

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

MARCH 2020

Pastor's Corner

Greetings to all as we begin our Lenten season this year. I first want to thank all who participated in Our Souperbowl of Caring and Valentine's dinner. Both events were so well done, and the participation of our youth was a joy to see.

Lent is a time of repentance, reflection and prayer as we follow Jesus to the cross and resurrection in Jerusalem. We remember how much He suffered for us that we might again become children of God.

I would like to invite you to midweek Lenten services starting with a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. It will be followed by a short service in the sanctuary starting at 7:00 p.m. This will include dialogues read by individuals recounting their thoughts and feelings regarding the final week of Jesus' life. We too need to reflect on all that Jesus went through for us.

As we look ahead to April, Hope Lutheran will be hosting the community Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. April 10. I will be discussing the awful toll inflicted on Jesus' body during his suffering and death from a medical perspective. I don't feel we pause and ponder enough on all that He went through on our behalf.

May you and all your family have a blessed Lenten journey this year.
Pastor John

Hope Lutheran Church Women



Life Principles number 13 and 14 will be discussed at the March group meeting. Number 13 states, "Listening to God is essential to walking with God" and is based on Psalm 81:8. You can't have a relationship with someone you don't listen to. If you want God to lead you, then you need to hear what he's saying.

Principle number 14 is, "God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him" based on Isaiah 64:4. One of the most difficult lessons we learn is to wait on God but, His timing is perfect. Join the discussion at 10:00 A.M. on March 10 at the church. All women are welcome. Grace will lead the Bible study and Jeanette will serve coffee. *(Continued on Page 2)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Not ready for publication

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HLCW MINUTES HLCW Minutes

February 11, 2020 meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President, Grace Autio, at 11:50 am. Nine members were present.

A motion was made by Nancy Raihala, seconded by Jan Benson, to accept the minutes of the January 14 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Jeanette Johnsen presented the following Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance: \$125.47, Savings: \$436.66, less Designated Pie Funds: \$72.00, leaving Available Funds: \$490.13. Motion by Elvi Tollgaard to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Shirley Johnson. Motion carried.

Ash Wednesday is February 26, and Lenten Soup Suppers will begin March 4. This is the schedule for the HLCW circles for helping with the soup suppers:

March 4 – Mary, March 11 – Naomi, March 18 – Rebecca; March 25 – Mary; April 1 – Naomi.

All ladies are invited to join the quilting on February 25, beginning at 9:00 am, in the church basement.

The next Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 10:00 am. Jeanette Johnsen will provide refreshments, and Grace Autio will lead the lesson on chapters 13 and 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Susan Coccie
Secretary

QUILTING



Quilting will be held on March 24, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. All are welcome. Bring a bag lunch.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



We will be bringing soups and helping the youth serve the soup suppers before the Lenten services. LuAnn will be supervising the kitchen.

The schedule is as follows:

March 4 Mary
March 11 Naomi
March 18 Rebecca
March 25 Mary
April 1 Naomi

SHARING OUR HOPE



Do you have an extra Bible you're not using? Sharing Our Hope Ministry would like to have it. We are placing Bibles in the "Little Free" library at the Floodwood rest area for travelers to take and use. You can drop off Bibles to be donated in the white box in the overflow section of the church. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need envelopes, please let Jeff know.

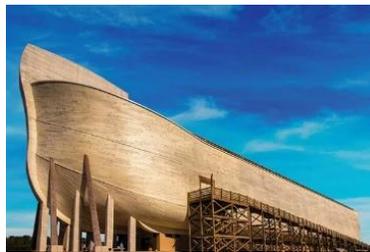
BIBLE QUIZ

1. **When Jesus died, which of the following things did NOT happen?***(Matthew 27:51-53)*
 - A. the dead came to life
 - B. there was an earthquake
 - C. there was a flood that covered the earth
 - D. the veil of the temple was torn
2. **Who asked Pilate for Jesus' corpse and put it in his own tomb?***(Matthew 27:57-58)*
 - A. Joseph of Arimathaea
 - B. Paul
 - C. Zebedee
 - D. Mary Magdalene
3. **What was placed in front of the door of the tomb to close it?***(Matthew 27:60)*
 - A. a blanket
 - B. a wall
 - C. a fence
 - D. a stone
4. **On what day was Jesus' resurrection?***(Matthew 27:63)*
 - A. the third day
 - B. the same day as his crucifixion
 - C. the tenth day
 - D. the fourteenth day
5. **What moved the object in front of the tomb door?***(Matthew 28:2)*
 - A. an angel
 - B. the object moved itself
 - C. the 12 Apostles
 - D. the earthquake

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CONSIDERING A TRIP TO SEE THE ARK & THE CHRISTIAN MUSEUM

By Rob R. Benson



Last year I volunteered to look into a bus tour to visit Kentucky to see the Ark and the Christian museum. (They are about 20 miles apart) I checked with the Happy Trails Tour Company. I was told that it would be a 5 day trip. The cost of a Tour Bus to do that trip would be approximately \$9,000.00 - There would be 4 nights in a motel. There would have to be at least 30 people – hopefully 40 – to get the coach cost into an affordable range. Then there was the question if a tour guide would be necessary - type of accommodations – number to people to a room – meals & so on.

The representative went on to say that the Happy Trails Tour Company was considering an Ark and Christian Museum tour sometime in 2021. So... my recommendation is – for anyone that would like to see the Ark and Christian Museum – start saving your coins – we probably do not have enough people in Hope to swing a trip ourselves – so if interested - keep Happy Trails Tour Company in mind.



LENT

SOUP SUPPERS WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
AT 6 PM

LENTEN CHURCH SERVICES WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH
AT 7:00 PM

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

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

January 26	\$ 502.00
February 2	\$3045.00
February 9	\$ 834.00
February 16	\$1529.00

Globe Offering

Quake Event	\$ 103.00
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Other Giving

Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 426.25
Youth -- Valentines Dinner	\$ 552.00

GLOBE OFFERING



Globe Offering for March will go toward Floodwood Area Food Shelf.

Answers to Quiz

1. C, 2. A, 3. D, 4. A, 5. A

PRAYER REQUESTS

MARCH 2020



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Phil	Bob
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	
Theresa	Dean S.	Willa	Bradley	
Rosie	Liz	Lilly	Heather	

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

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

March Leader: *Elvi Tollgaard*

Marlys Piontek
Elaine Stokke
Sheryl Abell
Dean & Jill Fries



April Leader : *Sue Hutchinson*

Tanya and Keven Johnson
Bryan & Tracy Hutchinson
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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Floodwood, MN

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED