

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

February 2023

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is now February, and the groundhog says only 6 more weeks of winter. Wow what a blessing. That means we are still in the season of epiphany which means we are getting new revelations about Jesus each Sunday. I hope you are enjoying this season. Speaking of revelation, we are studying the book of Revelation in our adult Bible study each Sunday. This is the only book of the Bible that promises a special blessing to those who study it. We do not need to be afraid of end times, when we know God is in charge and we are ready and prepared for Jesus coming again. Come and enjoy the class if you ever wanted to hear the seven epistles (letters) Jesus sent to the churches of John but are intended for us today as well. Imagine receiving a personal letter from Jesus. It will teach us how He wants us to live as we get ready for His coming as overcomers.

Coming this month our youth will be helping us to celebrate the opportunity to help the needy children of Life House ministries and our local food shelf during our Souper Bowl of Caring service on February 12. Come and enjoy the kids leading us in the service and take the opportunity to give to these worthy causes. Also, the kids will be serving a special Valentine's dinner for us on Saturday February 18. All proceeds are for a fundraiser for our youth activities here at Hope. All are invited and it will be a very special evening!

Later this month we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. February 22. There will be no soup supper that evening but starting in March, we will have a Wednesday soup supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Lenten drama worship service. This is always a special time, and I look forward to seeing you there. *(Continued on page 3)*



The last of the seven deadly sins ---- sloth [the sin of indifference] will be the topic of the February 14th women's Bible study led by Cindy Burgess. We meet at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. *(Continued on page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2022

Members Present

Bubba Vance, Carolyn Hosking, Tanya Johnson, Mark Johnsen, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Missy Wojtysiak arrived at 8:16 AM. Absent Kim Hutchinson and Deb Tollgaard.

Pastor John opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

October 9, 2022 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Mark Johnsen, second by Carolyn Hosking. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported 80 miles and 12 Communion given. Teaching Pastors from Calvary Lutheran Orr, Minnesota. Pastor is teaching Bible study at the apartments on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month and teaching from the book of Romans. Hope singers and Pastor sang Christmas carols on Christmas Shopping Floodwood night. A Community Christmas Service will be held on Friday, January 13 at the Event Center again this year. Each church contributes \$250. Last

year Pastor and Dave Bolstad did a drama/skit and Pastor hopes others will help this year. The Children's Christmas program will be Sunday, December 18. There will be a Christmas Eve service and a Christmas Day service, and January 1st will be a Service of Lessons and Carols. Hope Lutheran will host the Community Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 25 from Noon to 1:30 PM at the Downtown Fair Building.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

The fund for Religious Release for snacks account is \$254.89. HLCW donated \$1080 from pie sales (General Checking). The quarterly inspection on elevator was completed and all is good. Mr. Kletscher will spend Christmas Eve and Christmas day with his family. Dave Bolstad will run the computer. We received a Thank You and a check from John Hayes. He deer hunts each year in our area and required the WiFi and our space to lead his Church Council meeting in Colorado. Mr. Kletscher assisted him with this. Youth account has \$4,279.33 in checking and \$297.67 in savings. Endowment report for the year is in the report.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Quake will be March 17-19 in Bloomington. Hannah, Summer, Brooke, Amelia, Lacey attending and Tanya will chaperon. Brooke and Amelia need to give their \$50 deposit. Camp Patmos for Senior High is July 9-14, Elementary is July 16-21 and Middle School is July 23-28. Will need some extra help with Religious Release,

especially when Tim and Deb leave. Lacey is the only Confirmation student currently. Considering a Valentine's Dinner fundraiser.

There is a national youth gathering coming in 2024 that may be of interest to our youth.

Outreach Committee: No update

Building Committee: Furnace, we are lucky to have John Seredinski to help oversee the furnaces. A new circuit board was ordered for the basement furnace, and the boiler needed a coupler fuse. Snow Removal update – Jeff reached out to FST to see if they could help with removal of snow on sidewalks, etc on Wednesdays. Chris has not responded yet.

Quilting Committee: They will resume making quilts in January.

Old Business

- a. none

New Business

- a. Annual Meeting Date Discussion was held. Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Missy Wojtysiak that Annual Meeting will be on January 29 with the council meeting on January 22. All reports will be due by January 15. Annual meeting will be followed by a Potluck. Youth and Church Council will serve and clean kitchen. Motion carried.

Deadline for Reports – Items for the annual report should be submitted to Jeff by January 15th.
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Minutes (Continued From Page 2)

- b. Council Positions – Missy's 1st term expires in January 2023 – Missy has agreed to serve another term if re-elected. Mark's 2nd term expires in Jan 2023 and he is not eligible for another term, so we will need to find someone else to run this position. Kim is filling year one of a vacant three-year term (Expires 2025), she is eligible to be elected to complete the remaining 2 years of the term.
- c. 2023 Budget – Administrator Kletscher asked if Church Council wanted to be involved in creating the 2023 Budget. Council determined that Mr. Kletscher will complete this. It will then be brought to the Church Council for approval at their January meeting (which is before the annual meeting.)
- d. Special Year End Donations – Council has decided that at this time no additional donations will be made.
- e. Usher schedule discussion – we are going to ask Gary Gustafson and Kent Wojtysiak if they are willing to help and be placed on the schedule.
- f. Christmas Dinner – Hope Lutheran pays for the rental of the Fair building and they have not wanted more donations for this.

- g. Funerals and lunches – Discussion on who will do this work as HLCW and Circles no longer exist. Need to think of ways to deal with this issue and develop a plan.

Globe Offering: January we will take off. February will go to support youth attending Quake Event. March it will go to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf.

Next Meeting – January 22, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess led the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned by Bubba Vance at 8:46 AM.



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th, the Hope Lutheran Youth will be joining other youth around the nation in the Souper Bowl of Caring, to help tackle hunger. Leading up to Super Bowl Sunday, the youth will be collecting non-perishable food items and cash for the Floodwood Food Shelf. Items can be dropped off at the church. On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth will present a skit on hunger to the congregation. All cash donated on that day will be given to the Life House in Duluth. The Life House works with homeless teens.

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Let us all use these additional weeks of winter as a time to come into a closer relationship with God. Let us use this time wisely as we come to worship, to study his Word, to receive His sacraments, and to enjoy the fellowship we experience in the presence of other fellow children of God.

May God keep you safe and rich in His Blessings.
Pastor John

HLCW (Continued From Page 1)

HLCW Quilting



Quilting will resume on Tuesday February 28th beginning at 9:00 A.M. All are welcome.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis
- 8 John Serebinski
- 11 Greta Fiskness
- 15 Jill Fries
Shirley Johnson
- 16 Madison Wojtysiak
- 17 Barbara Larson-Peterson
- 25 Judy Dressely
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*Birthdays and Anniversaries
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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Carole & Floyd Ahlgren ('56)
- 6 Bill & Jan Manner
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek



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
- 22 Tanya Hovi
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri
- 30 Adam Schminski

**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila



Church council will meet on Sunday, February 19th, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

Volunteer(s) Wanted

Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a volunteer for an Open Church Council Position (3-year term) for election at the annual meeting. Talk to Bubba, Pastor, or Jeff if interested.



Reminders:



Community Christmas/New Year's Celebration



On Friday, January 13th the Floodwood area churches came together for a Christmas and New Year's celebration. Attendees partook in a wonderful meal provided by Rich's Catering, fellowship with the community of believers and skits by local churches.



Pastor Burgess presented us with insight on being one of the shepherds who met the baby Jesus.



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Community Christmas Dinner



Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser



Hope Lutheran Church Youth

Saturday, February 18th

**Seating Times 5:00 – 5:30 - 6:00 PM
Church Basement**

Reservations Required

Everyone is invited – individuals, groups, couples

Choice of entree: Lasagna or Wild Rice Hotdish

\$20 per person/\$38 a couple – All proceeds/tips to Youth Fund.

Must RSVP by Wednesday, February 15th to:

LuAnn Heikkila 218-269-1284 (call or text)

Hazel Bailey 218-390-8789 (call or text)

Or sign up on the sheet located on the narthex window



*Valentine's
Day*



February 2023 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	31	1 Release Time 12:45- 1:30-HS 1:30- 2:15-Elem.	2 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	3	4
5 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	6 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	7	8 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45- 1:30-HS 1:30- 2:15-Elem.	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 	13 USHER TEAM: Gary Gustafson NO Pastor's office hours	14 10:00 AM HLCW Bible Study <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Release Time 12:45- 1:30-HS 1:30- 2:15-Elem.	16 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	17	18 <i>Valentine's Day Dinner</i> Fund raiser sponsored by the Youth
PASTOR ON VACATION						
19 8:00 Church Council meeting 9:30 Worship with communion, Council Installation & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	20 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking NO Pastor's office Hours <i>President's Day</i>	21	22 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45- 1:30-HS 1:30- 2:15-Elem. 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (NO soup supper)	23	24 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	25
26 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	27 USHER TEAM: Dale Rauvola 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	28 9:00 AM -3:00 PM Quilting	LOOKING AHEAD: Lent Services and Soup Suppers begin on March 1 March Globe Offering-Floodwood Area Food Shelf			

PRAYER REQUESTS

February 2023



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Jerry	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Jim
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Heather	Wayne
Don	Carlene
Sulo	Willie
Floyd	Jen

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
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
***For our world and nation on dealing with the Covid-19 virus**

**Peace and healing in
Ukraine and the world**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

December 24	\$915.00
December 25	\$933.00
January 1	\$2460.00
January 8	\$1293.00
January 15	\$1761.53
January 22	\$390.00

Globe – for Missionaries

December 24	\$100.00
December 25	\$260.00

Total Collected for Missionaries \$1493.68.
This was split between the Suhonen's and the Ekka's.



Globe Offering

February Globe Offering – Souper Bowl of Caring (Will be donated to Life House)

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



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Hope Lutheran Church now has its
very own web site. Visit us at:

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