



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 2016

A Word From Pastor Carl

AUTUMNAL THANKFULNESS TO GOD FOR HIS PROVIDENCE

It has seemed that this autumn has been exceptionally beautiful. The leaves looked picturesque with their shades of brown, red, yellow and orange. I have officiated at two weddings and attended one more this season and each of the couples has had beautiful weather for their big days.

I have enjoyed the temperate weather, the delicious taste of Hope Lutheran apple pie, the excitement of football games, the appearance on front lawns of political signs and anticipate our fall festival meatball dinner to be followed by the upcoming meal of moist turkey, mashed potatoes, etc. on the last Thursday of the month.

Another aspect of the season that I particularly like each year is the opportunity to review the story of the Pilgrims. Just as we remember the Founding Fathers of our country on Independence Day, Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to think on the important figures of the second English-speaking permanent settlement in what is now the United States. Like Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, etc., the Plymouth Colony was foundational in the history of a written charter that formed our nation. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & MEETING

The third in the Decisions series is "God's Unique Plan" based on Romans 12. Because each of us is different, God's plan for each of us is also different, depending on our gifts, talents, strengths, and shortcomings. In Romans 12 Paul has much to say about this plan and direction for our lives as we seek God's will. We meet at the church on Tuesday, November 8 at 10:00 AM with all women welcome. Shirley Johnson will serve and Grace Autio will lead the lesson.

Thank you to Leigha Kuehl for bringing sunflowers, and Susan Coccie her stately gladiolas to fill our alter vases for several Sundays. Their beauty was enjoyed by all. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNAPPROVED

Hope Lutheran Church

Minutes of Council Meeting

Floodwood, MN

October 25, 2016

Present: David Zieroth, Lonna Hutchinson, Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski, Jennifer Myles, Rob Benson
Absent: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Elvi Tollgaard

Meeting was called to order by President David Zieroth at 7:00 pm. David also opened with prayer.

AGENDA

Motion by Coccie, second by Seredinski to approve the agenda

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Coccie, second by Myles to approve the minutes of September 22, 2016. Motion carried.

Financial: Motion by Seredinski, second by Benson to approve the September financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: Still looking for Sunday school teachers. There is a signup sheet for Sunday school teachers and also for release time teachers.

Outreach: Discussion on how we as a congregation can welcome new people to the community and invite them to attend Hope Lutheran.

Community & Technology: No report

Building: Several contractors have been contacted for bids for new roof for the church. Bids coming in slow.

The rental house is now available for a new renter. The council took a walk through the house to see what may need to be done if the house will continue to be a rental unit. We are still waiting on bids for siding and windows. No decision made on as to where to go from here. Keep as a rental or demolish.

Cornerstone put back in place.

Befrienders: No report

HLCW: Bazaar to be held Wednesday November 16th. Boxes for Operation Christmas Child need to be back at the church by November 13th.

Quilters: Ten quilts made last month.

Administrator: Window replacement - A motion was made by Benson with a second from Coccie to accept the lowest bid by Mesabi Glass, Window & Door to replace the windows in the church. The funds to come from the Endowment fund and donations.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Church literature has been ordered

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

Globe offering through the first Sunday in November for Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Next two meetings: November 17th, and December 15th

Closing prayer given by Dave Zieroth

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

Pastor Appreciation Sunday was celebrated on October 9th. God bless you and your family Pastor.



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HLCW MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2016

President Grace Autio opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. with 12 members present. Minutes of the Sept. 13 meeting were read and approved as read.

Grace introduced Ann Lundstrom and welcomed her as the newest member, to HLCW.

Treasurer Jeanette Johnsen gave a brief unofficial report, noting that she was going to deposit \$1,244.00 for apple pie sales and expects an additional \$164.00 to come in for the remaining pies that aren't paid for. After expenses Jeanette reported that \$1,383.96 is in available checking. It was moved by Lois Hendrickson, seconded by Elsie Tollgaard, to approve the report. All approved.

Grace reported there are six pies remaining. A total of 191 apple pies were made with the help of 22 or 23 people both days.

She noted the upcoming Christmas Bazaar is set for Nov. 16, and Cookie Can Sunday will be December 11. On that day members are asked to each bring 4 dozen cookies which will be gift-packed for local distribution and to Life House in Duluth.

Operation Christmas Child. The annual Shoe Box project will be coming up soon, and the boxes will be due by November 13 ready for shipping to overseas destinations the following week.

There being no other business, Grace called the meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

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William Brewster served as governor of Pilgrims from 1621-1657. His writing, "Of Plymouth Plantation" is the most important source for knowledge about the settlement in its early years including, of course, the first Thanksgiving in 1621.

Another of the settlers to play a key role was Richard Brewster. Brewster was the most educated of the congregation as he had both political and diplomatic experience. From the Pilgrims' previous community in Leiden in the Netherlands, Brewster published material critical of the King of England and was therefore an outlaw. Alden and his family snuck aboard the Mayflower and served as their pastor until one finally arrived from England years later.

John Alden was not a member of the Pilgrims but was hired by the congregation to be their cooper (barrel maker). He married into the congregation with his union to Priscilla Mullins. Alden was the last survivor of the Mayflower Compact and today has the most descendants of any of the original families.

The successful governance of the Pilgrims is also due to John Carver who was the author of the Mayflower Compact, its first signer and was elected the first governor of the colony. Sadly, he died due to heat exhaustion before the first thanksgiving.

Another famous person of the Plymouth settlement was Miles Standish. Standish was hired as a professional soldier for the Pilgrims and is known for his competing courtship for the attention of Priscilla Mullins. Standish tended to be aggressive in military tactics although he is credited with rescuing Squanto from capture by other aboriginal peoples.

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Besides Squanto, there were two other significant Native American contributors to the survival of the Plymouth Colony. These two were Hobbamock and Massasoit. All three were important in educating the Pilgrims about fishing and farming advice. These men possessed rare talents with the English language and with political and military negotiations between the indigenous people and the settlers.

And so as the Pilgrims (and the Natives gathered) together for a festival to thank God for deliverance through their first winter, let us thank our Lord for another year of provision. Plan to attend Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM.

HLCW (Continued from page 3)

APPLE PIE MAKING

Apple pie making went very well with lots of good help. We made 191 pies in two days. All the pies are sold. Thank you to all who helped and thank you to those who bought pies. Also, thank you to Grace and Roy Autio and Shirley Johnson for picking up the apples in Bayfield, WI.



The peelers at work: Elvi Tollgaard, Laverne Hutton, Elaine Helmer, Elsie Tollgaard, Ed Lundstrom, Bob Hosking, Roy Autio at the front table. Middle table: Bubba Vance, Dick Coccie, Sue Vance, Pat Seredinski. Back table: Dave and Ann Bolstad, David Zieroth, and John Seredinski



The Kitchen Crew: Carolyn Hosking, Nancy Raihala, Grace Autio, Cory Suonvieri, Ann Lundstrom, and Marilyn Stephen.

QUILTING



We will not meet for quilting until January 2017.

We met on October 25th and made 9 quilts.

HLCW BAZAAR

The HLCW Bazaar will be held on November 16th from 5-7 PM. There will be a meatball dinner (free will offering), new items, baked goods and crafts. Look for signs around town advertising this event.

PRAYER REQUESTS – NOVEMBER 2016



For those who are ill or hurting

Dinah Tveit
Theresa Fisher
Wayne Thom

Millie Samuelson
Barbara Barrows
Cindy Swenson

Violet Johnson
Joy Greene
Char Pulling

Marvin Wiita
Danette Johnson

families of Leslie Johnston, Albertine Crist and Rebekah Jonas

all those who spiritually struggle
all those who find themselves in patterns of hurt and abuse

For those in the military and their families

Michael Thom
David Shafer
Damien Autio

For places where wars and conflict take place

Syria and Iraq Christians and missionaries threatened by ISIS
Other victims of terrorism
Israel and Palestine
Persecuted church around the world
Those suffering from natural disasters

For our missions and world missionaries

Ekka family & other missionaries commissioned with the World Mission Prayer League
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital
Peace*Love*Haiti

Thanksgiving

Beauty of autumn

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lilly Autio
Pam Rahja
- 5 Rose Chambers
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 7 Mae Olson
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson
Shawna Berendt
- 10 Rebekah Bolstad Jonas
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson
Wyatt Rauvola
- 16 Pastor Carl Fiskness
- 17 Linda Chambers
- 19 Eric Hall
- 21 Sue Hutchinson
- 22 Josef Suhonen
- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
Jordan Myles
- 29 Carl Kuehl



**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jor Romanek
- 4 Carole Ahlgren
- 5 Carolyn Hosking
- 6 Johanna Abell
Cecilia Abell
- 8 Gabriella Grovenburg
- 10 Tony Speece
Constantine Grovenburg
- 12 Danielle (Tollgaard) White
- 13 Kathy Granmoe
- 17 Courtney Young
John Hutchinson
- 19 John Serebinski Jr.
Ricky Kinkel
- 26 Bubba Vance
- 27 Tanya Johnson
- 30 Lois Hendrickson
Lindsey Rosemore
- 31 Alex Larson

**DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 19 Bob & Joyce Andrews
- 25 Bob & Carolyn Hosking
('60)
- 28 Carl & Jodi Fiskness

***HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH GIVING***

General Fund Giving

9-25-16	\$ 982.00
10-2-16	\$ 2152.10
10-9-16	\$ 1309.00
10-17-16	\$ 1942.00
10-23-16	\$ 1608.25

General Savings

10-9-16	\$ 107.66
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Youth

10-2-16	\$ 20.00
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Globe – Robert & Ulla Suhonen

9-25-16	\$ 100.00
Total for Suhonen	\$ 500.00

Globe – Operation Christmas Child

10-9-16	\$ 10.00
10-23-16	\$ 145.00

HLCW FALL BAZAAR



November 16

5-7 PM

*Meatball Dinner
(Free Will Offering)*

*Crafts
Baked Goods
New Items*

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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