



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church JULY 2017

A Word From Pastor Carl

SEARCHING THE VISIBLE, DISCOVERING THE INVISIBLE

This past month was Floodwood’s fourth ecumenical Vacation Bible School held at the Fair Building. The kids did a good job memorizing the theme verse from Colossians 1:15-16. *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were made, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”*

This summer’s theme was Galactic Starveyors. I had heard of a conveyor and a surveyor before but I was unsure about this one. I looked up “starveyor” in the dictionary and to my surprise, there was no entry. Instead, I typed in the word on an internet search engine and the only thing that I could find was that it was being used with other Vacation Bible Schools. So I figured that the term was invented by LifeWay Resources, the producer of the material to give an impression of something “stellar”.

I admire both the producers’ creativity with the title and content of the curriculum. Accompanying the teaching materials were one-dimensional planets that could be hung from the ceiling to give the classroom a little feeling of a planetarium. True to recent scholarship, Pluto was not included because of its demotion to being classified as a “dwarf planet.”

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Hope Lutheran Church Women

HLCW NEWS

Fifty-seven quilts were on the pews June 4th for a blessing. Later that week they were boxed and taken to the quilt truck parked at the site of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA women’s convention near Grand Rapids. Thank you to those who helped with the boxing and to the Bensons and Autios for delivering them.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING (UNAPPROVED)

Hope Lutheran Church Minutes of Council Meeting
Floodwood, MN June 21, 2017

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Rob Benson, Elvi Tollgaard, Lonna Hutchinson, Susan Coccie, Early: Mark Johnsen,
Absent: Pat Seredinski.

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnsen at 6:00 pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

AGENDA

Motion by Coccie, second by Tollgaard to approve the agenda with the addition of handicap parking.

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Coccie, second by Benson to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial: Motion by Tollgaard, second by Benson to approve the May financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor: Submitted.

Christian Education and Youth: Bible School was a success with up to 48 children present. Four youth have signed up for camp. Possible two more (late application) if room available.

Outreach: Softball on Saturday evening from 5 pm until 7 pm has started. Come join the fun!!

Community & Technology: No report.

Building: Roofers to start the week of the 26th weather permitting.

Befrienders: Jeanette Johnsen has been helping Liz Thom with cards.

HLCW: Done meeting for the summer.

Quilters: Quilts were shipped. Quilters will start back up in the fall.

Administrator: Reported on all finances. 2015 taxes are still an issue. Jeff is working through it. Casey Aro will be leading the service on July 16th, and Ron & Lorraine Simpson on July 23rd. Jeff brought to the attention of the council that one of the ceiling fans will need some work.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey. A congregational meeting set for July 23 after the service to go over the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Handicap parking. Handicap parking was discussed a bit more with the new Hwy 73 project possibly starting August of 2018.

Next meeting: July 26th at 6:00 pm

Globe offering in June will be for the Madagascar Mission project (Ron & Lorraine Simpson).

Closing prayer given by Pastor.

Meeting adjourned

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

REFRESHMENT TEAM



JULY REFRESHMENT TEAM

Willie Moe
Liz Thom
Elsie Tollgaard
Tasha Belter
Grace Autio (set-up)

AUGUST REFRESHMENT TEAM

Leader: Bob & Carolyn Hosking
Jeanette Johnsen
Dawn & Marion Shafer
Lois Hendrickson

Word From Pastor Carl ... SEARCHING THE VISIBLE, DISCOVERING THE INVISIBLE (Continued from page 1)

The lesson plans had a clever integration of Bible stories and science. I taught the younger grades and Pastor Dan had the older kids. We studied the Fall at the beginning of time and how our world came under the curse of sin. Coupled with the spiritual condition of our existence, the students also learned how gravity makes things drop to the ground. Besides the creation and the fall, the kids also became acquainted with the prophecy of Christ in Isaiah and then Simeon and Anna identifying baby Jesus as a “light to shine unto the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.” To add to their instruction in the classroom, I introduced the kids to singing “The Hippo Song”, “Earth and Stars” and “Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

The music learned as a group to start and end the day was well done. Part of the curriculum includes a CD with youth adding actions to all the songs. Keira Zahurones did a great job demonstrating the choreography. The children are skilled at picking up both the actions and the lyrics. I experienced a more challenging time trying to do both. The two songs that the kids seemed to enjoy the most were “Sin messed everything up”, which was a rap song and “God is over the moon...He’s crazy ‘bout you” which was written to sound like a song from the 1950’s.

As always, it was so wonderful to see the kids learning the law and the Gospel and having fun at it. Thank you to Judy Ario as director, Marlene Scott as group leader of opening and closing exercises and specifically all from our congregation who participated to help make the week a success.

FLOWER DONATION

Thank you Tom and Marlys for your kindness, generosity, time and effort that you both put into growing beautiful flowers.

A heartfelt thanks to you both for the donation of flowers, they will be enjoyed all summer long. Everyone be sure and give Tom and Marlys a big smile and Thank You!!!!

