



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

APRIL 2014

A Word From Pastor Carl

WHAT NOW?

As I write this article, it still feels like winter outside. We have had a few warm days so far but it is cold today. While the transition from one season to the next cannot come soon enough this year, none of us stays up late at night worrying if the snow will ever melt. Spring will come sooner or later and the flowers will eventually bloom.

The church always experiences changes in season, too. Like every other year, the annual meeting elected new officers. At the February meeting, the council elected a new president in Susan Coccie. At our March meeting, she presented the board with some statistics. This data listed how our attendance is down while our budget needs have increased. It is no surprise that our congregation is smaller than a decade ago. But seeing this information formally graphed and charted re-emphasized our need to reconsider again the manner of our ministry.

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Hope Lutheran Church Women

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our next HLCW meeting will be April 28, at 10:00 at the church, Bible study to follow led by Grace Autio. Refreshments will be provided by the Rebecca Circle.

Session eight of the women's Bible study, "Family Matters" for April is titled, "Ripples in the Pond" - the larger effects of Dysfunction. From Genesis 29 we learn more about Jacob's life as he works 7 years for Rachel's father, Laban, in order to marry her, only to be tricked into marrying Rachel's sister, Leah. Matthew 2 contains the story of the death of infant boys under the hand of King Herod - because he felt his throne threatened by the birth of Jesus. In the section on our church as a family system we discuss how patterns of family behavior repeat themselves, and extend into our congregations and society as a whole.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Befrienders News

The Befrienders give thanks for the donations of stamps or cards for our greeting card project. We are glad that our project is appreciated. The Befrienders group would like to get e-mail addresses or mailing addresses for our young people (18-20 something year olds) who are working away from home or are in college so we can add them to our greeting card list. When one is away from home, it can be lonesome so mail is welcome. In addition to the greeting card project, Befrienders also do phone calls or visits to help people stay in touch with our church family. If you are interested in becoming a Befriender, please contact Pastor Carl at 476-2259. We have need for someone to read the local newspaper to one of our members whose eyesight is nearly gone; also someone available to give a ride to church on Sundays.

Elementary Release Time News

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

This was the theme of lessons for the elementary religious release class for the past 9 weeks. The children learned the importance of each of these fruits of the Spirit in their lives and that if we live in the Spirit the Spirit will be shown through us. Please ask your children about their weekly fruit treat, to sing the songs they learned or to show you their artwork.

Choir Opportunity



Community Choir will sing at the Good church this year and at Hope Lutheran's share your musical gifts in the praise of Wednesdays from 6:25-6:45 p.m., April 2 & 9, 17th at Hope Lutheran Church and the 18th at The Assemblies at 6:30 p.m.

Friday service, which will be held at the Assembly of God Easter Sunday services. Please take this opportunity to God's greatest gift to us. Practices will be held



March 12: Servers for the Lent Soup Supper. The soup supper will be held every Wednesday night, 6:00 PM, from now through Wednesday, April 9. The soup supper is followed by a 7:00 PM church service.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our movie afternoon and supported our youth attending QuakeZone! These three girls (with the help from younger siblings) did a great job making popcorn and getting everything set up for the afternoon.



Word From Pastor Carl-What Now?

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What is not working right and should be changed? There is not clarity here. What are some of the new things that we should attempt? This is not entirely obvious either.

Some churches are dying because they refuse to do things differently. Other churches are declining because they have changed too much. Once a church makes too many changes (and in particular, in what it believes), the church often moves away from its mission and loses its sense of self and no longer has a clear purpose.

There are many reasons why our local churches are smaller than in years before. Part of this struggle is the attitude of the general culture. There is less attention and respect given to Christ than before. Parents work longer and unusual hours to pay the bills and do not make worship a priority.

Another factor is technology. There are so many television channels to watch and games to play on the computer, etc. On the other side of the age spectrum, the demographics in the greater Floodwood area continue to gray. The fewer high schoolers we have play the same sport year round instead of just for a season and have a more difficult time being free on Sunday morning.

But with new problems come new challenges and new possibilities. Out-of-the-box thinking is not on the top of the list of my resume. My background is more in history. I am more comfortable at interpreting and making sense of the past than in knowing exactly how to lead each step into the future. But we want to move forward and this will require some innovation. Therefore I will be thinking, praying, talking and networking with other pastors and leaders to brainstorm and provide advice. I ask that you pray for wisdom and think and act on these things, too. If you have ideas of different approaches and angles to work, please share your suggestions and feedback with the church council and with me.

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” Philippians 1: 9-11

In Christ,
Pastor Carl

HLCW News (Continued from Page 1)

QUILTING

We will meet for Quilting on April 29, at 9:00 in the church basement.



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

We will have a Teddy Bear fund. Naomi Circle will



Picnic this year on Sun. May 4, with the proceeds going to the general plan and serve the lunch. *(Continued on page 4)*

HLCW MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

Hope Lutheran Church Women met March 24 in the fellowship hall preceding the regular Bible study. President Grace Autio presided. The Jan. 26 meeting was published in the church bulletin so were not read at this time.

Jeanette Johnsen distributed the treasurer's report which showed income of \$445.97 and expenses of \$234.81 since January, and a remaining checking balance of \$1,721.83. The savings balance of \$1,432.26 remains unchanged. Designated funds also remain unchanged and available funds in checking are \$842.04.

It was agreed to hold the Teddy Bear Picnic this year, with proceeds to go to the general fund. The date of Sunday, May 4th was chosen for the event and Naomi Circle will be in charge. Motion by Jan Benson, seconded by Carolyn Hosking, to hold the event. The vote was all in favor.

Grace reported that the annual LCMC general meeting will be held April 26 from 10-2 at New Life Lutheran Church in Duluth. She encouraged attendance from our church.

We are participating in the Virginia Project of filling baskets for the needy along with other churches in the community. Jeanette Johnsen suggested we contribute \$100 from the HLCW treasury towards the project. She made the motion, seconded by Jan, that we send the money from our Campership Fund. All voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary



COME JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FLOODWOOD, MN

APRIL 20TH

8:00 AM—9:00 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT & OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN

DURING BREAKFAST

FREE WILL OFFERING

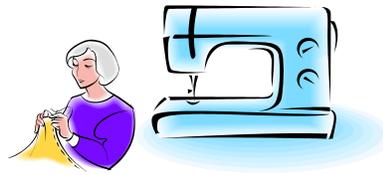
April Birthdays

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 7 Lilyana Johnson
- 9 David Zieroth
Imijyn Thompson
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Rosmosz
Hunter Rauvola
Ian Dvergsten
- 13 Tracy Hutchinson
- 14 Neva Polo
- 15 Ethel Pensak
Ed Hutton
Jazmine Johnson
- 16 David Shafer
Caleb Fries
- 17 Maija Rauvola
- 18 Roy Autio
Sierra Farrell
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz (Sylvia Shafer)
- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 30 Faith Romanek

April Anniversaries

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall

COMMUNITY SEWING DAY



There will be a community sewing day on Monday, April 7, 2014 at the Halden Town Hall. The day will start at 10 a.m. and end around 4 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Lap robes and walker bags are being made for cancer and nursing home patients who are in local care facilities. Contact Carole Ahlgren for more information.

HELP WANTED

CHURCH CUSTODIAN



The Hope Lutheran Church will be hiring a part time Church Custodian. The custodian is obligated to clean the church and grounds and to see that all is in order before and after every official church function. A complete job description is provided with the application, which is available at the church office. The application must be completed and returned to the church by April 10.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER

The church is in need of one more person willing to serve on the Church Council.

If you are willing to serve the church in this manner, please contact Susan Coccie.

HOPE LUTHERAN

CHURCH WEB SITE

Hope Lutheran Church now has its very own web site.

Visit us at:

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

Also visit us on FACEBOOK:

Hope Lutheran Church,
Floodwood, MN

*God Has Brought Me
Laughter*

Six-year-old Judy complained, "Mother, I've got a stomachache."

"That's because your stomach is empty," her mother replied. "You would feel better if you had something in it."

That afternoon, the minister came to visit, remarking in conversation that he was suffering a headache.

Little Judy perked up. "That's because it's empty," she said. "You'd feel much better if you had something in it."



Did you know that... When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache. When you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he faints. Let's read the Bible every day so he keeps on fainting. Maybe one day he'll have a stroke and never wake up. And did you also know that when you are about to forward this email to others the devil will discourage you but forward it anyway.

**Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN 55736
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 18, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Pastor Carl Fiskness at 7:15 PM. Pastor Fiskness opened with scripture reading and prayer.

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Susan Coccie, Rae Rosemore, Lonna Hutchinson, Kathy Johnsen, Bubba Vance, David Zieroth, Wayne Thom and Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Bryan Hutchinson, Carlene Jatkola.

Jeff Kletscher presented a written report detailing his recent work in financial, audio, and website areas.

Election of 2014 officers was held: Susan Coccie President, David Zieroth Vice-President, Kathy Johnsen Secretary, and Rae Rosemore Treasurer.

Jeff Kletscher presented an offer of \$5750 for the property on 9th Ave. that was donated to Hope Lutheran in 2009 by the Lillian Seymour Trust. Jeff has been listing this property for many months.

MOTION by Bubba Vance, second by David Zieroth to accept the offer of \$5750 for the property on 9th Ave., Floodwood. Motion approved.

A congregational meeting is necessary to approve any sale and a meeting was set for March 9, 2014. Installation of the council will be done at that date also.

Wayne Thom was present to remind the council that the deadline to get flood-related claims in to the insurance company is June 19, 2014. There is concern that accounting of purchases was not done consistently, so Wayne requested that a committee of people who worked most closely on repair and replacement of flood-damaged items meet to go over the financial spreadsheet and receipts so we are receiving the correct funds from insurance. A meeting was set for February 23, 2014 following the church service with Bubba Vance, David Zieroth, Wayne Thom and Susan Coccie. Dean Fries and LuAnn Heikkila will be asked to attend also.

Agenda

Motion by Bubba Vance, second by Rae Rosemore to approve the agenda with additions. Motion approved.

Reports

Secretary: Motion by David Zieroth, second by Rae Rosemore to approve the January 14, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Pastor: Reviewed written report.

President: None

Youth and Family: None

Communications and Technology: Jeff Kletscher reported he spent many hours updating the website and Susan commented on the improvements. It was suggested the web address be added to the outside sign.

Building Committee: Bubba stated they met before the council meeting. The handrail was brought up again and Bubba said Dean Fries indicated he would contact someone about a metal railing, but if that doesn't happen soon Bubba will take care of it. David asked if the church should have a carbon monoxide detector, and Lonna said she would ask at work if it is necessary for businesses to have them.

Treasurer: Motion by Rae Rosemore, second by Kathy Johnsen to approve the financial report. Motion approved.

Old Business

Worship CDs: The system is working and Jeff has given Pastor Carl CDs for December through February 16.

Office Remodel: The only work remaining is installation of window shades. All purchases are complete.

Fire Extinguisher: Lonna provided a written report. John Seredinski walked through the church and parsonage with the representative from Fire & Industrial Sales.

MOTION by Bubba Vance, second by David Zieroth to purchase two new extinguishers at a cost of \$395.99 to get the buildings up to code. Motion approved.

Church Software: Jeff has also been evaluating financial software programs.

Boy Scouts: Pastor Carl met with Robert Zobel, who would be interested in leading a Boy Scout troop that Hope Lutheran would help sponsor, but Mr. Zobel can't find anyone willing to assist him, so it is on hold for now.

New Business

Council Size: There was consensus that the council appreciates the variety of ideas that come from having nine members. An announcement will be made at the congregational meeting March 9 that the council is still in need of one additional member. If there is no interest shown, the issue will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Bill Pohl: Pastor Pohl will review his Pass It On stewardship program with the council March 4, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Council Handbook and Calendar: Pastor Carl noted it would be good to have a handbook and calendar for the council's reference. David said Dean Fries had offered to put one together.

Workshop: Pastor Carl shared an invitation to the Workshop for Congregation Leaders scheduled for April 26, 2014 in Duluth. Susan will attend, and possibly Rae.

Vacation: Pastor Carl informed the council that he will be touring with a choir the last week of August and first week of September. He will arrange pulpit supply and ask two LCMC pastors from the area to be on call.

Globe Offering: Will continue to go to the Quake Zone trip fund.

Next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

UNAPPROVED

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FLOODWOOD, MN**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Susan Coccie. Pastor Carl Fiskness read from a handout listing Eight Characteristics of a Healthy Church and led prayer.

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Susan Coccie, Rae Rosemore, Bubba Vance, David Zieroth, Kathy Johnsen, Jeff Kletscher, Marion Shafer. Absent: Bryan Hutchinson, Lonna Hutchinson, Carlene Jatkola.

AGENDA

MOTION BY RAE ROSEMORE, SECOND BY BUBBA VANCE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION APPROVED.

REPORTS

Secretary: MOTION BY RAE ROSEMORE, SECOND BY DAVID ZIEROTH TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 18, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION BY KATHY JOHNSEN, SECOND BY BUBBA VANCE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2014 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECOND BY DAVID ZIEROTH TO APPROVED THE MARCH 16, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED.

Financial:

MOTION BY KATHY JOHNSEN, SECOND BY BUBBA VANCE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH THE NOTATION THAT LINE 1.0 BUDGET YTD COLUMN IS INCORRECT. MOTION APPROVED.

Youth & Family: Pastor Fiskness reported there are no confirmation classes during Lent but the students are helping in the kitchen at the soup suppers; auto insurance was purchased to cover the rental vehicle that is being driven to Quake Zone; Religious Release will end mid-April.

Communication & Technology: Jeff Kletscher handed out a spreadsheet of regularly occurring agenda items and a history of beneficiaries of globe offerings; he is collecting information to update the records book; he requested the ushers be reminded to record the services. Susan Coccie suggested Pastor Fiskness have the password to the church's email account; currently Marion Shafer is the only one who knows it.

Building: David Zieroth presented a list of expenses for the preventative measures added to the church that have been paid from the endowment money withdrawn immediately after the flood of June 2012.

Befrienders: Keeping in touch with members with greeting cards and phone calls.

HLCW: Currently planning the Teddy Bear Picnic with proceeds to be donated to the General Fund.

Stewardship: Will be creating a list of all volunteer opportunities.

Quilters: Have completed 51 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and 1 to be given in event of an emergency in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Susan Coccie read an email from Lonna Hutchinson outlining a recommendation from Al Witz that the church install 2 CO2 detectors.

MOTION BY RAE ROSEMORE, SECOND BY DAVID ZIEROTH TO PURCHASE 2 PLUG-IN CO2 DETECTORS AT A COST OF \$50.50 EACH WITH FUNDS FROM THE ENDOWMENT FUND MONEY TAKEN IN JUNE 2012 FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS. MOTION APPROVED.

B. We will not undertake the Pass It On Program at this point.

C. Jeff Kletscher reported the property sale is proceeding slowly due to underwriters requesting more proof that Hope Lutheran can legally sell the property.

D. Pastor Fiskness will invite the HLCW to this workshop when he attends their next meeting.

E. Susan Coccie will confirm that Cherie Suonvieri is willing/able to take photographs for a new church directory. It is believed that the entire process can be done by volunteers and equipment from the congregation.

F. Pastor Fiskness has enrolled in his wife Jodi's health insurance plan and requested reimbursement for the cost of his portion of that premium, approximately \$39.50 per pay period. Jeff Kletscher will research what the compensation package states regarding the money that was approved for Pastor's health insurance.

MOTION BY RAE ROSEMORE, SECOND BY BUBBA VANCE TO REIMBURSE PASTOR FISKNESS' PORTION OF HIS FAMILY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR 2014. MOTION APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Good Friday service will be at Assemblies New Life. **(Continued on Page 8)**

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued from Page 7)

- B.** LuAnn Heikkila, Hazel Bailey and Carolyn Hosking will coordinate Easter breakfast.
- C.** Susan Coccie will confirm with Casey Arro the date of his music ministry.
- D.** Teddy Bear picnic discussed earlier.
- E.** Pastor Fiskness presented a recommendation from the Worship and Music committee to purchase 110 copies of the LCMC Reclaim Hymnal and outlined the advantages.

MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECOND BY KATHY JOHNSEN TO PURCHASE 110 COPIES OF THE LCMC RECLAIM HYMNAL AT \$22 EACH WITH FUNDS FROM THE MEMORIAL FUND. MOTION APPROVED.

F. Council supports recruiting congregational volunteers to help Habitat for Humanity build a house in Floodwood.

G. & H. Pastor Fiskness presented requests to show a video about Compassion International and host a presentation about Mission Madagascar. Discussion focused on balancing the benefit of making the congregation aware of opportunities for mission against overwhelming people with too many requests.

I. Hazel Bailey has resigned from her position as custodian. The position will be posted on Hope’s Facebook page and in the Beacon and bulletins. A hiring committee including Pastor Fiskness, Hazel Bailey and Liz Thom will accept applications until April 10 and make a recommendation to the Council at the April meeting.

MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECOND BY RAE ROSEMORE TO REGRETFULLY ACCEPT HAZEL BAILEY’S RESIGNATION FROM THE POSITION OF CUSTODIAN EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014, AND THANK HER FOR HER YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE. MOTION APPROVED.

J. Susan Coccie presented a spreadsheet and graph which shows a steady decline in attendance and income, and an increase in expenses, and believes outreach needs to be a focus.

GLOBE

The globe offering for April and May will go to 2014 VBS expenses.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM

MOTION BY RAE ROSEMORE, SECOND BY SUSAN COCCIE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:59 PM.

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FLOODWOOD, MN 55736
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at 10:29 A.M. by Council President, Susan Coccie.

Ushers verified attendance at 69 people and a quorum was established.

Church Secretary/Treasurer, Marion Shafer, verified notice of this meeting was printed in 2 previous bulletins and published in the March newsletter.

Pastor Carl Fiskness verified announcement was made of this meeting at 2 preceding worship services.

Susan Coccie presented the offer of \$5,750 for the property located at 119 East 9th Avenue, Floodwood.

MOTION by Dean Fries, seconded by Dawn Shafer to accept the offer of \$5,750 for the property at 119 East 9th Avenue, Floodwood. Motion carried.

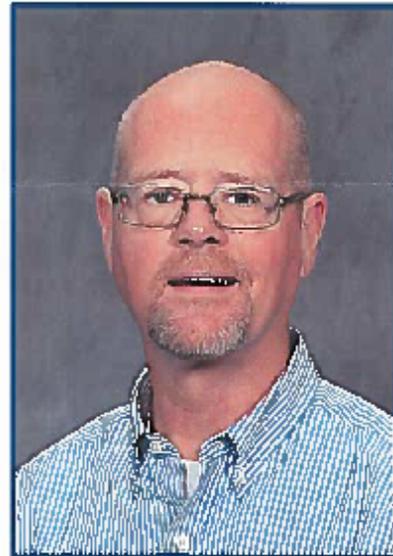
Lois Hendrickson asked what account the money would be deposited into. Jeff Kletscher stated that since the donation of the property did not come with any stipulations, the proceeds from the sale would initially be deposited into the savings account, but could be transferred into general checking if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.
Kathy Johnsen, Council Secretary

2014 Spring Gathering: CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

TOPICS:

- Vision and Mission in your Congregation's Purpose
- The Great Commission and the Role of Leadership
- Unity in the Body of Christ
- Togetherness and Maturity and Diversity of Gifts



Presenter: Rev. Mark Vander Tuig
LCMC Service Coordinator

When: **April 26, 2014**
9:30 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Workshop begins
4:00 p.m. Conclusion

Where: **New Life Lutheran Church**
4424 Venture Ave, Duluth, Minnesota
(218) 740-3947

Who: **Clergy Other Congregational Leaders**

Cost: **\$10 per person *or* \$50 per congregation**
(covers lunch and local expenses)

For more information call:

Rev. Deborah Lunde: (218) 663-7925 or Rev. William Pohl: (715) 822-2001

Sponsored by:

Lake Superior Conference of LCMC/NALC Clergy

MAKE LENT COUNT

PRAY • ACT • GIVE

24 Hour Youth Fasting Event
Lent Retreat
Housewarming Gift Drive for
Homeless Teens

Saturday, April 12 10:00 am — Sunday, April 13 1:00 pm

The Event Center — Floodwood

All Youth 7-12 Grade — All are Welcome

Cost: \$15

Living Stations of the Cross Workshops

Movies Games Music

Liquid Meals

Visit and Delivery to the Foyer - Homeless Teens Housing Virginia, MN

Housewarming Gift Drive for the Foyer – Housing for Homeless Youth

The Foyer provides housing for homeless youth in need of permanent housing. Homeless youth in our area find a home at the Foyer but come with none of the things needed to make a home truly a home. We will be conducting a house warming gift drive for the months of February and March. We will accept donations of new everyday household items. Our goal is to deliver 15 house warming basket to the Foyer. List of suggested items attached. We are also registered at Kmart www.kmart.com click on "Gifts" then "Gift Registry" our first name is "SaintLouis", last name "Floodwood", event type "Housewarming" and year "2014". You can have your items shipped directly to the St. Louis Catholic Church.

Begins: Saturday, April 12 2014 10:00 AM – The Event Center, Floodwood
Ends: After Mass Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) Brunch at the Savanna Portage

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 AM: Check in at The Event Center – Fast Begins!
10:30 – 11:00: Ice Breaker Activities
11:00: Living Stations of the Cross Workshops
12:00: ~~Liquid LUNCH~~
12:30: Youth Choir Practice at the Church with the adult choir
1:30: Assemble House Warming Baskets for the Foyer Housing for Homeless Youth
2:00: Depart for Virginia, MN to Deliver House Warming Baskets
3:00: Tour the Foyer
4:00: Depart for Floodwood
5:00: Arrive in Floodwood – ~~Liquid DINNER~~
5:30: Resume Living Stations of the Cross Workshops
6:30: Break Activity Time
7:00: Practice Living Stations of the Cross
8:00: ~~Liquid SNACKS~~
8:30: Youth Choir Practice at the Event Center
9:00: FREE TIME!
11:00: Lights Out

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY

7:30: Rise and Shine ~~Liquid BREAKFAST~~
9:00: Choir and Stations of the Cross Practice at the Church
10:30: Mass at St. Louis Church - All invited but can attend their own church services
11:30: Living Stations of the Cross
12:00 Noon: Fast Ends Brunch at Savanna Portage

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

PARENT CONTACT NAME: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

LIST ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONDITIONS, MEDICATIONS: _____

Please let us know of other obligations you child may have that day where they would have to leave the Retreat Please indicate when they would have to leave and when they will return. _____

My child does not have to leave the retreat for any reason and they must remain with the retreat group at all times.

Parent Signature: _____

Return to Jess Rich PO Box 124 Floodwood, MN 55736 Questions: 218-591-4333 or jessalicerich@hotmail.com

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE FOYER HOUSEWARMING GIFT DRIVE

We have 15 baskets to fill. 2 units are for teens with children.

The Foyer has 13 efficiency units and 2-2 bedroom units. All units have a small kitchen and a small bathroom.

- Kitchen Towels
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Small Area rugs
- Bath Towels and Wash Clothes
- Dish Clothes
- Dish Sponges and Scrubbies
- Dish Drying Rack
- Cleaning Bucket and Supplies
- Food Storage Containers
- Saran Wrap and Aluminum Foil
- Ziploc Bags
- Small Baskets or Bins for Storage
- Garbage Bags all sizes
- Shampoo and Conditioners
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel
- Deodorant
- Band-Aids
- Dental Floss
- Nail Clippers
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Snacks
- Ramen Noodles
- Mac and Cheese
- Lap Blankets
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Pillows
- Cookbooks
- Fridge Magnets
- Can Openers
- Pot holders
- Cutting Boards
- Small Alarm Clocks
- Wall Clocks
- Small Radios
- Small Reading Lamps
- Removable Sticky Wall Hooks
- Small Extension Cords
- Batteries
- Gift Cards – Target and Super One
- Small Tool Sets
- Backpacks
- Small Frying Pan and Saucepan
- Sewing Kits
- Disposable Diapers all sizes
- Baby Blankets and Crib Sheets
- Tylenol, Advil, Children's Tylenol
- Picture Frames
- Holiday Decorations
- Pocket Bibles
- Rosary and Instructions

