

The Beacon of Hope

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Let us hope we are beginning to leave the cold and snow of winter behind as we look forward to spring. With March, we begin the season of Lent and look forward to the coming of Resurrection Sunday.

Lent traditionally is a time of humility and repentance. We will see God's promises fulfilled and our sins crossed out only at the foot of the cross of Jesus. The Lenten series on Cross Purposes will guide us on our journey toward Easter.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for a light soup supper followed by a brief service. We will learn more about our Easter traditions and where they really came from.

I will also be starting a bible study on Sunday, March 10 based on the book, "Who Broke My Church" by Kent Hunter. We will explore seven strategies to restore our values, beliefs, attitudes, priorities and world views that have drifted from traditional Lutheran Christian teachings. Class will be held from 11:00-12:00 following our Sunday fellowship time. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that we can have materials available for everyone.

May God Bless us all,
Pastor John

Hope Lutheran Church Women



The March Proverbs study is titled, "The Sluggard", again based on selected verses. Who wants to be considered a sluggard?? Just because one puts off doing a chore does that make one a sluggard? What task are we most apt to put off until a later date and why? Join the discussion on March 12th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. Grace Autio will lead the Bible study from Proverbs and Susan Coccie will serve coffee. All women are welcome. (*continued page 3*)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2019

Members Present: Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski, Rob Benson, Dean Fries, Pastor John Burgess, Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Mark Johnsen.

Pastor Burgess opened with Prayer.

Meeting called to order at 10:50 AM by Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Motion by Susan Coccie, 2nd by Pat Seredinski to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Secretaries Report

December 8, 2018 Council Minutes – Motion by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by Rob Benson to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed financial report. Motion by Rob Benson, 2nd by Dean Fries 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: Visited folks in Floodwood and Duluth Area; good Youth Christmas program and Christmas attendance; one student completed first communion training; NE MN LCMC/NALC meeting in Duluth; and upcoming Epiphany District meeting.

Administrator's Report Jeff's report was provided in packet. Jeff reported January is very busy with giving reports, annual meeting report, certificate of rent paid (2), Q4 941, W2's and W3's. Quake Event update was also provided.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth – Will be doing a Feed Sack demo sometime soon – need to take pictures for publicity. Will be Lenten Soup Suppers, HLCW will assist. Will do a spring flower fundraiser.

Outreach Committee – Hope to have a brief meeting soon, to set up a formal meeting.

Building Committee – Nothing.

Quilting – Scheduled for January 22.

Old Business

Community Christmas Dinner Update – 46 attended – 18 members, 28 others. Event went very well. Good donations.

Annual Report Review – Jeff reviewed the Draft Annual report with Council. He asked them to proof and review and get back to him ASAP if errors are found.

Review/Approve Proposed 2019 Budget - Discussion on Lawn Mowing. Motion by Susan Coccie, second by Dean Fries to eliminate lawn mowing from the 2019 proposed budget. Ushers to resume lawn care in 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Dean Fries, second by Pat Seredinski to approve proposed 2019 budget with elimination of lawn mowing. Motion carried.

New Business

Installation of New Council Members – Will shoot for a Sunday in February.

Globe Offering – February globe offering will be for the youth Quake Event in February 2019 and other youth events.

Next Meeting – Sunday, February 10, 2019 following fellowship.

Pastor Burgess closed with Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:39 am by Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

The ushers confirmed that a quorum was present.

AGENDA: Motion by Jan Benson, second by Nancy Raihala to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motioned by John Seredinski, second by Carolyn Hosking to approve minutes of the January 28, 2018 annual meeting. Motion carried.

OUTGOING COUNCIL: Jeff Kletscher and President Mark Johnsen thanked outgoing Council member Susan Coccie for all of her work and commitment to the Council.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Susan Coccie read off the following people who
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Annual Meeting (Continued from page 2)

volunteered to be on the ballot for election to the Church Council. They were LuAnn Heikkila, Deb Tollgaard, and Tanya Johnson. Jeff asked for additional nominations. No other nominations were made and no one else volunteered. Motion by Roy Autio, second by Nancy Raihala to elect the ballot as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PASTORS REPORT: Pastor Burgess shared his thanks for the warm welcome he and Cindy have received. Pastor also highlighted a few of his 2019 goals. His written report is included in the annual report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President Mark Johnsen shared a few comments. He reminded us that decisions may need to be made regarding the elevator and rental property. He also reminded us that work on Hwy 73 will likely impact parking. His written report is included in the annual report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Susan Coccie deferred to Jeff Kletscher for review of the financial reports in the annual report. Jeff reported that the Church Council had already reviewed the 2019 budget and recommends it's approval. Jeff provided an overview of 2018 actual numbers and reviewed the complete 2019 budget. Motion by John Seredinski, second by Elsie Tollgaard accept the 2019 budget as proposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS None.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Susan Coccie thanked Jeff Kletscher for all of his help over the year. John

Seredinski was also thanked for all the work he does for the Church.

