

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran September 2025

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are entering September, fall is coming, and it is back to school time. For us here at Hope Lutheran it means we will be starting up our Bible study classes. I will be teaching the adult Bible class at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning after fellowship time. We will resume our study of the book of Genesis at chapter 32. I will be teaching a bible class at the Riverview Apartments on the first and third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. We will be finishing our study of Paul's pastoral epistles with the letters of Titus and Philemon. All are welcome. Cindy will resume her Bible class with the women on Tuesday, September 9th, at 10:00 a.m. as they continue their study of women in the bible.

Religious release classes resume on September 24th. High school students will be from 11:20 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. Elementary students will be from 12:05p.m - 12:50 p.m. Special thanks to those who will be helping with teaching this year. Gary Gustafson will be with the high school students, and Dawn Shafer and Patty Seredinski will be with the elementary kids. What you do is so special for the kids. I also want to thank all those who help with providing treats and cleanup afterwards. We have been told by the kids we have the best treats at our church. *(Continued on Page 5)*



Cindy Burgess will resume discussion of various women of the Bible on Tuesday, September 9th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. Some of the women in Moses's family will be the topic: his Egyption mother, his Hebrew mother, and his sister Miriam. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 5)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes April 27, 2025

Members Present

Gary Gustafson, Missy Wojtysiak, Kim Hutchinson, Jan Dornseif, Pat Seredinaki, Carolyn Hosking, Pastor Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: None.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Gary Gustafson.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pat Seredinski, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

February 23, 2025 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Carolyn Hosking, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

President's Report

Lacey Wojtysiak is interested in starting an Outreach Project to increase youth attendance and participation in the church as well as increase overall membership. We have received contact information to Young Life and will be reaching out to them for ideas and collaboration to move forward.

Pastor's Report

Visits and communion given 4, mileage 158 miles. Funeral for Lorraine Guentzel April 26th, 2025. Funeral pending for Dinah Tveit, June 2025. May 1st is National Day of Prayer March at 5:30 pm. May 18th will be Lilyana Johnson's Confirmation. Baccalaureate with

be here at Hope on May 28th at 6 pm. Special thanks to all who made the Lenten soup supper evenings and Easter breakfast a great success. Special thanks also to those who made the Easter Egg Hunt successful.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

February and March check registers, Financial Report and Summarized Financial Report included and reviewed, nothing unexpected noted. Need someone to cover computer work August 3rd, Jan Dornseif volunteered. Ignitor replaced on basement furnace by John Seredinski. Elevator inspection completed March 14th, all OK. Plugged kitchen drain pipe at Parsonage fixed by Todd Messner and David Zieroth. Souper Bowl of Caring Offering for Floodwood area Food Shelf was \$432.32. Good Friday Offering for Floodwood Ministerium Police Account was \$546.64. Fund for Religious Release for snacks and Funeral Lunch – No change since last meeting. Ekka visit May 18th (Confirmation) or May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend, preferred by Pastor). Check number 15146 to MN Dept of Labor and Industry is for the Elevator License.

Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Pat Seredinski to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: SS Update

Religious Release Update: Thanks to everyone who helps educate our youth and provide treats. VBS will begin June 9th.

Confirmation Update: Lilly will be confirmed May 18th.

Camp Patmos is combining High School and Middle School. July 6th-11th. Hannah, Summer, Lacey, Lilyana, Kendra are going and church pays for each of them. Alison Rahja, Janeah Laine and Kalli Fjeld also going, their parents will pay for them.

Building Committee: Update included in the Administrator's report.

Quilting Committee: Next on May 27th

Old Business

- a. Corporate Resolution: Complete! 181 pages with 67 signatures.

New Business

- a. Audit Reports: Sue Vance completes offering pages after every service with total donated, she then compares these with the bank deposit slips. Mark and Kathy Johnsen completed monthly audits of check registers to receipts and bills. No issues found in either Audit. Motion made by Kim Hutchinson, second by Carolyn Hosking to accept. Motion carried
- b. Certificate of Deposit Renewals: 3 current, will change all to 182 day CD as this is the best Interest rate at this time. Motion made by Jan Dornseif, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

- c. Purchase of 2 new office computers. Current: Jeff's-Gateway, Windows 7, purchased in 2011. Pastor's-HP, Windows 10, Purchased 2017. Proposed to purchase out of Memorial Savings. Motion made by Pat Seredinski, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

- d. Coffee Time: Concerns regarding amount of food/selections at coffee. Discussed regarding this is a time for fellowship and there are no requirements on how simple or complicated the snacks and refreshments are. Pastor will think on how to best communicate this to the congregation. Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second Jan Dornseif to let pastor best address this. Motion carried.

