



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 2014

A Word From Pastor Carl

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Some worship services during the year are not well attended in North America. Probably the smallest crowd in the USA is the first Sunday after Christmas. But then there are places where church attendance has been relatively strong on a particular day but not in others. The big tradition where I grew up was having worship on Christmas Eve. But for Jodi, who only grew up fifteen miles away from me, her home congregation only had service on Christmas Day.

Another difference in worship participation occurs at Thanksgiving. When I was young, the service on the fourth Wednesday of November was always well attended. The choir would sing and it was a festive gathering. Additionally, it seemed to be the most popular occasion when the young people, who were away for school or work, returned for a visit and the evening often had the feeling of a homecoming.. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women



APPLE PIE MAKING

We made our apple pies October 16th and 17th. Because we had such good help, we passed our goal of 150 pies. I will especially mention our men who worked hard and are greatly appreciated, and also Ann Lundstrom and Cookie Tahja who volunteered to help. Thank you everyone!

We have sold most of the pies, but if you weren't able to buy one, you can call Lois 476-2360 or Grace 476- 2457 to see if there are any available. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

RELIGIOUS RELEASE TIME

There are 25 students in grades 1-6 in Elementary Religious Release Time this year. Our theme for the first quarter is The Old Testament with stories of Adam & Eve's temptation; The Tower of Babel; Isaac & Rebekah and how Jacob got Esau's blessing; Joseph and the Dreams in Prison; The Parting of the Red Sea; The Ten Commandments and the Golden Calf; and Joshua and the Walls of Jericho.

We open our class time with group singing. The 5th & 6th graders are the action leaders – teaching us the actions to some of the songs. Our favorite song is “All In All” and the kids sing it so well.

Elementary Release Time teachers are: Carolyn Hosking – 1st grade; Kim Maki & Liz Thom – 2nd & 3rd grade; Pat Seredinski – 4th grade; Pastor Carl – 5th & 6th grade. We could use a couple of substitute teachers so if you are able to help, please let one of us know. Elementary Religious Release time is Wednesdays from 1:50 pm – 3:00 pm. The teachers try to be at church by 1:30 pm.

On November 5, Jess Rich from St. Louis Catholic Church has invited both high school and elementary release time students to attend a program by David Benson, director of the Damiano Center, who will talk about serving others. The hope is that the theme will “plant a seed in the youth that as they are planning their futures, they will think about going into work that not only serves them but serves others as well.” It should be an interesting program and we thank Jess for including us.

The elementary children are escorted from school to church and vice versa. We have a huge concern about safety when the children are going back to the school. PLEASE remind your children to stop at the corner and look for cars before crossing the street in front of the school (and listen, please, to the escorts) and to go through the school to the busses.

High School Release Time:

There are 4-8 high school students who attend Religious Release Time. Our theme has been learning about the differences between Jewish, Muslim & Christian teachings. It's hard to get discussion going among the kids, however, we pray that they will hear the information that is given to them and consider it in light of today's world problems. Pastor Carl and Rob Benson are co-leading the program with assistance from Dave Zieroth.

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It is too bad that brown and orange do not have the same pull as the greens and reds in December and the pastels of Easter. And it is not that Hope Lutheran is unfamiliar with having worship on Wednesdays because we are accustomed to having midweek evening services during Lent. I could be wrong but I do not think that any of the other churches in Floodwood even have Thanksgiving worship.

I think that there are a few reasons why Thanksgiving is not observed as uniformly nor garners as large a crowd. Part of the reason that the service does not command the same attention everywhere is because it is not an official part of the church year like Advent. While its origin does not come directly from the New Testament, the holiday is deeply rooted in the Christian faith of the Pilgrims and is a most appropriate for prayers of gratitude to be given to God.

Second, we need to remember the particular history of our Turkey Day. Even Epiphany and Pentecost are celebrated in many more nations. Most cultures around the world set aside a particular day for rendering thanks. But the others
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countries of the world do not celebrate the same holiday descended from Plymouth Rock. Only 140 miles to the north, the Canadians celebrate their Thanksgiving on Columbus Day.

Still another reason that I assume that Thanksgiving is not as much of a church occasion is like after the 1st Sunday in Christmas when Sunday School takes a break, we do not think of Thanksgiving as being as much of a children’s festival. Christmas has its pageants and Easter its opportunity for little spring dresses. But what do kids ever do up front for Thanksgiving in church?

While there are some understandable reasons that Thanksgiving is not as big of a deal in the life of the congregation, I invite us all to reconsider. Remember worship as part of your celebration of this year in addition to eating stuffing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Pastor Carl

HLCW News (continued from Page 1)

HLCW NEWS

We are planning to have a bazaar Wednesday, November 19, from 5:00 - 7:00. The menu will feature meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, homemade bread, and dessert. Naomi Circle will serve the meal, Mary Circle will take care of the baked goods, and Rebecca will take care of new items and decorate.

Our next meeting will be November 11 which is the second Tuesday at 10:00. Rebecca Circle will serve coffee, and Nancy will lead the lesson.

HLCW BAZAAR
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
5:00-7:00 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED



HLCW BIBLE STUDY

The third topic in the women’s Bible study series on The Proverbs 31 Woman is Shrewdness: The Story of Tamar. In the Old Testament part of the study, she uses bold shrewdness as an act of faith and trust in God. Is shrewdness a positive or negative trait?? In John 7:1-15 Jesus displays godly shrewdness in knowing when and when not to reveal himself to the people of His day. A Proverbs 31 woman of the 1800’s is Harriet Tubman who used her secrecy and cunning to free more than 300 slaves. All women are welcome to meet on Tuesday, November 11th at 10:00 AM at the church.

QUILTING

Five ladies made 10 quilts in Oct., thanks to Jeanette and Susan who work on tops and bottoms at home, before we meet to assemble them. We will not meet again until January. *(Continued on Page 4)*

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HLCW MEETING MINUTES

Lee and Millie Samuelson once again met with the group at 10:00 a.m. before the official meeting started, to update information on the pending auction set for April 25, 2015 at Arrowhead Town Hall.

She described the paper work that will be necessary and the number system that identifies each person taking part. They plan on sending out letters to large companies and pro sports organizations after the first of the year for donations to the auction. They also recommend starting to advertise for items after the first of the year. They also plan to speak to the church council which will meet this evening.

The HLCW meeting was brought to order at 10:25 a.m. by President Grace Autio with about twelve members present. On motion by Lois Hendrickson, seconded by Susan Coccie, reading of the minutes was waived as they were published in the latest edition of **The Beacon**.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a checking balance of \$1,186.40 after expenses; and a savings balance of of \$1,433.97; and available funds of \$950.66 after the designated funds totaling \$1,669.71.

The immediate business was the apple pie days which are this week, Thursday and Friday. Grace reported that she would be traveling to Bayfield this day, Tuesday, to purchase the apples at a cost of \$80.00 for 8 bushels. (The HLCW voted at a short meeting on Sunday after church to not raise the price but to continue the charge of \$7.00 per pie.)

Grace talked about an upcoming workday which is necessary for repainting windows at the entry inside and out and she said she and Hazel Bailey will clean around the shrubs, etc. as they usually do.

The upcoming Fall Bazaar will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19, with LuAnn Heikkila in charge of the menu. She plans Swedish meatballs, potatoes and gravy. Naomi Circle will work in the kitchen; Mary Circle is in charge of the bakery, and Rebecca is in charge of decorations and new items.

Carolyn Hosking reported that she has purchased place mats for her Sunday School kids to draw on and color for the bazaar. Jeanette said she will get fall color napkins.

Helen Snyder sent word that she will purchase two apple pies which can be donated to the community Thanksgiving Dinner. Hope also donates eight pies.

There being no further business, Grace declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

OCTOBER 2014 GIVING

GENERAL FUND

Sunday Offering & Coffee	\$ 8025.25	Operation Christmas Child	\$ 62.56
Savings	\$ 117.25		

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bea Dereschuk

From Roy & Grace Autio	\$10.00 (general)
From Lois Hendrickson	\$10.00 (general)
From Marilyn Stephen	\$20.00 (savings)

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**UNAPPROVED
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FLOODWOOD, MN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Susan Coccie.

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Susan Coccie, Bubba Vance, David Zieroth, Kathy Johnsen, Lonna Hutchinson, Bryan Hutchinson, Jen Myles, Marion Shafer. Absent: Rae Rosemore, Carlene Jatkola.

Lee and Millie Samuelson presented an update on the auction planned for April, 2015. A letter will be sent to various organizations requesting donations.

President Coccie recognized audience members Dean and Jill Fries, LuAnn Heikkila and Leigha Kuehl and invited them to present their concerns regarding Confirmation.

AGENDA

MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECOND BY DAVID ZIEROTH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION BY BRYAN HUTCHINSON, SECOND BY JEN MYLES TO SUPPORT PASTOR FISKNESS' DECISION TO ALLOW DEANA FRIES TO CONTINUE TO ATTEND THE ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS UNTIL SHE IS CONFIRMED IN MAY, 2015. MOTION APPROVED.

REPORTS

Secretary: MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECOND BY LONNA HUTCHINSON TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED.

Financial: MOTION BY JEN MYLES, SECOND BY BRYAN HUTCHINSON TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS. MOTION APPROVED.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: Movie afternoon scheduled for October 26; free-will offering will be accepted; make sure movie rating (PG) is in the advertising.

Communication & Technology: No report.

Building: Railing for the back stairs is scheduled to arrive this week; Bubba and Brea Vance completed a list of jobs at the parsonage.

Befrienders: Keeping in touch with members with greeting cards and phone calls.