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

Motion by Rae Rosemore, second by Elsie Tollgaard to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 am. Motion carried.

HOPE LUTHERAN YOUTH

The Youth had a busy February. It started off with the Souper Bowl of Caring, Hope Lutheran joining other youth groups to tackle the fight against hunger. The Hope Lutheran Youth collected food items for the Floodwood Food



Shelf leading up to Souper Bowl Sunday. On February 3rd the Youth presented a skit to the congregation to get everyone’s attention on the fight against homelessness and hunger. The soup pots were put out and the Youth raised \$640.00 (awesome) for the Life House in Duluth. Thank you to everyone who donated to the “ Souper Bowl of Caring.”

On February 9th the Youth hosted the 4th annual Valentine’s Dinner. The basement was transformed into

a dining area which set the mood for an evening of fine dining. The evening started out with a stop at



Youth waitresses: Summer, Hanna, and Brooke



the photo booth then escorted to your table by a friendly hostess. The Valentine Dinner is one of many Youth fund raisers. A total of \$372.00 was added to the Youth account. Thank You to all who attended. See you next year !!!!

Three youth and chaperone headed for Minneapolis Friday, February 15th–Sunday February 17th to attend the Quake Event. These Youth were able to attend this event, and other future events thanks to all the support for the Hope Lutheran Youth fundraisers.

HLCW (Continued from page 1)

HLCW Meeting

February 12, 2019

The meeting was opened at 10:50 a.m. by President Grace Autio following the Bible study, with eight members present.

As the minutes of the January Meeting were published in The Beacon of Hope, it was moved by Shirley Johnson, seconded by Jan Benson that the minutes not be read at this time. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Treasurer Jeanette Johnsen had no report to give at this time.

Grace read a thank you note from the Bethany Crisis Center in Duluth for the gifts HLCW sent them at Christmastime.

Grace also read a letter from Judy Yund, head of the Bethel Foundation in Bolivia for the support of HLCW in 2018

Grace reported no old business to take care of, and noted that Ash Wednesday is on March 6, and our members have been asked to help with the annual soup suppers that will be held each Wednesday during Lent.

There will be a quilting session on February 26. Grace showed a world chart that indicated where all the thousands of quilts from Minnesota and Maryland were distributed.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

QUILTING



Quilting will be held on March 26th, 2019, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. All are welcome. Bring a bag lunch.

**Soup Supper
and
Lenten
Services
Wednesday
Nights
beginning March
6th
Soup Supper
6:00 PM
Lenten Service
7:00 PM**

**FOR SALE
CHURCH STEEPLE**



**\$500.00
CONTACT MARK
JOHNSEN**



**Worship
and Music Committee
Meeting**

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, March 28th at 9:30 am. We welcome new participants in the group. Suggestions for hymns/music can be submitted to Jeannette or Pastor John before that day.

PRAYER REQUESTS MARCH 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	Joy C.	Willa	Jack	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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 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

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek

- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 6 Pastor Julie Gellert
- 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

GLOBE OFFERING FOR MARCH



Floodwood Area Food Shelf

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund Giving

Jan 27	\$ 457.51
Feb 3	\$2488.00
Feb 10	\$ 975.00
Feb 17	\$1137.00

Memorials

In Memory of Lennea Saari from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Ed Hutton from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Walter Shaw from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Vern Owens from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Jason Brekke from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Bob Fjeld from John & Pat Seredinski \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

Youth Giving

Quake (Jan 27 - Feb 17) \$105.95

Souper Bowl of Caring \$640.00

Valentines Dinner \$372.00

March 2019 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Installation of Church Council 10:45 Fellowship	4 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	5	6 Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30-Confirmation 6:00-soup supper 7:00-Ash Wednesday Service	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-1200 Bible Study	11 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	12 10:00 AM HCLW Bible Study and Meeting	13 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30-Confirmation 6:00-soup supper 7:00-Lenten Service	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship Church Council Meeting	18 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	19	20 Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30-Confirmation 6:00-soup supper 7:00-Lenten Service	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship <i>Beacon News Items due</i>	25 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon-Pastor's office hours	26 9-3 Quilting	27 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 11:23-Noon-HS 1:00-1:45-Elem. 2:30-3:30-Confirmation 6:00-soup supper 7:00-Lenten Service	28 9:30 Worship Committee	29	30
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SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

March

Leader: Elvie 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

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