



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church JUNE 2017

## A Word From Pastor Carl

### AROUND THE WIDER CHURCH

Some of you have heard me mention that John Ylvisaker, the composer of the text and tune for the hymn, "Borning Cry" and for the first setting of the "Gloria" in the *ReClaim Hymnal*, died March 9, after a struggle with cancer.

New Life Lutheran Church in Duluth (LCMC) recently purchased its own church building at 4615 West Arrowhead Road (also near the airport). New Life acquired the edifice from Northern City Baptist Church, which had discontinued holding Sunday morning services, but will continue to use the building for a weekly Bible study. Because of its prime location, once New Life purchased its new place, the congregation was offered \$1,000,000 to sell the property for commercial use, but New Life declined the offer.

There will be two LCMC ordinations for local pastors in our region. You may remember Dan Tabor from Duluth, a former police officer who preached at Hope last summer while Pastor Carl was on vacation. Dan recently graduated from St. Paul's Lutheran Seminary and has accepted a call to Niagara Falls, NY. Darren Blanck, who has been serving as a lay pastor at Zoar Lutheran Church in Tofte, graduated from Beyond the River Academy and will be officially ordained at the end of the month.

North Heights Lutheran Church of Roseville and Arden Hills, MN experienced turmoil in the last couple of years because of disagreements about their interim pastor. The two-campus megachurch just ten years ago had an average attendance of 3400 people on a weekend but late last year had declined to a couple hundred. Many who had left began worshipping in a nearby hotel. The remnant still at North Heights voted to close the congregation because of the lack of ability to continue the upkeep of the overhead. *(Continued on Page 6)*

## Hope Lutheran Church Women

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & MEETING

The Hope Lutheran Church Women will resume their Bible Study and meetings in the fall. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for future news. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

(UNAPPROVED)

### Hope Lutheran Church

May 15, 2017

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Rob Benson, Elvi Tollgaard, Lonna Hutchinson, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski. Late: Mark Johnsen

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Rob Benson at 6:00 pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

### AGENDA

Motion by Coccie, second by Tollgaard to approve the agenda with additions.

### REPORTS

**Secretary:** Motion by Tollgaard, second by Benson to approve the minutes of April 10th, April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 meetings. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Motion by Hutchinson, second by Seredinski to approve the April financial report. Motion carried.

**Pastor:** Submitted.

**Christian Education and Youth:** The Church will help all those that want to go to summer camp with each camper paying \$50 and the Church paying the balance.

**Outreach:** The last Homework Help of the school year was on May 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a great interest in Hope Lutheran sponsoring summer recreational softball. This would be non-traveling, one evening a week, running through the summer. The Benson and Vance families will be heading this project. Motion by Tollgaard, second by Benson to approve recreational softball. Motion carried.

**Community & Technology:** No report.

**Building:** No report.

**Befrienders:** No report.

**HLCW:** Done meeting for the summer.

**Quilters:** 8 quilts made in April. The quilts will be displayed in church on June 4<sup>th</sup> then shipped out on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Administrator:** Reported on all finances. Reminder that Camp Vermillion work day is May 20, 2017. Discussed copier contract. Administrator made a request to St. Louis County for a Solid Waste fee reduction for the parsonage as it is residence and we have been charged commercial. We discussed the Hwy 73 project which will be taking place late summer 2018. The building permit for the roofing project has been obtained and paid for by the contractor. No news yet as to the insurance claim on the old roof. Adjuster has requested shingles off the roof to see if they can find a match for replacement.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Surveys tabled until June meeting.
- B. Asking for more help from members of Hope for Vacation Bible School.
- C. Ready for the roof contractors anytime.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lee Samuelson met with the council with fund raising idea for the roof. Tabled until we hear from the insurance company. Mark will talk with Lee.
- B. The attendance sheets that have been in the pews will no longer be. People are not remembering to sign. Also council believes we have gotten the information we were looking for by using for about 2 years.
- C. Some discussion on the steeple for the future. Consider looking at a fiberglass model.
- D. The council still needs one more council member that would be willing to be appointed.

Next meeting: June 20th at 6:00pm.

Globe offering in June will be for the roof project.

Closing prayer given by Pastor.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

# HLCW Meeting May 9, 2017

The meeting opened at 10:55 a.m. following the May Bible Study. Presiding President, Grace Autio, opened the meeting with thanks to all who brought food for the Teddy Bear Picnic fundraiser.

Grace reported on Liz Thom, who is still at Mayo in Rochester recovering from recent surgery; and asked members to think about how we can help out after she returns home.

Grace also asked members to pray for Lois Hendrickson who fell recently in her home and is still at Interfaith Home, Room 104 in Carlton, where she is receiving rehabilitation.

Prayers for the upcoming roof project would also be appropriate.

FHS Baccalaureate is coming up Wednesday, May 24th with Graduation Day to follow on May 27th.

