



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church OCTOBER 2017

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God's Promises

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

“The hurricane is heading your way...can you leave? Is there a safe place for you? We are so worried about you. We wish Mike was with you rather than at sea.” So went our thoughts as we watched Hurricane Harvey’s path and power on television. We were beginning to feel a “love-hate” relationship with the TV – wanted to watch yet the more we watched, the more anxious we became. Our daughter-in-law, Lisa, is a Texan and a hurricane survivor. She lost everything in Hurricane Ivan when her youngest child was just one-year-old and she learned her lessons very well. This time she shopped at 3 different stores to stock up on bottled water and canned food as her contribution in her plan to stay with her mother and step-father who lived northwest of Houston. As a Navy wife, she has all their important papers ready to “go at a moment’s notice,” all her photos digitized and backed up in 3 different places. Her car was loaded including the dog & dog food! “Trust in the Lord with all your heart” we kept telling ourselves. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women

BIBLE STUDY

The second lesson in the “Spiritual Warfare” series is “Facing Temptation” based on Matthew 4:1-11 — the story of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness. Throughout this passage Jesus demonstrates trust, obedience, and true worship. How can we make these our ultimate weapons against the devil’s temptations? Join the discussion on Tuesday, October 9th at 10:00 A.M. All women are welcome.

APPLE PIES

The group decided to make apple pies again this year. They will make them on October 12 and 13. The price will be the same as last year, \$8.00, and the pies will be frozen to be baked at home when they are used. They can be frozen up to a year and still be good. You can give your orders to Elsie Tollgaard, phone, 476-2885. We are asking for everyone’s help to peel, mix, and roll pie crust. We have had good support from our men and are hoping they will help our women again. A sign-up sheet will be up in the church for donations for ingredients. *(Continued on Page 3)*



Committee Reports

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING Floodwood, MN

September 19, 2017

Present: Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Rob Benson, Elvi Tollgaard, Lonna Hutchinson, Susan Coccie, Mark Johnsen, Pat Seredinski, and some members of the Call Committee.

Prior to the Council meeting being called to order, the Church Council and Call Committee met with Pastor Warren Baker and Pastor Joan Scheffler to discuss Beyond the River Academy and the resources it can provide Hope Lutheran.

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnsen at 7:50 pm. Mark opened with prayer.

AGENDA

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

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Benson, second by Seredinski to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial: Motion by Tollgaard, second by Hutchinson to approve the August financial report. Motion carried.

Pastor: no Pastor's report.

Christian Education and Youth: Rob Benson and Liz Thom will be working with the Confirmation students.

Outreach: At this time, Homework Help will not be starting up this Fall.

Community & Technology: No report.

Building Committee: The dehumidifier in the basement is not working properly. Water damage toward the front of the church is still under investigation.

Befrienders: no report.

HLCW: no report.

Quilters: no report.

Administrator: Submitted reports on all finances. Jeff also gave a Pulpit Supply update. Sunday School will begin each Sunday after the Children's sermon.

A motion made by Coccie, second by Benson to allow The Boy Scouts to meet at the Church the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 2:30 until 4:30. Motion carried.

A walk through the parsonage needs to be done so what work needs to be done can be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

A. A letter will be sent out to all those who made donations toward the new roof for the church. A motion made by Hutchinson, second by Seredinski to pay the \$1000 for the deductible out of the Rental account. Motion carried. And a motion was made by Coccie with a second by Seredinski to return \$25,000 back to the endowment fund. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Parsonage walk through was discussed.

B. Pastor Warren Baker to set up an interview with Pastor Julie Gellert for a long term Interim position at Hope Lutheran.

Next meeting: October 19th at 6:00 pm.

Globe offering in October will go toward Operation Christmas Child.

Closing prayer given by Mark Johnsen.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

HOPE LUTHERAN CALL COMMITTEE

Liz Thom, Chairperson

The Call Committee met for the first time on September 10, 2017. We began the work of getting to know each other and the various volunteer experiences we have had in life as well as within our church. We began reviewing and updating our Congregational Profile as recommended by the LCMC Call Committee guideline. This project helps us focus on "where we were, where we are, and where we want to be" as described by one of the committee members. We are deliberately taking time to review and discuss each section so we can give an accurate picture of Hope Lutheran to future pastoral applicants.

