



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 2017

## WORD FROM PASTOR

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As the year marches on to November (wow, how did it get here so quickly?) my thoughts quickly go to Thanksgiving Day. It's my favorite holiday! I really enjoy what I call the 5 "F's of the day – family, fellowship, food, football, and friends (alphabetically, not particularly by priority). Thanksgiving is a National Holiday, a day set aside to give thanks, but as Children of the Light (1 Thessalonians 5:5) we should offer thanks to God each day.

Further on in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5, the Apostle Paul exhorts us to "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you." We definitely want to be in God's will, Amen?

It's pretty easy to be thankful when things are going well! I'm thankful for an incident – free move from Montana to Floodwood, a chance to meet with some friends and colleagues along the way, and a beautiful, furnished parsonage to settle into. Add to those blessings a welcoming congregation and friendly townspeople. † *(Continued on Page 4)*

### INTRODUCING PASTOR JULIE GELLERT, INTERIM PASTOR AT HOPE



On October 22<sup>nd</sup> we welcomed interim pastor, Pastor Julie Gellert to our church. Neva and Amelia made name tags for people as they entered the church, and decorated the church fellowship hall for this special occasion. Welcome to Floodwood, Pastor Julie!

# Committee Reports

## Hope Lutheran Church

### Minutes of Council Meeting Floodwood, MN

October 19, 2017

Present: Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Mark Johnsen, Rob Benson, Elvi Tollgaard, Lonna Hutchinson, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski, Pastor Julie Gellert. Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnsen at 6:00 pm. Mark opened with prayer.

#### AGENDA

Motion by Coccie to approve the agenda with additions, second by Tollgaard.

#### REPORTS

**Secretary:** Motion by Coccie, second by Seredinski to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

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

**Pastor:** No Pastor's report.

#### Christian Education and Youth:

Confirmation classes have started. The youth are planning a welcome for Pastor Julie and will be taking part in candle lighting, scripture reading and helping with the teaching of Sunday School.

**Building Committee:** The dehumidifier in the basement is not working properly.

Water damage toward the front of the church is still under investigation.

Skirting on the outside of the building still needs to be addressed. John and Pat Seredinski have been busy getting the parsonage up to date. Working with Ron Ackley with carpeting, Forrest Johnson with bathroom tile. Prepping the bathroom for new tile. Replace lights in garage and downstairs bathroom with LED lights.

Oiled the circulating pumps, got the hose to drain on the dehumidifier. Replaced 2 ballasts in overflow and converted to 32 wt. Reinforced toilet paper holder in upstairs bathroom, checked elevator which is dry in the bottom. Will soon be changing elevator lights to LED. Thank you, John and Pat, for all your work, it is very much appreciated.

**Befrienders:** No report.

**HLCW:** Made 210 pies; will be holding the Bazaar on Wednesday November 15, 5:00-7:00 PM.

**Quilters:** Quilting will resume on September 24.

**Administrator:** Submitted reports on all finances. Also went over what is needed for the parsonage. Replacement stove has arrived. At this time still in need of a couch.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. A letter was sent out to all those who made donations toward the new roof.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Christmas dinner was discussed

and it was decided to put on again.

- B. The City of Floodwood Christmas in the Campground is looking for volunteers. Jeff Kletscher will see what dates are available and there will be a sign-up sheet.

Next meeting: November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Globe offering in November will go towards the Christmas dinner.

Closing prayer given by Pastor Julie.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### BIBLE STUDY

The third lesson in the "Spiritual Warfare" series is "The Serpent's Strategy" based on Genesis 3:1-6 — the story of Eve's encounter with Satan "personified" as a serpent. Why a serpent, and why is it tempting to believe that sin has no consequences? What evidence do we see today that some people believe God is a "cosmic killjoy" and sin is really good for us? Join the discussion on Tuesday, November 14th at 10:00 A.M. with all women welcome. Ruth Reedy will lead the study and coffee will be served by LaVerne Hutton.

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**HLCW (Continued from Page 2)**

**HLCW MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2017**

Nine members were present at the meeting which began at 10:50 a.m. following the bible study conducted by Carolyn Hosking. President Grace Autio called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved as published in the October Beacon of Hope.

