

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

December 2022

Pastor's Corner

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel

We are entering the month of December which I like to think of as the month of preview of coming events. We start the month in the season of advent, which means, "coming". We will be preparing for the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem at Christmas as was foretold by the prophet Isaiah. We also celebrate His Second coming again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords foretold by Matthew 24:6 and Mark 13:24. Now those are two of the greatest comings on the entire biblical calendar and we rejoice because God will be with us. I invite you to come and celebrate with us.

As part of our advent service, we will be lighting the candles of the advent wreath. There will be families reciting the candle readings each week followed by the lighting of the candle and singing verses of "Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel." I invite you to listen to what the readings will teach us about the coming events of the Christmas season.

We will start celebrating on Sunday December 4th with decorating our church Christmas tree and putting up the nativity scene. The next Sunday December 11th, we will have the ladies filling the Christmas cookie cans to be given to so many in our community and to the youth of Life House ministries in Duluth. Our youth that day will also be selling Christmas ornaments and homemade candies made specifically by them and our great adult candy makers the day before. *(Continued on page 2)*



The women's Bible study group will meet at the church on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 A.M. Cindy Burgess will lead a discussion on Advent. All women are welcome. *(Continued on page 2)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

None-This-Month

YOUTH

On Saturday, December 10th, the youth will be having a craft and bake day. They will be making crafts and baking goodies to be sold on Sunday, December 11th after the service.

By purchasing these goodies, you will be supporting the youth program of Hope Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support.

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The next Sunday, December 18, we will have our youth Christmas program. Come and welcome the children and their families as they portray the Christmas story in Christmas carols and the lessons of the advent candles.

The next week we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a candlelight service Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Please come and join us with your family. Sunday Christmas morning, we will celebrate this special day with a service at 9:30 a.m. followed by our hosting of the community Christmas dinner at noon at the Downtown Fair Center. Come and help us make this a special

Christmas dinner for those alone in Floodwood on this day.

God blessed the world at His birth by coming to be with us and save us. Now Jesus lives within us who are believers. Jesus commands us to let our light shine and take the message of His coming to all we encounter as you carry your candle of Christmas for all to see. My prayer for all of us is to have a safe and blessed Christmas as we celebrate the coming of Jesus this year.

Merry Christmas and may God bless you all.
Pastor John

Reformation Sunday



Beginning October 30th and finishing on November 6, Pastor John presented a two-part movie on the life and times of Martin Luther.

Pastor portrayed Martin Luther during his sermons on Grace.



HLCW (Continued From Page 1)

HLCW Quilting



Quilting is suspended for December. We will resume quilting on Tuesday, January 24th starting at 9:00 AM. Bring a lunch. All are welcome.

Cookie Can Sunday



Please bring 4 dozen cookies to church to be packed in containers for shut-ins on Sunday December 11th. A tray of cookies will be taken to Riverview Manor too.

The Youth and Tanya Johnson will take the rest of the cookies to the Life House in Duluth for their Christmas party given for homeless teens in Duluth. Thank you for doing that.

If you know of anyone to add to our list, please let Jeanette, Elvi, or Grace know.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jordan Romanek
- 4 Carole Ahlgren
- 5 Carolyn Hosking
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(Birthdays and Anniversaries continued from Page 2)

- 6 Johanna Abell
Cecilia Abell
- 10 Tony Speece
- 12 Danielle (Tollgaard) White
- 15 Lacey Wojtysiak
- 17 Courtney Young
John Hutchinson
- 19 John Seredinski Jr.
- 26 Bubba Vance
- 27 Tanya Johnson
- 29 McKennah Keil
- 30 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
- 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)



***Christmas Shopping Night in
Floodwood***

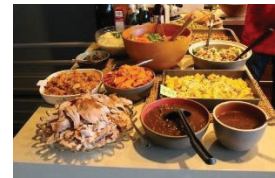


Carolers from Hope Lutheran sang Christmas Carols at the Floodwood Shopping night on November 21st.



Blessings of the Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to the Ahlgrens for delivering the boxes.

Community Christmas Dinner



Hope Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a free community Christmas dinner on December 25th from noon till 1 PM at the Downtown Fair Center in Floodwood.

Everyone is welcome to attend and reservations are NOT required. Come join us for good food and good fellowship.



**Sign Up
to Serve Refreshments**

Reminders:



**Sign Up
to be a Scripture Reader**

December 2022 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: John Seredinski			1 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	2	3
4 9:30 Worship with Communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship <i>Tree decorating after refreshments</i> 	5 USHER TEAM: Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	6	7 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem	8	9	10 Youth Craft and Baking Day
11 8:00 AM Church Council 9:30 Worship with Communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship <i>Youth Craft & bake sale following service</i> Cookie Can Sunday	12 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	13 10:00 AM HLCW Bible Study	14 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	15 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	16	17
18 9:30 Worship with youth program 10:30 Fellowship	19 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	20	21 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	22	23	24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service <i>Newsletter deadline</i>
25 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship Noon-1 PM Community Christmas Dinner Downtown Fair Center	26 USHER TEAM: Dale Rauvola	27	28 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	29	30	31

PRAYER REQUESTS

December 2022



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Jerry	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Jim
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Heather	Wayne
Don	Carlene
Sulo	Willie
Floyd	Jen

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

Ukraine
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

October 30	\$885.75
November 6	\$3274.00
November 13	\$763.00
November 20	\$356.00

Globe – Operation Christmas Child

October 30	\$30.00
November 6	\$55.00
November 13	\$10.00
Total Collected in Globe	\$387.00
Checks written for boxes with NO checks included	\$ 70.00
TOTAL SENT TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE	\$317.00

Globe – for Missionaries

November 20	\$155.00
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Memorials

In Memory of Brad Wotjysiak from Chad & Amanda Wood \$50.00 (Youth)
In Memory of Brad Wotjysiak from Jack & Willie Moe \$50.00 (Memorial Savings)



Globe Offering

December Globe Offering is to provide a special year end gift to our missionaries – the Suhonen's and the Ekka's. Total received will be split in half.

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

Christmas Treats

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

BUCHE DE NOEL

CANDY CANE

CHOCOLATE

CLOVES

COOKIES

CRANBERRIES

EGGNOG

FRUITCAKE



FUDGE

ORANGES

GINGERBREAD

PUMPKIN PIE

GOOSE

SCRUMPTIOUS

GRAVY

STUFFING

HAM

SUGARPLUMS

MINCEMEAT

SWEET POTATOES

NUTS

TURKEY



CHRISTMAS

Word Search Puzzle



CANDY CANE

CARDS

CAROLERS

CHIMNEY

COOKIES

DECEMBER

ELVES

GARLAND

GIFTS

HOLLY

LIGHTS

MANGER

MISTLETOE

ORNAMENTS

PRESENTS

REINDEER

RUDOLPH

SANTA

SLEIGH

SNOWMAN

STOCKING

TINSEL

TREE

WREATH



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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Floodwood, MN

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED