

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church May 2023

## Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is May and spring is here. We thank God for bringing us safely through all the snow and flooding. Now we can look forward to warmer weather and the beauty of God's creation as new life returns with the sounds of the birds, the new green leaves and flowers all around us. God is so good. The return of new life reminds us of our new life Jesus won for us during the recent Lent and Easter season.

In the month of May, we remember our mothers and thank God for their gifts to our lives. For those of us who still can, give mom a big hug and thank her for blessing your life.

For our youth spring means that school is almost over and soon summer vacation will begin. We pray that this will be a safe and blessed time. As parents, let us remind them it is not a time to take a vacation from God. Encourage them to pray and develop a time of daily devotions. For those who can attend vacation bible school in June or bible camp at Camp Patmos this summer, it is a great way to remember God is with us. We need to enjoy His wonderful creation and learn more about how much He loves all of us.

For some of our older kids May will be a time of graduation from high school and a start on their new career choices. We will honor them on Sunday May 21 at the service and during the fellowship hour. Come and thank them for their service to our congregation and encourage them on the next part of their spiritual journey. (*Continued on page 3*)



The second session of Jesus's "I Ams" from the gospel of John will be led by Cindy Burgess on Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. We'll finish discussing "I am the bread of life" and continue with "I am the light of the world". All women are welcome. (*Continued on page 3*)

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

*Council Minutes  
(None available)*

**Youth**



Four of our youth attended the Quake Encounter in Bloomington, MN on March 17-19. Brooke, Hannah, Summer and Lacey along with their chaperone, Tanya Johnson joined 500 other youth to worship and grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**Release Time**

Religious Release Time ended in April.



High School Release Time class.



Elementary School Release Time class

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*Youth (Continued From Page 2)*

**Hope Lutheran Youth  
Fundraiser**



**Y**outh are selling 10" hanging flower baskets:

- Piontek Greenhouse \$32.00
- Heine Retreat \$30.00

Contact any Youth, LuAnn, Hazel, or Tanya

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On Memorial Day we remember those who have served us by their military service to protect the blessings we have in our land. We especially remember those who have given their lives so we can continue to live in a land that is free.

My prayer for all of us this month is to remember that all the blessings we have in this life come from God. Let us never forget or take our blessings for granted. God has a special plan for all of us. Let us use the time given to us in this life wisely to discover His individual plan giving praise to Him for all His Gifts.

God Bless us all,  
Pastor John

*HLCW (Continued From Page 1)*

**HLCW Quilting**



**Q**uilting will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. No need to know how to quilt but come for a blessing.

**Grant from Lake Country Power**

**T**he quilters at Hope are pleased to have received an award of \$300.00 from the Lake Country Power Round-Up program. These dollars will be used to purchase rolls of batting for use in the coming months. We were one of 43 groups given awards by the power company this quarter. This financial help is much appreciated!!

**Food Shelf Donations**

**D**uring March a check was given to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf for \$72.09. These funds were from the HLCW change jar at the back of church [\$25.94] plus donations given at the women's Bible study gatherings [\$46.15]. Thank you to all who contributed.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Telisha Bennett
- 9 Alice Shafer
- 11 Tasha Belter
- 12 Rob Benson

- 14 Keven Johnson
- 19 Joyce Andrews  
Jacob Serebinski
- 22 Don Rosemore
- 23 Grace Autio  
Ben Rosemore
- 28 Carol Schminski
- 29 Kathy Johnsen
- 30 Laverne Hutton

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Emily Hall
- 5 Cooper Tollgaard
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 18 Sheryl Abell
- 19 Deb Tollgaard  
Jan Metso
- 22 Jamie Peterson
- 26 Pastor John Burgess
- 28 Karly Tollgaard  
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**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

29 Leigha Kuehl

**JUNE  
ANNIVERSARIES**

2 Kent & Missy Wojtysiak

8 Jan & Rob Benson ('58)

10 Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff Romosz  
Tammy & Jamie Peterson  
Russ & Sheryl Abell

12 Todd & Jody Messner ('99)

24 Pastor Owen & Linda Christianson

***Palm Sunday***



***Easter Day***



**H**ope Youth and their sponsors provided us with a wonderful Easter breakfast on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

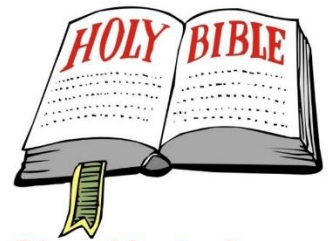


Pastor giving a special Easter Children's message.

***Baptisms***



We celebrate the baptisms of Kylie Bailey and Cole Bailey.



**Sign Up to be a  
Scripture Reader**

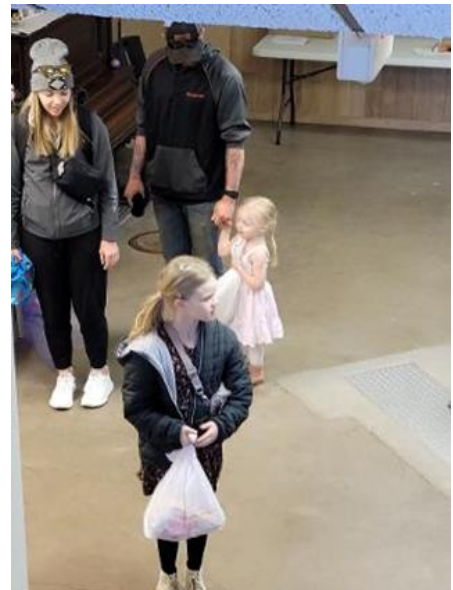


**Sign Up to Serve  
Refreshments**





*About 30 children plus adults participated in the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Hope Youth group.*



Left to right:  
 Pastor Burgess  
 Carolyn Hosking  
 Tanya Johnson (Sect.)  
 Deb Tollgaard (Treas.)  
 Kim Hutchinson  
 Missy Wojtysiak (VP)  
 Todd Messner  
 Bubba Vance (Pres.)



## May 2023 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dale Rauvola  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	2	3	<b>4</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> Bible Study at Riverview Manor <b>6:00 PM</b> National Day of Prayer Walk (Meet at the water tower)	5	6
<b>7</b> 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School  10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Kent Wojtysiak  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> HLCW Bible Study	<b>10</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf	11	12	13
<b>14</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 	<b>15</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bubba Vance  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	16	17	<b>18</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> Bible Study at Riverview Manor	19	20
<b>21</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Council Mtg 9:30 Worship with communion, Sunday School & Graduate's recognition 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Tim Tollgaard  <b>8:30-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM -3:00 PM</b> Quilting	<b>24</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf <b>7:00 PM</b> Baccalaureate St. Louis Catholic Church  <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship	<b>29</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski <b>NO</b> Pastor's office hours 	30	31	 <b>VBS COMING IN JUNE 12-16</b>		

PRAYER REQUESTS

May 2023



**For those who are ill or struggling**

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Jerry	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Jim
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Heather	Wayne
Don	Carlene
Sulo	Willie
Floyd	Jen
Kitty	

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  
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

\*For our world and nation on dealing with the Covid-19 virus

**Peace and healing in Ukraine and the world**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GIVING  
April 2023**

**General Fund Giving**

March 26	\$ 728.00
April 2	\$1343.57
April 9	\$3766.00
April 16	\$1205.00
April 23	\$ 765.00

**Globe – Earth Quake Relief**

April 2	\$ 50.25
April 9	\$ 100.00
April 16	\$ 5.70

**Youth – Soup Suppers**

March 29	\$ 56.00
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**Youth**

Blessing Bucket	\$ 21.00
Easter Breakfast	\$ 493.00



**Globe Offering**

**May Globe Offering – Camp Patmos Support**

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



**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](http://www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org)

**Also visit us on FACEBOOK:**

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