



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church APRIL 2017

## A Word From Pastor Carl

*THE SURVEY SAYS...*

From the results of the survey that was recently conducted in our congregation, one of the areas identified was to make pastoral visitation a higher priority for those who are new in our area, those who are lapsed in their participation and to make contact with the parents of the kids from religious release time who do not attend worship. I admit that I haven't done well with this task--especially with those who have faded into the background from our congregation and for the release time parents who do not show up on Sunday morning. I have struggled with how to tactfully request and then have a conversation in person that centers around the topic, "So why aren't you coming to church service?" I imagine that it is awkward to be on the receiving end of such a question, too.

To help me think of how to still carry this out with more ease, my wife Jodi came up with a few good ideas. The first suggestion she made is "Why don't you ask some of the people on the council (or anyone else for that matter) to go with you to make the conversation flow better?" I presented this idea at our last meeting and the council agreed that this would be helpful and doable.

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## Hope Lutheran Church Women

*WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & MEETING*

The Bible reference for the April study will be Genesis 16 — the story of Abram and Sarai -[later Abraham and Sarah — renamed by God]. This is a familiar story and will tie in with "What if I make the Wrong Decision?" - the 8th lesson in the Decision series. A major barrier to making a decision can be the fear of making the wrong choice — something that Abram and Sarai did. Where do we put the blame for our bad decisions? Join the discussion on April 11th at 10:00 AM at the church. All women are welcome.

The local food shelf was given the proceeds from the penny jar at the back of the church [\$27.55] and the change jar that circulates at the women's group meetings. [\$32.48]. Thank you to all who contributed this past year!

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING (UNAPPROVED)

Hope Lutheran Church  
Floodwood, MN

March 19, 2017

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Rob Benson, Mark Johnsen, Elvi Tollgaard, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski, Lonna Hutchinson.

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnsen at 12pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

### AGENDA

Motion by Coccie, second by Tollgaard to approve the agenda with additions.

### REPORTS

**Secretary:** Motion by Coccie, second by Seredinski to approve the minutes of February 21, 2017. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Motion by Benson, second by Hutchinson to approve the February financial report. Motion carried.

**Pastor:** Read.

**Christian Education and Youth:** Three youth attended Quake.

**Outreach:** Homework help is meeting on Wednesdays. With basketball season over more kids are coming for help. The Clothing Depot made a \$100 donation at the Grocery Store for ON ACCOUNT. More help is needed with the additional students.

**Community & Technology:** No report.

**Building:** There are a few small projects still needing to be completed. Johnsen will get a building committee going again. The elevator has been repaired.

**Befrienders:** Several cards this year so far. January-9 birthday, 2 sympathy; February -8 birthday, 1 sympathy, 1 get well; March - 14 birthday, 1 sympathy.

**HLCW:** Teddy bear picnic will be April 30<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going toward shingles.

**Quilters:** 11 quilts.

**Administrator:** Submitted a report on all banking accounts. Elevator has been repaired. A \$500 donation to start the fund for roof replacement was received. Hope Lutheran will act as the Fiscal agent for the 2017 Community Vacation Bible School. Project shield 616 which involves safety equipment for off duty police officers was discussed.

### OLD BUSINESS

A. Survey will be gone over with Pastor and council.

B. We will need a congregational meeting to decide on roof repair. All bids are in and Kletscher will put together all information so a recommendation can be made. The meeting will take place on April 23, 2017.

C. Leak on rental property roof. Hutchinson will contact contractor.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Bank signatures need to be updated.

B. Installation of new officers will be March 26, 2017.

Globe offering for April, Project Shield 616.

Next meeting: April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Closing prayer given by Pastor.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

### APRIL REFRESHMENT SERVER LIST



Leader - Sue Hutchinson  
Marilyn Stephen  
Elaine Stokke  
Bryan & Tracy Hutchinson

*HLCW Minutes March 14, 2017*

President Grace Autio opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:50 a.m. at the close of the Bible Study. Eleven members were present.

The main order of business was the annual fundraiser, the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Grace noted the date of the event, Sunday, April 30, and that the Rebecca Circle will be in charge of the kitchen.

Discussion of the upcoming church roofing project, which is expected to cost about \$77,000, was held. A motion was then made by Susan Coccie, seconded by Elvi Tollgaard, to designate this year's Teddy Bear picnic proceeds to the roofing fund. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's statement showed a checking balance as of March 13, 2017 as \$347.70 and a savings balance unchanged at \$636.21. March available funds after designated funds of \$532.22 are \$451.69.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

**QUILTING**



Quilting will be April 25th at the church starting at 9:00 going until 3:00. Bring your sandwich and join us.



**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**

The Teddy Bear Picnic will be on Sunday April 30. Rebecca Circle will be in charge this year. The proceeds will go toward camperships, if we have more money than needed for campers, it will go to the roof project.

Thank You



Special thanks to the *Anonymous Donor(s)* who graciously covered the cost of replacing the windows. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Hope Lutheran Church is hosting the Ecumenical Good Friday services this year. The date is April 14th. The Ecumenical Community Choir will be singing. Naomi Circle will serve the refreshments after the service.

***A Word From Pastor Carl ..... THE SURVEY SAYS... (Continued from page 1)***

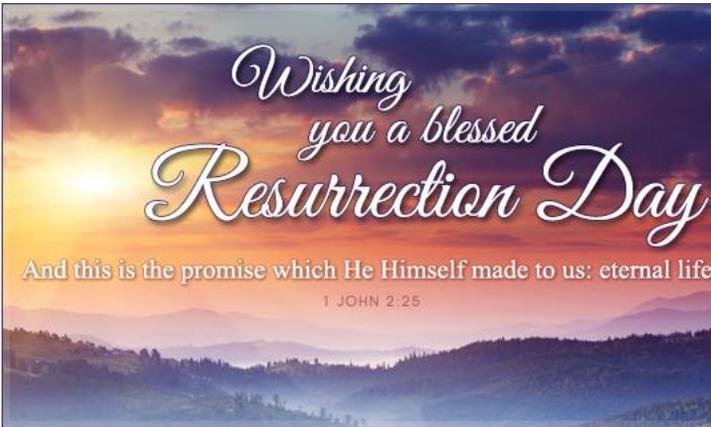
Another idea that Jodi thought of (that I also like) is for there to be a sign-up sheet folder by the church office for requesting a visit. If you know of a person new to the area or have contact information for someone who recently visited our church service, you can include that on the sign-up sheet along with anything else that you think would be helpful for me to know before getting in touch with that individual.

Having a list will also assist my memory so that if a funeral or a particularly hectic set of days come my way, then there still will be a written record. There will also be a space on the form for you to sign your name. This way, I can follow up with you to let you know that the inquiry has taken place.

Another opinion that was expressed by a number of people in the survey is for some changes to the worship service. The request was made for a greater variety of songs and less liturgy at the time of Holy Communion.

The worship and music committee has planned for the month of April already but thereafter, we will implement changes. Our resources are somewhat limited since we do not have the musicians or the money to have a band but we will make an effort to do what we can with what is in our reach. We do have DVDs that we have used in the past and we will likely need to draw on them again or something similar.

Related to the worship service, a few people requested that the sermon topics more frequently point toward a personal Christian walk with God. Through the experience of my years at seminary and study, sometimes I get a little too distracted by what is in or behind the scripture text itself that I run out of time for how those important points apply to our lives. I will be more mindful of this but I cannot promise that every Sunday that the message will always resonate with what you are directly experiencing that week. Praise God that his preached Word still has a way of communicating things that I do not speak.





# Easter Breakfast

## Hope Lutheran Church

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

### Free Will Offering

*Sponsored by the Hope Lutheran Church Youth*

## PRAYER REQUEST APRIL 2017



### **For those who are ill or struggling**

Dinah Tveit	Sadie Stokke	Jim Thom	Frances Haubrich
Theresa Fisher	Danette Johnson	Denny Jones	Grace Wagner
Joy Cich	Lorraine Guentzel	Tim Ahrendt	Violet Johnson
Mallory Norrell	Joy Greene	Willa Jonas	

Family of Dale Felknor  
Peace and goodwill in our nation  
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

### **For those in the military**

Michael Thom  
David Shafer  
Damien Autio

### **For places where wars and conflict take place**

Syria and Iraqi Christians and missionaries threatened by ISIS and the refugees  
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

### **Thanksgiving:**

## April 2017 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>USHER TEAM:</b> Mark Johnson & Dave Zieroth					<b>1</b>  <i>April Fools Day</i>
<b>2</b> Luke 18:31-19:10 <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship	<b>3</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Final Religious Release: <b>12:55</b> Elementary <b>1:45</b> High School <b>2:30-5:30</b> Homework Help <b>3:00-4:00</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Conf. class <b>6:00-6:45</b> Soup Supper <b>6:30</b> ecumenical choir practice <b>7:00</b> Lenten Service	<b>6</b> <b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Luke 19:29-44 <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Fellowship & Christian Education & Youth and Family Ministry meeting <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>10</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola <b>6:00 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>10:00</b> HLCW Bible Study and meeting  <i>Passover</i>	<b>12</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST <b>2:30-5:30</b> Homework Help NO 2 <sup>nd</sup> Conf. class	<b>13</b> <b>NO</b> Pastor's Office Hours <b>7:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service	<b>14</b> <b>6:30</b> Ecumenical Choir practice <b>7:00</b> Ecumenical Good Friday Service, Hope Lutheran Church	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Luke 24:1-12 <b>8:00</b> Easter Breakfast <b>9:30</b> Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord No Sunday Sch. or Fellowship	<b>17</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>2:30-5:30</b> Homework Help  <b>3:00</b> second confirmation class	<b>20</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Music Committee <b>12:30</b> Floodwood Bus. & Comm. Partnership @ Portage <b>2-4 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>21</b> <b>10:00</b> Bible Study at Riverview Apt	<b>22</b> <b>10:00-2:00</b> Lake Superior LCMC & NALC area congregations Spring Leadership Gathering New Life Lutheran Church
<b>23</b> Luke 24:13-35 <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> Special Congregational Meeting for purposes of discussing roofing the church. Fellowship after meeting	<b>24</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	<b>25</b> <b>9:00</b> HLCW quilting	<b>26</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST <b>2:30-5:30</b> Homework Help <b>3:00</b> second confirmation class	<b>27</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Augustana District of LCMC annual gathering in Hutchinson</div>
<b>30</b> Acts 6:1-7:2a <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sun.Sch. <b>10:45</b> <i>Teddy Bear Picnic</i>	<b>Notes:</b> <b>Council Meeting Sunday May 15 at 6:00 PM</b>					

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Tracy Zieroth  
Courtney Romanek
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 7 Lilyana Johnson
- 8 Alaynah Mattila
- 9 David Zieroth  
Imijyn Thompson
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Romosz  
Hunter Rauvola
- 13 Tracy Hutchinson
- 14 Neva Polo
- 15 Ethel Pensak  
Ed Hutton  
Jazmine Johnson
- 6 Caleb Fries  
Lane Grady  
David Shafer
- 17 Maija Hunt
- 18 Roy Autio
- 21 Marion Shafer  
Jeff Romosz (Sylvia  
Shafer)
- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard  
Quinn Kuehl
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 30 Faith Romanek

**APRIL  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall
- MAY BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Joe Rahja  
Telisha Bennett
  - 9 Alice Shafer
  - 10 Gordy Granmoe
  - 11 Tasha Belter
  - 12 Rob Benson
  - 14 Keven Johnson
  - 19 Joyce Andrews  
Jacob Seredinski
  - 22 Don Rosemore
  - 23 Grace Autio  
Ben Rosemore
  - 24 LeRoy Samuelson
  - 29 Kathy Johnsen  
Bob Rahja
  - 30 Laverne Hutton

**MAY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)

**HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH GIVING**

**General Fund Giving**

Feb 25	\$ 994.50
March 1	
Ash Wednesday	\$ 195.00
March 5	\$ 2799.00
March 12	\$ 1456.58
March 19	\$ 1848.31

**Total General Fund \$ 7293.39**

**Youth**

March 1 Soup Supper	\$ 85.00
March 8 Soup Supper	\$ 32.00
March 15 Soup Supper	\$ 49.00
Quake Zone Fees	\$ 75.00
Globe (February 25)	\$ 61.00
Other	\$ 8.00

**Total Youth Fund \$307.00**

**Globe Offering**

Food Shelf	\$290.00
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**Savings -- for Roofing**

\$500.00



**BOY  
SCOUTS**

See the calendar for dates and time of Boy Scout meetings at Hope Lutheran.



**WEDNESDAY**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

***Soup Supper 6:00 PM***

***Ecumenical Community***

***Choir Practice 6:30 PM***

***Lenten Services 7:00 PM***

**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)

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

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