HLCW: Pie making scheduled for October 16 & 17; Fall Bazaar scheduled for November 19.

Stewardship: Will be composing the Stewardship Letter.

Quilters: Will meet next week.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Directory - The remaining directories will be hand-delivered to members.

B. Auction – The donation request letter was reviewed; Sue will ask Jeff Kletscher to head the auction committee.

C. Fall Conference – Sue Coccie and Nancy Raihala will attend the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Snow plowing – Bubba will talk to Ron Bailey about continuing to plow snow at the church and parsonage.

B. Council – Lonna and Kathy will have completed their terms in January. *(Continued on Page 6)*

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C. Committees – Sue and Kathy will represent the Council on the Budget Committee; outgoing Council members will serve on the Nominating Committee.

D. Washing machine – MOTION BY DAVID ZIEROTH, SECOND BY BRYAN HUTCHINSON TO PURCHASE A NEW WASHING MACHINE FOR THE PARSONAGE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$600 WITH MONEY FROM THE RENTAL PROPERTY ACCOUNT. MOTION APPROVED.

GLOBE

The globe offering for November will be for Operation Christmas Child and December for community Christmas dinner expenses.

NEXT MEETINGS: November 18, 7:00 p.m. and December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Fiskness closed the meeting with prayer at 9:07 p.m.

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

November Birthdays

- 1** Lilly Autio
Pam Rahja
Pat Bruno (Autio)
- 6** Susan Coccie
- 9** C Jean Hutchinson
Mae Olson
Shawna Berendt
- 10** Rebekah Bolstad Jonas
- 12** Dawn Shafer
- 13** Nancy Raihala
- 14** Jan Benson
Wyatt Rauvola
Miranda Young
- 16** Todd Romanek
Carl Fiskness
- 19** Eric Hall
- 21** Sue Hutchinson
- 23** Leanne Aho

26 Wyatt Peterson
Jordan Myles

29 Karl Kuehl

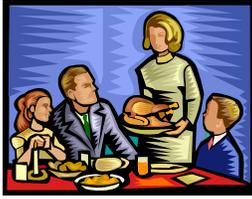


November Anniversaries

- 1** Tim & Jen Myles ('91)
- 12** LeRoy & Mildred Samuelson ('55)
- 22** Laverne & Ed Hutton
- 24** Daniel & Linda Bettin
- 25** Pam & Bob Rahja
- 29** Robert & Darci (Rahja) Dahl

~ November 2014 ~
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4					1
2 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship Christian Ed & Youth & Family Ministry Committee <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	3 USHER: Jeff Kletscher & Dean Fries – Team 5 7:00 PM Adult Confirmation	4 10:00 Lake Superior LCMC/NALC Pastor’s Meeting in Duluth NO PASTOR HOURS <i>Election Day</i>	5 Religious Release 12:27 High School 1:50 Elementary NO CONFIRMATION CLASS Pastor out of town	6 9-10:30 Ruby’s Pantry at Arrowhead Town Hall 7:00 Evangelism & Outreach Meeting	7 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	8
9 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	10 USHER: Marion Shafer & Burt Suonvieri – Team 6 <i>Martin Luther’s Birthday</i>	11 10:00 A.M.: HLCW meeting & Bible Study (Rebecca will serve coffee) NO PASTOR HOURS <i>Veterans’ Day</i>	12 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 12:27 High School 1:50 Elementary 6:00 PM Youth Confirmation	13 School use of the church building	14 10:00 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	15
16 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	17 USHER: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7 7:00 PM Home fellowship Bible Study at parsonage	18 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours 7:00 PM Church Council	19 Religious Release 12:27 High School 1:50 Elementary 5-7 PM Fall Festival meal & Bazaar 6:00 PM Youth Confirmation	20 9:30 AM Worship & Music Committee	21 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	22
23 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee 2:00 Fellowship Meal—making for outreach TBA	24 USHER: Rob Benson & Wayne Thom – Team 8 3:00 Floodwood Christmas Shop Nite <i>Newsletter items due</i>	25 1-3 PM Pastor’s Office Hours	26 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release 12:27 High School 1:50 Elementary 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 12:00 Thanksgiving meal at the Fair building	28 No Pastor’s Office Hours	29
30 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	 <p>NOVEMBER 24-Floodwood Shopping Night. Child care will be provided at Hope Lutheran from 4:00-8:00 PM. Light dinner will be served. Infant through elementary are welcome. At 5:30 and 6:30 come join in the Christmas Caroling; meet at the Fair Building.</p> <p>NOVEMBER 23, 2:00 - Frozen meal preparation for Outreach project</p>					



THANKSGIVING DINNER

COME JOIN US ON THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE
FAIR BUILDING IN FLOODWOOD BEGINNING
AT NOON
ALL ARE WELCOME

*pies donated by Helen Snyder and the Hope Lutheran
Church Women*

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEBSITE

Hope Lutheran Church now has its
very own website. Visit us at:

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