



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church JUNE 2015

## A Word From Pastor Carl

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Christian stewardship includes the members of the congregation giving their tithes and offerings. As the offering is received, it is customary that some of the contribution is earmarked to ministries beyond Hope Lutheran Church. This benevolence happens in at least two different ways.

The first way that we give to ministries beyond our congregation is through spontaneous one-time collections for project such as Gideons Bible distribution ministry, the Military Bible Sticks, Youth Encounter or Vision Petrozavodsk in Russia. This often occurs through the globe offering or using colored envelopes for special projects.

The second way that we contribute to ministry beyond our community is through budgeted financial support. Each year before the annual meeting, the budget committee presents a proposed ministry spending plan to the church council. The council considers and then endorses the proposal and afterwards presents the budget for the congregation's annual meeting to approve.

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## Hope Lutheran Church Women

### QUILTING

We have made a total of 65 quilts this winter. We also have given 13 quilts to people who were baptized.



Blessing of the quilts will be during that week and delivery to the quilt truck at UMD during the ELCA women's gathering June 12th and 13th.

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June 7th —with packing during the ELCA women's gathering June 12th and 13th.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *Christian Education & Youth & Family Ministry:*

Meeting opened with Prayer by Pastor Carl Fiskness

Jen Myles and Pat Seredinski offered to co-chair CEYFMC.

Carolyn Hosking offered to be Secretary

Susan Coccie offered to do Treasurer Report

Meetings will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month following worship service.

Wayne Thom's idea of splitting the Sunday School class was affirmed. A vote will take place at June meeting.

The idea by Hazel Bailey to have adults of the congregation to be a mentor for the children and youth of the church will be discussed at the June meeting.

The costs of the quake zone were covered. LuAnn has a sum of \$147.00 to turn in.

LuAnn questioned why we rent the fair building for movies. It would save costs to have it at the church. Because of poor attendance it was decided to continue the movies.

There are no active seniors from our church who are graduating.

Baccalaureate service will be May 27, 7 pm at the Floodwood Fair Building.

May 17 Deana Fries and Kalen Kuehl will be confirmed.

Present at the meeting: Jen, Pat, Carolyn, LuAnn and Pastor.

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**Homework Help:** The Outreach Committee is in the process of evaluating the response and benefits of providing homework help to students in elementary and high school. It's been a learning process and not just for the students! On the positive side, this has truly been a community concern and we have been grateful for the willing helpers both for homework and supper preparations. We have realized there is an "ebb & flow" to the project so that may have a bearing on how many volunteer tutors for various subjects are needed. We had more high school students coming 2 weeks into the semester rather than at the beginning of the semester. We also found that by having other creative learning tasks, especially for elementary students to do during their break time, made better use of the time. We had a kit that kids could put together to make an FM radio and another to generate power by using a crank to create electricity to run a clock, siren or radio; and "mouse trap vehicles" where directions needed to be followed accurately so the car would go; as well as puzzles of the United States to help the kids learn geography. A big thank you goes to Nathan Seredinski who helped the kids understand circuits and electricity.

The Outreach Committee will meet again in August. Anyone who has an idea or an interest should contact Rob Benson.

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

While many missions beyond our community are global in their outreach, some are quite local in their connection. Bob and Joyce Andrews, former active members of Hope Lutheran Church, served as missionaries in Bolivia and later in the home office and director roles of the World Mission Prayer League. The Ruohoniemi family, also with Floodwood connections, has served in Nepal with the World Mission Prayer League for many years, too. ***(Continued on Page 3)***

### ***Word from Pastor Carl (Continued From Page 2)***

In the recent past, we enjoyed the presence of WMPL personnel Nijhar and Neeraj Ekka and family from Ranchi, India who visited for a number of years during Vacation Bible School week.

Beyond WMPL, Robert Suhonen grew up in Cromwell. He and his Swedish wife Ulla have made periodic visits while on furlough and have personally provided us riveting accounts of their dynamic work around the globe. We also have been supporting on a smaller scale Lutheran Social Service and our association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

Regarding mission and every other expense, the church council recognized at our May meeting that our spending has not been nimble enough in adjusting to income. Because of this, our level of financial support to missions beyond our congregation needs to temporarily be placed in abeyance. This decision brings me great sadness considering the important work that these organizations conduct as they represent us on the field. While the council laments that we are presently unable to financially back our partners in ministry, it was reasoned and regretfully acknowledged that if our monetary support beyond the congregation will not be adjusted to meet revenue and expenditures now, there will be no chance for future sponsorship with these ministries.