Faith and Health Conference

Sponsored by the New Life Initiative for Faith and Health

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 3, 2014
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
New Life Lutheran Church
4424 Venture Ave., Duluth

Special Guest Speakers:

James Struve, MD, Family Practice
Fairview Health System

Mary Nelson, Author and Cancer Survivor
Pray for the Cure Ministry

Steven Paulson, Professor
Luther Seminary

Arndt Braaten, MD, MDiv, Family Practice
Essentia East Health System

Target Audience: Doctors, nurses,
caregivers, pastors, chaplains, counselors

Cost \$10: Payable at the door

newlifeinitiative2014@gmail.com



“Taking her by the hand he said to her, ‘Talitha cu’mi’;
which means, ‘Little girl, I say to you, arise.’ ” Mark 5:41

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 1

National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 2

12-2 pastor hours

Saturday, May 3

Faith and Health Conference 9:00-4:30 at New Life Lutheran Church in Duluth



Sunday, May 4

Worship Service and Sunday School 9:30 & Teddy Bear Picnic served by the Naomi Circle 10:30

~ April 2014 ~ HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MARCH 30	31 USHER TEAM: Marion Shafer & Burt Suonvieri & Evan – Team 6	1	2 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 6:00 Soup Supper 6:25 Choir Practice 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring	3 9-10:30 Ruby's Pantry at Arrowhead Town Hall	4 12-2 pm Pastor's Office Hours	5
6 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship--- 10:45 Christian Education & Youth & Family Ministry Meeting	7 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Community Sewing day-Halden Town Hall 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation & learning	8	9 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 6:00 Soup Supper 6:25 Choir Practice 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 Confirmation mentoring	10 9:30 Worship & Music Committee <i>Church Custodian application due to church office</i>	11 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Riverview Manor 12-2 pm Pastor's Office Hours	12 10:00 AM Youth Lenten
13 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Retreat at the Event Center Ends 1:00 PM</div> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Wayne Thom – Team 8	15 <i>Passover</i>	16 <i>LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS RELEASE</i> 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release No Worship service No youth confirmation	17 6:25-6:45 PM Choir practice 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at Hope	18 No office hours 6:30 PM Ecumenical choir practice at Assembly of God 7:00 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Assembly of New Life	19
20 8-9 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship No Sunday School <i>Easter Sunday</i>	21 USHER TEAM: Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1 No Bible Study Home Fellowship-moved to next week.	22	23 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST	24 Newsletter articles due 6:30 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	25 12-2 pm Pastor's Office Hours Lake Superior LCMC & NALC pastors & spouses event in Duluth	26 10 AM:4 PM Lake Superior LCMC & NALC leadership gathering for congregational leaders
27 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	28 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2 9:00 A.M. HLCW Meeting and Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Home Fellowship Bible Study at Parsonage	29 10:00 A.M. HLCW Quilting	30 7:00 PM Youth Confirmation	Notes:		



EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase a lily for the church sanctuary for Easter, please bring your flower to the sanctuary and leave a notice with the church secretary if you have purchased the flower in memory or honor of someone.

MARCH 2014 GIVING

(Through March 23)

General Fund	\$ 5827.61
Youth - QuakeZone & Souper Bowl	\$ 123.00

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Arnold "Bo" Hepola from Jeanette Johnsen	\$ 20.00
In Memory of Arnold "Bo" Hepola from Lois Hendrickson	\$ 10.00
In Memory of Donny Mattila from Barb & Roger Lahti	\$ 25.00

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