



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church OCTOBER 2015

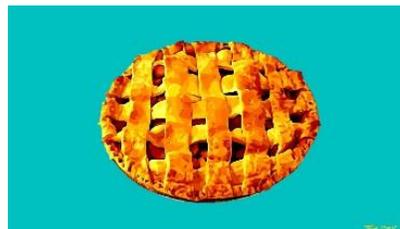
A Word From Pastor Carl

LEARNING NEVER ENDS

Have you ever learned something new about someone and it took you back? You question yourself, “How did I never know that?” You almost feel disappointed that you were so unaware or had not paid close enough attention before.

I have been surprised at myself in my lack of awareness of at least three things in the last month. One of them is in regard to Pope Francis’ visit to the United States. The most important reason for his trip was to canonize an American saint. (Canonization means declaring somebody to be included on the list of Catholic saints.) I was surprised that as student of religion and history that I had never even heard of the man whom Francis came to honor--Junipero Serra. I learned that Serra was the father of the Spanish missions of California. Up and down the Pacific coast, he organized mission stations where Native Americans learned about Jesus and were first taught the Spanish language. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Hope Lutheran Church Women



APPLE PIE MAKING & BAZAAR

We plan to make apple pies on October 15th and 16th. Watch for further details in the Sunday bulletins. We will need many willing hands, so try to reserve those days for pies.

The bazaar is going to be November 18th. We will be serving a meatball dinner from 5:00 to 7:00. *(Continued on Page 4)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Jen Myles chaired the August 8th meeting with 8 members present.

An ice cream social will be held at the open house on September 3rd at the school.

Release classes for the elementary still need helpers. Classes will be from 11:30-12:15.

Rob Benson will be teaching the high school class.

Sunday School rally with the back pack blessing will be September 23th.

Wreathes will be sold at the fall bazaar and Christmas Shopping Night for the youth fund.

Hankies will be sold at home football games.

Focus on The Family Series will begin on September 27th at 10:45 a.m.

It was suggested to have a pie auction later in the year.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (UNAPPROVED)

**Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 15, 2015**

Present: Pastor Carl Fiskness, Rob Benson, Bubba Vance, Jennifer Myles, Pat Seredinski, Susan Coccie, Kathy Johnsen, David Zieroth, Bryan Hutchinson, Marion Shafer. Absent: Lonna Hutchinson

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Coccie at 7:00 pm. Pastor Fiskness opened with prayer.

AGENDA

MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECOND BY BENSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ORGAN REPAIR AND INSURANCE POLICY UNDER NEW BUSINESS. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Secretary: MOTION BY MYLES, SECOND BY SEREDINSKI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2015 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial: Susan reported August was a good month financially, partially due to a large anonymous donation; Jeff Kletscher has submitted a request for \$4,744 for the rental house roof repair to the endowment fund. MOTION BY HUTCHINSON, SECOND BY VANCE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Pastor: Activities report attached.

Youth & Family: The ice cream social went well; Sunday School and Release Time teachers and helpers are still needed; Release Time begins October 7; there were no children in church for Rally Sunday; there will be a movie shown September 27 after the service for parents and grandparents who wish to raise children in the Christian faith.

Communication & Technology: No report.

Building: Dave checked the rental house basement after the recent heavy rain and found the pumps working but water leaking in through the foundation. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Church Council Minutes (continued from Page 2)

Befrienders: Sent 15 cards in August.

HLCW: Fall Bazaar date is November 18.

Quilters: Will start meeting again September 29.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Garage sale – Saturday September 19 from 8:00-3:00; set-up will begin Wednesday afternoon.

B. Congregational meeting – October 4

NEW BUSINESS

A. Organ repair – Willie Moe and Jeanette Johnsen have reported problems with the organ; Lindor-Ward Piano and Organ will be contacted for an estimate to be paid from the Memorial Account.

B. Insurance policy – Susan and David will meet September 16 at 9:00 am with a representative from another church insurance company for an estimate.

GLOBE OFFERING: September – Homework Help; October – Operation Christmas Child

NEXT MEETINGS: October 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm; November 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

Word from Pastor Carl – LEARNING NEVER ENDS (Continued From Page 1)

A little earlier last month, the American news media highlighted Elizabeth II for being the longest serving British monarch in history. Elizabeth II has been the queen of England since 1952. The present queen recently surpassed her great-great-grandmother Victoria's regency of 63 years and 216 days. In addition, Elizabeth, age 89, and her husband, Prince Philip, age 94, last year celebrated 68 years of marriage. The royal couple was married in 1947.

