

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

September 2021

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. We are beginning September and the season of fall. One of the reasons I love fall so much is that it is a time of returning to church on a regular basis for many members. It is a time to return to study God's Word in Bible study for adults and at religious release for our youth.

I will be taking over Pastor Heather's class at the apartments on the first and third Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We will be starting on September 2 with the study of Paul's letter to the Romans. Most Bible scholars consider this letter to be the capstone or highpoint of the entire New Testament. Please come and join us. All are welcome.

I will be starting a series beginning on September 19th of prophecy in the Bible for our adults. Almost 31 percent of the Bible is prophecy. God uses prophecy to show us that He is in control at all times. Prophecy reveals His plan for redemption and restoration of the human race He loves. If we study prophecy, we will know that when things happen His plan is being fulfilled. God wants us to know what is happening so that we can be prepared for what is to come and to tell others to prepare. Christianity is the only religion which has so many prophecies and they are all fulfilled as God reveals them in His Scripture. I hope you can join us each Sunday from 11:00- 12:00 after the service and fellowship time. We will cover many interesting things we all need to know. Please come and join us.

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The Women's Bible study will resume on September 14th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. The last of the "30 Life Principles" by Charles Stanley will be discussed. This principle is "An eager anticipation of the Lord's return keeps us living productively" based on Revelation 22:12. Are we happy and prepared when thinking of Jesus's second coming, or do we need to "clean up" some aspects of our lives? All women are welcome to join the discussion led by Cindy Burgess. Grace will serve coffee.

Please attend if you can. We need your input to plan for the fall activities.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL June 13, 2021

Members Present

Bubba Vance, Tanya Johnson, Mark Johnsen, Missy Wojtysiak, Pastor John Burgess, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Carolyn Hosking was also in attendance. Absent: LuAnn Heikkila, Deb Tollgaard

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 am by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mark Johnsen, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve the agenda as provided. Motion carried.

Approval of New Council Member

Carolyn Hosking has volunteered to fill our vacant position on the Council. Motion made by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Mark Johnsen to accept her on the Council. Motion carried. Special thanks go out to Carolyn for filling the vacant Council position.

Secretaries Report

Motion to approve by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Mark Johnsen to approve the April 25, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

Reviewed financial report for April and May 2021. Needed to transfer money out of and back into Cub Scout account to keep it active. Received a large gift donation placed it in the Rental checking account. Endowment Fund total for the end of March was \$96,105.59. Checks written for Camp Patmos for youth to attend camp equaled a total of \$650.00. Total Globe offering for Souper Bowl of Caring equaled \$381.88. This will be sent to the Life House of Duluth. Motion made to approve the report by Tanya Johnson, second by Missy Wojtysiak. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported 16 communions given to shut-ins. Confirmation completed for Summer and Hannah on Pentecost Sunday. He did a funeral in Cromwell at the Cemetery in May and participated in a Baccalaureate ceremony for the graduates at Four Rivers Church. He participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies with the V.F.W. at 5 local cemeteries. He took seven days of vacation and is glad Pastor Heather could fill in. Pastor will also assist with Vacation Bible School for the community children. He has been asked by Pastor Heather if he would like to lead a Woman's Bible at the apartments for Pastor Heather is no longer able too. And looking ahead, Religious Release will resume in the fall.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: VBS starts this week. Confirmation went well. The youth will head to Northome this August to do their Feed Sack demonstration and raise money for

things like camp. Looking to do First Communion classes in the fall. Hoping Religious Release will happen this year. Lacey W, Brook J, and Hailey B. will attend Camp Patmos this summer.

Outreach Committee: Pastor tried to go to meeting in Montana it has been rescheduled.

Building Committee: Roof Shingle de-lamination – a representative from the company was here. They anticipate to replace all and check to see if others will fall. We are checking the warranty now to see what can be done, for it is felt more will fall due to roof being steep.

Quilting Committee: The quilts are getting blessed today and will be brought to the local Salvation Army.

Old Business

- a. Employee Evaluation – Bubba and Deb worked on an Evaluation with Pastor and feel that he is doing a good job. A copy of the evaluation was provided to the Council.

Mr. Kletscher has put in a job description of what his job entails, and we are to review it, see if it needs any additions or changes and discuss it at the next meeting.

- b. Picnic Table Purchase – Tabled for now, there were concerns.

- c. Church Mutual Sensor Program – Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Bubba Vance to not get involved with this
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program. Motion carried. The Church Council does not feel that it will be beneficial to our church.

- d. Camp Patmos update – Girls will need a negative Covid test 3 days before leaving to camp, unless vaccinated. Hailey Baazaard’s family will be paying her camp fee. Brooke Johnson, and Lacey Wojtysiak have already paid their \$50.

New Business

- a. Honor 2021 Graduates – Council has decided to mention past graduates in our prayers to honor them. Jeff will send them a graduation card.

Looking Ahead

Globe Offering – Decided to take the summer off, so no June, July, or August Globe offering.

