

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

DECEMBER 2019

## *Pastor's Corner*

Special greetings as we begin the Advent and Christmas season. I hope you and your family had a safe and blessed thanksgiving holiday. We now enter the advent season of the church year where we prepare for the coming of our savior. We celebrate his first coming as an infant in Bethlehem and now for His return as our King.

I hope to see you December 1 when we will decorate our Church Christmas tree and the church sanctuary for the coming Christmas season following the Sunday service. No bible study that week.

You are also invited to join members of Hope Lutheran December 7 as we celebrate Christmas in the campground. It should be a fun night out.

The following Sunday, December 15, will be our annual Children's Christmas service at 9:30 a.m. with them telling us the Christmas story in song and actions. All are invited for this special time. After the service You can pick up the ornaments made by the children whom you sponsored.

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## *Hope Lutheran Church Women*



Continuing the study from "30 Life Principles" number 7 is "The dark moments of our life will last only so long as is necessary for God to accomplish His purpose in us" based on 1 Samuel 30:1-6. Problems don't happen in a vacuum — there are always new emergencies and troubles to deal with. Do we deal with them on our own or let God lead us through them?

Principle 8 is "Fight all your battles on your knees, and you win every time" based on 2 Samuel 15:31. We can remain firm in our faith only when we completely submit all areas of our life to God. That is the challenge!

Join the discussion on December 10th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. Elvi and Elsie will serve coffee. *(Continued on Page 2)*

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We will have a special Christmas eve candlelight service December 24 at 5:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends to celebrate the great news of Jesus' birth that evening.

The following day, December 25, Hope Lutheran will host a community Christmas dinner at the Fair Building starting at 12 noon. You are invited to attend and help out if you can. It is a way to make everyone's Christmas day special.

Cindy and I would like to wish you all a blessed holiday season. We encourage you take every opportunity to praise and thank Our Lord for His coming to earth to save us.

As we look forward to 2020, I ask you to prayerfully consider serving as a member of church council. Elections will be held in January.

May God find us prepared and ready for His coming again for Christ is the reason for the season!

God Bless You All. Pastor John

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*(Continued From Page 1 HLCW)*

**HLCW MINUTES**

November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Grace Autio following the Bible study. Eight members were present.

The minutes of the October meeting were published in the Beacon and upon motion by Elvi Tollgaard, seconded by Jan Benson, were voted approved by all.

Jeanette Johnsen distributed her report which showed a checking balance of \$1,134.47 as of November 12, 2019; and after income of \$878.00 and expenses of \$114.38, there remained a checking balance of \$1,898.09. The savings balance of \$436.55 remained unchanged and after designated funds (pies) of \$1,503.62, the balance in available funds is \$831.02. Upon motion by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by Susan Coccie to approve the treasurer's report, the motion was approved by vote of all those present.

President Grace read a thank you note from Vickie Anderson of Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet, for our HLCW donation of \$100 for allowing us to harvest apples from their orchard for our pie-making project.

Grace noted that the deadline for filling and returning Shoe Boxes is next Sunday, November 17th. Carole and Floyd Ahlgren will once again deliver the boxes to the pick-up point. It was noted that several people planned to fill boxes online, which may account for fewer boxes to turn in for the annual blessing next Sunday.

A reminder that the annual Christmas Bazaar is coming up Wednesday, November 20th, and LuAnn Heikkila has the meatball project well in hand as usual. She asks Naomi Circle members to come about 3:00 o'clock that day to help.

Rebecca Circle is in charge of new items and it was decided that items left over from the sale can be brought to Christmas Shopping Night on November 25th for sale there between the hours of 3-7 p.m. Mary Circle is in charge of baked items, and Grace suggested members come by 4:00 to arrange

and price the items for sale. The group then went over the list and adjusted prices where needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

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**QUILTING**



Quilting will resume in January 2020.

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Wondrous Christmas  
**Dickens Christmas**  
 Theater Reading  
*Escape the Ordinary*  
 Four course Victorian-style meal paired with Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" adapted and performed by Jan Lee and Tom Mitchell.  
 December 14, 2019 6:00 PM  
 The Event Center - Floodwood  
 Tickets \$25 218-591-4333  
 www.richcuisine.com

“A Christian,” an adaptation of Charles Dickens’, “Christmas Carol” will be held at the Event Center, December 14 at 6:00 PM.

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## SHARING OUR HOPE



Do you have an extra Bible you're not using? Sharing Our Hope Ministry would like to have it. We are placing Bibles in the "Little Free" library at the Floodwood rest area for travelers to take and use. You can drop off Bibles to be donated in the white box in the overflow section of the church. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

### BIBLE QUIZ

#### *The Day Jesus was Born*



1.) What was the name of Jesus' mother?

- Susan
- Mary
- April
- Betty

2.) What was the name of Mary's husband?

- Joseph
- Harry
- David
- Mark

3.) Why was it important that Jesus was born?

- He helped His city get more money
- He is the Son of God
- He became the mayor
- He built a temple in His city all by Himself

4.) In what city was Jesus born?

- Hong Kong
- New York
- London
- Bethlehem

5.) Who did angels tell about Jesus' birth?

- shepherds
- cowboys
- pirates
- police officers

6.) What did baby Jesus lay in on the night He was born?

- a bed
- a wheelbarrow
- a barrel
- a manger

7.) Which of these gifts was one of the gifts the wise men gave to Jesus?

- frankincense
- a horse
- a ball
- a toy soldier

8.) Which of these is NOT another name for Jesus?

- The Duke
- Christ
- The Lord
- The Savior

9.) How did the wise men know how to find Jesus?

- they saw an article about His birth in the newspaper
- they followed a star
- they had a GPS
- they were told where to go by a wise men who had already visited Him

10.) What is the name of the holiday on which people celebrate Jesus' birth?

- Thanksgiving
- Halloween
- Valentine's Day
- Christmas

*Answers on page 5*

### CHRISTMAS IN THE CAMPGROUND

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Hope Lutheran is hosting "Christmas in the Campground" at the Floodwood City Campground.



Responsibilities include, tending fire, providing hot chocolate and cookies, help, monitor, and guide visitors through the displays. We anticipate that 6-8 volunteers will be needed. We will need to provide cookies for the evening. Sign-up sheet is on the back window.

*Annual Congregational Meeting*



All Annual Meeting reports should be submitted to Jeff no later than Sunday, January 5, 2020. Email is preferred to:

[hopefldwd7@gmail.com](mailto:hopefldwd7@gmail.com)

or

[jeffkletscher@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffkletscher@yahoo.com)

**Call for Church Council Members**

There will be 3 Church Council positions open. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way.

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*Cookie Can Sunday*

Cookie Can Sunday will be December 8th. Mary Circle will fill the cookie cans. A tray of cookies will be brought to Riverview Manor and the rest of the cookies will be delivered to Lifehouse in Duluth for the Christmas party for homeless teens.

Please bring 4 dozen cookies wrapped 3 or 4 to a package that morning, and the cookies will be delivered after church. If you can deliver some cans, let Shirley know.

We have not made arrangements for other donations. If you are able, please give to a charity of your choice.

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Shopping night in Floodwood carolers

**FREE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

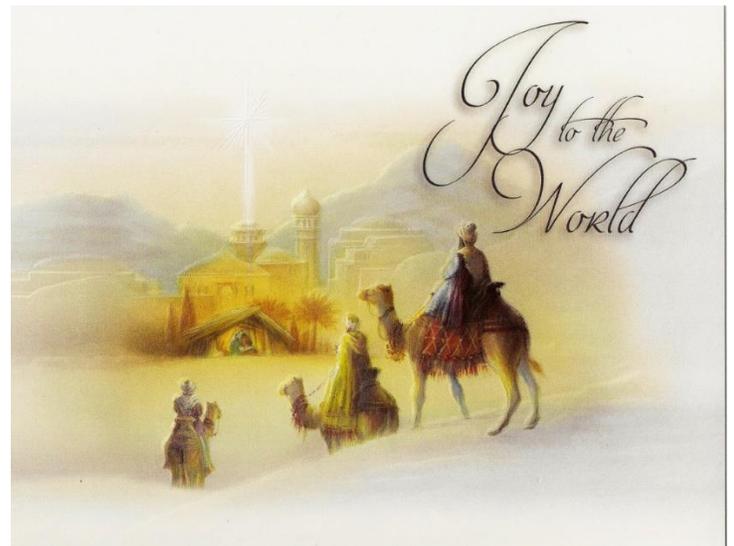


**Join us for a free Christmas Dinner beginning at**

**12:00 PM**

**At The Downtown Fair Building**

**All Are Welcome**



**THANK YOU**

The bazaar and meatball dinner was a success — \$1,195.00 was deposited the next day. Thank you to all who worked, donated, or attended — with a special **THANK YOU** to LuAnn Heikkila who headed up the kitchen.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jordan Romanek
- 4 Carole Ahlgren
- 5 Carolyn Hosking
- 6 Johanna Abell  
Cecilia Abell
- 10 Tony Speece
- 12 Danielle (Tollgaard) White
- 17 Courtney Young  
John Hutchinson
- 19 John Seredinski Jr.
- 26 Bubba Vance
- 27 Tanya Johnson
- 29 McKennah Keil
- 30 Lois Hendrickson  
Lindsey Rosemore
- 31 Alex Larson

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 19 Bob & Joyce Andrews
- 25 Bob & Carolyn Hosking ('60)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rae Rosemore  
Deacon Laine
- 6 Elbert Holmes
- 12 Liz Thom
- 15 Lukus Fries  
Carter Stokke
- 23 Nolan Heikkila
- 27 Dalton Hutchinson  
Drake Laine
- 28 Elsie Tollgaard  
Jayna Kemp
- 30 Shannon Lund  
Milee Lund

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Jill & Dean Fries
- 28 Dawn & Marion Shafer ('78)

## GLOBE OFFERING



**G**lobe Offering for November 24 – December 29 will be to support Community Christmas Dinner which Hope Lutheran sponsors.

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

### General Fund Giving

October 27	\$8088.31
November 3	\$2437.50
November 10	\$1439.00
November 17	\$986.00

### Globe Offering

Operation Christmas Child \$326.60

Used for boxes with NO funds included \$108.00  
(12 boxes did not have checks or funds included)

Amount sent to Samaritan's Purse \$218.60

### Answers to Quiz (from page 3)

1. Mary
2. Joseph
3. He is the Son of God
4. Bethlehem
5. Shepherds
6. A Manger
7. Frankincense
8. The Duke
9. They followed the star
10. Christmas

# PRAYER REQUESTS      DECEMBER 2019



## **For those who are ill or struggling**

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Phil
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick
Theresa	Dean S.	Willa	Bradley
Rosie	Liz		

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

## December 2019 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School with communion  <b>10:45</b> Fellowship <i>tree decorating after fellowship</i> NO Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10:00-12:00</b> Bible Study, Riverview Apartments-Heather Ostern, leader  <b>Religious Release:</b> <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>5:00 – 7:00 PM</b> Hosting Christmas in the Campground 
<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Church Council Meeting <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Fellowship <b>11:00-12:00</b> Bible Study <i>HLCW Cookie Can Sunday</i>	<b>9</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>10</b> <b>10:00</b> HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST  <b>Religious Release:</b> <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship with Youth Christmas program during service (No Communion)  <b>10:45</b> Fellowship <b>11:00-12:00</b> Bible Study	<b>16</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Religious Release:</b> <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>19</b> <b>1:00</b> Worship Committee	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School with communion  <b>10:45</b> Fellowship <b>11:00-12:00</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>24</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>  <i>Christmas Day</i> 12 noon Free Community Christmas Dinner Downtown Fair Building	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School with communion  <b>10:45</b> Fellowship <b>11:00-12:00</b> Bible Study	<b>30</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>31</b>	Looking Ahead: Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2020 following worship service. Potluck to follow.			

## SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

**December Leader: Roy & Grace Autio**

Dale & Mary Rauvola

Ann & Dave Bolstad



**January Leader: Pat & John Seredinski**

Bubba & Sue Vance

Jan & Rob Benson

## 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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