

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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  
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**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



Hanna & Rifka on VBS float



Grand Marshalls, Roy & Grace Autio

## 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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### *Pastor's Corner (Continued from Page 1)*

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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### *HLCW (continued from page 1)*

### *Quilting*



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

**FLOODWOOD  
FOOD SHELF**

**2<sup>ND</sup>  
WEDNESDAY  
12:00-2:00 PM**

**4<sup>TH</sup>  
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         |
| <b>Year to Date</b> | <b>\$39,976.27</b> | <b>\$48,662.95</b> |

**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       |
|--|---|---|--|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|  | <b>USHER:</b> Tim Tollgaard   |   |  |           | 1                               | 2         |
| <b>3</b><br><b>10:30 Outdoor</b><br>Worship<br>NO communion<br><b>Youth sponsored picnic to follow</b><br><br><i>Bring your lawn chairs</i>  | <b>4</b><br><b>USHER:</b> John Seredinski<br><br><b>9:00-Noon-</b><br>Pastor's office hours | <b>5</b><br><i><b>National Night Out</b></i><br><br>Riverwalk Pavillion (Rain site: FST)<br><b>4:30-5:30</b><br>Ecumenical Service<br><b>5:30-6:30</b> Dinner | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                        | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10</b><br><b>9:30</b> Worship & Communion<br><br><b>10:30</b><br>Fellowship   | <b>11</b><br><b>USHER:</b> Mark Johnsen<br><br><b>9:00-Noon-</b><br>Pastor's office hours   | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br><b>12-2:00 PM</b><br><br>Floodwood Food Shelf                                 | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                       | <b>16</b> |
| <b>17</b><br><b>9:30</b> Worship<br><br><b>10:30</b><br>Fellowship   | <b>18</b><br><b>USHER:</b> Dave Zieroth<br><br><b>9:00-Noon-</b><br>Pastor's office hours   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b> | Southwest St. Louis County Fair |           |
| <b>24</b><br><b>9:30</b> Worship & communion<br><br><b>10:30</b> Fellowship<br><i>Newsletter articles due</i><br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Floodwood</div> | <b>25</b><br><b>USHER:</b> Gary Gustafson<br><br><b>9:00-Noon-</b><br>Pastor's office hours | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br><b>9-11 AM</b><br>Floodwood Food Shelf<br><br><i>4-6 PM-School Open House</i> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>                       | <b>30</b> |
| <b>31</b><br><b>9:30</b> Worship<br><br><b>10:30</b><br>Fellowship   | <b>September 1 - Labor Day NO Pastor Office Hours</b>                                       |   |  |           |                                 |           |



**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](http://www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org)

**Also visit us on FACEBOOK:**

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Floodwood, MN

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