

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran July 2025

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is now July as we enter the time of summer vacations and warm weather. During this time of the church year within the Sundays after Pentecost, there are really no major festivals celebrating the big moments in Jesus' ministry and work to save us. Rather, we will walk with Jesus during the somewhat quieter moments of His ministry. We will see His compassion as He heals the sick and learn from His wisdom as He teaches His disciples in small groups and large crowds ever focusing them and us on Himself as the only solution to our sins. My prayer for all of us is that we can hear these messages as often as possible to better equip and help us during our life's spiritual journey.

We will also celebrate secular holidays such as Fourth of July and Catfish Days. These are times to remember the blessings God has given us in our community and nation. We need to thank God for all He has done for us. I know many of you will be on vacation, and I hope you will have safe and fun adventures before we return to church with fall activities and opportunities to serve God again.

God Bless Us All, Pastor John



The HLCW Bible study has ended for this school year. The study will begin again in September. All ladies are welcome. See you then.
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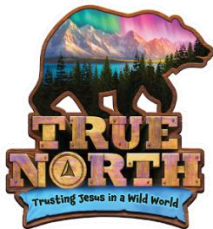
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

NO MINUTES AVAILABLE



Vacation Bible Study



True North-Vacation Bible School

This year the community vacation Bible school was titled True North and was held June 9-13th at the Floodwood Fair Building and the Floodwood Baptist Church. We had 51 students who participated. Those who participated found it to be very successful. We had many new younger adult volunteers and many new younger students who participated. Many thanks to our Hope Lutheran high school students who helped as crew leaders and assistants. Pastor John was teacher and helper of bible adventures each day to all the crews. The last day we had more family members attend the closing

session and picnic lunch than in the last seven years. It was a successful safe week, and we look forward to next years' vacation bible school when we again plant the seeds of God's Word into the youth of our community. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Baccalaureate



Pastors Matt Larva, Steve Ario, Dave Rohde, John Burgess, and Father Joseph Sobolik shared inspiring words to the graduating Seniors from Floodwood High School at the Baccalaureate Service on May 28 at Hope Lutheran Church. Summer Johnson, Kalli Fjeld, Hannah Zieroth, Lila Melloch and Alexis Baazard were honored. Refreshments were served after.



Please pray for our youth who will be attending camp July 6-11. Those attending are:
Lacey Wojtysiak
Lilyana Johnson

Summer Johnson
Hannah Zieroth
Kendra Laine
Kalli Fjeld
Allison Rahja
Janeah Laine

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 6 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
Missy Wojtysiak
Siri Dusek
- 23 Debra Hyry
- 24 Violet Peterson
- 30 Willie Moe

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Danielle & Tim White
- 2 Bryan & Tracy
Hutchinson ('05)
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***Birthdays & Anniversaries
(continued from page 2)***

- 10** Sue & Bubba Vance
- 28** John and Cindy Burgess

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Madison Kuehl
- 5** Grant Lundstrom
- 8** Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10** Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12** Dave Bolstad
- 14** Owen Seredinski
- 16** David Shafer
Kent Wojtysiak
- 17** Linda Christianson
- 24** Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 26** Lilly Manner
- 27** Jessica Hutton
- 28** Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson

**AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8** Jack & Willie Moe ('58)
- 14** Dave & Ann Bolstad
- 17** Mary & Dale Rauvola



VBS

Youth (Continued from Page 2)



Blessing of the Quilts



Fifty-one quilts were displayed on the pews for a blessing on June 15th, before being boxed and taken to the quilt truck parked at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids during the NE Minnesota convention of the Women of the ELCA.



THANK YOU to all who helped put the quilts on the pews, and those who boxed them up. An extra THANK YOU to Bubba Vance for bringing the quilts to Grand Rapids, as they start their journey to places around the world.



Two quilts were also given to the Ekka's the Sunday they were with us. They will end up at a school somewhere in India where there are many needs.



Reminders

Sign up to serve refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a Scripture reader!

FLOODWOOD FOOD SHELF

2ND

**WEDNESDAY
12:00-2:00 PM**

4TH

**WEDNESDAY
9:00-11:00 AM**

POCKET PRAYER QUILTS



Carole Ahlgren made Pocket Prayer Quilts for the congregation. They are small squares with a metal cross in the inside of the quilt.

This "Pocket Prayer Square" was made especially for you to slip in your pocket. Throughout the day when your fingers touch the cross inside the square, be mindful of God's Love and Grace for you. Keep it as a tangible symbol of God's peace.



PRAYER REQUESTS

July 2025



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Kitty	Gary
Dean S.	Jerry
Danette	Sadie
Carlene	Elsie
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Doug S.
Erik	

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
Pashtun People Group
Robert & Ulla Suhonen
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital
Peace*Love*Haiti
Madagascar Mission Project
*For our congregation and Church Council
*Pastor Julie
*Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

Peace and healing in Ukraine and Israel and the world!

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund Giving

May 25	\$ 521.00
June 1	\$3197.00
June 8	\$ 749.85
June 15	\$1136.00
June 22	\$ 947.00

Globe

Ekka Support

Total to WMPL/Ekka \$ 905.58

Camp Patmos Support

June 1	\$170.00
June 8	\$127.00
June 15	\$ 24.59
June 22	\$ 55.00

Memorials

In Memory of Lorraine Guentzel from Marilyn Arro \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Lorraine Guentzel from Willie & Jack Moe \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Elaine Stokke from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Dinah Tveit from John & Pat Seredinski \$100.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Dinah Tveit from Carole Ahlgren \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Dinah Tveit from Jeanette Johnsen \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)
In Memory of Dinah Tveit from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Arnold & Dinah Tveit, Steve Tveit and Brenda Tveit from Randy & Theresa Fisher and Ken & Francis Haubrich \$5000.00 (Memorial Savings)

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

Name: _____

Date: _____

4TH OF JULY

Word Search



Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.

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

AMERICA

BARBECUE

BLUE

CELEBRATION

COOKOUT

DECLARATION

DEMOCRACY

FAMILY

FESTIVE

FIREWORKS

FLAG

FOURTH

FREEDOM

GRILLING

HONOR

INDEPENDENCE

JULY

LIBERTY

PARADE

PATRIOTISM

PICNIC

RED

REVELRY

SPARKLER

STARS

STRIPES

TRADITION

UNITED

USA

WHITE



July 2025 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Gary Gustafson	1	2	3	4 	5
6 9:30 Worship & communion 10:30 Fellowship	7 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	8	9 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	10	11	12
 Youth to Camp Patmos July 6 thru 11						
					Catfish	
13 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship <div>Days</div>	14 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 Worship & communion 10:30 Fellowship	21 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	22	23 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	24 <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	25	26
27 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	28 USHER: Tim Tollgaard 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	29	30	31		



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AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE

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

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