



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church SEPTEMBER 2014

A Word From Pastor Carl

ONE (OR TWO OR THREE) SUNDAYS SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer we tried something different for the children. Why? A number of folks commented that it is too bad every year that our congregation is able to offer religious release time and Sunday School during the school year and then the pattern is interrupted by summer. Therefore a few proposed the idea of having something specifically for kids during the church service during June, July, and August. Overall, this practice worked well. Six teachers stepped up to the plate to fill the role, ranging from teaching one session to others leading the class up to three times each.

Now that the autumn has arrived, we find ourselves in a new paradigm. For quite a number of years, for the far majority of time, Hazel Bailey has been our faithful teacher. This year, however, she decided to take a break from the position. We regret that Hazel will not be our sole teacher this year and the children will miss her. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women

BIBLE STUDY/BUSINESS MEETING

HLCW Bible study / business meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m.. Every woman is welcome and encouraged to attend. The first meeting will be September 9th, Naomi Circle will serve refreshments.

QUILTING

Quilt makers will meet on month this year. We work until about 3:00. We hands to help make quilts for people who need help. It is a do this.



the third Tuesday of the gather at 9:00 a.m. and could use some more overseas and also local fun day, and anyone can *(Continued on Page 3)*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

GARAGE SALE

Susan Coccie

The Hope Lutheran Church will be having a September 20. Please begin to bring in be placed in the boxes under the coat rack. place to store them until the sale. Thank you.



Garage Sale on the Saturday of Fall Fest, smaller items that you wish to donate. They may Please hold larger items, until we can find a

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND RALLY DAY:

Hazel & LuAnn will be coordinating Family Fun Night events on Saturday, September 13, 2014. If the weather cooperates, outdoor games and a BBQ are planned. Captive Free youth will also be here for the fun and to participate in the service on Sunday morning. A potluck dinner for Captive Free will follow the September 14th service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Summer Sunday School is over and was considered a success. Between 2-12 children attended and teaching duties were rotated among several members. Thank you to all who helped. We would like to continue this activity next summer, too.

School Year Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 14, 2014 with a Rally Day and Bless the Backpack event. Sunday School will be held during the 9:30 a.m. church service for children ages 3 and above. Assistants are always welcome. A sign up sheet if teachers want to rotate Sundays will be posted in the Sunday School room. All children should bring their backpacks to be blessed. See the Council minutes for the Backpack Challenge in which Hope Lutheran is participating.

HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS RELEASE TIME will begin Wednesday, October 1, 2014. Pastor will need another adult helper for the first 3 weeks of October; thereafter Rob Benson has volunteered. A sub or two for Elementary Religious Release Time would be welcomed.

BIBLE STUDIES: Home Fellowship Bible Study will resume at the Parsonage on Monday, September 15th. Riverview Manor Bible Study will begin Friday, September 12th and be held monthly on the 2nd Friday at 10:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION: A Welcome Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Hope Lutheran on for families and high school students on Wednesday, September 17th. The first class will be held Wednesday, September 24th in the library. Adult Confirmation classes will be the 1st Wednesdays of the month; Youth confirmation classes will be held the remaining Wednesdays of the month. Youth can attend the adult confirmation class if they miss one of their sessions.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Pastor Carl will send out a letter to prospective students' parents in the beginning of October. First Communion class is for youth who are at least in 5th grade. Five sessions will complete the class.

SCHEDULE OF FAMILY ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

- October – October 26, 2014 Movie Matinee at the Fair Building
- November – Babysitting at church for Christmas Shopping Night
- December – Family Fund Night
- January – Sleigh ride suggested

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There are certainly benefits to having the consistency of the same teacher every week. If any of you are feeling a special lead to be the regular teacher, the kids would benefit from your commitment and encourage you to step forward.

For at least the short term, anyway, Hazel suggested that we continue the pattern created this summer and encourage individuals to take turns working with the Sunday School. Therefore, the Christian Education and Youth and Family Ministry Committee asks that some of our members take turns in the classroom. While such a plan will require a little more coordination from the committee to make sure everything is happening that it is supposed to, other benefits will be obvious.

For example, like it already did this summer, having more teachers provides more opportunities for service. Having a team of teachers allowed those without experience to test the waters without having to make a larger commitment. And having a rotation of teachers allows the chance for more adults and kids to become better acquainted. It has already afforded a little opportunity to increase intergenerational interactions, which is learning experience for young and old.

Please consider teaching a class for a Sunday or two this year. If a handful of you sign up for only one or two Sundays each, we will easily have our year covered with each person bringing his/her unique gifts. Pray as you discern your involvement for our youngest folks and contact the church office at 476-2259 about your ability to help.

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APPLE PIE MAKING

After speaking to Bill and Shelby Gratz, we decided to pick apples on Tuesday, September 23. We will make pies on Thursday and maybe Friday of that week. Please mark your calendar and set that day aside. Men have helped the last few years and it has been wonderful to have their support.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The coming season's Bible study for the women of our church will be based on Proverbs 31. The first session is titled, "The Proverbs 31 Woman", based on Proverbs 31: 10-3. The woman described in these verses sounds like the Martha Stewart of King Solomon's court — an unattainable ideal of perfection. She is competent, hardworking, and smart — but what truly sets her apart is her faith that comes from God himself.



In upcoming sessions we will discuss other women of the Bible as they relate to this Proverbs 31 woman — Sarah, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary of Bethany, and Priscilla. We will also learn of women from more recent history such as Martha Washington, Mother Teresa, Florence Nightingale etc., and their faith journeys.

All women are welcome to join these times of study. Resource book are available from Jeanette at a cost of \$6.00. Our first session will be Tuesday, September 9th, 10:00 A.M. at the church.

~ September 2014 ~
HOPE LUTHERN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 USHER: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4 <i>Labor Day</i>	2 10:00 Lake Superior Pastors' Meeting in Duluth	3 7:00 PM-Adult Confirmation & Learning	4 9-10:30 Ruby's Pantry at Arrowhead Town Hall	5 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:00 PM Loren Heine & Julie Myrvold wedding rehearsal	6 4:00 PM Loren Heine & Julie Myrvold wedding
7 9:30 Worship (no Sunday School) 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	8 USHER: Jeff Kletscher & Dean Fries – Team 5	9 10:00 Women's Bible study & business meeting. Naomi serves	10 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	11 9:30 AM Worship & Music Committee 7:00 PM Evangelism & Outreach Meeting	12 10:00 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	13 6-8 PM Family Fun Night with Captive Free
14 RALLY SUNDAY 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Captive Free will help lead the service 12:00 Potluck	15 USHER: Marion Shafer & Burt Suonvieri – Team 6 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 PM Home fellowship Bible Study at parsonage	16 9-3 Quilting	17 6:00 PM Confirmation parents & students meal in the church basement	18	19 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours Church Garage Sale	20 Church Garage Sale and City Fall Fest
21 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	22 USHER: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7	23 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours 6:45 Building & grounds Committee 7:00 Church Council	24 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST 6:00 PM First Youth Confirmation Class	25 11:00 PM Befrienders Meeting ALL DAY -Pie making	26 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	27
28 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	29 USHER: Rob Benson & Wayne Thom – Team 8	30	Notes: UPCOMING EVENTS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5-NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25-AFTERLIFE CONFERENCE, (Sponsored by LCMC, Lake Superior Fellowship Group)			

AFTERLIFE CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE LAKE SUPERIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP OF LCMCNALC



The lead presenter will be Reverend Steve King of Sola Publishing.

- What is biblical revelation vs. popular myth when it comes to the Christian understanding of the afterlife?
- What happens to the believer between death and resurrection? A look at the intermediate states of Sheol, Hades, and Purgatory.
- What is the state of our relationships with loved ones (spouses, children, and friends) within the afterlife?
- What to make of *Heaven is for Real* and the interpretation of near-death experiences?
- Can we communicate with the dead? Christians and mediums.

Saturday, October 25, 2014
10:00am – 4:00pm
New Life Lutheran Church
4424 Venture Avenue
Duluth, MN

\$10 per person or \$50 per congregation (suggested donation)
Lunch will be available for order

RSVP to New Life Lutheran at (218) 740-3597

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**Each congregation represented is invited to bring snacks for break time.

Hope Lutheran Church
August 19, 2014
Minutes of Church Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President, Susan Coccie, at 7:20 PM. Present at the meeting: David Zieroth, Bubba Vance, Pastor Carl Fiskness, Lonna Tollgaard, Jennifer Myles. Absent: Brian Hutchinson, Rae Rosemore, Kathy Johnson, Carlene Jatkola. Guest: Lee and Millie Samuelson.

Pastor Carl Fiskness opened the meeting with prayer.

Lee and Millie Samuelson addressed the council, offering their services in organizing fund raisers for the church. They presented 3 ideas: 1. Draft a letter to organizations requesting donations. 2. Holding a consignment auction. 3. A sit down dinner, with entertainment. The council liked the idea of a consignment auction the best. People who wanted to donate their items would receive a receipt for the tax deductible amount of the sale of their items. People who did not want to donate their items would have 10 % deducted from the sale amount, and receive a letter indicating that 10% as a donation. In order for this to work, we should have an auctioneer that is willing to donate their time. Lee Samuelson and Susan Coccie to seek auctioneers.

MOTION BY DAVID ZIEROTH, SECONDED BY BUBBA VANCE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY BUBBA VANCE, SECONDED BY LONNA TOLLGAARD THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING BE APPROVED. MOTION PASSED.

July Financial Reports: Susan Coccie stated that she compared the Floodwood Hardware store receipt for items purchased there to the prices at Sam's Club. The prices were between 130% - 250% higher when purchased locally. Susan stated that she told church janitor that we should purchase only smaller items that are needed immediately from the local store.

MOTION MADE BY LONNA TOLLGAARD SECONDED BY BUBBA VANCE TO LIMIT THE CHURCH JANITOR HOURS TO A MAXIMUM OF 4 HOURS PER WEEK. MOTION PASSED. Any work not completed will be done by volunteers.

Pastor's Report: Distributed and discussed.

Youth and Family: Ministry Meeting held August 17; report distributed and discussed.

Communication and Technology: No new business

Building: Bubba Vance stated that there is one dead tree at the parsonage, and that a second tree needs to come down, although this is not an immediate problem. Mark Larva has the material for the railing for the back door, but it has not been built yet.

Befrienders: Continuing to visit, send greeting cards, and making phone calls.

HLCW: Meetings will resume in September.

Stewardship: Still receiving the Opportunity to Serve list.

Quilters: Busy making quilts for the 11 people to be baptized within the next few weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Church Directory: Almost done

b. Church garage sale: Lonna Tollgaard having difficulty confirming use of the former Portage News building. We will have the sale on Friday and Saturday, September 19 & 20.

c. New safe: Not here yet.

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- d. Elevator – has been fixed. Marion Shafer said that our insurance company has been given the bill. David Zieroth stated that an inline fuse has been installed, which should blow before taking out the circuit, should the problem arise again.
- e. Dead trees at the Parsonage: previously discussed.
- f. Catfish Days: At our last meeting it was suggested that we have someone besides Casey Aro, who might attract younger people. It was suggested that inviting the Matvey family to perform might encourage more New Life Church people to attend. Pastor Carl is to bring this up at the next Pastor's meeting.
- g. Pastor Carl Fiskness will be leaving for vacation next week; Dave Zieroth will be the emergency contact for visiting pastors.

NEW BUSINESS

The following people want to join the church: Lee and Millie Samuelson, Jodi Fiskness, and Sheryl Abell.
MOTION MADE BY BUBBA VANCE SECONDED BY LONNA TOLLGAARD THAT WE ACCEPT THE ABOVE AS NEW MEMBERS. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION MADE BY BUBBA VANCE, SECONDED BY DAVID ZIEROTH, THAT WE TELL THE SAMUELSONS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THE CONSIGNMENT AUCTION FOR APRIL 2014. MOTION PASSED. Bubba to call the Samuelson.

Globe Offering: September and October – Operation Christmas Child

Next Meetings: September 23, October 14

Meeting closed with prayer, and adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Susan Coccie
President

CROSSES WANTED



LOOKING FOR CROSSES TO BE DONATED FOR PASTOR'S OFFICE

CONTACT: LONNA HUTCHINSON-476-2135

POTLUCK SUNDAY, NOON, SEPTEMBER 14



Captive Free will be here for Sunday services. A potluck is planned for dinner that day after church and Sunday School. Mary Circle will be in the kitchen.

September Birthdays

- 2 Mya Myrvold
- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Sulo Jatkola
Tara Seredinski
- 6 Brenda Peterson
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 11 Megan Heikkila
- 12 Jim Pensak
- 14 Kiaja Stokke
- 17 Abby Johnsen
- 19 Levi Suonvieri
- 22 Autumn Peterson
- 23 Jared Seredinski
Phil Bennett
- 24 Frank Eldien
Dean Fries
Neil Vance
- 26 Savannah Speece
- 27 Jessica Hutton
- 28 Jack Moe



September Anniversaries

- 12 Keven & Tanya Johnson ('07)
- 15 Mark & Kathy Johnsen ('84)
- 16 Burt & Cory Suonvieri
Hazel & Doug Bailey

AUGUST 2014 GIVING	
GENERAL FUND	
Sunday Offering & Coffee	\$ 5611.40
Globe – Release Time	\$ 8.00
MEMORIALS	
In Memory of Anna Wenstrom by Floyd & Carole Ahlgren	\$ 20.00



CAPTIVE FREE



Captive Free will be here at Hope to help lead the music on Sunday, September 14. We are in need of housing for two team members for the afternoon of Saturday, September 13 to Sunday morning. Please talk to Pastor Carl about your willingness to host. Remember that these young folks travel in a van the entire year and do not have high expectations for their stay. Cereal will be sufficient for breakfast.

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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Floodwood, MN**

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