

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran

July 2026

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

I need to thank you for some of June's activities. Community Vacation Bible School was a success this year with 77 students in attendance which was a new attendance high. Thanks to our high school youth who served as great crew leaders and to all those who attended or helped to make it a success. I also want to thank all the women who baked the wonderful pies for Father's Day. Special thanks for singing Happy Birthday to me and for the cards and well wishes. You are a special family to me.

We are starting the month of July and the beginning of the warmer summer weather. This year we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States on July 4th. We have lived in a blessed nation founded on Christian principles. In recent times our nation has turned from many of these principles, and we see increasing violence, hate, economic and moral discord. We need to pray for a spiritual return to living according to God's commandments and teachings. My fear is that if we don't, we will begin to see the persecution of Christians Jesus warned us about coming in these end times to America. We need to prepare ourselves for this possibility by developing a more fervent prayer life and study of God's Word.

July also brings us to Catfish Days with the many class reunions and activities in our town. I encourage you to enjoy them and be safe. Hope Lutheran will be passing out information about our congregation on Saturday July 11th in front of the Baptist Church. Council president Gary and I will be at our booth but would like other members to help us from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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There is no women's Bible study during the summer. See you in September. *(Continued on Page 4)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 26, 2026 (Approved June 21, 2026)

Attendance

Members Present: Kim Hutchinson, Pat Seredinski, Gary Gustafson, Tanya Johnson, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Absent: Jan Dornseif

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Gary Gustafson.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Kim Hutchinson, second by Tanya Johnson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Reports

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

- Fire Extinguisher Company felt there would be no issue with moving a fire extinguisher.
- Beautification Committee will meet Sunday, May 3 during refreshment time
- Usher/Church Security meeting will meet on Sunday, May 17 during refreshment time

Old Business

- a. Approve Minutes of April 19, 2026 meeting

Motion to approve the April 19, 2026 meeting minutes as presented was made by Tanya Johnson,

support by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

New Business

- a. None

Closing Prayer – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned by Gary Gustafson at 9:13 AM.

YOUTH



Please pray for the Students Attending Camp Patmos July 12 -17:

- Lacey Wojtysiak
- Lilyana Johnson
- Kendra Laine
- Allison Rahja
- Janeah Laine

Outdoor Service and Picnic August 2, 2026



Coming on August 2nd is our annual outdoor service and picnic sponsored by the Hope Lutheran Youth. Services will begin at 10:30 AM followed by the picnic. Come and enjoy God's blessings.

Committee Reports (Continued from Page 5)

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Madison Kuehl
- 5 Grant Lundstrom

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- 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
('76)
- 17 Mary & Dale Rauvola





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**


Food Distribution

Salvation Army

On Friday, July 24th, the Hibbing Salvation Army will be setting up their pop-up Food Pantry at Hope Lutheran Church. Fresh fruits and vegetables and other pantry items will be available for free to those who stop by. They have indicated they will be there from 10 AM – 1 PM. Hope Lutheran will also be setting up an informational table to share information about our church.



The ladies of Hope Lutheran Church honored the men of the congregation with pies on Sunday, June 21st.

There was a good variety as 13 ladies brought pies.



Pastor's Corner
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The week after Catfish days our youth will be going to Camp Patmos Bible Camp. We need to pray for them to have a successful and safe experience enjoying God's creation and the fellowship of other Christian teenagers.

A reminder for all to plan to attend our annual outdoor service and picnic sponsored by our youth on August 2nd at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see many of you there as we celebrate God's creation and our part in it.

God Bless Us All,
Pastor John



Catfish Days Informational Table

Volunteers are being sought to help staff an informational table about Hope Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 11 during Catfish Festival. The table will be up from 10 AM – 2 PM in the grassy area on Main Street between the Baptist Church and the Downtown Fair Center. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Burgess or Council President Gary Gustafson.

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QUILTING
Quilts on the Pew



Fifty quilts, made by the women of Hope, were on the pews Sunday, June 14th, and received a blessing during the church service. After church they were boxed for delivery to Zion Lutheran in Grand Rapids the next day. Thank you to all who helped with the "boxing," and an extra "thank you" to Anne Lundstrom for making that delivery! From Grand Rapids they go to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, where they are baled and shipped around the world as needed. There is a world map on the bulletin board in the basement that shows where quilts went last year.

Autio Anniversary



Roy and Grace Autio celebrated their 71st anniversary on Sunday, June 14th at Hope Lutheran church. Their whole family was present to celebrate, and lunch was provided by the family to the congregation.



VBS



Between 70 and 80 children attended the Community Vacation Bible School held on the week of June 15-19. The Downtown Fair Building and the Baptist church was the venue for a trip to Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunged into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They explored what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a refuge in life's storms.



PRAYER REQUESTS

July 2026



For those who are ill or struggling

Kitty	Gary
Dean S.	Jerry
Danette	Sadie
Carlene	Elsie
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Carolyn
Roy	
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 24	\$ 762.00
May 31	\$1565.00
June 7	\$2117.00
June 14	\$1175.00
June 21	\$1552.00

Memorials

In Memory of Marilyn Kletscher from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



July - None

August & September 6 & 13 – Suhonen Support

Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2026	\$6,253.00	\$7,882.67
February 2026	\$8,312.95	\$8,118.35
March 2026	\$6,294.31	\$11,047.46
April 2026	\$5,696.00	\$6,743.47
May 2026	\$7,610.00	7300.04
Year to Date	\$34,166.26	\$41,091.99
Year to Date Deficit		\$6,925.73

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

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Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LOOKING AHEAD: <i>August 2</i> – Outdoor Service with Picnic 10:30 AM Service <i>September 13</i> – Ulla & Robert Suhonen Visiting	USHER: David Zieroth		1	2	3	4 
5 9:30 Worship With Communion 10:30 Fellowship	6 USHER: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	7	8	9	10 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Floodwood Catfish</div>	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Days</div>	13 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	14	15	16	17	18
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> YOUTH CAMP PATMOS WEEK </div>						
19 9:30 Worship With Communion 10:30 Fellowship	20 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak No- Pastor's office hours	21	22	23	24 10 AM-1 PM: Salvation Army Food Pantry Popup <i>Hope Lutheran Church front yard</i> NEWS ITEMS DUE	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	27 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	28	29	30	31	

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:

Hope Lutheran Church,
Floodwood, MN

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED