

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

April 2022

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

April is a very busy month with much going on. We are coming to the end of Lent, the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Also, spring is almost here!

We have had a good Lenten season. Thanks so much to all who participated in the midweek soup suppers and Lenten dramas. The meals were awesome and the dramas fun while helping us to better understand our calling as disciples of Christ. It was a joy to celebrate this season putting COVID issues in the background while worshipping together again in this way.

Our Holy Week schedule will have a service with Communion Thursday evening, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. We do not have a soup supper this week. The Good Friday community service is Friday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Baptist Church this year. Saturday, April 16th, we will sponsor an Easter Egg hunt for the children of the community sponsored by the youth committee. You are invited to come to the church and join us, bring your grandchildren and have fun. Sunday Easter service will be at 9:30 a.m. with a breakfast beforehand sponsored by the youth committee and our youth. May we all have a blessed celebration of Resurrection Sunday.

This month we conclude our teaching of religious release. I cannot thank enough all those who helped to make this year special. We had seven high school students and 17 elementary grade kids. We, as a congregation need to thank all those who were teachers, treat providers and special helpers. The youth are the future of the church. We need to teach and support all of our youth. I ask you to keep them in your prayers over the summer. Pray that God will keep them safe as we look forward to their return in the fall. (*Continued on page 4*)



& HLCW NEWS

The April women's Bible study group will look at a series of Easter Reflections titled, "The Greatest Love". Cindy Burgess will lead the discussion at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 12th, at the church. All women are welcome. (*Continued on page 6*)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

January 23, 2022

Members Present

Bubba Vance, LuAnn Heikkila, Tanya Johnson, Mark Johnsen, Carolyn Hosking, Missy Wojtysiak, Deb Tollgaard, and Pastor John Burgess. Absent – Administrator Jeff Kletscher.

Pastor John opened with prayer

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Bubba Vance, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

November 21, 2022 Church Council minutes, in packet. Motion to approve by Carolyn Hosking, second by Mark Johnsen. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported 14 communions distributed. Christmas Services were all well received with good attendance given recent Covid activity.

Christmas dinner at the Fair Building went well with 45 meals served. Community New Years' service at the Event Center had about 90 in attendance, with 7 from Hope.

Religious release has restarted after Covid and Christmas break with good numbers. We have had

several cases of Covid with those who have attended church but no widespread out breaks.

Will we be doing Lenten soup suppers?

Youth will be doing Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser on the February 13.

Quake registration has been extended to second week of Feb 9th. So far 3 students and Tanya are planning on attending. Lent starts March 2 with Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

All financial reports seem to be tracking accordingly. Motion to approve the Treasurer's and Administrator's report made by Mark Johnsen, second by Deb Tollgaard. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Religious Release 13 elementary and 6 teenagers attending. Will be rewarding the kids with a Bible Bingo party. Quake – Hanna, Summer and Brook and Tanya (Chaperon) have all been signed up and are ready for Quake in person!!!! Confirmation – Morgan Kuehl and Alexis Hutchinson have been working on Confirmation during Religious Release but will need to begin to attend some church to take their 20 Pastor message notes.

Outreach Committee: Mailed out 17 Christmas cards to people who have not been at Church in a while and some went to friends of Hope who are unable to make it like Dinah and Lois.

Building Committee: David Zieroth was fixing a sump pump leak in the basement.

Quilting Committee: Quilting will resume on Tuesday January 25.

Old Business

- a. Review Draft of Annual Report – if any changes let Jeff know right away.
- b. Update Usher schedule (Mark) – New proposed schedule was reviewed. Changed due to some unavailable members, will go down to only one usher each week. Motion made by Bubba Vance, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve the updated usher schedule as submitted. Motion carried.
- c. HLWC discussions – They are going to combine the 3 circle groups to 2, and are still willing to do funerals.

New Business

- a. Lenten Suppers (Pastor) – Motion to bring back the soup suppers made by Bubba Vance, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried. Sign-up sheets will be made by LuAnn Heikkila. Ash Wednesday, March 2nd no soup supper.
- b. Pastor will have a drama series during Lenten will need 4 people each week to help, a sign up sheet will be placed on the narthex window.
- c. A new laptop will be required to continue to run the projector as current one is at least 12 years old. Council will ask Mr. Kletscher to find out specs what he feels will be needed to expand our services for the future, such as speakers, monitors, and to include music in future and bring it to the

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d. Council at the next meeting. We hope to announce the need for this to the church to see if we can get a specific donation for all needed.

Next Meeting – February 27, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess led the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned by Bubba Vance at 8:53 AM.

Globe Offering: February Souper Bowl of Caring (funds received will be donated to Life House in Duluth.)

Hope Lutheran Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation January 30, 2022

Call Meeting to Order Council President Bubba Vance called the meeting to order at 10:28 AM.

Confirmation of Quorum Ushers confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda - Motion made by Nancy Raihala, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes – Motion made by David Bolstad, second by Pat Seredinski to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Recognition of Outgoing Council Member – LuAnn Heikkila after one term.

Elections – Proposed slate of Candidates for Council Position was included in the Annual Report, at this time no one has come forward. No nominations were made from the floor.

Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve election of Tanya Johnson and Deb Tollgaard to a 3-year term (ending in January 2025), and Carolyn Hosking to compete final 2 years of a 3 year term ending in January 2024. Motion carried. Congregation is encouraged to pray and think about becoming a member of the Council.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported in the notes – 2021 was very difficult do to Covid-19 and the various multiple variants. This has caused difference of opinions in our country as well continuing fear of the infection limiting many of our normal activities. Pastor believes this is Satan using this to divide our nation and its people. Nationwide there has been a reduction in church attendance, prayers and so much more. If we don't come together to worship, study God's Word and receive the sacraments we begin to drift away and lose our faith. Over 50% of millennial's (age 23-38) say they don't believe in God of need religion for moral guidance. They are not raising their children or bringing them to church. We see that here at Hope Lutheran where we have fewer families and children coming to church. We need to pray for our children and grandchildren that they make God a priority in their lives so that they

may come to be believers, accept Jesus as their Savior and receive His Gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life as a child of God.

My goal for this coming year is to teach what God's Word in prophecy has to say about the times we are living in. The time is getting shorter for people to make the choice to follow God, let us get the message out to our loved ones while we still can. We have 7 high school students and 17 elementary students attending religious release this year. Most of these students come even though their parents do not attend church. We pray we will be able to instill the knowledge about our Lord into their minds and that He through the Holy Spirit can make a difference in their hearts and accept God's gift of membership into His eternal family. What has been encouraging is how the older students have been able to attend Quake youth meeting and bible camps to meet with other Christian programs. Thanks to all who helped to make them successful. Those attending our Christmas Program was another encouraging sign, we had abundant feedback from visitors who enjoyed the services, carols, lessons, and our youth Christmas program.

I pray this year we will be able to return to midweek Lenten services with soup suppers before worship. This was such a great time of fellowship with one another and a time to exercise our growth toward spiritual maturity.

We have been blessed in our congregation with very few serious complications from Covid-19. We need to work on preventing the spiritual damage it is doing to
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many of their faith journeys. Let us move forward together boldly as disciples of Jesus Christ, Our High Priest and Our Prophet. He has called us into service with Him let us answer the call to the glory of our God.

There are so many that deserve thanks for all they have done this year and I cannot list everyone, but you are greatly appreciated. May God Bless Us all!!!!

Presidents Report – Myself (Bubba Vance) and Deb Tollgaard performed an evaluation of Pastor. We are impressed with the job he is doing and his dedication to our congregation. Pastor appreciation month is October but really, he should be appreciated all year long. The Council also performed a review of Administrator Kletscher’s performance – He really does so much for the congregation, much more then we all realize. We recognize Willie Moe for her music, Ann Bolstad for her work on the Beacon of Hope. I would like to recognize everyone for all they do. We have a wonderful church family!

