

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

January 2023

## Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before we get ready to start the New Year, I need to take some time and look back on 2022. God has blessed us at Hope Lutheran. Cindy and I want to sincerely thank you for your Christmas cards and gifts. This congregation has made our ministry at Hope such a rewarding time. You have supported us in our endeavors and have truly welcomed us into your family in Floodwood. I want to thank all who have served on Council and all who have helped in teaching Sunday School, release and those providing treats for our kids. I also need to thank all those who help in reading the lessons on Sunday morning and those providing the awesome treats at fellowship time.

I enjoyed your participation in the Lenten soup suppers and Lenten dramas. It was fun to have an outdoor service this summer in our new outdoor worship space. Our Christmas youth service this year was so well attended, and the kids and adult leaders made it a great way to celebrate Christmas. Thank you to everyone who volunteered so much time and effort to make sure that every youth can be connected locally and at Quake and youth camps.

This past year I was able to teach multiple Bible classes covering topics including Paul's Letter to the Romans, the fall feasts of the Lord in end time prophecy and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The ladies at Hope have participated in monthly Bible study and quilting. The quilts are given to the Duluth Salvation Army and have warmed many in times of need. In January I will start a Bible study on the Book of Revelation and end time prophecy during the adult study hour on Sunday morning. All are invited to come as we ready ourselves for Jesus coming again. *(Continued on page 4)*



Discussion on the seven deadly sins will resume in January. Cindy Burgess will lead the study on greed and envy on Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. *(Continued on page 4)*

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October 9, 2022

### Members Present

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

Pastor John opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Bubba Vance.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### Secretaries Report

August 28, 2022 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Deb Tollgaard, second by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported 362 miles for the LCMC meeting and 66 miles to visit Willie in Cloquet. He presided over the September funeral for Brad Wojtysiak. He distributed 8 communions. There are 7 high schoolers and 14 elementary students in religious release. He will be attending the Pastor installation/ordination at Calvary Lutheran Church in Orr MN on October 23. He will start teaching in November for PEG Ministry and Pastor Warren Baker. He attended the LCMC National Gathering in Lakeville MN and there were 700 in attendance.

There was an emphasis on discipleship in Christian congregations. He will share this material with the Sunday Bible Study class. There is one confirmation student Lacey Wojtysiak, in her first year of study.

### Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

The Religious Release fund has \$254.89 for the account for snacks, etc. The Corporate Resolution (Police Good Friday Account) was given to Northview Bank and then Jeff was informed that several pages had to be updated for forms and rules that were changed. They will contact Bubba, Tanya, and Jeff to sign the updated forms.

The Suhonens have requested monthly support rather than quarterly. Council had no issues with this request and verbally agreed to change to monthly giving to the Suhonens.

The Youth checking is at \$2,879.33 and the savings account is at \$297.67.

A 7-year summary with general account and total of all accounts was presented to provide some perspective on the Hope Lutheran budget over time. Council felt the information was useful.

### Committee Reports

**Christian Education and Youth:** Quake will be March 17-19, Hannah, Summer, Brooke, Amelia, Lacey attending and Tanya will chaperon.

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

**Outreach Committee:** No update.

**Building Committee:** Shingles have been repaired.

**Quilting Committee:** 7 quilts were made on the first workday.

### Old Business

a.

### New Business

a. Snow removal – Sidewalks for weekly events, RR, and Sundays. Who will replace Rob? - Bubba and Tim will help when they can and ushers on Sundays will shovel sidewalks.

b. Discussed special services in November and December –

- Thanksgiving Eve Service – Nov 23 – NO will hold on Sunday the 20th for Thanksgiving Service

- Christmas Eve Service – Saturday, December 24 at 5 PM – Yes

- Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 AM – Yes

- Community Christmas Dinner at the Fair Building in at Noon. Hosted by Hope Lutheran.

c. October 23, 2022 – Service

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**Minutes (Continued From Page 2)**

Pastor will be attending Ordination/Installation at Calvary Lutheran in Orr. How will we handle the service?

Council was ok with a video on Martin Luther and the Reformation. (Title: Martin Luther: A Return to Grace)

Reported that 112 pies were made during Pie Making. Job Well Done! Thank You to everyone for your help!!!!

**Globe Offering:** November (after OCC boxes are blessed) and December will be split between our missionaries. (Ekka and Suhonen).

**Next Meeting** – December 11, 2022, at 8:00 AM

**Closing Prayer** – Pastor Burgess led the closing prayer.

**Adjourn Meeting** – Meeting declared adjourned by Bubba Vance at 8:48 AM.



**Song from the Children's Program:**

**A Candle is Burning**  
**by Sandra Dean**

(sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
A candle of HOPE in December's

dark night  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.



A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay



A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy  
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow



A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,  
A candle to point us to heaven above  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.



We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame  
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim  
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night  
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.



Verses 1-4 were played during the program.  
Verse 5 as read by Dawn Shafer

A candle is burning, for the Christ has come.  
The fullness of God dwells in this precious one.  
A child is born who has good news to tell  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
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*Youth (continued from page 3)*

***Craft and Candy Making Day***

The youth had a craft and candy making day on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

They made Christmas decorations and candy to sell at church on Sunday as a money maker for the youth program.



***Pastor's Corner (Continued From Page 1)***

I want to thank the ladies of the church for their cookie can ministry this Christmas season. I delivered cookies to Lorraine Guentzel and Carlene and Sulo Jatkola. It was so moving to see how much it meant to them and how it makes them remember the good times at Hope. They all send their special thanks to those who remembered them in this gift and the cookies are awesome they said. Extra cookies were taken to the Life House in Duluth. Their facility is in greater use than ever, and we have been told our cookies are a big hit.

