

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran May 2024

## Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe but May is here, and signs of spring are returning. New life is arising with green grass, leaves on the trees, birds singing everywhere, and dandelions have appeared. It is a wonderful time of the year. Christ has Risen and it is time for our spiritual lives to begin growing for another season. One of the best ways this can happen is by attending church, studying God's Word and receiving His Sacraments. Another way to grow is to attend fellowship and prayer activities with fellow Christians.

Here are some of the activities to look forward to in May. First is an April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church for all those helping with Vacation Bible School in June. This is a great way to respond to the command of Jesus to go and tell everyone about Him.

Another way is to participate in the prayer walk for the community of Floodwood May 2 at 6:00 p.m. starting at the base of the water tower. This is part of the National Night of prayer for our nation. We all need to pray to God for our nation and the people in it, and this is a great way to do this.

This year we will honor all mothers and ladies on May 12 during our Church service. We need to thank God for placing them in our lives and for their Christian witness to us during our developmental years.

On Wednesday evening May 15 we will honor the graduating seniors from Floodwood High School at 7:00 p.m. at the Baptist Church for a Baccalaureate service. This is a special moment in the life of these young people and a chance for us as Christians to witness to them the importance of including God in their lives as it progresses from here. *(Continued on Page 5)*



& HLCW NEWS

Cindy Burgess will continue the discussion of favorite Bible verses of those in attendance. The group will meet on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 5)*

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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Hope Lutheran Church**

**Council Minutes  
March 10, 2024  
APPROVED**

### **Members Present**

Tanya Johnson, Gary Gustafson, Missy Wojtysiak, Kim Hutchinson, Todd Messner, Carolyn Hosking, Pastor Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Deb Tollgaard.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Jeff Kletscher for purposes of electing officers.

### **Reorganization**

Election of Officers - President: Nominations were requested regarding officers. Missy Wojtysiak was asked to step up as President and she declined. Todd Messner was nominated and he declined. Gary Gustafson was nominated and he declined. Remaining council members were asked if any of them were willing to fill the President position. Tanya Johnson is willing to serve as President if someone else is willing to be Secretary. Missy Wojtysiak offered to fill the Secretary position. Deb Tollgaard was asked prior to be the meeting if she would continue to be treasurer and accepted. Gary Gustafson is willing to be the Vice President. Kim Hutchinson made a motion to approve election to these positions, second by Todd Messner. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Todd Messner to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

### **Secretaries Report**

January 21, 2024 Church Council minutes and January 28, 2024 Annual Meeting minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastors' mileage was 119 and he distributed 16 communions. The Funeral for Floyd Ahlgren will be March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. This also happens to have been Floyd's birthday. Carole has requested a typical church funeral luncheon that will be provided after the service. There is a sign up for volunteers. Sulo Jakola also passed away last evening and the family will be meeting with the funeral home this week to make arrangements. Pastor will update with more information regarding this when available. Midweek Lenten services are going well with only around 20 in attendance each week. Thanks to all who participate in soup suppers and dramas. Special thanks to Jeff for filling in for Pastor Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Today will be installation of council members during the church service. Religious Release will have only 2 more classes. Special thanks to all who helped so much this year. Good Friday service will be at the St. Louis Catholic Church March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm this year. We will have the Maundy Thursday service March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm with communion. No soup supper that evening. Special thanks to the youth for all their help during Lent, Spring Night Out, and upcoming

Easter egg hunt and Easter breakfast.

### **Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report**

January and February 2024 check registers included. Nothing new noted, expenses as expected. February 2024 Financial Report, nothing unusual. Reviewed the Endowment fund and the last quarter of 2023 showed an increase. Total as of December 31, 2023 was \$102,591.14. Religious release fund remains the same. John, Todd and Nathan have been busy fixing and updating light bulbs and tubes, exit light bulbs and batteries. Also, projector positioning, installing a switch for lights by screen, and outlet in the overflow room and expansion tank and pressure gauge on the boiler. Souper Bowl of Caring offering totaled \$972.00 which Jeff Kletscher will mail a check to the Life House for. Total amount of food donated is still pending. Quake Event Offering totaled \$222.79 and will be transferred to the Youth Account. Jeff will be visiting his family over Easter and Tanya will be running the projector during the service.

Discussion on working to close Cub Scout Troop #120 Account, which has been unused since June 2019. Jeff will reach out to Dan High (former Cub Scout Troop Leader) to get his input on how to distribute the funds. Council agrees now is the time to close account and encourages Jeff to make it happen.

Motion by Carolyn Hosking, second by Todd Messner to approve the reports as submitted and close Cub Scout Troop #120 account if able. Motion carried.  
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**Christian Education and Youth:**

Quake March 15-17 Hannah, Summer, Lacey, Lily and chaperon Tanya. Donations of snacks and money for food have been received. Sunday School update: Currently just the Shafer kids that attend. Religious release update included in Pastor's report. Lacey Wojtysiak will be confirmed Pentecost Sunday, May 19. VBS will be June 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> this year, setup will take place June 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a meeting this past Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> regarding VBS. They are looking for volunteers to take over the planning/operation of VBS as Steve and Judy Ario are having some health concerns and may no longer be able to continue the planning in future years. Gary Gustafson and Todd Messner will serve as "Security Angels" again, some of our youth will be assisting as well. Dates are out for Camp Patmos but registration is not open yet.

**Building Committee:** Update included in the Administrator's report.

**Quilting Committee:** Quilting has resumed. Jeanette Johnson has applied for the grant through Lake Country Power for additional funds.

**Old Business**

- a. Suhonen's will be here April 21<sup>st</sup>. April Globe Offering will be for them as well as that Sunday morning's offering.

**New Business**

- a. 2023 Audit Report. An audit was preformed by

Tanya and Jerry Hovi. No concerns noted. Motion to accept the report made by Kim Hutchinson, second by Todd Messner. Motion carried.

- b. Update Corporate Resolution. Documents provided to new officers for completing and signatures.

2024 Officers: President Tanya Johnson, Vice President Gary Gustafson, Secretary Missy Wojtysiak, Treasurer Deb Tollgaard.

Approval of Debit card for Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Motion made by Kim Hutchinson for new officers, second by Carolyn Hosking. Motion carried.

- c. Consideration of Certificate of Deposits. Discussion had regarding placing \$60,000 in CD's. Proposed splitting it 3 ways, One at \$20,000 (from general checking), one at \$15,000 (from general savings) and one at \$25,000 (from rental account). Jeff Kletscher will continue to look into this and continue forward if no major obstacles arise. Motion to approve made by Kim Hutchinson, second by Gary Gustafson. Motion carried.

- d. New air conditioners (mini-splits) needed for Parsonage. Unable to get quote thus far from Floodwood Gas. Missy Wojtysiak will speak with

her uncle and attempt to get an estimate from him for this.

- e. Birthday/Anniversary cards – a concern was brought forth regarding the Birthday/Anniversary list for the newsletter and whether it needed to be "cleaned up" in regards to people who have moved or now attend elsewhere. A discussion was held and decided no changes to be made as it is a reminder to continue to pray for these people or wish them well and that may be just the friendly reminder they need from their friends at Hope Lutheran.

**Looking Ahead**

**Globe Offering:** May – Youth Support for Camp Patmos costs. Motion by Carolyn Hosking, second by Todd Messner. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting** – April 21, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

**Closing Prayer** – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

**Adjourn Meeting** – Meeting adjourned by Tanya Johnson at 9:11 AM.



# Youth

## ***Wanted: Vacation Bible School Future Coordinator***

Floodwood Ministerium would like to have an assistant to learn the workings of Vacation Bible School. You would work alongside the present coordinator to understand how VBS is put together and run. 2024 VBS theme is "Scuba". If you are interested contact Pastor Burgess or Judy Ario.

## ***Youth Hanging Basket Fund Raiser***



If you bought a hanging flower basket during the youth fund raiser, you may take your voucher to Piontek's Greenhouse beginning the first weekend in May to redeem it.



### ***Reminders***

**Sign up to serve refreshments!**

**And**

**Sign up to be a Scripture reader!**

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1** Telisha Bennett
- 9** Alice Shafer
- 11** Tasha Belter
- 12** Rob Benson
- 14** Keven Johnson
- 19** Jacob Seredinski
- 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

- 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



Hope Lutheran Church and staff will **NEVER** reach out to you requesting cash donations, credit card numbers, gift card numbers or other information. **Be SMART. Be WISE. Don't let the bad guys scam you!!!**

I've been told the bad guys have been trying this scam in town and in the area over the past few days.

Please be Careful!!!!

Jeff

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On Sunday May 19, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the gift of the Holy Spirit sent by Jesus to help us on our spiritual journey. We will honor Lacey Wojtysiak on her confirmation day. That day she will join us as fellow adult Christians in the body of Christ. Come and celebrate with her and her family on this special day.

