

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

January 2021

Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year dear Christian friends,

Well, it is time to start a new year and leave the darkness of last year behind us. Remembering our Advent season theme, that we are living in the season of hope, we look forward to a time of preparation for the return of Jesus. We can best do this by energizing our prayer time, study of God's Word, and attending worship services. We and our country need to return toward God, living out His Will for us and fulfilling His Great Commission. This needs to become our priority rather than letting ourselves get caught up in all the political turmoil, violence, and distractions of the COVID-19 pandemic. I know it is easier to say this than to do it, but we must carry on trusting God is with us.

To help us better understand God's message, His plan and how to prepare for his second coming, I would like to start a bible study about the old testament feasts of the Lord. They point to the things we must know as Jesus comes again and what we need to know to be ready. I hope to start this class at the end of January or early February when the risk of COVID hopefully will be less.

I would like to thank all of you who helped with our Advent and Christmas activities this past year. The support and turnout for the bake sales and ornament sales for our children was great to see. Cookie Can Sunday was a great success as we spread hope and love in our community. The Christmas decorations and special services helped to make the season brighter and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. *(Continued on Page 2)*



January will find us discussing lessons 23 and 24 in the "30 Life Principles" by Charles Stanley. Number 23 is "You can never out give God", based on 2 Corinthians 9:8. Can we become generous givers with God's help? Lesson 24, "To live the Christian life is to allow Jesus to live His life in and through us", based on Galatians 2:20 suggests we are not to worry about a person, situation, or issue, but leave it all in God's hands. Join the discussion on Tuesday, January 12th at 10:00 A.M and a business meeting to follow. All women are welcome. Cindy Burgess will lead the discussion. *(Continued on Page 2)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**No Quorum at December
meeting**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN MINUTES

December 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by
President Grace Autio at 11:30 a.m.

Seven members were present.

A motion was made by Carolyn
Hosking, seconded by Shirley
Johnson to accept the minutes of the
November 10 meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

The cookie can exchange will be
held on Sunday, December 13.
Rebecca circle will be in charge.
Four dozen cookies were being
requested packaged in baggies
containing 4 cookies each.

There will be a bake sale on
Sunday, December 20 supporting
the youth.

The next bible study will be on
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 10:00
a.m. Cindy Burgess will lead the
lesson on chapters 23 and 24.

Meeting adjourned.

Jan Benson, Secretary

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)

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

Pastor's Corner (Continued from page 1)

Let us begin 2021 with an
optimistic attitude looking forward
to God's blessings and His leading
us in His ways this coming year.

God Bless Pastor John

HLCW (Continued from Page 3)

QUILTING



We will be making a decision
late on in the month on when
we will be meeting for quilting.
Check the bulletin for further
information.

ANNUAL MEETING

All Annual Meeting
reports should be submitted to
Jeff no later than Sunday, January
10, 2021. Email is preferred to:
hopefldwd7@gmail.com or
jeffkletscher@yahoo.com. The
Annual Meeting will be held
Sunday, January 24, 2021
following worship.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



PRAYER REQUESTS JANUARY 2021



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Frances	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Lilly
Theresa	Lois
Bradley	Coach
Heather	Liz
Rosie	Willa
Gary 'Curly'	

Those suffering from natural disasters
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family
and friends

For those in the military

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

January 2021

HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher				1 	2
3 9:30 Worship & communion & Sunday School	4 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship & Sunday School <i>Annual Meeting reports due</i>	11 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	12 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	13 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	14	15	16
17 8:00 Church Council 9:30 Worship & Sunday School	18 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Annual meeting following service	25 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	26	27 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	28	29	30
31 9:30 Worship & Sunday School						

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

November 22	\$1260.00
November 25	\$ 105.00
November 29	\$ 589.00
December 6	\$2800.00
December 13	\$ 825.00
December 20	\$1800.00

Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child

November 22	\$ 45.00
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Youth Account

November 22 Ornament	\$ 66.00
November 29 Bake Sale	\$ 6.00
December 13 Ornament	\$ 60.00
December 20 Ornament	\$ 106.00
December 20 Bake Sale	\$ 143.00

Donation from Clothing Etc. **\$200.00**. Will be used to support Religious Release program costs (snacks, games, etc)

In Memory of Phil Speece from John & Pat Seredinski \$ 50.00 (Memorial Savings)

Offerings can be mailed to:

**Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736**



Baptism of the Beloved Son

Find the 36 bold words from Mark 1:4-11 (ESV)

K P P L E A S S E D S P I R I T
H K J B P L S U S E J S U T B
O R E T A W E F E M J G N Q P A
L E R E P E N T A N C E A S P
Y I U V G R E C I O V V A E T
H T S O E N V M B S N A D Y I
T H A D E Z I T P A B E G T Z
R G L E N A G D D L P H A S I
O I E H L H R R N L T T L I N
W M M C P C O N F E S S I N G
B T O A O J F J R W C T L S T
B R V E O S L A D N A S E N M
P P A R T S Z B E L O V E D L
C W Y P S A E D U J R P A D T
X F M U N T I E N R O T V F C

John appeared, **baptizing** in the wilderness and **proclaiming** a **baptism of repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins**. And all the country of **Judea** and all **Jerusalem** were going out to him and were being **baptized** by him in the river **Jordan**, **confessing** their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he **preached**, saying, "After me comes he who is **mightier** than I, the **strap of whose sandals** I am not **worthy** to stoop down and **untie**. I have **baptized** you with **water**, but he will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit**." In those days **Jesus** came from **Nazareth of Galilee** and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the **heavens being torn open** and the **Spirit descending** on him like a **dove**. And a **voice** came from heaven, "**You are my beloved Son**; with you I am **well pleased**."

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for Sunday January 10, 2021

Finding Nathanael

Find the 31 bold words from John 1:43-49 (ESV)

W M I G U E X S D I P E T E R
M O O G Y E R E O S E M O C H
M O N D J L A E G R S F W R T
D I S K Z I B R C A V O P A P
K H Z E N L B T S E N I N R S
B E T H S A I D A L L D O J R
R D J X T G T S Y I E P R B M
C Z O Y D E E H H T H A E E Q
O L S R X E R P A E T H R Z W
U R E L R U U A T N O O D S A
T T P C K N N S Z L A N C U I
T U H T I E C E D A U E E S E
F O L L O W L A W O N U L E I
X G Y Y B W Z J F L G M X J S
G N I H T Y N A G I F W L S I

The next day **Jesus** decided to go to **Galilee**. He **found Philip** and said to him, "**Follow** me." Now **Philip** was from **Bethsaida**, the city of **Andrew** and **Peter**. **Philip** found **Nathanael** and said to him, "We have found him of whom **Moses** in the **Law** and also the **prophets** wrote, **Jesus of Nazareth**, the son of **Joseph**." **Nathanael** said to him, "Can **anything good** come out of **Nazareth**?" **Philip** said to him, "Come and **see**." **Jesus** saw **Nathanael** coming toward him and said of him, "**Behold**, an **Israelite** indeed, in whom there is no **deceit**!" **Nathanael** said to him, "How do you **know** me?" **Jesus** answered him, "Before **Philip** called you, when you were under the **fig tree**, I saw you." **Nathanael** answered him, "**Rabbi**, you are the **Son of God**! You are the **King of Israel**!"

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for Sunday January 17, 2021

Followers

Find the 31 bold words from Mark 1:14-20 (ESV)

P S S P J E R B E M G S T F F
G R O T W F E V T W U I I O
J N O N D Y E L C F K S M S L
L M I C J I S F I A H E E H L
E O M D L O F S F L S J A E O
P D P E N A H A U A T U R W
S G B O D E I N L B N G I S H
O N M M R O M M F R U D L N F
G I Y M E T G M I M E F E R A G
S K E J A M E S L N F H R E T
U N R E P E N T L T G T T E W
B R O T H E R E E S H U N A M
D E L L A C E E D E B E Z E F
D E T S E R R A R T A O B S V
Y U K D M E N Q W C V Q X T

Now after **John** was arrested, **Jesus** came into **Galilee**, **proclaiming** the **gospel** of **God**, and saying, “The **time** is **fulfilled**, and the **kingdom** of **God** is at hand; **repent** and **believe** in the **gospel**.”
Passing alongside the **Sea** of **Galilee**, he saw **Simon** and **Andrew** the **brother** of **Simon** casting a **net** into the sea, for they were **fishermen**. And **Jesus** said to them, “**Follow** me, and I will make you become **fishers** of **men**.” And immediately they **left** their nets and followed him. And going on a little **farther**, he saw **James** the **son** of **Zebedee** and **John** his brother, who were in their **boat mending** the nets. And immediately he **called** them, and they **left** their **father** **Zebedee** in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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for Sunday January 24, 2021

Spreading Fame

Find the 31 bold words from Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)

G I S E D D C T O E T A R W T
S N M Y E E R R N S U E G N
S A I Z N A S E I E E T B M E
F D A S C A H T B E G H U J L
T M N H L W G I R A D O K D I
A I I A Y U R O L O V R E E S
D N R R M C V I G O Y I D N Y
G U E I S M L N I U J T H O E
N V O E P E O C C O R E Y T I B
E B Q L E S E C I C S Y A T O
C A P E R N A U M O U T B S G
U N C L E A N I X T S L B E O
S I U D D E H S I N O T S A U D
H T E R A Z A N Y L O H S Q N
T H G U A T S P R E A D D C R

And they went into **Capernaum**, and immediately on the **Sabbath** he entered the **synagogue** and was **teaching**. And they were **astonished** at his teaching, for he **taught** them as one who had **authority**, and not as the **scribes**. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an **unclean spirit**. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, **Jesus** of **Nazareth**? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the **Holy One** of **God**.” But **Jesus rebuked** him, saying, “**Be silent**, and come out of him!”
And the unclean spirit, **convulsing** him and crying out with a **loud voice**, came out of him. And they were all **amazed**, so that they **questioned** among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He **commands** even the unclean spirits, and they **obey** him.” And at once his **fame spread everywhere** throughout all the surrounding region of **Galilee**.

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for Sunday January 31, 2021



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