

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

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Greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ. June is here and that means summer is too. It has been easy to lose track of time during our shut down in the COVID -19 pandemic. It has become a sheltering in-place time for us in the elderly population. It has been a time of loss of our “normal” life activities, including going to church. As a result, we have become increasingly full of fear during this time. We must get over the sense of fear and begin to trust God. With Him all things are possible. He can even bring what has been evil in this viral pandemic and use it for good. In the weeks ahead we will be returning to church and a new “normal” in our lives. Do not be afraid of the virus but trust God to lead us through the changes this will bring in our lives.

For those of us who have raised children, it is like we have been in a “timeout” which is almost over, and we are about to come out of it. How will we respond? Did we use the time given us to take stock of our situation, pause, evaluate our lives, our relationships? Now are we ready to return to God with new energy to live a life that is really the kind of life He desires of us? Hopefully, we were able to use the time wisely He gave us to identify the false gods so many of us have been following in America and the world. God is calling us back to follow Him and be about His business, not just on Sunday morning but 24/7 . If we can do that, we as Christians can make a difference in our lives, the lives of our families, our neighbors, and our community. That is why God put us here, at this time in history.

Traditionally, summertime has been a time for vacation and relaxation. This summer will be different. We will be returning to work in God’s kingdom. It can be rewarding and exciting. Let us return not in fear, but with a loving, trusting attitude, of thankfulness. God has gotten us through the hard times and now is calling us back into the family business of bearing fruit and winning souls for Him. We can do it with His help!

God Bless Pastor John

Hope Lutheran Church Women

Watch the Hope Lutheran Facebook page and the website for women’s news.

**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**

- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff Romosz
Tammy & Jamie Peterson
Russ & Sheryl Abell
- 24 Pastor Owen & Linda Christianson

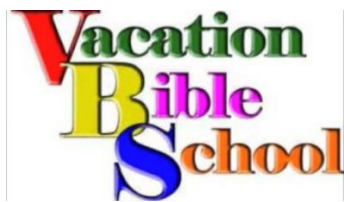
JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 6 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
- 28 John and Cindy Burgess
- 31 Rae & Don Rosemore



Community VBS is tentatively rescheduled for: July 27 – 31 at the Downtown Fair Center. Additional details to follow as we get closer to the event.

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

May 12	\$3965.00
(\$135 was from masks)	
May 26	\$1578.00
May 28	\$1075.00

Offerings can be mailed to:

**Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736**

SUMMER CAMP



CANCELED

Camp Patmos has canceled their 2020 summer camping season. They are looking forward to 2021.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER



Thank you to all who purchased flowers from the Youth Flower Fundraiser. We appreciate your support.

Re-Opening Hope Lutheran for Church Services

Pastor Burgess and the Church Council are just as anxious as many of you to get back to worshipping together. The council met Wednesday the 27th to discuss how and when services might resume. We acknowledge we have an older congregation, including many who are at high risk with chronic medical conditions. We don't want anyone to get the COVID-19 virus because they attended a worship service. **We want everyone to be safe – we don't want anyone to get sick – your safety is our priority.**

No firm date has been selected to re-open for services. The Church Council believes that they should follow the CDC guidelines of seeing 2 weeks of declining COVID-19 numbers before re-opening. We will continue to monitor statewide and St. Louis County numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Please remember that when services do resume, the decision to attend worship is entirely up to *you*. If you don't feel comfortable attending, that is OK. If you are a high risk individual, stay home, that is OK. We understand and God understands.

We don't want you to attend if you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath. **Stay at home if you are sick or were recently sick.**

General Guidelines and Directions as discussed by the Church Council:

- Remember that *normal* (the way it used to be) may never occur again. We are exploring what the “new normal” might look like for Hope Lutheran for a period of time.
- You will be required to wear a face mask for the entire time you are in Church.
 - Please bring your own, if you don't have one, we will have one available for you.
 - If you are physically unable to wear a face mask contact an usher, other arrangements will be made for you to attend the service.
- We may take your temperature before you come enter the building with a non-touch thermometer. We may also ask you if you have been sick or exposed to anyone with the COVID-19 virus, or have traveled out of State.
- Hand sanitizer will be available – please use it as needed.
- Social Distancing (at least 6 foot minimum) will be practiced.
 - **NO** physical contact will be allowed in any form.
 - **NO** hugs, handshakes, sharing of the peace, physical contact of any kind.
 - Consider the “common wave” from your seat as our new method of sharing the peace.
- There will be **NO** Bible Study or Sunday School. The Nursery will be closed.
- Entry into the Church will be via the front door (Hwy 73 side).
 - As you enter you are to immediately proceed to be seated in the Church.
 - You cannot stop to visit with others.

- Bring all your belongings with you, you will not be allowed to use the coat rack or pick up any mail from the mail boxes.
 - Ushers will be directing you where you are to sit.
 - The church will be filled from front to back – the first to arrive at church will be seated in the front.
 - Don't expect to be sitting in your “normal” spot.
 - We expect to place family units (same households) on one side of church and singles, etc on the other side. These details are still being worked on.
- Dismissal will take place from back to the front.
 - **NO** stopping to visit, immediately exit building via front door (Hwy 73 side).
 - If you choose to visit outside please do NOT congregate just outside the doors or on the sidewalks.
 - Please practice social distancing and keep your face masks on.
 - **NO** Bulletins. Service will be projected on the screen.
 - **NO** Singing, due to the risk of producing droplet/aerosolized particles.
 - Offering can be placed in a basket at the back of the sanctuary. (You can do this as you enter the church or when you leave, whatever is most convenient for you.)
 - We ask that you minimize the need to use the restrooms. If you do use them, please wipe down the surfaces you would have touched with the cleaning products that will be in the bathrooms. Also please remember to wash your hands – following the 20 second rule.
 - Communion is still being discussed, but it will look different.
 - **NO** fellowship hour or refreshments.
 - Someone will be keeping a list of those attending each service, just in case someone were to become sick or exposed. We need to be able to assist in contact tracing if it needed to be done.
 - We will work to ensure a thorough cleaning of the church occurs each week.

If you have questions or suggestions please contact Administrator Jeff Kletscher or Pastor Burgess.

Do Not Worry

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? *Matthew 6:25-27*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalms 46:1*

How Majestic Is Your Name

Find the 39 bold words from Psalm 8:1-6 (ESV).

X M H P L A C E Y D V V H C B
G F O S H N I R E D N U R C
Q Z S T R E N G T H S S O W G
S Y I E M A N D R S R A T S X
G L P Y V V S H E I E B M E N
L I T L E O T G L G J W M V
O D O M I N I O N B N X A K F
R F R B O S E Z E A I S I M A
Y K A R R D A U V V T F G I G A
L B S N R R L L A S G N I E B
H T A T C R O W N E D I I B O
O H H W E W N L V F H H V W V
N E J O E E M O U T H T V D E
Z J E R A C F L O O K U Q U H
F Y E K N T V B H M O M K R B

O LORD, our **Lord**, how **majestic** is your **name** in all the **earth**!
You have set your **glory** **above** the **heavens**. Out of the **mouth** of
babies and **infants**, you have **established** **strength** because
of your **foes**, to **still** the **enemy** and the **avenger**. When I **look**
at your heavens, the **work** of your **fingers**, the **moon** and the
stars, which you have **set** in **place**, what is **man** that you are
mindful of him, and the **son** of man that you **care** for him?
Yet you have made him a **little** **lower** than the **heavenly** **beings**
and **crowned** him with **glory** and **honor**. You have given him
dominion over the works of your **hands**; you have put **all things**
under his **feet**..

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Go!

Find the 30 bold words from Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV).

G S S E B H V M S D J R E G J
C N M A E A O D E T C E R I D
C A I A W U P I T P J Q E V U S
N R V H N B I T X I W V V P O S
G E F T C H O X I W V V P O S
N T A Q S A Q B C Z X E N C E
R I I R D N E N S W I N Q O E
N H O L Y Q O T I E Z N D M L
M W R E H T A F D H R E G M I
A U T H O R I T Y E T V D A L
N A T I O N S E I B G L E N A
A L W A Y S A E U R O A K D G
N E V I G R Y O M H I B A E A
A T P D T S D D E O O P M D L
J B J H F F P E B U X S R S L L

N ow the **eleven** **disciples** went to **Galilee**, to
the **mountain** to which **Jesus** had **directed**
them. And when they **saw** him they **worshipped**
him, but **some** **doubted**. And Jesus came and said
to them, “**All** **authority** in **heaven** and on **earth**
has been **given** to me. Go therefore and **make**
disciples of all **nations**, **baptizing** them in the
name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy**
Spirit, **teaching** them to **observe** all that I have
commanded you. And **behold**, I am with you
always, to the **end** of the **age**.”

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The Friendship of the Lord

Find the 37 bold words from Psalm 25:8-15 (ESV).

S U W F T E I Q P M J G Y M M
E S R E N N I S I I Y S O N T
I V E J L G N I R P S F F O O
N W O N K L P V A I L E W D D
O W R L L O B T G H O A M R O
M E L B M U H E U S R H C A T
I L R T Y S F N I D D O T P N
T I R E H N I H L N V H F E E
S T E A D F A S T E G F C U Z
E S T C U R T S N I D D R K M
T K Y H P D L A R R A I P S E
S D A E L L N P E F A F B N U
E Y E S U T U A S R A E F A M
E K A O C F O D L O G E C W H
Y U S W K S K X E U T T U F X

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is **right**, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are **steadfast love** and **faithfulness**, for those who keep his covenant and his **testimonies**. For your **name's sake**, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is **great**. Who is the **man** who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His **soul** shall abide in well-being, and his **offspring** shall inherit the land. The **friendship** of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes **known** to them his covenant. My **eyes** are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the **net**.

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Drink!

Find the 28 bold words from John 7:37-39 (ESV)

R T R F J A S O V S D S A O N
W H O E V E R E C F E Y N T E
F V S O T V R V L E V A Y S V
P T U T A A I Z C E R O A I
R T I E O P W M R F I N N E G
M E R R T O S O I V L E F H I
J G C U I T D D E H E O E P I
Z O R E S P R R D Q B N W B R
C E K R I I S K S C J E S U S
H I I T N V T R A E H T E L T
K H S K R W E C O M E D C U E
T A V G N I V I L S P A J C Y
L I W J U M G D Z P W Y R Q T
E S X L F P N Z O X X A V Z D
H N D E I F I R O L G V E O S

On the last day of the feast, the **great day**, **Jesus** stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let **him** come to me and **drink**. **Whoever believes** in me, as the **Scripture** has said, 'Out of his **heart** will **flow rivers of living water**.'" Now this he said about the **Spirit**, whom those who **believed** in him were to **receive**, for as **yet** the Spirit had not been given, because **Jesus** was not **yet glorified**.

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PRAYER REQUESTS
MAY 2020



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Frances	Bob
Danette	Nick
Sadie	Willa
Grace W.	Lilly
Theresa	Lois
Bradley	Phil
Coach	Heather
Rosie	Liz
Gary 'Curly'	

Those suffering from natural disasters
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family
and friends

For those in the military

David Shafer
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

***For our world and nation on
dealing with the Covid-19 virus**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 PM in
the Church basement.

OBITUARIES

Gerald "Gary" R. Schwieger

SHERBURN — Gerald
"Gary" R. Schwieger, 91, of
Sherburn, formerly of Wel-
come, Fairmont and Spring-
field, died Tuesday, May 5,
2020, at Mayo Clinic Health
Systems - St. Marys Campus
in Rochester.

A private family grave-
side service will be held at
Fairview Memorial Park
Cemetery in Fairmont.
Arrangements are with
Kramer Family Funeral
Home in Sherburn.

Gary was born Dec. 24,
1928, in Fraser Township,
Fairmont, to Ted and Lena
(Roth) Schwieger.

He served in the Korean
War in 1950-1952.

He is survived by his
wife, Marian Schwieger, of
Sherburn; daughter Lori Be-
seke of Alpha; two grand-
sons, seven
great-grandchildren; sisters
Dorothy Anderst, Eunice
Day, Marlene Griffith, and
brother Lynn Schwieger.

Marian J. Schwieger

SHERBURN — Marian
J. Wohlhuter Schwieger, 87,
of Sherburn, formerly of
Welcome, Fairmont and
Springfield, died on Wednes-
day, May 6, at Temperance
Lake Ridge in Sherburn.

A private family grave-
side service will be held at
Fairview Memorial Park
Cemetery in Fairmont.
Arrangements are with

Kramer Family Funeral
Home.

Marian Joyce Wohlhuter
was born July 24, 1932, to
Oscar and Erna (Ebeling)
Wohlhuter on the family
farm in Fox Lake township,
rural Welcome.

She is survived by a
daughter Lori Beseke of
Alpha; two grandsons; and
seven great-grandchildren.

Pastor Burgess's Wednesday and Sunday video messages can be found on the Church's Facebook page. A link is also available on the Church website.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Pastor's prayers for the week are posted on the Church website.

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:

Hope Lutheran Church,
Floodwood, MN

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