It is our intention that as soon as our situation calibrates that Hope Lutheran Church will be able to not only offer our prayers but our offering dollars for those who engage in Gospel work on the frontlines. We hope and pray that other congregations do need not to duplicate our temporary action.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Carl Fiskness

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### ***HLCW News (Continued From Page 1)***

#### **HLCW MEETING MAY 12, 20**

**President** Grace Autio opened the May meeting at 10:10 a.m. with a prayer. Seven members were present. The minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting have been published and upon motion by Susan Coccie and seconded by Carolyn Hosking, the minutes were accepted as read.

Grace read thank yous, including one from Susan Coccie for the donation of \$119.38 to the local food shelf, and one from Neva Polo for the baptism quilt.

The April 26<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear Picnic netted \$483.00 with 72 in attendance; and proceeds went to the church general fund. It was noted in contrast, last year's picnic netted \$329.00 with 51 in attendance.

Grace reported that she has ordered a cake for Confirmation Sunday on the 17<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of about \$32.00. The expense was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hope Council chairperson Susan Coccie reported that Jen Myles is the new church custodian and encourages members to tell Jen if they see something that needs to be taken care of.

Jeanette Johnsen said she had no treasurer's report at this time, but noted that she sent in \$100.00 to the Bethel Fund for the first half of the year.

There being no other business to be brought at this time, the meeting adjourned and the final Bible study of the year was conducted by Carolyn Hosking.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary



Come join us at the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School beginning June 22 through June 26. We will be meeting from 9 until noon at the Floodwood Fair Building.

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### ***YOUNG FAMILY PICNIC***



All young adults and families with any children from birth through those who have completed the sixth grade are invited to a special potluck after fellowship hour on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Hope starting at 11:30. There will be a grill ready for you or Dave Zieroth to cook meat that you want to bring that day. The children will enjoy organized games.

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### ***UNAPPROVED***

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH FLOODWOOD, MN  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING May 21, 2015

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

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

MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECOND BY SEREDINSKI TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY SEREDINSKI, SECOND BY BENSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY BENSON TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY BENSON, SECONDED BY SEREDINSKI, THAT WE SEND A LETTER TO THE MINISTRIES THAT WE HELP TO SUPPORT ON A MONTHLY BASIS THAT WE ARE NO LONGER FINANCIALLY ABLE TO DO SO, AND STOP MAKING THE PAYMENTS. MOTION CARRIED.  
(Accounts 11.2, 11.6, and 11.8)

### **REPORTS**

**Pastor:** Activities report attached.

**Youth & Family, Education:** Two people were confirmed on May 17. The Christian Education and Youth Committee met and elected officers. The committee agreed to meet on the first Sunday of every month at 10:45 am. (*Continued on Page 5*)

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**Communication & Technology:** Nothing to report

**Building:** MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECONDED BY BENSON, THAT WE GET 3 QUOTES TO REROOF THE RENTAL HOUSE WITH SHINGLES, AND THAT IT BE FINANCED THROUGH THE ENDOWMENT FUND. MOTION CARRIED.

**Befrienders:** No report

**Outreach:** Benson stated that the Homework Night has been quite successful. There will be a meeting during the summer to plan for the next school year.

**HLCW:** Minutes of last meeting published in the last Beacon of Hope.

**Quilters:** Have completed 7 quilts this month and now have 65 to send to Lutheran World Relief.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** The church has hired Jen Myles for the position of Church Custodian.

**B.** 2014 Audit – Report presented by Benson and Coccie, noting that according to our Constitution it should have been done by non-council members.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY MYLES, THAT WE BEGIN USING THE FORMS SUGGESTED BY AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER AUDIT COMMITTEE OF NON COUNCIL MEMBERS DO ANOTHER AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECONDED BY ZIEROTH, THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CHURCH CHECKS: PASTOR CARL FISKNESS, MARION SHAFER, SUSAN COCCIE, ROB BENSON, AND DAVID ZIEROTH, AND THAT THESE NAMES BE REVIEWED YEARLY. MOTION PASSES.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** The CEY committee will discuss having activities at the Catfish Festival.

**GLOBE:** The June globe offering will be for VBS.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** June 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm, and July 16, 2015, 7:00 pm.

Pastor Carl Fiskness closed the meeting by leading in the Lord's Prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

Jen Myles and Pat Seredinski, acting secretaries.



This...is...the...way...the...church...sometimes...  
looks...to...the...pastor...when...he...goes...to...the...  
Pulpit.

