



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church JANUARY 2017

A Word From Pastor Carl

FAITHFULLY ELECTED

This year our nation witnessed one of the most interesting presidential campaigns. Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine won 48% of the popular vote while Donald Trump and Mike Pence garnered 45.96% of the electorate, Libertarian Gary Johnson earned 3.28%, Green Party Jill Stein gathered 1.06%, Independence Party Evan McMullen gained .53% and Constitution Party Mike Castle tallied .15%.

However, as you know, the popular vote of the state, and not the national popular vote total, is what determines the winner. The election was not really settled until the electoral colleges convened. Hillary Clinton won 227 electoral votes and Donald Trump won 304 electoral votes.

Both of the candidates lost a few electors who ended up voting for another person. Colin Powell won three electoral votes and John Kasich, Ron Paul, Bernie Sanders and Native American activist, Faith Spotted Eagle, each also received one vote.

The electors who voted differently than the popular votes of the states are called “faithless electors.” About half of the states have laws against “faithless electing.” If the electors cast their ballot for someone else instead of the winner of the popular vote from that state, then that elector’s vote is not counted and is immediately replaced by a new elector. (Continued on Page 3)

Hope Lutheran Church Women

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY & MEETING

Since the December study and meeting was cancelled, we’ll be doing both the 4th and 5th lessons in the “Decisions” series in January. The 4th one is called, “The Anatomy of a Wise Decision” based on Proverbs 3:1-26,[see the December newsletter], and the 5th is “Good Advice” using the Bible reference from 2 Timothy 3:10 - 4:8. What is the best and worst advice you have been given? How do we normally react to people who give us advice? Paul [in Timothy] encourages us to stand strong in a world full of godlessness, false teaching, and bad advice. All women are welcome as we meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 10AM at the church. (Continued on Page 3)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes of Council Meeting

(UNAPPROVED)

Hope Lutheran Church

Floodwood, MN

December 15, 2016

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, David Zieroth, Jennifer Myles, Rob Benson, Lonna Hutchinson,

Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Elvi Tollgaard, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski

Meeting was called to order by President David Zieroth at 7:00 pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

AGENDA

Motion by Tollgaard, second by Coccie to approve the agenda

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Benson, second by Hutchinson to approve the minutes of August 16, 2016. Motion carried.

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

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: Youth will be putting on a Valentine Dinner again this year to help fund Quake Zone trip.

Outreach: Homework help is meeting on Wednesday. Smaller group due to basketball practice.

Community & Technology: No report

Building: A few more roofing bids have come in. Dave Zieroth went over with council. Also, went over quote for rental for both windows and siding. The Zieroth's made a beautiful holder for pamphlets to be hung up with information for visitors. Outlets in the office still need to be looked at as well as the veneer on the main doors to the church. Shingles on garbage holder need to be replaced and maybe doors for a more easy access.

Befrienders: No report

HLCW: Cookie cans delivered

Quilters: No report

Administrator: Window update. A motion made by Seredinski and a second from Coccie to renew Floodwood. Business Partnership membership. A motion by Coccie and the 2nd from Seredinski to allow

Kletscher to use the copy machine for the Bird festival programs. Same rate per page as last year.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. With attendance down about 25% the council is looking for the members help by filling out a short survey that will be attached to the annual meeting report and also in an upcoming newsletter as to how we can increase attendance/membership.
- B. Terms for Jen Myles, Pat Seredinski and Dave Zieroth are up this year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion made by Seredinski, 2nd by Coccie to purchase 3 white folding handicap signs with appropriate stickers.

Globe offering in January for Quake Zone

Next two meetings: January 17th, February 23rd

Closing prayer given by Pastor.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

Test Your Bible Knowledge

1. Who killed his own brother in a fit of rage? Gen. 4:8
2. What man lived to be 969 years old? Gen. 5:27
3. What man completed a large boat when he was 600 years old? Gen. 7:6
4. Who was the first man in the Bible to plant a vineyard and get drunk? Gen. 9:20
5. Who was a mighty hunter before the Lord? Gen. 10:9
6. What man saw a vision of a ladder up to heaven? Gen. 28:12

Answers found in the Bible

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DUE



All Annual Meeting reports should be submitted to Jeff Kletscher no later than Sunday, January 8, 2016. Email is preferred to hopefldwd7@gmail.com or jeffkletscher@yahoo.com



QUILTING

Quilting will be January 24th, the 4th Tuesday, 9-3. Bring a sack lunch and join us.

