

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

October 2021

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ.

October is here and the fall colors are brilliant. We need to enjoy and thank God for his awesome handiwork. What a blessing it is to see and admire His beautiful landscape.

I will be attending the LCMC national gathering from October 1- 9 in Columbus, Ohio. Pray for Cindy and I to have safe travels. I will give you a full report when I return of what is happening at the national level in the Lutheran Church.

While we are gone our missionaries, Robert and Ulla Suhonen, will lead the service on October 3. Please come and hear of their work in Austria and how Europe is dealing with HIV and the COVID 19 pandemic. It should be exciting to see and hear of their service to our Lord and showing us what it is like to be in active discipleship for Jesus.

On Sunday October 10 we will dedicate our new outdoor worship space next to the church where the church rental property used to be. The service will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by an outdoor barbecue dinner served by our youth committee weather permitting. Please bring your own chair. If the weather is inclement, we will have the church service inside and the dinner to follow in the fellowship hall downstairs. The theme of the service is appreciating God's beautiful creation all around us.

Religious release has begun. Please keep our youth in your prayers as well as those who are teaching and contributing to our education program in your prayers. We need to encourage the young people to develop a strong faith since they are the future of Jesus' Church.

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& HLCW NEWS

The Women's Bible study and group meeting for October will be Tuesday, the 12th, at 10:00 A.M. Cindy Burgess will introduce us to a study on "The Fruits of the Spirit", and we'll discuss "Love". All women are welcome. *(Continued on page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

August 22, 2021

Members Present

Bubba Vance, LuAnn Heikkila, Tanya Johnson, Mark Johnsen, Missy Wojtysiak, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Deb Tollgaard, Carolyn Hosking.

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 AM by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

June 13, 2021 Church Council minutes, in packet. Motion to approve by Mark Johnsen, second by Bubba Vance. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Administrator's Report

Expenses were higher in June due to insurance quarterly payment. There will be an increase in bills in August, as Mr. Kletscher will be purchasing a bunch of stamps before the price increase. The budget report is going as it normally does. The ELCA Endowment fund is now at \$100,912.19 we haven't seen these

numbers this high since 2006. Natural Gas Company replaced the meter, small leak found at the boiler. It was repaired. Elevator inspection in June reported all was good, then issues a few days later. It was an unplugged cable. They repaired it. Twelve (12) graduation cards were mailed out to individuals who were involved with Hope at some point. Workman's comp audit was completed in July for 7/1/20 to 7/1/21. An application was completed for Property Tax Exemption for the Parsonage. Church Mutual who provides the insurance for the church, is looking to realign and change their ownership model/corporate structure. This may cause us to look for other insurance in the future. Total Global Offering for Souper Bowl of Caring (Life House of Duluth) equals \$381.88. Mr. Kletscher states that he thinks we should receive one more qualified distribution and it should help keep finances in order.

Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the financial reports and Administrator's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported 196 miles for June and July. Pastor will be taking over Pastor Heather Ostern's bible class at the apartments on the first and third Thursday of each month. Hope Lutheran will serve ice cream at the School's Open House night on September 2, 4 to 6 PM. Religious release will be starting Wednesdays later in the month. Grace will meet with the women to determine how best to continue with treats after Sunday Service. The outreach/evangelism

workshop in Birchwood, WI was canceled. Pastor and Cindy will be going to the LCMC National Gathering in Columbus Ohio in October. Pastor would like to start an adult Bible study focused on prophecy in the bible. Pastor will be gone Sept 6 -10 to visit his son in Wisconsin.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Camp Patmos, the kids who went said they had a wonderful time and can't wait to go again. Feed Sack demonstration, Koochiching County fair, was a great event. Girls earned \$1,200 towards the youth account and our demonstrations were well received. Religious release begins in end of September.

Outreach Committee: No report

Building Committee: Roof Shingle de-lamination – Shingles replaced by Peak Roofing June 16 or 17.

Quilting Committee: The quilters will start up again in September.

Old Business

- a. Employee Evaluation – Reviewed Administrator's Job Description. Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve the Administrator's Job Description as submitted. Motion carried. Bubba Vance and Deb Tollgaard will set up an evaluation time with Jeff at next meeting.
- b. Picnic Table Purchase – Council members were concerned about who would take care of picnic
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tables, who would move them to mow and who would take care of garbage. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by LuAnn Heikkila, to purchase one table for now and place it on the slab, with a secured garbage can. Funds to come from Memorial Savings account. Motion carried. (Note: Council will re-look at purchasing more tables if all goes well in the spring.)

New Business

- a. Outdoor service and BBQ will be October 10. Service will be at 11:00 AM.

Looking Ahead

October 3 service Robert and Ulla Suhonen will minister and share. There will be NO Communion and it will not be a regular service.

Globe Offering

Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by LuAnn Heikkila to have the September Globe Offer go to the Suhonen's when they are here in October. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – September 19, 2021, at 8:00 AM

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – 8:50 AM Motion to adjourn by Mark Johnsen, second by Missy Wojtysiak. Motion carried.

Pastor's Corner (Continued from page 1)

I would like to invite you all to attend some Bible study opportunities. I am teaching a bible study on the book of Romans at the Riverview Apartments from 10:00-11:00 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. Each Sunday I am teaching a bible class on Prophecy in Scripture at 11:00-12:00 a.m. following our regular church service. Come and learn what God has to say about our future. It is important to know and be prepared for what is coming.

On October 31 we will celebrate Reformation Sunday and our Lutheran heritage. Remember to wear red and come and see Martin Luther as portrayed by your pastor.

God Bless,

Pastor John

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Hope Lutheran Church Women Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Grace Autio

Eight members were present.

Dawn Shafer made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5/11/21 meeting.

Elsie Tollgaard seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

Jeanette Johnsen presented the following Treasurer's report: Checking report Balance was \$534.70 – Saving Balance was \$387.12 Total funds \$914.04.

Dawn Shafer made a motion to accept the Treasures Report – Seconded by Nancy Raihala. Motion carried.

Grace read a Thank you from Ashley Terry thanking the Church for the quilts.

Ann Bolstad will fill in for Hazel while she is on vacation.

Dave Zeroth will be in charge of the window cleaning – Mary Rauvola and Ann Bolstad will help.

A table will be set up at the Fall Fest Farmers Market. Pastor John, Cindy, Roy and Grace will help. \$110.00 was raised.

Apple pie baking day will be Thursday September 30th starting at 9:00 AM.

Kathy Johnsen will pick up 5 bushels at Bayfield, Wisconsin. Susan Coccie will order the pie tins. Elsie Tollgaard will take the pie orders.

Bazaar date is Wednesday November 17th. (Subject to Change)

Cookie can exchange will be Sunday December 12th. (only asking for 3 doz. Cookies) Rebecca circle will be in charge.

Cindy Burgess will lead the next lessons on Fruits of the Spirit.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday October 12th at 10:00 AM.

Grace Autio will provide refreshments.

Meeting adjourned.

Jan Benson, Secretary



Quilting

The quilters will resume quilting September 28, the 4th Tuesday of the month. It will be wonderful to get back to finishing the tops Jeanette and Susan have made. Join us; you don't have to know how to sew.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Liam Seredinski
Dale Rauvola
- 4 Molly Johnsen
Elvie Tollgaard
LuAnn Heikkila
- 5 Cory Suonvieri
- 6 David Jatkola
- 9 Russ Abell
Ella Bennett
- 11 Wayne Thom
- 12 Ann Bolstad
- 13 Pastor Owen Christianson
Anna Hall
- 17 Mark Johnsen
- 22 Shannon Johnsen
Jim Hutton
- 24 Bob Andrews
Tamera Lundstrom
- 27 Marissa Johnson
- 30 Davia Hayes

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Liz & Wayne Thom ('66)
- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson
- 3 Pat & John Seredinski ('71)

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

NEW LINES IN PARKING LOT



Thanks to John and Pat Seredinski for painting new lines on the parking lot.

Operation Christmas Child



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes must be completed by November 14th.

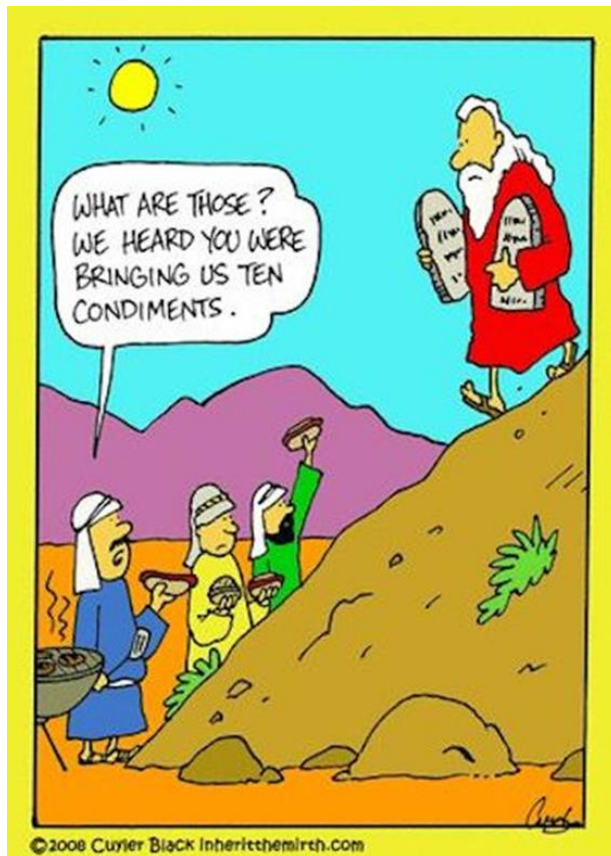
Watch the school sales at this time of year: Crayons – boxes of 24, colored pencils, calculators and compass/protractor sets are especially needed. (Check Menards for good prices on compass/protractor sets.) T-shirts: especially Youth size medium and large. Socks for children. Small toys and any other donations are always welcome too. Thank you!

Reminders:


Sign Up to be a Scripture Reader



Sign Up to Serve Refreshments



October 2021 Hope Lutheran Planner

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	27 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen			30  9:00 Apple pie making		
	Pastor					
3 9:30 Suhonen Sharing Service 10:30 Fellowship	4 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	5	6 Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	7	8	9
John on vacation						
10 11:00 Outdoor Worship  to follow Bring your own lawn chairs	11 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	12 10 AM HLCW Meeting & Bible Study	13 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship & communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	18 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	19	20 Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	21 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	22	23
24 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	25 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	26 9 AM Quilting	27 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	Looking Ahead November 21 Church Council Meeting 8 AM November 14 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes must be completed.					

PRAYER REQUESTS
October 2021



For those who are ill or struggling

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

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

Those mourning the loss of loved ones.

For those in the military

Owen Seredinski
Liam Seredinski

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**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

August 29	\$ 958.00
September 5	\$2778.48
September 12	\$1208.45
September 19	\$1075.00

Globe Offering for Suhonen

September 5	\$ 25.00
September 12	\$ 200.00
September 19	\$ 50.00

Memorials

Rosalie Peterson Nelson from Shirley Johnson \$20 (Memorial Savings)

Betty Abrahamson from Rueben Wenstrom \$20 (Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



October – Support PEG Ministries

November – Support Operation Christmas Child

**Offerings can be mailed to:
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