

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church July 2018

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WORD FROM PASTOR

Our Freedom

In the USA, the Land of the Free, we frequently confuse the true nature of freedom. The term can become synonymous with our own personal independence; the ability to make our own decisions and forge our own path in life. That's exterior freedom. It's closer to the definition that the world has of it. It means different things to different people!

In all likelihood, there is no other nation on earth that is more concerned with personal right than ours. Exterior freedom is just one of the fibers of the freedoms that we have enjoyed in this country. Many brave American men and women have suffered and died defending these freedoms.

The Apostle Paul was proud of his Roman citizenship and the benefits that came with it, too.

This type of freedom however, isn't the one that Paul wrote about and that we are promised in passages of the books of Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews.

Jesus didn't come to set us free to do whatever we think we want to do. He was freeing us to be Kingdom People! That's interior freedom; freedom within us to walk in a close relationship with the Lord our God and make His choices for our life, so that we can become more like Him, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit +
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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Bible Study and Meeting

The HLCW will resume regular Bible Study and meetings in September. Watch the church bulletin for any announcements during the summer months.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Julie Gellert, Rob Benson, Susan Coccie, Mark Johnsen, Pat Seredinski, Dean Fries, Jeff Kletscher.

Meeting Called to order at 6:01 PM by Mark Johnson.

Mark Johnson Opened with Prayer.

Secretaries Report

Approved Agenda – Motioned by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Rob Benson. Motion carried.

April 19, 2018 Council Minutes – Motioned by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Pat Seredinski. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed financial report. Motion by Rob Benson, 2nd by Mark Johnsen. To approve the Treasure's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report: Written report was provided.

Administrator's Report Jeff's report was provided in packet.

Committee reports

Call Committee – Interviewed 4 candidates' 2nd interview with one of the Candidates at Church on May 31, 2018.

Christian Education and Youth – Looking at possibly having couples teaching Sunday school, No interest at this time.

VBS meeting scheduled for Friday May 18, 2018 with all Floodwood Pastors.

Outreach Committee – Mail boxes are going to be set up for the most recent new confirmation students since they are now voting members.

Building Committee – Current renters are staying to the end of

June. Received list of fix-up items from current tenants (written list included in packet). How to deal with these items will be dealt with at a future date. Quilting – Blessing of the 64 quilts set for Sunday June 3, 2018.

Old Business

Church Security – Looking to have Jeff Kletscher contact the local police to come and give an assessment of the

building and provide some ideas.

Baccalaureate – Scheduled for Wednesday May 23rd. followed by an ice cream social. All local Churches have agreed to provide each graduate with a Bible.

Church Steeple update – Will be in Church bulletin and newsletter to see if there is interest in purchasing. (\$500.00)

Vacation Bible School – Pastor provided an update. Volunteers from Hope are needed to help with the week.

Scheduled for June 11 – 15 at Downtown Fair Building. 9Am – Noon. Program on Friday.

Movie Night – Set for Tuesday June 26th, 2018. The movie will be "The Cross and A Switch Blade".

New Business - None

Globe Offering – Summer Camp

Next Meeting – Thursday June 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Pastor Julie Gellert closed with Prayer at 7:08 P.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE

Hope Lutheran Youth

See page 5 for VBS report.

Call Committee

Sunday July 8

Special Congregational Meeting

Special Congregational Meeting following Worship Service.

Meeting Purpose: Consider extending a call to Pastor John Burgess.

WORD FROM PASTOR *(Continued from Page 1)*

True freedom in our Christian life is not to be bound to sinful behavior anymore; doing whatever we want because it's our right! A key to an abiding relationship with Him has to do with how we view sin in our lives, though.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin. In conviction, there is freedom in forgiveness. In that conviction, there is also God's provision.

With freedom comes responsibility. 360 degrees of it, to set others free by leading them to the Source of the true freedom that we have.

Pastor J+

"Independence comes with our dependence on God"

-Kathryn Eckmann-Word of Life Lutheran Church, Anchorage AK

Quilting



On June 30th we had "The Blessing of the Quilts". Over the past year, the ladies of the church made over 60 quilts. The quilts will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief, who will deliver them to those in need in the Unites States and overseas.



Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, July 19th at 9:30 am. We welcome new participants in the group. Suggestions for hymns/music can be submitted to Jeannette or Pastor Julie before that day.

FOR SALE

CHURCH STEEPLE



\$500.00

CONTACT MARK JOHNSEN



Casey Aro and His Crew

Sunday, July 15, Casey Aro will lead worship service at Hope Lutheran Church, 9:30 AM with Communion. Special offering will be taken for Casey and his crew.



As church secretary, I prepare the bulletin for each week's services.

One Sunday morning, I heard snickering from the pews. Quickly grabbing the bulletin, I found the cause. The sermon title for that day was: "What Makes God Sick: Pastor Joe Smith."

Reader's Digest

ECUMENICAL



Over 50 children took part in the Community Vacation Bible School, held at the Downtown Fair Center. All four Floodwood pastors, and the local priest, took part in the five-day program. The week ended with the students performing the songs that they learned during the week for their family and friends. The program was followed by a lunch provided by volunteers.



PRAYER REQUEST JULY 2018



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Linda	Ann
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Phil
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	Jan M.
Theresa	Joy C.	Willa		

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

For those in the military

David Shafer
Damien Autio
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
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta
Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 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
- 23 Barbara Bernsdorf
Debra Hyry
- 24 Violet Peterson
- 30 Willie Moe

**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
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall
David Shafer
Nicholas Johnson
- 17 Linda Christianson
Bob Hosking
- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 26 Lilly Manner
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson



**AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

May 27	\$ 519.00
June 3	\$2166.50
June 10	\$1109.75
June 17	\$7959.95
June 24	\$ 457.01

Globe Offering

Summer Camp Costs	
June 10	\$ 60.00
June 17	\$ 121.00
June 24,	\$1126.40

Youth

June 10	\$ 30.00
(sale of items on basement tables)	

Memorials

In Memory of Ruth Schultz from
Bubba and Sue Vance \$ 20.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Ruth Schultz from
John and Pat Seredinski \$ 25.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Kathy Hill from
John and Pat Seredinski \$ 25.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Harold Kletscher
from John and Pat Seredinski
\$ 25.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Peter Vanderveer
from John and Pat Seredinski
\$ 25.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Ruth Schultz from
Robert Schultz \$ 100.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Ruth Schultz from
Joyce Rajala Wallace \$ 50.00
(Memorial Savings)

July 2018 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	2 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson	3	4 God Bless America	5 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	6	7
8 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. <i>Special Congregational Meeting following Worship Service. Meeting Purpose: Consider extending a call to Pastor John Burgess.</i> 10:45 Fellowship	9 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	10	11 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	12	13	14
					CATFISH	
15 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Casey Aro will lead worship service at Hope 10:45 Fellowship	16 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	17 6:00 Church Council Meeting	18	19	20	21
DAYS						
22 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	23 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	24 <i>Beacon News articles due</i>	25 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	30 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	31				

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

July

Leader: None-contact Grace
Willie & Jack Moe
Tasha Belter
Grace Autio (set-up)



August

Leader: Bob & Carolyn Hosking
Jeanette Johnsen
Dawn & Marion Shafer
Lois Hendrickson – will bring 2 Sundays

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

The Beacon of Hope is published each month for members and friends of Hope Lutheran Church, Floodwood, Minnesota. News items should be given to Ann Bolstad (476-2130, cell 343-0943 or send to draseal@aol.com) by the 24th of the month.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED