

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran January 2026

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

Cindy and I would like to thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts you have given us. You truly are such a loving church family and we are so blessed to be able to be here.

We are entering the new year of 2026. Since it is a new year, it is a good time to make a new year's resolution for 2026 to increase our study of God's Word. I encourage you to think about a way to begin reading God's Word everyday. For some this could be a goal to read the entire bible this year. For others it might mean studying particular areas of the Old or New Testament of your choosing or getting involved with a Bible study group. This is how we become spiritually mature and will be better able to discern and resist the Christian persecution that Jesus warned us would be coming in the latter days. This year marks the year 5950 of the Dead Sea calendar. This calendar was predicted to end in the year 2075 on our calendar. Most of the almost 1800 prophecies of Our King's second coming will be fulfilled in these next 50 years. We need to prepare ourselves for all the lies and deceptions the devil will be putting out to deceive the world in these final years. I will be starting Bible studies to help us prepare in these areas.

Some other activities this month will include the community post-Christmas celebration put on by the churches of Floodwood at the Event Center on Sunday January 11th. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with a free meal at 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by seasonal presentations by the churches. All are invited to come out and start the year 2026 in a community celebration of Our Lord with members of His Kingdom. *(Continued on Page 3)*



Cindy Burgess will lead the women's Bible study at the church on Tuesday, January 13th at 10:00 A.M. in the overflow room. Continuing with the topic "Women of the Bible", featured this month will be Hannah and Abigail, two lesser known women. All women of Hope are welcome! *(Continued on Page 3)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE AVAILABLE AT
PUBLICATION TIME



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rae Rosemore
Deacon Laine
- 6 Elbert Holmes
- 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)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



Reminders

Sign up to serve
refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a
Scripture reader!

FOOD SHELF NEW HOURS

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

THEN: THE FOLLOWING
MONDAY 9-11:00 AM

Pastor's Corner

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Sunday, January 25th, will be our annual yearly meeting where we will elect new council members and review the current status of Hope Lutheran Church. We will have a potluck lunch following the meeting. I encourage all to attend.

My prayers are for all of us to enjoy God's blessings as we work to carry out His plans for Hope Lutheran Church this coming year.

God Bless Us All,

Pastor John

HLCW

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QUILTING

Quilting will resume on Tuesday, January 27 at the church at 9:00 A.M. Any and all help is welcome. There is a new flyer on the basement bulletin board showing where quilts have recently been sent.



Cookie Can Sunday

Approximately 21 cans of cookies were delivered to people in the community.

A couple of trays of cookies was also delivered to the LightHouse in Duluth by Tanya, Lilyana, and Summer Johnson.

Thanks to all who brought cookies and those who delivered them.

Thank You

Thank You !!

Tracy Zieroth for designing and making the shelf the new Eternal



Candle is on (And to David Z. for mounting it to the wall, and John S. for the electrical work.) The wood used to build the shelf is from the oak tree cut down in the green space many years ago.

The Eternal Candle was purchased with funds from the Memorial Account.

Annual Meeting Reports

All Annual Meeting reports should be submitted to Jeff by Sunday, January 11.

Email preferred to:
jeffkletscher@yahoo.com or
hopefldwd7@gmail.com.



The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 25th after the church service. A potluck will follow the meeting.



Wanted: Four (4) individuals to serve on the Church Council. There are two (2) three (3) year terms open, one (1) two (2) year term and a one (1) year term open. Missy Wojtysiak will be leaving the Council after serving for 6 years. The one year term is to fill the vacancy left after Carolyn Hosking resigned to deal with health issues. The two year term is an unfilled term that no one ran for or volunteered to fill.

Community Church Christmas Party



When: **January 11**

Where: **Event Center**

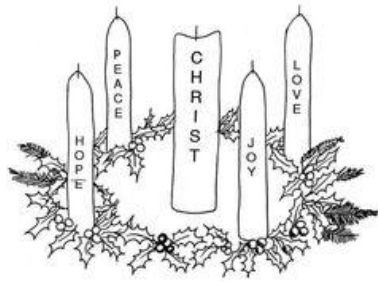
Doors Open at:

5:00 PM

Meal at: **5:30 PM**

Program to follow meal

Advent



1st-Prophecy Candle: Tanya, Lilyana, & Summer Johnson



2nd-Bethlehem Candle: Bubba & Sue Vance



3rd- Shepherds Candle: Jerry & Tanya Hovi



4th-Angel Candle: Nicole, Hannah, Rivkah & Abigail Shafer



Youth

Christmas Pageant & decorating the tree



PRAYER REQUESTS

January 2026



For those who are ill or struggling

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

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

November 23	\$1404.00
November 30	\$ 425.00
December 7	\$ 724.00
December 14	\$2570.05
December 21	\$ 4401.71
December 24	\$ 175.00
December 28	\$ 809.00

Memorials

In Memory of Leo and Lila Niskanen from John & Sue Kopic \$250.00 (Memorial Savings)

Christmas Dinner

November 30	\$ 30.00
December 7	\$200.00
December 14	\$ 30.00

Globe Offering

January None

Financial Summary (1/1/25 – 11/30/25)

Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2025	\$6,221.00	\$6,692.03
February 2025	\$5,088.00	\$7,154.96
March 2025	\$12,111.58	\$9,554.17
April 2025	\$4,372.00	\$7,891.22
May 2025	\$5,531.10	\$7,905.88
June 2025	\$6,652.59	\$9,464.69
July 2025	\$4,681.95	\$5,857.94
August 2025	\$11,895.07	\$5,972.14
September 2025	\$5,292.74	\$5,806.79
October 2025	\$4,998.75	\$10,350.60
November 2025	\$7,997.07	\$6,317.57
December 2025		
Year to Date	\$74,841.85	\$82,967.99
Year to Date (\$8126.14) (Expenses exceed income at this time.)		

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

January 2026

HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Kent Wojtysiak			1 	2	3
4 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship <i>Tree Un-decorating</i>	5 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	6	7 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	8	9 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	10
11 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 2026 Annual Report Items Due 5:00 PM Community Church Christmas Party at Event Center	12 USHER: Tim Tollgaard 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	13 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	14 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	15 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	16	17
18 8:00 AM: Church Council Meeting, Sunday 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	19 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	20	21 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	22	23	24 <i>NEWS ITEMS DUE</i>
25 9:30 Worship & Sunday School <i>Annual Meeting and Potluck</i>	26 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	27 9:00 AM Quilting	28 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	29	30	31



**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:

Hope Lutheran Church,
Floodwood, MN

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED