

The Beacon of Hope

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PASTOR'S CORNER

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Hello brothers and sisters in Christ. Is it true summer is finally here? This has been a very memorable winter. I hope June will be memorable as well. It is a time of graduations for some of our young people. Their journey into adulthood starts with graduation from high school or college. We wish them well and pray they remember that God is with them on their journey.

On June 9 we welcome the season of Pentecost with a celebration of the birthday of God's Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who was sent by Jesus to be with us on our spiritual journey through life. It is He who provides us spiritual gifts to be used to fulfill the special calling God has ordained for each of us. My prayer for all of us is that we learn to listen to the Holy Spirit as He gives us wisdom, discernment, and conviction to guide us through the good and difficult times of our lives.

During the week of June 10-14, we will participate in our community Vacation Bible School activities. I encourage our young people to attend and also thank the adults who contribute their support to make this a memorable week for the children.

On June 16 we will celebrate the confirmation of two young women as they start their calling as adult Lutherans. We will also remember the gift of fathers and honor them for their influence in our lives.

It is also during June when I will take some vacation from June 3- June 11. I will be on a fishing trip to Canada with my son Greg which I hope will be memorable. It will be a time to relax, study and enjoy God's beautiful creation and give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives. I pray that you too will have a memorable summer.

God Bless You All, Pastor John

Hope Lutheran Church Women



Hope Lutheran Church Women will resume their monthly meetings and Bible study in September. Hope to see you there. (continued page 3)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 28, 2019

Members Present:

Pat Seredinski, Rob Benson, LuAnn Heikkila, Tanya Johnson, Deb Tollgaard, Pastor John Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Absent: Mark Johnsen, Dean Fries.

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Deb Tollgaard.

Motion by Pat Seredinski, second by Tanya Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

March 17, 2019 Council Minutes - Motion by LuAnn Heikkila, second by Rob Benson to approve minutes as submitted Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed March 2019 financial report. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the Treasurers report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report and verbally highlighted several items. Some of the items highlighted included: Excellent attendance during lent services, two confirmed on Palm Sunday, and two more will be confirmed in June.

Religious release was successful and feels it is a great outreach.

Held a funeral for Lee Samuelson and over 200 attended. Discussed National Day of Prayer, upcoming Baccalaureate and community VBS. Pastor will be on vacation June 3 – 11.

Administrator's Report

Jeff Kletscher's report was provided in packet, and he reviewed the account balances. Kletscher stated that MnDOT will not allow Hope to connect the sump pumps to the storm sewer.

Committee Report

Christian Education and Youth – There will be no summer Sunday school, LuAnn Heikkila and Tanya Johnson will assist and take turns as Sunday school teachers for May. VBS dates, June 10 – June 14. Feed Sack demonstration at the church and photos went well.

Outreach Committee – Out of the 45 letters that were sent out not one showed up for Easter Services or otherwise. The Committee will develop another plan for outreach.

Building Committee – Discussed the city cleaning up mess in parking lot. Hwy 73 project to begin mid-May, it will eliminate all on street parking. Father Pio from Catholic Church said that for funerals and other events we are welcome to use their parking lot for additional parking. Pastor Burgess let him know they may use our space as well when needed.

Quilting – Around 52 quilts are completed and will be dedicated the Sunday before they are delivered.

Old Business

a. Camp Patmos – council discussed limiting youth attending camp to those who had been more involved in church, and the youth

account will pay for all but \$50. The parents will pay \$50 to show they are committed to their children attending and will work with Jeff Kletscher to get them registered.

b. 2018 Financial Audit Update – Letter was attached, an audit was performed by Kathy Johnsen and Tim Tollgaard. No concerning discrepancies were found. They indicated they have complete confidence in the accuracy of the 2018 finances.

c. Steeple Update – Mark and Dean stripped the copper off the steeple. Steeple is no longer for sale.

