



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church MARCH 2017

A Word From Pastor Carl

IT'S BACK

Our congregation is pleased to announce that we will again have soup suppers immediately preceding the Wednesday evening Lenten services. The Hope Lutheran Church Women will prepare the meal and the youth will assist in serving. Donations collected from the meals will go towards the youth ministry fund. Thank you to the HLCW for taking up this ministry this year since we did not enjoy the supper last season.

Ash Wednesday falls on the first day of the month this year followed by seven weeks. For our theme we will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 1517. It was exactly half a millennium ago this year that Martin Luther inadvertently began one of the world's greatest shake-ups by nailing 95 theses (debate points) to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany.

To commemorate this significant anniversary, many churches across the world are celebrating this great victory for the Christian faith in a variety of fashions. One way that we will highlight the Reformers' contributions and influence is by examining one section of Luther's Small Catechism each Wednesday evening and also re-familiarizing and learning of some of the other influential figures who championed for the truth of salvation being a free gift of God's grace.

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Hope Lutheran Church Women

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & MEETING

“How Does God Speak?” is the title of the March Bible study from the “Decisions” series. The scripture reference is from John 14:15-27. It is easy for us to confuse our wishes with God's leading. Is it possible to be certain that it is God who has spoken and not our hearts playing tricks on us? Join the discussion at 10:00AM on Tuesday, March 14th at the church. Shirley and LaVerne will serve coffee and Grace will lead the Bible study All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING (UNAPPROVED)

**Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN**

February 21, 2017

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

Meeting was called to order by Admin. Jeff Kletscher at 7:00 pm who also opened with prayer.

New officers were elected and are as followed:
President Mark Johnsen, VP Rob Benson, Treasurer Susan Coccie and Secretary Lonna Hutchinson.

AGENDA

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

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Coccie, second by Tollgaard to approve the minutes of January 17, 2016.
Motion carried.

Financial: Motion by Benson, second by Seredinski to approve the January financial report.
Motion carried.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Christian Education and Youth: The youth had a very successful fund raiser for Quake with a Valentine's Day dinner.

Outreach: Homework help is meeting on Wednesdays. The numbers are declining but children are still being helped.

Community & Technology: No report.

Building: The window project has been completed. The bill has been forwarded to the donor.

Befrienders: No report.

HLCW: Will be taking over the soup suppers.

Quilters: 11 quilts.

Administrator: Submitted a report on all banking accounts. March 12th Pastor will be attending Quake with the youth. Pulpit Supply will be Dave Rohde. Elevator update- still broken and working with the manufacturer and an engineering team to solve the problem. Jeff will be out of town March 13-17 (18).

OLD BUSINESS

1. Please have your survey in by March 5th if you have not already done so.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lenten Services, and Soup Supper. Soup supper will run from 5:30 -6:45 with the service starting at 7:00pm.
- B. Sunday school white board has been ruined by use of regular markers. Will try to find a cleaner before looking into replacement.

Globe offering in March for Food Shelf.

Next meeting: Sunday March 19th.
Closing prayer given by Mark Johnsen.
Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson,
Secretary

HLCW Minutes February 14, 2017

President Grace Autio opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with a prayer. Ten members were present plus two visitors: Thelma Koivisto and Barbara Henderson.

Grace asked to waive reading of the January minutes which were published in the Hope Beacon. Minutes upon motion by Susan Coccie and seconded by Shirley Johnson were approved by unanimous vote as published.

Treasurer Jeanette Johnsen's informal report shows the February Available Funds of \$488.04.

OLD BUSINESS; Grace noted that the recently revised Circle list is now in members' hands and that the monthly "coffee" list will be posted on the downstairs wall as well as the usual letter sent out to upcoming servers.

We will continue Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers beginning Ash Wednesday, March 1st, with the three circles taking turns to serve if the youth group decides not to do so.

Naomi circle is scheduled to serve the next event, possibly the annual Teddy Bear Picnic.

The meeting, upon motion by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by Lois Hendrickson, was adjourned at 10:35 by unanimous vote. The regular Bible study followed.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

QUILTING

Quilting will be March 28th, starting at 9:00 AM and lasting until 3:00 PM. You don't need to know how to sew to join us. Bring a bag lunch.



SOUP SUPPERS



Soup suppers will begin on Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday. The circles will work with the youth this year with the preparing and serving supper. We will serve at 5:30 and be done in time for church at 7:00.

The circles will rotate, 3 circles and 6 suppers. The rotation will be as follows: March 1-Naomi, March 8-Rebecca, March 15-Mary, March 22-Naomi, March 29-Rebecca, April 5-Mary.

A sign-up sheet will be placed on the rear window of the sanctuary each Sunday. So please check the sheet to see which circle is serving and what is needed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A Word From Pastor Carl (Continued from page 1)

March 1 Ten Commandments
Jan Hus & John Wycliffe (forerunners of Luther)

March 8 Apostles' Creed
Katie von Bora (Martin Luther's wife)

March 15 Lord's Prayer
Philip Melanchthon (Luther's right-hand man)

March 22 Holy Baptism
Mikael Agricola (father figure of Finland)

March 29 Office of the Keys
Ulrich Zwingli & John Calvin (Reformed doctrine)

April 5 Table of Duties
Gustavus Adolphus & Petri Bros. (Swedish reformers)

April 13 Sacrament of the Altar
Hans Nielsen Hauge (apostle to Norway)

YOUTH



“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING”

On February 5th Super Bowl Sunday, Youth and Sunday School kids all came together to help fight poverty and help the homeless. The group that visited the Life House in Duluth gave a short presentation of the great need in our area for a place like the Life House that supports and provides a safe place for homeless teens. The Cheerleaders then gave that extra push to get our attention with the Y E L L everyone Yell, Fight Hunger. The kids held the “Soup Pots” at the back of the church as the congregation stepped up and joined the Youth to help God’s people. A total of \$544 was raised and once again it will be donated to the Life House. Thank you to everyone that supports our Youth.

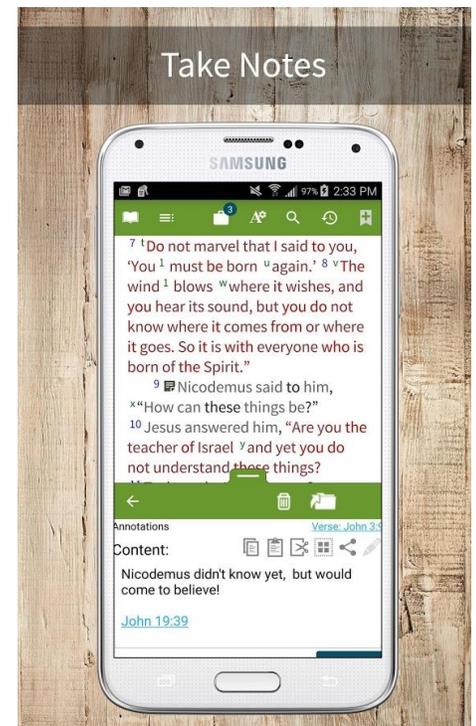
BIBLE ON A SMART PHONE

By Ann Bolstad

I always thought how convenient it would be to have a Bible small enough to fit in my purse. With the smart phone apps, this is now possible. There are many free Bible apps available on both Amazon and The Play store. The one I have on my phone is by “Olive Tree” (HarperCollins Christian Publishing). I have several translations and a Strong’s Concordance from Olive Tree on my phone. Many smart phone Bible apps have to be connected to the internet to have constant access. “Olive Tree”, once downloaded on your device, is available whether you have internet access or not.

Most Bible apps are easy to use and offer many different translations of the Bible. Some of the translations are free and some are available for sale. There may be extra Bible helps within the free app Bibles; some have a built-in concordance. There is usually a charge for Bible translations that come with a Study Bible feature.

If you have a smart phone, and would like to have a Bible at hand at all times, I would encourage you to check out the Bible apps that are available in the different App Stores.



PRAYER REQUEST MARCH 2017



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah Tveit	Sadie Stokke	Jim Thom
Theresa Fisher	Danette Johnson	Denny Jones
Wayne Thom	Joy Cich	Lorraine Guentzel
Jennifer Myles	Mallory Norrell	John Ylvisaker
Joy Greene	Willa Jonas	Violet Johnson

Family of Walter Hendrickson Jr. on his passing in infancy

peace and goodwill in our nation

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
those suffering from natural disasters

For our missions and world missionaries

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

Thanksgiving:

Beautiful weather



Sunday Coffee & Refreshment Serving List

January

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

February

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

March

Leader: Elvie Tollgaard
Marlys Piontek
Elaine Stokke
Sheryl Abell
Dean & Jill Fries
Lilly Autio (donation)

April

Leader: Sue Hutchinson
Bryan & Tracy Hutchinson
Elaine Stokke
Marilyn Stephen

May

Leader: Tim & Deb Tollgaard
Shirley Johnson
Don & Rae Rosemore

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)

August

Leader: Bob & Carolyn Hosking
Jeanette Johnsen
Dawn & Marion Shafer
Lois Hendrickson

– will bring 2 Sundays

September

Leader: Rob & Jan Benson
Bubba & Sue Vance
Jan Metso

October

Leader: LuAnn Heikkila
Dave & Tracy Zieroth
Judy Dressley
Leigha Kuehl

November

Leader: Mark & Kathy Johnsen
Hazel Bailey
Kim Hutchinson
Jeanette Johnsen

December

Leader: Roy & Grace Autio
Dale & Mary Rauvola
Ann & Dave Bolstad



Coffee Fellowship



THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who had a part in making our 2nd Annual Valentine's dinner a success. We served 43 dinners (two were take-out). There was a little craziness in the kitchen and a challenge to transform the basement after coffee time, but we made it! The Youth did a great job serving and cleaning up. A big thanks to them too! We took in \$985 before expenses.

