

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

September 2022

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are about to enter the month of September which is traditionally a time when our attention shifts from vacation mode to a time of back to school, Sunday school, and Bible study. This is what we will focus on this month at Hope Lutheran.

Before I get into the educational opportunities, I want to thank the youth, members of the youth committee, and all those who helped to make our outdoor worship service and picnic a wonderful success. Special thanks to God for providing the wonderful weather for the service as we enjoyed being outside in His creation surrounded by the beauty and glory of His work.

This month we will start our emphasis on education on September 1 with the adult Bible study at the apartments at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans, resuming our study with Chapter 9. We will meet the first and third Thursday of each month. All are invited to attend.

Later that evening of September 1, Hope Lutheran will be serving ice cream dessert at Floodwood School open house from 4:00-6:00 pm. I would appreciate any help you could provide for me that evening as we welcome the children back to school and invite them to sign up for religious release. Religious release starts on September 28. I could use some help with teaching the high school class since Rob will be moving away. We could also use some help providing treats for both the high school and elementary classes. If the elementary class is continuing to grow larger, we would appreciate any help you could give in supporting and helping our teachers. It is a special service we do for our Lord by planting the knowledge of His Word into our youth, many of which do not receive it at home. *(Continued on page 3)*



& HLCW NEWS

Women's Bible study will begin on September 13th at 10:00 A.M. Cindy Burgess will be leading the study which is to be announced at a later time. *(Continued on page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes June 12, 2022

UNAPPROVED

Members Present

Bubba Vance, Missy Wojtysiak, Kim Hutchinson, Mark Johnsen, Carolyn Hosking, Deb Tollgaard, Pastor John Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Tanya Johnson.

Pastor John opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Carolyn Hosking, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

April 24, 2022 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Deb Tollgaard, second by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported delivering 7 Communion. Special Services: Pentecost with blessing of the quilts, Father's Day with distribution of candy bars, Mother's Day with distribution of candy bars, honoring of high school graduates. Baccalaureate service on May 18. Memorial Day Services with VFW. Graveside service for Gary Wiita on June 12. Vacation Bible School is June 13-17. Will be teaching pastoral students from PEG Ministries on Pastoral Care. Need to find

someone to help with High School Religious release since Rob Benson is leaving.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

Expenses are up and funds and donations are down. Mark suggests we need to be looking for ways to cut expenses as he is concerned about declining giving. Jeff is considering Lutheran World Relief for the Ukraine Globe Offering we are collecting. (Handouts about their program were shared with Council.) Response letter sent regarding the Rimmereid Social Security issues in 1998 and 1999. Jeff opened an online account with Sam's Club so he could make payments in a timely manner. (He reported that statement often arrives only days before payment is due.)

Motion by Carolyn Hosking, second by Mark Johnsen to approve the April and May 2022 Check Registers, May Financial Report, Youth Account Report, Endowment Report and the verbal report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Camp Patmos three weekends in July. Lily and Ruby L. will be going to the elementary camp July 24 – 29; Lacey will be going to the Middle school camp July 17-22; Hannah, Summer, Brook, Hailey B. and Amelia A. will be going to the high School camp July 10-15. Floodwood Community VBS is June 13-17.

Outreach Committee: No update.

Building Committee: Bubba has added about 12 feet of corrugated

steel to prevent leakage in basement.

Quilting Committee: None in summer.

Old Business

- a. Update on VBS – June 13 – 17 at Downtown Fair Center. Theme for 2022: Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness.
- b. Kathy Johnsen and Tim Tollgaard submitted a written report indicating they completed the 2021 Financial Audit. They reported: "We found no concerning discrepancies and have complete confidence in the accuracy of the 2021 finances."

New Business

- a. Donation request from Floodwood Police Department for National Night Out. Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Kim Hutchinson to approve \$50 donation from Missions Account for support of National Night Out. Motion carried.
- b. Update Corporate Resolution for Floodwood Ministerial Checking Account (Police Account). Northview Bank has been giving Police Department a hard time about the signers who are on the account. Motion made by Kim Hutchinson, second by Deb Tollgaard to authorize Police Chief Josh Matteson, Deputy Clerk Cory Suonvieri, *(Continued on page 3)*

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Police Officer Cory Roering and Hope Administrator Jeff Kletscher as signers on that account. Motion carried.

- c. LCMC Annual Conference. October 2 – 5 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville MN. Conference brochure was provided to the Church Council. Pastor encouraged Council members to attend as Conference will not be so close in future years.

Globe Offering: Council decided that the remainder of Summer (July, August) will be for Ukraine Support.

Next Meeting – August 28, 2022 at 8:00 AM

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess led the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned by Bubba Vance at 8:44 AM.



