



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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A Word From Pastor Carl

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THINGS STAY THE SAME

Besides more obvious distinctions like music and style of dress, one of the many differences between cultures is the concept of time. The Western world has tended to think of the advancement of time as being linear. There was a beginning to the world and there will be an end. The people of the East, along with some native groups in the West, have tended to think of time more in how it runs in cycles. Time and creation have always existed and will continue in perpetuity.

Both concepts are true on some level. Those who think of time as being linear are right that as we develop new technologies and as new ideas are shared, the world never returns to what it was but continues to evolve in ways it never has before. Those who understand time to run cyclically are correct that the seasons each come in a particular order like they always have.

While each season may endure for longer or shorter periods, we never entirely miss out on winter or spring, etc. ***(Continued Page 2)***



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Session three of the women's Bible study series, "Family Matters" is titled, "Triangles are not Just Geometry - Taking Responsibility for Self". The Old Testament story is from Genesis 16: 1-16 and deals with the triangle of Abraham, Sarai, [later called Sarah], and Sarai's servant, Hagar. The New Testament part is from Matthew 18:10-20, where Jesus teaches His disciples how to manage difficult situations and relationships. Lastly, our own family triangle, mother-father-child, is discussed. The meeting will be November 25th at 10:00 AM at the church. All women are invited and welcome. ***(Continued Page 2)***



COMMUNITY CAROLERS

The Community Carolers will be singing during the Christmas Shopping Night in Floodwood on November 25th. Stay tuned (pardon the pun!) for the time to meet. Caroling books ***(Continued Page 3)***

Word From Pastor Carl
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For some reason, I associate the autumn as a time of looking back at the past. I think that part of this impression comes from the pictures one sees on calendars and paintings of an idyllic New England village. The changing colors seem to represent the passing of bygone years besides communicating simply that the season is fall.

Every September through November, we continue to enjoy this part of the world where it is so beautiful at this time of year. I have been fortunate to enjoy the outdoors of autumn in at least two ways. First, I had the chance to steal away to the Stearns County Pioneer Days old time farming show at Albany, MN. Besides going away briefly, I also had friends come here for a few days while they mostly explored the Northland on their own.

One of the days of their visit, they invited me to ride along with them for a drive up the north shore to see the turning of the leaves. We enjoyed the scenery enough that we journeyed all the way to the border of the country with a maple leaf on its flag. These friends had made this trip along Lake Superior a number of times during the autumn before. But at the same time, my experience of the same day trip was new and linear because it was the first time that I had ever gone the entire way up Highway 61.

We could call this phenomenon a different kind of "double time". Anyone over a year old has been through fall and winter before. But we experience this season a little differently each time it comes around. And so it was for Hope Lutheran Church this autumn of 2013.

It was a pleasure to again enjoy the literal fruit of the labor of those who made the annual trip south to pick apples and make delicious, non-Delicious, apple pies. We will also soon partake in a tasty supper with the reintroduction of a full dinner served as part of the bazaar.

While these are familiar events for this time of year, we also have seen some novel developments in the community. It has been fun to observe the particularly successful sports seasons as of late with a number of the athletes being part of our congregation. Walking across from school to church, the façade of our building has been re-landscaped to help withstand another 50 year flood. Part of the modification involves the purchase of a few Burning Bushes. Both the parsonage and the office have been revamped with colored carpet and paint. The latter also now boasts the purchase of a color copier.

As this autumn in our church has been both normal and different simultaneously, I hope that your life is similar to this pattern. May you feel the Lord's never-failing presence. May you also observe the fresh beauty of creation anew as you grow and deepen in your relationship to the Creator God and his Son through whom all things were made and his Spirit who hovered over the waters of creation.

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." Genesis 8:22

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentation 3:22-23

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is underway. The council decided to get more people involved by purchasing 50 plastic "shoe boxes" for the congregation to fill. Samaritan's Purse has sent shoe boxes overseas for 20 years now. The boxes are sent to hurting children around the world.