While I was generally aware of the queen's long tenure on the throne and her many years of matrimony, I was only partially aware of the long list of nations over which she reigns. I already knew that she is not only the queen of Great Britain, but is also equally the queen of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, the Bahamas, Belize and seven others.

What was a surprise to me is that her reign does not end even where she is queen. There are many other countries that were once a part of the British Empire that no longer have the Queen as their head of state. Yet these countries belong to an organization called the Commonwealth of Nations. Even though these other nations are either republics or even have their own local monarchs, the Queen is the ceremonial head of this Commonwealth. Her headship of the Commonwealth, therefore, extends her official status to 37 more countries. Among this secondary list of nations over which she has a form of leadership includes: India, South Africa, Nigeria, Pakistan, etc. To call Elizabeth II the Queen of England really is to describe only a fraction of her office.

This year is not only significant for the Queen's countries but it also marks a milestone for our own. 2015 is the 150th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War. I happened to learn that after the defeat of the Confederacy, there were many in Dixie who had either lost everything or were so disillusioned by the defeat of South that they decided to leave. At least 10,000 people emigrated from the Deep South for the even deeper south of Brazil including some of Rosalyn Carter's relatives.

A good number of these descendants in Brazil gather annually at the only Confederate military cemetery outside the United States where many of the men dress up in gray uniforms and the women wear hoop skirts, some of which are decorated with the Confederate flag. ***(Continued on Page 4)***

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Fried chicken and chess pie are an important part of the celebration menu.

What insight do we gain from these little pieces of learning besides a few interesting facts? How easily we think that we know the entire story when there is so much more to apprehend. In regards to our faith, sometimes we can be casual and think, “I know Jesus” or “I know that Jesus rose from the dead.” But there is so much more to discover about Christ and his Word. Romans 11:33 says, “*O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!*” Knowing Christ includes desiring to learn more about Him.

HLCW News (continued from Page 1)

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The next HLCW Bible Study/Business meeting will be October 13, at 10:00 at the church. Liz Thom will lead the study and Rebecca circle will serve coffee.

The second lesson of the current series, "Growing Older and Wiser" is titled "Wisdom Hunt," based on Colossians 2:1-10. The Gentiles of the city of Colossae had come under the influence of false teachers who claimed Jesus was insufficient for salvation, offering a secret knowledge that promised to take Christians to another level. In our society what are some hollow and deceptive ideas that compete with Christ? Have we ever been taken in by a false idea? All women are welcome.

HLCW MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

President Grace Autio opened the September meeting in Hope Lutheran Fellowship Hall at 10:10 a.m. with a prayer. Thirteen members were present. The secretary read the minutes of the May meeting which upon motion made and seconded, was voted approved.

Jeanette Johnsen distributed the treasurer's report which showed a beginning checking balance of \$220.68 from her last report of April 11, 2015. After income of \$1,016.50 and expenses of \$890.83, the checking balance as of Sept. 7, 2015 was \$346.35. Also there is a savings balance of \$1,035.04. After designated funds of \$537.12, the report showed a balance of available funds of \$844.27. Upon motion by Lois Hendrickson, seconded by Jan Benson, the report was approved by unanimous vote.

Grace noted that a thank you note has been received from Brooke Johnson for her campership.

Grace received word from Lee Samuelson who would like to have our group send out letters to outside businesses and other groups for contributions of items for auction as a fund raising project. It was decided to discuss this more at the October 4th special meeting which will be held after the church service.

It was determined that the upcoming “garage” sale at Hope Church will be a one day event, on Saturday, September 19th during the Fall Color Festival. People are invited to bring items to the church as late as Friday afternoon to be sold the next day.

The question of whether our group will make apple pies this year was discussed, and Grace will call people who have an orchard at Palisade to see if they have the apples we need at a reasonable price.

Grace reported that the annual Bazaar is set for Wednesday, Nov. 18, which is the week before Thanksgiving. LuAnn Heikkila has agreed once again to be in charge of the meatball dinner. ***(Continued on Page 5)***

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Departments are assigned as follows: Naomi Circle, New items and decorations; Rebecca Circle, Bakery; and Mary Circle, the Meal.

It was noted that Naomi Circle will be in charge of the next funeral.

