

# The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran

June 2026

## *Pastor's Corner*

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

June is here and with it is warmer weather, school is out, and our thoughts turn toward vacation and fun times. For many of us it is a time to step away from our usual routines and habits. Unfortunately, for some, that also means missing our regular church attendance. We feel we need some time off but did you know God doesn't take time off from loving us and providing for all our needs? We need to continue regular prayer, daily devotions and keeping connected with fellow Christians.

Even though we take a break from group bible study I recommend you might consider a regular bible reading time each day. It is okay to vacation but think about inviting God to go with you. He will not say no and it's reassuring to remember all He did in creating the wonderful things you will encounter at the lake, camping in the woods, visiting new places or being with relatives and family. Thank Him for all the wonders you will see and enjoy this summer.

At Church we will be starting the time after Pentecost where we will be learning from Jesus what it will be like to become one of His Disciples. There is much we need to remember as it is a fulltime job He has called us to perform. Sometimes it may be hard, but He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. We need to trust Him.

One of the first things we will do in church this summer is to display and bless the beautiful quilts made by our gifted quilting ladies this past year. They will be blessed and sent around the world through Lutheran World relief.

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There is no women's Bible study during the summer. See you in September. *(Continued on Page 5)*

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 19, 2026 (Approved April 26, 2026)

### Members Present

Kim Hutchinson, Pat Seredinski, Jan Dornseif, Gary Gustafson, Tanya Johnson, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Pastor Burgess went through the process to install Tanya Johnson to the Church Council. (as she missed the Sunday Service when the other members were installed.)

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by Pastor Burgess.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Jan Dornseif, second by Tanya Johnson to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

### Re-Organization

Elections – Proposed slate of officers: President - Gary Gustafson, Vice President -Pat Seredinski, Treasurer – Jan Dornseif, Secretary – Tanya Johnson. Motion made by Gary Gustafson, second by Jan Dornseif to approve the proposed slate of officers. Motion carried.

### Corporate resolution

- a. Update Corporate Resolution. Documents provided to new officers to complete

and sign. President: Gary Gustafson, Vice-President: Pat Seredinski, Treasurer: Jan Dornseif, Secretary: Tanya Johnson. Administrator: Jeff Kletscher. Permission for Administrator Kletscher to have Debit Card. Only two signatures needed for Certificate of Time Deposits (CD's). No minutes required to open or close Certificate of Time Deposits (CD's) now and in the future. Two signatures to open deposit accounts. Only one signature for checks, transfers, deposits, etc. Motion to update Corporate Resolution made by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

- b. Remove Previous Signers Motion to remove Missy Wojtysiak as signer on accounts (and any others that Northview Bank says need to be removed). Will be replaced by Officers approved in New Corporate Resolution. Motion was made by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

### Reports

#### Secretaries Report

January 18, 2026 Church Council minutes and January 25, 2026 Annual Meeting minutes in packet. Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

#### President's Report

The council has decided to look into either adding or moving a fire extinguisher to the Ushers seating area for safety measures. Mr. Kletscher will look into the matter. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson to approve the addition or move. Motion carried

#### Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported that he will be performing four Baptisms on May 17 for friends and family of LuAnn Heikkila. Pastor attended the Gideon recognition of Pastors in Bemidji at the invitation of the Bolstad's. Gideons have many programs, some help teach others to witness. They are dedicated passionate people and Pastor is going to work with them to see how we can help each other. The National Night of Prayer Walk is May 7, starting at the base of the water tower. He will continue the Bible study on testaments of the patriarchs on Sunday mornings and will be finishing up the Bible study at the apartments in May on Hebrews. This will restart in September. Special thanks to the following: Everyone who made the community Good Friday Service and helped make it a success, all who helped make the Lenten soup suppers a success, and those who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Breakfast. All of these events were a success!

Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Pat Seredinski to approve Pastor's Report as presented. Motion carried.

#### Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

Checking account is down, but we are still alright for we have the rental account, memorial account, (Continued on Page 3)

**Committee Reports (Continued from Page 2)**

endowment funds and the CD's. Religious Release snack fund is sitting at \$583.63. Good Friday offering for \$234 was placed in the Police Good Friday account. A member designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Hope Lutheran Church, \$36.00, it was deposited into the Memorial Savings Account. The CCLI reporting period 10/1/2025 to 3/31/2026 was completed on April 2, 2026, which include all the music we used during that time period. In March, the main circuit board replaced on upstairs furnace. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> the elevator was inspected and all is good.

All three of the CD's will mature soon, the council has decided to move two of them to an 11-month renewal at 3.65% and allow the other one to roll over at the 6 month at 3.5% rate. Motion made by Tanya Johnson , second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

We received an email from a person in the community regarding gently used items for kids to buy as presents for their parents at Christmas. The Council decided that this would require too much storage, and set up time and would not work well for our congregation.

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

**Committee Reports**

Christian Education and Youth: Camp Patmos, registration is complete. Religious Release is done for the school year. VBS will be in June.

Building Committee- Included in Administration report.

Quilting Committee: The quilters meet on the last Tuesday of the Month and end in May for the summer.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

a. 2026 Expense Audit was completed by Jerry Hovi, and Deposit Audit was completed by Sue Vance. No major issues or concerns. Motion to accept the reports and thank them for completing the audits by Kim Hutchinson, second by Pat Serebinski. Motion carried.

b. Use of Property request from Hibbing Salvation Army for a pop-up food pantry in May and July for now, maybe more. Motion to accept the request by Tanya Johnson, second by Jan Dornseif. Motion carried.

c. Discussion of Self-Insurance – The council after reviewing the information provided on the pros and cons of self-insuring have motioned to not self-insure. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

d. Discussion on forming a committee for Parsonage and Church Green Space Beautification Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Jan Dornseif to set up the committee. Motion carried.

e. Discussion on setting up a Church Security meeting with the Ushers, Usher expectations, possible cameras and monitors for

security and other updates. Motion by Pat Serdinski, second by Jan Dornseif to set up this meeting. Motion carried.

**Looking Ahead**

Globe Offering – April -None  
May - Camp Patmos Support  
June and July – None  
August and 1<sup>st</sup> part of September – Suhonen Support

Motion made to agree to these Globe offerings by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting** – April 26, 2026 at 9 AM for a brief few minutes to approve April 19, 2026 meeting minutes and next full meeting on June 21, 2026 at 8 AM.

**Closing Prayer** – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

**Adjourn Meeting** – Motion to adjourn at 9:03 AM by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Emily Hall
- 5 Cooper Tollgaard
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 19 Deb Tollgaard  
Jan Metso
- 22 Jamie Peterson
- 26 Pastor John Burgess
- 28 Karly Tollgaard
- 29 Leigha Kuehl

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**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Kent & Missy Wojtysiak
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff Romosz  
Tammy & Jamie Peterson
- 12 Todd & Jody Messner ('99)
- 24 Pastor Owen & Linda Christianson

**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

***National Day of Prayer***



Floodwood churches gathered to walk around the town, stop and pray during the National Day of Prayer.



***Reminders***

**Sign up to serve refreshments!**

**And**

**Sign up to be a Scripture reader!**

***New Life Ladies Luncheon***



Hope Lutheran ladies joined the ladies of New Life Church for a lady's luncheon. Heather Ostern shared with the group.

***FOOD SHELF  
NEW HOURS***

**2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
12-2:00 PM**

**THEN: THE  
FOLLOWING  
MONDAY 9-11:00  
AM**

**Pastor's Corner**  
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Another of the things we can do this month includes Vacation Bible School, June 15-19 at the Fair building and Baptist Church. Invite your grandchildren or volunteer to help.

In June, we also celebrate and honor our fathers on Father's Day June 21. We thank God for the gift of our fathers and the special things they do for us with God's help. We should also remember our heavenly Father in prayer and thanksgiving.

My prayer is that you have a safe and wonderful summer.

God Bless Us All,  
Pastor John

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**QUILTING**

We will celebrate "Quilts on the Pews" Sunday on June 14th. They will be boxed after church that day, and brought to Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids on Monday or Tuesday of that week. A quilt truck will be parked near Zion on those days, during the convention on the Northeastern Minnesota Women of the ELCA. Any and all help with boxing of the quilts will be appreciated.



