



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church FEBRUARY 2017

A Word From Pastor Carl

THE SURVEY SAYS....

Included in the annual meeting packet was an important questionnaire for all members of the congregation. This survey was commissioned by the church council to gather opinions about the needs and desires for Hope Lutheran Church. The council unanimously decided that we want the categories on the paper to be open-ended to make sure that any ideas that you are thinking have a place to be expressed.

It seems to me that there are two general uses for a questionnaire. The first way that people use surveys is how a customer in a restaurant or at a hotel wants to either highly compliment the service that went beyond and above expectations or share a specific grievance that should have not happened.

The second kind of survey that I have observed is more a set of questions that are meant to tap into subconscious thoughts. While I expect that there will be a number of answers that will fit more in the former category of obvious concerns, I am hoping that this feedback will not only note more conspicuous issues but also elicit and imagine and ask questions of "What if...?"

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Hope Lutheran Church Women

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & MEETING

Lesson number 6 in the Decisions series is "Keep on Praying" with the scripture references from Luke 11: 1-13 and 18: 1-8. Billy Graham has said, "Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask." Although most Christians believe in praying about important decisions, they often make their decision without prayer. Even Jesus' closest disciples needed instruction in prayer, as shown in the verses from Luke. Carolyn Hosking will lead the discussion on Tuesday, February 14th, at 10:00 AM at the church. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING (UNAPPROVED)

Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN
January 17, 2017

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, David Zieroth, Jennifer Myles, Rob Benson, Lonna Hutchinson, Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Elvi Tollgaard, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski.

Meeting was called to order by President David Zieroth at 7:00 pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

AGENDA

Motion by Coccie, second by Seredinski to approve the agenda.

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Tollgaard, second by Benson to approve the minutes of December 15, 2016. Motion carried.

Financial: Motion by Hutchinson, second by Seredinski to approve the December financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: Youth will be putting on a Valentine Dinner again this year to help fund Quake trip. The dinner will be on Sunday February 12th.

Outreach: Homework help is meeting on Wednesdays.

Community & Technology: No report.

Building: Final roofing bid has come in, a decision will need to be made in the near future on which bid to go with. Will also be addressed with the congregation at the annual meeting.

Befrienders: No report.

HLCW: No report.

Quilters: Will be meeting next week.

Administrator: Frames and signs are in for handicap parking for larger events at the church.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reminder the annual meeting is Sunday January 22nd. A survey will be also handed out at that time to the congregation.

- B. Community Christmas dinner served 47 plus several take outs.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve 2017 budget.
- B. A motion by Coccie, 2nd by Tollgaard to increase the Administrator wage per hour by \$2.00. Motion carried.

Globe offering in January for Quake Zone.

Next meeting: February 23rd.
Closing prayer given by Pastor.
Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 10:22 am by President David Zieroth.

The ushers confirmed that a quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Dawn Shafer, second by Elsie Tollgaard to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Lois Hendrickson, second by Nancy Raihala to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2016 annual meeting. Motion carried.

OUTGOING COUNCIL

President Zieroth recognized and thanked outgoing Council member Jen Myles. Pat Seredinski's term is also up, she has agreed to serve for another term if re-elected. President David Zieroth's second term is up. David was thanked by the congregation for all the great work he has done over the past six years.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

An election Ballot was presented in the annual report. The Congregational Council has three open terms. Pat Seredinski and Mark Johnsen agreed to run. At this time there will be one open term. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Budget Committee: Liz Thom volunteered to be on this committee and Dave Bolstad was nominated from the floor (Ann Bolstad indicated he would be available and accept). There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Motion by Roy Autio, second by Rob Benson to approve the Congregational Council and Budget Committee nominees as proposed. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Written report was included in the annual report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Zieroth informed the congregation that the Church will be in need of a new roof in the very near future. A list of quotes from qualified companies is being compiled. An update on the new windows was provided, order has been finalized with installation to be completed this spring. The rental house is now occupied; it is however in need of much repair. President Zieroth asked the congregation for suggestions for the future. Lastly, the congregation was asked to fill out the survey that is included in the packet and return it in the next couple of weeks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Susan Coccie reviewed the 2016 revenues and expenditures report which is included in the annual report. Susan also went over the 2017 budget proposal. Wayne Thom made a motion to approve the 2017 budget as presented, second by John Seredinski. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year Pastor Carl asked the congregation if a regular Sunday service and a Christmas Eve service is what is wanted. It was decided yes to both a regular service and a Christmas Eve service.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Lois Hendrickson thanked President David Zieroth for all has done while on the council. Wayne Thom thanked David Z., Susan C., John S., Jeff K., and all other volunteers.

Motion by Roy Autio, second by John Seredinski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am

Pastor closed with prayer and blessing for the potluck meal which followed the meeting.

Lonna Hutchinson, Church Council Secretary

HLCW MEETING JANUARY 10, 2017

President Grace Autio called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with nine members present. Grace opened the meeting with a prayer.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, November 8, 2016. Minutes upon motion by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Elsie Tollgaard, were approved by unanimous vote as read.

Jeanette Johnsen presented the treasurer's report which showed a checking balance as of Nov. 7, 2016 of \$1,468.96. After income of \$1,388.50 and expenses of \$2,533.07, there remained a checking balance as of Dec. 31, 2016, of \$324.39. After designated funds of \$532.32, there remains available funds of \$428.28. The reports, upon motion by Elvi Tollgaard, 2nd by Shirley Johnson, was approved by unanimous vote as presented.

President Grace noted that the Rebecca Circle will be in charge of the kitchen for the pot luck that will be served following the Annual Meeting of Hope on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Grace and Laverne Hutton reported for the Naomi and Mary circles that there are enough active members to carry out duties and projects in the foreseeable future. Jan Benson was not present to report on the Rebecca circle numbers.

Grace noted that the new monthly coffee sign-up list is okay for this year.

Hope Council member Susan Coccie reported that church attendance is down 25% in the last five years, and the council has made up a questionnaire to give members at the annual meeting, asking for ideas of what we can do to improve membership in the future. The questionnaires will also be sent out to members by mail for comments and ideas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Nancy Raihala, Secretary

QUILTING



Quilting will be February 28th, starting at 9:00 AM and lasting until 3:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch and join us.

A Word From Pastor Carl (Continued from page 1)

My mind came up with some other, more pointed questions that perhaps will assist you in putting your thoughts and suggestions into the questionnaire. Here are a handful of some thoughts to ponder.

What do you think are the strengths of our congregation?

What ministries or aspects of our congregation could use more attention?

What is something that our congregation is experiencing a more difficult time doing that we should be able to carry out?

What is a ministry that our congregation does not carry out that you believe that we could or should be doing?

What is a ministry or event that our congregation has traditionally done that maybe is something that could or should be put aside?

What is something that you particularly like or do not like that happens in our worship service?

What do you think is the public's opinion of Hope Lutheran Church beyond this congregation?

What do you guess are the reasons that more people from our community have not become a part of our congregation?

What do you think are factors beyond our congregation that impede regular church participation that are unique to our town and community?

Please take the time to fill out your questionnaire and return it. There are multiple copies available in the office if families would each like to individually fill one out or if you want to distribute to other members who for whatever reason cannot physically receive one at the church building.

Thank you, in advance, for your feedback and returning your form so that we can continue to shape our ministry for the year and into the future.

In Christ, Pastor Carl

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



*REMEMBER YOUR
SWEETHEART
ON FEBRUARY 14TH*

YOUTH



Everyone is Invited to our
2nd Annual Valentine's Day Formal Dinner
Sunday, February 12th, 2017
at
Hope Lutheran Church 
starting at 5 pm
(This is a Youth fund-raiser for our trip to
the Quake Zone in March 2017)



Menu: Beef Tips and Shrimp or
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Price: Single - \$20 or Couple - \$35

Reservations required by February 10th
Call or text - Hazel - 218-390-8789 or
Call LuAnn - 476-2065





Visit to the Life House

On December 11th five youth, Pastor and three youth leaders, visited the Life House in Duluth, MN.

Karen Harden was our hostess on a Sunday afternoon. The youth presented the Life House with three quilts, a huge container of homemade cookies, (all made by the Hope Lutheran women), and a check for \$438.40; money that the youth raised with the Souper Bowl of Caring in February.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national day of caring when youth across the country collect dollars to help the hungry and the hurting. The youth on Super Bowl Sunday presented information and a little entertainment to the Hope Lutheran Congregation and asked for donations to help with the fight against hunger and the homelessness.

Karen took us on a tour of the Life House and supplied us with a lot of information on what they do there. The Life House provides a place of acceptance, safety, and belonging for homeless youth. We were amazed at all they do for the youth. I think we were all a little humbled.

And of course, after our visit at the Life House, we stopped for lunch on our way home!!!!

Thanks to all who support our youth program, and be ready with your dollars again on Souper Bowl of Caring 2017!!!!!!



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2017

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

PRAYER REQUEST FEBRUARY 2017



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah Tveit	Sadie Stokke	Jim Thom
Theresa Fisher	Danette Johnson	Denny Jones
Wayne Thom	Joy Cich	Mallory Norrell
Joy Greene	Randy Baazard	Willa Jonas
John Ylvisaker	Violet Johnson	
Sulo Jatkola	Lorraine Guentzel	

spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

those suffering from natural disasters

For those in the military

Michael Thom
David Shafer
Damien Autio

For places where wars and conflict take place

Syria and Iraqi Christians and missionaries threatened by ISIS and the refugees
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

Thanksgiving:

February 2017 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	JAN 30 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	31	1 Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-6:30 Homework Help	2 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours <i>Presentation of our Lord Groundhog Day</i>	3	4
5 Luke 7:1-17 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday</i>	6 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski	7	8 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School & confirmation class 12:30-6:30 Homework Help	9 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	10 Reservations due for the Valentine Dinner	11
12 Luke 7:18-35 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship 10:45 Christian Education & Youth and Family Ministry Committee Meeting 5:00 Valentine Dinner	13 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 6:00 Boy Scouts	14 10:00 HLCW Bible Study <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-6:30 Homework Help	16 9:30 Worship & Music Committee 12:30 Floodwood Bus. & Comm. Partnership @ Portage 2-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	17 10:00 Bible Study at Riverview Apt.	18
19 Luke 7:36-50 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>	20 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola <i>President's Day</i>	21	22 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:55 Elementary 1:45 High School 2:30-6:30 Homework Help	23 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 Church Council	24 Newsletter items due	25
26 Luke 9:28-45 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	27 USHER TEAM: Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth	28 9-3 HLCW Quilting	Notes: March 1-Ash Wednesday			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis
- 8 John Seredinski
- 11 Greta Fiskness
- 15 Jill Fries
Shirley Johnson
- 17 Barbara Larson-Peterson
- 25 Judy Dressely

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Carole & Floyd Ahlgren
(*56)
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 6 Ruth Shultz
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Brooke Hughes Johnson

- 10 Amelia Aho
- 11 Carlene Jatkola
Ross Tollgaard
- 12 Alexis Stokke
- 13 Steve Hall
- 15 Nathan Seredinski
Michael Thom
- 17 Patricia Seredinski
- 19 Amber Schoenrock
(Fries)
Bode Hutchinson
- 18 Floyd Ahlgren
- 21 Kaleb Holmes
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Susan & Dick Coccie
(*01)
- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila



**BOY
SCOUTS**

See the calendar for dates and
time of Boy Scout meetings
at Hope Lutheran.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund Giving

12-24-16	\$ 291.45
12-25-16	\$ 4284.62
1-1-17	\$ 2054.21
1-8-17	\$ 1509.67
1-15-17	\$ 1345.95
1-22-17	\$ 607.02

Other Giving

Financial Peace University Scholarship Fund	\$ 515.00
Quake Support	\$ 5.00
Christmas Dinner	\$ 25.00
Police Fund	\$ 26.00

Memorials

In Memory of Richard Runquist from
John & Pat Seredinski
\$ 50.00 (savings)

In Memory of Millie Samuelson from
Bubba & Sue Vance
\$ 25.00 (savings)

In Memory of Millie Samuelson from
Jack & Willie Moe
\$ 100.00 (savings)

In Memory of Lillian Polo from
Marilyn Stephen
\$ 20.00 (savings)



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very own web site. Visit us at:

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

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