

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran August 2025

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are entering into the latter days of summer. The weather is still warm, and many are still in vacation mode. We will have a busy time as we begin to approach fall and back to school time.

We will start the month on Sunday August 3, with our annual outdoor service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch hosted by our youth. The theme will



be praising God outside under heaven's mighty expanse surrounded by the beauty of His creation. It reminds us how dependent we are on Him for the blessings He provides daily for us and the fact that our life and indeed eternity is completely in His hands. We are blessed to have

such a loving Creator and Father. All are invited to come, bring a comfortable chair and have a fun time as we joyfully worship together.

In August we also celebrate the National Night Out on August 5th at the Riverwalk Pavilion. We will have an Ecumenical Prayer service at 4:30 p.m. followed at 5:30 with recognition of our community police, firemen, EMT's and civil servants. We will then enjoy a BBQ meal and spend time with others in our community.

As we get into late August, we will participate in the open house on Wednesday August 27th, for the students of Floodwood school from 4-6 p.m. The local churches provide a hotdog meal with chips, ice cream and drinks. It is our chance to reach out to new students for our Religious Release program. Thank you for all those who help to make this a successful evening. *(Continued on Page 3)*



The HLCW Bible study has ended for this school year. The study will begin again in September. All ladies are welcome. See you then.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

NO MINUTES AVAILABLE



Lacey Wojtysiak, Lilyana Johnson, Summer Johnson, Hannah Zieroth, Kendra Laine, Kalli Fjeld, Allison Rahja, Janeah Laine attended Youth Camp at Camp Patmos July 6-11. They met new friends, learned new songs, and worshiped the Lord with prayer and Bible study.



Catfish Days Parade



VFW with Pastor, Dave Shafer, and John Seredinski



Grand Marshalls, Roy & Grace Autio



Hanna & Rifka on VBS float

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Madison Kuehl
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 David Shafer
Kent Wojtysiak
- 17 Linda Christianson
- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 26 Lilly Manner
- 27 Jessica Hutton
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough

- 10 Gary Gustafson
- 11 Megan Heikkila Russ
- 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
Jim Dusek
- 28 Jack Moe

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



The City of Floodwood, MN, is participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th, 2025. The event is planned at the Floodwood Pavilion/Boat Landing. An ecumenical service will begin at 4:30 and dinner to follow. There will be kids'

games, and potential fire and ambulance presence. In case of inclement weather, the event will move to the Floodwood FST.

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My prayer is that you all will have a safe and wonderful summer. We look forward to September when we will restart our education programs of bible study and classes. I hope to see you all again then.

God Bless us all,
Pastor John

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Quilting



Quilting will resume in September. Look for updates in the newsletter and on our website.

FLOODWOOD FOOD SHELF

2ND
WEDNESDAY
12:00-2:00 PM

4TH
WEDNESDAY
9:00-11:00 AM



Reminders

Sign up to serve refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a Scripture reader!

PRAYER REQUESTS

August 2025



For those who are ill or struggling

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

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

June 29	\$480.00
July 6	\$2090.25
July 13	\$1130.00
July 20	\$1118.00

Memorials

In Memory of Marilyn Stephen from Jeanette Johnsen \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Marilyn Stephen from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Marilyn Stephen from Carole Ahlgren \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Marilyn Stephen from Jack & Willie Moe \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Elaine Stokke from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Bev Aho from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2025	\$6,221.00	\$6,692.03
February 2025	\$5,088.00	\$7,154.96
March 2025	\$12,111.58	\$9,554.17
April 2025	\$4,372.00	\$7,891.22
May 2025	\$5,531.10	\$7,905.88
June 2025	\$6,652.59	\$9,464.69
Year to Date	\$39,976.27	\$48,662.95
Year to Date (\$8,686.68) (Expenses exceed income at this time.)		

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

August 2025 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Tim Tollgaard				1	2
3 10:30 Outdoor Worship NO communion Youth sponsored picnic to follow <i>Bring your lawn chairs</i>	4 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	5 <i>National Night Out</i> Riverwalk Pavillion (Rain site: FST) 4:30-5:30 Ecumenical Service 5:30-6:30 Dinner	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 Fellowship	11 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	12	13 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	18 USHER: Dave Zieroth 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship & communion 10:30 Fellowship <i>Newsletter articles due</i> Floodwood	25 USHER: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	26	27 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf <i>4-6 PM-School Open House</i>	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	September 1 - Labor Day NO Pastor Office Hours					



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

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED