



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church MAY 2018

## WORD FROM PASTOR

### *Our Youth-Whereunto Bound?*

I recently came across an article by the editor of Ansgar Lutheran Magazine, in an edition that was printed in 1960. I had been thinking about our Youth; planning the Baccalaureate service that will be at Hope Lutheran Church at the end of May, so the name of the article, “Youth: WhitherBound?” caught my eye. The article began by referencing a quote by FDR from an address to Milton Academy in 1926 titled, “Whitherbound,” that in essence said FDR practically worshipped the coming generation; they were working out their own salvation, they were more in love with life than those previously, and they were playing with fire openly, where before it had been done in secret, and few of them were being burned!

The author of the article (in 1960) felt the same concern that I do in 2018. He said that Youth are treated with Kid Gloves because their parents think that the kids are smarter and more talented than they were. Don't be intimidated, says the author. True, they may have been exposed to more experiences at the same age than their parents (live, and through media) but that doesn't make parents intellectually inferior.

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## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### *Bible Study and Meeting*

The final lesson in the “Spiritual Warfare” series is based on 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 and titled “Standing Firm”. This will be a discussion on the antichrist or the “man of lawlessness”. Christians are inclined to imagine that someone in their generation is the antichrist. Why? Is it wise to speculate about the possible identity of the antichrist? Many world leaders, past and present, have been candidates. Join the discussion on May 8th at 10 a.m. at the church. The study will be led by Carolyn Hosking and coffee will be served by Susan Coccie. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 4)*

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 15, 2018**

**Members Present:** Pastor Julie Gellert, Rob Benson, Susan Coccie, Mark Johnsen, Pat Seredinski, Dean Fries, Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Meeting Called to order at 6:04 PM by Mark Johnson.

Mark Johnson Opened with Prayer.

#### **Secretaries Report**

Approved Agenda – Motioned by Pat Seredinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.  
February 22, 2018 Council Minutes – Motioned by Susan Coccie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Seredinski. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Reviewed financial report. Motion by Rob Benson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Seredinski to approve the Treasures report as submitted. Motion carried.

**Pastors Report:** Written report was provided.

**Administrator's Report** Jeff's report was provided in packet.

MNDOT – Received \$1,500, funds were placed in the general fund.

2018 VBS Finances – 1) Funds for VBS are being held in Missions checking account. 2) Balance forward from last year is \$260.62. 3) Income thus far of \$1,000, expenses \$543.57 with a current balance of \$717.05. 4) 5 Churches participating at \$250.00 each, one Church yet to pay.

#### **Christian Education and Youth**

Confirmation Classes - Confirmation will be Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Release Time: Hazel – March 21<sup>st</sup> is the last Release Time for this school year.

Out Reach Committee – No report

Building Committee – Current renters are vacating at the end of April. Council is looking for input from the committee to recommend future plans for the house. Keep renting it, tear down, maintenance items (siding, windows...), and costs.

Quilting – 10 completed in February.

#### **Old Business**

Discussion of Joining Epiphany District – (Pastor Julie Gellert) Pamphlet was handed out.

There is no cost to join, however a free will offering would be nice, meetings are quarterly. A piece will be written for the newsletter. Motioned by Pat Seredinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Coccie. Motion carried.

Church Security meeting: Meeting will be scheduled at the Church for April 18<sup>th</sup> at

6:00. Mark will write something for the bulletin.

Wilderness Experience Retreat Center – No action taken.

Rental Property – Renters will now be staying through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Update Corporate Resolution:

- Documents were signed
- Officers: Mark Johnson, President. Rob Benson, Vice President. Dean Fries, Secretary. Susan Coccie, Treasurer. Jeff Kletscher, Administrator.
- Jeff Kletscher will receive the debit card

#### **New Business**

Call Committee Minutes, Congregational Profile, and Pastoral Job Position – After discussion there was a Motioned to approve the documents by Mark Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Coccie. Motion carried.

Electronic Marquee – Rob Benson brought a proposal to look at new signage for the front of the Church. He looked at Stewart Signs out of Sarasota, FL at an installed cost of \$14,473.00. The sign is fully automatic and messaging can be done on the computer remotely. Council was concerned about cost and would need approval by the congregation with the cost being over 10% of the Churches budget. Asked Rob to get some more competitive bids preferably from more local companies. Further discussion will occur at next council meeting.

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**Council Minutes (Continued from Page 2)**

**Pastor Gellert Call Renewal** – Extension of call agreement was reviewed and a motion to approve the documents was made by Dean Fries, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Johnson. Motion carried.  
**Parsonage lawn mowing** – Jeff brought up the task of mowing the Church lawn for the summer months. This may also include the Parsonage and the rental property. After discussion Jeff will ask for volunteers and get some market bids for the task and will update us at the next council meeting.

**Donation to New Pathways** - Pastor Julie brought up donating funds to this Cambridge, MN nonprofit to help the homeless. After discussion it was agreed that our Church already supports various homeless groups in our county.