New Business

a. Mother's Day Flowers – Pastor gave an idea of giving book marks out instead of flowers. Council agreed and Pastor said he would order them.

b. New Directory – Pastor would like a new directory for the old one is out of date. We are hoping to accomplish this next year. Cherie Suonvieri will be contacted and asked to come back to take the photos for the directory.

c. VBS update – Dates listed above.

d. Motion by Rob Benson, second by Tanya Johnson to accept donation of \$5000 for replacement of back entry door and windows. Balance to be taken from General Savings Account. Motion carried.

e. Complaints about raffles – Games of Chance – tabled for a later date.

Global Offering

The May Global offering will go to help offset costs for Camp Patmos.

Next Meeting - Sunday, May 19, 2019 before fellowship at 8:00 AM.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM.

HLCW (Continued from page 1)

HLCW Meeting

HLCW Minutes May 14, 2019

HLCW met following the Bible study, at 11:00 a.m. with President Grace Autio presiding. Ten members were present. The minutes of the April meeting, as published in The Hope Beacon, were upon motion by Elsie Tollgaard, seconded by Jan Benson, were approved as read by unanimous vote. Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$136.51 and an income of \$578.30. After expenses of \$169.95, there remains a checking balance of \$544.86; a savings of \$436.33; and after designated funds of \$418.00 for campers after the Teddy Bear Picnic, available funds remaining of \$563.19. There was no old business, and President Grace thanked everyone who helped with the Teddy Bear Picnic. Under new business the date for the Blessing of the Quilts was set for Sunday, June 23rd. Father's Day is June 16, and pies will be served in honor of the day. Also the two confirmands will be recognized with a cake imprinted with their names. The confirmands are Brooke Johnson and Ariella Nieznanski. Vacation Bible School for the children of the community from all of the local churches, is set

for June 10-14, at the Floodwood Fair Center. Floodwood High School graduates Alexis Stokke, Wyatt Rauvola and Jayde White will be recognized. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary
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QUILTING



We will resume quilting in September. Look for more information in the weekly church bulletin and the Beacon come Fall.

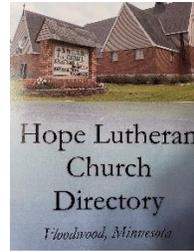
ATTENTION USHERS



LAWN MOWING

Remember that you will have to mow the church lawn again this year during your usher week. If you are unable to mow, please make appropriate arrangements.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



We are looking at printing a new church directory. Tentative plans are for photos to be taken during a few weekends in October. Watch future newsletters for additional information as they become available.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?



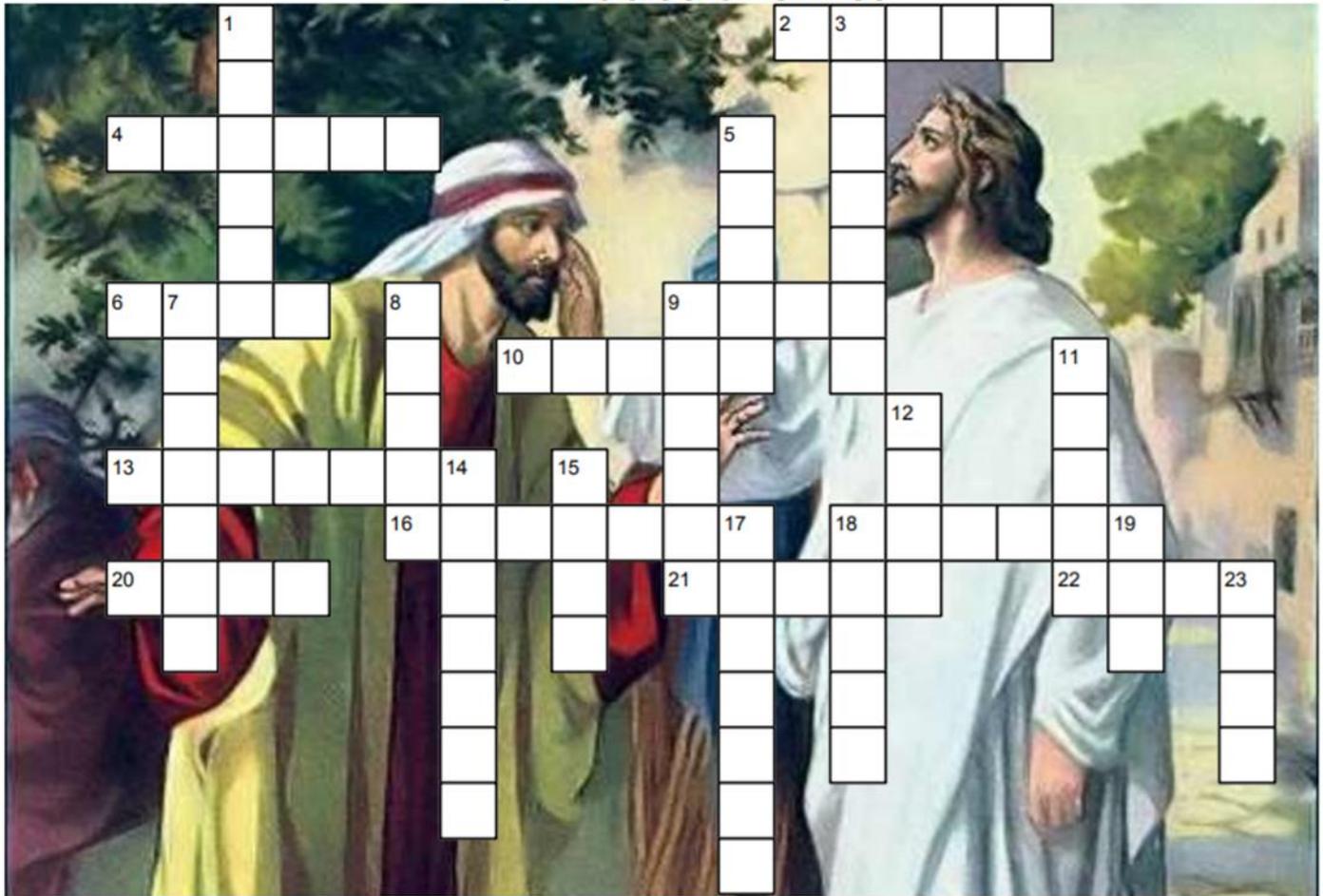
Pastor Burgess and Jeff Kletscher recently met with two representatives from Thrivent to discuss how Hope Lutheran can benefit from the programs Thrivent offers. Thrivent staff are not able to provide us with a list of Floodwood area Thrivent members. If you are a Thrivent member or know of a Floodwood area Thrivent member, please let Jeff know.

DONATION RECEIVED

At their April Church Council meeting the Council accepted a \$5000 donation to cover approximately 80% of the cost to replace the back entry door and surrounding windows.

The replacements will match the new windows and front door trim. The balance will be taken from the General Savings account. Work will be completed this summer. Thank you to the Generous Donors!!

The Miracles of Christ



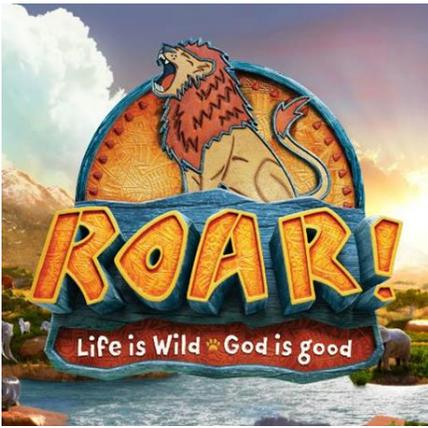
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Across

2. Christ cast out devils at Gadarenes and allowed them to go into a herd of?
4. What was Jesus asleep on in the boat when he calmed the raging sea?
6. Jesus cast a deaf and _____ spirit out of a boy.
9. At the transfiguration the apostles Peter, James and who went with Jesus to the mountain?
10. The Leper said to Jesus, "If thou wilt, Thou canst make me _____"?
13. A woman was healed by touching a part of Christ's _____?
16. What was Christ's friend's name that He raised from the dead?
18. When Jesus fed 5000 people He used only five barley loaves and two _____?
20. Jesus healed a man's _____ in front of the Pharisees.
21. When Christ fed 4000 people how many loaves did they have?
22. The paralytic entered the room where Jesus was from the _____?