THANK YOU

Thank you, dear church family, for your prayers, calls, thoughts, messages, food and visits during Liz’s surgery and recovery. You are truly special folks and we are blessed to have you in our lives.

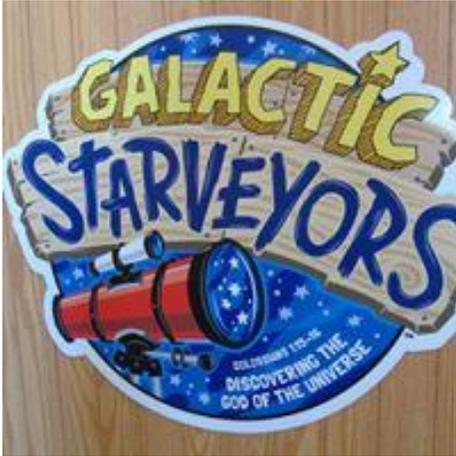
Wayne & Liz Thom



Community Vacation Bible School was held June 12th-16th at the Floodwood Fair Building and the Baptist Church. After the VBS Friday performance, Kathleen Tahja and Sharon Lahti served a lunch that had been prepared by members of the Catholic church. Over 100 people were served. Thank you ladies for such a good lunch!



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



PRAYER REQUEST JULY 2017



For those who are ill or struggling

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| Dinah Tveit | Sadie Stokke | Frances Haubrich | Theresa Fisher |
| Danette Johnson | Grace Wagner | Joy Cich | Liz Thom |
| Lorraine Guentzel | Tim Ahrendt | Lois Hendrickson | |
| Joy Greene | Willa Jonas | Mallory Norrell | |

For the family of Bette Juusola in their time of grief
Those suffering from natural disasters
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

For those in the military

Michael Thom
David Shafer
Damien Autio

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 3 Jason Myrvold
- 4 Mary Felknor
- 6 Rose Ann Bennett
Bryan Hutchinson
- 7 Jeanette Johnsen
Tim Tollgaard
Jayden Laine
- 9 Jennifer Heine
- 10 Brea Wallaker
- 14 Deana Fries
- 15 Megan Aho
- 17 Nicole (David) Shafer
- 20 Jodi Fiskness
- 22 Tara Belter
- 24 Violet Peterson
- 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 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 Serebinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall
David Shafer
Nicholas Johnson
- 17 Linda Christianson
Bob Hosking
- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson
- 29 Timothy Myles Jr.

AUGUST

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Dave & Ann Bolstad
- 17 Mary & Dale Rauvola

- 27 Carlene & Sulo Jatkola

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| May 21 | \$ 308.00 |
| May 28 | \$1405.00 |
| June 4 | \$1943.50 |
| June 11 | \$1555.00 |
| June 18 | \$ 858.75 |

Roofing

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| May 21 | \$1500.00 |
| May 28 | \$1415.00 |
| June 4 | \$2000.00 |
| June 11 | \$22,624.79 |
| (Insurance) | |

Vacation Bible School

\$ 50.00

Memorial

In Memory of Char Kadin from Jeanette
Johnsen \$ 20.00
(Memorial Fund)



**BOY
SCOUTS**

See the calendar for dates
and time of Boy Scout
meetings at Hope.

JULY 2017

HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| 25 | 26 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 5-7:00 PM Softball at Floodwood School |
| 2 ¹ Thes 3 9:30 Worship <i>Baptism of Luka Granzoto</i> 10:45 Fellowship | 3 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> | 5 | 6 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall NO Pastor's Office Hours | 7 Catfish Days | 8 |
| 9 ¹ Thes. 4 9:30 Worship at Hope 10:45 Fellowship Weekend | 10 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola | 11 10:00 Lake Superior LCMC & NALC Pastors' meeting at New Life Lutheran in Duluth | 12 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST | 13 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours | 14 10:00 Bible Study at Riverview Apt Pastor gone on | 15 5-7:00 PM Softball at Floodwood School |
| 16 9:30 Worship at Hope (Casey Aro) 10:45 Fellowship | 17 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance | 18 | 19 | 20 12:30 FBCP @ Savanna Portage No Pastor's Office Hours | 21 | 22 |
| Vacation from Friday, July 14 until Monday | | | | | | |
| 23 9:30 Worship Led by Ron & Lorraine Simpson speaking by Mission Madagascar 10:45 Mtg followed w/coffee July 24 | 24 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard | 25 | 26 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting | 27 9:30 Worship & Music Committee 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours | 28 11:30 Free community lunch at FST | 29 12:00-2:00 Elvi Tollgaard's 80 th birthday party at the Fair Building 5-7:00 PM Softball at Floodwood School |
| 30 ¹ Thes. 5 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship | 31 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski | | | | | |

***SPECIAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING***

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2017

There will be a special congregational meeting following the service on July 24th to summarize and discuss the survey results from several months ago.

***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:

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Floodwood, MN

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