

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

November 2020

## *Pastor's Corner*

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

Well it is November already. Snow covers the ground, fall leaves are gone and it looks like winter is here. This winter looks like it will be a bit different from those in past years. With the coronavirus pandemic we are being told to spend more time in our homes with our family. I think God is giving us an opportunity to snuggle up to a warm fire and read a good book. May I suggest the BIBLE. It is an awesome read!

This year as we approach Thanksgiving Day, we need to thank God for all the blessings in our lives. This includes keeping us and our family safe from the virus and allowing us to return to worship with our church family. So, many this year, may not be able to spend Thanksgiving Day with family. If you are not travelling that weekend, consider spending some time in church worshipping God and giving Him thanks for all the blessings in your life.

This year we will not be having our annual November meatball dinner and bazaar at church to raise money for our youth activities. However, I am told the women of the church are planning Christmas bake sales following the Sunday services later this year. We look forward to helping our youth and sampling all those wonderful seasonal baked goods our members specialize in. (*Continued on Page 4*)

## *Hope Lutheran Church Women*



Study number 19 of the “Thirty Life Principles” series is based on Amos 6:6-7 and is titled, “Anything you hold too tightly, you will lose.” What can you not live without? Principle number 20, based on Habakkuk is 3: 17-19, titled, “Disappointments are inevitable; discouragement is a choice.” What hopes do you have for your life?

Join the discussion, led by Cindy Burgess, on November 10th at 10:00 A.M. All women are welcome. (*Continued on Page 5*)

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2020

(Approved)

### Members Present:

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

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Mark Johnsen.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Secretaries Report

August 16 Council Minutes - Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve minutes. Motion carried.

### Treasurers Report

Reviewed, no changes. Motion by Bubba Vance, second by Tanya Johnson to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

### Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report: Pastor met with the LCMC

Pastors on a Zoom meeting and discussed what they are all seeing in all of their churches, drop in attendance, and offering down about 50%. Pastor has asked that the Council members to set an example and reassure members that our members that we are taking safety seriously, and have a safe place to worship. Our Church and the others in Floodwood, participated in the National Day of Prayer March, 50 Christians marched through Floodwood, praying for our education system, the clinic, praying to make this election year a time of peace and to pray that our Nation to turns back to God. The local Pastors set up an account at Northview Bank for VBS. Less than 10 children attended this year due to COVID-19, so the materials will be used again next year. Which means a large amount of money will not be needed for next year. Pastor will be hosting a Bible study after church for the next 6 weeks on Goliath Must Fall.

### Administrator's Report

Report was provided in packet, Religious Release snack fund is \$71.41. A check was sent to The Life House for \$426.25 from Missions checking from the Souper Bowl of Caring. The youth were unable to bring it to the Life House do to COVID. Hope Lutheran is NO longer the fiscal agent for VBS, check (\$718.94) sent to Steve Ario so they can open own account. Certified mail was sent to St. Louis County Assessor to inform them that the rental house and garage have been demolished and to not charge us for the solid waste fee on the parcel. The insurance on the rental property was canceled the day of the demo.

### Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth – This Wednesday Religious Release time will start. Jeff ordered masks in case kids forget theirs. Juice boxes and treats in plastic bags will be used. They are hoping to find someone else to assist with the elementary kids for more help is needed. Sunday School will start next Sunday. Discussion on a Youth Fundraiser, drive –thru meal car hop and bake goods sale. Motion made by Dean Fries, second by Tanya Johnson to allow youth to conduct the fundraiser. Motion carried.

Outreach Committee – No report

Building Committee –

Roof Shingle de-lamination – called Peaking Roofing and Tamko to determine the process of fixing the shingles on the Church roof. We do have extra bundles of shingles which will help.

A new garage door opener was installed by John Seredinski at the parsonage. The old one had died.

Driveway – path was added to middle and paid \$300 from rental account to give more parking in parking lot. Shrubs were removed by David Zieroth.

David Zieroth will remove dead tree on rental property once the ground is frozen.

Quilting – Quilters resumed on September 22 and will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am.

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**Old Business**

- a. Rental Update – Work completed, bill paid. The sewer marked with a metal stake about 2 feet down. Water line – copper turned up, ends about 1 ft down. Scott says City of Floodwood staff directed the placement of old lines and should be keeping records of where they are.
- b. Produce give away – Program was changed and it is unknown when the next one will happen. Hope Lutheran will gladly do it again if possible.
- c. Employee Evaluation - Tabled
- d. 2019 Audit – we will see if Tim Tollgaard. and Kathy Johnsen are willing proceed with the Audit.

**New Business**

- a. What to do with rental stove – Mark may take it and try to get rid of it.
- b. VFW and VFW Auxiliary have requested to use the church for their meetings. Things to consider liability, and the Wednesday’s when church needs the building. Motion is made by Bubba Vance, second by Missy Wojtysiak that they will be able to use the church as long as they can work around our schedule. Motion carried.
- c. Lily Autio’s 100 Birthday is coming up. We will have the kids make cards and do a video wishing her a happy birthday, since we

are unable to see her due to COVID-19.

- d. Rob Benson was informed Feed Sack Demo is approved for Statewide use. Rob would like to recruit someone who can help the kids with the Feed Sack demonstrations, they feel that they are unable to continue to set these up. Tanya Johnson said she would help with the youth getting them there, but would require assistance hauling all of the gear for display.

**Globe Offering:** Will be tabled until further notice.

**Next Meeting** – October 25, 2020 at 8 am.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 am.

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**HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH WOMEN  
MINUTES**

October 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the President Grace Autio at 11:30 a.m.

Eleven members were present.

