



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church SEPTEMBER 2015

A Word From Pastor Carl

FULL/FALL SPEED AHEAD!

The unofficial beginning of summer in our country comes on Memorial Day. The day before the last Monday of May is host to one of our nation's sporting traditions with the Indianapolis (Indy) 500.

One of our church's ministries that has not taken a pit stop again this summer is Sunday School. Thank you to Jen Myles, Carolyn Hosking and Sheryl Abell for your continual dedication to the children for the warmer months.

The speed of the racecar feels just as fast as the passing of summer. Labor Day could be described as the black and white checkered flag of the summer. But the end of summer holiday is the green flag for many more of our ministries.

Our Rally Day this year is Sunday, September 13th when we get back on the track for the noise of a new school year. The kids are especially invited this Sunday for a blessing and to bring their backpacks to receive something to put in them. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women

BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible study series for women will be starting on Tuesday, September 8th at 10 AM at church. The title of the study is "Growing Older and Wiser" written by Dale & Sandy Larsen, published by InterVarsity Press. September's study is "Wise Up!" with the Bible reference from James 1:1-8 and verse 12.

We're all growing older regardless of our current age. But, are we getting any wiser? What is the difference between being smart and being wise? Who is the wisest person you know, or have ever known? These are some of the things that will be discussed during our time together.

Whether we are young, middle aged, or senior citizens, we will grow wiser as we consider and apply timeless truths of Scripture. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUTREACH COMMITTEE COMMENTARY: YOU SPOKE....WE LISTENED....LET'S FIGURE THIS OUT!

The Outreach Committee was directed by the Council to seek opinions from congregants about our Sunday Services – what is important to them, what to change or improve upon, a “wish list” of what needs should be met. The following questions were asked as an introduction and comments were encouraged.

Liturgy – An explanation of why we have the liturgy is appreciated because it makes it more meaningful.

Music – “Too slow, too old, too boring” were opinions expressed. More uplifting songs with more upbeat rhythms were comments expressed.

Sermon length – Content counted more than length of sermon. Make sure the sermon related to today’s world.

Switching between hymnals – Putting hymns on the screen could resolve the handling of multiple books.

Other comments:

- The biggest barrier to church attendance is work –related, according to most people interviewed. People who work away from home all week feel they need the weekend for family.
- The second barrier is lack of motivation – which is also a community social issue. No longer do parents set the example of starting the week by going to church. The dissolution of the nuclear family (split families) with children spending one week with one parent/stepparent, another time with the other parent/stepparent or other relatives compounds the problem of consistent messages and importance of establishing a habit of church attendance. Sports practices or activities also interfere with traditional church time.
- The third barrier is the aging congregation and aging community. The lack of industry in the community or reasons to stay in the community following high school is not just a church issue but the community as a whole.
- Young people are not getting the Beacon via email.

Suggestions offered:

- A viable LUTHERAN youth group would be welcomed to include a devotional time, movie or popcorn parties or just “hang-out” nights. However, none of the people interviewed would be interested in leading it. Do we have others within our congregation who would?
- Uplifting music – at least once a month change the type or quality of music. Use current gospel CD’s to welcome people into church. Try YouTube videos instead of purchasing CD’s or DVD’s, play hymns that are more singable and with good rhythm & speed. The Worship & Music Committee will work on these suggestions.
- Have a Reunion potluck – all who voted to become an LCMC church should celebrate this by getting together for a potluck.
- Maintain an updated list of email addresses for all.

Please consider these comments and offer whatever help you are able to, to promote our Lutheran heritage and values to our members & community. Our first step will be with music....stayed tuned, get ready to tap your feet & sing along!

Garrison Keillor penned the following excellent article entitled “Singing With the Lutherans”.

I have made fun of Lutherans for years - who wouldn't, if you lived in Minnesota? But I have also sung with Lutherans, and that is one of the main joys of life, along with hot baths and fresh sweet corn.

We make fun of Lutherans for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like they do.

If you ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Lutheranless place, to sing along on the chorus of 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore', they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Lutherans they'll smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony. It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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We're too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment.

