

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

MAY 2020

Pastor's Corner

Greetings members of Hope Lutheran, I don't know about you, but I was able to get outside today and enjoy a beautiful spring day. I spent it raking leaves and picking up sticks. I also experienced something new there were thousands of small pinecones all over the yard. I had never seen so many. It was like a whole new world. That got me to thinking that maybe God has been preparing me for a whole new world this year.

It began with the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then going to church has been filming a video message twice each week to share with you. Also, we have gotten use to things like social distancing, wearing facemasks when we go out. stay-at-home orders, and shortage of toilet paper. This is all new to most of us. There is talk of soon reopening the economy and returning to "normal." But will it really ever be the same "normal" we knew before? I doubt it, but it will be something like a whole new world.

My prayer for us all is that God has will use these things we have experienced for our good. He has given us much more time at home without the distractions of sporting events and our favorite television shows. We have been given time to rediscover God. I hope many of you have used the time to pray more. I have included starter prayers for you to use each day on the church website. I hope you have been able to draw into a closer relationship to God as you pray. As a result may you now know better what God wants you to do for Him in your life. Maybe some of you have used the extra time to get involved with daily devotions or bible study. These are great ways to learn more about who Jesus is and to understand He is walking with us during these difficult times. Or maybe, for some of you, it is a better appreciation of how beautiful God's created world is and how we need to spend more time appreciating it. For me that includes all those little pinecones.

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Hope Lutheran Church Women



Check out our Facebook page and our church website (see last page of this newsletter) for future information regarding HLCW opportunities.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 8, 2020

Members Present:

Dean Fries, Tanya Johnson, Rob Benson, Deb Tollgaard, Mark Johnsen, Missy Wojtysiak, Bubba Vance, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: LuAnn Heikkila.

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 AM by Mark Johnsen.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by Bubba Vance to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

February Council Minutes - Motion by Dean Fries, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed January Financial report. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Bubba Vance to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report; He has continued seeing people in nursing homes, Religious release students have been sending cards to those in nursing homes. Will be starting mid-week Lenten Services with drama series, "Will you Betray Me." Hope is hosting the Good Friday services. Funeral for Jay Kadin will be April 18.

Administrator's Report

Report was provided in packet, it included in financial report; still waiting on one deposit. Youth account has \$2,545.06. Elevator Company was out to evaluate the elevator issues, and it took two people, and four hours to find the issue (circuit board). It is fixed now.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth – Minneapolis Quake event will be this Friday, Tanya Johnson will chaperon 5 of our youth. Begin figuring out who will go to Camp Patmos this summer. Develop criteria for who is allowed to go to camp, confirmation, Religious Release and Sunday school report to all be doing well.

Outreach Committee – Hope Lutheran is too small to host our own trip to The Ark and the Christian Museum. Will have to watch to see when Happy Trails Tour Company plans a trip there.

Building Committee – Basement furnace needed servicing from Floodwood Gas Company. John

Seredinski changed the air filters.

Quilting – They have begun working on quilts.

Old Business

a. Employee Evaluation and Salary review – Mark Johnsen changed the Pastor evaluation to accommodate the needs of Hope Lutheran church. Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Tanya Johnson to accept the evaluation and adapt it as needed next year and it will be Hope's evaluation on the Pastor. Motion carried. Dean Fries and Bubba Vance volunteered to review Pastors evaluation and present their findings to the council for review.

b. Mr. Kletscher will review his job description and add any additional information and send it to the rest of the council to review.

c. Salary Review: Custodian requested salary be raised to \$12 an hour. Motion by Bubba Vance, second by Dean Fries to accept the request and grant the \$2 raise to the Custodian. Motion carried.

d. Rental update: Administrator Kletscher said a letter was mailed to Roy Marlow and

Doug Bailey to ask for an official written bid for demolition, they did not respond. Next step is to make a final proposal/plan to be presented to the Congregation at a Special Congregational meeting.