A Word From Pastor Carl (Continued from page 1)

On Friday, January 20, the newly-elected president and vice-president will attend a worship service at a church in Washington, D.C. Afterwards, the United States chief justice of the Supreme Court will swear in a new president and vice-president. Two days later, like in our nation's capital, Hope Lutheran Church will hold its annual meeting and elect a new church council. While it will not be an inaugural ball, we can look forward to a delicious potluck meal afterwards.

Why can't church council elections have any competition like governmental office? We would not want our annual meeting to be as contentious as our secular government. We would definitely not want negative campaigning or outside Political Action Committee money or campaign signs. But wouldn't there be something positive about narrowing down a field of candidates instead of a nominating committee brainstorming and asking people to serve?

Like our national elections, the church council process includes at least two steps. Once the church council meets for the first time, the pastor will run the meeting until a president from the council is elected. Then the new president will preside over the election of a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer.

Fortunately, the credentials needed and time commitment to serve on the council is nothing like it is in our state and national government. But just because the competition is not as fierce and the resume needed is not as great, does not mean that the role is also not important in its smaller but eternally significant way. As "Onward Christian Soldiers" reminds us, "Crowns and thorns may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain."

We thank God for our council which faithfully met and served this past year. We especially appreciated our president David Zieroth and his expertise on buildings and grounds matters. Dave has served two full council terms so is constitutionally ineligible to run again. And so, we pray for a new leader to walk us into the future. Please pray about and be open to the call of being "faithful elected" when someone approaches you to serve on the council after having considered your experience and dedication.

In God We Trust,

Pastor Carl

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a Father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2017



We pray that this Christmas we all receive the greatest gift ‘Christ Child’ afresh in our lives. We rejoice that unlike any other, in this gift we receive both the Gift and the Giver as they are one. We count it a privilege that we are called to share this gift with others. We are deeply grateful for the privilege of your committed partnership of prayers and financial gift with us in sharing God’s gift of Jesus Christ with so many people in India and beyond.

Again a Very Merry Christmas to you !

Neeraj and Nijhar

Maani, Urbas, Puna and Jhumpa

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PRAYER REQUEST JANUARY 2017



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah Tveit	Sadie Stokke	Theresa Fisher	Danette Johnson
Wayne Thom	Joy Cich	Joy Greene	Cheryl Smith
John Ylvisaker	Violet Johnson	Sulo Jatkola	Elsie Tollgaard

families of Jim Fick, Lillian Polo, Millie Samuelson, Edna Mason, Char Pulling, Richard Runquist on their passings

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
Israel and Palestine and the peace of Jerusalem
persecuted church around the world
those suffering from natural disasters

For our missions and world missionaries

Ekka family & WMPL
Robert & Ulla Suhonen
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital
Peace*Love*Haiti

Thanksgiving:

Christmas program for the work of the teachers and the student's Christmas dinner
the work of our church council this year
life of Weston Noble, former Luther College of Decorah, IA choir director
life of Jean Garton, former leader of Lutherans for Life Ministry

USHER SCHEDULE
January 2, 2017 to June 4, 2017

**** Under this schedule you may not be following the same team each week, so please be sure to check carefully when you are up. I have tried to work around Dave Zieroth's work schedule. – You will see Dave is scheduled quite often on this schedule. If you want to give him a week off, I'm sure he will gladly accept your offer. ****

January 2 – January 8	Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth
January 9 – January 15	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola
January 16 – January 22	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
January 23 – January 29	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
January 30 – February 5	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
February 6 – February 12	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
February 13 – February 19	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
February 20 – February 26	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola
February 27 – March 5	Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth
March 6 – March 12	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
March 13 – March 19	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
March 20 – March 26	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
March 27 – April 2	Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth
April 3 – April 9	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
April 10 – April 16	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola
April 17 – April 23	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
April 24 – April 30	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
May 1 – May 7	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
May 8 – May 14	Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth
May 15 – May 21	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
May 22 – May 28	Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth
May 29 – June 4	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola

*** Marion Shafer has indicated he is willing to substitute if needed. Give him a call if you need him.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Community Christmas Day dinner served at the Downtown Fair Center; 47 people were served



Pastor Carl raking in the gold (candy) while playing Dreidel



January 2017

HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Luke 2:21-38 9:30 Worship “The 12 Days of Christmas” & “The Name of Jesus” no Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:30 Financial Peace University graduation party <i>New Year’s Day</i></p>	<p>2 USHER TEAM: Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School & confirmation class 1 2:30-6:30 Homework Help 3:00 confirmation class 2</p>	<p>5 9-10:30 AM Ruby’s Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours</p>	<p>6 <i>Epiphany</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> Pastor gone for the Minkota Mission District NALC annual meeting at Hawley, MN </div>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Luke 3:1-22 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship 10:45 Christian Education and Youth and Family Meeting <i>last day to turn in reports for the annual meeting</i></p>	<p>9 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola 3:10-5:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10 10:00 HLCW Bible Study 10:00 Lake Superior LCMC & NALC pastors’ meeting at New Life in Duluth</p>	<p>11 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School & confirmation class 1 2:30-6:30 Homework Help 3:00 confirmation class 2</p>	<p>12 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Luke 4:14-30 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship</p>	<p>16 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i></p>	<p>17 12:30 FBCP at the Savanna Portage 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>18 Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School & confirmation class 1 2:30-6:30 Homework Help 3:00 confirmation class 2</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10:00 Bible Study at Riverview Manor <i>Inauguration Day</i></p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Luke 5:1-11 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:30 Annual Meeting—Potluck to follow</p>	<p>23 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance</p>	<p>24 9-3 HLCW Quilting</p>	<p>25 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School & confirmation class 1 2:30-6:30 Homework Help 3:00 confirmation class 2</p>	<p>26 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Luke 6:1-16 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship</p>	<p>30 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 3:10-5:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Notes:</p>			

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rae Rosemore
Deacon Laine
- 5 Jennifer Myles
- 6 Elbert Holmes
- 12 Liz Thom
- 15 Lukus Fries
Brady Dahl
Carter Stokke
- 20 TJ Romanek
- 23 Nolan Heikkila
- 27 Dalton Hutchinson
Drake Laine
- 28 Elsie Tollgaard
Jayna Kemp

**JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 23 Jill & Dean Fries
- 28 Dawn & Marion Shafer
(’78)



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)
- 14 Tracy & David
Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom
Piontek

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all who donated items for the Bethany Crisis Nursery in Duluth. The “gifts” were delivered to the St. Louis County Auditors office at the Miller Hill Mall — one of their designated drop-off sites for the December diaper drive.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

11-27	\$1328.50
12-4	\$2180.75
12-11	\$1288.50
12-18	\$1614.00
Total	\$6411.75

Community Christmas Dinner

11-27	\$ 5.00
12-4	\$120.00
12-11	\$ 5.00
12-18	\$ 80.00
Total	\$210.00

Youth

Total \$ 10.00

Memorials

In Memory of George & Lillian Polo from Floyd & Carole Ahlgren
\$20.00 (Savings)

In Memory of Lillian Polo from John & Pat Seredinski **\$25.00** (Savings)

In Memory of Millie Samuelson from John & Pat Seredinski
\$25.00 (Savings)

In Memory of Millie Samuelson from Jeanette Johnsen **\$25.00** (Memorial)



**BOY
SCOUTS**

See the calendar for dates and time of Boy Scout meetings at Hope Lutheran.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Reading the 25 days till Christmas scriptures



RELEASE TIME CLASS

December 14, 2016: The Release Time class from Hope Lutheran Church sang Christmas songs at the Riverview Manor Apartments.



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

AND



**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 22
AFTER CHURCH**

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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