

# The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran October 2025

## *Pastor's Corner*

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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)*

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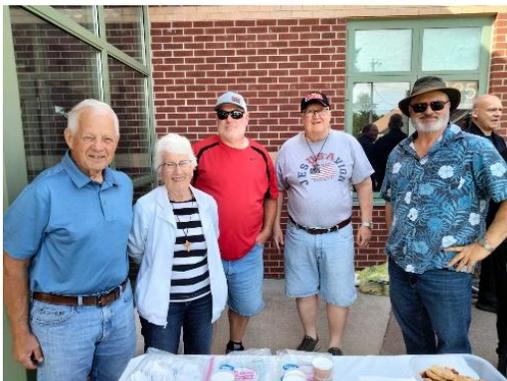
**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

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
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$56,553.29</b>	<b>\$60,493.03</b>
<b>Year to Date (\$3939.74)</b>		
<b>(Expenses exceed income at this time.)</b>		



**Baptism**

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

**FOOD SHELF**  
**NEW HOURS**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> 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**  
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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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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
	<b>USHER:</b> John Seredinski		<b>1</b> <b>Religious Release</b> HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	<b>2</b> <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> at Riverview Manor	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	<b>6</b> <b>USHER:</b> Mark Johnsen  9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Religious Release</b> HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	<b>9</b> 9 AM-Pie Making 	<b>10</b> <b>12-2:00 PM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 	<b>13</b> <b>USHER:</b> Dave Zieroth  9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf  9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> HLCW Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>Religious Release</b> HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	<b>16</b> <b>10 AM Bible Study</b> at Riverview Manor	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>USHER:</b> Gary Gustafson  9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Religious Release</b> HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8 AM-Church Council 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <b>Reformation Sunday</b> <b>WEAR RED</b>	<b>27</b> <b>USHER:</b> Dale Rauvola  9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	<b>28</b> 9-3 PM Quilting	<b>29</b> <b>Religious Release</b> HS 12:35-1:20 Elem 1:30-2:15	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## **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:**

Hope Lutheran Church,  
Floodwood, MN

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

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