The Church Council invited the Call Committee to listen to a presentation by Pastor Warren Baker and Pastor Joan Schleffer from Beyond the River Academy which offers intentional interim pastors for churches in the call process. It was an interesting presentation. In view of this, the Call Committee will continue to meet briefly during fellowship time for prayer until an interim

pastor is hired. The Call Committee will be listening to young families and older folks alike about what their priorities are for a pastor. This will allow the Call Committee to identify priority issues and develop the right questions to ask when we begin interviews.

One of our members reminded us that God already knows who He has chosen to be our next pastor. Our job is to figure out how to get there. We appreciate your prayers as we discern "who we were, where we are, and where we are called to go."

HLCW (Continued from Page 1)

HLCW MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Eleven members were present at the first fall session of 2017. President Grace Autio called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes of the May 9th meeting were okayed as published in the church Bulletin.

Jeanette Johnsen distributed the latest treasurer's report, which showed an opening balance of \$726.05 on May 8, 2017. After income of \$924.10 and total expenses of \$1,277.38 this summer including a \$500.00 contribution to the new roof and several camperships, there was a checking balance of \$372.77. There is a savings balance of \$135.43 following a transfer to checking. After designated funds of \$17.22 to the B. Wain Memorial, the report showed available funds of \$490.98 as of this date.

Following a motion made to accept the report by Liz Thom, seconded by Jan Benson, the treasurer's report was by unanimous vote accepted.

President Grace asked the membership to replace her as president, a position she has held for many years and which she feels she can no longer handle, with all the yearly planning involved. Susan Coccie volunteered to continue to help with computer records and copying duties. Grace said she hopes someone would come forward to take over her job. No one volunteered at this time.

Grace asked the members if we want to make apple pies this year and received an enthusiastic reply of 'yes.' Elsie Tollgaard volunteered to take orders as Lois Hendrickson has done in the past, and record the amounts when people pick up their pies. Volunteers will go to Apple Hill Orchard near Bayfield on Oct. 11, and pick up the apples. Pie making days will be Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13.

HLCW will again take part in the Christmas Child (shoe boxes) project. The Christmas Bazaar will be held Wednesday, November 15 and Elvi will ask LuAnn Heikkila if she will be in charge of the cooking again this year. Cookie Can day will be December 10.

These projects will be finalized at the October HLCW meeting, 2nd Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

OTHER HLCW NEWS

We are also planning to do Operation Christmas Child, the November Bazaar, and distribute Christmas cookies in December.

QUILTING

We will have our quilting day, October 24, the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 9:00. We are always hoping someone new will join us.



GOD'S PROMISES (continued from page 1)

Then the rain came....and the wind....and the water in the rivers began to overflow....and Google Maps showed Pearland, TX beginning to swim, then flood. Oh my. Then the rain and wind and a tornado and flood hit Lisa's mom's town. The street became flooded. "I'm alright, I'm safe. We're fine. My car is in the garage and it's dry." "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

The hurricane moved on but because of the flooding and all the danger, Lisa stayed with her mother 3 more days. The next day she tried to get back to see the damage to her home but the street was still flooded. She got to within 2 blocks of it so she was happy to see the water receding well. Then she saw looters. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Please, God, keep her safe.

September 3-Lisa is able to get home...and it's DRY! No water got into her home or garage. Prior to leaving, she had frozen a glass of water, put a quarter on top of the ice and put it in the freezer. When she got home, the quarter had thawed less than 1/4" which gave her great comfort in trusting that the food in her freezer was good. Smart lady! Prayers were sent and answered even better than we had hoped. Mike's ship off Central America had avoided the (Continued on Page 4)

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storms and his new mission was to provide humanitarian aid to those who have been devastated by the storms. Our family was safe, dry, loved. Truly these are blessings. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Wayne & Liz

HELP WANTED

PIE MAKING



**Peelers
Choppers
Packers
Various
other positions for pie making**

**Thursday, October 12 & 13
9:00 am-?**

Payment: A piece of fresh baked apple pie that YOU helped to prepare.

Elsie Tollgaard will be taking pie orders.

**VOLUNTEER(S)
WANTED**

1. **Sunday School teachers** are needed beginning September 10th
2. **Release Time teachers** are needed beginning September 27th.
High School-11:23-12:00 noon
Elementary-1:00-1:34 PM

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

GLOBE OFFERING



October Globe offering is designated for Operation Christmas Child

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT



Pat Seredinski and Susan Coccie served ice cream to students and family at the Floodwood School, August 31st, during their Welcome Back to School Event.

**God Has Brought Me
Laughter**

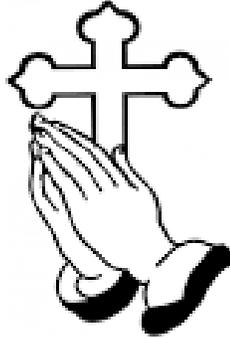
HOW'S THAT?



One Easter Sunday morning as the pastor was preaching a children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?"

"I know, I know!" a little boy exclaimed, "pantyhose!"

PRAYER REQUEST OCTOBER 2017



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah
Sadie
Frances
Theresa

Lorraine
Danette
Grace W.
Joy C.

Joy G.
Coach
Lois
Mallory

Willa
Gianna D.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Liam Seredinski
Dale Rauvola
- 4 Molly Johnsen
Elvie Tollgaard
LuAnn Heikkila
- 5 Cory Suonvieri
- 6 David Jatkola
- 9 Russ Abell
- 11 Wayne Thom
- 12 Ann Bolstad
- 13 Pastor Owen Christianson
Anna Hall
- 17 Mark Johnsen
- 22 Shannon Johnsen
Jim Hutton
- 24 Bob Andrews
Tamera Lundstrom
- 27 Marissa Johnson

**OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Liz & Wayne Thom ('66)
- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson
- 3 Pat & John Seredinski ('71)

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)
- 22 Laverne & Ed Hutton
- 25 Pam & Bob Rahja
- 29 Robert & Darci (Rahja)
Dahl

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH GIVING**

General Fund Giving

August 27	\$ 912.60
September 3	\$2225.25
September 10	\$ 765.00
September 17	\$1585.00
September 24	\$1220.50

Globe Offering

School Supplies	\$ 100.00
Suhonen	\$ 65.00

Memorials

In Memory of Char Kadin from
Kurt & Desiree Vanorden
\$ 200.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Julia Suonvieri from
Lucy Johnston \$ 500.00
(Memorial Savings) (Designated
for VBS and Youth Camps)



**BOY
SCOUTS**

See the calendar for dates
and time of Boy Scout
meetings at Hope.

October 2017

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pulpit Supply: Robert & Ulla Suhonen 10:45 Fellowship	2 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	3	4 Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 - High School 1:00-1:45 - Elementary 2:30-4:00 Confirmation Class	5 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	6	7
8 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pulpit Supply: Chaplin (Ret.) Heather Ostern 10:45 Fellowship	9 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance	10 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting	11 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School 1:00-1:45 – Elementary 2:30-4:00 Confirmation Class 2:30-4:30 Boy Scouts	12 9:00 Pie making	13 9:00 Pie making	14
15 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pulpit Supply: Rolf Nestingen (LCMC Ret., Laporte) 10:45 Fellowship	16 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	17	18 Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 - High School 1:00-1:45 – Elementary 2:30-4:00 Confirmation Class	19 9:30 AM Worship and Music committee 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	20	21
22 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pulpit Supply: 10:45 Fellowship 1:45 Call Committee	23 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski	24	25 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Religious Release: 11:23-12:00 -High School 1:00-1:45 - Elementary 2:30-4:00 Confirmation Class 2:30-4:30 Boy Scouts	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pulpit Supply: 10:45 Fellowship 1:45 Call Committee	30 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	31	LOOKING AHEAD- November 15 HLCW Bazaar December 10 Cookie Can Day			

SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

October

Leader: LuAnn Heikkila
Dave & Tracy Zieroth
Judy Dressley
Leigha Kuehl

November

Leader: Mark & Kathy Johnsen
Hazel Bailey
Kim Hutchinson
Jeanette Johnsen



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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