Camp Patmos

Lacey Wojtysiak attended Camp Patmos, from July 17-22, 2022. Other youth also attended at different times during the summer.



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This month, I will begin teaching the adult Bible study group each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. starting September 18. I want us to focus on the upcoming Feast of Rosh Hashanah on September 26. The significance of this Feast Day ordained by God in the Old Testament, has special consequences that will impact all of us. We need to know what might be coming and how we are to get ready for what is to come. Please prayerfully consider this important lesson.

Also, this month the Ladies Bible study will resume September 13 and quilting on September 27. There are many opportunities to learn and to serve Jesus this month. My hope is that you can find time to participate in some of these activities.

God Bless, Pastor John

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HLCW Quilting



Quilting resumes on September 27th at 9:00 A.M. Anyone who can thread a darning needle and tie a knot is welcome. [Actually, help is available with threading the needle, if needed.]

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
Cindy Burgess
- 4 Molly Johnsen
Elvie Tollgaard
LuAnn Heikkila

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Birthdays and Anniversaries
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- 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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson
- 3 Pat & John Seredinski ('71)

Farewell



A Farewell Potluck for Rob & Jan Benson has been scheduled for Sunday, September 11 following the Service. Rob and Jan have been very involved with Hope Lutheran and this is a way to thank them for all they have done for the Congregation and the Community. Rob & Jan are moving to the St. Cloud Area soon.

Box Missing

A box containing 12 homemade



wooden deer and 7 homemade wooden birdhouses is missing. If you have information or ideas, please let Pastor or Jeff know. No questions asked. Thank you.

Needed: Release Time Help

Please prayerfully consider how you can assist with Religious Release this year. Rob Benson has played an important role in teaching High School Religious Release for the past decade plus and will be greatly missed. Your help is needed to teach both High School and Elementary Religious Release. Please visit with Pastor John if you are interested in helping. Thank you in advance.



God Had Made Me Laugh

I'm worried about you always being at the bottom of your class," said the father to his son.

"Don't worry Dad," he replied. "They still teach the same thing at both ends."

Dear Dad,

School is really great. I am making a lot of friends and studying very hard. With all my stuff, I simply can't think of anything I need, so if you would like, you can just send me a card, as I would love to hear from you.

Love,
Your Son.

The Reply:

Dear Son,

I know that astronomy, economics, and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task, and you can never study enough.

Love,
Dad



September 2022 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking			1 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor 4-6 PM Floodwood School Open House		
4 9:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 Fellowship	5 USHER TEAM: Dale Rauvola NO OFFICE HOURS 					
11 9:30 Worship Farewell potluck for the Bensons following the service	12 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	13 10:00 AM HLCW Bible Study	14 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	15 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	16	17 <i>Floodwood Fall Color Festival – Main Street</i> 
18 9:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Adult Bible Study	19 USHER TEAM: Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours					
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Adult Bible Study	26 USHER TEAM: Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	27 9:00 AM Quilting, church basement	28 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf First Day of Release Time 12:45- 1:30-HS 1:30-2:15- Elem.			
						Looking Ahead: October is Pastor Appreciation Month, October 9 is Pastor Appreciation Day

PRAYER REQUESTS
September 2022



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Jerry	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Jim
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Heather	Wayne
Don	Carlene
Sulo	

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

Owen Seredinski
Liam Seredinski
Jacob Seredinski

For places where wars and conflict take place

Ukraine
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**

**Peace and healing in
Ukraine and the world**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

July 24	\$1141.00
July 31	\$1113.00
August 7	\$1713.00
August 14	\$6539.00
August 21	\$ 659.00

**Globe Offering
Ukraine Support**



July 24	\$ 9.42
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**Youth
Picnic Donations**

August 14	\$ 285.00
August 21	\$ 10.00

Memorials

In Memory of Carmen Thompson from
Marilyn Stephen \$ 25.00
(Mem Savings)

***Offerings can be mailed to:
Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736***

Bible Heroes

J E V A P X X H A O N H J O C P L
 N P W E E W I T J J A U L S A G C
 Y R R R T F Z H X R G O L K L C J
 T S P S E S O M O P Y Z C O E L R
 I O A R R V J B C K A V R Z C G K
 L L H O L I E L L P S T O G N V U
 I O W N E D O M Q X N W S N E J K
 M M B O S W I S D O M O J A I O F
 U O Y H X N W P C K C T Z W D S F
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 X Q U S D S C Q Q T A B R A H A M
 E G A R U O C T H E D I R P G G F

courage	wisdom	obedience	trust	selfcontrol
honor	humility	Faith	Pride	Peter
Solomon	Abraham	Noah	Joseph	David
Deborah	heroes	moses		



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INFORMATION AND UPDATES***

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very own web site. Visit us at:

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