



# The Beacon of Hope

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## *A Word From Pastor Carl*

*B & G*

I am probably a bit of a fool for singling out one group when so many others could receive public thanks. But I feel the need to give credit to a select group of men in our congregation who do not always receive attention. I want to express my continuing appreciation to the leaders of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Bubba Vance and Dave Zieroth, for the many things that they do and keep in mind. And second, I give my thanks to those who answer “yes” when those on the building and grounds committee or anyone else contact you for help with our facilities.

Why do I want to make a quick note about our property folks? There are a few things to note.

Some groups in the church have tasks that are more seasonal. There is a certain time of the year when projects are numerous. But the needs of the buildings and grounds never take a vacation. There always is something that needs to be repaired or replaced. Once in a while there is a problem that demands immediate attention and cannot be put off. And when the big needs are looked after, the small projects all seem to have a way of piling up.

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## *Hope Lutheran Church Women*

*BIBLE STUDY/BUSINESS MEETING*

The second lesson of the study from Proverbs 31 is on Hopefulness. It begins with the story of Sarah, and moves on to Martha Washington who helped her husband, George, for more than 40 years, fighting for the hope of America, but always standing on the hope she had in Christ. Verses from Proverbs 31 are also wound into the lesson. The following quote from Martin Luther is included, “All which happens in the whole world happens through hope. No farmer would sow a grain of corn if he did not hope it would spring up and bring forth the ear. How much more are we helped on by hope in the way to eternal life!”

All women are welcome. We meet at 10 AM on October 14th at the church.  
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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## ***BEFRIENDERS***

**B**efrienders meet twice per year as a committee but our work is much busier during the year. It is our mission to make people feel welcome in our church family, to be remembered in prayer as well as sending greeting cards and calling or visiting those who are in need of comfort or a bit of conversation to make the day brighter. We thank the volunteers who read and visited our member who is blind. She is so appreciative of your visits. We thank the people who have shared a concern about someone in need of a call, visit, message for Pastor and certainly, prayer.

If you know of someone of any age who could use a Befriender visit, please contact Pastor Carl, Shirley Johnson, Sue Hutchinson or Liz Thom or leave a message at church.

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### ***Word from Pastor Carl (Continued From Page 1) B & G***

Second, the work of our buildings and grounds is a specialized skill set. The work often requires a specific mix of gifts and vocational knowledge that only some of our members possess. Many times there is a good amount of guess work to diagnose what the problem is and what local professionals could help solve our problems.

Some of the work of buildings and grounds is obvious and upfront like the recent removal of the loose cross atop the steeple. But there is a fair amount of work that is routine maintenance, which is not easily seen. Together with the occasional large-sized endeavors, there are the more frequent fifteen-minute little projects that are also important but easy to forget.

Thank you again to all of you who keep our facility and its grounds and the parsonage nice-looking and in working order.

Sincerely,

Pastor Carl Fiskness

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### ***HLCW News (continued from Page 1)***



### ***APPLE PIE MAKING***

**W**e had to change our apple supplier this year. We will purchase them from Perri Shuga in Washburn, WI. We will pick them up Tues. afternoon Oct. 14, and make the pies Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17. We start peeling about 9:00. This gives us some time to adjust our schedules to make time to help. Please come as much as you can. People come and go as they are able. We welcome the men, we have found them to be excellent help. Bring peelers, large bowls, rolling pins or whatever you need for your job. Place your orders with Lois Hendrickson 476-2360.

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**UPCOMING WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**

We need a workday in October watch for the date in the church bulletin.

October HLCW meeting will be October 14, at 10:00. Mary will serve coffee.

Quilting will be October 21, 9:00 to 3:00. Everyone is invited to join us.

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**HLCW MEETING MINUTES**

HLCW Meeting Monday, September 9, 2014

Lee and Millie Samuelson met with the group at 10:00 a.m. before the official meeting started. Lee has apparently headed several fund-raising events and was here to offer the idea of holding a consignment auction next spring with the goal of raising much-needed funds for the depleted Hope Lutheran Church treasury. He said it could be held at the Arrowhead Town Hall; we could probably get Olesiak to conduct the sale; we would need to provide clerks to do the paper work and keep good track of the funds; we would realize 10% of consignment and/or estate sales and 100% of sales of donations. We would need lots of volunteers and need to set up three days ahead of the Auction if it were to be held April 25, 2015. This needs much discussion which will be taken up in coming weeks. Samuelsons left the meeting and were thanked heartily for bringing this idea to the meeting.

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The HLCW meeting was brought to order by President Grace Autio at 10:20 a.m. with twelve members present. The secretary read the minutes of the May 19th meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Jeanette Johnsen distributed the treasurer's report which showed a checking balance of \$1,542.74 after expenses of the study books, purchase of cards and sending \$100 to the Bethel Foundation. The report also showed a savings balance of \$1,433.61, and available funds in checking of \$754.30 after designated funds. Motion by Lois Hendrickson, seconded by Liz Thom that the treasurer's report be approved as read. The vote carried.

Grace had no old business to discuss so we went to new business. Liz Thom said she bought postage stamps for Befrienders. Dawn Shafer said Liz should be reimbursed for the stamps and moved we buy 100 Forever stamps for the Befrienders program. Jan Benson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Sunday is Rally Sunday and also Potluck day, and Mary Circle will be in charge of the kitchen.

We will be picking apples Tuesday, Sept. 23 for pie-making days, Sept. 25 and 26- two days if we have enough volunteers to help. We will again charge \$7.00 per pie and Lois said she would again take orders. Grace will put up a sign-up sheet for the ingredients.

Lonna Tollgaard came up with tips on how best to organize the garage sale we are planning for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20 during Fall Fest. She suggested we add a silent auction for some firewood as a draw; set up day would be Wednesday of that week, and it will be a good idea to make coffee and bars and charge for that also. It was decided to hold the sale downstairs so we won't have to worry about the weather those days. Volunteers are needed for the two day sale, workers from 9-1 and 1-5 .

Lois brought up the Council's suggestion that perhaps the Matveys could conduct the Catfish Days church music program in place of Casey Aro and perhaps draw a larger local crowd. It was the consensus that Casey Aro is so widely known and is always a great crowd pleaser even after many years here. **(Continued on Page 4)**

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Jeanette Johnsen asked "Why are we not using the funds we have from pies and bazaars?" Lois moved that we contribute \$1,000 to the church general fund. Motion seconded by Shirley Johnson. Vote all yes, approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

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**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Hope Lutheran Church  
September 23, 2014  
Minutes of Church Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President, Susan Coccie, at 7:00 PM. Present at the meeting: David Zieroth, Bubba Vance, Pastor Carl Fiskness, Lonna Hutchinson, Jennifer Myles, and Carlene Jatkola. Absent: Brian Hutchinson, Rae Rosemore, Kathy Johnson.

Pastor Carl Fiskness opened the meeting with prayer.

MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECONDED BY CARLENE JATKOLA, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY DAVID ZIEROTH AND SECONDED BY BUBBA VANCE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING BE APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE AND ADDITION:

After reviewing the purchases of cleaning items purchased for the church locally, the council realized that it incorrectly calculated and approved council minutes stating inaccurate percentages of local prices. The majority of the items that Hope purchased locally would have fallen within the guidelines for church purchases. The council deeply regrets the confusion that we have caused and we encourage the community to support its local businesses.

As part of this discussion, we also decided to let the janitor know that we also have an account at the grocery store and that she can also make purchases there, as well.

DAVID ZIEROTH MADE A MOTION THAT THE CHURCH PURCHASE 50 STORAGE CONTAINERS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. SECONDED BY BUBBA VANCE, VOTED ON, AND APPROVED.

**Pastor's Report:** Distributed and discussed.

**Youth and Family:** No meeting held since last Council meeting

**Communication and Technology:** No new business

**Building:** No new business

**Befrienders:** Continuing to visit, send greeting cards, and making phone calls.

**HLCW:** At their September meeting, the ladies stated that they would like to continue to have Casey Aro at the Catfish Days Sunday service, and that they like the Don Chesney service during the fair.

LONNA HUTCHINSON MADE A MOTION THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE CASEY ARO FOR THE CATFISH DAYS; SECONDED BY CARLENE JATKOLA, VOTED ON AND PASSED.

**Stewardship:** Still receiving the Opportunity to Serve list. *(Continued on Page 5)*

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**Quilters:** Have completed 11 Baptism quilts, and completed 7 Mission Quilts at their September meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Church Directory: Completed, and being distributed.
- b. Church garage sale: Took in \$610.51.
- c. New safe: Has arrived
- d. Elevator – has been fixed. Marion Shafer said that our insurance company has been given the bill, and paid for all but the deductible.
- e. Dead trees at the Parsonage: not urgent, will be taken care of.
- f. April 2015 auction: Council members to meet with event organizer Lee Samuelson.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The Lake Superior Fall conference will be held on Saturday, October 25, in Duluth. The subject: the Afterlife.
- b. Jack and Willie Moe requested church membership.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUBBA VANCE THAT WE ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP REQUEST. THIS WAS SECONDED BY CARLENE JATKOLA, VOTED ON, AND PASSED.**

- c. Thanksgiving Service: Will be held on Wednesday evening, November 26.

