

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran

August 2026

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are entering the end of summer this month. We begin the first Sunday in August with our annual outdoor service and cookout. The youth and moms will serve us, and dads will barbecue. The emphasis of the service is on God's creation as a gift to us on earth and as a manifestation of God's glory. Come join us in this service at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday August 4th will be the community church service and picnic to honor our policemen, firemen and EMT's at the Riverwalk Pavilion on the National Night Out. There is a community church service from 4:30-5:30 pm followed by a barbecue dinner from the Mayor and his helpers.

This month often has many people taking vacations, so I pray you will all have a safe and blessed end to summer. As we end the month, it is time to think about the kids returning to school. As of now with the construction going on at the school it seems there will be no school open house or orientation in August.

As we look ahead to the month of September, we will restart our Christian education programs of adult Bible study, religious release for elementary and high school students, women's Bible study, Bible study at the Riverview Apartments and the ladies quilting programs. I hope you can attend and learn more about God's Word for our lives.

God bless us All, Pastor John



There is no women's Bible study during the summer. See you in September. *(Continued on Page 4)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

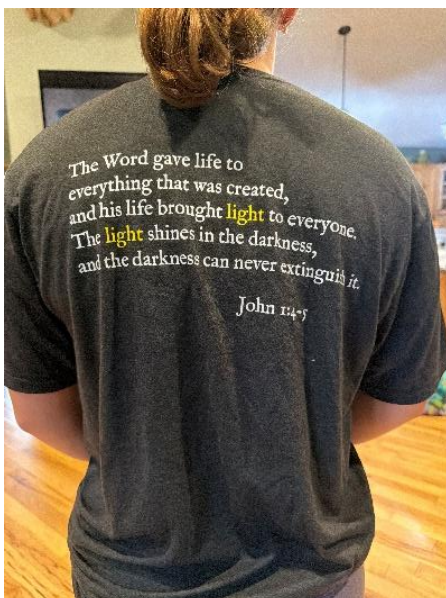
Hope Lutheran Church

NO COUNCIL MINUTES
AVAILABLE

YOUTH



Lacey Wojtysiak, Lilyana Johnson, Kendra Laine, Allison Rahja, Janeah Laine attended Youth Camp at Camp Patmos July 12 - 17. They met new friends, learned new songs, and worshiped the Lord with prayer and Bible study.



Girls with camp counselor



Sharing camp experience

Outdoor Service and Picnic August 2, 2026



Coming on August 2nd is our annual outdoor service and picnic sponsored by the Hope Lutheran Youth. Services will begin at 10:30 AM (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) followed by the picnic. Come and enjoy God's blessings.

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

- 14 Dave & Ann Bolstad
('76)
- 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

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- 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



Reminders

Sign up to serve
refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a
Scripture reader!



Salvation Army

On Friday, July 24th, the Hibbing Salvation Army was unable to make the Pop Up pantry at Hope Lutheran because of a shortage of food. Some Hope congregants did set up an informational table to share information about our church.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The City of Floodwood, MN, is participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026. 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 Floodwood Services & Training.

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Quilting



Quilting will resume in September.

FOOD SHELF NEW HOURS

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
12-2:00 PM

THEN: THE FOLLOWING
MONDAY 9-11:00 AM



Southwest St. Louis County Fair!

Established as a cherished tradition in our community, our annual fair brings together people of all ages to celebrate the vibrant spirit of our region.

Join us from August 21-23 2026, in Floodwood, MN, for a celebration where laughter, fun, and a sense of community unite to honor our shared heritage.

Showcases classes for 2026

- Vegetables:
Class I, lot II,
Red beets
- Photography,
Class VII, lot 27,
Color
season/Fall
- Canning, Class I,
lot 1A, Green
beans

Southwest St. Louis County Fair
Association

August 2026 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Bubba Vance					1
2 10:30 Outdoor service Youth sponsored picnic to follow Bring lawn chairs	3 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	4 National Night Out Riverwalk Pavilion (rain site FST) 4:30 – 5:30 Ecumenical Service 5:30 Welcome 5:30 – 6:30 Dinner Served	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship	10 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	11	12	13	14 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	15
16 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship	17 USHER: Dave Zieroth 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Fair	24 USHER: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours Newsletter items due	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	Looking Ahead September 13 – Ulla & Robert Suhonen Visiting				

PRAYER REQUESTS

August 2026



For those who are ill or struggling

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

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 28	\$ 569.00
July 5	\$2060.00
July 12	\$1616.00
July 19	\$1648.00
July 26	\$ 405.00

Memorials

In Memory of Willie Moe from Jack Moe & Family \$500.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Willie Moe from Kent & Missy Wojtysiak \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Willie Moe from Bubba & Sue Vance \$30.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Willie Moe from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Gordy Granmoe from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Kent Schroeder from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Willie Moe from Carole Ahlgren \$20.00 (Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



August & September 6 & 13 – Suhonen Support

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



***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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Floodwood, MN

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED