



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church JULY 2015

## A Word From Pastor Carl



Over the years our congregation has been blessed by the presence of teams called Captive Free. These bands are put together by a ministry known as Youth Encounter. Big changes are happening regarding these travelling teams.

In the last ten years, the number of young adults who have presented themselves for service on a Captive Free travelling team has markedly decreased. The number of team members has declined from 90 team members and 20 itinerant teams in 2005 to less than 20 team members and three teams for the year 2014-15. What a loss this is for the church! (*Continued on Page 2*)

## Hope Lutheran Church Women

### QUILTS

On Sunday, June 7th, we celebrated the blessing of the quilts. Some of which are by the Hope Lutheran quilters will be sent to and will be distributed the world. The quilters were distributed locally. World Relief sent quilts Nepal earthquake. The took place during the 9:30 am worship service.



7th, we celebrated the quilts. Sixty five quilts, shown here, were made Quilters this year. The Lutheran World Relief, to those in need around also made 13 quilts that Most recently Lutheran to the victims of the blessing of the quilts

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Christian Education & Youth & Family Ministry:* June 7, 2015

Pastor Carl opened meeting with prayer.

Discussed summer camp. Motion made by Carolyn Hosking for students interested in camp pay \$10.00 deposit, second by Sue Coccie – all in favor.

Sunday School summer classes will continue to be one class. When fall classes start it will be discussed to divide the class.

Jen Myles and Carolyn Hosking volunteered to organize the youth to make a float for the Catfish Days parade.

VBS will be held at the fair building on June 22-26. Family picnic will be held June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Rob Benson asked for ideas on how to get the youth more involved in confirmation. Pastor Carl and Rob will continue to work on the situation.

More teachers are needed for Release classes in the fall.

A young adult family picnic will be held on the last Sunday of June.

Present at the meeting: Rob Benson, Sue Coccie, Carolyn Hosking, Jen Myles, Pastor Carl

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### *Word from Pastor Carl – Youth Encounter (Continued From Page 1)*

For the autumn, Youth Encounter recruitment will only look to fill the Quake-Zone season (which runs from January to the early spring) and teaching Vacation Bible School in congregations during the summer. Because of the change in recruitment schedule, it seems probable that Hope Lutheran will not have a team to take a break from their training session and come to our congregation and lead worship in the beginning weekends of September.

There also has been somewhat a decrease in Quake/Zones regional gathering participation in certain areas of our country. But in other places, Quake/Zone attendance has remained strong and Youth Encounter will continue to facilitate regional gatherings in areas of stronger participation.

You may have heard of the Quake/Zone but you are likely not as familiar with some of their larger scale events. For many years, international teams have been trained and commissioned to travel in Denmark, India and East Africa. It remains unclear for the moment if these international teams will continue. Youth Encounter also has offered a national teen event somewhere in the United States for the last number of years. The continuance of the national gatherings into the future also remains unclear at the time of writing.

With the decline in young people in traveling for the year and the contraction of a few of the regional youth assemblies, opportunities come out of this change. A new demand has emerged in requesting more opportunities for Christian service projects. Filling emergency meal kits has already become a part of Youth Encounter's offerings at Quake/Zones and in congregations. However the organization is planning to expand offerings for this kind of ministry project.

Let us pray that in this season of pruning that there will be new and different growth as Youth Encounter seeks to be an important resource for our congregations in aiding and strengthening ministry in our congregations.

In Christ,

Pastor Carl

**UNAPPROVED**  
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH FLOODWOOD, MN  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 23, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Susan Coccie. Pastor Fiskness opened with prayer.

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Bubba Vance, Marion Shafer, Susan Coccie, David Zieroth, Kathy Johnsen, Lonna Hutchinson, Rob Benson. Absent: Bryan Hutchinson, Jen Myles, Pat Seredinski.

MOTION BY JOHNSEN, SECOND BY ZIEROTH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF PORTAGE NEWS UNDER NEW BUSINESS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY BENSON, SECOND BY JOHNSEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Susan noted that liability insurance has been dropped for the cemetery and the city lot that was sold, so a credit should be forthcoming. MOTION BY HUTCHINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSEN TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT WITH THE CORRECTION OF BUDGET REPORT LINE 3.3 MAY 2015 MOVED TO 3.5. MOTION CARRIED.