Globe Offering: October and November – Operation Christmas Child

Next Meetings: October 14 at 7:00PM, November 18 at 8:00PM

Meeting closed with prayer, and adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Susan Coccie  
President

***CARD OF THANKS***

**T**hanks to the leadership of Project Coordinator Jeff Kletscher, the new Church Directory is ready for distribution. The task of taking photos, printing, and assembly of the directory, were all done at the church, by church members. Thank you Jeff, for the professional appearance of this publication.

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**"T**hank you!" to everyone who supported the September garage sale. We took in a total of \$610.51. Items not sold were donated to Clothing, Etc., and to the Floodwood School, who wanted items for the sale that they will be having later this year.

Please save your larger items for the April 25, 2015, Auction, to be held at the Arrowhead Town Hall. If you donate the item to the auction, you will be given a receipt for the amount of the sale of the item, which can be used as a contribution (tax deduction) to the church. If you wish to sell the item, there will be a 10% deduction for the sale, which will also be considered a charitable contribution (tax deduction), and you will receive the other 90%.

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**O**ur church is blessed to have so many talented people, willing to share their talent with the church. Luann Heikkila and Hazel Bailey did a great job (as usual) in planning and preparing the Family Fun Night; Brea and Bubba Vance leveled the concrete walkway to the front of the church, while David Zieroth has been working on the church grounds. Even though Ann Bolstad is out of the state, she continues to publish the Beacon of Hope.

# AFTERLIFE CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE LAKE SUPERIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP OF LCMCNALC



The lead presenter will be Reverend Steve King of Sola Publishing.

- What is biblical revelation vs. popular myth when it comes to the Christian understanding of the afterlife?
- What happens to the believer between death and resurrection? A look at the intermediate states of Sheol, Hades, and Purgatory.
- What is the state of our relationships with loved ones (spouses, children, and friends) within the afterlife?
- What to make of *Heaven is for Real* and the interpretation of near-death experiences?
- Can we communicate with the dead? Christians and mediums.

Saturday, October 25, 2014  
10:00am – 4:00pm  
New Life Lutheran Church  
4424 Venture Avenue  
Duluth, MN

\$10 per person or \$50 per congregation (suggested donation)

Lunch will be available for order

RSVP to New Life Lutheran at (218) 740-3597

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Pastor Carl Fiskness at (320) 260-4255 or [carlfiskness@hotmail.com](mailto:carlfiskness@hotmail.com)

\*\*Each congregation represented is invited to bring snacks for break time.



**Hope Lutheran Church  
Garage Sale**



# CAPTIVE



**FREE**





## October Birthdays

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

## October Anniversaries

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

### SEPTEMBER 2014 GIVING

#### GENERAL FUND

Sunday Offering & Coffee	\$ 7069.00
From Rummage Sale	\$ 610.51
Free Will Offering given to Captive Free	\$ 279.00
Family Fun Night (Youth Account)	\$ 50.00

#### MEMORIALS

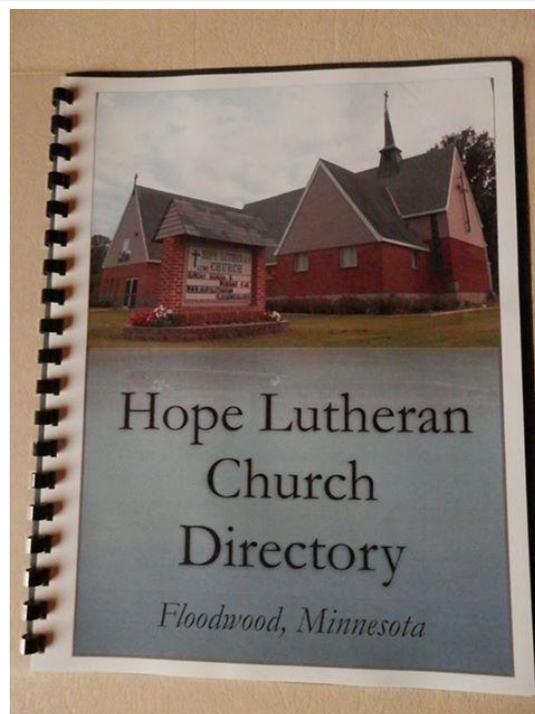
In Memory of Marlene Tufvander from Sue Hutchinson (designated for use by Sunday School Program)	\$ 100.00
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#### CROSSES WANTED



LOOKING FOR CROSSES TO BE DONATED FOR  
PASTOR'S OFFICE

CONTACT: LONNA HUTCHINSON-476-2135



Our New Church Directory



**FREE MOVIE**

***HEAVEN IS FOR REAL***

**WHEN:** OCTOBER 26

**TIME:** 3:30 PM

**WHERE:** FLOODWOOD FAIR BUILDING

**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:**

Hope Lutheran Church,  
Floodwood, MN

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*Sunday School & Worship 9:30 a.m.*

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