

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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## *Pastor's Corner*

Cindy and I would like to thank all those who have sent us letters, cards, e-mails and texts for Christmas this year. You make us feel that we are all family.

As we begin a new year, we look forward to new opportunities and the chance to make resolutions this year to accomplish great things with God in 2020.

I will be continuing my adult bible study Sunday Mornings from 11:00- 12:00. We will continue looking at the spiritual gifts God has given us and how we can use them to accomplish His will in our lives and at Hope Lutheran Church.

One way we can use these spiritual gifts is to serve on church council. We have several openings this coming year. I ask you to prayerfully consider serving. We can use your special talents and abilities. Please let me or other council members know before our annual meeting in January. My special thanks to those Council members who are completing their terms.

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## *Hope Lutheran Church Women*



Life Principles #9 and #10 will be covered at the women's gathering on January 14th, 10:00 A.M. at the church. Number 9 — "Trusting God means looking beyond what we and see to what God sees" based on 2 Kings 6:17. God knows what is ahead for each of us and is ready to deal with it. Put your faith in Him.

Principle 10 is "If necessary God will move heaven and earth to show us His will", based on 2 Chronicles 20:12. Can I truly know what God has planned for my life?? Yes, you can!!

All women are welcome to join the discussion. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 27, 2019

### Members Present:

Pat Seredinski, Rob Benson, Tanya Johnson, LuAnn Heikkila, Deb Tollgaard, Mark Johnsen, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Dean Fries  
Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Mark Johnsen.

Motion by Tanya Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Tollgaard to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### Secretaries Report

September Council Minutes - Motion by Pat Seredinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Tollgaard to approve minutes as submitted, with adjustment to Outreach committee report. Adjustment is to read, How another Lutheran church made others feel welcome. Motion carried.

### Treasurers Report

Reviewed September financial report. Motion by Tanya Johnson, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Johnsen to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

### Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report the highlights follows; Cindy and Pastor finished visiting Shut-ins and getting pictures of them for the directory. The devotionals are

well liked. Pastor has a list of people who want visits and Pastor will start them in November. Religious release is going well, Pastor is using videos with the younger kids and they seem to be learning better this year with them. Pastor performed a marriage on October 19 for Jerry Hovi and Tanya Beyer. The Sunday Bible study is studying spiritual gift and how we use them to be better disciples of God. Pastor will discuss with confirmands to require 20 sermon notes in 2 years.

### Administrator's Report

Jeff Kletscher's report was provided in packet, it included in financial report; Refunded security deposit with interest (1%) to Dawn Lamping. 1 unpaid deposit for Camp Patmos, 3<sup>rd</sup> notice sent. HLWC donated \$100 for snacks for religious release, balance forward \$130.18. Community Vacation Bible school balance forward \$267.95 (no change). Pastor Steve Ario was not at Pastors meeting so could not be asked about any other withdrawals needed. Still waiting on backdoor closer replacement.

### Committee Report

Christian Education and Youth – Pastors report, report about Sunday school, religious release and confirmation. Feed Sack demonstration – Northhome (Koochiching County Fair) was the first fair to ask for our Feed Sack display so youth will be going there August 8, and 9, 2020 and receive \$1,200. Motion by Mark Johnsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Tollgaard to above the Northhome request. Motion carried.

Outreach Committee – No report

Building Committee – Gutter installed by Bubba and John a thank you will be sent for both. Next issues to worry about is the rental house.

Quilting – Will resume in January.

### Old Business

Church Directory update – 39 pictures were taken at the church and 5 submitted by email. Pastor and Cindy have taken 6 with shut-ins. Deadline is November 1. Cherie is doing portrait page layout. Committee is deciding on a cover and collage pictures which Jeff will layout. Should be ready by mid-December. If anyone wants a copy of their picture they need to put \$5 in an envelope with your information in Cory Suonvieri's church mail box and Cherie will get you a copy either via email or on CD.

Rental Discussion – The renters did leave, no potential renters as of yet. A motion was made to winterize home was made by Tanya Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by LuAnn Heikkila. Motion carried. Motion made to rent garage to Lamping's for \$40 a month made by Mark Johnsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried. If Lamping's do not plow driveway for rental it will be included on plowing contract for FST. Future of the property to be discussed at a future meetings.