There being no other business, the meeting upon motion of Elsie Tollgaard, supported by Lois Hendrickson, adjourned at 10:30 a.m. By unanimous vote.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2015 GIVING
(August 30th Through September 20th)

General Fund	\$ \$12,683.67	Total into General Fund	\$ 13,556.52
Rummage Sale	\$ 872.85	Homework Help	\$ 30.00

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Rick Schwieger \$ 100.00 (Savings)
from Gerald & Marion Schwieger, Gary & Lori Beseke, Dustin & Catherine Beseke and family and Lucas & Staci Buseke

*God Has Brought Me
Laughter*

One Sunday morning a preacher told his congregation, "Everyone who wants to go to heaven, come down to the front." The whole church came forward except one man.

Thinking that maybe the man had not heard him, the preacher had repeated the invitation. Again the man just sat there. "Sir," said the preacher, "don't you want to go to heaven when you die?"

The man replied, "Oh, when I die? I thought you were getting a group together to go right now".

My husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car. We were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!"

His reply: "I know, I already got that side."

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Liam Seredinski
Dale Rauvola
- 4 Molly Johnsen
Elvie Tollgaard
LuAnn Heikkila
- 5 Cory Suonvieri
Cody Farrell
- 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

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Lilly Autio
Pam Rahja
- 5 Rose Chambers
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 7 Mae Olson
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson
Shawna Berendt
- 10 Rebekah Bolstad Jonas
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson
Wyatt Rauvola
Miranda Young
- 16 Pastor Carl Fiskness
- 17 Linda Chambers
- 19 Eric Hall
- 21 Sue Hutchinson
- 22 Josef Suhonen
- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
Jordan Myles
- 29 Carl Kuehl

**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Tim & Jen Myles ('91)
- 12 LeRoy & Mildred
Samuelson ('55)
- 22 Laverne & Ed Hutton
- 25 Pam & Bob Rahja
- 29 Robert & Darci (Rahja)
Dahl

CARD OF THANKS

To Lonna Tollgaard for arranging our 2nd Annual Garage Sale, which grossed the church \$973.

To all who contributed items for the sale.

All who worked setting up the sale, and working on that day.

Grace Autio and Jeanette Johnsen for packing all of the left over donations.

Liz Thom for making the church brochure.

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Luther on the Christian Life

That the Christian Life is simultaneously under the Law and the Gospel

Lake Superior LCMC/NALC Fall Conference

Saturday, October 24

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New Life Lutheran Church

4424 Venture Ave

Duluth, MN

Main Speaker: Pastor Nicholas Hopman

Pastor Paul Reiff: Sanctification in Islam

Rev. Brad Jenson: The Magnificat

Rev. Arndt Braaten: The Uses of the Law

Pastor Stew Carlson: Christians and Leviticus

Pastor David Norland Losing Luther: Antinomian Preaching Today

~ October 2015 ~
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship	28 USHER TEAM: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4	29	30	1 9-10:30 AM Ruby's Pantry @ Arrowhead Town Hall 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	2	3
4 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Congregational meeting with Fellowship to follow	5 USHER TEAM: Jeff Kletscher & Dean Fries – Team 5	6	7 Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS 2:30-7:00 Homework Help 6:00 Youth Confirmation 7:00-Adult Learning & Confirmation	8 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	9	10
11 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship & Christian Ed & youth & Family Committee	12 USHER TEAM: Marion Shafer & Burt Suonvieri – Team 6 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 10:00-HLCW Bible Study & Meeting 7:00 Church council	14 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS 2:30-7:00 Homework Help MEA-No Youth Confirmation	15 10:30-3:00 NALC pastor's meeting in Gonvick, MN HLCW Apple Pie Making	16 10:00-Bible Study at Riverview Manor HLCW Apple Pie Making 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	17
18 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship	19 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7	20	21 Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS 2:30-7:00 Homework Help 6:00 Youth Confirmation	22 9:30 Worship and Music Committee 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	23 5:00 Pastor's gathering for Lake Superior at the Kitchi Gammi Club	24 10:00-3:00 Lake Superior Congregations LCMC & NALC fall gathering in Duluth at New Life Lutheran "What is the Christian Life?"
25 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Fellowship	26 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson – Team 8	27 9-3- HLCW Quilting	28 9-11 AM FW Food Shelf at FST Release Time: 11:30-Elem. 12:20-HS 2:30-7:00 Homework Help 6:00 Youth Confirmation	29 1-3 PM Pastor's Office Hours	30	31 <i>All Hallow's Eve (Halloween)</i> <i>Turn clocks back tonight</i>

**FOCUS ON THE FAMILY VIDEO
SERIES**

Bringing Up Boys

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
AT 10:45 AM**

**AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH,
FLOODWOOD**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEB SITE**

Hope Lutheran Church now has its
very own web site. Visit us at:

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