Looking Ahead

Globe Offering: April-Polar Cubs Childcare Center. May-Ekka Support. June-Camp Patmos Support. Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Carolyn Hosking to accept. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – Sunday, July 27th at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting adjourned by Gary Gustafson at 8:55 am.

Council Approved 7-27-25

YOUTH

On August 3rd, the Youth group sponsored the church's outdoor service and picnic. Good message, good fellowship and great food. Thanks to all who help with the youth ministry.





Tree Down

On August 8th Floodwood and surrounding communities, experienced some severe weather, including wind gusts up to 70 MPH, and torrential rainfall. Many trees fell and one of those trees kissed the parsonage. The Lord was watching out over Floodwood when any damage to structures was minimal and there were no injuries.



Thanks to Dave, Tracy, Hannah and John for doing the clean-up.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 10 Gary Gustafson
- 11 Megan Heikkila Russ
- 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
Jim Dusek
- 28 Jack Moe

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Keven & Tanya Johnson
(‘07)
- 15 Mark & Kathy Johnsen
(‘84)
- 16 Burt & Cory Suonvieri

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Liam Seredinski
Dale Rauvola
Cindy Burgess
- 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
Jennifer Wedin
- 17 Mark Johnsen
- 22 Shannon Johnsen
Jim Hutton
- 24 Bob Andrews
Tamera Lundstrom
- 27 Marissa Johnson
- 30 Davia Hayes

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson
- 3 Pat & John Seredinski (‘71)
- 15 Jim & Lisa Dusek
- 23 Shelley Arjes & Gary
Gustafson (1999)

Pastor's Corner

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I want to welcome all our worshipping members back this fall. I hope you have had a blessed and safe summer. Each Sunday, as we study God's Word and receive His sacraments, I hope you will develop a deeper and more meaningful relationship with our Lord Jesus. We pray that Jesus will lead more folks to come and become part of God's family as they worship with us.

Special thanks to all those who volunteer each Sunday, as ushers, scripture readers, communion attendants and those who provide fellowship time refreshments. All of you make our Sunday worship a special time as we look forward to being together each week, worshipping the God who loves us all, who provides for all our needs, and who has given us His most precious Son to be our Savior.

God Bless us all,
Pastor John

HLCW (continued from page 1)

Quilting



Quilting will resume on Tuesday, September 23rd at 9:00 A.M. We'll start refilling the shelves in the quilt room for next year's delivery to Lutheran World Relief -- or for local causes, should there be a need. All are welcome.



Remember it's not too early to start thinking about packing your Operation Christmas Child boxes. Blessing of the Boxes will be Sunday, November 16 during the worship service.



FOOD SHELF

NEW HOURS

**2ND FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH**

12-2:00 PM

**3RD MONDAY OF THE
MONTH**

9-11:00 AM



Reminders

**Sign up to serve
refreshments!**

And

**Sign up to be a
Scripture reader!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

September 2025



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Kitty	Gary
Dean S.	Jerry
Danette	Sadie
Carlene	Elsie
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Doug S.
Erik	Carolyn

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
Pashtun People Group
Robert & Ulla Suhonen
Vision Petrozavodsk
Judy Yund and Bethel Hospital
Peace*Love*Haiti
Madagascar Mission Project
*For our congregation and Church Council
*Pastor Julie
*Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

Peace and healing in Ukraine and Israel and the world!

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH GIVING

General Fund Giving

July 27	\$343.70
August 3	\$1752.00
August 10	\$1693.00
August 17	\$1744.32

Youth (Picnic)

August 3	\$262.00
August 10	\$10.00

Memorials

In Memory of Marilyn Stephen from Nancy Raihala \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Dinah Tveit from Jack & Willie Moe \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



September - Religious Release Snack Fund

October - Support Operation Christmas Child

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

<div> September 2025 Hope Lutheran Planner </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 USHER: Dale Rauvola NO PASTOR OFFICE HOURS 	2	3	4 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	5	6
7 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	8 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	9 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	10	11	12 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	13
14 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	15 USHER: Bubba Vance 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	16	17	18 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	19	20
21 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	22 USHER: Tim Tollgaard 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	23 9-3 PM Quilting	24 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Religious Release Begins: HS 11:20 – 12:05 Elem 12:05 – 12:50 <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	29 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours					



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INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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very own web site. Visit us at:

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