



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church FEBRUARY 2015

A Word From Pastor Carl

LENT en LENTO y RAPIDO en 2015
(Spanish for: in slow and fast in 2015)

Every month, the Worship and Music Committee carefully selects the songs and hymns for our worship services. We attempt to match the music with the scripture reading or church festival or special occasion of the day. Most of the time, the committee is able to maintain a consistent theme in all the songs selected. However, once in a while, we are unable to do so and choose a general hymn or song of praise, which is fine, too. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women

BIBLE STUDY/BUSINESS MEETING

The next meeting will be Tues. February 10th at 10:00 AM in the church basement. Susan Coccie will serve coffee and Jan Benson will lead the lesson. During the business meeting we will be discussing our part in the April church auction.



February's lesson on the Proverbs 31 woman is on Competence — discussing David and Bathsheba, as written in the book of Samuel. Florence Nightingale, the example of a competent and caring nurse, is considered an example of the Proverbs 31 woman. Luke 2:41-52 reveals Jesus' competence from an early age.

Questions to be discussed include: What gifts have you been given, and how do you use them today? Who in your life has modeled competency for you? All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

FIRST COMMUNION

First communion classes will be concluded in February. The final session will be at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb 14, 2015, where the students will help make communion bread with Pastor Carl and Marion and Dawn Shafer. Youth completing First Communion classes will receive their first communion during the Maundy Thursday evening service, April 2, 2015.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help will continue on Wednesdays through the Lenten season. The planned schedule is the following:

- 3:00 - 5:00 - Session 1 Homework Help
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm - Supper for students & tutors
- 5:30 - 7:00 - Session 2 Homework Help
- 6:15 - 6:50 - Soup supper for all prior to Lenten service
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Service

We have received the following letter from The Grocery Store:

"We are pleased to inform you that an anonymous individual has generously donated \$1,438.00 for use towards purchases for your program. We have been instructed that the money is to be spend at The Grocery Store for food or supplies. We have set up an account designated for the after school program's use. When you come into the store, just let the clerk know that the purchase is going on your account. We will send you a monthly statement so that you can keep track of the remaining balance".

A sincere "thank you"!! to this anonymous person.

Baptism Classes: *One or two sessions will be held in March for adults or children who are not baptized. The dates and times are yet to be determined. Contact Pastor Carl or Liz Thom (269-0955) if you are interested or have questions.*

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Recognizing that there is a common theme but that it is not always obvious right away, Lonna Hutchinson requested that a brief description of each hymn be provided in the bulletin to help draw out what we are really singing. Therefore, I have attempted to provide a little background in the bulletin.

Also addressing the selection of hymns, Lois Hendrickson suggested that it would be enjoyable to request songs for worship including her favorite, the Spanish song "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore." I agree that it be would be fun to learn what people's old and newer favorites are and hear the congregation sing them out.

For the next couple weeks, the bulletin will include a form to indicate your choices and return them in the offering plates. The worship and music committee will attempt to include your requests for the season. We will likely still connect the "Hymn of the Day", that is the song following the sermon, with the message but the opening and closing songs will likely be selections from the congregation.

This collection of hymns will be a part of our Lenten focus for the year with the "Music of the Exiles." We remember from the Old Testament that Judah, the southern kingdom and its capital, Jerusalem, were conquered by the Babylonians in the year 587 B.C. One can read, in part, about the people's hope for returning home from the book of Isaiah, chapters 40-55. We shall think about their lament and yet how the people still were able to raise their voices. In like manner, we can listen to and sing songs for deliverance and praise in spite of our tribulations.

QUILTING

The Quilters will meet Tuesday, February 17th, don't have to know how to sew; come for the



from 9:00 until 3:00. Everyone is welcome. You fun.

HLCW MEETING JANUARY 13, 2015

The meeting opened at 10:15 a.m. With President Grace Autio presiding. Seven members were present.

The minutes of the Dec.11, 2014 minutes were read by the secretary and upon motion by Susan Coccie, seconded by Jan Benson, were voted approved as read. Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed an end of year balance of \$583.56 after expenses of \$2,772.23 since the last meeting. The report also showed a savings balance of \$1,434.33. Available funds at this meeting was \$822.33. Upon motion by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by LaVerne Hutton, the treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Grace Autio reported that the quilt room is now moved to its new quarters; and we need five more of the clear totes for enough storage to keep items off the floor. Upon motion by Susan, seconded by Nancy to purchase five more totes, the motion was passed as read. Susan said she would be going to Duluth on Thursday and would get the totes at that time.

Representing the church council, Susan reported that Jeff Kletscher wants to know for sure if there is enough commitment by church members to conduct the upcoming April auction, as a lot of people will need to be involved, in the business of the auction and in the kitchen. President Autio said that there are enough women ready to serve the lunch at the Arrowhead Hall; but we also need many people to log everything in, take care of the paper work and also someone needs to be there on grounds overnight to oversee the items parked outside the hall. The bookkeeping is a big job, and Grace noted that we need to know by next month how many people will commit to work.

NEW BUSINESS: Thank you notes for the Christmas cookies we sent from Violet Johnson, Elina Johnson, the Crisis Nursery and the Life House in Duluth, were read. A newsletter from Lutheran Social Services was passed around, and Grace read an update and letter from Judy Yund at Bethel Hospital and Frank Houghton, Amachuma, Bolivia, missions sponsored by our church organization.

There is a committee of women in place to serve brunch at the baby shower on Sunday, the 18th for Pastor Carl and Jodi Fiskness at the Fair Building at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m., followed by the regular Bible study lead by Jeanette Johnsen.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

UNAPPROVED
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FLOODWOOD, MN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President Susan Coccie. Pastor Fiskness opened with prayer.

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

There was not a quorum of the Council tonight, so no motions or decisions were made.

Jeff Kletscher presented the end-of-year financial reports and the Budget Committee report. He stated that he will not continue to oversee the financial aspects of the church after having done so for 7 years, feeling that it is time for a new perspective. Jeff also stated he has heard that the Hepola family may not be donating Arnold Hepola's estate for the April auction and he is concerned that there would not be a sufficient amount of quality items to make the auction worthwhile. Jeff will meet with Lee Samuelson to be clear as to what will be donated to the church auction.

REPORTS

Secretary: Report submitted.

Financial: Reports submitted.

Pastor: Activities report attached. Pastor Fiskness recommends that Hope join the Augustana District to have the support of other LCMC congregations.

Youth & Family, Education: First Communion classes have begun with 3-4 students. The next movie afternoon will be January 25 at 2:30 at the Fair Building with The Hiding Place being shown.

Communication & Technology: Susan stated we are up to 3,093 hits on Hope's Facebook page after Christmas program pictures were posted.

Building: Two trees were removed from the parsonage yard.

Befrienders:

HLCW: \$2,500 was donated to Hope's General Fund.

Quilters: Have completed 11 quilts this month.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Auction – The Council agreed with Jeff Kletscher that if we don't get a commitment from the Hepola family to donate Arnold Hepola's estate we should consider canceling the auction.

B. Community Christmas Dinner – 51 people were served, most from other Floodwood congregations and surrounding communities.

C. Attendance records – Susan will purchase a record book from Concordia Publishing as an example and we will consider making our own.

D. Reduce Council number – Susan will bring up for discussion the possible need to reduce the number of Council members due to shrinking service attendance if we do not get members to serve on the church council.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Non-member church usage – Discussion was held regarding charging a cleaning fee for use of the church by non-members.

B. Lenten suppers – Susan noted that Lenten services will coincide with Homework Help, so she will recommend serving the students from 5-6 pm and serving the soup supper at 6:15 pm. (*Continued on Page 5*)

Church Council Minutes (Continued From Page 4)

GLOBE

The globe offering February will be used for meal expenses associated with Wednesday night homework help.

NEXT MEETINGS

February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm; March 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

January 4: Godparent Leigha Kuehl gives Amelia Irene Aho a candle during the baptismal ceremony. Amelia's mother, Judy Aho, looks on the passing of the lighted candle.



January 11: We celebrated the baptism of Cooper Alvin Tollgaard, who was baptized on December 29, 2014. Pictured above are Karly and Ross Tollgaard, the Godparents, and Cooper, being held by his mother, Tabitha Tollgaard. Pastor Carl Fiskness presided over the ceremony. Grace Autio presented Cooper with a quilt that was made by the women of the church.

~ February 2015 ~ HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	2 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	4 Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help at Hope Lutheran Church 7:00 PM Adult Confirmation	5 9-10:30 AM Ruby’s Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	6 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	7
8 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	9 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard – Team 3	10 10:00 HLCW meeting and Bible Study 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	11 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help at Hope Lutheran Church No youth confirmation	12	13 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours No Riverview Bible Study this month	14 7:00 PM First Communion bread baking <i>St. Valentine’s Day</i>
15 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	16 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4 No Bible Study Home Fellowship this Month <i>President’s Day</i>	17 9:00-3:00-HLCW Quilting 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours 4:00 Captive Free Arrive 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council	18 Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help 6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (Captive Free leading) No Confirmation Mentoring	19 9:00 AM Captive Free depart 9:30 Worship & Music committee	20 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	21
22 9:30 Worship & Sunday School , Baptism of Madison Kuehl 10:45 Coffee Fellowship 3:00 Movie showing at the Fair Building	23 USHER TEAM: Jeff Kletscher & Dean Fries – Team 5	24 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	25 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 12:20 High School 1:50 Elementary 3:15-7:00 Homework help at Hope Lutheran Church 6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 Confirmation Mentoring	26	27 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	28

JANUARY 2015 GIVING

GENERAL FUND

Sunday Offering & Coffee	\$ 6685.50
Savings	\$ 20.00
Globe Offering (Homework Help)	\$ 626.00
Y-T-D Amount received for the Homework Program:	\$ 391.00
Y-T-D Amount spent for the Homework Program:	\$ 262.90
Balance:	\$ 128.10

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis
- 8 John Seredinski
- 15 Jill Fries
Gladys Marttila
Shirley Johnson
- 17 Barbara Larson-Peterson
- 25 Judy Dressely



**FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Carole & Floyd Ahlgren ('56)
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 6 Ruth Shultz
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Robert Dahl
Brooke Hughes Johnson

*God Has Brought Me
Laughter*

**ACTUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHURCH
BULLETINS**

- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.

CAPTIVE FREE
MINISTERING ON ASH
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18TH, 7:00 PM
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