I once sang the bass line of Children of the Heavenly Father in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: These Lutherans are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you're dying, they'll comfort you. If you're lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you're hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministry

Meeting was held on Aug. 2, 2015 with seven members attending.

Sue Coccie read the financial report

Our church was represented in the Catfish Days Parade. Carolyn Hosking will organize a float for the Fair Parade.

VBS report was given by Pastor Carl. A leader is needed for 2016.

Family picnic was held with four young families.

Release time and Sunday School is in need of teachers.

The after school homework help program will continue this year. There is money left in the fund for meals. Rob Benson stated more volunteers are needed.

The videos, "Focus on the Family", will be scheduled to be shown at church. Time and dates will be set.

Kick off Sunday will be Sept. 13. It was decided to give school supplies to students.

A discussion on having an ice cream social the evening of the school open house.

Next meeting is August 30.



Word from Pastor Carl – FULL/FALL SPEED AHEAD! (Continued From Page 1)

Besides the younger kids, we gear up again for both adult learning and youth confirmation, for Homework Help, for Elementary and High School Release Time, Women's Bible Study and the Bible study at the Riverview Manor. Hope Lutheran also has one new ministry this fall. Once a month following the worship service, we plan to offer something new from a series titled, "Building a Family Legacy." Parents (and grandparents) are invited to watch a video about a topic related to raising a family from a Christian perspective. The first video is named, "Your Legacy." Following the video presentation, time will be dedicated to discuss what we heard and ask questions and seek advice from one another. We hope that the videos and discussion will serve as an opportunity to encourage and support caregivers of young ones. Child care will be provided for the hour.

We thank the Lord that he gives us a brief rest in order to re-fuel our efforts for ministry. Christians, start your engines.

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Some of the topics for discussion in upcoming months include: "Listening to the Young"; "When the Kids are Grownup Too"; "They Don't Always Listen"; and "Dealing With Fears". Study books are available from Jeanette for \$6.00. This is a combination of Bible Study and women's meeting. Naomi circle will be serving. All women are welcome!! See you on September 8th!!

UNAPPROVED
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, FLOODWOOD, MN
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, August 27, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Susan Coccie. Pastor Fiskness opened with prayer.
Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Susan Coccie, Bubba Vance, David Zieroth, Lonna Hutchinson, Rob Benson, Jen Myles, Pat Seredinski, and Marion Shafer. Absent: Brian Hutchinson, Kathy Johnsen.

AGENDA

MOTION BY BENSON, SECOND BY ZIEROTH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS. MOTION APPROVED.

REPORTS

Secretary: MOTION BY SEREDINSKI, SECOND BY MYLES TO APPROVE THE JULY 17, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. MOTION APPROVED.

Financial: MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECOND BY VANCE TO APPROVE THE JULY FINANCIAL REPORTS. MOTION APPROVED.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Christian Education and Youth: Jen Myles reported that we will be serving ice cream cones at the school during the open house, to be held September 2. Jen also stated that we need teachers for Sunday School and Release Time Classes. There will be a movie at the church, Sunday, September 27, at 10:45, concerning parenting and grandparenting. Sunday, September 13, will be Rally Day at the church, to kick off back to school.

Outreach: Rob Benson reported that he, Pastor Carl, and Susan Coccie wrote a grant request for the Homework Help. A table has been reserved at the school during the Open House. Liz Thom wrote an information flier that will be distributed. Wednesday Homework Help and Release Time Class will begin on October 7.

Communication & Technology: John Seredinski is to call electrician Josh Dehn to investigate the static in the sound system.

Building: The new roof on the rental house is complete, at the bid price. A report showing the expense for this project will be submitted to Jeff Kletscher, who will file the paperwork required for reimbursement from the Endowment fund.

Befrienders: Sent 16 cards in July.

HLCW: Will begin monthly meetings and Bible Study on the second Tuesday of the month, starting September 8.

Quilters: Off for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Garage Sale: Lonna Hutchinson is heading this project. The sale will be Saturday, September 19, 8:00am – 3:00pm.
- b. Survey: Pastor Carl and Jen Myles reported on the results of those surveyed regarding what they like/dislike about the church service.
- c. Communion Visitation: Pastor Carl, along with members of the council, visited home-bound, and gave them communion. This will be an on-going service, provided by the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Congregational Meeting: This will be held on Sunday, October 4, immediately following the church service. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the church financial situation.
- b. Farmers Market: Discussed the idea providing fresh vegetables, or baked goods, Sunday mornings, and have a donation container available. Also discussed participating in the FBCP farmers market next year.

GLOBE: September: Homework Help

NEXT MEETINGS: September 15, 7:00 p.m. October 15, 7:00pm

Pastor Fiskness closed the meeting with prayer at 8:20 p.m.
Jen Myles and Pat Seredinski, acting secretaries

~ September 2015 ~
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30 Worship – NO Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship & Christian Ed. & Youth & Family Ministry Comm. meeting	31 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson – Team 8	1	2 6:00-Back to School Night at Floodwood School Open House for Homework Help with ice cream at the school	3 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	4	5
6 9:30 Worship with Lorren Lindevig leading music & NO Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship	7 USHER TEAM: Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 <i>First Day of School</i> 10:00-HLCW Bible Study & Meeting 2:00-Lake Superior LCMC/NALC Pastors' meeting at New Life Lutheran Church	9 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	10 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12
13 9:30 Rally Sunday & first day of Fall Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship <i>Grandparents day</i>	14 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2 <i>Holy Cross Day</i> <i>Rosh Hashannah</i>	15 7:00 Church council	16 7:00-Adult Learning & adult Confirmation	17 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours <i>Constitution Day</i>	18 10:00-Bible Study at Riverview Manor	19 Garage Sale at Hope Lutheran 8 AM-3 PM
20 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship	21 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard – Team 3 <i>St. Matthew the Apostle</i>	22	23 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST 6:00-Youth Confirmation kickoff at the parsonage <i>Yom Kippur</i>	24 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	25	26
27 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship & Focus on the Family Video	28 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4	29 9-3- HLCW Quilting <i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>	30 6:00-Youth Confirmation	Notes: The Church Council has called for a special Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 4, immediately following the Sunday morning worship service. The sole purpose of this meeting is to discuss the church financial situation.		

**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 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

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Liam Seredinski
Dale Rauvola
- 4 Molly Johnsen
Elvi Tollgaard
LuAnn Heikkila
- 5 Cory Suonvieri
Cody Farrell
- 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)
- 8 Bernice & Warren
Johnson

QUILTING

The Quilters will meet on the fourth Tues. of the month. We begin at 9:00 and work until 3:00. Bring a lunch and spend a good day with us on Tue. Sept. 29th.

**GIVING
August 2, 9, 16**

General Fund \$ **7804.64**
 August 23 -- Floodwood Fair -
 no offering
 August 30 --- after newsletter
 publication.

Missions Account
 for Backpacks \$ **65.00**

Youth Account \$ **35.34**

Savings Account
 In Memory of Don Guentzel
 from Pat and John Seredinski
 \$ **40.00**



arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to help the other monks in copying the old texts by hand. He notices, however, that they are copying from copies, and not from the original books.

So, the new monk goes to the head monk to ask him about this. He points out that if there was an error in the first copy, that error would be continued in all of the other copies. The head monk says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

So, he goes down into the cellar with one of the copies to check it against the original. Hours later, nobody has seen him. So, one of the monks goes downstairs to look for him. He hears sobbing coming from the back of the cellar and finds the old monk leaning over one of the original books crying. He asks what's wrong. "The word is 'celebrate'," says the old monk.



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We are collecting donated items; they are being placed under the coat rack in the church. They may also be brought to the church between 1:00 pm - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18. For further information, please call Lonna Hutchinson at (218) 391-1971, or Susan Coccie at (218) 476-2716.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE

Hope Lutheran Church now has its
very own website. Visit us at:

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

Also visit us on FACEBOOK:

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