I am also thankful to all those who provided the Christmas Day dinner for those in our community who are alone or in need of a time to make Christmas special with others.

I would like to invite all of our congregation to the community after Christmas celebration at the Event Center on January 13 from 6-8 p.m. The churches of Floodwood come together to provide a free meal at 6 p.m. followed by special Christmas presentations by members of the local churches. I have participated the past two years and I can tell you it is a great way to reach out to our community.

We need to thank God for the new members he has brought into Hope Lutheran this past year. God is growing His Church and we really appreciate their presence with us and working alongside of us to carry out God's work in Floodwood.

The last Sunday in January will be our annual meeting after the service followed by a Potluck dinner. I hope to see all of you as we learn more about what God is doing in our church and how we can be a part of it.

My prayer for 2023 is for all to have a safe and blessed year as we learn more about God's Word and more about the special gifts He has given us all to use for His purposes.  
God bless us all,  
Pastor John

***HLCW (Continued From Page 1)***

***HLCW Quilting***



Quilting will resume on Tuesday January 24th beginning at 9:00 A.M. All are welcome.

***Cookie Can Sunday***



Over 25 cookie cans were distributed throughout the community by the ladies of Hope Lutheran Church. Each lady was asked to bring 4 dozen cookies to be distributed. In addition to the 25 cans, cookies were also taken to the apartments in Floodwood and to Life House in Duluth. Thanks to all who participated.

**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  
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*Birthdays and Anniversaries*  
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28 Dawn & Marion Shafer  
(’78)

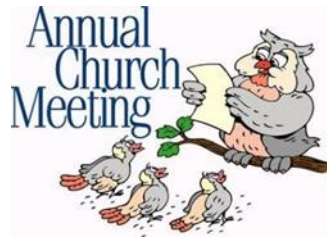


**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis
- 8 John Seredinski
- 11 Greta Fiskness
- 15 Jill Fries  
Shirley Johnson
- 16 Madison Wojtysiak
- 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



The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> after the church service. A potluck will follow the meeting.

All Annual Meeting reports should be submitted to Jeff by Sunday, January 15. Email preferred to [jeffkletscher@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffkletscher@yahoo.com) or [hopefldwd7@gmail.com](mailto:hopefldwd7@gmail.com).

**Advent Candle Wreath**

Each Sunday during Advent four candles were lit on the Advent wreath to mark the progression toward the birth of Christ. One candle per Sunday was lit along with the previous lit candles. The four candles represent Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. The fifth candle is lit on Christmas Eve.



Lily lighting the first candle  
*Hope*



Jerry lighting the second candle  
*Love*



Dawn and Hannah lighting the 3<sup>rd</sup> candle  
*Joy*



Allie lighting the 4<sup>th</sup> candle  
*Peace*



Pastor lighting the Christmas Eve candle at the Christmas Eve service.

The Hoskings lighting the congregation's candles for the ending of the Christmas Eve service while the congregants sang "Silent Night" before departing.



# Martin Luther King Jr.

Alabama  
Assassination  
Brotherhood  
Change  
Civil rights  
Dream  
Equality  
Freedom  
Georgia  
Integration  
January  
Justice  
Minister  
Nobel  
Nonviolence  
Peace  
Rosa Parks  
Segregation  
Speech

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Sign Up  
to Serve Refreshments

**Reminders:**



Sign Up  
to be a Scripture Reader

**Community Christmas/New  
Year's Celebration**



There will be a Community Christmas and New Year's celebration at the Event Center on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the local churches. Come join the fun with dinner at 6:00 PM and program at 7:00 PM.



Church council will meet on Sunday, January 22, 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.

**Community Christmas Dinner**



Hope Lutheran Church sponsored a free community Christmas dinner on December 25<sup>th</sup> from noon till 1 PM at the Downtown Fair Center in Floodwood.

Seventy-three people were served. They enjoyed turkey, ham and all the trimmings. A good time was had by all.

Thanks so much for all the help. Lots of blessings to you.



*New Years Blessings from  
Hope Lutheran Church*

## January 2023 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship  <i>Happy New Year</i>	<b>2</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bubba Vance  No Pastor office hours	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>5</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <i>Tree UN-decorating following service</i>	<b>9</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bubba Vance  8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM HLCW Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf  Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Community Christmas/New Year's Celebration at the Event Center 6:00 PM – Meal 7:00 PM - Program	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 Worship with Communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study  <i>Annual Meeting reports due</i>	<b>16</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Tim Tollgaard  8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>19</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 AM Church Council 9:30 Worship and Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski  8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM -3:00 PM Quilting  <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>25</b> 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf  Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 Worship and Sunday School  Annual Meeting following service  Potluck meal following Annual meeting	<b>30</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Mark Johnsen  8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	<b>31</b>	<b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> January Globe Offering – None  February Globe Offering – Support Youth for Quake Event  March Globe Offering – Floodwood Area Food Shelf			



PRAYER REQUESTS

January 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**

November 27	\$1317.00
November 27	\$1080.00
(from HLCW Pie Sales)	
December 4	\$2248.00
December 11	\$5246.00
December 18	\$1646.03

**Globe – for Missionaries**

November 27	\$165.00
December 4	\$560.00
December 11	\$152.58
December 18	\$101.10

**Youth – Craft/Candy Sales**

December 11	\$158.75
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**Christmas Dinner**

December 18	\$25.00
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**Memorials**

In Memory of Brad Wotjysiak from Wotjysiak Family  
\$1200.00 (Youth)



**Globe Offering**

**January Globe Offering – None**

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



## **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE**

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

[www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org](http://www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org)

**Also visit us on FACEBOOK:**

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