Treasurer’s Report / 2022 Budget Proposal and Approval -

General Fund Giving total \$81,900.77. Our account balances have held stable this past year despite the reduced attendance numbers. The Endowment fund numbers were not in but predicted to be at over \$100,000, it will be listed in the Beacon of Hope once it comes in. Average attendance in 2021 was around 34 people. Many memorials were given and are listed in the Annual Report. The Council receives budget

information at every Council meeting, they are well informed and work hard to keep track of all. Church Council has approved the proposed Budget. Motion by John Seredinski, second by Elsie Tollgaard to approve the Budget as submitted. Motion carried.

Closing Comments – The Usher schedule will change to only one Usher per week, schedule will come in mailing soon. Amazing numbers overall we are still able to pay our bills and hope it continues forward. Thank you to Jeff for all the work he does we don’t know the half of what he does. Lent services and Soup suppers will return!

Closing Prayer – Pastor led the closing prayer, and the congregation joined in the common table prayer before our potluck meal.

Adjourn Meeting – President Vance declared the meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

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God has answered our prayer with Kim Hutchinson agreeing to fill the open position on our church council. **Thank you, Kim.** We all need to remember and thank all those who serve as your representatives for their service to our Lord for His Church.

In April I will begin teaching a series on interesting Bible facts that show the amazing evidence for the hand of God at work in His Bible and His creation. This study will meet at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday after our fellowship time. Come and see there are no coincidences with our God. He is

in control, and we are so blessed to be His children and part of His plan.

That reminds me, I also need to sincerely thank all who have provided treats and worked to make our fellowship time a success after Sunday morning worship services. It has been appreciated by so many. We continue to need volunteers who make this possible. We have need of volunteers during the month of April or we won’t have this fellowship time on some of the Sunday’s. Prayerfully consider if you can help us with this request.

May God Bless you all,
Pastor John



Youth help with Lenten Soup Suppers. Thanks to adults and youth.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt will begin at 1:00 PM on April 16th at the church. All children are welcome to join in the fun.



Three of our teens, Brooke, Hannah and Summer, and one adult chaperone, Tanya Johnson, attended a QUAKE youth retreat in the Twin Cities the weekend of March 19th. It was an amazing trip, great music and around 200 teens gathering to worship and praise God! Our girls were wonderful, even sharing their treats with other teens and event staff. Brooke even stood in front of everyone to read a passage from the Bible. She also befriended a boy who was all by himself, and she had him join her in one of the games. We are so proud of all of our girls.



QUAKE

YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

Our girls pictured here with Lucas the head of Quake and also the brother of Melanie Skripsky.

The girls giving a big thank you to all who sent treats, and to everyone at Hope who helped them get to Quake.



*"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified,
do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will
be with you wherever you go."*

Joshua 1:9



Hanging Baskets for Mother's Day

The Hope youth group will be taking orders for Mother's Day hanging baskets starting on Easter Sunday. Order yours and pick them up at your convenience when they are ready.

Care Bags



The Hope youth have been preparing individual care bags for the teens at the Life House with the money raised from the Souper Bowl of Caring.



Thank you Tracy for the beautiful table center pieces.

Soup Supper and Lenten Service



Discernment was the topic of the Lenten Service Drama, March 16, 2022, 7 p.m. Soup supper was at 6 p.m.

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Quilting

The quilters will meet on Tuesday, April 26th, starting at 9:00 A.M. Again, all women are welcome. If you're able to tie a knot, you qualify to help!!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell

- 6 Pastor Julie Gellert
- 7 Lilyana Johnson
- 9 David Zieroth
Imijyn Thompson
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Romosz
Hunter Rauvola
Morgan Kuehl
- 13 Tracy Hutchinson
- 14 Neva Polo
- 15 Ethel Pensak
Jazmine Johnson
- 6 Caleb Fries
Lane Grady
David Shafer
- 17 Maija Hunt
- 18 Roy Autio
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz (Sylvia Shafer)
- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
Quinn Kuehl
- 24 Hannah Zieroth
- 30 Faith Romanek

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Telisha Bennett
- 9 Alice Shafer
- 11 Tasha Belter
- 12 Rob Benson
- 14 Keven Johnson
- 19 Joyce Andrews
Jacob Seredinski
- 22 Don Rosemore
- 23 Grace Autio
Ben Rosemore
- 28 Carol Schminski
- 29 Kathy Johnsen
- 30 Laverne Hutton

**MAY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)



Thank you **Kim Hutchinson** for answering the call to join the Church Council. Thanks to all of the council for their work and devotion.



Hope Lutheran Church

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Free Will Offering

*Sponsored by the Hope Lutheran
Church Youth*



Sign Up
to Serve Refreshments

Reminders:



Sign Up
to be a Scripture Reader

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Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	4 USHER TEAM: Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	5	6 LAST DAY OF Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	7 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	8	9
10 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study 	11 USHER TEAM: Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	12 10 AM HLCW Bible Study	13 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	14 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	15 7:00 PM Community Good Friday Service at Floodwood Baptist 	16 1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt 
17 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Communion 	18 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski NO Pastor's office hours	19	20	21 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	22	23 Lois Hendrickson's Celebration of Life 1:00-2:00 PM Visitation 2:00 PM Funeral
24 8:00 AM Church Council 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	25 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	26 9:00 AM Quilting	27 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	28	29	30

The Crucifixion and Resurrection

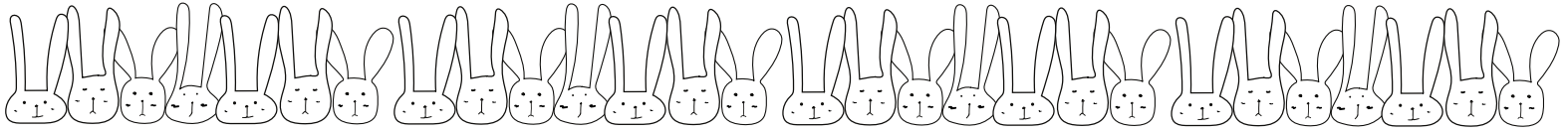
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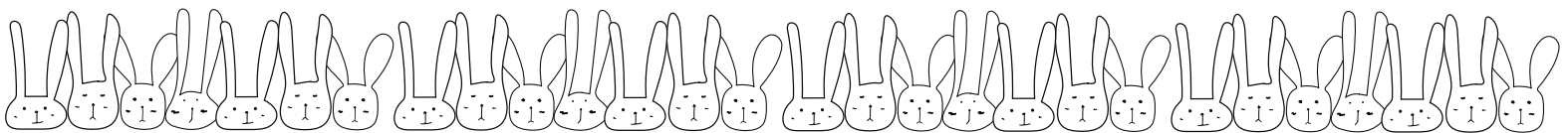


EASTER WORD SEARCH



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GOSPEL
GRASS
HUNT
JELLYBEANS
JESUS
LAMB
LILY
MORNING
PLASTICEGGS
RABBIT
RESURRECTION
RISEN
SPRING
SUNDAY
TOMB



PRAYER REQUESTS

April 2022



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Frances	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Theresa
Sue	Coach
Bradley	Willa
Heather	Wayne

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

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

February 27	\$ 601.00
March 6	\$2417.00
March 13	\$1118.00
March 20	\$1101.00

Youth Soup Suppers

March 9	\$145.00
March 16	\$ 63.00

**Globe Offering
Souper Bowl of Caring for Life House**

February 27	\$20.00
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Floodwood Area Food Shelf

March 6	\$180.00
March 13	\$ 7.52

Memorials

In Memory of Carmen Thompson from Floyd & Carole Ahlgren \$30 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Liz Thom from Floyd & Carole Ahlgren \$30 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lois Hendrickson from Lorraine Guentzel \$30 (Memorial Savings)

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



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very own web site. Visit us at:
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