You can get involved by filling a shoebox with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Guides for how to pack a shoebox are on the ushers table. Bible stories in the child's language are also put in the box. A donation of \$7.00 per box makes it possible for Operation Christmas Child to deliver each gift you pack to a child thousands of miles away. For those of you have internet service, it is possible to follow your box online.

Also please remember to pray for the child that receives your gift. It may be the only gift they ever receive.

Packing and sending a shoe box is not inexpensive. If you feel you cannot do it alone, please put the amount you can spend in the globe in the back of the church, or in one of the cans on the tables downstairs. We will shop for you or use the money for postage to cover other boxes.

The boxes are due at church on November 17, 2013. **(Continued Page 3)**

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APPLE PIES

The pies were made and frozen on Sept 28. We made 119 pies, 10 were given to the community Thanksgiving dinner, and the rest were sold. We apologize to some that wanted pies; we could only work one day. We thank everyone for the good help we had, including 7 men.

WEDDING SHOWER

A Shower was given for Pastor Carl and Jodi Sunday, Oct 13. A potluck dinner was served after church, and gifts and the "Money tree" were presented to them. We were happy that their parents and other relatives were able to attend. A good time was had by all.

PAINTING

The inside of the parsonage is being painted. Dennis Davis, a local painter is doing the painting. The H.L.C.W. is paying for this project.

NEW FLOOR PILLOWS

New floor pillows will be made for the Sunday School children. Fleece materials will be purchased soon, and the quilters will sew them during a quilting session. . (Continued Page 6)

Christian Education & Youth & Family Ministry (continued from Page 1)

will be provided. Everyone in the community is invited to sing with us, no matter what age. If there are questions, contact Liz Thom 218-644-3593.

November Birthdays

- 1 Lilly Autio
Pam Rahja
Pat Bruno (Autio)
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson
Mae Olson
- 10 Rebekah Bolstad Jonas
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson
Wyatt Rauvola
Miranda Young
- 16 Todd Romanek
Carl Fiskness
- 19 Eric Hall
- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
Jordan Myles
- 29 Karl Kuehl



November Anniversaries

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



- Coming Up—Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.
- All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas Sing-alone."
- Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

• This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.



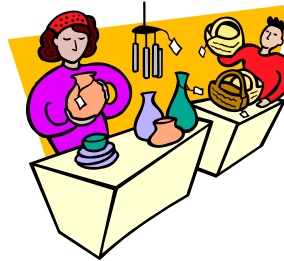
ELLEN LAURIE

*Is turning 90 years old
on November 20th
Her family would
appreciate it if we
would each send her a
birthday card with
\$1.00 inside (if you're
able)*

Ellen's Address:

Ellen Laurie
Plainview Estates
46 Thompson Rd
Esko, MN 55733

All are welcome to the
Hope Lutheran Church Women
BAZAAR



November 13, 2013

5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

MENU:

Barbequed meatballs

Scalloped potatoes

Coleslaw

Dessert



Baked goods and new items will also be
available to purchase

Watch for the posters

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER

~ November 2013 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Usher Team: Rob Benson & Wayne Thom – Team 8	29	30	31	1 3-5 pm Pastor's Office Hours	2
3 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	4 Usher Team: Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation	5 10:00 a.m. LCMC & NALC Ministerium in Duluth	6 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 5:30 Youth Supper 6:00 Confirmation	7 9-10:30 Ruby's Pantry at Arrowhead Town Hall	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Riverview Manor 3-5 pm Pastor's Office Hours	9 <i>Opening deer season</i>
10 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	11 Usher Team: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12	13 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 5:00-7:30 Fall Bazaar 6:00 Confirmation	14	15 3-5 pm Pastor's Office Hours	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Pastor</div>
17 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Gone</div>	18 Usher Team: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard – Team 3 7:00 Bible Study Home Fellowship at parsonage	19 No Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting 7:15 Church Council	20 12:10-1:00 HS Release 1:50-3:00 Elem. Release 5:30 Youth Supper 6:00 Confirmation	21 9:30 Worship & Music Committee 12:00 FBCP Meeting	22 3-5 pm Pastor's Office Hours	23
24 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	25 Usher Team: Roy Autio & John Seredinski – Team 4 10:00 HLCW Business Meeting & Bible Study <i>Floodwood Christmas Shopping night</i>	26 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Quilting	27 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service at Hope	28 Thanksgiving dinner at Hope <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29 3-5 pm Pastor's Office Hours	30

**Hope Lutheran Church
Floodwood, MN 55736
Minutes of regular September Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Dean Fries

Those in attendance include: LuAnn Heikkila, Pastor Carl Fiskness, Dave Zieroth, Bubba Vance, Rae Rosemore, Lonna Hutchinson, Susan Coccie and Dean Fries. Absent: Brian Hutchinson, Kathy Johnsen, Marion Shafer and Carlene Jatkola.

Agenda

Motion by Susan Coccie, second by Dave Zieroth to approve the agenda with additions. Motion approved.

Reports

Secretary – Motion by Susan Coccie, second by Dave Zieroth to approve the August 20, 2013 minutes. Motion approved.

Pastor – Reviewed Pastor's report and mileage submitted.

President – The \$10,000 from the Endowment Fund has not yet been transferred into the general checking. Jeff Kletscher will be contacted. Youth account has not been corrected. Gas bill – Lonna Hutchinson will check on the months the gas was shut off in 2012 due to the flood. The gas company came and shut off the gas but the bill still showed gas was used. Motion by Dave Zieroth, second by Susan Coccie to approve the Financial statement. Motion approved.

The council wants updates from the following committees in October – Youth and Family, Befrienders, Stewardship, and Communication and Technology.

Youth and Family – There will be a make-up class starting for confirmation.

Stewardship – We should have meetings soon with Bill Pohl. It benefits smaller churches. The program is "Pass it on." Pastor Carl talked to a church in Tofte that had the program. Need to scale back the program for a smaller church like Floodwood. We would like the program to start in the spring of 2014. Motion by Dean Fries, second by Dave Zieroth to contact Bill Pohl for the "Pass it on" program for our church. Motion approved.

Communication and Technology – We would like the website for looking for our church. Website vs. Facebook - some people don't like to be on Facebook. Yearly fee –\$ 9.99/month, budget for 2014. Domain name - \$100 per year. Information for the website Pastor Carl will work on. Pastor Carl will talk to Jodi to set up and maintain. Susan Coccie will also help. Motion by Rae Rosemore, second by Lonna Hutchinson to create website and fund it. Motion approved.

Building – The back of the church project is complete. The next project is to change the grade in front of the church, bushes and plants 6 feet out. Mat Inc. has the mat if needed for this.

Hope Lutheran Women – They are planning on getting someone to paint the parsonage. Apples pies will be made on Friday, September 27th.

Old Business

Worship CD's – Have a quote for \$569 - Shure Four Channel Mixer, purchase and install from National Audio Visual. There is also a short that needs to be found. Motion by Dean Fries, second by Bubba Vance to approve the \$569 quote. Motion approved.

Church office and remodel – Copy machine is here. John Seredinski has some electrical work to finish. Two nice surge protectors were purchased. Lonna Hutchinson is checking on three chairs to add to the office.

Evaluations – are on Sunday, October 6th.

Audit – Jeff Kletscher will write up what they found from the audit.

New Business

Reformation gathering - Regional, Saturday, October 26th, 10 AM to 3 PM, at New Life Lutheran Church, Duluth.

Fire Safe – Office committee will look at to purchase.

Youth Ministry – table until October.

Globe offering – Operation Christmas Child. Rae Rosemore and Dave Zieroth will each purchase plastic boxes the size of a shoe box at the Dollar Store for Operation Christmas Child. The council is challenging the church to fill 50 boxes this year.