Next Meeting - August 22, 2021, at 8:00 am

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion to adjourn by Mark Johnsen, second by Missy Wojtysiak. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am.

YOUTH NEWS

Five of our youth and Tanya Johnson went to Northome to present their feed sack demonstration, August 13 -15. The demonstration was well received, and youth did a terrific job. Everyone there was very nice and

appreciated the youth. Special thanks to Rob and Jan Benson, LuAnn Heikkila, Dave and Ann Bolstad, and to all those who contributed their items and time for this to happen. Rob and Jan helped to organize the event, brought everything needed, helped set up and brought goodies for the girls. LuAnn Heikkila made goodies for the youth and came to assist all day on Saturday. Dave and Ann Bolstad attended church on the fair grounds on Sunday and assisted the youth with tear down and hauled all of the supplies back.



Our youth earned \$1,200 towards the Youth account for presenting. All of the girls had a wonderful time. Youth that attended; Brook Johnson, Hannah Zieroth, Summer Johnson, Lily Johnson, and Lacey Wojtysiak. Terrific job girls!!!

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Pastor’s Corner (Continued from page 1)

We will be teaching religious release classes for high school and elementary students each Wednesday from 12:45- 2:15 p.m. If you would like to help us in any way let Hazel or I know. We really appreciate the help. Sunday school for youth will also be held during the Sunday services.

Hope Lutheran Church Women (HLCW) will start again on September 14 at 10 AM. We will

finish the study of Charles Stanley’s 30 Life Principals and will discuss fall activities. Quilting resumes September 28 at 9 AM. There are lots of quilt tops to complete so come join the ladies.

I hope you have had a great summer vacation time. We look forward to seeing you return. Let us enjoy the opportunity to worship and praise God together again while we feast on the heavenly manna of His Word.

God Bless Pastor John

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Quilting

The quilters will resume quilting September 28, the 4th Tuesday of the month. It will be wonderful to get back to finishing the tops Jeanette and Susan have made. Join us; you don’t have to know how to sew.

Joyce Andrews



A reception was held for Joyce at the Riverview Apartments when she visited Floodwood on July 28th.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Sulo Jatkola
Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 11 Megan Heikkila Russ
Leonard Stokke
- 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



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
Ella Bennett
- 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
- 30 Davia Hayes

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Liz & Wayne Thom ('66)
- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson

- 3 Pat & John Seredinski ('71)



Thank You



Thank you to whoever blesses us with the beautifying of our church both inside and out.

Operation Christmas Child



It won't be long before we will be packing OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes.

Watch the school sales at this time of year: Crayons – boxes of 24, colored pencils, calculators and compass/protractor sets are especially needed. (Check Menards for good prices on compass/protractor sets.) T-shirts: especially Youth size medium and large. Socks for children. Small toys and any other donations are always welcome too. Thank you!

Reminders:

Sign Up to be a Scripture Reader



Sign Up to Serve Refreshments




Feed sack Demonstration at Northome

Brook, Summer, Hannah, Lacey and Lily participated in the Feed Sack Demonstration in Northome. Tanya Johnson was the chaperone.



September 2021 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours		1	2 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	3	4
5 9:30 Worship & communion 10:30 Fellowship	6 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson	7	8 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	9	10	11
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor Burgess on Vacation </div>						
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	13 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	14 10 AM HLCW Meeting & Bible Study	15	16 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	17	18 Floodwood Fall Color Festival---On Main Street 
19 8:00 AM Church Council 9:30 Worship & communion 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	20 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	21	22 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	27 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	28 9 AM Quilting	29 Religious Release Time	30	Looking Ahead October 3 – Robert & Ulla Suhonen sharing at Service October 10 – Outdoor Worship Service 11:00 AM, Picnic to follow It's never too early to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.	

PRAYER REQUESTS

September 2021



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Frances	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Lilly
Theresa	Lois
Bradley	Coach
Heather	Liz
Rosie	Willa
Gary 'Curly'	Sue

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

David Shafer
Owen Seredinski
Liam Seredinski

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 and Church Council

*Pastor Julie

*For Pastor Carl, Jodi, and Greta

*Floodwood Police Department Officers
and all law enforcement officers

***For our world and nation on dealing
with the Covid-19 virus**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

July 25	\$ 249.00
August 1	\$2182.75
August 8	\$7141.25
August 15	\$ 865.00
August 22	\$ 607.50

Youth Fund

August 15	\$ 20.00
August 22	\$1200.00

Memorials

Betty Abrahamson from Carole & Floyd Ahlgren \$20 (Memorial Savings)
Keith Norris from Carole & Floyd Ahlgren \$20 (Memorial Savings)
Bob Juola from Carole & Floyd Ahlgren \$20 (Memorial Savings)
Margaret Perkkio from Shirley Johnson \$20 (Memorial Savings)
Betty Abrahamson from Connie Jorstad \$100 (Memorial Savings)
Betty Abrahamson from Jan Fischer \$20 (Memorial Savings)

Offerings can be mailed to:
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