

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 2020

Pastor's Corner

It is February, the daylight hours are getting longer, and it is a leap year. The year is really going by fast.

We begin this month with the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 2, to benefit the children at Life House ministries in Duluth. This is a special outreach opportunity to support youth outside of our own. Saturday, February 15th the youth sponsor a Valentine's Dinner with the benefit to support our youth program at Hope. This was such a special night for Cindy and I last year. I hope many of you will attend this year.

We begin Lent with the Ash Wednesday service Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. The service will have both Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes (NO Soup supper on Ash Wednesday). This will start Lent, a season of repentance and preparation for Easter. We will have Lenten services with soup suppers at 6 pm. each Wednesday and the church service at 7 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and learning more about the importance of what Jesus accomplished for our salvation and forgiveness of sins. I look forward to seeing many of you at these services. *(Continued on Page 5)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women



Charles Stanley's Life Principles 11 and 12 will be discussed at the February women's Bible Study. Number 11 is based on Job 42: 7-17 — "God assumes full responsibility for our needs when we obey Him". God takes great joy in meeting our needs, but on our part is the need to obey and TRUST.

Number 12, based on Psalm 4:8 is "Peace with God is the fruit of oneness with God". Peace is God's gift, but it cannot be had apart from a close, intimate relationship with Him.

Join the discussion on Tuesday, February 11, at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. Our Bible study will be lead by Cindy Burgess. The business meeting will follow. Coffee will be served by Susan Coccie.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 8, 2019

Members Present:

Pat Seredinski, Dean Fries, Tanya Johnson, LuAnn Heikkila, Deb Tollgaard, Mark Johnsen, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Rob Benson.

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Mark Johnsen.

Motion by Dean Fries, 2nd by Tanya Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

October Council Minutes - Motion by LuAnn Heikkila, 2nd by Pat Seredinski to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed October and November Financial reports. Motion by Tanya Johnson, and 2nd by Deb Tollgaard to approve the Treasurers reports as submitted. Motion carried. (Note: One check for Sam's Club was not included for \$94.58, it will be included next time.)

Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report. The highlights: continued visits with communion to shut-ins and added Steve Bennett at the apartments and Lilly Autio in Duluth. He participated in Lila Niskanen's funeral. Continues to work with religious release classes and confirmation students. The religious release group will be Christmas caroling at Riverview Apartments with New Life Church. He will be the Pastor at Love Lights a Tree.

Administrator's Report

Jeff Kletscher's report was provided in the packet, it included in financial report; Rental update: the garage was rented to Lamping's for \$40 a month and they plow and keep driveway open. No more bills will be sent to collect from individual family on Camp Patmos. Fund for Religious Release for snacks, balance forward \$112.22. Community Vacation Bible School no change, \$267.95. Backdoor and window replacement, closer has been ordered. Blinds were purchased for the Parsonage and Pastor installed. CO2/Gas detectors replaced in Church.

Committee Report

Christian Education and Youth – Upcoming dates Souper Bowl of Caring February 2, 2020, Minneapolis Quake March 13-15, 2020.

Outreach Committee – Rob Benson requested permission to explore a tour trip to the Ark in Feb/March (3 day tour to Kentucky). Motion by Dean Fries, 2nd by LuAnn Heikkila to give Rob Benson permission to explore information on a trip to see the Ark. Motion carried.

Rob Benson also requested permission to create a prayer chain, no permission needed anyone can do this.

Building Committee – CO2/Gas detectors replaced in Church. Keep future of rental house on our radar.

Quilting – Resumes in January 2020.

Old Business

a. Church Directory Update – Funding total costs \$1250.00. Jeff suggested to take the money from a Memorial Savings Account. Motion was made by Tanya Johnson and 2nd by Deb Tollgaard to give permission for the Directory costs to come out of a Memorial Savings Account. Motion carried.

b. Rental discussion – to be discussed at the annual meeting. A rough ball park figure estimate will be given for demo of rental and what repairing
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the house would cost.

- c. Christmas in the Campground Hosting – Went well. Approximately 45 people attended.

New Business

- a. 2020 Budget Review/Discussion (Jeff) – Only minor adjustments are expected from the 2019 budget. Council did not identify any changes or additions.
- b. Special Year End Donations/Gifts – A motion by Dean Fries and 2nd by Deb Tollgaard to give a one time donation of \$500.00 to LCMC. Motion carried.
- c. Annual Meeting Date – January 19, 2020 with Potluck to follow. Motion made by Dean Fries and 2nd by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.
- d. Items for Annual Meeting – Include rental discussion.
- e. Ideas for New Church Council members – Continue to look for additional options to find council members. Will need 3 new council members.
- f. Use of Copier for the Sax-Zim Bog Birding Festival – Motion made by Pat Seredinski, and 2nd by Deb Tollgaard to

allow the use of the copier. Motion carried.

- g. Use of Church Request – Megan Orwig Reynolds and her band has asked to use the church for rehearsal space as it is a central location for the members. Motion by Dean Fries and 2nd by Tanya Johnson to allow the use of Church for rehearsal when other events are not going on at the church. Motion carried.

Globe Offering: January 2020 to support the Quake Event in March 2020.

Next Meeting - Sunday, January 12, 2020 before worship service at 8:00 am.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

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**HLCW MINUTES
HLCW Minutes
January 14, 2020**

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

The minutes of the December 10, 2019 minutes as published in the Beacon was unanimously approved as read.

Jeanette Johnsen’s treasurers report showed a checking balance as of Nov. 12, 2019, \$1,898.09. After

income of \$1,527.06 (including pie sales of \$1,338.55), and expenses of \$3,390.67, there remained a checking balance of \$34.47. With a savings balance of \$436.66, there remains a balance of total available funds of \$471.13.

Motion by Jan Benson, seconded by Elvi Tollgaard to accept the treasurer’s report, and the motion was approved by those present.

Grace read thank you notes from Bev Davidson and Dennis and Marilyn Arro for the Christmas cookies.

Judy Yund, leader of the Bethel Foundation in Bolivia, Sent a letter of thanks for our support of the foundation and reported on the political situation in that country.

Grace also read letters from missionary families the Ekkas and the Juhls.

President Grace noted that Ash Wednesday is February 26 this year, and our HLCW will probably be helping the youth serve the soup suppers although it hasn’t been mentioned as yet.

A quilting session is set for January 28.

This meeting was also the time for the HLCW annual election, however as no one was interested in taking over the president’s position, Grace agreed to continue in that job. Susan Coccie consented to take over the position of Secretary, which she will assume in February.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

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QUILTING



Quilting will be held on February 25, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. All are welcome. Bring a bag lunch.

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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.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Elections: Bubba Vance, Missy Wojtysiak, Mark Johnsen were elected.

Leaving council: Rob Benson, Pat Seredinski

Budget was approved as submitted.

Motion made to get out of the rental business. Another motion was made to have council pursue the demolition of the rental property. Both motions carried.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need envelopes, please let Jeff know.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Sadie Stokke Phone number 218-606-0797.

If you have other corrections please let Jeff know.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. **Where did Adam and Eve live?**(Genesis 2:8)
 - A. Zion
 - B. Eden
 - C. Israel
 - D. Sodom
2. **Which two trees grew in the midst of the garden?**(Genesis 2:9)
 - A. The tree of death and the tree of joy and despair
 - B. The tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil
 - C. The tree of knowledge of good and evil and the tree of joy and despair
 - D. The tree of life and the tree of death
3. **Which tree bore fruit that God forbade Adam and Eve to partake of?**(Genesis 2:16-17)
 - A. The tree of life
 - B. The tree of joy and despair
 - C. The tree of knowledge of good and evil
 - D. The tree of death
4. **What would NOT happen to anyone who would partake of such fruit?**(Genesis 3:16-19)
 - A. They would die
 - B. They would be able to bear children
 - C. They would know for themselves the difference between right and wrong
 - D. They would become all-knowing
5. **What animal deceived Eve?**(Genesis 3:1-6)
 - A. A fox
 - B. A wolf
 - C. A serpent
 - D. A crow

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As we look ahead to Holy Week in April, Hope Lutheran will be hosting the community Good Friday service. I will be addressing the medical complications from the evidence of Jesus's suffering during His crucifixion and death.

