

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran October 2025

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are entering the month of October which means the leaves are changing to beautiful red, orange, yellow, and brown. The temperatures are cooling, and apple harvest time is here. For us at Hope Lutheran that means it is time to think about making our wonderful traditional apple pies. A special thank you to all who contribute to keeping this tradition going. We will be gathering together to make the pies on Thursday, October 9th in the church fellowship hall. Get your orders in early as we always sell out quickly.

Religious release has started again with nine elementary and nine high school students. Special thanks to our teachers Dawn Schafer and Gary Gustafson. Also, thanks to Patti and Jeanette and those who provide treats for the kids. This is such an important outreach program which we provide to expose the kids to God's Word in the difficult world they are growing up in. Let us all pray for those involved in this program.

The Bible study classes at the Riverview apartments, Sunday morning adult class, and the women's study class are up and running. I invite you to come and join us if you can. *(Continued on Page 3)*



& HLCW NEWS

Cindy Burgess will continue leading a study on women of the Bible on October 14th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. The women featured will be Rahab and Jael, two lesser known women of the Old Testament. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE AVAILABLE

Floodwood School Open House



The local churches participated in the Floodwood School Open House by providing hotdogs, chips, water and ice cream. Over 100 people were served. Hope provided the ice cream. Thanks to those who participated in this ministry.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson
- 3 Pat & John Seredinski ('71)
- 15 Jim & Lisa Dusek
- 23 Shelley Arjes & Gary
Gustafson (1999)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 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

No anniversaries
during November

Financial Summary (1/1/25 – 8/31/25)

Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2025	\$6,221.00	\$6,692.03
February 2025	\$5,088.00	\$7,154.96
March 2025	\$12,111.58	\$9,554.17
April 2025	\$4,372.00	\$7,891.22
May 2025	\$5,531.10	\$7,905.88
June 2025	\$6,652.59	\$9,464.69
July 2025	\$4,681.95	\$5,857.94
August 2025	\$11,895.07	\$5,972.14
Year to Date	\$56,553.29	\$60,493.03
Year to Date (\$399.74) (Expenses exceed income at this time.)		



Baptism

Hazel Ann Rausch was baptized in August. Welcome to the family of God Hazel.

FOOD SHELF

NEW HOURS

**2ND FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH
12-2:00 PM**

**THEN: THE FOLLOWING
MONDAY 9-11:00 AM**



Reminders

**Sign up to serve
refreshments!**

And

**Sign up to be a
Scripture reader!**

Pastor's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

October is also the month we, as Lutherans, remember our Lutheran heritage as we celebrate the Protestant Reformation and the contribution Martin Luther made to this important time in Church History. I will be inviting Brother Martin to be with us on Sunday October 26th. He will share with us another of his famous sermons from that time. We are all beneficiaries of his finding of the five Solas of truth. We are saved by grace alone, word alone, faith alone, Christ alone, and glory to God alone. Please come and join us for this special time, and remember to wear red!

May we all have a blessed fall season.

Pastor John



God has instructed us to recognize His servants. October 12th we honor Pastor and Cindy. Many blessings to Pastor John and Cindy. Thank you both for blessing us everyday.

HLCW (continued from page 1)



Quilting

The quilters will meet on Tuesday, October 28, starting at 9:00A.M. at the church for the second session of this fall. All help is appreciated!!

APPLE PIE MAKING



ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR APPLE PIE MAKING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, STARTING AT 9 AM.

NEEDED ARE PEELERS, MIXERS, AND ROLLERS.

The price of a pie is \$10.00.

SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE NATHAX WINDOW TO DONATE NEEDED SUPPLIES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THOSE!



Boxes will be on the table in the overflow room.

Handouts – follow directions!! \$10.00 this year for shipping. Include check to OCC or a note stating paid online. Be sure to follow directions on what is NOT allowed in the boxes – many prohibited items are added each year.

(Giving in the GLOBE is NOT for a shoe box you make. Globe Offering is to Samaritan's Purse and their costs associated with Operation Christmas Child program.)

Deadline: Sunday, November 16.

PRAYER REQUESTS
October 2025



For those who are ill or struggling

Kitty	Gary
Dean S.	Jerry
Danette	Sadie
Carlene	Elsie
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Doug S.
Carolyn	Roy
Erik	

Those suffering from natural disasters.
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends.
Those mourning the loss of loved ones.

For those in the military:

Owen Seredinski, Liam Seredinski, Jacob Seredinski

For places where wars and conflict take place

Ukraine
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
Pashtun People Group
Robert & Ulla Suhonen
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital
Peace*Love*Haiti
Madagascar Mission Project
*For our congregation and Church Council
*Pastor Julie
*Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

Peace and healing in Ukraine and Israel and the world!

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

August 24	\$ 756.00
August 31	\$5949.75
September 7	\$3008.00
September 14	\$ 554.00
September 21	\$ 790.00

**Globe
Religious Release Snacks**

September 7	\$130.00
September 14	\$ 73.00
September 21	\$145.00

Globe Offering



October - Support Samaritan's Purse to cover their costs for Operation Christmas Child (Is NOT to cover cost of boxes you pack.)

Offerings can be mailed to:
Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736

October 2025 Hope Lutheran Planner						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: John Seredinski		1 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	2 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	3	4
5 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	6 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	7	8 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	9 9 AM-Pie Making 	10 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	11
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26 8 AM-Church Council 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study Reformation Sunday WEAR RED	27 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	28 9-3 PM Quilting	29 Religious Release HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	30	31	



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED