



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church SEPTEMBER 2016

A Word From Pastor Carl

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY IS COMING TO HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

What is Financial Peace University? FPU was developed by a man named Dave Ramsey. Perhaps you have heard his radio show or seen him on television. Mr. Ramsey and his family were once living paycheck to paycheck. Through the process of working through his debt, however, he learned many life lessons how to re-orient and think and act with money. He has helped thousands of folks learn to live within their means. All of his teachings are communicated through a Christian worldview of stewardship.

Both Jodi and I had heard of Financial Peace University from others in the past. So when we saw an advertisement in the Voyageur Press two years ago that Grace Lutheran Church in McGregor was offering the course, we jumped at the opportunity to be a part of it.

We were not disappointed in attending the classes. The material is thorough yet understandable. We have learned how to tell our money what to do instead of trying to figure out where it all went. The course is not any type of investment class at all. It is just as much for those who do not have money than those who have a little bit saved. It is great for young couples starting out or learning the material for yourself to influence your children and grandchildren.

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Hope Lutheran Church Women

ACTIVITIES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Grace Autio

September is here, and I can hardly believe it. Time to think about our Bible study again and apple pies and all that goes on in the fall.

The women will meet at 10:00 on the second Tuesday of the month. Jeanette will start out the year leading the new Bible study lesson. Grace will serve coffee.

A potluck dinner is planned after church for September. 11, when the cornerstone will be put back in its place for another 50 years. Mary Circle will be in charge of the kitchen.

Looking ahead to October; we will make apple pies October 8th and 9th.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Hope Lutheran Church

Minutes of Council Meeting August 16, 2016

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, David Zieroth, Lonna Hutchison, Jeff Kletscher, Elvi Tollgaard, Susan Coccie, Pat Seredinski, Jen Myles Absent: Rob Benson

Meeting was called to order by President David Zieroth at 7:00pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

AGENDA

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

REPORTS

Secretary: Motion by Coccie, second by Tollgaard to approve the minutes of July 16, 2016. Motion carried.

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

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: Reminder that the Youth will be in charge of garage sale during the Fall Color Fest in September. Items to be donated may be brought anytime and left under the coat rack near the elevator. The Riverview Apartments donated several items left over from their sale.

Outreach: No report.

Administrative Assistant: Jeff Kletscher reported on finances.

Community & Technology: No report.

Building: Jeff Kletscher will get some bids on pricing to replace windows also looking into bids to replace the roof at the church. It is something that will be coming up in the near future so good to get an idea as to what we may be looking at. We also discussed the expansion of some of the paneling in the fellowship hall. Dave Zieroth will look into this. May possibly need to add an additional dehumidifier in the basement.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Time capsule will be on display both August 28th and September 4th with a dedication on September 11th.
- B. Loren Lindevig will be a part of the September 4th service.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussed how we can reach new families moving into the area.
- B. We will again be serving ice cream cones at the open house at Floodwood school September 1st. Coccie and Serdinski offered to assist Pastor Carl with this.

Globe offering in September will go to Bob & Ulla Suhonen ministry.

Next two meeting: September 22nd and October 20th.

Closing prayer given by Pastor.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

Word from Pastor Carl – (Continued From Page 1)

To begin the series, we will offer an introductory session so that you can check out if you would like to enroll in the remaining classes. The first class will begin at 6:00 PM on Sunday, October 16 in the sanctuary. Mark it on your calendar to attend next month.

QUILTING

The quilters will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month. September 27 is the date this month. We welcome new people to join us. You don't have to be an expert quilter, just come, we'll help you. We meet from 9:00 to 3:00, so bring a bag



month. September 27 is the date this month. We have to be an expert quilter, just come, we'll help lunch and join us.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

After debate involving the “decision” of what topic to study this year — we’ve settled on “Decisions — Seeking God’s Guidance”. This study will follow the same format as last years. The first lesson is titled, “Why is God Silent?” — with the scripture reference of Isaiah 58. While the Bible cannot give us the answer to every decision we face, it does teach us that through prayer, study, the leading of the Holy Spirit, and common sense, God will show us the way in His own time.

Join us on Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Featuring Neil Vance

Faith, family, fellowship: these are the principles that direct Neil Vance’s life - with a side helping of baseball!

Neil was just 15 years old when he began coaching Little League in Floodwood and continued to coach for the next eight years. He expanded his expertise in sports and became a sports writer for the local Portage News, and continued this interest by contributing sports articles for the Bethel University student newspaper, the Clarion.