Next council meeting – Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 7:15 PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Heikkila, Secretary

CARD OF THANKS



Thanks to all who so generously donated items for the children's activity bags.
We have enough items to fill several bags with quiet toys and lots of fun "stuff." Thanks again.

OCTOBER GIVING

General Fund: **\$ 6955.02**
(includes Sunday Offering, Refreshment Offering)

General Savings: **\$ 105.00**

During October, the Church Council withdrew \$10,000 from our ELCA Endowment fund for landscaping costs and other flood prevention costs.

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HLCW MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of Hope Lutheran Church Women was held Monday, Sept. 23 preceding the monthly Bible study of the new fall season at 10:00 a.m. Seventeen members and guests were present as well as Pastor Carl Fiskness.

President Grace Autio presided at the meeting and the minutes of the April 9th meeting were read and upon motion approved as read.

Jeanette Johnsen distributed copies of her Sept. treasurer's report which showed a balance at the beginning of the period of \$2,384.57; income total of \$799.98 since April including \$429.00 in cookbook sales; expenses of \$1,085.20 including \$200 to the Bethel Foundation in Bolivia and a new vacuum cleaner for the church at a cost of \$530.00. There is a checking balance of \$2,099.35 after expenses and available funds of \$965.01. Upon motion by Lois Hendrickson, seconded by Shirley Johnson the treasurer's report was approved as read.

Correspondence from Linda Christenson, Decorah, Iowa, said that her mom had died. She had been a nursing home resident for many years.

LuAnn Heikkila reported that she had not yet purchased an infant changing table but would do it very soon now that the busy summer was over.

Floor mats for the kitchen have been ordered and should be here this week in time to use during the pie-making session on Friday.

Making new floor pillows for the Sunday School children was discussed and Dinah Tveit said she has enough batting to fill several pillows. Fleece material and pillow forms will be purchased soon and Carole Ahlgren said they could be made by the quilters during one of the quilting sessions.

Jan Benson offered to place a basket out where people can bring contributions of crayons, coloring books and other items for the children to use during church to keep them occupied.

Lois Hendrickson made a motion to spend \$250 on paper products to reimburse the church for items used during the year.

Members were asked to pass the word around that pies will be made on Friday and anyone interested should get their orders in ahead of time. They will be \$7.00 per pie again this year.

A wedding shower for Pastor Carl and fiancée Jodi Swanson is planned for Sunday, October 13 following church services. There will be a pot luck dinner and Mary Circle will be in charge of that. A cake for 100 people will be ordered for the occasion and Shirley Johnson offered to contribute a bucket of ice cream. There will be a money tree and Grace, Shirley and Bonnie Hall will put up the tree a week ahead for contributions to be hung on the tree. Bonnie also offered to make an appropriate card for everyone to sign. Susan Coccie and Carolyn Hosking are in charge of shower decorations.

It was decided to hold a fall bazaar this year as we have an all new kitchen, on Wednesday, November 13, with serving from 5-7:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle will be in charge of that, and LuAnn's suggestion to serve meatballs, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and dessert was agreed upon by all. There also will be baked goods available for sale.

Liz Thom has offered to send get-well cards and birthday cards when appropriate. It was moved by Bertha Wain and seconded by Jan that we buy the cards that Liz will use. The vote was approved by all.

There being no other business, President Grace adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Nancy Raihala, Secretary



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-THE PERFECT GIFT

Step away from the distractions and hassles of daily life and enjoy some quality time for just the two of you on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 8:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the two of you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room, There is no counseling and no group sharing. No one tries to change who you are. It's great for couples who already have a good marriage and want to enrich their relationship, but it also does wonders for those marriages that have lost their luster through the years. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Minnesota is November 22-24, at the Crown Plaza in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance. Larry and Coke Guilfoile at 651-257-6960, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit <http://www.godlovesmarriage.org>

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