Sometimes as we enter this part of winter, I find myself getting impatient for spring to come, don't you? I think God is trying to tell me to wait patiently but waiting requires humility and faith. It is at times like this that I need to recognize there are some things in life we can't control, but we believe that there is someone who can and will if we let Him. Letting Him control things in life we cannot control means that we are willing to wait for Him to resolve matters in His way and time and not the way we would do it if left to ourselves. Are you waiting for God to do something in your life?

Let this be our prayer: Father, give us the grace to allow You to be in control of our lives. Teach us to wait for You to accomplish Your purposes in Your time, not ours, and then, Father reassure us while we wait for Your plans to unfold. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus.

Pastor John

ECUMENICAL



Vacation Bible School

JUNE 15-19
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

FLOODWOOD FAIR BUILDING



Save the date

Annual Valentine's Day Formal Dinner

Saturday, February 15th at Hope

Youth fund raiser for their trip to the Quake in March and Camp Patmos this summer

Watch for more information on posters and the bulletin

"SKOL to the Bowl"



tacklehunger.org

The Youth and Sunday School kids will be participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" again this year to help fight hunger and poverty. February 2nd, Super Bowl Sunday, will be very entertaining. Even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help the Youth help the homeless. Thank you for all the support to the Youth.



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:00 PM
(NO soup supper on Ash Wednesday)

**SOUP SUPPERS WILL BEGIN IN MARCH AT 6
PM EACH WEDNESDAY**

**LENTEN CHURCH SERVICES WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM IN MARCH**

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)
- 6 Bill & Jan Manner
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek

GLOBE OFFERING



Globe Offering for February will go toward Minneapolis Quake Event expenses.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Brooke Hughes Johnson
- 10 Amelia Aho
- 11 Carlene Jatkola
Ross Tollgaard
- 12 Alexis Stokke
- 13 Steve Hall
- 15 Nathan Seredinski
- 17 Patricia Seredinski
- 19 Amber Schoenrock
(Fries)
Bode Hutchinson
- 18 Floyd Ahlgren
- 21 Kaleb Holmes
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri
- 30 Adam Schminski

**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

Dec 22	\$2235.95
Dec 24	\$ 567.00
Dec 24 from HCLW	\$2915.21
Dec 29	\$ 393.50
Dec 31	\$ 546.37
Jan 5	\$2682.83
Jan 12	\$ 870.50
Jan 19	\$1195.00

Globe

Christmas Dinner	\$ 90.00
Quake Event	\$ 38.80

Memorials

In Memory of Mae Graff from
Bubba & Sue Vance \$ 20.00
(Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Lila Niskanen from
Bubba & Sue Vance \$ 20.00
(Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Dorothy Rosemore
from Gene Rosemore & family
\$1000.00
(General Checking)

Answers to Quiz

- 1. B
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. C

PRAYER REQUESTS FEBRUARY 2020



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	Lilly	

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

February 2020 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-12:00 Bible Study 	3 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	4	5 Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	6	7	8
9 8:00 AM Council Meeting 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-12:00 Bible Study	10 USHER TEAM: John Serebinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	11 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	12 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	13	14	15 Valentines Youth Fundraising Dinner
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23 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-12:00 Bible Study	24 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	25 9:00-3:00 Quilting	26 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	27	28	29

More Calendars from WinCalendar: [Mar 2020](#), [Apr 2020](#), [May 2020](#)

LOOKING AHEAD: Vacation Bible School June

15-19

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

February Leader: Burt & Cory Suonvieri

Floyd & Carole Ahlgren

Rosie & Phil Speece

LaVerne Hutton



March Leader: Elvi Tollgaard

Marlys Piontek

Elaine Stokke

Sheryl Abell

Dean & Jill Fries

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEB SITE

Hope Lutheran Church now has its

very own web site. Visit us at:

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

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