New Business

a. Lunch after Good Friday services – The Council will make a request to the HLCW to officially ask them to prepare and serve snacks and refreshments before the Good Friday service.

b. Dishwasher purchase for the parsonage – Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Missy Wojtysiak to allow up to \$500 for the purchase of a dishwasher for parsonage with the funds to be taken from the Memorial Savings account. Motion carried. John Seredinski and Bubba Vance will install.

c. 2019 Financial Audit Check to see if Kathy Johnsen and Tim Tollgaard will do the audit again this year.

Globe Offering: April will go toward the Camp Patmos.

Next Meeting - Sunday, April 19, 2020 before service at 8:00 am.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

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What lies ahead, I don't know, but I am certain it will be new and different. We need to thank God for each day of our lives, for keeping us safe, and giving us the opportunity to serve others. It is exciting to think about the time when we will be back together worshipping our God with new energy and insight to all He has done. Don't get discouraged or be afraid. We have each other and God is with us. There is nothing that can separate us from His Love. He is showing us all things are possible for Him. He will help us, His children to survive and thrive in the whole new world ahead of us. May we take the opportunity to move ahead boldly with the Resurrection Power of Easter and in the Grace of Almighty God.

God Bless us all! Pastor John

Special thanks to all those who have helped me in making the video messages possible. Especially Susan Coccie, my camera person. Those who have contributed their musical talents. Jeanette Johnsen, Mark and Kathy Johnsen, Cindy Burgess. Technical assistance Jeff Kletscher Lector Nancy Raihala

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund Giving

April \$6152.58

(total includes \$605.00 for face masks)

Offerings can be mailed to:

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

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
- 28 Carol Schminski

29 Kathy Johnsen

30 Laverne Hutton

**MAY
ANNIVERSARIES**

28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)

**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

**PRAYER REQUESTS
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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**

**DRIVE THROUGH
COMMUNION**

Sunday, May 10, 2020
(Mother's Day) 10:30 –
Noon Enter parking lot
from south (5th Avenue)
(the wrong way). Proceed to
back church entrance. Stay
in your car. Pastor and his
assistants will meet you at
your vehicle and provide
communion through your
window. (Continue to
watch for additional
information in Pastor's
video messages.)

HLCW

What have the women of
Hope been up to?
Making facemasks of
course.

For the past month, many of
Hope's quilters have
switched to making masks.
When it became apparent
that there was an emergency
need for masks in our
community and outside of
our community, our sewers
stepped up. They have made
more than 150 masks, with
some going to the
Minnesota Firefighters
collection in Floodwood.
They are still sewing to be
prepared for further needs.

A great big thank you to
those who have spent hours
sewing, to those who have
donated supplies to keep
them going, and to those
who have made monetary
donations.

If you or someone you
know needs a mask contact
Grace. Remember our
sewers in your prayers. God
has certainly blessed our
efforts.



Hope Lutheran Youth Fundraiser Hanging Baskets

10" Hanging Basket – \$30.00
(pick up May 15th thru May 24th)

Youth are once again selling tickets to purchase a hanging basket from Piontek Greenhouse or Floodwood Farm & Feed.

Due to the Coronavirus we will have to start selling tickets a little different this year and that is due to the shelter in place right now. To help the youth out until things change you can contact Hazel @ 218-390-8789 or LuAnn @ 218-476-2065 or purchase at The Grocery Store. We will mail a ticket to you and discuss how we will get payment from you as well. Thank you and let's support our local businesses this year!

Note: Pictures are for illustrative purposes only, they do **not** represent the actual hanging baskets being sold in the fundraiser.

The LORD is My Shepherd

Find the 46 bold words from Psalm 23 (ESV).

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

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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The Shepherd and Overseer of Your Souls

Find the 43 bold words from 1 Peter 2:19-25 (ESV).

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

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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NEW DATE HAS BEEN SELECTED.

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INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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