Neil attended Bethel University, Minneapolis, and while there was able to study abroad in Ireland/Northern Ireland and Israel. The purpose of going to Ireland/Northern Ireland was to learn about the “*past conflict between Northern Ireland/Ireland, the present effects that remained from that conflict, and the church’s role in both perpetuating the divide, and working to heal the broken relationships.*” Visiting Israel fulfilled a desire to see that part of the world and to get a historical perspective of biblical sites.

Neil’s strong faith, his close family and his experience working with younger kids stimulated an interest in Youth Ministry and his travel experiences stimulated an interest in Reconciliation. Neil explained that “*Reconciliation studies referred to both personal reconciliation to God but also to one another. The study included “areas of injustice and broken relationships of various types and how we as Christ-followers can work to heal those relationships.”*” ***(Continued on Page 4)***



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? Featuring Neil Vance (Continued from Page 3)

Neil graduated from Bethel University in May 2013 with a degree in Youth Ministry, Biblical & Theological Studies and Reconciliation Studies and for the past two years has been the full time Director of Youth & Children's Ministries at First Covenant Church in River Falls, WI. He also spent the past year as the JV Head Baseball Coach and Varsity Assistant at Legacy Christian Academy in Andover. Both teams had a very successful year, and the varsity made the state tournament (finishing 5th in the state).

Community involvement continues in Neil's life. He plays in two softball leagues, an ultimate Frisbee league and a volleyball league. He enjoys hiking and exploring God's creation, and spending time with a wonderful group of friends in River Falls.

When asked about future plans, Neil said he is "unsure of exactly what the future holds, but my goal is to be faithful and use every opportunity I have to honor and glorify God! As such I'm seeking to give up control of my future and my own future plans to Him."

Our prayer for Neil is from Colossians 1:9-12: *We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,^[e]¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[f] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.*

FINANCIAL Peace

UNIVERSITY

Dave Ramsey



Introductory class will be held on Sunday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Hope Lutheran Church sanctuary

What is **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY?**

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

PRAYER REQUESTS – SEPTEMBER 2016



For those who are ill or hurting

Dinah Tveit	Millie Samuelson	Warren Johnson	Michael Mancuso
Theresa Fisher	Barbara Barrows	Joy Greene	Danette Johnson
Brody Wilton	Rob Benson	Violet Johnson	Wayne Thom
Cindy Swenson	Yale and Char Pulling	Kalen Kuehl	Sulo Jatkola
Rob Benson			

For those in the military and their families

Michael Thom
David Shafer
Damien Autio

For places where wars and conflict take place

Syria and Iraq Christians and missionaries threatened by the advances of ISIS
Other victims of terrorism
Israel and Palestine
Persecuted church around the world
Those suffering from natural disasters
 flooding in Baton Rouge
 earthquake in Italy

For our missions and world missionaries

Ekka family & other missionaries commissioned with the World Mission Prayer League
Robert & Ulla Suhonen
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital
Peace*Love*Haiti

September 2016 – HOPE LUTHERAN PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 28	29 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard	30	31	1 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 Ice Cream Cones at the Open House Floodwood School	2	3
4 9:30 Worship Lorren Lindevig leading music NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 Potluck dinner	5 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7	8 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	9	10
11 9:30 Worship & first day of Sun.Sch. 10:45 Cornerstone Dedication and Potluck	12 USHER TEAM: Jeff Kletscher & Dean Fries	13 10:00 Lake Superior Pastors' Meeting at New Life Lutheran Church in Duluth 10:00 HLCW Bible Study	14 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	15 12:30 FBCP 2-4 PM Pastor's Office Hours	16 Garage sale set-up	17 Fall Fest Youth Garage Sale In church basement
18 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	19 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola	20	21	22 9:30 Worship & Music Committee 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 Church Council	23	24
25 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	26 USHER TEAM: Burt Suonvieri & Dave Zieroth	27 9-3 Quilting	28 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST First Day of Religious Release: 1:00 Elementary Religious Release 1:45 High School Religious Release	29 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	30	Notes: October 1 Brea Vance & Malcolm Wallaker wedding 16 6:00 PM Financial Peace University

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
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)
- 8 Bernice & Warren
Johnson

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

July 31	\$1127.34
August 7	\$2727.00
August 14	\$1270.00
August 21	\$1043.45

Campership (Globe)

July 31	\$21.00
From HLCW	\$250.00

School Supplies – Backpacks (Globe)

August 14	\$60.00
August 21	\$6.00

Memorials

In Memory of Joyce Wennberg from Roy
& Grace Autio \$10.00
(General Checking)

Has Your Address Changed?

Did your mailing address change when the post office remodeled? If you answered yes, please let the church office know.

Thanks.



POTLUCK DINNER

AND DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH
CORNERSTONE

SEPTEMBER 11

AFTER CHURCH

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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