

The Beacon of Hope

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Bible Study Opportunities

Well it is January, and we are about to start another year. Cindy and I would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful support and hospitality you have shown us from our arrival. It was a special year for us, and we look forward to this coming year with great anticipation to see what God has instore for us all at Hope Lutheran Church. We hope you all had a blessed Christmas season and will have a healthy, blessed year in 2019.

My hope is that, during this coming year, we will be able to start several Bible study opportunities you will find helpful in your own spiritual journey and will eventually lead us to grow as a church here in Floodwood.

The first opportunity will be a bible study on prayer. It will touch on why prayer is important, but also on how we can personally become more comfortable in our prayer life and how we communicate with God. Once we are more comfortable in how we pray, we can begin to listen to God to understand His will for us in our lives and in our church life. Let me know of your interest and what would be a good time to meet for this study.



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Hope Lutheran Church Women



The January Bible study, based on various verses from Proverbs, is titled "Bad Words". The Proverbs highlighted reveal what bad words are like and how they do their damage. A childhood saying is, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." We know from painful memory that words CAN hurt a lot. Join the discussion on Tuesday, January 8th at 10:00 AM at the church. All women are welcome. *(continued page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2018

Members Present: Susan Coccie, Mark Johnsen, Pat Seredinski, Rob Benson, Pastor John Burgess, Dean Fries (arrived at 6:32), Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Mark Johnsen opened with Prayer.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Mark Johnsen.

Motion by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Rob Benson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

October 21, 2018 Council Minutes – Motion by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Pat Seredinski to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed financial report. Motion by Mark Johnsen, 2nd by Rob Benson to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report: Pastor John provided a written report and verbally highlighted several items. Some of the items highlighted included: Meeting with LCMC Pastors in NE Minnesota, joint ecumenical event at Easter, there will be Community VBS again in 2019, attend Epiphany District meeting online, hospital visits, communion to those unable to

attend church, and joined VFW Post 8299 as their chaplain.

Administrator's Report Jeff's report was provided in packet. Endowment balance 9/30/18 is \$76,663.21. Summary of recent rental account spending. Donation (\$200) from Clothing Etc. for RR & SS expenses.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth – Youth Christmas program on Sunday, December 16 during service. Tree decorating on Sunday, December 9 after fellowship. No one attended the supper scheduled for October 29 to discuss fundraisers and youth activities.

Outreach Committee – Nothing to report.

Building Committee – New blower motor in one of the basement furnaces. Not under warranty. Work completed by Floodwood Gas & Electric.

Quilting – No quilting in November or December.

Old Business

Church Security – Jeff installed new AED Batteries. First aid kits ready to install.

Youth Fundraiser – History of Feed Sacks Demonstration. Questions and discussion on transportation, insurance, and proposed contract. Adults will be backups if students do not show up. Region 8 fairs only. Tentative commitment from Grand Rapids fair for 2 days – \$1200, they will not require us to provide insurance. After considerable discussion, motion by Pat Seredinski, second by Mark Johnsen to allow the

fundraiser. Motion carried, Dean Fries abstained.

New Business

Christmas in the Campground – We will host Christmas in the Campground on Saturday, December 1 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM..

Christmas Eve Service – Will be held at 5:00 PM.

Use of Photocopier by Sax-Zim Bog Birding Festival – Request submitted similar to prior years. Motion by Dean Fries, second by Susan Coccie to approve use of copier as outlined in request letter. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting – Motion by Pat Seredinski, second by Mark Johnsen to hold annual meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2019 and will be followed by a potluck. Motion carried.

Administrator Jeff Kletscher left the meeting.

Council Size Change/Ideas for New Council Members – Discussion on possibility of changing the Constitution to 5 Council Members. Consensus to remain at 7. Will be 3 vacancies for next election. Pastor will begin announcing the need for Council members during Sunday Service.

Globe Offering – December globe offering will be for the Community Christmas Dinner.

Next Meeting – Sunday, December 9, 2018 following fellowship.

Mark Johnsen closed with Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

HOPE LUTHERAN YOUTH

The Youth have been busy the last few weeks with the creation of beautiful door hanging swags. There are a few swags remaining for sale at the church at a discounted price of \$10.00.

On December 9th the Christmas tree at the church was decorated and the manger and star were put in place. After all the Christmas decoration were completed, the kids went sliding. It was a beautiful day and the sliding party was enjoyed by all!!!

In December the Christmas Program, "Come to the Manger," was presented to the congregation by the youth. "We Love to Tell the Story."

On December 19th the Release Time kids enjoyed a bus ride over to Riverview where they shared the Christmas Joy, singing all the Christmas favorites.

See the photos on page 6 of this newsletter for youth activities.

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HLCW Meeting

December 11, 2018

The meeting opened at 11:00 a.m. with President Grace Autio presiding, following the Bible study, with eight members present. The minutes of the November meeting were published in the recent Beacon, and upon motion by Shirley Johnson, seconded by Elvi Tollgaard, were approved by those present. Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer report showed a balance as of Nov. 12 of \$1,720.05, and

income of \$1,092.00 from the fall bazaar and cookbook sales. After expenses of \$244.00, a checking balance remained of \$2,562.05, and the savings balance of \$636.07 remained unchanged. After designated funds of \$2,440.53, there remains \$763.60 in available funds. Jeanette read a message from the Ekka family, missionaries of India, who reported they are moving to their home in Minneapolis. Jeanette suggested we donate \$100.00 to the WMPL (missionary prayer league) dedicated to the Ekka family. Moved by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by Jeanette, the donation was approved by all. Grace received a Christmas season letter from Judy Yund from her mission hospital in Bolivia containing several prayer requests. Under old business, Grace reported that our group made up and distributed 17 cookie cans and a large tray to Riverview Manor, and there are some cookies remaining which will be sent to Lighthouse for their Christmas party. Under new business, Grace conveyed the invitation from First Lutheran of Meadowlands to attend their annual Christmas luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 13. Those who wish to go will meet at Hope church at 11:30 for the trip to the luncheon at noon. The 12 cup coffee pot in the kitchen is dying and we agreed we should purchase a new one. Jeanette was designated to purchase a new pot and she will take care of that. Grace passed the letter from Judy Yund around the table and each took turns reading one of the prayer requests. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

QUILTING



Quilting will resume on January 22nd 2019, 9:00-3:00. All are welcome. Bring a bag lunch.

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Rose Ann Bennett

We received a letter from Rose Ann stating that she would love to receive cards/letters from her friends in Floodwood.

Her address is:

Rose Ann Bennett
316 West Allyn Street
Janesville, MN 56048

WORD FROM PASTOR (Continued from Page 1)

The second opportunity will be a study of the book, Who Broke My Church, by Kent Hunter. This study is intended to help us become better disciples of Jesus by identifying our spiritual gifts which then can be used to grow His Church here. WE ARE ALL called to be disciples and He has given each of us unique spiritual gifts and abilities to be used for the growth of His Church. More information will be coming on this opportunity, starting probably after the annual meeting.

May God Bless you and give us all a productive year in 2019.

Pastor John

Simple Truths By Will Rogers

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman . . . Neither works.

PRAYER REQUEST JANUARY 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
Jeff				

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

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS



Youth Christmas Program



Christmas Tree Decorating



Release Time singing at the Riverview Apartments



Cookie Cans being filled



Christmas in the Campground



Lighting of the Advent Candles

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rae Rosemore
Deacon Laine
- 6 Elbert Holmes
- 12 Liz Thom
- 15 Lukus Fries
Carter Stokke
- 23 Nolan Heikkila
- 27 Dalton Hutchinson
Drake Laine
- 28 Elsie Tollgaard
Jayna Kemp
- 30 Shannon Lund
Milee Lund

**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)
- 6 Bill & Jan Manner
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek

**NEEDED
COUNCIL MEMBERS**
*There will be 3 Church Council
positions open. Please
prayerfully consider serving in
this way.*



There will be **no more** Ruby's Pantry at Brookston. The people who have been running it are having serious health problems and there is no one else to take over the responsibility.



**Worship and Music
Committee Meeting**

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, January 24th 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**

*Not Available
At Time of
Publication*

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to all who contributed items - including gift cards — for the Bethel Crises Center, and thanks to Floyd and Carole Ahlgren for delivering them.

January 2019 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	1	2 Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem.	3	4	5
6 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <i>Reports for annual meeting due</i>	7 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	8 10:00 AM HCLW Bible Study and Meeting	9 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation	10	11	12
13 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship Church Council Meeting	14 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	15	16 Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation	17	18	19
20 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Annual Meeting followed by potluck	21 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	22 9-3 Quilting	23 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation	24 9:30 Worship Committee <i>Beacon News Items due</i>	25	26
27 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	28 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	29	30 Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30- Confirmation	31		

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

January

Leader: Pat & John Seredinski
Bubba & Sue Vance
Jan & Rob Benson



February

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

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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