



# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church SEPTEMBER 2017

## God's Promises

**WILLA**

*By Ann Bolstad*

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”. Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

**T**his past January, Dave and I were on our way home from Homework Help at church, when we got the call that our 3-year-old granddaughter, Willa, had been diagnosed with a rare form of kidney cancer; a Wilms tumor.

She had been to the doctor numerous times since November because she wasn't eating and she was losing weight. She had no energy. The diagnosis went from anemia to bladder infection to lactose intolerant. Finally, in January she was so sick, the doctors decided to do some imaging. They found a tumor that took up most of her abdomen.

I cried and PRAYED without ceasing for three days. I went to bed on Friday night and slept the best I had in months. I woke with such a peace about Willa. The Lord told me that she was going to be fine. He didn't tell me that my faith in his promise would be tested repeatedly. *(Continued on Page 3)*

## Hope Lutheran Church Women

**HLCW NEWS**

**T**he Hope Lutheran Church Women will meet September 12th, at 10:00 at the church. Please come with new ideas to share.

### *Quilting*

Quilting will resume the fourth Tuesday of the month, which is September 26, starting at 9:00. Newcomers welcome.

### *Bible Study*

The women's group meeting and Bible study will resume at 10 AM on Tuesday, September 12th. The topic for this year's study will be "Spiritual Warfare" — a subject we haven't ever really explored. The first session is "Detecting the Deceiver" based on 2 Corinthians 11: 1-15. The greatest threats to our faith, our families, and our church do not come from the demonic influences we can see, but from those that we can't see — the ones that are so cunning they are virtually invisible. Study books are available from Jeanette for \$6.00 each. All women are welcome to join the discussion.

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# Committee Reports

**Hope Lutheran Church  
Floodwood, MN**

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
August 9, 2017**

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Administrator Jeff Kletscher, Mark Johnsen, Rob Benson, Elvi Tollgaard, Lonna Hutchinson, Susan Coccie. Absent: Pat Seredinski  
Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnsen at 6:00 pm. Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

## **AGENDA**

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

## **REPORTS**

**Secretary:** Motion by Tollgaard, second by Coccie to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

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

**Pastor:** Submitted.

**Christian Education and Youth:** No report.

**Outreach:** No report.

**Community & Technology:** No report.

**Building:** Water damage toward front of the church was brought up, Mark will investigate further. Siding on rental house and insulation around the church was also discussed.

**Befrienders:** 17 cards sent in July, 14 in August.

**HLCW:** Done meeting for the summer.

**Quilters:** No report.

**Administrator:** Reported on all finances. Work on IRS – SSA problem is close to being resolved. We will be looking for volunteers to mow at the parsonage. A walk thru the parsonage will be done at a later date to determine what updates or repairs may be needed. Administrator has been hard at work filling in dates with Pulpit Supply. There are still spots to fill, an up to date list will be available as soon as possible. Pastor Dave Rohde will be at Hope August 20th.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Call committee. If you feel you could be a help in this area, please contact Mark Johnsen. Would like to meet once in the month of August. Committee to be approved by council.

- A. National Night Out was a huge success. \$100 was donated for the event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Liz Thom and Rob Benson will be working with the confirmation students using Pastor's notes to see where each confirmand is at this time to see what they need so that their studies can be completed.
- B. Release time will resume September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Next meetings: Special meeting after Service on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. September 19th at 6:00 pm.

Globe offering in September will be for the Suhonen's.

Closing prayer given by Pastor.

Meeting adjourned.

Lonna Hutchinson, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Mark Johnsen in the basement Sunday School room. Present: Mark Johnsen, Susan Coccie, Elvi Tollgaard, Pat Seredinski, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Rob Benson, Lonna Hutchinson.

Discussion on the membership of the call committee. Motion by Elvi Tollgaard, support by Susan Coccie to approve the call committee list as presented. Motion carried.

Set up the first call committee meeting for Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> after service.

Administrator Kletscher provided an update on the re-roofing project. Recoverable depreciation check from Church Mutual was received. Kletscher will have final recommendation on how to proceed for Church Council at their September meeting.

Administrator Kletscher provided information on Beyond the River Academy ([www.beyondtheriveracademy.org](http://www.beyondtheriveracademy.org)) and the possibility of pursuing an intentional interim pastor from them. Council directed Kletscher to request additional information on how the process works, what our obligations (costs, housing, contract, etc) would be, as well as resumes and additional information on 3 or 4 available candidates.

No further business.

Meeting declared adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Kletscher  
Administrator

## **VOLUNTEER(S) WANTED**



1. We need *volunteers to mow* the parsonage lawn. If you are able to help out, please let Jeff Kletscher know (218-348-3334)
2. *Sunday School teachers* are needed beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>
3. *Release Time teachers* are needed beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**REGULAR TEACHERS AND  
SUBS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE  
PRAY FOR THIS VERY  
IMPORTANT MINISTRY**

## **GLOBE OFFERING**



September Globe Offering will be for Robert and Ulla Shonen. Robert and Ulla will be leading our worship service and sharing about their ministries on October 1, 2017. We will also be taking a special offering for them on that day.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BACKPACKS**

Globe Offering in August was for purchasing backpacks for our Sunday School students.

We will be distributing them on September 10<sup>th</sup> to the students during church.

Invite family, friends and neighbors to join us for Sunday School.

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I flew out to Spokane, Washington on Monday following her diagnosis and God knew that I still needed encouragement, peace and strength. In His graciousness, he met my needs by making it possible, on the plane from Denver to Spokane, to have a wonderful Christian woman from New Mexico be my only seat mate. We talked, cried and prayed together during the entire flight. She was a prayer warrior and was in a prayer group and promised to pray for Willa. This was a sign to me; God's promise fulfilled.

When I look back on Willa's seven months of treatment; 15 chemo treatments, 6 radiation treatments, 2 abdominal surgeries (one to biopsy the tumor and one to remove the kidney and tumor), 4 CT scans, 3 x-rays, EKGs, numerous lab test and everything else that comes with cancer, I can see God's hand in my life, teaching me to trust in him. Initially the doctors said that x-ray showed a spot on Willa's lung, and that the tumor was growing into the large inferior vena cava (the large lower vein leading from the heart). That meant that she would have to have radiation on her chest for the spot on the lung, which would bring total radiation treatments to 15 (5 a week) and she would have to be put under for each session. Also, a vascular surgeon would need to be present when they removed her kidney and tumor. However, the spot on her lung disappeared during the first 6 weeks of chemo, so she did not need the additional radiation, and the tumor had not penetrated the inferior vena cava; God's promise fulfilled.

During Willa's treatment, there would be times when she would have a bad reaction to the chemo and her white blood cell count would drop dangerously low. Satan just loves it when I doubt God's promises. It was during these times that I had to rebuke Satan and pray without ceasing for Willa and her family. In every instance, Willa would recover without problems; God's promise fulfilled.

Willa's final cancer treatment was on July 25<sup>th</sup>. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, she had her final tests to determine if her treatment had been effective. All her tests came back normal; no cancer present. She will continue follow-up visits for the next five years; "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

***FAREWELL AND  
GOD BLESS YOU,  
PASTOR CARL  
AND JODI***

A farewell potluck was served on August 13<sup>th</sup>, following the service, to thank Pastor Carl for his service to our congregation and community. We wish Pastor and his family prayers and good wishes, as they move on. They will be greatly missed.



# PRAYER REQUEST SEPTEMBER 2017



## **For those who are ill or struggling**

Dinah	Lorraine	Joy G.	Willa
Sadie	Danette	Grace A.	
Frances	Grace W.	Lois	
Theresa	Joy C.	Mallory	

Those suffering from natural disasters  
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

## **For those in the military**

Michael Thom  
David Shafer  
Damien Autio

## **For places where wars and conflict take place**

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  
Robert & Ulla Suhonen  
Vision Petrozavodsk  
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital  
Peace\*Love\*Haiti  
Madagascar Mission Project

For our congregation, the Call Committee and Church Council  
For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Mya Myrvold
- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Sulo Jatkola  
Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 11 Megan (Heikkila) Russ
- 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
- 28 Jack Moe

- 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

**SEPTEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Liz & Wayne Thom ('66)
- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson
- 3 Pat & John Seredinski ('71)

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GIVING**

**General Fund Giving**

July 30	\$ 1017.25
August 6	\$ 2332.00
August 13	\$ 2006.00
August 20	\$ 1428.00
From HLCW for camper expenses	
	\$ 501.10

**Memorials**

- In Memory of Julia Suonvieri from Jim & Ethel Pensak \$ 20.00  
(Memorial Savings Fund)
- In Memory of Julia Suonvieri from Shirley Johnson \$ 10.00  
(Memorial Savings Fund)
- In Memory of Julia Suonvieri from Elsie Tollgaard \$ 10.00  
(Memorial Savings Fund)
- In Memory of Julia Suonvieri from Floyd & Carole Ahlgren \$ 10.00  
(Memorial Savings Fund)
- In Memory of Julia Suonvieri from Shirley Johnson \$ 10.00  
(Memorial Savings Fund)
- In Memory of Char Kadin from Jim & Ethel Pensak \$ 10.00  
(General Fund)



See the calendar for dates  
and time of Boy Scout  
meetings at Hope.

**September 2017**  
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>August 28</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Rob Benson & Bubba Vance				1	2
<b>3</b> 9:30 Worship Pulpit Supply: Fred Soberg 10:45 Fellowship	<b>4</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard  <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	<b>7</b> 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall	8	9
<b>10</b> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pulpit Supply: Brad Jensen BACKPACK SUNDAY 10:45 Fellowship	<b>11</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Roy Autio & John Seredinski	<b>12</b> 10:00 HLCW Meeting and Bible Study	<b>13</b> 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST	14	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Movie Night at Four Rivers Fellowship FREE "We Bought a Zoo"	<b>16</b> Floodwood Fall Color Festival
<b>17</b> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. 10:45 Fellowship	<b>18</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	20	<b>21</b> 9:30 Worship & Music Committee	22	23
<b>24</b> 9:30 Worship & Sun.Sch. Pulpit Supply: Sheri Olson 10:45 Fellowship	<b>25</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	<b>26</b> 9:00 Quilting	<b>27</b> 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST First day of Religious Release	28	29	30

## SUNDAY COFFEE TEAMS

### September

*Leader: Rob & Jan Benson*  
Bubba & Sue Vance  
Jan Metso

### October

*Leader: LuAnn Heikkila*  
Dave & Tracy Zieroth  
Judy Dressley  
Leigha Kuehl



## 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:

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