Carolyn Hosking made a motion to serve 'cupcakes for grads' on May 21st and invite Eric Hall and family to join us for fellowship that day following the service. The motion was seconded by Elsie Tollgaard, and was approved by all.

It was noted that Hunter Rauvola will be graduating from college and will also be invited to the 'Honor the Graduates' fellowship on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jeanette's treasurer's report showed a balance of \$347.70 in checking on March 13, 2017; income of \$469.03 (including \$386.00 from the Teddy Bear picnic); and \$90.68 expenses, and a checking balance as of May 8, 2017 of \$726.05. There is also a savings balance of \$636.37. After designated funds, there is available funds of \$468.05. Jeanette suggested that adding \$123.95 to the Teddy Bear picnic proceeds, we would be able to contribute \$500 for two bundles of roofing for that project. This would leave available funds of \$344.10.

Susan Coccie moved that the minutes of the April 11 meeting be accepted as published, which was approved by all.

Jan Benson moved, seconded by Carolyn, to give \$500 for two roofing bundles. The motion carried after a unanimous vote by the members.

There being no further business, Grace declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary



## ***BLESSING OF THE QUILTS***

The quilts will be displayed on the pews on Sunday, June 4th. We will be packing boxes on Wednesday, June 7th. We could use some more packers if you have time at 1:00. Rob and Jan Benson will take the quilts to Rutgers Resort on June 9th. We thank them for doing this.

### ***JUNE & JULY REFRESHMENT TEAMS***



#### ***JUNE LEADER: Coach & Susan Coccie***

Jim & Ethel Pensak  
Jeff Kletscher  
Bev & Gary Wiita  
Roy & Grace Autio

#### ***JULY LEADER: Elsie Tollgaard***

Willie & Jack Moe  
Wayne & Liz Thom  
Tasha Belter  
Grace Autio (set-up)

## ***ROOFING FUNDRAISER***

There is a “***Fund Raising Roof***” in the overflow room with 80 spaces which represent the number of squares of shingles needed to re-roof the Church. With the fund raising goal of \$20,000, that means each space on the “***Fund Raising Roof***” is \$250. Please complete and place a label on the “Roof” to indicate a contribution of \$250. You do not have to include your name. The goal is to raise all funds by mid-August.

Here is the sample of the shingle that was chosen by the Congregation.



## ***COUNCIL SEEKS 7TH MEMBER***

Church Council is seeking a 7th Council member. If you are interested in serving, please contact a member of the Church Council or Pastor Carl.



Called to *Serve*

## PRAYER REQUEST JUNE 2017



### For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah Tveit	Sadie Stokke	Char Kadin	Frances Haubrich
Theresa Fisher	Danette Johnson	Grace Wagner	Mallory Norrell
Joy Cich	Lorraine Guentzel	Tim Ahrendt	Liz Thom
Joy Greene	Willa Jonas		

Those suffering from natural disasters  
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

### For our missions and world missionaries

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

### Thanksgiving:

***Thank you God for raising up Godly fathers. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY-June 18<sup>th</sup>-***

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief  
Ecumenical Vacation Bible School  
2017 graduates

## OUR MISSIONARIES



The Ekka family, Missionaries from India, shared the message of God with us at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 7.

## TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



The HLCW held a Teddy Bear Picnic on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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### ***Word From Pastor Carl ..... AROUND THE WIDER CHURCH (Continued from page 1)***

Those who had been worshipping at the hotel have now reacquired the building and jumpstarted the ministry. This past month, North Heights finally called a new senior pastor, T.J. Anderson, who will soon conclude his call at a large LCMC/NALC congregation in suburban Columbus, Ohio.

Three Duluth congregations, all within a couple blocks of each other in the Lincoln Park neighborhood, recently voted to merge. Bethany, Trinity, and Zion named their new congregation Spirit of God Lutheran Church with the merged group now meeting in Zion's building. Kid's Closet, a clothing ministry formerly operated out of Bethany is moving to Zion's building where the second floor is being remodeled to house the store. Char Karelko from Floodwood is the coordinator of the shop. Bethany and Trinity's buildings will go up for sale.

A handful of seminarians from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago established a website with a petition called "Naked and Unashamed" ([www.wearenakedandunashamed.org](http://www.wearenakedandunashamed.org)). This new movement is seeking to change the policy of the ELCA to no longer expect seminarians and pastors to remain celibate before marriage. Included among the signers are a former professor of worship at Luther Seminary in St. Paul and the other, a former keynote speaker at the ELCA national youth gathering.

The Institute of Lutheran Theology will be offering a "free" Old Testament online certificate course this fall for a "gift" of \$25. Here is the description of the deal offered by the school:

*"The Institute of Lutheran Theology wants to bless you and your congregation with a gift. We are giving away our certificate level Old Testament Doctrine and History course (which is valued at \$680). Pastors in a supporting congregation may recommend talented members to enroll in this course absolutely free.*

*Perhaps you have a ministry leader that would enjoy extra theological training. Or, perhaps there is someone in your congregation that God is calling up as a future church leader. This free class is the perfect way to acknowledge them and encourage them to explore and discover a new calling while at the same time strengthening your own congregation. This free course could also be a wonderful opportunity for church council members or other leaders to receive a theological boost with no strings attached."*

## USHER SCHEDULE    June 5 2017 to December 31, 2017

June 5 – June 11	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
June 12 – June 18	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
June 19 – June 25	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
June 26 – July 2	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
July 3 – July 9	Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen
July 10 – July 16	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola
July 17 – July 23	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
July 24 – July 30	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
July 31 – August 6	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
August 7 – August 13	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
August 14 – August 20	Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen
August 21 – August 27	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola
August 28 – September 3	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
September 4 – September 10	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
September 11 – September 17	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
September 18 – September 24	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
September 25 – October 1	Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen
October 2 – October 8	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola
October 9 – October 15	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
October 16 – October 22	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
October 23 – October 29	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
October 30 – November 5	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
November 6 – November 12	Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen
November 13 – November 19	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola
November 20 – November 26	Rob Benson & Bubba Vance
November 27 – December 3	Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard
December 4 – December 10	Roy Autio & John Seredinski
December 11 – December 17	Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher
December 18 – December 24	Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen
December 25 – December 31	Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola

Consistent rotation:

*Usher every 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday.*

*Cover 1 week (Monday to the Sunday when you usher), then 5 weeks off.*

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

# JUNE 2017 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
					10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute of Lutheran Theology at Mt. Carmel, Alexandria	
<b>4</b> Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. Quilt Dedication Sunday <b>10:45</b> Fellowship <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Sunday—wear red</i>	<b>5</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
					Pastor gone for NALC and Sola gathering in St. Cloud	
<b>11</b> Philemon <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship  <i>Holy Trinity</i> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>12</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST  <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours (note different day)  <i>Flag Day</i>	<b>15</b> <b>12:30</b> FBCP @ Savanna Portage <b>No</b> Pastor's Office Hours  <i>Pastor gone for ordination in Tofte</i>	<b>16</b> <b>12:00</b> VBS program and lunch	<b>17</b>
	<b>9:00-12:00</b> Ecumenical Vacation Bible School at the Fair Building					
<b>18</b> 1 Thess. 1 <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship  <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>19</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Roy Autio & John Seredinski	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Music Committee  <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>23</b> <b>10:00</b> Bible Study at Riverview Apt	<b>24</b>          <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>
<b>25</b> 1 Thess. 2 <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship  <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</i>	<b>26</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours (note different day)	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Sunday, July 2</b> 1 Thess. 3 9:30 Worship 10:30 coffee fellowship  <i>Baptism of Luka Granzoto</i>
	Pastor gone for LCMC District leaders gathering in St. Charles, IL					

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Emily Hall
- 4 Sarah (Bolstad) Chambers
- 5 Cooper Tollgaard
- 7 Kim Maki
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 14 Michelle Myrvold
- 16 Travis Young
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 18 Sheryl Abell
- 19 Deb Tollgaard
- 22 Jamie Peterson  
Timothy Myles
- 23 Richard Coccie
- 28 Karly Tollgaard
- 29 Leigha Kuehl

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Jan & Rob Benson ('62)
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff Romosz  
Tammy & Jamie Peterson  
Russ & Sheryl Abell
- 24 Pastor & Linda Christianson

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 3 Jason Myrvold
- 4 Mary Felknor
- 6 Rose Ann Bennett  
Bryan Hutchinson
- 7 Jeanette Johnsen  
Tim Tollgaard  
Jayden Laine
- 9 Jennifer Heine
- 10 Brea Wallaker
- 14 Deana Fries
- 15 Megan Aho
- 17 Nicole (David) Shafer
- 20 Jodi Fiskness
- 22 Tara Belter
- 23 Darcy (Rahja) Dahl  
Barbara Bernsdorf  
Debra Hyry
- 24 Violet Peterson
- 28 Braxton Farrell
- 30 Willie Moe
- 31 Donna Farrell



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GIVING**

**General Fund Giving**

April 30	\$ 1454.00
May 7	\$ 2447.00
May 14	\$ 2496.00

**Roofing Project Giving**

April 30	\$ 100.00
May 14	\$ 1000.00
May 14	\$25,000.00 from Endowment Fund

**World Mission Prayer League**

\$861.00 was given on May 7th. At the request of the Ekka family those funds will go to support Ranchi Boarding House project.

**JULY**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Danielle & Tim White
- 2 Bryan & Tracy Hutchinson ('05)
- 10 Sue & Bubba Vance
- 14 Ethel & Jim Pensak
- 31 Rae & Don Rosemore

**BOY  
SCOUTS**

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

## ECUMENICAL



**JUNE 6-12**  
**9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**FLOODWOOD FAIR BUILDING**

## **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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