 Quilting	27 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation Boy Scouts until 4:30	28 9:30 Worship Committee		

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

February

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



March

Leader: Elvie 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

Also visit us on FACEBOOK:

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Floodwood, MN

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