BUT

Thechurchwouldlooklikethisifeverybodybroughtsomebodyelsetochurchwiththem

**JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2** Emily Hall
- 4** Sarah (Bolstad) Chambers
- 5** Cooper Tollgaard
- 7** Kim Maki
- 10** Kolt Bennett
- 14** Michelle Myrvold
- 16** Travis Young
- 17** Preslie Kjoberg
- 18** Sheryl Abell
- 19** Deb Tollgaard
- 22** Jamie Peterson  
Timothy Myles
- 23** Richard Coccie
- 28** Karly Tollgaard
- 29** Leigha Kuehl

**JUNE  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8** Jan & Rob Benson ('62)
- 10** Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff Romosz  
Tammy & Jamie Peterson  
Russ & Sheryl Abell
- 24** Pastor & Linda Christianson

**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

**MAY 2015 GIVING  
(as of May 24<sup>th</sup>)  
GENERAL FUND**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| General Fund Total          | \$ 6582  |
| Savings                     | \$ 345   |
| Biblesticks                 | \$ 355   |
| Vacation Bible School       | \$ 45    |
| Youth<br>(from Schwan's FR) | \$ 29.16 |

**IN MEMORY OF**

In Memory of Jim Tollgaard from  
Jeanette Johnsen \$ 20  
(savings)  
In Memory of Jim Tollgaard from  
John & Pat Seredinski \$ 25  
(savings)  
In Memory of Irene Bolstad from  
John & Pat Seredinski \$ 25  
(savings)  
In Memory of Irene Bolstad from  
Laverne Hutton \$ 10  
(savings)  
In Memory of Irene Bolstad from  
Bob & Joyce Andrews \$ 20  
(savings)  
In Memory of Irene Bolstad from  
Merle Schoess \$ 25  
(savings)  
In Memory of Irene Bolstad from  
Ione Olson \$ 20  
(savings)  
In Memory of Loved Ones from  
Betty Abrahamson \$ 200  
(savings)

**~ June 2015 ~ HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER**

|   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri       | Sat       |
|---|---|---|--|--|-----------|-----------|
|   | <b>1</b><br><b>USHER TEAM:</b><br>Don Rosemore &<br>Tim Tollgaard –<br>Team 3           | <b>2</b><br><b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor’s<br>Office Hours<br><br><b>6 PM</b> Community<br>VBS meeting at<br>Hope                           | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br><b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby’s<br>Pantry @ Arrowhead<br>Town Hall  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b><br>9:30 Worship &<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 Coffee<br>Fellowship &<br>Christian<br>Education and<br>Youth and Family<br>Ministry<br><br>Blessing of the quilts | <b>8</b><br><b>USHER TEAM:</b><br>Roy Autio & John<br>Seredinski – Team<br>4            | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br><b>9-11 AM</b> FW Food<br>Shelf at FST                                    | <b>11</b><br><b>1-3 PM</b> Pastor’s<br>Office Hours  | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b><br>9:30 Worship &<br>Sunday School &<br>Bennett family<br>baptisms<br>10:45 Coffee<br>Fellowship<br><br><i>Flag Day</i>                                       | <b>15</b><br><b>USHER TEAM:</b><br>Jeff Kletscher &<br>Dean Fries – Team<br>5           | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>9:30 Worship and<br>Music Committee<br>1-3 PM Pastor’s<br>Office Hours  | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>9:30 Worship &<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 Coffee<br>Fellowship<br><br>Set up for VBS at<br>Fair Building<br><i>Father’s Day</i>                             | <b>22</b><br><b>USHER TEAM:</b><br>Marion Shafer &<br>Burt Suonvieri &<br>Evan – Team 6 | <b>23</b><br>6:45 Buildings and<br>Grounds<br>7:00 Church<br>council<br><i>Nativity of St. John<br/>the Baptist<br/>(Midsummer)</i> | <b>24</b><br>9-11 AM FW Food<br>Shelf at FST<br><br><i>Newsletter articles<br/>due</i> | <b>25</b> 1-3 PM Pastor’s<br>Office Hours<br><b>7 PM</b> Minnesota<br>All-State Lutheran<br>Choir sing at<br>Concordia Lutheran<br>in Duluth<br><i>Presentation of the<br/>Augsburg Confession</i> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> |
| Ecumenical Vacation Bible School 9:00-12:00 at the Floodwood Fair   |   |   |  |  |           |           |
| <b>28</b><br>9:30 Worship &<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 Coffee<br>Fellowship<br>11:30 Young<br>Families picnic  | <b>29</b><br><b>USHER TEAM:</b><br>Bob Hosking &<br>Dale Rauvola –<br>Team 7            | <b>30</b>   | <b>Notes:</b>  |  |           |           |

## CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to all of those who helped with Homework Help.

Rob Benson headed up this venture and was assisted by many people, not only in the tutoring area, but also in the kitchen serving dinners.

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE

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

[www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org](http://www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org)

Also visit us on FACEBOOK:

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