Christmas in the Campground – Saturday December 7, 2019, hot chocolate and cookies served. No s'mores this year. 4pm to 7pm – turn on lights, light fire, and bring a couple dozen cookies each. Need 5 to 7 volunteers. Would like some of the youth involved.

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**New Business**

Choir for Christmas shopping Night – Need recruits to sing. Meet at Fair Building at 6:00 PM. Jeff will print song books.

Gloria Kordahl Kasti emailed Jeanette Johnsen regarding Baptismal font from old Bethany Church. Motion to not receive the font by Mark Johnsen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Tollgaard. Motion carried.

Thanksgiving Eve or Day service? None in 2018 and council decided none in 2019 either, not enough attendees.

Christmas Program Date -- December 15. Christmas Services? December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm candlelight services. No Christmas Day service. Tree Decorating will be on the December 1.

Recruiting for next years Church Council – Rob, Mark, Patti leaving. Need 3 disciples to serve in those positions.

Globe Offering: October to November 17 – Operation Christmas Child. November 18 – December Community Christmas Dinner (which is sponsored by Hope).

**Next Meeting** - Sunday, December 8, 2019 before Church Service at 8:00 AM.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 AM

**HAVE A HAPPY  
AND BLESSED  
NEW YEAR**

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I would like to hold a first communion class for those children 10 years old or older. I am considering holding the class for 2 hours on either Saturday or Sunday afternoons for two weeks. Let me know if your children are interested in learning about communion so that they might participate with us on communion Sundays.

Looking ahead to the month of February, I would like to hold a new member class for those adults who would like to learn the doctrines of the Lutheran Faith. I hope this will give you a better understanding of our liturgy and why we do things the way we do.

I want to close with a special thanks to Jeff and all those who helped him make our new church directory a reality. It is a special way to let others know who we are in the Hope Lutheran family. My hope is that we can use it to better get to know one another.

May God Bless us and keep us all safe this coming year.

Pastor John

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**HLCW MINUTES  
December 10, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Grace Autio following the Bible study. Eight members were present.

The minutes of the November meeting as published in The Beacon were upon motion by Shirley Johnson, seconded by Jan Benson, accepted by those present.

A brief report by treasurer Jeanette Johnsen showed a balance of \$3,200.68 in checking and a savings balance of \$436.55, totaling \$3,637.23. Designated funds of \$1,661.62 from pies and \$1,200.59 from the bazaar total \$2,862.21, leaving available funds of \$775.02. A motion by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by Elvi Tollgaard to accept the report as given by Jeanette, was voted yes by all.

President Grace reported that the bazaar went well, especially sales of baked goods and the very good meal headed by LuAnn Heikkila and her kitchen crew. New items were not well received again this year and there followed a discussion about whether it should continue to be included next year. It was noted that new items sold better at the Christmas Shopping Night event on November 25th.

Cookies were packed and distributed locally after the service on December 8. It was decided that because of the over-large number of cookies contributed, it would be better to bring three dozen each instead of four dozen each next year. Jeanette will bring the surplus amount to Life House in Duluth again this year.

Under New Business, Grace reminded us that the annual First Lutheran Christmas luncheon in Meadowlands will be held this coming Thursday, December 12 at noon. Those planning to attend from Floodwood should meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. for a ride to Meadowlands.

The Hope Annual Meeting and potluck will be coming up in January, with Mary Circle in charge of the potluck.

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In a discussion of gifts to Hope missionaries at Christmastime, it was decided to send \$100.00 each to the Suhonens and the Ekkas, upon motion by Jan Benson, seconded by Elvi and voted aye by all.

And finally, it was noted that the annual community Christmas dinner sponsored by Hope will be held at the Fair building. The annual Sunday School Christmas program will be held next Sunday, December 15, and there will be a service at Hope on Christmas Eve.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

### QUILTING



Quilting will be held on January 28, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. All are welcome. Bring a bag lunch.

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### SHARING OUR HOPE



Do you have an extra Bible you're not using? Sharing Our Hope Ministry would like to have it. We are placing Bibles in the "Little Free" library at the Floodwood rest area for travelers to take and use. You can drop off Bibles to be donated in the white

box in the overflow section of the church. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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### BIBLE QUIZ

#### Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego

1.) Into whose court were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego brought?

- King Saul
- King Jehoiakim
- King Nebuchadnezzar
- King Eliazar

2.) When the king's servants brought food before Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, what did they refuse to do?

- eat it
- bless it
- throw it away once they were full
- share it

3.) What happened because these young men refused to do this thing (see Question 2)?

- they got sick
- they were sentenced to death
- they were filled with knowledge
- they were cast into prison

4.) What else did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego refuse to do, disobeying the king?

- break the law of chastity
- kill an innocent man
- build him an idol
- worship the king's golden image

5.) How did the king punish Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego for disobeying him?

- he had them thrown into the

sea

- he had them fed to lions
- he had them cast into prison and starved
- he had them thrown into a fiery furnace

6.) How were these young men able to survive?

- they were able to persuade the king to pardon them
- God delivered them from their punishment
- they deceived the king into punishing someone else
- they escaped just before their sentence was carried out.

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### Annual Congregational Meeting



All Annual Meeting reports should be submitted to Jeff no later than Sunday, January 5, 2020. Email is preferred to:

[hopefldwd7@gmail.com](mailto:hopefldwd7@gmail.com)

or

[jeffkletscher@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffkletscher@yahoo.com)

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 19, 2020 following worship. Potluck lunch to follow.

### Call for Church Council Members

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

**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)

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**GLOBE OFFERING**



**G**lobe Offering for January will go toward Minneapolis Quake Event expenses.

**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

**CARD OF THANKS**

Thanks to all who helped with the Directory Project in any way. Your assistance and support was greatly appreciated.

Jeff

**DIRECTORY  
CORRECTION**

**Lillian Manner** not Lilyann Manner.

If you have other corrections please let Jeff know.

**HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
GIVING**

**General Fund Giving**

Nov 24	\$1257.00
Dec. 1	\$ 240.00
Dec 8	\$3638.00
Dec 15	\$1278.29

**Globe Offering**

Christmas Dinner	\$ 270.00
Christmas Dinner	\$ 9.10

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**Answers to Quiz**

1. King Nebuchadnezzar  
(Daniel 1:1)
2. eat it  
(Daniel 1:8)
3. they were filled with  
knowledge  
(Daniel 1:17)
4. worship the king's  
golden image  
(Daniel 3:12)
5. he had them thrown into  
a fiery furnace  
(Daniel 3:15)
6. God delivered them  
from their punishment  
(Daniel 3:28)

2019  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM



# 12 Christmas PRAYERS

- 1 Faith** Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith - this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you - not by our works. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2 Hope** May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. Romans 15:4
- 3 Love** Help us to love because You first loved us. 1 John 4:19
- 4 Forgiveness** Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- 5 Mercy** Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36
- 6 Kindness** Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. Ephesians 4:32
- 7 Generosity** Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! 2 Corinthians 9:11
- 8 Compassion** Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. 1 Peter 3:8
- 9 Joy** Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12
- 10 Salvation** Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. John 14:6
- 11 Obedience** Help us to not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us do what it says. James 1:22-25
- 12 Life** Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

# PRAYER REQUESTS      JANUARY 2020



## **For those who are ill or struggling**

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Phil
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick
Theresa	Dean S.	Willa	Bradley
Rosie	Liz	Lilly	

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

# January 2020

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
<b>5</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-12:00 Bible Study <b>Annual report items due</b>	<b>6</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST  <b>Religious Release:</b> 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:00 AM Curch Council meeting 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-12:00 Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>14</b> 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>Religious Release:</b> 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>16</b> 1:00 Worship Committee	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 <i>Annual Congregation Meeting</i> <b>POTLUCK TO FOLLOW (No Bible Study)</b>	<b>20</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST  <b>Religious Release:</b> 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-12:00 Bible Study	<b>27</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>28</b> 9:00-3:00 Quilting	<b>29</b> <b>Religious Release:</b> 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## 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](http://www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org)

**Also visit us on FACEBOOK:**

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