

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran April 2026

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are approaching spring and the Easter season. The weather is warming up, and Easter is the high point of the church year. We all look forward to the coming events of this time of year.

This year on April 1st, there will be a special program at our Floodwood School put on by the people who lead the Quake program that our high school students attend each March. Our kids really enjoy that program each year and now there will be an opportunity here in Floodwood for adults who would like to learn more about the way they teach Christianity to our kids. There will be a program at the school in the afternoon and another service at the school in the evening. This is being sponsored by New Life Church, and all are invited to attend.

That week is Holy Week, and the next day is Maundy Thursday. We will have a service that evening at 7:00 p.m. with holy communion. Martin Luther will be present to finish his review of his small catechism on the sacrament of the altar (**Holy Communion**). There is no soup supper that week. The next day is Good Friday, and this year, Hope Lutheran will host the community Good Friday Service. The focus of the service is on the seven wounds of Christ and how they were not randomly inflicted on Jesus. (*Continued on Page 2*)



Cindy Burgess will continue leading the study of women in the Bible with two more lesser [or little] known ones --- the Wise Woman of Abel Beth Maacah, and Rizpah. Never heard of them? Join the group on Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00 A.M. at the church to discover who they are. (*Continued on Page 3*)

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**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

COUNCIL MINUTES NOT
AVAILABLE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
Jody Messner
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 6 Pastor 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 Jazmine Johnson
- 16 Caleb Fries
Lane Grady
- 17 Maija Hunt
- 18 Roy Autio
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz
(Sylvia Shafer)

- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
Quinn Kuehl
Todd Messner
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 30 Faith Romanek

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

NONE THIS MONTH

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Telisha Bennett
 - 9 Alice Shafer
 - 11 Tasha Belter
 - 12 Anna Lisa Dusek
 - 14 Keven Johnson
 - 19 Jacob Seredinski
 - 23 Grace Autio
Ben Rosemore
 - 28 Carol Schminski
 - 29 Kathy Johnsen
 - 30 Laverne Hutton
- MAY
ANNIVERSARIES**
- 28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)

**Pastor's Corner
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Our Savior willingly accepted them to fulfill the mission His heavenly Father gave Him to redeem mankind, obtain forgiveness of our sins and restore our relationship with the heavenly Father forever, for all who believe in Jesus. All are invited to come and experience this special time together with members of the other churches in Floodwood.

The next day, Saturday April 4th, we will again sponsor a community Easter Egg hunt put on by our high school youth and members of the education committee. It is always a good time for the young families of Floodwood and their children to gather at Hope Lutheran.

The next day Sunday April 5th we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on that Easter morning some two thousand years ago. We sponsor a wonderful Easter Breakfast that morning before the church service. The food and fellowship is awesome that day. All are encouraged to come and be a part of this special worship time. We can all rejoice together and say, "Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed." The Great Good news is that it is true, and we too will be resurrected like Jesus one day to live with God in His heavenly family forever!

I invite you all to come and experience the climax of our Lenten season and the start of the Easter season. It is a special time to celebrate together the Glory of our God!

God Bless Us All,
Pastor John

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QUILTING

Quilting will be on Tuesday, April 28, at 9:00 AM. Any and all help is welcome.

CARD OF THANKS

A special **THANK YOU** to the anonymous person(s) for the generous donation of \$500.00 for quilting supplies.

FOOD SHELF DONATION

The women's group donated a total of \$70.00 to the local food shelf in March --- the result of change collections at group meetings, plus a collection of pennies saved over the past couple years. Thank you to all who contributed!



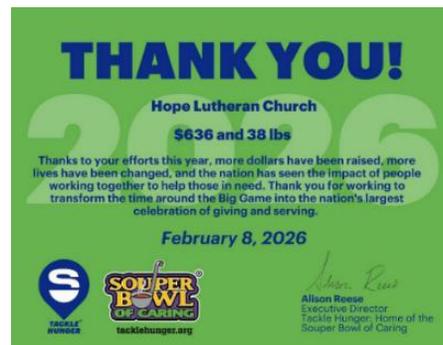
Lenten Services

Hope youth helped serve the Wednesday night Lenten soup suppers and Martin Luther (Pastor John) provided an education about the contents of the Small Catechism.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt will begin at 1:00 PM on April 4th at the church. Special guest the Easter Bunny. Ages 0-12. Lots of fun, drawing for prizes, bunny bucks and treats.



Easter Breakfast 

Hope Lutheran Church

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by the Hope Lutheran Church Youth

FOOD SHELF

NEW HOURS

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

12-2:00 PM

THEN: THE FOLLOWING MONDAY

9-11:00 AM



Reminders

Sign up to serve refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a Scripture reader!

PRAYER REQUESTS

April 2026



For those who are ill or struggling

Kitty	Gary
Dean S.	Jerry
Danette	Sadie
Carlene	Elsie
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Carolyn
Roy	Nancy
Erik	

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

Those mourning the loss of loved ones.

For those in the military:

Owen Seredinski, Liam Seredinski, Jacob Seredinski

For places where wars and conflict take place

Ukraine
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
Pashtun People Group
Robert & Ulla Suhonen
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital
Peace*Love*Haiti
Madagascar Mission Project
*For our congregation and Church Council
*Pastor Julie
*Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

Peace and healing in Ukraine and Israel and the world!

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

March 1	\$1223.00
March 8	\$2766.15
March 15	\$553.00

**Globe Offering
Quake Support**

March 1	\$60.00
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**Globe Offering
Floodwood Area Food Shelf**

March 1	\$150.00
March 8	\$130.00

Youth – Soup Suppers

February 25	\$76.00
March 4	\$30.00
March 11	\$21.00

In Memory of Floyd Ahlgren from Carole Ahlgren \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



April -- None

May – Camp Patmos Support

Offerings can be mailed to:
Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736

Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2026	\$6,253.00	\$7,871.77
February 2026	\$8,312.95	\$8,118.35
Year to Date	\$14,565.95	\$16,001.02
Year to Date Deficit		\$1,435.07

April 2026 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Gary Gustafson		1	2 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor 7 PM- Maundy Thursday Service	3 7 PM- Community Good Friday Service at Hope	4  1 PM Easter Egg Hunt at Hope
5 8 AM Easter Breakfast  At Hope 9:30 Worship with Communion NO Fellowship	6 USHER: Dale Rauvola NO- Pastor's office hours	7	8	9	10 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	11
12 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	13 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	14 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	15	16 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	17	18
19 8:00 AM: Church Council Meeting 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	20 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 <i>NEWS ITEMS DUE</i>	25
26 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	27 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	28 9:00 AM Quilting	29	30	Watch for information on Spring Day out in April.	

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

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

The Beacon of Hope is published each month for members and friends of Hope Lutheran Church, Floodwood, Minnesota. News items should be given to Ann Bolstad (476-2130, cell 343-0943) or send to draseal@aol.com by the 24th of the month.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED