



The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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A Word From Pastor Carl

DISTRICT DISCOURSE

Pastor Carl

When I go away for meetings, sometimes folks ask me about the details of these events. In the middle of July, I rode with the pastor of Sychar Lutheran in Silver Bay to St. Charles, Illinois. Mark Vander Tuig, the service coordinator of LCMC (whose role is like a president) called a meeting of the leaders of the districts and fellowship groups to directly inquire about the real needs of our congregations.

The districts of LCMC are organized to be a smaller network for congregations to provide opportunities for fellowship, learning, and mission opportunities. A district is a smaller unit of congregations that is either regional or national and instead, focused on a specific ministry or theological emphasis. Districts interview potential pastors to ensure their qualifications to be rostered as pastors. Furthermore, districts also attempt to help with finding substitutes for congregations when their pastor needs to be gone and provide front-line support when congregational conflict ensues before the national board or staff can offer assistance.

There are a number of regional districts in LCMC including: Greater Twin Cities, Intermountain West, Pacific NW, Southern California, North East, Florida, Heartland, Iowa, and Texas. There are also four districts that are non-territorial including: Augustana, Cross Alone, Evangelical-District, and the Epiphany District.

Beyond the organization of districts, there are also less-structured networks that are not as formal in their organization. These smaller entities are called “fellowship groups.” Our local chapter is called the Lake Superior Fellowship Group. Our regional connection numbers a dozen congregations. Therefore we do not need a deeper level of structure that the districts require. While we are leaner in our organization, the pastors still meet together every other month for study and encouragement. Lake Superior fellowship group hosts a fall theological gathering and a spring leadership training event. The fall theological gathering in Duluth on Saturday, October 26 will examine the specifics about what the Bible has to say about the afterlife.

We thank God as things continue to come into shape as we mature into more fully being the body of Christ and carrying out his ministry.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

GARAGE SALE

Susan Coccie

The Hope Lutheran Church will be having a Garage Sale on the Saturday of Fall Fest, September 20. Please begin to bring in smaller items that you wish to donate. They may be placed in the boxes under the coat rack. Please hold larger items, until we can find a place to store them until the sale. Thank you.



NEW MEMBER

CLASSES

August 3, 10:45,

in the Church

Library

FLOWERS WANTED

Jeanette Johnsen



Anyone having garden flowers they wish to share as alter flowers can let Jeanette know. If you can bring them to the kitchen area on Sunday morning — by 9AM for arranging, that would be good. It doesn't take many to make a pleasing arrangement — especially if a few greens are added. Thanks in advance. Jeanette's phone number is 879-4726.

CROSSES WANTED



**LOOKING FOR CROSSES TO BE DONATED
FOR PASTOR'S OFFICE**

CONTACT: LONNA HUTCHINSON-476-2135

***God Has Brought Me
Laughter***

JUST WONDERING

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alice standing in the church foyer and staring up at an enormous plaque covered with names of fallen soldiers.

The girl kept staring and staring, so the pastor walked up, stood beside her and said quietly, "Good morning, Alice."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the girl, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" Alice asked.

"It's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, looking at the large plaque. Finally, Alice asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 11 o'clock?"

☺ Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic

☺ I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

☺ Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

ACTUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

☺ Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

☺ The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

August Birthdays

- 1 Dustin Rahja
Dinah Tveit
- 3 Elizabeth Bolstad
Monica Eldien
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad
Julia Suonvieri
- 13 Warren Johnson
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall
David Shafer
Nicholas Johnson
- 17 Linda Christianson
Bob Hosking
- 19 Char Kadin
- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 26 Daniel Bettin
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson
- 29 Timothy Myles Jr.
Dick Autio
- 31 Jean (Trobaugh)
Mickelson

August Anniversaries

- 8 Jack & Willie Moe ('58)
- 14 Dave & Ann Bolstad
- 15 Monica & Frank Eldien
- 17 Mary & Dale Rauvola
- 27 Carlene & Sulo Jatkola

