



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church June 2018

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WORD FROM PASTOR

Restless While Resting

Ah, Summer...it's finally here! Did we think it would never arrive last winter when the landscape was covered in snow, and the temps dipped to 30 below?

It's certainly beautiful, all around us. I think I've seen every shade of green, that our Good Lord created, in the last month. Of course, that includes the dandelions that are threatening to take over my front flower bed, in direct competition with my hanging flower baskets from our Youth's spring fund raiser.

With school out and many church activities on hold, we have plenty of time for? What? Going on vacation, putzing in our yards and gardens, binge watching past episodes of our favorite shows, counting our mosquito bites? Sometimes, though, when we're resting we get a little restless.

We're in the longest season of the church year, that is sometimes referred to as "ordinary times;" that's because we don't celebrate any church holidays during this time. It's also the season after Pentecost. No wonder we get restless! If the Holy Spirit, that was given to the Apostles at Pentecost, is prodding us as well, then no wonder we're restless to be "doin'" for the Kingdom of God.

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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Bible Study and Meeting

We will study the Book of Proverbs beginning in September. Jeanette will have study books in August.

We will not meet again until September. A funeral will be on June 9th and lunch will be served by the Rebecca Circle immediately following the burial at Forest Hill cemetery. Call leaders, Jan Benson or Elvi Tollgaard, if you have any questions.

Thank you for all the help in the past year. *(Continued on Page 2)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Call Committee

We have received information from 6 candidates, We have interviewed 3 and are arranging more interviews. Please keep us and our efforts in your prayers.

Thank you.

Dawn Shafer, Call committee chairperson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE

Hope Lutheran Youth

Youth Fundraiser



Youth, parents, and Youth committee have been busy these last few weeks with the Outdoor Hanging Basket

Fundraiser. The Youth sold the coupons for a 10" beautiful Hanging Basket from Engwall Florist, Greenhouse and Garden Center. All baskets have been delivered.



We would like to give a big "Thank You" to all who purchased a hanging basket and for always being there supporting the Youth of Hope Lutheran Church.

The fundraiser was a great success and the Youth hope to repeat this fundraiser next year.



WORD FROM PASTOR (Continued from Page 1)

One of the Globe Offerings that we have each year is for Operation Christmas Child, one of the ministries of Samaritan's Purse. All of us enjoyed putting together the boxes full of gifts for children all around the world last November.

I didn't realize that Operation Christmas Child operates all year long until I got an email from our area volunteer

coordinator for the ministry. She was asking for volunteers to assist in their day-to-day operations. Their ordinary ones. Just a thought, but maybe participating in these functions could cure the restlessness of "ordinary times".

If you have an interest in becoming involved in Operation Christmas Child's year-long operations (in whatever way you're gifted) individually or as a group, contact me. I can get you in touch with our area coordinator that emailed me.

Jesus said in Matthew 9:37 that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. He then says in verse 38 to ask the God of the Harvest to send the workers. I have been asking; I hope that you will be asking Him too- if this is an opportunity for you to be involved in this significant ministry, in season and out.

In His stead,
Pastor J

HLCW (Continued from Page 1)

HLCW MINUTES MAY 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. By President Grace Autio following the Bible study. Eleven members were present.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved as published in The Beacon, upon motion by Susan Coccie, seconded by Elsie Tollgaard.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a balance in checking of \$558.07; with income of \$496.60, including \$356.40 from the Teddy Bear Picnic; and expenses of \$270.79; and a checking balance of \$783.88; also a savings balance of \$635.75. After designated funds of \$884.40, there remains available funds of \$535.23.

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HLCW (Continued from Page 2)

Upon motion by Dawn Shafer, seconded by Laverne Hutton, the treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Under Old Business, Grace reported that although there was a lot of help for the Teddy Bear Picnic, there was not a lot of participation in the event.

The Salt Room project suggested at the April meeting will be brought up at a later date.

Pastor Julie sent information about an 8-week Bible study suggestion which was emailed to her from her former church in Montana. A Bible study about the book of Proverbs was also discussed. It was decided to take up the study of Proverbs in the next study session beginning in September.

Grace noted that the Blessing of the Quilts will take place during the upcoming June 3rd service.

A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, June 9 at Forest Hill Cemetery, Van Buren Twp., for Elizabeth Raihala Kantola and Roxann Raihala Nelson, both of whom passed away last fall. Pastor Julie will preside at 11:00 a.m. Followed by lunch at noon in the Hope fellowship hall, to be served by Rebecca Circle.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

Quilting



June 3rd is "Blessing of the Quilts" Sunday. Come to church to see them displayed on the pews. They'll be boxed and taken to the quilt truck on Tuesday morning, June 5th, at the site of the Northeastern MN Women of the ELCA convention near Grand Rapids.

FOR SALE

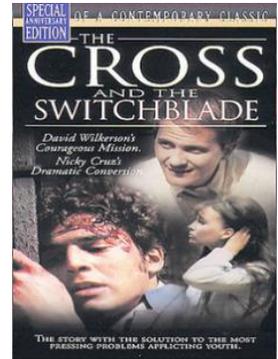
CHURCH STEEPLE



\$500.00

**CONTACT MARK
JOHNSEN**

Movie Night



We'll be showing the movie classic, **The Cross and the Switchblade** (1970), on June 26th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

It's an epic tale of Redemption that could be described as West Side Story plus Jesus! Pat Boone has the leading role of David Wilkerson (founder of Teen Challenge) and a young Erik Estrada plays a NYC gang leader. The movie will be open to the community free of charge. Complimentary popcorn and soda will be served as well.

Please come join us for this night of outreach and fellowship +



**Worship and Music
Committee Meeting**

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, June 21st at 9:30 am. We welcome new participants in the group. Suggestions for hymns/music can be submitted to Jeannette or Pastor Julie before that day.

ECUMENICAL



JUNE 11-15
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Kindergarten-6th Grade
(Completed)

FLOODWOOD FAIR
BUILDING

To pre-register call or
text Judy @
218 590 4806

VBS PRAYER

In order to make our VBS successful, we need to undergird it with prayer. Those who teach are an important part, and those who do all the other works are important, to be sure, but prayer is an even more important part of it.

Everyone can be a part of the whole if we each take a few minutes each day to pray for all the workings of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the children and those who are participating. To be a part of the prayer support please take time each of the days of VBS to pray for them. Sign up for a time each day, set a time

you can be faithful with, set an alarm clock or your phone or put a note on the mirror or whatever it takes to remind you. Spend about five minutes asking God to do his work in the lives of all who are participating in the whole program.

Here are some suggestions to pray about:

- Pray that families will allow their children to attend.
- Pray for the ones who have the actual job of teaching that they will present the message of God in a way that the kids will understand.
- Pray for the music to be a message to their hearts.
- Pray for the safety of everyone as they come and go and as the kids play.
- Pray that the hearts of the kids will be open to the Spirit as they participate.
- Pray for the weather to be appropriate.
- Pray for the positive attitude of helpers to be responsible and focused.
- Pray that family members will come for the program on Friday, and for the kids as they prepare for it.

Thank you for taking this important time for the good of our kids and community.

Prayer For A Busy Age *by Peter Marshall*

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Who was never in a hurry, we pray, O God, that You will slow us down, for we know that we live too fast.

With all eternity before us, make us take time to live-time to get acquainted with You, time to enjoy your blessings, and time to know each other.
Amen+

Father's Day

Sunday, June 17th

1 Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—
3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

PRAAYER REQUEST JUNE 2018



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Mary	Monica
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Phil
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	Jan M.
Theresa	Joy C.	Willa	Linda	Ann

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, the Call Committee and Church Council
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta
Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Emily Hall
- 5 Cooper Tollgaard
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 18 Sheryl Abell
- 19 Deb Tollgaard
- 22 Jamie Peterson
- 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 Owen & Linda Christianson



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 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 Barbara Bernsdorf
Debra Hyry
- 24 Violet Peterson
- 30 Willie Moe

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund Giving

March 25	\$ 640.50
March 29	\$ 214.00
April 1	\$2714.00
April 8	\$ 700.00
April 15	\$1763.20
April 22	\$1415.00
April 29	\$ 743.00
May 6	\$2381.00
May 13	\$1963.00
May 20	\$1277.00

Youth

March 21 Movie Night	\$ 26.31
Easter Breakfast	\$ 380.95
Flower Fundraiser	
Income	\$2370.00
Misc. and Sale of Item	\$ 20.00

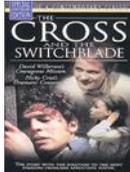
Missions Account

March 25 - Food Shelf	\$ 85.00
VBS	\$ 40.00
Baccalaureate Services	\$ 90.00

Memorials

In Memory of Harold Kletscher from Mark & Sue Kroontje (Youth)	\$ 25.00
In Memory of Harold Kletscher from Bubba and Sue Vance (Memorial Savings)	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Kathy Hill from Bubba and Sue Vance (Memorial Savings)	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Ruth Schultz from Marilyn Stephen (Memorial Savings)	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Ruth Schultz from Jeanette Johnsen (Memorial Savings)	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Ruth Schultz from Wayne and Liz Thom (Memorial Savings)	\$ 20.00

JUNE 2018 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher				1	2
3 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <i>Blessing of the quilts</i>	4 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	5	6	7 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	8	9 11:00 Graveside Funeral for Elizabeth Raihala Kantola and Roxann Raihala Nelson, Forest Hill Cemetary
10 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	11 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	12	13 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	14 6:00 Church Council Meeting	15	16
COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT THE DOWNTOWN FAIR BUILDING 9 AM-12 PM						
17 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <i>Father's Day</i>	18 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	19	20	21 9:30 AM Worship and Music committee	22	23
24 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship Beacon News articles due	25 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	26 7:00 PM Movie Night 	27 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	28	29	30

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

June

Leader: Coach & Susan Coccie

Jim & Ethel Pensak

Jeff Kletscher

Bev & Gary Wiita

Roy & Grace Autio



July

Leader: Elsie Tollgaard

Willie & Jack Moe

Tasha Belter

Grace Autio (set-up)

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEB SITE

Hope Lutheran Church now has its

very own web site. Visit us at:

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

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