

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran March 2026

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

March is here and we are continuing the Lenten Season! That means we have midweek Lenten service on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. that is preceded by soup supper at 6:00 p.m. Special thanks to all those who make the great soups and to our high school students who help serve and clean up. It is an awesome Lenten tradition at Hope Lutheran. I hope many of you can come to enjoy the soup and then stay for our service where Brother Martin Luther will be reviewing his small catechism teachings on the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion. He felt this was so important over 500 years ago that he wrote his catechisms, and it is even more important now to give us the knowledge and comfort we need in our spiritual journey of life.

Each service will include an opening dialogue between the congregation and Martin Luther from his small catechism covering the topic of the evening followed by a monologue discussion by him from his teaching in his large catechism.

My hope is that we may all have a better understanding of our Lutheran theology and Lutheran traditions that we all know and treasure. Understanding these beliefs will hopefully make our Lenten journey this year more meaningful as we meditate on all Jesus went through to save us and restore us as children into the family of God. My prayer is that we will have a safe and healthy Lent, and we get good weather to come out and enjoy this special season. *(Continued on Page 2)*



The February women's Bible study, led by Cindy Burgess, will meet at 10:00 A.M. on March 10th at the church. The topic "Women of the Bible" will continue with a discussion on Bathsheba. The season of Lent will also be discussed. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 2)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL MINUTES NOT
AVAILABLE

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
- 21 Kaleb Holmes
- 22 Tanya Hovi
Shelly Arjes
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri
- 30 Adam Schminski



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
Jody Messner
- 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 Jazmine Johnson
- 16 Caleb Fries
Lane Grady
- 17 Maija Hunt
- 18 Roy Autio
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz (Sylvia Shafer)

- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
Quinn Kuehl
Todd Messner
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 30 Faith Romanek

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

NONE THIS MONTH

Pastor's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

March will also see the end of this year's religious release program. We need to thank all the teachers and treat volunteers who made it possible. We need to keep all the students in our prayers until they return next year.

It is also during March when five of our high school kids will be attending the youth gathering **QUAKE** in the Twin Cities. We need to keep the students and their adult supervisors in our prayers that they may have a great meeting that will enrich each of them in their own spiritual journey.

God Bless Us All,
Pastor John

HLCW (continued from page 1)



QUILTING

Quilting will be on Tuesday, March 24 at the church at 9:00 A.M. Any and all help is welcome.

YOUTH



On Super Bowl Sunday, Hope collected cash for Life House and food for our local food shelf. Thirty-eight pounds of food was collected and \$636 was also collected. Thank you to all who participated.



Release Time Elementary Students



Happy Valentine's Day

Annual Meeting Potluck



A potluck lunch was enjoyed after the annual meeting. Thanks to the youth for serving. Our youth are such a blessing to so many people.



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FOOD SHELF NEW HOURS

2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
12-2:00 PM

THEN: THE FOLLOWING
MONDAY 9-11:00 AM



Reminders

Sign up to serve refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a Scripture reader!



MARCH 20-22, 2026

**HILTON MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL AIRPORT MALL OF AMERICA
3800 AMERICAN BLVD. EAST
BLOOMINGTON, MN 55425**

**YOUTH, PACK YOUR BAGS, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO WANT TO
MISS THIS EVENT**

CONTACT TANYA JOHNSON FOR MORE INFORMATION



Church Security & Safety – it’s not a topic we want to talk or think about, but we all need to be thinking and planning if something bad were to occur during a church service.

A few things to remember:

- Know where the exits are.
- Get down.
- Greet strangers - Visit with them.
- Keep alert.
- If something does not feel right, then it might not be right. Let an Usher know.
- Ushers -- Call 911 – Stay on phone with dispatch.

Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2026	\$6,253.00	\$7,871.77
Year to Date	\$6,253.00	\$7,871.77
Year to Date Deficit		\$1,618.77

Hope's Tree Service



Thanks to Dave Zieroth, John and Pat Seredinski, and Pastor John for taking down a couple of trees at the parsonage. Looks like a great day for the job.



Feb. 25: The Ten Commandments

Mar. 11: The Lord's Prayer

Mar. 25: Holy Communion

Mar. 4: The Apostles' Creed

Mar. 18: Holy Baptism

PRAYER REQUESTS

March 2026



For those who are ill or struggling

- | | |
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| Kitty | Gary |
| Dean S. | Jerry |
| Danette | Sadie |
| Carlene | Elsie |
| Grace W. | Willie |
| Sue | Willa |
| Bradley | Theresa |
| Wayne | Carolyn |
| Roy | Jack |
| Erik | Nancy |

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

February 1	\$900.00
February 8	\$1902.00
February 15	\$1923.00

**Globe Offering
Quake Support**

February 8	\$40.00
February 15	\$23.22

**Globe Offering
Souper Bowl of Caring
(for Life House)**

February 8	\$636.00
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Globe Offering



March Floodwood Area
Food Shelf

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

March 2026 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	2 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	3	4 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15 6:00 PM: Soup supper 7:00 PM: Lenten Service <i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	5 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	6	7
8 <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME- SPRING AHEAD</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	9 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	10 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	11 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15 6:00 PM: Soup supper 7:00 PM: Lenten Service <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	12	13 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	14
15 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	16 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	17	18 <i>LAST</i> Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15 6:00 PM: Soup supper 7:00 PM: Lenten Service <i>Holy Baptism</i>	19 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	20  	21 
22 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 	23 USHER: David Zieroth 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	24 9:00 AM Quilting <i>NEWS ITEMS DUE</i>	25 6:00 PM: Soup supper 7:00 PM: Lenten Service <i>Holy Communion</i>	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 11:00 Bible Study	30 USHER: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	31	Looking Ahead April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service at 7 PM April 3 – Community Good Friday Service at Hope 7 PM April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt at 1 PM April 5 – Easter Breakfast at 8 AM – Easter Service at 9:30 AM NO Bible Study, NO Refreshments			



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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