Down

1. What was the name of the pool that Jesus told the blind man from birth to wash in?
3. In what event did Jesus perform His first miracle?
5. In the miracle of the miraculous catch of fishes Jesus entered a boat owned by who?
7. In the synagogue Jesus healed a man with a _____ spirit.
8. The Pool's water at Bethesda was troubled by a _____?
9. The young girl that Jesus healed was the daughter of?
11. Who tried to walk on water with Christ?
12. Christ told Peter to go fishing and take a _____ out of a fishes mouth to pay tribute.
14. Christ healed some people on what day?
15. Jesus turned water into wine in what city?
17. What member of the Centurion's household did Christ cure?
18. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law who had a _____?
19. Jesus healed the Official's?
23. The paralytic was helped by how many friends?



Community Vacation Bible School

Title: ROAR! Life is wild God is Good
 June 10 -14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
 at Downtown Fair Center

Community Vacation Bible School will be held June 10-14. The Fair Building will be the center of the activity beginning daily at 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM. Call Judy Ario at 218-590-4806 if you have any questions. Please pray for this event.



Card Of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for cards, prayers, food and concern following my surgeries. Happy to report recovery is coming along and Floyd and I are appreciative for our church family.

CAROLE AHLGREN

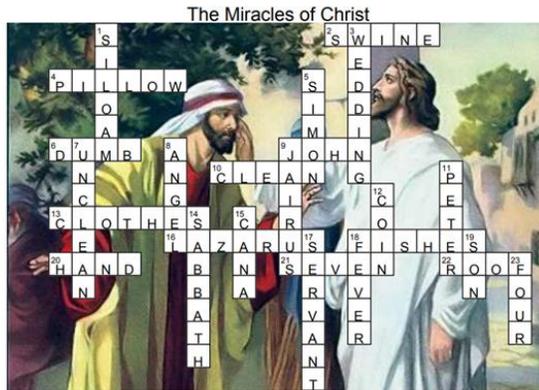


Summer Camps at Camp Patmos

- High School (completed 9-12 grade) - July 7-13 Cost: \$375
- Middle School (completed 6-8 grade) - July 14-19 Cost: \$355
- Elementary (completed 2-5 grade) - July 21-26 Cost: \$355

Register Online at: <https://app.campdoc.com/!/home/auth/login?r=trinity>

Camp Patmos Information camp-patmos.org/



Answers to crossword puzzle

DINNER THEATER PRODUCTION OPPORTUNITY



The ministerial group of Floodwood, made up of all the churches in Floodwood, is planning to hold a dinner theater presentation of "A Christmas," an adaptation of Charles Dickens', "Christmas Carol." It will be held at the Event Center in the weeks before Christmas. We are looking for volunteers from all the Churches to help make this a reality. Anyone interested in helping contact Pastor John.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE TIME



The men of the church served coffee time on Mother's Day. Bob, John and Bubba hard at work in the kitchen. Thank you gentlemen for your kindness.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



A good time was had by all at the Teddy Bear Picnic after church on May 7. Funds were raised for campership scholarships for the youth.

PRAYER REQUES JUNE 2019



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Mark	Phil
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Dion
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	Carole
Theresa	Dean S.	Willa	Leonard	

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
Pastor Julie
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta
Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Emily Hall
- 5 Cooper Tollgaard
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 18 Sheryl Abell
- 19 Deb Tollgaard
- 22 Jamie Peterson
- 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 Owen & Linda Christianson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 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

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund

April 28	\$ 616.50
May 5	\$ 1687.00
May 12	\$ 2321.00
May 19	\$ 946.75

April Globe

Military Bible Sticks	
Total	\$ 455.00

May Globe

Camperships	
May 12	\$ 18.31
May 19	\$ 100.00

Memorials

In Memory of Calvin Heikkila from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of LeRoy Samuelson from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Daniel Kerelko from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

JUNE

GLOBE OFFERING

June Globe Offering will go to offset VBS expenses.

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

June

Leader: Coach & Susan Coccie

Jim & Ethel Pensak

Jeff Kletscher

Roy & Grace Autio



July Leader:

Elsie Tollgaard

Willie & Jack Moe

Grace Autio (set-up)

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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