



# The Beacon of Hope

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## *A Word From Pastor Carl*

### *3 JOHNS AND JUDE*

For the past three years, our Sunday morning scriptures have come from the Narrative Lectionary series. This is a cycle of readings that begins in the fall with the book of Genesis and then continues throughout the Old Testament until arriving at the birth of Jesus in December for the Advent and Christmas seasons. *(Continued on page 2)*

## *Hope Lutheran Church Women*

### *SECRET PRAYER PALS*

*By Grace Autio*

We will have our secret pals again this year with a few changes. Patty Seredinski and Sue Vance are going to do the organizing this year. A big "thank you" to them. You can sign up May 25th and June 1st, and begin drawing names June 8th and finish by the 15th of June.

Pat has thought of a simple pals that truly will be secret, whom they have drawn.



way to have a record of the secret in the event someone forgets

We emphasize again, while aren't the main focus of what prayer, intercessory prayer, prayer for family, whatever you know that person needs. Also be sure to specifically list your prayer concerns. A card to let them know you are praying is very helpful. However don't include your return address on the envelope. ( it has been done)

gifts are perfectly acceptable, they the secret pals are about. It's about

Praying for each other is a vital part of our congregation, secret pals is one way, among several to remind people to pray. *(Continued on page 3)*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

By Liz Thom

## Past Items:

1. A member purchased a popcorn maker for our church use. The purchase is greatly appreciated.
2. The Easter egg hunt during Easter Breakfast was a success and we will plan to have it again next year.
3. Lonna Hutchinson, Council member, has offered to promote Bible Camp for our youth. Camp Patmos, Hackensack, is the site for our Bible Camp. Elementary, middle and high school camps are in July. Please contact Lonna for more information. HLCW will pay half the cost.

## Future plans:

1. Vacation Bible School will be ecumenical with all 5 churches participating. Judy Ario is coordinating the event. **VBS will be held June 23-26, 2014 at the Fair Building for school-aged youth.** If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Carl or Judy directly.
2. **New this year: Preschool VBS** will be offered during the same week and hours as regular VBS but will be **at Hope Lutheran Church** so the youth area and nursery can be utilized. Carolyn Hosking will be the teacher and a babysitting service for children younger than 3 years old will be available for parents who have younger children. Contact Pastor Carl or Carolyn if you are able to help.
3. **Movie Night during Catfish Festival:** 6:00 pm at the Fair Building. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! Church Council members will lead the program with Jill Fries and Jen Myles assisting. Watch for posters and further information. In addition to the general audience movie, we are considering showing a Veggie Tales movie for our "little & big" kids, too.
4. **Summer Sunday School:** Jen Myles and Carolyn Hosking will be continuing our Sunday School program through the summer during the 9:30 church service, except on holiday weekends. Please invite summer guests to attend as well as our own members. The summer lessons are water-themed.
5. **Confirmation classes:** Pastor Carl recommends a 3-year program of study so more Bible education and study about Martin Luther and our Lutheran heritage can be taught. When students complete the requirements, confirmation will take place.
6. **Mentors for new member families:** We thought it would be a good idea to have current members become mentors for new people who are interested in attending Hope Lutheran to help them get acquainted with other people in our church and the various activities and missions of Hope Lutheran.

Next meeting is Sunday, August 10, 2014 during Fellowship Hour.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY



Siri Dusek, Sydney Lough, Shannon Johnsen and Hunter Rauvola, Class of 2014, attended Graduate Recognition Sunday at Hope Lutheran Church on May 18, 2014. Other graduates include Haylie Aho, Emily Hall, Evan Suonvieri. Brea Vance graduated from Bethel College on May 24, 2014.

## BACCALAUREATE

Hope Lutheran Church hosted the Baccalaureate service for the Floodwood Class of 2014 on May 28, 2014. Sydney Lough created and distributed invitations to the Senior Class. Special music was provided by the newly organized Community Choir. We wish God's Blessings on all of our Seniors in their future endeavors.

**Word From Pastor Carl- “3 JOHNS AND JUDE”**

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Like other cycles of reading used in the past, after Christmas, the Bible readings move to the beginning days of Jesus’ ministry and teaching. This year, the selections of Jesus’ ministry were taken from the Gospel of John. Then during Lent, the readings point to Jesus’ predictions of his death until we remember his betrayal and crucifixion during Holy Week. In the weeks following Christ’s resurrection at Easter, we recall Jesus’ reappearance to his disciples before his Ascension. And finally at Pentecost, the church remembers the sending of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples for ministry.

In the weeks following Pentecost, unlike the recent past where the readings return to Jesus’ parables and other teachers, the Narrative Lectionary keeps moving through the final books of the Bible.

In the summer of 2011, after Pentecost, we continued further through the book of Acts covering almost every chapter. It was an interesting examination as one reads how the Holy Spirit moved in such powerful ways for the spread of the Gospel. Then in the summer of 2012, one chapter at a time, we looked at the Book of Revelation. This was also a fascinating experience to examine the many confusing symbols and signs that have been both a warning and an encouragement to the church for many centuries. Last summer, the preaching texts were based off of the thirteen chapters of the book of Hebrews. Reading Hebrews reinforces our faith in how Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, by the shedding of his blood, brings reconciliation to the Father.

For the summer of 2014, we are going to think on 1<sup>st</sup> John, 2<sup>nd</sup> John, 3<sup>rd</sup> John and Jude. Again, like the ones that we have looked at in previous summers, these are also books that we do not hear as much for public worship other than our Confession of Sin which comes from 1 John.

Part of the reason that these works are not otherwise referenced frequently is because of their small size. The books of 2<sup>nd</sup> John, 3<sup>rd</sup> John and Jude are only one chapter long. Because of their brevity, they are only known by their verse.

As we begin this series, may God teach us many new things as we deepen in our faith as we hear more of God’s promises from His Word.

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***HLCW News (Continued from Page 1)***

***HLCW MEETING MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014***

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with nine members present. President Grace Autio presided.

Grace noted that Naomi Circle will be in charge of the next funeral.

Naomi will serve the refreshments downstairs following Baccalaureate services on May 28. Bars will be served. Five members volunteered to bring bars.

A work day is needed in June to clean areas not normally cleaned at routine cleaning times, like cupboards, windows, etc. It was decided to set the day for Thursday, June 12 at 9:00 a.m. It will be announced in church and volunteers will be encouraged, as both men and ladies are needed.

Several members of the congregation want to continue Secret Prayer Pals, so it should be continued, as many appreciate the prayers. Pat Seredinski and Sue Vance have offered to make the list and conduct the drawings. This will be done in the next week or so.

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***HLCW News (Continued from Page 3)***

Susan Coccie, who is a member of the church council, reported that the council plans a movie night on Saturday during July Catfish Days, at 6:30 p.m. The G-rated movie is "Unconditional". Susan also reported that the council is working on sponsoring a church rummage sale during the Fall Fest in September.

A Vacation Bible School planning meeting is set for tomorrow (Tues.) night. This will be planned by the churches of the community as last year.

Jeanette Johnsen read a 'thank you' note from the Wain family following Bertha Wain's funeral which was held Saturday.

Jeanette passed around her treasurer's report which shows a checking balance as of May 19, \$1,513.43. And after designated funds are deducted, an available funds balance of \$743.35.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30, followed by the regular Bible study.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

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***CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES***

Church Council Meeting May 13, 2014

***UNAPPROVED***

Present: Susan Coccie, David Zieroth, Pastor Carl Fiskenss, Bubba Vance, Lonna Hutchinson, Jen Myles, Marion Shafer.

Absent: Kathy Johnsen, Rae Rosemore, Carlene Jatkola, Bryan Hutchinson.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by president Susan Coccie. Pastor Carl Fiskness opened the meeting with a reading and prayer.

Motion by Bubba Vance to approve the agenda, 2nd by Lonna Hutchinson, voted on, and passed.

A motion was made by Bubba Vance to accept the minutes of the April 24 meeting, seconded by David Zieroth, voted on, and passed.

Financial Report was reviewed. Marion Shafer gave an explanation as to the (-) on some lines of the financial report. He also let us know that the only big expense coming up is insurance. Bubba Vance made a motion to approve the Financial Report. This was seconded by David Zieroth, voted on, and passed.

The Pastor's report was given.

Youth and Family Ministries: confirmation is over until fall. There are 3 students in confirmation at this time.

Building Committee: David Zieroth talked about getting the bushes that were approved last year to finish landscaping the front of the church. He also will be bringing in from home a flowering crab tree.

Railing for south door was discussed, and is still not ready to be installed.

Befrienders report: A program for reading to the blind has been started. They are looking for a few more readers. It was also brought to our attention that the bulletin is now available in large print.

H.L.W.C.: \$329 was collected at the Teddy Bear Picnic which has been donated to the general fund.

Church Office Remodeling: It has been determined that the current safe is too small. David Zieroth is going to find one big enough for the book that needs to be protected. The one that is too small will be sold at a later date.

Stewardship Committee: There is a sign-up sheet for Sunday morning scripture readers. A list of "Opportunities to Serve" has been printed, and will be placed in the church member's mail boxes.

Quilters: So far a total of 70 quilts have been made with 6 being sent to the Foyer House in Virginia, MN.

**Old business:**

As soon as we hear from Cherie Suonvieri, we will start scheduling photos for the new Church Directory.

CO2 detectors need to be installed. *(Continued on page 5)*

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Pastor Carl Fiskness, Jodi Fiskness, and Susan Coccie attended the Leadership of meeting April 26 in Duluth.

Catfish Days: Susan Coccie stated that she confirmed the Sunday morning church service with Ryan Farrell. It was discussed as to how the Hope Lutheran Church could be a bigger part of the weekend. Lonna Hutchinson made a motion that we rent the Downtown Fair Center for Saturday evening, and host a free showing of a G rated movie. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. This was seconded by Jen Myles, voted on, and passed. Pastor Carl Fiskness and Jen Myles will select the movie. Susan Coccie will reserve the Fair Center.

