



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church APRIL 2018

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WORD FROM PASTOR

Easter Cards

One of my sisters called me a few days ago and said “Bean (my family nickname) I'm mailing you an Easter card, but you probably won't like it, because it's not religious!”. I assured her that I would, and that I was excited to get it.

The next time that I was in a store that carried greeting cards, I took some time and looked over the selection of Easter cards. What images did they have on them? It didn't take me long to determine that, although many of them weren't traditionally religious, the majority of them could be symbolic of Christ's Resurrection.

Easter eggs could represent Christ's tomb. The images of eggs on the cards were colorful and ornate, and Jesus' tomb certainly wasn't, but it was brand-new; a gift of reverence and love from Joseph of Arimathea.

Some of the eggs showed baby chicks breaking out of them; that could be representative of Jesus breaking forth from the restraint of death.

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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Bible Study and Meeting

Lesson 8 in the “Spiritual Warfare” series, titled “Standing Firm” is based on Job, Chapters 1 and 2. In Chapter 1 Satan makes a deal with God that results in multiple personal tragedies befalling Job, a man of profound wealth and stature in his community. In one form or another his story is happening every day in a broken and fallen world. Join the discussion on April 10th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome.

Food Shelf Donations: The “penny” jar at the back of the church yielded \$19.19 this past year. The women's circle collection in the change jar, presented at monthly meetings, totaled \$42.60, for a grand total of \$61.79.

This amount will be passed on to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf this March. *(Continued on Page 4)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Julie Gellert, Rob Benson, Susan Coccie, Mark Johnsen, Pat Seredinski, Dean Fries, Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Meeting Called to order at 6:03 PM by Pastor Julie Gellert.

Pastor Julie Gellert Opened with Prayer.

Election of Officers

President – Mark Johnsen was nominated by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Susan Coccie. Motion carried.

Vice President – Rob Benson was nominated by Susan Coccie 2nd by Pat Seredinski. Motion carried.

Secretary – Dean Fries was nominated by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Susan Coccie was nominated by Rob Benson, 2nd by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

Motion to elect officers as nominated was made by Pat Seredinski, supported by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

January 18, 2018 Council Minutes – Motioned by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

January 28, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes – Motioned by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Pat Seredinski. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Motion by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Rob Benson to approve the Treasures report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report: Written report was provided.

Administrator's Report Jeff's report was provided in packet.

Quake Zone – Cost for 2 rooms (boys room and girls room with chaperones) \$1,302.00. Funds came out of the general fund but will be reimbursed in the future from the youth account.

Military Bible Sticks – Church raised \$332.00.

Church Phone/Internet – Switched to SCI Broadband on February 7.

Copy Machine – Presented Metro Sales lease and maintenance agreement. We have been using the demo copier and it suits our need plus more, the copier folds, staples and provides color, Jeff recommends going forward with the lease. Motion by Dean Fries, 2nd by Susan Coccie to enter into lease with Metro Sales. Motion carried.

Endowment Fund - Balance as of 12/31/17 was \$75,659.36.

Christian Education and Youth

Confirmation Classes -

Confirmation will be Sunday April 22nd

Release Time: Hazel – no report
Out Reach Committee – no report

Building Committee – Current renters are vacating at the end of March. Council is looking for input from the committee to recommend future plans for the house. Keep renting it, tear down, maintenance items (siding, windows...), and costs.
Quilting – 10 completed in January.

Old Business

Shield 616 – Presentation at Floodwood City Hall on Monday, March 12 at 6:00 PM. Discussion on prayer support for officers.

Discussion of Joining Epiphany District – (Pastor Julie Gellert) Will be looking into further, the thought is that it would be beneficial to assemble with other LCMC churches. Perhaps, a non-geographic district of rural communities.

Church Security meeting: Looking to get a committee together to discuss Church security items and ideas in light of recent incidences around the country. Meeting will be scheduled at the Church for April 18th at 6:00. Mark will write something for the bulletin.

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Council Minutes (Continued from Page 1)

New Business

Wilderness Experience Retreat Center - Pastor Julie Gellert feels it would be a good team building event for the council and will get more information. SonShine books and accompanying CD purchase for Assisted Living worship services - Pastor Julie Gellert feels this would be good to have for these services. Material would cost \$175.00 and come out of the memorial savings account. Motioned by Mark Johnsen, 2nd by Pat Seredinski. Motion carried.

Holy Week and Easter worship services – 1) Per Pastor Julie Gellert, Palm Sunday, the Quake Event participants will each give a brief 2-minute talk on their experience at the Quake Event. 2) Good Friday Service will be at the St. Louis Catholic Church. Hope Lutheran will have Prayer time at our Church from 12:00 to 3:00.

Congregational Profile – Call Committee provided the congregational profile they are working on, Council discussed the Profile and feels it needs to be cleaned-up as far as grammar, sentence structure and spelling. It was also agreed that content needed fine tuning. Mark will ask Kathy to work on it.

Instillation of Officers: Set for Sunday March 4th

VBS – Judy Ario will coordinate again this year. June 11th - 15th at Downtown Fair Center. With all Floodwood Churches participating. We

(Jeff) handle the finances for VBS. Motion to participate and pay our fee of \$250.00 was made by Susan Coccie, supported by Dean Fries. Motion carried.

Globe Offering March globe offering will be the Floodwood Area Food Shelf

Next Meeting Thursday March 15th, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Mark Johnsen closed with Prayer at 7:35 PM.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE

Hope Lutheran Youth

Release Time

Every Wednesday during the school year, students from the Floodwood School attended Release Time at various churches in Floodwood. They met from 1:00-1:45. The last day of Release Time was March 21st. At Hope, they began with prayer and music accompanied by Jeanette Johnsen on the piano. Jeanette was such a blessing and we thank her for her dedication. After group time, the students broke into classes for the weekly lesson. The kids were always sent back to school with a treat!!!



Thank you to Pastor Julie, Dawn Shafer, Pat Seredinski, Hazel Bailey and when a sub was needed, Carolyn Hosking, LuAnn Heikkila and Rob Benson.

Quake

On March 16-18th five Hope Lutheran Youth and two chaperones headed for Minneapolis to join other local youth for Quake. Quake is a weekend gathering held at the Hilton Hotel, next to the Mall of America. At the gathering, youth participated in high energy worship, great music, speakers and workshops about faith.



The youth would like to thank Brea and Malcom Wallaker for the ride to the cities and being wonderful chaperones.

A BIG Thank You to the Hope Lutheran Church Women for the large donation into the Youth Fund and to everyone who donated in all the youth fundraisers this past year to help make this weekend happen!!!!

WORD FROM PASTOR
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Butterflies are my favorite image that I've seen often on cards this year. They can depict our metamorphosis from "what we once were" as the Apostle Paul says to what we are now, when we're sanctified by the Perfect Lamb, another traditional picture on some Easter cards.

Easter candy on cards is colorful to look at, and the real thing is of course good to eat! I believe it represents the sweetness of life in Christ- vida en Cristo (as my Spanish-speaking friends in Arizona would call it).

Many cards have a burst of beautiful flowers on them, which instantly bring to mind the flowers that will adorn the chancel area of our church, and many others, all over the world. I think especially of the flowers that will soften the Cross; the instrument of pain, suffering, and death for our Savior, but the symbol of Salvation for us.

Yes, even adorable bunnies have a place on Easter cards, and can lead to Jesus. Have you ever snuggled a live, or even a stuffed bunny? It provides peace and comfort, just as sensing Jesus' arms wrapped around us in a gentle embrace does. So, keep those Easter cards out as decorations in your home and office until May 20th (Pentecost) during the 2018 Easter season, and renew the Resurrection Joy that we cherish as God's Children.

1st Peter 1: 3-4

By His Grace +

Pastor J

HLCW (Continued from Page 1)

HLCW MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2018

President Grace Autio opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:00 a.m. following the Bible study. Twelve members were present. The February 13 HLCW minutes were published in the recent issue of The Beacon of Hope. A motion was made by Susan Coccie and seconded by Elvi Tollgaard to approve the February minutes as published. The motion was approved by all present.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a checking balance of \$257.08 on January 1, 2018 and a balance of \$558.07 after income of \$378.00 and expenses of \$77.01 as of March 10, 2018. Savings remained at \$635.59. After designated funds of \$538.59 there remains available funds of \$655.07. Upon motion by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by Shirley Johnson, the treasurer's report was approved by all as submitted.

Grace read a letter from missionaries John and Tammy Juhl who served a mission in Kenya, Africa fifteen years ago and have volunteered to serve there this summer from June 25 to July 12. The Juhl family and their five children were guests at the home of Bob and Joyce Andrews several years ago between assignments. It was suggested that HLCW send \$100 to World Mission Prayer League, Minneapolis towards the Juhls' new assignment to Kenya. Motion to do so by Shirley, seconded by Laverne Hutton, was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS; The Easter breakfast at Hope on Sunday, April

1. There will be a signup sheet for contributions of items needed for the breakfast.

Spring Cleaning time for the church premises is approaching and Grace noted that Hazel Bailey suggested April 25 as the cleaning date. The date will be decided for sure at a later date.

Grace noted that the Teddy Bear Picnic is coming up, perhaps April 29, the last Sunday in April.

Naomi Circle will be in charge, and where the funds will be designated will be decided next month, as there may be enough funds for camperships.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

Mowing Quotes
Requested



The Church Council is accepting quotes for mowing at the Church, Parsonage, and Rental property. Please submit separate quotes for each property and include a quote for mowing all three properties. Church Council has the right to reject any or all bids. Mower accepts any legal responsibilities for the work done. Quotes should be submitted to Jeff Kletscher no later than Sunday, April 15th. Questions: Contact Jeff at 218-348-3334 or email jeffkletscher@yahoo.com.

HLCW (Continued from Page 4)

Quilting



Quilting will be the last Tuesday, April 24, starting at 9:00. Please bring your own lunch and enjoy the day.

Youth (Continued from Page 3)

Soup Supper



Hope Lutheran Women served delicious soups on Wednesdays before the Lenten Service. The Youth helped serve the soups and received the goodwill donations to add to their Youth Fund.

Thank you to the Hope Lutheran Church Women and all that attended the soup suppers.



Palm Sunday



Sunday School children waved palm branches while the opening hymn was sung during the Palm Sunday worship service.



TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

SUNDAY,
APRIL 29TH
(following the
church service)

PROCEEDS
WILL GO
TOWARD
CAMPERSHIPS

Naomi Circle will
be in charge



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

A spring cleaning day is planned for Thursday, April 26th. We need help from men and women.

We will post a list of areas to clean.
Hope to see YOU there.



Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, April 19th at 9:30 am. We welcome new participants in the group. Suggestions for hymns/music can be submitted to Jeannette or Pastor Julie before that day.



MEETING

There will be a meeting at the church on April 18 at 6:00 pm to discuss church security.

EKKA PRAYER LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Hope Lutheran Church, Floodwood, MN.

Warm Lenten Greetings to you !

We are sorry that we were not able to write to you earlier mainly due to lack of internet connection. Since our arrival here we have been busy adjusting and also teaching at the seminary and supervising construction work and hosting friends and visitors from the US etc. It is exciting to meet with the new students who joined the seminary after we left for our home assignment in 2016.



The building on the left is staff quarters for seminary teachers and community health workers. Due to various challenges it looked that the building won't be ready for dedication on Dec. 31, 2017 but by God's grace and extraordinary work by the builders the work was completed. We thank you for your prayers and support for God's work in this part of the world. There are six units in this building; three units are for the teaching faculty of the seminary and three units are for the workers of community health ministry. It was special for us to host 11 guests during dedication ceremony.

Students, Faculty and the guests from US on the occasion of the dedication of this residential building on Dec. 31, 2017.



Students organizing sports events for after school children in the seminary campus.



Cleaning the campus is part of training for seminary students.

We have shared with you about a very exciting ministry of a Christian Boarding School (K-12). On the right is the proposed site for the Christian Boarding School. The picture was taken from the roof of the seminary. Please pray for God's guidance and provision as we prepare to launch this school in coming months. The vision of the school is "Raising Next Generation for God's Mission". Also please pray for resolution of some issues arising owing to forest department claiming part of this land due to erroneous survey.



Maani (18) and Urbas (15) are continuing their education in MN. We are very thankful for many friends who are helping them in so many extraordinary ways, most of all to our dear friend Patty for providing them place, food, guardianship and everything while we serve in India.

Please join us in Prayer for-

- Students graduating later on in March and also students going to various ministry situations in May.
- Rev. Amol who has been appointed the new Principal of the seminary.
- For Youth Program for 150 young people (April) ; Sonshine program for 10th-12th grades (May) and Language Village for all ages (May)
- Our friend Patty as she takes care of Maani and Urbas in MN.
- Wisdom, provision and favor as we continue to plan and prepare for launching of the Christian Boarding School.



We are much encouraged and motivated and thankful for your mission partnership. Together we are in the business of transforming individuals and communities in the name of Lord Jesus Christ. Please know that you remain in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord watch over you and keep you always.

Neeraj, Nijhar, Puna and Jhumpa
jneka@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUEST APRIL 2018



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Mary	Monica
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Phil
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	
Theresa	Joy C.	Willa	Linda	

Those suffering from natural disasters
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

For those in the military

Michael Thom
David Shafer
Damien Autio
Owen Seredinski

For places where wars and conflict take place

Syria and Iraqi Christians and missionaries threatened by ISIS and the refugees
Those suffering from terrorism
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
Madagascar Mission Project

For our congregation, the Call Committee and Church Council
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta
Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers
Keep praying for the 4 confirmation candidates that they will all be included in Confirmation

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
 - 4 Pat Manee
 - 5 Tad Farrell
 - 6 Julie Gellert
 - 7 Lilyana Johnson
 - 9 David Zieroth
Imijyn Thompson
 - 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Romosz
Hunter Rauvola
Morgan Kuehl
 - 13 Tracy Hutchinson
 - 14 Neva Polo
 - 15 Ethel Pensak
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
- ANNIVERSARIES**
- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Telisha Bennett
- 9 Alice Shafer
- 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
- 28 Carol Schminski
- 29 Kathy Johnsen
- 30 Laverne Hutton

MAY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)



GLOBE OFFERING



The Globe Offering in April will be used to offset Baccalaureate expenses.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

February 18	\$1616.00
February 25	\$ 421.71
March 4	\$3070.97
March 11	\$1061.00
March 18	\$1175.50

Globe – Souper Bowl of Caring

February 18	\$ 150.00
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Globe – Food Shelf

March 4	\$ 50.00
March 11	\$ 130.00
March 18	\$ 20.00

General Savings

March 4 -	\$1500.00 from MNDOT
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Youth

Feb 21 – Soup Supper	\$ 105.00
Feb 28 – Soup Supper	\$ 87.00
March 4 -	\$ 101.00
Candy & Sales Table	
March 18– Soup Supper	\$ 108.00

Memorials

In Memory of Ed Hutton from Marilyn Stephen	
\$ 20.00	(Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Ed Hutton from Roy & Grace Autio	
\$ 20.00	(Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Ed Hutton from Jack & Willie Moe	
\$ 50.00	(Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Ed Hutton from Bubba & Sue Vance	
\$ 25.00	(Memorial Savings)

April 2018
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	2 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	3	4 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class	5 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	6	7
8 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	9 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson	10 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	11 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class	12	13	14
15 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	16 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	17	18 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Church security meeting	19 9:30 AM Worship and Music committee a 6:00 Church Council Meeting	20	21
22 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 10:45 Fellowship	23 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	24 9:00-3:00 HLCW quilting in church basement Beacon News articles due	25 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	26 WORK DAY At Hope	27	28
29 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Teddy Bear Picnic 	30 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	Looking Ahead May 23 Baccalaureate at Hope Lutheran Community VBS June 11-15 at Downtown Fair Center				

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

April

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



May

Leader: Tim & Deb Tollgaard
Shirley Johnson
Don & Rae Rosemore

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:

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