JULY 2014 GIVING	
GENERAL FUND	
Sunday Offering & Coffee	\$ 6542.06
Savings	\$ 25.00
Offering taken for Casey Aro (Catfish Days)	\$ 273.00
Globe – VBS Expenses	\$ 30.00
MEMORIALS	
In memory of Russell Norland from John and Pat Seredinski	\$ 25.00
GIVING INFORMATION YTD	
Needed/Budgeted Income Jan 1 - July 31	\$
Actual Income Jan 1 - July 31	\$
YTD Budget income & savings	\$

Information not available at time of publication

COUNCIL MINUTES

Hope Lutheran Church
June 10, 2014
Council Meeting

Present: President Susan Coccie, Vice-President David Zieroth, Secretary Kathy Johnsen, Pastor Carl Fiskness, Lonna Hutchinson, Bubba Vance, Marion Shafer, Carlene Jatkola. Absent: Treasurer Rae Rosemore, Bryan Hutchinson, Jen Myles

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Coccie at 6:50 pm.

Pastor Fiskness opened with a reading.

MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECOND BY JATKOLA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY L. HUTCHINSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2014 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Pastor's report was distributed and reviewed. Susan commended Pastor Fiskness on the excellent Baccalaureate service.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY L. HUTCHINSON TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Youth & Family: Last meeting was May 18; preparations for VBS are nearly complete.

Communication & Technology: Hope's Facebook page is getting more hits.

Outreach: First meeting will be June 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Building: David has finished the landscape plantings in the front yard; he has also talked to Bill Swenson with the City about help with fixing the back yard after the water main break between the church and school.

Befrienders: Continue to send greeting cards.

HLCW: Cleaning day is scheduled for June 12, 2014 at 9:00 am.

Stewardship: Only 10 Commitment to Service surveys have been returned. Discussion was held regarding the wording of the survey being too focused on leadership roles, which may frighten those away who want to participate but not lead.

Quilters: Quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief; quilters will begin meeting again in the fall.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Casey Aro will lead the service at the Riverwalk Pavilion on July 13 and a free will offering will be taken for him; Lonna will see if the gas company tent is available to set up for shade; Hope Lutheran will be used in the event of rain. Pastor Fiskness will make sure the movie for Saturday night is rated G.
- b. Cherie Suonvieri is completing the scheduled photo appointments and would like to be done working on the directory by July 20. An announcement asking for volunteers to assemble the directory will be put in the bulletin and newsletter. Members can submit their own photos or just have their name and address listed.
- c. Carolyn Hosking will hold a pre-school class at Hope Lutheran during VBS. *(Continued on Page 5)*

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d. No students have signed up yet for camp.

e. David presented information on safes large enough to hold the red records book.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY JATKOLA TO PURCHASE A SAFE WITH A FIRE RATING OF 60 MINUTES AT A COST OF \$449.00 FROM L&M WITH MEMORIAL FUND MONEY. MOTION CARRIED.

f. Lonna suggested Hope Lutheran conduct a garage sale during Fall Fest in September and will see if John Grones would allow the use of his building on Main St. for it.

MOTION BY L. HUTCHINSON, SECOND BY JATKOLA TO HOLD A GARAGE SALE DURING FALL FEST IN SEPTEMBER. MOTION CARRIED.

g. Lonna delivered two carbon monoxide detectors.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Pastor Fiskness would like to attend the North American Lutheran Church Annual Gathering in South Carolina at the end of July. It was agreed to use excess funds from the LCMC gathering budget to augment the Continuing Ed budget for this trip. Pastor Fiskness will also be on vacation August 22, 2014 to September 2, 2014. He will find pulpit supply for these trips.

b. Marion will contact Lorren Lindevig for the polka service.

Globe offering will continue to be for VBS.

Next meetings: July 22 & August 19

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
July 22, 2014
Council Meeting

UNAPPROVED

Present: President Susan Coccie, Vice-President David Zieroth, Secretary Kathy Johnsen, Lonna Hutchinson, Jen Myles, Bubba Vance, Marion Shafer, Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Carlene Jatkola, Treasurer Rae Rosemore, Bryan Hutchinson, Pastor Carl Fiskness

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

MOTION BY ZIEROTH, SECOND BY MYLES TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

Jeff Kletscher was present to report on the progress of the new church directory. He had sample picture pages to show the council and a list of members who won't be pictured. There was some discussion about including names and addresses of members who have not participated or given for two years. It was decided to contact those members and ask if they wish to be included. *(Continued on Page 6)*

July Council Minutes (Continued From Page 5)

MOTION BY L. HUTCHINSON, SECOND BY ZIEROTH TO APPROVE THE JUNE 10, 2014 MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

President's Report: It was noted that janitorial expenses have doubled recently due to increased hours and cost of supplies. Susan will speak to Leigha to see if there are tasks that could be done every other week to reduce time.

MOTION BY JOHNSEN, SECOND BY VANCE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Pastor's Report: Distributed and reviewed.

Youth & Family: No report.

Communications & Technology: No report.

Building: No report.

Befrienders: Susan remarked that she feels the Befrienders are a tremendous asset to our congregation.

HLCW: Will resume meeting in September.

Stewardship: Continue to collect the Time & Talent surveys.

Quilters: Will resume meeting in September.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Directory was discussed earlier with Jeff.

b. An estimated 40-50 people attended the movie night during Catfish Days. It was decided to suggest Pastor Carl bring up the Catfish Days Sunday service at the next pastor's meeting to see if they all feel we should continue to bring in Casey Aro.

c. No discussion

d. Lonna reported John & Lucia Grones said they would let us use the building on Main Street for the Fall Fest garage sale, but we probably need to use the back entrance as a car show is usually held in the front parking area. Lonna will ask if we can have items brought to the building beginning 2 weeks before the sale.

e. David reported the deposit has been paid and the safe should be delivered in August or September.

f. Elevator parts have been ordered. Insurance will cover the repair excluding the \$1,000 deductible. Marion will ask the repair techs about ways to prevent this from happening again.

g. David and Bubba will look at the trees at the parsonage.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Employee reviews will be conducted at the end of the year.

b. A large bill was received from Floodwood Hardware for supplies that are normally purchased at Sam's Club.

MOTION BY VANCE, SECOND BY JOHNSEN TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES LOCALLY ONLY IF THE COST IS NO MORE THAN 20% OVER WHAT IS NORMALLY PAID AT OTHER LOCATIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Bubba and David will look at the sidewalk after the meeting and discuss the best way to fix the problem.

Globe offering - Religious Release in August and Operation Christmas Child in September.

Next meetings – August 19 and September 23.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Kathy Johnsen, Secretary

**~ August 2014 ~
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PLANNER**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JULY 27	28 USHER: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola – Team 7	29	30	31	1 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	2 11:30 Reif Melloch burial
3 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 New Member Class 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	4 USHER: Rob Benson & Wayne Thom – Team 8	5	6	7 9-10:30 Ruby's Pantry at Arrowhead Town Hall	8 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	9
10 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 New Member Class 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	11 USHER: Jim Pensak & Bubba Vance – Team 1	12	13 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST 7:00 PM -Adult Confirmation & Learning	14	15 1-3 pm Pastor's Office Hours	16
17 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Christian Ed., Youth & Family Ministry Mtg 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	18 USHER: Mark Johnsen & Dave Zieroth – Team 2	19 6:30 Building & grounds Committee 7:00 Church Council	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 Fair service with Don Chesney in the Park	25 USHER: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard – Team 3	26	27 9-11 am FW Food Shelf at FST	28	29	30
GONE UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2						
31 9:30 Worship Lorren Lindevig leading music, Pastor Larry Lystig leading service & preaching 10:45 Coffee Fellowship	Notes: UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER Monday 1-Labor Day Tuesday 2-Pastor back, 10:00 Lake Superior Pastors' Meeting in Duluth Friday 5-Loren Heine and Julie Myrvold wedding rehearsal Saturday 6- Loren Heine and Julie Myrvold wedding at 4:00 Sunday 14-Captive Free will help lead the service Saturday 20-Church Garage Sale and City Fall Fest					

CAPTIVE FREE



Captive Free will be here at Hope to help lead the music on Sunday, September 14. We are in need of housing for five team members for the afternoon of Saturday, September 13 to Sunday morning. Please talk to Pastor Carl about your willingness to host. Remember that these young folks travel in a van the entire year and do not have high expectations for their stay. Cereal will be sufficient for breakfast.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEB SITE

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

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

Also visit us on FACEBOOK:

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