At the end of the month, we will celebrate Memorial Day with special services at local cemeteries. We remember the contributions so many have made so that we can enjoy the freedoms in our country for which they gave their lives and service for us all. Jesus told us there is no greater love than to give your life for another.

My hope is for all of us to find some time this May to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed in our lives. Let our spiritual lives grow and prosper as we continue to become more like Jesus!

God bless Us All,

Pastor John



**Are you in need of prayer or want to join the prayer chain?**

**Contact Jody Messner  
(218) 878-0456**

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**Quilting**

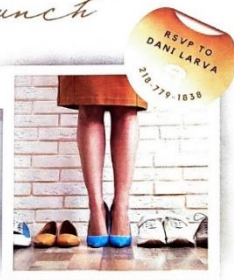
Quilting will be on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**INVITATION FROM NEW LIFE CHURCH WOMEN**

**LADIES**

*Brunch*

SHOES OF A VIRTUOUS WOMAN



SATURDAY, MAY 4TH  
10AM-1PM

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
FLOODWOOD, MN

Guest Speaker: Carol Lund,  
Former Director of Bridging  
the Gap

**FLOODWOOD  
FOOD SHELF**

**2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY  
12:00-2:00 PM**

**4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY  
9:00-11:00 AM**



**Floodwood Second Annual  
5K Run/Walk/Bike  
For Freedom  
Fund Raiser**

**Fighting Against Sex Trafficking**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**at Floodwood New Life Church**

**7 A.M. Race day Sign-up/Registration: \$40/person or whole family**

**Or online at [venturemiles.org/teams](http://venturemiles.org/teams), (Floodwood New Life & Community Church Run) at least 30 days before June 8<sup>th</sup>: \$30.00/person (includes tee shirt)**

**(donation sponsorship is encouraged)**

**8 A.M. Race Begins**

**For more information contact:**

**Ginny Larva (218) 216-5758 or  
Matt Larva (218) 966-6915**

**or**

**Web: [30forfreedom.org](http://30forfreedom.org)**

**30 for Freedom is a movement that exists to end sex trafficking in our lifetime through:**

**PREVENTION**

**RESCUE OPERATIONS**

**SURVIVOR CARE**

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>USHER:</b> Dave Zieroth		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor  6 PM National Day of Prayer Walk– Meet at Water tower	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>USHER:</b> Todd Messner  9:00-Noon- Pastor’s office hours	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship NO Bible Study 	<b>13</b> <b>USHER:</b> Dale Rauvola  9:00-Noon- Pastor’s office hours	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	<b>15</b> 7 PM Baccalaureate at Floodwood Baptist Chapel	<b>16</b> 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship NO Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>USHER:</b> Kent Wojtysiak  9:00-Noon- Pastor’s office hours	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9-11:00 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Newsletter deadline	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship NO Bible Study	<b>27</b> <b>USHER:</b> Bubba Vance NO Pastor’s office hours  	<b>28</b> 9:00-3:00 Quilting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Looking Ahead</b> Community Vacation Bible School – June 10 - 14

PRAYER REQUESTS

May 2024



**For those who are ill or struggling**

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Jerry	Danette
Sadie	Carlene
Grace W.	Jim
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Ella	Wayne
Doug	Willie
	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  
 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**

March 24	\$1637.25
March 31	\$2170.00
April 7	\$1432.00
April 14	\$1310.00
April 21	\$1017.00

**Globe  
Food Shelf**

March 31	\$ 159.63
<i>Total to Food Shelf</i>	<i>\$ 464.63</i>

**Suhonen**

April 7	\$ 20.00
April 14	\$ 140.00
April 21	\$ 608.10
<i>Total to Suhonen</i>	<i>\$ 768.10</i>

**Youth**

March 20 Soup Supper	\$ 27.00
March 20 Easter Breakfast	\$ 20.00
March 31 Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 10.00
March 31 Blessing Basket	\$ 66.00
March 31 Easter Breakfast	\$ 417.75

**Memorials**

In Memory of Bonnie Hall from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Mem Savings)  
 In Memory of Sulo Jatkola from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Mem Savings)  
 In Memory of Deb Knight from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Mem Savings)  
 In Memory of Floyd Ahlgren from Jack & Willie Moe \$25.00 (Mem Savings)  
 In Memory of Floyd Ahlgren from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25.00 (Mem Savings)



**Camp Patmos scholarships**

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



## **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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