Marion presented a possible replacement for the eternal flame candle as a money saving option. It was decided to put a notice in the Beacon asking the congregation how important the flame is to people and if members would be willing to sponsor the purchase of the candles.

#### **REPORTS**

**Pastor:** Activities report attached. Pastor will be gone July 13-16 to attend an LCMC gathering. Pastor has joined the North American Lutheran Church to have a wider support network; this does not involve Hope Lutheran.

**Youth & Family, Education:** Pastor reported Baccalaureate went well; there were 2 students confirmed at Hope in May; the Bennett family was baptized; VBS is going well with 47 attending so far.

**Outreach:** Rob presented a grant opportunity that could be used to purchase science-related activities for Homework Help nights to keep those students busy who have completed their school work. MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY ZIEROTH TO SUBMIT THE THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOUNDATION REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION. MOTION CARRIED. Rob will call a meeting in early August to complete the application.

**Communication & Technology:** Rob thanked Susan for her continued work on Facebook.

**Building:** David and Bubba will make a list of what they want the rental house roof and fascia bids to include.

**Befrienders:** Continue to send cards; 16 cards were mailed last month.

**HLCW:** Will not meet during summer.

**Quilters:** Quilts were shipped to Lutheran World Relief; will not meet during summer.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Catfish Days – Susan made a poster advertising the community church service led by Casey Aro; Carolyn Hosking and Jen Myles will organize a float for the parade with the Sunday School children, and the youth.

**B.** 2014 Audit – Tim Tollgaard and Rae Rosemore will conduct the audit as non-council members.

**C.** VBS – Susan and Ginny Larva will organize the Friday picnic.

**D.** Personnel Reviews – Rob and Benson met with Pastor Fiskness and Marion and presented a written summary of the meetings. The Hope Lutheran Secretary Job Description needs to be rewritten and Marion is going to try a 60-hour work month instead of 80 beginning July 1, 2015. Pastor Fiskness will implement a program to visit shut-ins with a Council member to deliver communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month so members of our congregation who are homebound can have communion once a month. Pastor Fiskness also agreed to relinquish the monetary difference he has been receiving between what Hope's health insurance plan would have cost and what he currently pays on Jodi's plan. MOTION BY BENSON, SECOND BY VANCE TO APPROVE THE TRIAL OF A 60-HOUR WORK MONTH FOR THE SECRETARY AND THE REDUCTION IN HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT TO PASTOR FISKNESS. MOTION CARRIED.

**E.** Check Signers -- have signed the necessary forms at Northview Bank. *(Continued on Page 4)*

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F. Survey – Susan will contact Liz Thom to request the Outreach Committee compose a survey to be sent to all members to discover what is needed to increase attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Pastor's Vacation Days – Council agreed Pastor Fiskness should not use a vacation day for Greta's birth.

B. Boy Scouts – MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY HUTCHINSON TO ALLOW THE BOY SCOUTS TO USE HOPE LUTHERAN'S TAX ID NUMBER AS BEFORE. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Garage Sale – will be held again during Fall Fest; Lee Samuelson will contact various organizations to request items to use for a silent auction. People can begin bringing in their clean, useable donations and place them in the boxes under the coat rack.

D. Loren Lindevig – scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

E. Portage News – MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY ZIEROTH TO CONTINUE OUR ADVERTISING FOR \$260/YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.

**GLOBE:** June 28 will be for Gideons.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** July 16, August 18

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary.

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## ***CARD OF THANKS***

### **THANKS TO:**

**Marlys Piontek** for donating such pretty flowers for the outside of the church.

**Hazel Bailey and Grace Autio** for planting the flowers.

**Jan Benson, Dawn Shafer, and Leigha Kuehl** for helping in making the shawls for confirmation.

**Sheryl and Johanna Abell, Sydney Lough, Ethan Young, Tamera Lundstrom & Carter Stokke** for teaching or helping; and all who were providers of snacks, at the Community Vacation Bible School.

**Grace Autio, Jeanette Johnsen, and Shannon Johnsen** for working at the Registration Desk for VBS.

**Carole Ahlgren and Grace Autio** for making the baptism quilts.

**All the ladies** who worked on the quilts that were sent to Lutheran World Relief.

**Jodi Fiskness & Telisha Bennett** for organizing the Young Families picnic and **Sydney Lough** for organizing games for the kids.

Those who faithfully prepare the Communion elements.

Thanks to those who helped pack the quilts for transport to the truck at UMD — and to **Floyd and Carole Ahlgren** for bringing them there. Quilting will resume in September.

**~ July 2015 ~ HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <i>Independence Day</i>
<b>5 9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Coffee  <b>1 PM</b> Jeanette Johnson's Birthday Party	<b>6</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson &– Team 8	<b>7</b> <b>10:00</b> Lake Superior LCMC & NALC pastors meeting in Duluth	<b>8</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST	<b>9</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>10:00</b> Catfish Days Worship at the River Walk Pavilion. No Sunday School <b>12:00</b> Parade	<b>13</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1  Pastor gone for "	<b>14</b>  LCMC District leaders meeting in	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours <b>7:00</b> Church council  St. Charles,	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Coffee	<b>20</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food Shelf at FST	<b>23</b> <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>24</b>  <i>Newsletter articles Due</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Coffee	<b>27</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard – Team 3	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship and Music Committee  <b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor's Office Hours	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>

## *THE ETERNAL FLAME*



The Council would like input from the congregation regarding the eternal flame candle on the altar. The candle was given in, we believe, the 1960's in remembrance of a Hope Lutheran member whose family is no longer in the area. The cost of the candles is approximately \$200 a year. Is it time to let it go as a means to cut down expenses? Do we replace the current container with one that would burn oil? Are there current members who would be willing to sponsor keeping the candle lit for \$50 for three months?

Please contact any council member with your thoughts on this.

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## *BAPTISIM*

On June 14 Telisha Bennett, along with her three sons, Jayden, Kolt, and Joey, were baptized. Sponsors Rhonda and Cory Nelson are on the left.



## *GIVING*

### *MAY 28, 2015 GIVING*

General Fund Total     \$ 693.37

Biblesticks             \$ 100.00

Youth  
(Easter Breakfast Raffle) \$ 147.00

### *JUNE 2015 GIVING*

General Fund Total     \$5854.71

Vacation Bible School \$ 122.00

Gideons                 \$ 296.00

**JULY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 3 Jason Myrvold
- 4 Mary Felknor
- 6 Rose Ann Bennett  
Oleta Vines  
Bryan Hutchinson
- 7 Jeanette Johnsen  
Tim Tollgaard  
Jayden Laine
- 9 Jennifer Heine
- 10 Brea Vance
- 11 Mildred Samuelson
- 14 Deana Fries
- 15 Megan Aho
- 17 Nicole (David) Shafer
- 20 Jodi Fiskness
- 22 Tara Belter
- 23 Darcy (Rahja) Dahl  
Barbara Bernsdorf  
Debra Hyry
- 24 Violet Peterson
- 28 Braxton Farrell
- 30 Willie Moe
- 31 Donna Farrell



**JULY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Danielle & Tim White
- 2 Bryan & Tracy  
Hutchinson ('05)
- 10 Sue & Bubba Vance
- 14 Ethel & Jim Pensak
- 31 Rae & Don Rosemore

**AUGUST  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Dustin Rahja  
Dinah Tveit  
Madison Kuehl
- 3 Elizabeth Bolstad
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance  
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad  
Julia Suonvieri
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall  
David Shafer  
Nicholas Johnson
- 17 Linda Christianson  
Bob Hosking
- 19 Char Kadin
- 24 Tricia Love  
Charles Shafer
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri  
Summer Johnson
- 29 Timothy Myles Jr.

**AUGUST  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Jack & Willie Moe ('58)
- 14 Dave & Ann Bolstad
- 17 Mary & Dale Rauvola
- 27 Carlene & Sulo Jatkola

*God Has Brought Me  
Laughter*

**ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS**

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

**Bulletin Bloopers**

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water."  
The sermon for tonight: "Searching For Jesus."



Please Join Us to Celebrate  
**Jeanette Johnsen's**

80th Birthday  
July 5, 2015 from 1-4 pm  
Arrowhead Town Hall



*No gifts please*

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very own web site. Visit us at:

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