

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

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Welcome to late fall and the month of thanksgiving. It is time to remember all the blessings God has bestowed on us. How many of you have responded to my challenge to record three blessings a day? On Thanksgiving Day use your list as a starting point in offering thanks to God.

We begin our thanksgiving on All Saints Day when we remember those saints who have become before us and have gone on to be with the Lord.

We can show our thanks by blessing others as we participate in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box missionary outreach to needy children of the world. We will be blessing the boxes with our children on Sunday November 17.

We also will have our annual November bazaar event November 20 to raise funds for use in our church ministries. This is an opportunity to give back in thanks for all the blessings we have received. Our children will be offering us an opportunity to sponsor them for a special Christmas ornament in thanksgiving Of God sending us His son Jesus as our Savior.

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Hope Lutheran Church Women



Continuing with the “30 Life Principles” study by Charles Stanley, we’ll cover lessons 5 and 6 for November. Principle 5 is “God does not require us to understand His will, just obey it, even it seems unreasonable” based on Joshua 3:8. If your prayers seem unanswered and the path ahead appears blocked, then it could be that God is waiting for you to take the step of faith that He’s commanded.

Principle 6, based on Judges 2:1-4, is “You reap what you sow, more than you sow, and later than you sow”. It’s important to be conscious of what we sow with words and actions, because they set the direction of our lives. Join the discussion on Tuesday, November 12th at 10:00 A.M. All women are welcome. Sue Coccie will lead the lesson and serve coffee. *(Continued on Page 3)*

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

September 22, 2019

Members Present:

Pat Seredinski, LuAnn Heikkila, Deb Tollgaard, Rob Benson,, Tanya Johnson, Mark Johnsen, Pastor John Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Dean Fries.

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Mark Johnsen.

Motion by Pat Seredinski, 2nd by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

August 19, Council Minutes - Motion by Deb Tollgaard, 2nd by Mark Johnsen to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed August financial report. Motion by Tanya Johnson, and 2nd by Pat Seredinski to approve the Treasure's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report, 6 visits with shut-ins and 6 communions given. Gave out copies of the Daily Bread and they were well received. 12 hours of premarital counseling was given.

Religious release preparation is underway. Preparing for two funerals in September. Cindy and Pastor are taking pictures of the shut-ins for the directory. Officiating a wedding October 19. In October a study of spiritual gifts as part of the series on Who Broke

My Church will be conducted. This will help members identify their gifts and how they will allow the members to become better disciples. Pastor had vacation September 16 - 20 and will take another vacation October 2 - 9 to visit the grandkids.

Administrator's Report

Jeff Kletscher's report was provided and included financial information and the following; west exit and alley doors are now keyed the same, there were some locking issues with the back door. Rental update - Hope was given notice that the renters would be leaving the rental house. (At this point they were to be gone by the day before yesterday and are not gone yet.) Camp Patmos Update- still one unpaid deposit from a family. Donation from Clothing Etc. used by Religious release for snacks - balance forward \$30.18. Community Vacation Bible School, balance forward \$267.95. All bills have not been submitted by Ario's as of yet. A different closure has been ordered for the backdoor.

Committee Report

Christian Education and Youth

Feed Sack Presentation - Rob Benson will attend District Fair Association to see if our feed sack display will be wanted at other fairs next year.

Back to School Night - There was a good turn out and ice cream was donated by the Fair Assn.

Confirmation - Summer J. and Hannah Z. will start confirmation this coming Wednesday during religious release.

Religious Release - Will start this Wednesday.

Sunday School - Maybe have confirmands teach Sunday school when Hazel cannot.

Outreach Committee - Rob discussed how other churches combine, slowly easing into change to make it more appealing for all. Will discuss at a later date.

Building Committee - What to do with rental house? Bubba will install gutters on west side of church - will need to wait for scaffolding. Bubba will fix gutters on the parsonage as well. John put new LED bulbs in sign.

Quilting - They will start up Thursday.

Old Business

a. Church Directory Discussion - October 5,6,12, and 13. Discussed how Jeff Kletscher will call each person or family to see who is interested in being in Directory.

b. October 6 - Heather Ostern will preach while pastor is on vacation. No communion, communion will be held October 13.

New Business

a. Parking Discussion - Jeff will be ordering signs. Goal: No game parking if church has an event. There is overflow parking on 4th Ave south of school and Catholic Church.

b. Sponsor Community Christmas Dinner in 2019. Agree to host the dinner motion by Tanya Johnson and 2nd by LuAnn Heikkila. Motion carried.

c. Christmas in the Campground - Hope Lutheran to work a night in campground. All agreed.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Global Offering

October Global offering will be a free month (none), November will go towards the Community Christmas Dinner. (Note: October to November 17, was changed to Operation Christmas Child for their operations.)

Next Meeting - Sunday, October 27, 2019 before service at 8:00 AM.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.



Thank you Veterans and your family for your service and sacrifice to help maintain the freedom of our country.

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HLCW MINUTES

September 29, 2019

Special meeting

A special meeting of HLCW was held after the church service Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019.

President Grace Autio called the meeting to order in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Purpose of the meeting was to decide whether to contribute money to two upcoming projects. Motion was made by Shirley Johnson to donate \$100 to Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet for their offer of free use of their apple orchard on Oct. 2 for the purpose of picking enough apples for the Hope apple pie project.. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Hosking, and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Elvi Tollgaard, seconded by Susan Coccie, to donate \$100 for snacks for this fall's release time students. The motion was approved by vote of all those present.

The meeting was then adjourned by President Grace.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

HLCW MINUTES

October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Grace Autio following the bible study. Eight members present.

Minutes of the special meeting held September 29th were read by the secretary and were unanimously approved as read following a motion by Carolyn Hosking, seconded by Jan Benson.

Jeanette Johnsen's treasurer's report showed a checking balance on Sept. 9 of \$175.88; and after income of \$1,150.00, (including pie income of \$875.00), and expenses of \$191.41, there remained a checking balance of \$1,134.47.

There is a savings balance of \$436.55, and designated funds (pies) of \$775.00, leaving an available funds balance of \$796.02. Motion was made by Elvi Tollgaard and seconded by Shirley Johnson to approve the report as read. All voted aye in favor of the report.

Grace read a correspondence from John and Tammy Juhl, formerly of Floodwood, and now John serves Stavanger Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, MN. They are also missionaries and have recently served an area of the Sudan in Africa. Grace also read Thank You notes from the family of Rose Chambers, and from Liz and Wayne Thom, who recently transferred church membership to Cloquet.

Pres. Grace reported on a very successful two days of apple pie making, during which about 240 pies were made with lots of help from members who picked the apples and worked on preparing and making the pies.

Under New Business, Grace reminded us that the annual Shoe Box time is nearing, and a number of the boxes have been ordered for members to fill before the November deadline.

LuAnn Heikkila has again consented to be in charge of the kitchen and will make the meatballs for the annual bazaar on November 20.

There being no further business, Pres. Grace declared the meeting closed at 11:45 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

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On Thanksgiving Day as we gather with family and friends, we remember all the blessings God has given us this past year. We should thank God graciously for all He has done. It is a time to commit ourselves to begin a practice of daily thanksgiving of prayer to our generous heavenly Father.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your show of appreciation for Cindy and I with cards, kind words and the special appreciation day. The cake was so good. We have been so blessed to be able to serve you and be welcomed as part of the Hope Lutheran family. God is good, all the time.

God's continuing blessings for all of you.

Pastor John

QUILTING



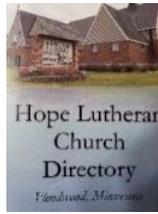
Quilting will resume in January 2020.

APPLE PIE PICKING & MAKING



Thanks to everyone who helped with picking apples and making pies. Two hundred and forty pies were made.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



For \$5.00 you can get a digital copy of your church directory picture. If you are interested in that option, you can put your money, along with your email address, in an envelope and place the envelope in Cory Suonvieri's church box. Thank you Cherie for your time and talent in taking the pictures for the directory.

There is still time to email or submit a photo if you missed Directory Picture days. Deadline is November 1. You can email your picture to Jeff at jeffkletscher@yahoo.com or the church email hopefldwd7@gmail.com or regular mail PO Box 288, Floodwood MN 55736. Thanks.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?



Pastor Burgess and Jeff Kletscher recently met with two representatives from Thrivent to discuss how Hope Lutheran can benefit from the programs Thrivent offers. Thrivent staff are not able to provide us with a list of Floodwood area Thrivent members. If you are a Thrivent member or know of a Floodwood area Thrivent member, please let Jeff know.



The ministerial group of Floodwood, made up of all the churches in Floodwood, is holding a dinner theater presentation of "A Christmas," an adaptation of Charles Dickens', "Christmas Carol." It will be held at the Event Center, December 14 at 6:00 PM.

SHARING OUR HOPE



Do you have an extra Bible you're not using? Sharing Our Hope Ministry would like to have it. We are placing Bibles in the "Little Free" library at the Floodwood rest area for travelers to take and use. You can drop off Bibles to be donated in the white box in the overflow section of the church. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

BIBLE QUIZ

1. "Thou shalt have no other _____ before me."(Exodus 20:3)
 - A. life
 - B. thoughts
 - C. gods
 - D. love

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2. **"Thou shalt not make unto thee any _____...."**(Exodus 20:4)
 A. business for thyself
 B. food on the Sabbath
 C. graven image
 D. home without me
3. **"Thou shalt not take the _____ of the Lord thy God in vain...."**(Exodus 20:7)
 A. words
 B. thought
 C. life
 D. name
4. **"Remember the _____ to keep it holy."**(Exodus 20:8)
 A. kingdom of God
 B. passover
 C. Messiah
 D. sabbath day
5. **"Honour thy _____."**(Exodus 20:12)
 A. women and children
 B. body
 C. father and thy mother
 D. blessings
6. **"Thou shalt not _____."**(Exodus 20:13)
 A. sleep more than is needful
 B. kill
 C. drink
 D. eat meat
7. **"Thou shalt not commit _____."**(Exodus 20:14)
 A. adultery
 B. forgery
 C. felony
 D. perjury
8. **"Thou shalt not _____,"**(Exodus 20:15)
 A. shout
 B. eat in darkness
 C. keep secrets
 D. steal
9. **"Thou shalt not bear _____."**(Exodus 20:16)

- A. that which is not meet to be borne
 B. false witness
 C. illness
 D. thy neighbor's burdens
10. **"Thou shalt not _____."**(Exodus 20:17)
 A. have pride
 B. fight
 C. covet
 D. give in to the vainness of men
11. **To whom did God give these commandments, engraved on stone tablets?**(Exodus 31:18)
 A. Moses
 B. Noah
 C. Adam
 D. Peter

(Answers on page 6)

**CHRISTMAS IN THE
CAMPGROUND**

On Saturday, December 7th, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Hope Lutheran is hosting "Christmas in the Campground" at the Floodwood City Campground.



Responsibilities include, tending fire, providing hot chocolate and cookies, help, monitor, and guide visitors through the displays. We anticipate that 6-8 volunteers will be needed. Arrangements will also need to be made with Santa to visit during that time.

HLCW



**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER**

20

5-7 PM

**MEATBALL
DINNER**

BAKE SALE

**NEW
ITEMS**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

We will be filling and sending shoe box gifts again this year to children all over the world who are in need. Collection week will be November 18-25. So please have your boxes and a check for \$9.00 for shipping on Sunday November 17. We will have extra instruction sheets printed off. Thank you for helping with this and all our worthy projects.



THANK YOU



Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Worship and Music Committee will meet Thursday, November 21st at 1:00 p.m. We welcome new participants in the group. Suggestions for hymns/music can be submitted to Jeannette or Pastor John before that day.

Thanks to John and Bubba for installing the gutters on the church!



Answers to Bible Quiz

1-C, 2-C, 3-D, 4-D, 5-C, 6-B, 7-A, 8-D, 9-B, 10-C, 11-A

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lilly Autio
- 2 Ann Knight
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 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**



(None Listed)

Let Ann Bolstad know if you have a November anniversary.

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

September 29	\$ 614.62
October 6	\$ 2595.72
October 13	\$ 1810.00
October 20	\$ 1376.00

Globe Offering

Operation Christmas Child \$105.60

Religious Release Snacks

from HLCW \$ 100.00

Memorials

In Memory of Charles Anderson
from Bubba and Sue Vance
(Memorial Savings) \$ 25.00

In Memory of Betty Hyttinen from
Bubba and Sue Vance
(Memorial Savings) \$ 25.00

GLOBE OFFERING



Globe Offering through November 17 will be for Operation Christmas Child. A check will be sent to them to support the operation of the program.

Globe offering for remainder of November and December will be to support Community Christmas Dinner which Hope Lutheran sponsors.

PRAYER REQUESTS NOVEMBER 2019



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Mark	Phil
Sadie	Danette	Coach	Gary	Jack M.
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	Nick	Liz
Theresa	Dean S.	Willa	Leonard	Bradley
Rosie				

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

For those in the military

David Shafer
Damien Autio
Owen Seredinski
Cody Farrell

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 and Church Council
Pastor Julie
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta
Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

November 2019 HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola				1	2
3 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-1200 Bible Study	4 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	5	6 10:00-12:00 Bible Study, Riverview Apartments-Heather Ostern, leader Religious Release: 1:00-1:45-HS 1:45-2:30-Elem.	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-1200 Bible Study	11 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	12 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	13 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 1:00-1:45-HS 1:45-2:30-Elem.	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-1200 Bible Study <i>Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes due</i> 	18 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	19	20 Religious Release: 1:00-1:45-HS 1:45-2:30-Elem. 5-7 PM <i>HLCW</i>  BAZAAR	21 1:00 Worship Committee	22	23
24 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship 11:00-1200 Bible Study <i>Beacon of Hope news articles due</i>	25 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours 3-5 Christmas Shopping night	26	27 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 1:00-1:45-HS 1:45-2:30-Elem.	28	29	30

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

November *Leader: Mark & Kathy Johnsen*

Hazel Bailey
Kim Hutchinson
Jeanette Johnsen



December *Leader: Roy & Grace Autio*

Dale & Mary Rauvola
Ann & Dave Bolstad

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEB SITE

Hope Lutheran Church now has its

very own web site. Visit us at:

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

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