

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

December 2021

Pastor's Corner

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Merry Christmas Brother's and Sister's in Christ,

Hard to believe, but winter is now here, deer hunting season has passed, and ice fishing season will soon start. As for the church we are now in the season of Advent preparing to celebrate the coming of our King Jesus. We celebrate his first arrival as a child in Bethlehem, who became our Savior at Calvary. He rose from the dead and returned to Heaven to prepare a place for us to live with Him. He promises to come back again to receive the Church as His bride and to take us to His coronation as King and then the wedding feast of the Lamb. We eagerly await the blessed hope of His return and the fulfillment of the wonderful events to which we have been invited by accepting the free gift of what He accomplished in His first coming to earth. We are so blessed to receive heavenly gifts far surpassing anything under the Christmas tree.

I want to invite you to special services during this month. On December 5, we will decorate the Christmas tree in the Church. On December 19, we will have the special children's Christmas program at the 9:30 a.m. service. Friday evening, December 24th, we will have a special candlelight service of candles and carols on Christmas Eve starting at 5:00 p.m. Saturday December 25th, Christmas Day, Hope Lutheran will sponsor and serve the community dinner at the Fair building from noon to 1:30 p.m. The next morning, on December 26th, we will have a special Christmas service of lessons and carols at 9:30 a.m. My prayer for all you is to enjoy a happy and safe Christmas this year. Hope to see you as we give worship praise and thanksgiving to our King.

God Bless, Pastor John



& HLCW NEWS

Cindy Burgess will continue leading discussion on more of the Fruits of the Spirit. In December we'll talk about patience and kindness. All women are welcome to join the group on December 14, 10:00 A.M. at the church.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES September 19, 2021

Members Present

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

Pastor John opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:11 AM by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen to approve agenda as provided. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

August 22, 2021 Church Council minutes, in packet. Motion to approve by Mark Johnsen, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported driving 161 miles this past month and gave 10 Communion to shut-ins. He went to the school orientation with Grace Autio and served 106 dishes of ice cream. Religious release starts the last Wednesday of September with classes the same time as last year. He started a bible study of the book of Romans at the apartments on the first and third Thursday of each month. There were 14 participants in the Bible

study. Pastor is starting a Bible study on Prophecy in the Bible this Sunday 11:00 AM - Noon. At the Fall Color Festival Farmer's Market, Cindy and Pastor sold vegetables and baked goods with a good will donation and raised \$110. Grace & Roy Autio, Shirley Johnson and Jan Benson all helped out. Pastor was pre-registered for the LCMC in Columbus Ohio, they closed registration early. But since he was pre-registered, he still gets to attend.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

No change to the \$381.88 held in Missions checking for the Life House. Church Council decided to mail this to the Life House, rather than wait for the youth to visit and deliver. Religious release fund is \$253.55, no change since last meeting. Transferred \$177.12 to youth account from Missions checking from May and June for Camp Patmos. No changes to the budget report. Motion made by Mark Johnsen, second by LuAnn Heikkila to accept the Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Religious release will start the last Wednesday of September and a youth meeting will be held today after church today.

Outreach Committee: No report.

Building Committee: Mr. Kletscher reported that John Serebinski spoke with City Maintenance man Rick Vittetoe regarding south end of parking lot and the possibility of it being paved since most of it is actually

city right of way. John will continue to work with City on this. John is hopeful it might happen.

Quilting Committee: The quilters started up again and are turning out quilts.

Old Business

- a. Employee Evaluation – Bubba Vance and Deb Tollgaard will set up a meeting with Administrator Kletscher before our next meeting.

New Business

- a. Special Services – Information regarding the history of Thanksgiving Eve services was presented to the Council. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen to NOT hold a Thanksgiving Eve Service in 2021. Motion carried.
- b. Special Services - Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen to hold a Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24 at 5 PM. Motion carried.

Looking Ahead

October 3 Robert and Ulla Suhonen will minister and share, there will be no Communion and it will not be a regular service.

October 10 Service will be held outside, have people arrive early to hall out tables and chairs.

Globe Offering:

October – Pastor requests the Globe offering go to PEG Ministries. *(Continued on Page 3)*

*(Committee Meeting Minutes
Continued from Page 2)*

November – Suggested to have the Globe offering go to Samaritans Purse to support their cost of Operation Christmas Child, which does not offer cover the costs of boxes sent by Hope Lutheran Church.

Motion by Bubba Vance, second by LuAnn Heikkila to move to support both of these for Globe offering. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – November 21, 2021 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – 8:38 AM
Motion to adjourn by Mark Johnsen, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.

**HOPE HLCW
MINUTES**

NONE

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HLCW Bake Sale



Proceeds from the November 21st bake sale amounted to \$340.00. Thank you to all who baked the goodies, worked at the sale, and/or purchased items to enjoy for the Thanksgiving holiday.

COOKIE CAN SUNDAY



The second Sunday in December is when we distribute cookie cans to the people of the Floodwood area. If you are able, please donate 4 dozen cookies. Tanya Johnson is going to drive some of our youth to the Chum Christmas party, and they will take cookies to them. We thank Tanya for doing this, as it is an eye-opening experience for our kids.



Quilting

There will be no quilting in December. We will resume quilting in January.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jordan Romanek
- 4 Carole Ahlgren
- 5 Carolyn Hosking
- 6 Johanna Abell
Cecilia Abell
- 10 Tony Speece
- 12 Danielle (Tollgaard) White
- 17 Courtney Young
John Hutchinson
- 19 John Seredinski Jr.

- 26 Bubba Vance
- 27 Tanya Johnson
- 29 McKennah Keil
- 30 Lois Hendrickson
Lindsey Rosemore

31 Alex Larson

**DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 19 Bob & Joyce Andrews
- 25 Bob & Carolyn Hosking ('60)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rae Rosemore
Deacon Laine
- 6 Elbert Holmes
- 12 Liz Thom
- 15 Lukus Fries
Carter Stokke
- 23 Nolan Heikkila
- 27 Dalton Hutchinson
Drake Laine
- 28 Elsie Tollgaard
Jayna Kemp
- 30 Shannon Lund
Milee Lund

**JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 23 Jill & Dean Fries
- 28 Dawn & Marion Shafer ('78)

Community Christmas Dinner



Hope Lutheran Church will be hosting the Annual Free Community Christmas Dinner at the Fair Building from noon till 1:30 on Christmas Day.



Brooke Johnson, Pastor John and Hannah dedicated the Operation Christmas Child boxes donated by congregants.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Rosie Speece from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Rosie Speece from Floyd & Carole Ahlgren \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Rosie Speece from Marilyn Stephen \$20.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Rosie Speece from Jeanette Johnsen \$25.00 (Youth)

In Memory of Rosie Speece from Bev & Curly Wiita (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Jeanette Johnsen \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Elvi Tollgaard \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Elsie Tollgaard \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Floyd & Carole Ahlgren \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Nancy Raihala \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Bubba & Sue Vance \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Sadie Stokke \$20.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Tim & Deb Tollgaard \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Marilyn Stephen \$20.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Jack & Willie Moe \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Marty/Angela Cody \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Bob & Carolyn Hosking \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Marvel Maki \$25.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Lilly Autio from Wayne & Liz Thom \$20.00 (Memorial Savings)



Sign Up to Serve Refreshments

Reminders:



Sign Up to be a Scripture Reader


Thank You



Thanks to Tracy Zieroth for making the table decorations for the fellowship hall. Awesome job. It's starting to look like Christmas.

December 2021

Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours		1 Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	2 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	3	4
5 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Communion 10:30 Fellowship & Tree decorating <i>NO Bible Study</i>	6 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	7	8 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study Cookie Can Sunday	13 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	14 10 AM HLCW Meeting & Bible Study	15 Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	16 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	17	18
19 9:30 Worship Youth Program Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11 AM Bible Study	20 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	21	22 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Religious Release: 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	23	24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service <i>News due for newsletter</i>	25 12:00-1:30 PM Community Christas Dinner-Downtown Fair Center 
26 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship <i>NO Bible Study</i>	27 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	28	29	30	31	Looking Ahead January 9 - Annual Report Items Due January 14 - Local Churches Community Christmas Party at the Event Center January 23 - 8:00 AM Church Council Meeting January 30 - Annual Meeting following Service, Potluck to follow Meeting

PRAYER REQUESTS
November 2021



For those who are ill or struggling

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

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

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**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

October 24	\$1168.75
October 31	\$ 520.75
November 7	\$2462.16
November 14	\$ 868.00
November 21	\$ 969.00

Youth Account

November 21	\$ 50.00
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Globe Offering for

PEG Ministries

October 24	\$ 126.20
October 31	\$ 80.00

Operation Christmas Child

November 7	\$ 110.00
November 14	\$ 70.00
November 21	\$ 14.00

Memorials

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Globe Offering



December Globe Offering is for Casey Aro who is recovering from a stroke, mini seizures, and other medical issues.

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



Christmas Word Search

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 CEHIKTZQGYMPQIVAFJNMKELVRVZBRR
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| Candles | Santa |
| Candy | Snow |
| Candy Cane | Snowman |
| Chimney | Star |
| Christmas | Stocking |
| December | Tree |
| Deer | Winter |
| Elf | Work Shop |
| Frosty | Wrapping Paper |
| Gift | Wreath |
| Gingerbread | |
| North Pole | |
| Nutcracker | |





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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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