An informal treasurer's report was given by Jeanette Johnsen who noted \$135.53 in savings and \$380.86 in checking, for a total of \$516.39. after designated funds of \$27.81, available funds at this time total \$488.58. Jeanette reported that she has written a check for apples at \$17.00 per bushel, which the Hoskings' will be picking up at a Bayfield orchard on Wednesday. A thank you note for the baptism quilt was read from Mr. and Mrs. Trenton Bailey and baby Matthew.

Apple Pie making days are this week: Thursday and Friday, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

A letter was received from the church council asking HLCW what to do with the \$500 that is being returned to the organization from the roof fund. After much discussion it was decided to restore the money to the depleted Campership Fund, upon motion by Jeanette Johnsen, seconded by Carolyn Hosking, with all voting in favor.

Grace reminded the group that the annual Christmas Bazaar is a month away - Wednesday, November 15, and LuAnn Heikkila has consented to be in charge of the kitchen. Other

departments include: new items, Mary circle; serving lunch, Rebecca circle, and the bakery table, Naomi circle.

A list of items needed for the parsonage is being circulated in the church for the interim pastor that will be arriving this month, in about two weeks. It was decided that this group could contribute a new microwave oven, which could be returned to the church kitchen when the interim pastor leaves and a permanent pastor moves here. The motion was made to do that by Elvi Tollgaard, seconded by Jan Benson, and upon vote, everyone agreed. Nancy Raihala was designated to purchase the microwave for the church, which may cost between \$50 and \$100. The meeting closed with a prayer, including a request for conflict resolution within our church family. Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

***OPERATION SHOEBOX***



November is when we will be packing our shoebox gifts for children overseas, most of which have never heard of the gospel message. We need to have the boxes in church by Sunday, November 12. We have brochures on how to pack the shoeboxes. Please read the instructions about what to pack. It costs \$9.00 to ship each box, so make sure you send the check, not cash. If you can't pack a box yourself, perhaps you can find someone to share one with you. It is the true spirit of Christmas to give a child a gift, with a message in it that tells them about Jesus.

***QUILTING***

We will have our quilting day on the fourth Tuesday of the month. This month it will be November 28, starting at 9:00 and ending by 3:00. You don't have to know how to sew to help us make quilts. Come and have some fun, bring a sandwich for lunch, coffee and treats will be provided.

***APPLE PIES***



We were able to make 210 apple pies October 12 and 13, thanks to the wonderful help that showed up to work. We have some left to sell if you didn't get yours already. Call Grace Autio 476-2457, she can open the church for you, otherwise get them on Sunday mornings.

**HLCW**



**WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER  
15**

**5-7 PM**

**MEATBALL  
DINNER**

**BAKE SALE**

**NEW  
ITEMS**

**WORD FROM PASTOR**  
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Here at Hope Lutheran Church, I'm thankful for the things we are part of this month – filling gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child, serving and participating in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and most importantly – in the traditions of our denomination – worshipping our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, in Spirit and in truth.

Yes, there will be some bumps in the road; some challenges to face. There always are. It would be Pollyannaish to think there won't be. But in Christ, we always have a future and a hope. We don't have to be like Jack Nicholson's character in the movie "As Good as it Gets", asking "Is this as good as it gets?" Of that we can be truly thankful. †

Pastor J

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**CHRISTMAS IN THE  
CAMPGROUND**



The Church Council voted at their October meeting to have Hope Lutheran volunteers staff the *Christmas in the Campground* event on the nights of Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9. We need 6 to 8 adults each evening to make that happen. Sign-up sheet has been placed on the window as you walk into the sanctuary.

**VOLUNTEER(S)  
WANTED**

1. *Sunday  
School  
teachers*

2. *Release Time  
teachers*

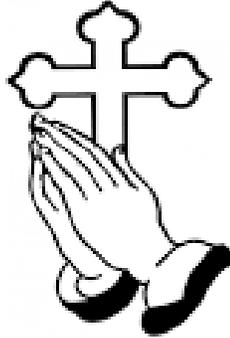
**REGULAR  
TEACHERS  
AND SUBS  
ARE NEEDED.  
PLEASE PRAY  
FOR THIS  
VERY  
IMPORTANT  
MINISTRY**

**THANK YOU VETERANS**



*On November 11th thank all those who have served in the U.S. military. Remember also those family members of military members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.*

## PRAYER REQUEST NOVEMBER 2017



### **For those who are ill or struggling**

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Willa
Sadie	Danette	Coach	
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	
Theresa	Joy C.	Mallory	

Those suffering from natural disasters  
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

### **For those in the military**

Michael Thom  
David Shafer  
Damien Autio

### **For places where wars and conflict take place**

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, the Call Committee and Church Council  
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lilly Autio
- 5 Rose Chambers
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 7 Mae Olson
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson  
Shawna Behrendt
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson  
Wyatt Rauvola
- 16 Pastor Carl Fiskness
- 17 Linda Chambers  
Sadie Kiminski
- 19 Eric Hall
- 21 Sue Hutchinson
- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
- 29 Carl Kuehl



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Laverne & Ed Hutton

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jordan Romanek
- 4 Carole Ahlgren
- 5 Carolyn Hosking
- 6 Johanna Abell  
Cecilia Abell
- 10 Tony Speece
- 12 Danielle (Tollgaard) White
- 17 Courtney Young  
John Hutchinson
- 19 John Seredinski Jr.
- 26 Bubba Vance
- 27 Tanya Johnson
- 29 McKennah Keil
- 30 Lois Hendrickson  
Lindsey Rosemore
- 31 Alex Larson

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Bob & Joyce Andrews
- 25 Bob & Carolyn Hosking ('60)

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

### General Fund Giving

Oct 1	\$2035.07
Oct 8	\$1138.75
Oct 15	\$1377.79
Oct 22	\$ 443.00

### Globe Offering

Suhonen	\$ 820.00
(includes \$65 from September globe)	
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 5.00

### Memorials

In Memory of Char Kadin from  
Lois Hendrickson \$ 10.00  
(General Checking)

## GLOBE OFFERING



The beginning of the month of November the Globe offering is designated for Operation Christmas Child.

Beginning November 12, it will be designated for the Community Christmas Dinner.

# November 2017

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	31	1 Religious Release: <b>11:23-12:00</b> - High School; <b>1:00-1:45</b> – Elementary; <b>2:30-3:30</b> Confirmation Class	2 <b>9-10:30 AM</b> Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	3 Pastor's day off	4
5 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	6 <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	7	8 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: <b>11:23-12:00</b> - High School; <b>1:00-1:45</b> – Elementary; <b>2:30-3:30</b> Confirmation Class	9	10 Pastor's day off	11
12 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship  Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due with blessing of the boxes	13 <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	14 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	15 Religious Release: <b>11:23-12:00</b> - High School; <b>1:00-1:45</b> – Elementary; <b>2:30-3:30</b> Confirmation Class <b>5-7 HLCW</b> <b>Bazaar</b>	16 9:30 AM Worship and Music committee  6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	17 Pastor's day off	18
19 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	20 <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance  3-7 PM Community Shopping Night	21	22 Religious Release: <b>11:23-12:00</b> - High School; <b>1:00-1:45</b> – Elementary; <b>NO</b> Confirmation Class <b>7:00PM</b> Thanksgiving service	23  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 Pastor's day off	25
26 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	27 <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	28 9-3 Quilting	29 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: <b>11:23-12:00</b> - High School; <b>1:00-1:45</b> – Elementary; <b>2:30-3:30</b> Confirmation Class	30	December 8-9 Hope Lutheran volunteers to staff Christmas in the Campground.	

## **SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS**

### **November**

*Leader: Mark & Kathy Johnsen*

Hazel Bailey  
Kim Hutchinson  
Jeanette Johnsen



### **December**

*Leader: Roy & Grace Autio*

Dale & Mary Rauvola  
Floyd & Carole Ahlgren

## **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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