**Opening the Church on Sunday Morning** - Pat Seredinski brought up an issue where congregants (Food Servers) are showing up to church prior to the doors being un-locked. This was discussed and will be deferred to our Security Committee. In the meantime, Pastor Julie Gellert will open Church on Sunday at 8:15 a.m. If she is unable, Rob Benson will be notified.

**Globe Offering** March globe offering will be for our upcoming Baccalaureate expenses.

**Next Meeting** Thursday April 19th, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Pastor Julie Gellert closed with Prayer at 7:25 PM.

**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION &  
YOUTH & FAMILY  
COMMITTEE**

**Hope Lutheran Youth**

**Souper Bowl of Caring**

Hope Lutheran Youth joined other groups on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, to join in the celebrations of giving and serving.

The total amount raised on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday was \$586.27. The money raised was given to the Life House in Duluth that works and supports homeless and street youth in the region.

Good job Hope Lutheran Youth and Congregation!!!!

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Youth hosted an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31st. The weather did not cooperate, so the egg hunt was held inside the church. The kids made their own basket and decorated them before the hunt took place. After the egg hunt, the kids won prizes playing Easter Bingo.



The day was topped off with pizza, punch, chips and raffle drawings.

Everyone had a good time and we plan to have the egg hunt as a yearly event put on by the Youth at Hope Lutheran. Here's hoping next year, nice weather and more kids. All kids are welcome, making it a community event.



A very SPECIAL Thank You to Savannah Portage for donating the delicious homemade Pizza which is made daily at the Portage.

Be sure and try Portage Pizza!!!!!!

**Easter Breakfast**

Easter Sunday the Youth and Youth Ministry Committee hosted a breakfast before Easter morning service.

Menu for the Easter breakfast was egg bake, fruit, sweet bread, rolls and beverage.

Thank you to all who donated items for the breakfast and to all that gave to the free will offering. All profits go into the Youth Fund.

Thank you once again for all your support from Hope Lutheran Youth.

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**Youth (Continued from Page 3)**

**Youth Fund Raise**



The Youth will be selling outdoor hanging baskets that will be provided by Engwall Florist Greenhouse. The Youth will be selling the coupons now for pick up dates between May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 31. There will be two options on how to receive your beautiful hanging basket; you can pick out the basket at Engwall Florist yourself, or the Youth will deliver them to you. All questions can be answered by the Youth Support Hope Lutheran Youth.

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**WORD FROM PASTOR  
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Parents have more consolidated knowledge than their children, and more experience, which gives them a nice layer of patina that their children won't have 'til they go out and live life, taking the fall for mistakes made and readjusting their GPS.

I love that Mark Twain said when he was 17, he thought his father was the stupidest man that ever lived. When he turned 21, he was surprised at how much the Old Man had learned in 4 years!

We pray that the instruction, especially religious instruction, that we've given our kids an upbringing that will provide a good solid base for life before they are launched. (Prov. 3: 5-6)

I graduated from high school many years ago, but I do remember a poem that impacted me greatly at that time. It was "If" by Rudyard Kipling. In the same edition of the Ansgar Magazine, I found the "Christian 's If" reprinted from the Christian Recorder (South Africa).

Perhaps it will provide encouragement for our physically strong, mentally quick, and youthfully impetuous ones as they venture out into the big 'ole world of opportunities and challenges awaiting them.

**The Christian's If  
(sorry, Rudyard Kipling!)**

*If you can trust when everyone about you is doubting Him, proclaiming Him untrue;  
If you can hope in Christ tho' all forsake you  
And say 'tis not the thing for you to do;  
If you can wait on God, nor wish to hurry,  
Or being greatly used, keep humble still;  
Or, if you're tested, still refuse to worry,  
And so remain within His sovereign Will,  
If you can say 'tis well when sorrow greets you,  
And death has taken those you hold dear;  
If you can smile when adverse trials meet you,  
And be content e'en tho' your lot be drear,  
Or, being tempted, not give way to sin;  
If you can fight for right and stand the firmer,  
Or lose the battle when you ought to win;  
If you can really long for his appearing  
And therefore set your heart on things above;*

*If you can speak for Christ in spite of sneering,  
Or to the most unlovely one show love;  
If you can hear to call of God to labour,  
And answer "Yes," in yieldness and trust,  
And go to tell the story of the Saviour to souls in darkness o'er the desert dust;  
If you can pray when Satan's darts are strongest,  
And take the road of faith instead of sight;  
Or walk with God, e'en tho' His way be longest,  
And swerve not to the left nor to the right;  
If you desire Himself alone to fill you,  
For Him alone you care to live and be;  
Then 'tis not you, but Christ who dwelleth in you,  
And that, O child of God, is victory!*

Amen and amen +  
Pastor J.

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**HLCW (Continued from Page 1)**

**HLCW MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by President Grace Autio following the bible study. Eleven members present with Susan Coccie acting secretary in the absence of Nancy Raihala.

The minutes for the March meeting were approved as published, upon motion by Susan and seconded by Jan Benson.

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### *HLCW (Continued from Page*

4) Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report ending April 9, 2018, showed a checking balance of \$393.43 and a savings balance of \$635.75. After designated funds of \$528.00, remaining available funds are \$501.18.

A reminder that the Hope Spring Cleaning project is Thursday, April 26, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Grace noted the Teddy Bear Picnic coming up this month on the last Sunday, April 29 will have Naomi Circle in charge, and proceeds will go towards camperships.

Under New Business, our HLCW has been invited to attend the New Life Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, April 21, at which time Heather Ostern will be the featured speaker.

Pastor Julie suggested a 'ladies day' 45-minute session at the salt room Epic Nutrition at 10 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Cloquet on May 12<sup>th</sup> followed by brunch at the Black Bear Casino, Scanlon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., and Carolyn agreed to conduct next month's lesson, and Susan volunteered to provide coffee and goodies.

### *Quilting*



The quilters will not meet until September. We will be shipping our finished quilts to Lutheran World Relief in June.

### *Women's Day Out*



At our last meeting, the women discussed going to "The Salt Room" in Cloquet. We will go on May 12th, (the day before Mother's Day). We will meet at the church in the morning and after The Salt Room, we will have lunch at Black Bear. The Salt Room is a place to relax, meditate or whatever for 45 minutes, the cost is \$20.00. No dishes to do either, so a day for fun and relaxation! Look for a sign-up sheet.

### *Hope Lutheran Church Joins the Epiphany District*

We have joined the LCMC Epiphany District!

Epiphany is a non-geographic district that has a Mission Statement of **Lifting up the Gospel in rural America.**

Some purposes of the District-and why it is drawing like-minded congregations together- are: **providing networking for member churches through various means, and providing opportunities for Christian learning, renewal, outreach, and fellowship.**

Epiphany District brochures will be in the Sanctuary in May. Please feel free to take one and learn about our new District, or visit their website:

[www.epiphanydistrict.org](http://www.epiphanydistrict.org)

### *Hope Lutheran Church Couples We want You!*



The Christian Education and Youth Committee is looking for dedicated and creative couples to teach Sunday School during the summer months.

Our Sunday School Coordinator, Sheryl Abell, has requested not to teach from June-August.

Sunday School teaching during the summer months will be on a rotation basis. The teachers are free to teach Biblical lessons of their choice, in their own format (curriculum assistance can be provided on request).

Please contact committee chairman Hazel Bailey at 390-8789 about the opportunity to serve our children this summer.



### *Worship and Music Committee Meeting*

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Nolan Heikkila

Floodwood High School  
Class of 2018

Graduation  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday,  
May 27, 2018  
1:00 to 5:00 PM  
11565 Mirbat Road  
Floodwood,  
Minnesota



## National Day of Prayer for Unity!

that they may all be one

so that the the



may believe that

# YOU sent ME

John 17:21

You are invited to join us to pray for Unity and  
Healing for our Nation and for our Local Community



Date: May 3, 2018

Venue: Floodwood River Walk Pavilion

Time: 7:00 PM

## Unity In Nation, Among Churches!

## PRAYER REQUEST MAY 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	Kathy (R) H.

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  
Keep praying for the 4 confirmation candidates that they will all be included in Confirmation

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Telisha Bennett
- 9 Alice Shafer
- 11 Tasha Belter
- 12 Rob Benson
- 14 Keven Johnson
- 19 Joyce Andrews  
Jacob Seredinski
- 22 Don Rosemore
- 23 Grace Autio  
Ben Rosemore
- 24 LeRoy Samuelson
- 28 Carol Schminski
- 29 Kathy Johnsen
- 30 Laverne Hutton

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)

### HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

NOT AVAILABLE IN  
TIME FOR  
PUBLICATION

## 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



## *Baccalaureate Hosted by Hope Lutheran Church*

We will be hosting the ecumenical Baccalaureate service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23rd.

An ice cream social will be held afterwards in our Fellowship Hall.

Please let the church office know if you have a graduating senior from Floodwood School or any other area high school that will be attending.

Even if you don't have a graduating senior in your family, please plan to join us in worship to support our students on their achievement!



## THANK YOU

Dear Saints at Floodwood Hope Lutheran Church,

We have just received notification from OM USA of your \$500 USD support gift!!! We Praise God and Thank YOU for this, especially as things have been quite tight around here lately! We look at this as an answer to prayer!

With very thankful hearts, love and prayers,

Robert & Ulla

**MAY 2018**  
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall  <b>7:00</b> National Day of Prayer service at the Pavilion	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship	<b>7</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	<b>8</b> <b>10:00</b> HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> HLCW Salt Room trip
<b>13</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship	<b>14</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	<b>15</b> <b>6:00</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Worship and Music committee	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship	<b>21</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST  <b>7:00 PM</b> Baccalaureate at Hope Lutheran	<b>24</b> Beacon News articles due	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship	<b>28</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Community VBS June 11-15 at Downtown Fair Center	

## SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

### 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

## 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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Floodwood, MN

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