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY  
DADS!**

# YOUTH



**Hope Lutheran Youth Fundraiser**

If you purchased a hanging basket from the youth and you have not picked it up from Piontek's Greenhouse, please pick it up as soon as possible.

## Vacation Bible School



LOCATION: FLOODWOOD FAIR BUILDING

SAVE THE DATES: JUNE 15TH - 19TH

9AM - 12PM

FOR MORE INFO: CALL JUDY ARIO

218.590.4806



**REGISTRATION**  
NOW OPEN!

**Kids Going into  
KIDERGARTEN  
And Finished  
7TH GRADE**



USE THIS QR  
CODE TO  
REGISTER FOR  
THE FUN!



## Baptisms

LuAnn and Terry Heikkila's granddaughter, Rylee, along with Rylee's Aunt Brittney and cousins Ivy and Howard were all baptized on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rylee is wearing the same dress her grandmother made for Megan to wear at her baptism.



Lance and Megan Russ with Baby Rylee.

Charlie and Brittney Smith with Ivy and Howard.



## Mother's Day



The men of the church served Mother's Day coffee time and Cindy Burgess gave the ladies a wonderful magnet to put on the fridge with Bible Helps. Thank you fellows and Cindy.

## Beautification of Parsonage Yard

Thank you Bubba, John, Pat, Dave Z., Gary, Pastor, and Dave B. for doing such a wonderful job on the landscaping at the parsonage.



## Salvation Army Food Distribution



On Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Hibbing Salvation Army set up a pop-up Food Pantry at Hope Lutheran Church. Fresh fruits and vegetables and other pantry items were available for free to those who stopped by. Thank you Salvation Army for your generosity and your time and talents.



# FATHER'S DAY



## WORD SEARCH

D F M E M O R I E S X K H U G  
 Z R A T I G E N T L E V G Y U  
 P I N K U C T M C E Z A U A C  
 X E D S I K O W I S E Y P H K  
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 T O T O G E T H E R Z D U I S  
 E E W R X F V D S N H G S C C  
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## WORD LIST



BEST  
 COOL  
 FAMILY  
 FRIEND  
 GENTLE

HELP  
 HEROIC  
 HUG  
 JOKES  
 JUNE

LOVE  
 MEMORIES  
 PAPA  
 PROUD  
 RESPECT

SON  
 SPECIAL  
 SUNDAY  
 TOGETHER  
 WISE



PRAYER REQUESTS

June 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**

April 26	\$ 782.00
May 3	\$2604.00
May 10	\$1872.00
May 17	\$ 807.00

**Globe Offering  
Camp Patmos Support**

May 3	\$110.00
May 10	\$ 50.00
May 17	\$132.65

**Youth – Spring Day In**

April 26	\$ 42.00
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**Memorials**

In Memory of Danielle Durovec from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)  
In Memory of Judy Guotermont from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)  
In Memory of Danielle Durovec from Janet Zganjar \$100.00 (Memorial Savings)

**Globe Offering**



June & July - None

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

## June 2026 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>USHER:</b> Kent Wojtysiak  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10 AM</b> Bible Study at Riverview Manor (last one until fall)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship with Communion <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>11:00</b> Bible Study (last one until fall)	<b>8</b> <b>USHER:</b> Bubba Vance  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>12-2:00 PM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship with Blessing of the Quilts <b>10:30</b> Fellowship  <i>Flag Day</i>	<b>15 USHER:</b> John Seredinski <b>9-11 AM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Vacation Bible School 9:00 AM - 12 Noon Downtown Fair Center						
<b>21</b> <b>8:00 AM:</b> Church Council Meeting <b>9:30</b> Worship with Communion <b>10:30</b> Fellowship 	<b>22</b> <b>USHER:</b> Mark Johnsen  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>NEWS ITEMS DUE</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship <b>10:30</b> Fellowship	<b>29</b> <b>USHER:</b> David Zieroth  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>30</b>				

## **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:**

Hope Lutheran Church,  
Floodwood, MN

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