A motion was made by Elsie Tollgaard and seconded by Nancy Raihala to accept the minutes of the October 13 meeting. Motion carried.

Jeanette Johnsen gave brief treasurer’s report: Checking Balance \$49.77, Savings

\$436.97, leaving total funds of \$486.74.

Discussion was held about the bazaar this year but no decision was made.

Shoe Box project will again be held this year in November.

All ladies are invited to join the quilting on Tuesday October 27 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.

The next bible study will be on Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. Cindy Burgess will lead the lesson on chapters 19 and 20.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 .

Jan Benson, Secretary

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**YOUTH AND FAMILY**

**Y**outh and Family Committee met on October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss some Youth issues. Those that attend these meeting are Pastor, Rob Benson, LuAnn Heikkila, Tanya Johnson, Dawn Shafer and Hazel Bailey. We are always looking for others to join this committee to keep things going in our church with the Youth.



Release Time has gotten underway and is going well. The High School class meets at 12:45 each  
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**Youth (Continued from page 3)**

Wednesday with 6 students attending. The Elementary meets at 1:30 and has 14 kids attending.

Sunday School is getting off to a slow start this year; kids just aren't coming to church on Sunday. We need everyone to take part in getting these young folks to church on Sunday.

Once again we tossed around a lot of ideas. We will be working on having a Christmas program, putting up a Christmas tree and try to do some Christmas activities around the church. Any ideas are always welcomed.

We discussed fundraisers and will get this information out once things are put in place.

Next Youth Meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Church Service.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Lilly Autio
- 2 Ann Knight
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson  
Shawna Behrendt
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson  
Wyatt Rauvola
- 16 Pastor Carl Fiskness
- 17 Linda Chambers  
Sadie Kiminski
- 19 Eric Hall
- 21 Sue Hutchinson

- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
- 29 Carl Kuehl

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

None

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Jordan Romanek
- 4 Carole Ahlgren
- 5 Carolyn Hosking
- 6 Johanna Abell  
Cecilia Abell
- 10 Tony Speece
- 12 Danielle (Tollgaard) White
- 17 Courtney Young  
John Hutchinson
- 19 John Seredinski Jr.
- 26 Bubba Vance
- 27 Tanya Johnson
- 29 McKennah Keil
- 30 Lois Hendrickson  
Lindsey Rosemore
- 31 Alex Larson

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 19 Bob & Joyce Andrews
- 25 Bob & Carolyn Hosking ('60)

**Pastor's Corner (Continued from page 1)**

We need to be prayerfully thankful to God for all that He is doing in our lives. I found this prayer by Rebecca Barlow Jordan which says it all so well.

Lord, I ask you often for many things, but today, I want to only give thanks. Thank you for being a Great Father and God who loves me with all my faults. Thank you that you forgive me completely and teach me faithfully through your Word. Thank you for all the times you picked me up when I fell, and for all the times you carried me when I couldn't make it on my own. Thank you for experiences when I was unaware of your angels standing guard to rescue me from danger and protect me from harm.

Thank you for family and friends, for placing people in my path again and again—those whose encouragement and kindness I will never forget. Thank you for the things I take for granted like clean water, a place to sleep, air conditioning and food to nourish me. I am grateful for your protection and your gentle prodding away from danger.

Thank you for answered prayers, for fun surprises, and for happy memories with loved ones and friends. Thank you for faithful servants who help make the world a safer place—like policemen, firemen, lifeguards, pastors and teachers. Thank you for all those who work long hours in low paying jobs and contribute to my life and welfare through their service. Thank you for always providing for my needs, in big and small ways. Thank you for children, laughter, and the beauty of nature you created so miraculously. For blessings both  
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unreserved and underserved. Lord, I offer you a grateful heart. For arms to lift in praise to you, for a mouth to speak your praise, for legs to walk new pathways, and for a heart that beats for you, Lord. For times of healing and amazing grace, for drawing me close and preparing a place to live with you someday. Thank you for salvation offered freely to all through Jesus' Sacrifice—all because of extravagant love.

May God Bless You all this Thanksgiving Day

Pastor John

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**QUILTING**



We will be quilting in November 24th. The fun will begin at 9:00. Bring a lunch. Everyone welcome.



PRAYER REQUESTS  
NOVEMBER 2020



**For those who are ill or struggling**

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

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**

## November 2020

### Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & communion & Sunday School <b>10:40</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Religious Release:</b> <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:40</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>9</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 HLCW</b> Bible Study and Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf  <b>Religious Release:</b> <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & communion & Sunday School <b>10:40</b> Adult Bible Study <i>Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes due</i>	<b>16</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Religious Release:</b> <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:40</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>24</b> <b>9:00-3:00</b> Quilting	<b>25</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf <b>Religious Release:</b> <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>  <b>6:00</b> Thanksgiving Eve Service	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:40</b> Adult Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>LOOKING AHEAD: December 20-Youth Christmas Program during service</b> <b>December 24-5:00 Christmas Evening Service</b>				

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GIVING**

**General Fund Giving**

September 27	\$1527.51
October 4	\$1573.87
October 11	\$1185.00
October 18	\$3167.00
October 25	\$ 510.00

**Memorials**

In Memory of Dan Autio from Rob & Jan Benson	\$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Nick Johnson from Bubba & Sue Vance	\$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Dan Autio from Bubba & Sue Vance	\$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Leo Kivela from Rob & Jan Benson	\$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Betty Herbert from John & Cindy Burgess	\$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

*Offerings can be mailed to:*

**Hope Lutheran Church  
PO Box 288  
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*Globe Offering*



Samaritan's Purse to support Operation Christmas Child



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