

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran May 2025

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have just finished the Lenten and Easter season. I need to thank all who made the midweek Lenter soup suppers and the great Easter breakfast such wonderful events in our church this year. You are awesome and make life here so special!

We are now entering May, the season of spring, with signs of new life all around us. During this month, we will have activities thanking God for all the new blessings He provides for us. We begin the month with the National Day of Prayer on May 1. We will meet at the base of the water tower at 5:30 p.m. and then march around Floodwood stopping for prayer at multiple stops, thanking God for His blessings on our community and nation.

May 11th, we will celebrate Mother's Day by thanking God for the special gift of loving mothers He has given to us. We will have a special gift for the ladies of the church that Sunday. I encourage everyone to remember their own mother on this day.

This year we will have a celebration of the confirmation of Lilyana Johnson on Sunday May 18. Come and help us make this a special day for her and her family. *(Continued on Page 2)*



Cindy Burgess will continue leading the series on Women of the Bible on Tuesday, May 13th at 10:00 A.M. The women to be discussed are Tamar and Potiphar's wife. All women are welcome.

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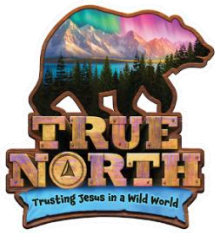
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

No Minutes



Vacation Bible Study



Kids will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. True North VBS shows kids that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

VBS will be held June 9-14 at the Floodwood Fair Center. Mark your calendars and look for more information in next month's newsletter.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Telisha Bennett
- 9 Alice Shafer
- 11 Tasha Belter

- 12 Rob Benson
Anna Lisa Dusek
- 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

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This year, Hope Lutheran is sponsoring the Baccalaureate service for the graduating seniors of Floodwood High School on Wednesday May 28 at 6:00 p.m. There are three graduates from our congregation. We have been blessed to see them grow up in our congregation. They are all wonderful Christian women who love God and their church family here. We really appreciate all of the hard work and service they have done in our congregation. We will miss them as they start their new journey in life preparing for the vocation of their choice. We pray that God will lead them to be the best they can be in life and that they will continue to be a blessing to all they encounter.

May is also the month in which we celebrate Memorial Day on May 26. We pause and remember those who have served in our country's military and to those and their families who have given their lives so that we might enjoy the freedoms and blessings of living in the United States. Remember these people this year as we give thanks to God for their service for our benefit.

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We thank God for so richly blessing us at Hope Lutheran. May you all have a safe and blessed summer that begins soon.

May God Bless us all,

Pastor John

Easter Weekend



Hope Lutheran Church Youth held a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th. About 32 children participated in the search for surprise filled eggs. If they got “Bunny Bucks” in an egg, they got to spend it on something from the Bunny store. Ice cream was served after the hunt.



On Sunday morning the Hope Youth served a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, sweet rolls, and fruit. Thank you Youth and your wonderful mentors, LuAnn and Tanya, for all the service you provide the congregation.



Youth Hanging Basket Fundraiser



The Hope Youth are selling tickets for hanging flower baskets from Piontek’s Greenhouse and the cost is \$32.00. Baskets can be picked up starting the first weekend of May at the greenhouse.

Quake Event



Six youth from Hope attended the Quake Event which was held in Bloomington, MN in March.

They shared with the congregation dances, songs and what a blessed time they had.





A Mother's Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7
(NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2025	\$6,221.00	\$6,692.03
February 2025	\$5,088.00	\$7,154.96
March 2025	\$12,111.58	\$9,554.17
Year to Date	\$23,420.58	\$23,401.16
	Year to Date	\$19.42

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Quilting



Quilting will be on Tuesday, May 27th starting at 9:00 A.M. This will be the last session before the quilts are put on display for a blessing sometime in June. The map showing where quilts went in 2024 is still on the basement bulletin board.

Any and all help is appreciated.



Reminders

Sign up to serve refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a Scripture reader!



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

Fighting Against Sex Trafficking

May 24th, 2025

at Floodwood New Life Church

8:00 A.M. Race day Sign-up/Registration

8:30 A.M. Race Begins

**For more information contact:
Ginny Larva (218) 216-5758 or
Matt Larva (218) 966-6915**

or

Web: 30forfreedom.org

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

- PREVENTION**
- RESCUE OPERATIONS**
- SURVIVOR CARE**



May 1, 5:30 PM

Meet at the water tower in Floodwood

**FLOODWOOD
FOOD SHELF**

2ND

**WEDNESDAY
12:00-2:00 PM**

4TH

**WEDNESDAY
9:00-11:00 AM**



PRAYER REQUESTS
May 2025



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Kitty	Gary
Dean S.	Jerry
Danette	Sadie
Carlene	Elsie
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Doug S.
Doug B.	

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 30	\$2380.74
April 6	\$ 962.00
April 13	\$1628.00
April 20	\$1165.00

Globe

Food Shelf

March 30	\$10.00
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(Total to Food Shelf \$424.32)

Polar Cub Childcare Center

April 6	\$ 25.00
April 13	\$115.31
April 20	\$110.00

Youth

March 26	Soup Supper	\$22.00
April 9	Soup Supper	\$14.00
April 20	Easter Breakfast	\$359.00

Memorials

In Memory of Jim Mattila from Tim & Betty Juola
(\$20 Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



May -- Ekka Support
June – Camp Patmos Support

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

May 2025

Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Dave Zieroth			1 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor <i>5:30 PM-National Day of Prayer at (water tower)</i>	2	3
4 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	5 USHER: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 	12 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	13 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	14 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	15 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	16	17
18 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion <i>Confirmation for Lilyana Johnson</i> 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	19 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Newsletter articles due</i>
25 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <i>Ekka Prsentation during worship</i>	26 USHER: Bubba Vance 	27 9-3 PM Quilting	28 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf <i>6:00 PM- Baccalaureate at Hope</i>	29	30	31



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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