

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

February 2022

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are in the season of epiphany, a time when God is revealing Himself in different ways to us in the gospel lessons. This month we will see Jesus calling His apostles to follow Him. Then they will see Him work miracles and teach them about the ways of God's kingdom. Finally, they will see Him in His Glory at the Transfiguration. We too have been chosen to follow Jesus and become His disciples. The original twelve chosen by Jesus were not all perfect. They each had different talents and abilities which God would use to start the Christian Church in which we are all members today. Even now, God uses us as His disciples to grow His Church. To do our best, we need to learn, like the disciples, how to live and work by following the example of Jesus' life and see His teachings at work in how He lived. The best way to accomplish this is to attend worship, receive communion, and study the Word of God. Did you make a New Year's resolution to attend church and Bible class more often? How is it going? If you are not following through on your promise, don't give up, make more effort. You won't regret it! Let our discipleship training begin!

This month is also the time of year that we celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring with our kids on February 13 raising money for the Life House Ministry in Duluth. This is a great time to show our caring for others as Jesus taught us to do. It is the day before Valentine's Day when we remember those we love. Love was also what Jesus commands us to do as His disciples. We are to love one another as He loved us. *(Continued on page 4)*



& HLCW NEWS

The next two topics in the "Fruits of the Spirit" series are gentleness and self-control. This discussion will be led by Cindy Burgess at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 8th, at the church. All women are welcome!!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 21, 2021

Members Present Bubba Vance, LuAnn Heikkila, Tanya Johnson, Mark Johnsen, Carolyn Hosking, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher

Absent: Missy Wojtysiak and Deb Tollgaard
Pastor John opened with prayer. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Bubba Vance. Approval of Agenda Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report September 19, 2021 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Carolyn Hosking, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report Pastor Burgess reported giving out 11 communions and performed three funerals in the past month. Advent will start November 28 and he will ask for volunteers to light the candles. The children's Christmas program will be December 19. Christmas Eve will be a service of Candles and Carols. There will not be a Christmas day service since they will be serving the Community Christmas Dinner at the Downtown Fair Center. Sunday, December 26 will be a service of Carols and Lessons. Friday, January 14, 2022 will be the Community Ecumenical Christmas service with a meal at

the Event Center. Pastor will be adding back the sermon hymn beginning in December. Religious Release has been going well with 7 high school students and 17 elementary students. We hope that the parents will also bring them to church soon.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report \$664 is the giving amount over expenses. The endowment fund has a 9/30/21 balance of \$100,717.25. Motion to approve the Treasurer's and Administrator's report made by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education and Youth: Religious Release 7 high school and 17 elementary students. Early bird registration deadline (\$95) for Quake Event is January 19, 2022. Standard registration fee is \$120 and rooms are \$228 each with 4 people in a room. Confirmation attendees are Alexis Hutchinson and Morgan Kuehl, they however, need to attend church and take notes.

Outreach Committee: No report.

Building Committee: Furnace is working well.

Quilting Committee: No quilting in November and December, they will begin again in January.

Old Business:

a. Administration Evaluation – Bubba and Deb both feel that Administrator Kletscher is doing a good job and meeting or exceeding his requirements. They have suggested that he receive a \$3 an hour raise. He will create a smaller job description to add to list of the duties that was earlier approved. Motion for Administrator

Kletscher to receive a \$3 raise (to \$17) made by Bubba Vance, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.

New Business:

a. Basement wall leak – next step – Bubba did dig a trench and get rid of boards, hoping that will solve the problem. We will see when things begin to melt.

b. Christmas Items – Mark Johnsen has stated he will bring the tree in. Decorating will be December 5, and youth program December 19.

c. Community Christmas Dinner -- Pastor asked if we will again host the Community Christmas Dinner at the Downtown Fair Center. Motion was made by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen to pay up to \$300 from missions account for the Christmas Dinner if needed. Motion carried.

d. Christmas Day Service – Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Bubba Vance to not to hold Christmas Day Service. Motion carried.

e. Annual Meeting Date – Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen to hold the annual meeting on January 30 with a potluck to follow. Motion carried.

f. Council Positions – Tanya Johnson, Deb Tollgaard, and LuAnn Heikkila have agreed to a 2nd term and Carolyn Hosking has agreed to complete the rest of the term, in place of Dean Fries (2-year term for seat expiring in 2024). Elections will be held during the annual meeting.

g. Change Usher Schedule – Looking at changing the Usher schedule to eliminate ushers that have not been here in last year. Don Rosemore, Dean Fries, Brian Hutchinson. Also look at just one usher per week, rather than two.

h. HLCW Discussion – Jeanette Johnsen was present to discuss the
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*(Committee Meeting Minutes
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current HLCW situation. Grace Autio has resigned as president; they are looking for a new leader. The circle list is still in place and Jeanette Johnsen can still sign checks for the organization. Their checking holds \$1,464 and Savings holds \$387. Some of that will still need to go to the church account for pies and bake sales. They are lacking a leader and communication.

The announcement for a new leader will be put in the newsletter and announced during church.

i. Outreach Committee to send Christmas cards for outreach to people who used to come to our church and let them know we are thinking of them.

j. A donation of \$250 for the Community Ecumenical Christmas Event and Meal at the Event Center January 14, 2022 to be taken out of missions account. Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Bubba Vance. Motions carried.

k. Volunteers are needed to run the projector slide show for December 24 and 26. Tanya volunteered for the 26th.

Globe Offering: December – Casey Aro. January – Quake Event Motion for both by Tanya Johnson, second by Carolyn Hosking. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – January 23, 2021 at 8:00 AM

Closing Prayer – Pastor Adjourn Meeting – 8:55 AM, Motion to adjourn by Carolyn Hosking, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.



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Quilting

There will be quilting on Tuesday, February 22nd at 9:00.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis
- 8 John Seredinski
- 11 Greta Fiskness
- 15 Jill Fries
Shirley Johnson
- 16 Madison Wojtysiak
- 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



Ark Encounter/Creation Museum Tour

Join your friends April 24-29th on a tour as they embark to see the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. At the Creation Museum, you'll see Bible history come to life at the family-friendly attraction. You'll explore creation science with stunning exhibits, dinosaur bones, fossils, botanical gardens and a planetarium, zoo, zip-line course, and more. The following day will include the Ark Encounter! This place is amazing, featuring a full-sized ARK, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. Come explore the pages of the Bible like never before! *

For more information, contact Rob Benson, Pastor John or see the flyer on the bulletin board. *This is not a church sponsored trip.

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February this year is the month before we start the season of Lent. Lent is a time for repentance and focusing on Lord's great sacrifice of His life to redeem us as children of God. Let us look forward to next month as time to come together in midweek services to better learn about the blessings and responsibilities of being a disciple of Christ.

May God Bless and keep us all free from COVID and illness.
Pastor John



Sign Up
to Serve Refreshments

Reminders:



Sign Up
to be a Scripture Reader



Hope Lutheran Youth will be participating in the 2022 Souper Bowl of Caring, on February 13th at Hope Lutheran Church morning service.

The Youth will present a skit and take up a collection and 100% of the donation will go to the Life House, who work with and provide wraparound supportive services to homeless and at risk youth ages 14-24.

We will report our total to Souper Bowl of Caring so our Hope Lutheran Youth become part of the national efforts. Through this experience they learn the power of working together to make a difference in the lives of others.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.

Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Also bring a can of soup for the Floodwood Food Shelf.

Table Decorations



Everyone enjoys these wonderful table decorations. Thank you Zieroths.



Globe Offering

Globe offering for the month of February will go to Souper Bowl of Caring to Support Life House in Duluth.

February 2022

Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	1	2 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	3 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	4	5
6 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	7 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	8 10 AM HLCW Bible Study	9 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	10 6:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	11	12
13 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study 	14 USHER TEAM: Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours 	15	16 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	17 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	18	19
20 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	21 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	22 9:00 AM Quilting	23 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	24	25	26
27 08:00 AM Church Council Meeting 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	28 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	Watch the narthex window for a sign-up sheet for working at and providing soup for soup suppers before Lenten services. Soup suppers will begin on March 9 th . Direct any questions to LuAnn Heikkila.				

PRAYER REQUESTS

February 2022



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Frances	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Theresa
Lois	Sue
Bradley	Coach
Heather	Willa
Wayne	Gary Curly
Ethel	
Roy	

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

Those mourning the loss of loved ones.

For those in the military

Owen Seredinski
Liam Seredinski
Jacob Seredinski

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**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

December 24	\$ 449.00
December 26	\$ 378.00
December 29	\$ 303.51
January 2	\$1122.00
January 9	\$2706.25
January 16	\$ 741.00
January 23	\$ 284.75

Globe Offering

Casey Aro Support

December 26 \$ 90.00
(Total Given to Casey Aro \$771.23)

Memorials

In Memory of James Tollgaard from Elvi Tollgaard Family \$200 (Memorial Savings)
 In Memory of David Metso from John & Pat Seredinski \$50 (Memorial Savings)
 In Memory of Liz Thom from John & Pat Seredinski \$50 (Memorial Savings)
 In Memory of Liz Thom from Marilyn Stephen \$25 (Memorial Savings)
 In Memory of Liz Thom from Jeanette Johnsen \$50 (Youth)
 In Memory of Carmen Thompson from Rob & Jan Benson \$20 (Memorial Savings)
 In Memory of Wendy Diemart from Pat & John Seredinski \$100 (Memorial Savings)
 In Memory of Carmen Thompson from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25 (Memorial Savings)
 In Memory of Liz Thom from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25 (Youth)

Offerings can be mailed to:
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Bible Word Search: COUNTRIES OF THE BIBLE

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

ASSYRIA

CANAAN

BABYLON

PERSIA

TOGARMAH

TARSHISH

ROSH

ACHAIA

MACEDONIA

PUT

ASIA MINOR

INDIA

GALATIA

PHILISTIA

SAMARIA

CYPRUS

CRETE

ETHIOPIA

MELITA

EGYPT

JUDAH

Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

Note - This list was obtained by searching Wikipedia and other sites. The modern equivalents are: Assyria (Iraq); Canaan (Israel); Babylon (Iraq); Persia (Iran); Togarmah (Germany); Tarshish (Spain); Rosh (Russia); Achaia (Greece); Macedonia (Greece); Put (Libya); Asia Minor (Turkey); India (India: Esther 8:9); Galatia (Central Turkey); Philistia (Gaza Strip); Samaria (Golan Heights); Cyprus (Cyprus); Crete (Crete); Ethiopia (Ethiopia); Melita (Malta: Acts 28:1); Egypt (Egypt); Judah (Israel).

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