

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

February 2021

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. February is here which means Lent will be starting soon. Ash Wednesday service will be February 17 at 7:00 p.m. During Lent this year I will be doing a Lenten drama series entitled: "This Is Most Certainly True!" which is based on Luther's Catechisms. These will be on Wednesday evening midweek services at 7:00 p.m. We will not be having soup suppers this year because of ongoing COVID concerns. The service scheduled for Wednesday February 24 will be on Thursday evening February 25. I hope those of you who said they would like to have an adult study of Luther's Catechism will take the opportunity to come to these services. I will be dressed like Martin Luther to present these lessons.

A couple of special things coming in February are the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to support the Life House Ministry in Duluth on Sunday February 7 as well as the globe offering for the month. Then on Valentine's day, February 14, the women of Hope will have a bake sale with proceeds going to the women's group. Because of COVID concerns, we will not be able to have our usual special Valentine's dinner. *(Continued on Page 2)*



Lessons number 25 and 26 of the "30 Life Principles" by Charles Stanley will be discussed at the February women's Bible study. "God blesses us so that we might bless others" based on Ephesians 4:28 is principle 25. Does your love for God motivate you to serve others?

Principle #26 is "Adversity is a bridge to a deeper relationship with God", based on Philippians 3:10-11. Adversity isn't a time when God is far from you. On the contrary, it's when He's close and teaching you His ways.

Join the discussion at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 9th, with Cindy Burgess as the leader. All women are welcome.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN MINUTES

January 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the president Grace Autio at 11:50 a.m.

Nine members were present.

A motion was made by Jeanette Johnsen and seconded by Dawn Shafer to accept the minutes of the December meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Jeanette Johnsen presented the following Treasurer's report: Checking balance \$46.07, Savings balance \$387.02. No Designated Funds, leaving available funds: \$433.09.

A motion was made by Dawn Shafer and seconded by Carolyn Hosking to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Two "thank-you's" were received from the cookie can recipients. Marilyn Arro was one.

A bake sale was scheduled for Sunday, February 14th. Funds will go to HLCW.

All ladies are invited to join quilting on Tuesday, January 26th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.

The next Bible study will be held on Tuesday, February 9th 10:00 a.m. Cindy Burgess will lead the lesson on chapters 25 and 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Jan Benson, Secretary

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



Pastor's Corner (Continued from page 1)

On February 27, our youth are eligible to attend a virtual Quake youth meeting. Please keep them in your prayers as this has been a very trying school year with all the COVID concerns and virtual learning. Our religious release time was eliminated by the school hybrid model. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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kids need to be with other kids. God created us to be social people, to be together, and not separated.

My prayer for all is that the vaccine will become available and that the viral pandemic will end soon. Then we can all get back to worship together in church as we travel through Lent on the way to a glorious Easter celebration.

God Bless All,
Pastor John

HLCW (Continued from Page 3)

QUILTING



We will be making a decision later on in the month on when we will be meeting for quilting. Check the bulletin for further information.

BAKE SALE



We have decided to have a bake sale after church on Sunday, February 14th. We hope lots of people will participate. Buy something sweet for your sweetheart or yourself.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. In what city was Jesus born?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
4. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?
5. How many people did Jesus feed with five loaves of bread and two fish?
6. After Jesus was arrested, which apostle disowned him three times?
7. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?
8. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion?
9. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
10. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?

Answers

1. Bethlehem
2. 27
3. Locusts
4. Peter and Andrew
5. About 5000
6. Peter
7. Simeon
8. Joseph of Arimathea
9. Malta
10. 2 John

**PRAYER REQUESTS
FEBRUARY 2021**



For those who are ill or struggling

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

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

For those in the military

- David Shafer
- 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

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

February 2021 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours					
7 9:30 Worship & communion & Sunday School <i>Souper bowl</i> <i>Sunday</i>	8 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	9 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	10 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf			
14 9:30 Worship & Sunday School <i>Church Council</i> <i>installation during</i> <i>service</i> <i>Bake sale following</i> <i>service (proceeds</i> <i>support HLCW)</i>	15 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours		17 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service			
21 8:00 Church Council meeting 9:30 Worship & communion & Sunday School	22 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours		24 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Pastor on vacation </div>	25 7:00 p.m. Lent Service		27 <i>Virtual</i> <i>Quake</i> <i>Event</i>
28 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	<u>NO LENT SOUP SUPPERS BECAUSE OF COVID</u>					

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

December 24	\$ 270.00
December 27	\$ 386.00
January 3	\$2392.00
January 10	\$1087.00
January 17	\$1275.00

Other Giving

Youth -- Ornaments	\$ 5.00
Gideon's	\$10.00

In Memory

In Memory of Darrell Kringen from Rob & Jan Benson	\$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Phil Speece from Bubba & Sue Vance	\$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



Souper Bowl of Caring funds will be donated to Life House

Offerings can be mailed to:

**Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736**

Spreading the Word

Find the 37 bold words from Mark 1:32-39 (ESV)

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

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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February 7 - Gospel

The Transfiguration

Find the 33 bold words from Mark 9:2-9 (ESV)

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

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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February 14 - Gospel

Believe in the Gospel

Find the 41 bold words from Mark 1:9-15 (ESV)

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

In those days **Jesus** came from **Nazareth of Galilee** and was **baptized by John** in the **Jordan**. And when he came up out of the **water**, immediately he saw the **heavens being torn open** and the **Spirit descending** on him like a **dove**. And a **voice** came from heaven, "You are my **beloved Son**; with you I am **well pleased**." The **Spirit** immediately **drove** him out into the **wilderness**. And he was in the **wilderness forty days**, being **tempted** by **Satan**. And he was with the **wild animals**, and the **angels** were ministering to him. Now after **John** was **arrested**, **Jesus** came into **Galilee**, **proclaiming the gospel of God**, and saying, "The **time** is **fulfilled**, and the **kingdom of God** is at **hand**; **repent and believe** in the **gospel**."

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February 21 - Gospel

Take Up Your Cross

Find the 34 bold words from Mark 8:34-38 (ESV)

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

And **calling the crowd** to him with his **disciples**, he said to them, "If **anyone** would **come after me**, let him **deny himself** and **take up his cross** and **follow me**. For whoever would **save his life** will **lose it**, but whoever loses his life for **my sake** and the **gospel's will** save it. For what does it **profit** a man to **gain the whole world** and **forfeit his soul**? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is **ashamed** of me and of my words in this **adulterous and sinful generation**, of him will the **Son of Man** also be ashamed when he comes in the **glory** of his **Father with the holy angels**."

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