Vacation Bible School will run from June 23 until June 26. Pastor Carl Fiskness stated that it would nice to have a little more participation from our church this year. This again will be a community event. It was suggested that we provide nursery and pre-school care for those too young for VBS, at our church.

**New business:**

The idea of having alternate church council members was discuss. As this would require a change to our constitution, is was the consensus of those present that we leave things as they are.

It was stated that sending our children to Bible Camp was an important program. Possible funding could be provided by having a church garage sale during the Fall Fest this fall.

Ways of attracting new members was another topic of discussion. Pastor Carl Fiskness suggested establishing an Evangelism Committee. A meeting date was set for June 11th from 7:00 until 8:00pm for anyone in the church interested is an outreach program.

The globe offering is to remain to benefit Vacation Bible School.

Next two months meeting dates are June 10th and July 22nd.

Pastor Carl Fiskness closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Lonna Hutchinson

Acting Secretary

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**CAMP PATMOS**

[http://www.trinityfalls.org/Websites/trinityfalls/images/Summer\\_Camp\\_2014-4.pdf](http://www.trinityfalls.org/Websites/trinityfalls/images/Summer_Camp_2014-4.pdf)

*(For Camp Brochure)*

Camp Patmos at Hackensack, MN Minnehaha Falls of Minneapolis, for Christ (LCMC). Students and/or children attending a week of Bible 3361. The Hope Lutheran Church



is operated by Trinity Lutheran Church of a fellow Lutheran Congregation in Mission their parents who are interested in their Camp should contact Pastor Carl at 476- Women will sponsor half the cost.

# June Birthdays

- 2 Emily Hall
- 4 Sarah (Bolstad) Chambers
- 7 Kim Maki
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 14 Michelle Myrvold
- 16 Travis Young
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 18 Sheryl Abell
- 19 Deb Tollgaard
- 22 Jamie Peterson  
Timothy Myles
- 23 Richard Coccie
- 29 Leigha Kuehl

# June Anniversaries

- 1 Elvie & Jim Tollgaard ('58)
- 8 Jan & Rob Benson ('62)
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff  
Rosmosz  
Tammy & Jamie Peterson  
Russ & Sheryl Abell
- 24 Pastor & Linda  
Christianson

## MAY 2014 GIVING

### GENERAL FUND

Sunday Offering & Coffee	\$ 6126.83
General Savings	\$ 1092.00
Memorial Account	\$ 20.00
Globe – VBS Expenses	\$ 15.00

### MEMORIALS

Martha and Eddie Arfman - Charles Arfman	\$300.00 Savings
Loved Ones - Betty Abrahamson	\$100.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Jeanette Johnsen	\$20.00 Memorial
Bertha Wain - Lois Hendrickson	\$10.00 Gen. Fund
Bertha Wain - Floyd & Carole Ahlgren	\$20.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Bubba & Sue Vance	\$20.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Kenny & Marilyn Stephen	\$10.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Wayne & Liz Thom	\$20.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Gary & Vicki Crist	\$20.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Jean & Thomas Brozic	\$100.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Nancy Nepple	\$25.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - James Wain	\$282.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Jim & Elvie Tollgaard	\$25.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Richard & Susan Coccie	\$100.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Lilly Autio	\$25.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Ed & LaVerne Hutton	\$20.00 Savings
Bertha Wain - Bob & Lonna Hutchinson	\$25.00 Savings

## 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

**~ June 2014 ~ HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	<b>2</b> USHER: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7 7:00 PM-Adult Confirmation & Learning	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9-10:30 Ruby's Pantry at Arrowhead Town Hall	<b>6</b> 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School  Commissioning of the quilts  10:45 Coffee Fellowship  <i>Pentecost-Wear Red</i>	<b>9</b> USHER: Rob Benson & Wayne Thom – Team 8	<b>10</b> 6:30 Building & grounds Committee 7:00 Church Council	<b>11</b> 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST  7:00-8:00 Evangelism & Outreach brainstorming	<b>12</b> 9:00 A.M. Church Cleaning	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Riverview Manor  No office hours- Pastor is working in Duluth	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship  <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i>  <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>16</b> USHER: Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 Worship & Music Committee	<b>20</b> 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>21</b> 4:00 Froberg & Valcourt Wedding
<b>22</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	<b>23</b> USHER: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST  <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</i>	<b>27</b> 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	<b>28</b>
Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fair Building						
<b>29</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	<b>30</b> USHER: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard – Team 3	<b>Notes:</b>				

# **ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**WHEN: June 23-26  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**PLACE: Floodwood Fair  
Building**

Come join in the fun!!!



Those who served the Easter Sunday Breakfast: Carolyn Hosking, Wyatt Rauvola, Nolan Heikkila, Hazel Bailey, LuAnn Heikkila, and Leigha Kuehl. Hazel and LuAnn also organized and served the Wednesday night Lenten Soup Suppers

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

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