



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church MARCH 2018

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WORD FROM PASTOR

LOOKING TOWARD SPRING

March comes in like a lion or a lamb, as soon as I turn over the calendar to March 1st, I eagerly anticipate Spring! When I was growing up in Ohio, I could hardly wait for the crocuses to peek their colorful heads through the snow; it gave me hope that warmer weather would eventually follow.

As Christians, we eagerly anticipate Easter too, which will fall on April 1st this year. However, we have to prepare our hearts and our minds for that blessed day during the 40 days of Lent, which we will be observing all through the month of March.

Those 40 days mirror Jesus' 40 days in the desert, being tempted by the devil following His baptism, and the 40 days that the Israelites wandered in the desert before entering the Holy Land. Perhaps our souls have become parched like the desert too, but with The Living Water, Jesus, they can bloom again like the desert after even the smallest amount of water-and it's a beautiful sight to behold!

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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

Bible Study and Meeting

“Overcoming Our Accuser” is the theme of lesson number 7 in the “Spiritual Warfare” series for the March meeting. The Bible text is from Revelation 12:7-12. Why is accusation such a powerful weapon in Satan’s arsenal? The text shows us how we can overcome the slander and accusations of the devil, freeing us from guilt. Join the discussion on Tuesday, March 13th at 10:00 AM. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 4)*

Committee Reports

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY 28, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President Mark Johnsen

The ushers confirmed that a quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Dean Fries, second by Nancy Raihala to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by John Seredinski, second by Shirley Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2017 annual meeting. Motion carried.

OUTGOING COUNCIL

President Johnsen and thanked outgoing Council members Rob Benson, Elvi Tollgaard and Lonna Hutchinson. President Mark Johnsen also took a moment to thank John Seredinski for all the work he does at both the church and the parsonage.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Prior to the meeting no one volunteered to be placed on the ballot for election to the Church Council. Mark Johnsen asked for volunteers. Dean Fries then volunteered to be on the ballot for Church Council. No one else volunteered for the ballot. Jeff Kletscher made a motion to elect Dean Fries to the Church Council, second by Cory Suonvieri. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Written report submitted with packet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Written report submitted with packet.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Johnsen reviewed the complete 2017 budget which is included in the packet. Mark also went over the 2018 Budget proposal. Bubba Vance made a motion to accept the proposal, second by John Seredinski. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A suggestion was made to move Sunday Worship Service from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. with the thought that more youth may attend. A vote was taken, with the outcome for Sunday Service to remain the same.

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee is waiting on the council approval of the church profile. New council will be meeting in February. The next step is to go over our wants in a Pastor.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The rental house next door to the church will be vacant most likely by the end of March.

A thank you to Pastor Julie for the great job she has done so far in the short time she has been here.

Pastor closed with prayer and blessing for the potluck meal which followed the meeting.

Motion by Susan Coccie, second by Nancy Raihala to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Lonna Hutchinson
Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE

Hope Lutheran Youth

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

On February 10th the Hope Lutheran Church Youth hosted their 3rd annual Valentine Day Formal Dinner. A lot of planning and decorating took place before the event to set the mood.



The menu for the evening was a choice of Chicken Cordon Blue or Steak and Shrimp, offered with mushroom and onions.



Guests were given amazing service by the Youth; they were met at the door by the youth, shown to their seats and offered punch, then on to the fresh garden salad, followed by the main course. The dinner ended with a delicious dessert of chocolate or white cake served with ice cream.

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Youth (Continued from Page 2)



The evening ended with soft music for listening pleasure or dancing. Thank you to Jamien Davis for being our DJ.



The Valentine Dinner was a big success with wonderful chefs, awesome youth servers and a super D.J. Hope to see everyone next Year.



On Super Bowl Sunday, the Youth and Sunday School kids joined other youth groups around the nation in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help the hungry and homeless.



The Youth put on a short skit: "Are you a Fan or Follower?" A fan of Jesus only wants to be in the fan club as long as Jesus is doing something spectacular. A follower marvels at all of Jesus' work.



The cheerleaders shook up the congregation with cheers, flips and splits, sending a message to Lutherans to come together to help God's people in need. Hope Lutheran did just that with donations that will go to the Life House in Duluth, which works with homeless teens.



The Minnesota Viking Association donated a signed autograph picture of wide receiver Stefon Diggs of the Minnesota Vikings. The picture was put up for bids and that money will also go the Life House.



We will have a final total of funds raised by the Youth in next month's Beacon. Thank you to Hope Lutheran and the Minnesota Vikings for supporting the Youth in the Mission.

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On March 7th and 14th, we will have our traditional soup suppers, lovingly prepared by the women's groups in the church. After the meal we will move to the Sanctuary for worship in song, prayer, devotions, and drama. Several aspiring actors and actresses in the congregation will depict characters in the events

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of Holy Week that you might never have thought about. Their hearts were changed because of what they saw or heard about Jesus.

March 21st will bring a change to our Lenten worship, as we view the movie "Risen". I pray that this movie too will prepare each of us, members and guests, spiritually for Resurrection Sunday.

Lastly, 6 of our Youth and their chaperons, Malcolm and Brea Wallaker, will travel to Minneapolis to attend **Quake**, a faith-building weekend for Junior and Senior High School students. The theme for the weekend-John 16:33- was appropriately chosen for Lent, as well I think, because Jesus had much trouble in His earthly life and ministry before He overcame and took His appointed place in Heaven, seated at God's right hand.

Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus during these 40 days, and set ourselves towards Lenten commitments, as Jesus set Himself towards Jerusalem; each of us knowing what the final destination of the journey is-eternal life.

In Christ Our Lord +
Pastor Julie

HLCW (Continued from Page 1)

HLCW MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

President Grace Autio opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:10 a.m., following the Bible study.

The January HLCW minutes were published in the recent issue of The Beacon of Hope, and upon motion by Susan Coccie, seconded

by Jan Benson, were approved by all those present.

Jeanette Johnsen gave a brief treasurer's report which showed a checking balance of \$326.07, a savings balance of \$635.59 and available funds of \$423.07. Upon motion by Carole Ahlgren, seconded by Shirley Johnson, the report was approved by unanimous vote.

There being no old business, Grace led a discussion of the upcoming Lent soup suppers which are scheduled for Feb. 21 and 28, and March 6 and 13 with none on March 21 as a movie will be shown that evening instead. LuAnn Heikkila will be in charge of the kitchen and will be aided by Hope youth and HLCW Circle members: Feb. 21, Naomi Circle; Feb. 28, Rebecca Circle, and March 7, Mary Circle. The suppers are from 6-7 p.m. Followed by the Lenten service. Grace will post a sign-up sheet for items for the soup suppers.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Nancy Raihala,
Secretary

Quilting



Quilting will on Tuesday, March 27th, 9:00-3:00 in the church basement. All are welcome.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



We will be having soup suppers during lent. The youth will be helping us. The tentative schedule is:

- February 21-Naomi
- February 28-Rebecca
- March 7-Mary
- March 14-TBA

There is a signup sheet on the window in the back of the church. Call your circle chairman if you have questions.

THANK YOU

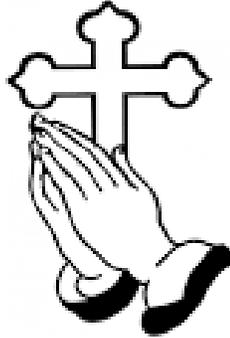
Malcolm and Brea Wallaker for being **Quake** chaperons.

Hope Lutheran Church Women's circles for preparing Lenten soup suppers.

Actors and actresses in Lenten dramas.

Hazel Baily and LuAnn Heikkila for spearheading the Valentine Dinner.

PRAYER REQUEST MARCH 2018



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah
Sadie
Frances
Theresa

Lorraine
Danette
Grace W.
Joy C.

Joy G.
Coach
Lois
Willa

Mary
Gary
Nick
Linda

Monica
Phil

Those suffering from natural disasters
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

For those in the military

Michael Thom
David Shafer
Damien Autio

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, the Call Committee and Church Council
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 6 Ruth Shultz
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Brooke Hughes Johnson
- 10 Amelia Aho
- 11 Carlene Jatkola
Ross Tollgaard
- 12 Alexis Stokke
- 13 Steve Hall
- 15 Nathan Seredinski
- 17 Patricia Seredinski
- 19 Amber Schoenrock
(Fries)
Bode Hutchinson
- 18 Floyd Ahlgren
- 21 Kaleb Holmes
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri
- 30 Adam Schminski

**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Susan & Dick Coccie
(’01)
- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 7 Lilyana Johnson
- 9 David Zieroth
Imijyn Thompson
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Romosz
Hunter Rauvola
Morgan Kuehl
- 13 Tracy Hutchinson
- 14 Neva Polo
- 15 Ethel Pensak
Jazmine Johnson
- 6 Caleb Fries
Lane Grady
David Shafer
- 17 Maija Hunt
- 18 Roy Autio
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz (Sylvia
Shafer)
- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
Quinn Kuehl
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 30 Faith Romanek

ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

January 28	\$ 516.00
February 4	\$1872.20
February 11	\$ 971.00

Souper Bowl of Caring

To date Giving	\$436.27
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Youth

Valentine's Dinner	\$678.00
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Military Bible Sticks

Total	\$332.00
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**PRAYER VIGIL
&
COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE**

Pastor Julie will offer a Prayer Vigil in the Hope Lutheran Church Sanctuary from **12-3 p.m.** on Good Friday, March 30th.

We will be in silent prayer at the foot of the cross just as Jesus' followers were on the first Good Friday, over 2000 years ago.

The Floodwood Community Good Friday Service will be at St. Louis Catholic Church on March 30, at **7 p.m.**

Please come and join your neighbors of faith in this interdominion time of worship, in remembrance of our Lord's passion +

MARCH 2018

HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	26 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson	27	28 Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	1 9-10:30 AM Ruby’s Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	2	3
4 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	5 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	6	7 Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	8	9	10
11 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	12 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 6:00 City Council Meeting to recognize donations for police vests	13 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	14 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	15	16	17
18 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	19 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	20	21 Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	22 9:30 AM Worship and Music committee	23	24
25 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	26 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	27 9:00-3:00 HLCW quilting in church basement	28 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School; 1:00-1:45 – Elementary; 2:30-3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	29	30 12-3: Prayer vigil at Hope 7 PM: Interdenominational church service at St. Louis Catholic Church	31

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

March

Leader: Elvi Tollgaard
Marlys Piontek
Elaine Stokke
Sheryl Abell
Dean & Jill Fries
Lilly Autio (donation)



April

Leader: Sue Hutchinson
Bryan & Tracy Hutchinson
Elaine Stokke
Marilyn Stephen

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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