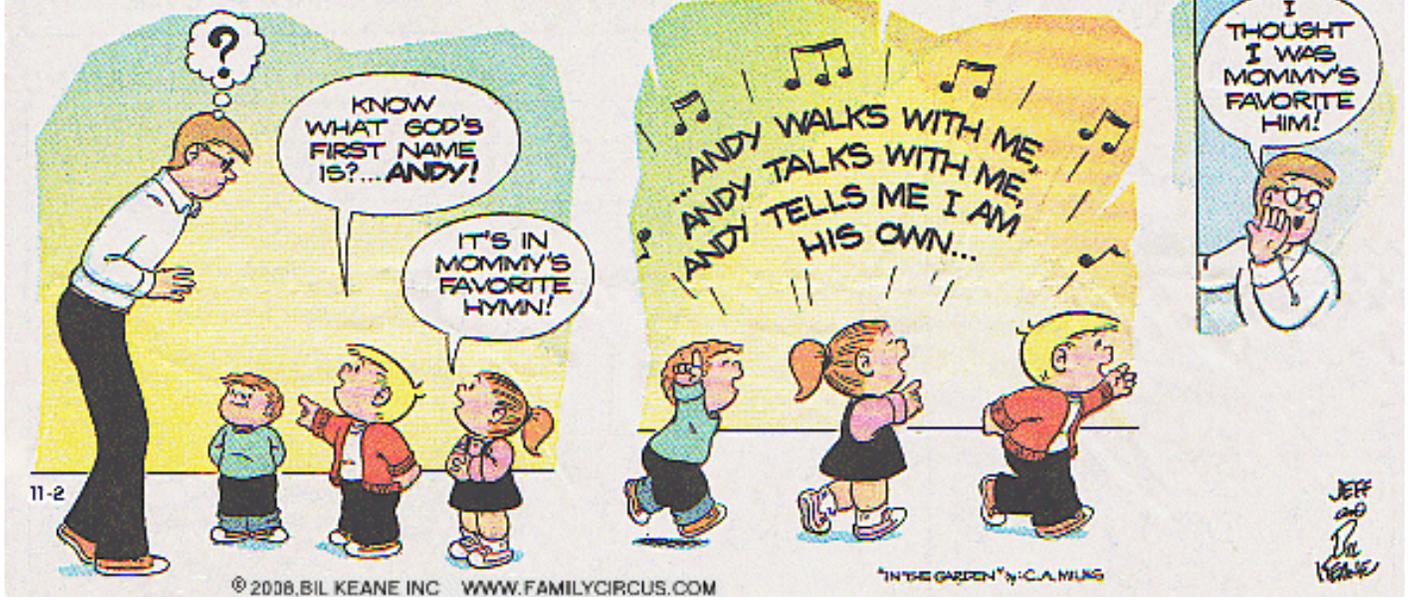
LuAnn, Hazel, Leigha and Hope's Youth



GLOBE OFFERING FOR MARCH GOES TO THE FOOD SHELF

*God Has Brought Me
Laughter*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®



March 2017 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Feb. 27 USHER TEAM: Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth	28	1 Exodus 20:1-21, Galatians 5:13-15 Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-5:30 Homework Help 3:00-4:00 2 nd Conf. class 5:30-6:45 Soup Supper 7:00 Ash Wednesday service	2 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	3 2:00 Floodwood Ministerium at Hope	4
5 Luke 10:25-42 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship & Christian Education & Youth and Family Ministry meeting <i>deadline to turn in congregational questionnaires</i>	6 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	7	8 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-5:30 Homework Help 3:00-4:00 2 nd Conf. class 5:30-6:45 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	9 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	10	11
					Youth At Quake In	
12 Luke 13:1-9, 31- 35 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. <i>(Pastor Dave Rohde leading service)</i> 10:45 Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">Bloomington</div>	13 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 6:00 Cub Scouts	14 10:00 HLCW Bible Study 10:00 Lake Superior LCMC & NALC Pastors' meeting @ New Life Lutheran in Duluth	15 Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-5:30 Homework Help 3:00-4:00 2 nd Conf. class 5:30-6:45 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	16 9:30 Worship & Music Committee 12:30 Floodwood Bus. & Comm. Partnership @ Portage 2-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours <i>St. Urho's Day</i>	17 10:00 Bible Study at Riverview Apt <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19 Luke 15:1-32 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship 12:00 Church Council	20 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski <i>first day of spring</i>	21	22 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-5:30 Homework Help 3:00-4:00 2 nd Conf. class 5:30-6:45 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	23 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	24 Newsletter items due	25 <i>Annunciation of our Lord</i>
26 Luke 16:19-31 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	27 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth	28 9-3 HLCW Quilting	29 Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-5:30 Homework Help 3:00-4:00 2 nd Conf. class 5:30-6:45 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	30 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	31	Notes:

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 6 Ruth Shultz
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Brooke Hughes Johnson
- 10 Amelia Aho
- 11 Carlene Jatkola
Ross Tollgaard
- 12 Alexis Stokke
- 13 Steve Hall
- 15 Nathan Seredinski
Michael Thom
- 17 Patricia Seredinski
- 19 Amber Schoenrock
(Fries)
Bode Hutchinson
- 18 Floyd Ahlgren
- 21 Kaleb Holmes
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri



**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Susan & Dick Coccie
(’01)
- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 7 Lilyana Johnson
- 8 Alaynah Mattila
- 9 David Zieroth
Imijyn Thompson
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Romosz
Hunter Rauvola
- 13 Tracy Hutchinson
- 14 Neva Polo
- 15 Ethel Pensak
Ed Hutton
Jazmine Johnson
- 6 Caleb Fries
Lane Grady
David Shafer
- 17 Maija Hunt
- 18 Roy Autio
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz (Sylvia
Shafer)
- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
Quinn Kuehl
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 30 Faith Romanek

**APRIL
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

January 29	\$	1740.00
February 5	\$	2383.50
February 12	\$	1525.00
February 19	\$	1067.60
Total	\$	6716.10

Other Giving

Souper Bowl of Caring		
	\$	544.00
Youth - Valentines Dinner		
	\$	985.00



**BOY
SCOUTS**

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



WEDNESDAYS

March 1st thru April 5th

Soup Supper 5:30 PM

Lenten Services 7:00 PM

**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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