

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church August 2018

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WORD FROM PASTOR

It's Been A Great Ride!

Thank you for allowing me to come to Floodwood and be your interim pastor! The last 9 months have been a very uplifting experience for me. The positive reinforcement I've received while I've been with you is a real Blessing, and I trust that the time I've spent with you has been good for the congregation, too.

The season of ministry has passed by so quickly-the last few months even more than the beginning ones. So much has happened, including calling a new pastor in a very short period of time; one that is well qualified, as well as enthusiastic, to take the helm of the ship with the Holy Spirit commandeering.
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Other things that are notable are a recharge of team spirit of members, willingness to add or try new things in the worship service, and the desire to invite guests to attend our church for special events and regular Sunday worship. Liturgical dramas performed during Lent by members-even one created by two members- were uniquely performed and well received.

But so much for Resting on Our Laurels! I won't physically be here with you, but I'll be praying that you continue in the momentum that we have been building in the interim, under the Spiritual leadership of Pastor John Burgess. You have great congregational leadership to assist him in all areas of ministry, and I trust that you will do that, just as you have assisted me.

Be always intentional about being Christ's Apostles here and beyond by worshipping and being in fellowship regularly, to grow in faith in study of the Word and in regular prayer time, in order to give back to your home church, Hope LC, and THE Church, some of the favor that you have received from God Himself.

As the Apostle Paul closed his 2nd letter to the Corinthians "My love to all of you in Christ Jesus". In Him, goodbye is only temporary, amen+?

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Pastor J.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES June 14, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Julie Gellert, Rob Benson, Susan Coccie, Mark Johnsen, Pat Seredinski, Administrator Jeff Kletscher. **Absent:** Dean Fries
Meeting Called to order at 6:05 PM by Mark Johnson.
Mark Johnson opened with Prayer. Pastor Gellert led a short devotional.

Secretaries Report

Approved Agenda – Motioned by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Susan Coccie. Motion carried.
May 18, 2018 Council Minutes – Motioned by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Pat Seredinski to approve the minutes with corrections as noted. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed financial report. Motion by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Mark Johnsen to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report Written report was provided.

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

Committee reports

Call Committee – Call Committee unanimously recommends calling John Burgess to be Pastor of Hope Lutheran. Jeff will check references with MNBCA and TrustedEmployees. Motion by Rob Benson, 2nd by Pat Seredinski to schedule a Special Congregational meeting for Sunday, July 8th after worship service for the purpose of extending a call to

recommended candidate John Burgess. Motion carried.
Christian Education and Youth – No meetings held.

Outreach Committee – Rob and Jan have ideas to introduce new pastor to congregation members and community.

Building Committee – Need to look at rental when it is vacated.

Quilting – Quilts were transported to Grand Rapids. No quilting in the summer.

Old Business

Church Security – Rob, Mark, Pat, John S, and Police Chief Vern VanGuilder walked through the building and discussed things. Ideas: Let congregation know plan; need quick way to communicate with SS room; wireless door bell on back door; lock back door (post sign) at beginning of service. Jeff will request a written report from Chief VanGuilder.

Baccalaureate – Pastors involved felt it went well and was well received.

Church Steeple update – No update.

Vacation Bible School – Pastor reported it is going well. Approximately 50 kids attending. Pastor feels need more representation from Hope Lutheran.

New Business

Camp Patmos – Jeff provided an update.

Pastor's Day Off – Pastor will be off June 19-21 to interview in South Dakota. Motion by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Susan Coccie to approve the time away with pay. Motion carried.

Casey Aro – Catfish Sunday, July 15th at Church with Communion.

Globe Offering – June and July Summer Camp.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Mark Johnsen closed with prayer at 7:02 PM.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Background: Special

Congregational Meeting held on July 8, 2018 to consider extending a call to John Burgess. John Burgess served as pulpit supply and led the day's worship service.

Meeting called to order at 10:42 AM by Mark Johnson.

Ushers confirmed a quorum of voters was present.

Dawn Shafer, Call Committee Chair reviewed the process used by the Call Committee over the past 10 months. Once posted online there were 6 applications. The Call Committee held online video interviews with 4 of the applicants. John Burgess easily rose to the top of the candidate pool. The Call Committee conducted a 2nd (in person) interview of John Burgess. The Call Committee unanimously recommended John Burgess to the Church Council. The Church Council then called for today's Special Congregational Meeting.

Questions from members in attendance dealt with:

Salary discussions with John Burgess?

What can Congregation afford to pay? (*continued page 3*)

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Sermon length concerns?

How long will John Burgess serve Hope?

Family in Area?

Will Burgess and his wife be visible and active in the Community?

Will they be able to adjust to small town life?

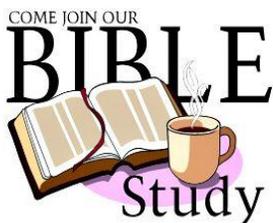
Verbal answers to above questions were provided by Mark Johnsen, Dawn Shafer, Ann Lundstrom, and Dean Fries.

No further discussion was held.

Motion by Dawn Shafer, 2nd by Pat Seredinski to approve extending a call to John Burgess. Vote was taken by show of hands. No negative votes were observed. Motion carried.

Meeting declared adjourned at 10:55 AM by Mark Johnsen.

***Hope Lutheran
Church Women***



Bible Study Books have arrived and are available from Jeanette for \$9.00. We'll start the Proverbs study in September.



Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, August 16th 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.

COME SAY GOOD-BYE TO PASTOR JULIE POTLUCK DINNER AUGUST 19, 2018



Hope Lutheran will have a potluck dinner in Pastor Julie's honor on her last Sunday in Floodwood. Mark your calendar for August 19th after church. Mary Circle will serve the dinner. We hope to see everyone there.



FREE COOKOUT

ALL AREA
RESIDENTS
WELCOME

FLOODWOOD
RIVERWALK
PAVILLION

FLOODWOOD AREA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY AUGUST 7TH, 2018 PRAYER SERVICE 5:00 P.M. COOKOUT 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Join over 38 million neighbors across 16+ thousand communities around the nation for National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.



Contact Floodwood PD for
details

218.476.2239



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

EKKA PRAYER LETTER

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

Warm Greetings to you !

We praise and thank God for his continued strength and grace for many ministries that we are part in this part of India. It is very exciting to be part of how the Lord is at work. We think of you often and remain very thankful for your mission partnership. Together we are in the business of transforming individuals and communities in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



On the left is group picture of Summer School. This is a weeklong residential program for college going students where young people are given Biblical teachings for self-identity as Christians in Indian context. They also get lots of opportunities to discuss about social and church issue. Of course they enjoy singing and a lot of indoor and outdoor games.

It is a challenging time for us as there are increasing attempts to marginalize Christians and polarize people. There are many political, social and religious forces targeting Christians and its institutions. In spite of all this, we press on because our living and loving Lord Jesus is in control.



Final year students and third year students leading Andrew Ministry (Bringing people to Jesus.)



Students offering special prayers for people as part of Andrew Ministry

On the right are young men and women who have sensed a call for tent making ministry. We trained them and gave them tools under a program called Enabling Ministry for God's Servants. Now they are starting their business as welders, electricians, tailors, computer repairers, motor cycle repairers, carpenters. They come from farming community and do not have any business background. We pray that the Lord would grant them patience, wisdom and commitment for perseverance and become successful and be part of Kingdom work.



Nijhar teaching young entrepreneurs about biblical values for business. We hope that these young entrepreneurs would be able establish their business so that they can train the next groups of young people.

Neeraj teaching young people in an open air Gospel Meeting.



Please join us in Prayer for-

- The power of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, and courage for all believers as there is increasing repressive measures against Christians in this region.
- Wisdom, provision and favor as we continue to plan and prepare for launching of the Christian Boarding School in such context .
- The young entrepreneurs who are trying to start small business as tent making ministry
- God vision for teachers and students at the seminary for these challenging times in this part of India
- Our friend Patty as she takes care of Maani and Urbas in MN. Also for possible transition in living situation for Maani and Urbas.

We are very thankful for your mission partnership. 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
jnekka@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUEST AUGUST 2018



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Linda	Ann
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Phil
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	Jan M.
Theresa	Joy C.	Willa		

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

For those in the military

David Shafer
Damien Autio
Owen Seredinski
Cody Farrell

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 and Church Council
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta
Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dinah Tveit
Madison Kuehl
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall
David Shafer
Nicholas Johnson
- 17 Linda Christianson
Bob Hosking
- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 26 Lilly Manner
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Jack & Willie Moe ('58)
- 14 Dave & Ann Bolstad
- 17 Mary & Dale Rauvola
- 27 Carlene & Sulo Jatkola

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Sulo Jatkola
Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 11 Megan Heikkila Russ
- 12 Jim Pensak
- 14 Kiaja Stokke
- 17 Abby Johnsen
- 19 Levi Suonvieri
- 22 Autumn Peterson
- 23 Jared Seredinski
Phil Bennett
- 24 Dean Fries
Neil Vance
- 26 Savannah Speece
- 27 Jessica Hutton
- 28 Jack Moe

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Keven & Tanya Johnson ('07)
- 15 Mark & Kathy Johnsen ('84)
- 16 Burt & Cory Suonvieri
Hazel & Doug Bailey

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund Giving

July 1	\$1703.50
July 8	\$1658.47
July 15	\$7559.67
July 22	\$ 830.50

Globe -- Camperships

\$ 85.00

Youth

Table Sales \$ 14.50

Memorials

In Memory of Mary Felknor from John & Pat Seredinski \$ 25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Mary Felknor from Bubba & Sue Vance \$ 20.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lennea Saari from Bubba & Sue Vance \$ 20.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Mary Felknor from Betty Hyttinen \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

FOR SALE CHURCH STEEPLE



\$500.00

CONTACT MARK
JOHNSEN

August 2018 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance		1	2 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	3	4
5 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	6 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	7 National Night Out 5:00 PM Ecumenical Church Service honoring Police, Fire, EMT, Ambulance at Riverwalk Pavillion 6:00 PM Free Cookout for Everyone in the Floodwood Area at Riverwalk Pavillion	8 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	13 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson	14	15 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	16 9:30 Music and Worship Committee meeting	17	18
19 <i>Pastor Julie's</i> <i>Last Sunday</i> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Potluck Church Council meeting following potluck	20 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	21	22	23	24 <i>Beacon News articles</i> <i>due</i>	25
				FLOODWOOD'S SOUTH ST. LOUIS		
26 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> COUNTY FAIR </div>	27 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

August

Leader: Bob & Carolyn Hosking
Jeanette Johnsen
Dawn & Marion Shafer
Lois Hendrickson – will bring 2 Sundays



September

Leader: Rob & Jan Benson
Bubba & Sue Vance
Jan Metso

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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Floodwood, MN

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