

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran February 2024

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We will be starting out this month with our annual Souper Bowl of Caring on February 11th. You are invited to bring a can of soup to be given to our local food shelf and there will be a special offering taken for Life House youth ministry in Duluth. It is a comprehensive supportive service to meet the needs of our youth and young families ages 14-24 who are unstably housed or navigating various challenges in life. It is a place for them to connect with compassionate staff where they can feel and express all their emotions well as they heal from their wounds. Last year we raised over \$600.00 for this ministry. This year the collection taken will only occur during this Sunday service.

February is here and that means Lent will be starting with Ash Wednesday Service, February 14 at 7:00 p.m., with distribution of ashes and Holy Communion. There will be no soup supper that evening, but there will be soup suppers at 6:00 p.m. each of the next 5 Wednesdays, followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m. that will include a new drama series about the Lenten themes like we did last year. Two members from the congregation will participate in a reader's theater each week portraying two characters from the story of Jesus passion, bearing witness to what they saw, heard, or felt. Each pair of biblical characters will reflect upon a similar theme for the week showing how the same events bring about very different reactions to Jesus and His identity. We all really enjoyed doing this last year and I hope we can learn and better prepare ourselves for Resurrection Sunday during this year. I invite you to come and join us in the special worship series this year. *(Continued on Page 4)*



The women's Bible study group will meet at the church on Tuesday, February 13th at 10:00 A.M. Cindy Burgess will lead a discussion on the favorite Bible verses those attending in January submitted. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 4)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2023

APPROVED

Members Present

Bubba Vance, Carolyn Hosking, Tanya Johnson, Deb Tollgaard, Todd Messner, Kim Hutchinson, Missy Wojtysiak, Pastor Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Guest: Jody Messner.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 am by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Todd Messner, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

October 8, 2023 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Carolyn Hosking, second by Missy Wojtysiak. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor has been visiting the Alhgren's at home and bringing them communion, since Floyd is now on Hospice. Lacey will be confirmed Pentecost Sunday May 2024. Lilyana is working on her sermon notes and will be confirmed in 2026. Pastor will talk with LuAnn Heikkila about their stoles. January 12th will be the Community Christmas Dinner at The Event Center and Hope

Lutheran will be doing a short drama. Christmas day we will provide our annual Christmas Dinner at the Downtown Fair Center. Quake will be in March and Tanya will chaperon. Pastor will be starting adult Bible study Sunday January 7th, studying the book of Genesis. Pastor continues to teach PEG ministry students. A special thanks to all of those who helped lead the Christmas program and who are helping with Religious Release and Sunday school.

Treasurers and Administrator's Report

MN Power rebate was received \$131.98, we requested \$168.00. Second application the amount applied for is \$64.00. A new circulating pump on the parsonage boiler was installed. More shingles were replaced November 14 by Peak Roofing. Leonard Stokke's funeral, Pastor Dan Johnson performed the service, New Life helped with the meal. Thank you to all who helped and donated bars, salads, cakes, etc. HLCW donated \$987 from pie sales. Clothing Etc, donated \$300 for youth ministries, this will be used to pay for part of our 2024 VBS cost of \$600. Endowment Fund value is \$95,282.11. No change in youth account since last council meeting. Packet included October and November Check Registers, November Financial Report, Youth Account Report, and Q3 Endowment Report. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Todd Messner to approve the Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Quake March 15-17 Hannah, Summer, Lacey, Lily and chaperon

Tanya. The theme is *Breathe* and registration is complete. Confirmation update in Pastor's report. Tanya will be delivering cookies from Cookie Can Sunday to the Life House.

Outreach Committee: No update.

Building Committee: No report.

Quilting Committee: No quilting November or December, resumes in January.

Old Business

- a. Christmas Dinner update – Everything is all set up for the event. The team has everything under control.

New Business

- a. Annual Meeting Date – Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Todd Messner that Annual meeting will be on January 28, followed by a Potluck meal. Council meeting will be on January 21. Motion carried.
- b. Annual Meeting Report will be due to Administrator Kletscher by January 14.

Council terms – Bubba Vance 1st term expires in January 2024 is eligible for another term, but would like us to find another member. Carolyn Hosking 1st term expires in January 2024 and she is eligible for a 2nd term – she is willing to stand for election for a second term.

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Committee Reports (Continued from page 2)

- c. 2024 Budget discussion – Council is OK with Administrator Kletscher creating the 2024 budget and does not want any changes in Missions Giving amounts or additional items/categories in the budget.
- d. Special Year End Gifts/Donations – Council does not want to make any special year end gifts or donations.
- e. Vacuum Purchase – New vacuum was purchased from Sara's Vac Shack in Cloquet. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Missy Wojtysiak to transfer \$1606.99 from the Memorial Saving Account to cover the cost. Motion carried.

Looking Ahead

Globe Offering: We will take January off and decide in January what to do for February.

Next Meeting – January 21, 2024 at 8:00 am.

Closing Prayer – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned at 8:40 am.

**FLOODWOOD
FOOD SHELF**

NEW HOURS:

2ND

**WEDNESDAY
12:00-2:00 PM**

**4TH WEDNESDAY
9:00-11:00 AM**

Youth

Wanted: Vacation Bible School Future Coordinator

Floodwood Ministerium would like to have an assistant to learn the workings of Vacation Bible School. You would work alongside the present coordinator to understand how VBS is put together and run. 2024 VBS theme is "Scuba". If you are interested contact Pastor Burgess or Judy Ario.



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th, the Hope Lutheran Youth will be joining other youth around the nation in the Souper Bowl of Caring, to help tackle hunger. The youth will also be collecting non-perishable food items and cash for the Floodwood Food Shelf on the Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth will present a skit on hunger to the congregation. All cash donated on that day will be given to the Life House in Duluth. The Life House works with homeless teens.



Youth will be helping again with

souper suppers.

No Valentine's Dinner

Instead of Valentines dinner this year, we will be having a Spring Night Out on Saturday, March 2nd. Planning on a meatball dinner and possibly play board games after (change due to scheduling conflicts).



Community Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 30th.



Hanging flower baskets sale will be in the spring.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Bradley Hutton
- 3** Kalen Kuehl
- 7** Jaimen Davis
- 8** John Seredinski
- 11** Greta Fiskness
- 15** Jill Fries
Shirley Johnson
- 16** Madison Wojtysiak
- 17** Barbara Larson-Peterson
- 25** Judy Dressely

**FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

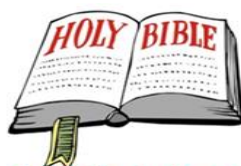
- 3 Carole & Floyd Ahlgren ('56)
- 6 Bill & Jan Manner
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Brooke Hughes Johnson
- 10 Amelia Aho
- 11 Carlene Jatkola
Ross Tollgaard
- 12 Alexis Stokke
- 13 Steve Hall
- 15 Nathan Seredinski
- 17 Patricia Seredinski
- 19 Amber Schoenrock
(Fries)
Bode Hutchinson
- 18 Floyd Ahlgren
- 21 Kaleb Holmes
- 22 Tanya Hovi
Shelly Arjes
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri
- 30 Adam Schminski

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila



**Sign Up to be a
Scripture Reader**



**Sign Up to Serve
Refreshments**



**Are you in need of
prayer or want to join
the prayer chain?**

**Contact Jody Messner
(218) 878-0456**

**Sunday Refreshments
(Teas and Hot chocolate)**



We now have a variety of teas and hot chocolate for fellowship time after Sunday service.

The tea pot is for water only. The controls are on the handle. Hit the +/- to select the temperature you want the water to be heated to.

DO NOT wash the pot by submerging it.

Pastor's Corner (continued from page 1)

My hope for all of us, this Lenten season is that we better understand how much God loves us as demonstrated by what Jesus went through for us in His suffering and death so that we might receive His righteousness. He gives it to us as a free gift if we repent, believe and follow Him. Let us do that this year.

God Bless us all,

Pastor John

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Quilting

Quilting will be on February 27th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Every word and phrase listed in all capitals is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

For UNTO US a CHILD is BORN, unto us a SON is GIVEN; and the GOVERNMENT shall be upon his SHOULDER; and his NAME shall be CALLED Wonderful, COUNSELLOR, The MIGHTY God, The everlasting FATHER, The PRINCE of Peace. Of the INCREASE of his government and PEACE there SHALL be NO END, upon the THRONE of DAVID, and upon his KINGDOM, to ORDER it, and to ESTABLISH it with JUDGMENT and with JUSTICE from HENCEFORTH even for ever. The ZEAL of the LORD of HOSTS will PERFORM this.

S E N O E N D G R D L U O H S
T M E H G I M E P U D L I H C
S A S C J U D G M E N T A E H
O N A T N L N O K F A T H H O
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R O K O G D D R O F E C N E H

February 2024

Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 28 	29 USHER: Tim Tollgaard	30	31	1 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	2	3
4 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	5 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	6	7 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	8	9	10
11 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study  At end of service	12 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	13 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	14 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.  7:00 PM NO Soup Supper	15 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	16	17
18 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	19 USHER: Dave Zieroth NO Pastor's office hours <i>President's Day</i>	20	21 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	22	23	24 Newsletter deadline
25 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	26 USHER: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	27 9:00-3:00 Quilting	28 9-11:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	29	Looking Ahead March 2: Youth Fundraiser (Watch for details) March 10: Church Council Meeting 8 AM & Installation during Service	

PRAYER REQUESTS

February 2024



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
Carlene	Willie
Sulo	Jen
Floyd	Kitty
Pastor John	Doug
Ella	

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
 Pashtun People Group
 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 Israel and the world!

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

December 24	\$1540.00
December 31	\$ 685.97
January 7	\$2037.00
January 14	\$1201.00
January 21	\$1954.00

Christmas Dinner

December 24	\$85.00
December 31	\$95.00

Youth – Craft Sales

December 31	\$2.00
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Memorials

In Memory of Leonard Stokke from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Mem Savings)

GLOBE OFFERING



February 4, 18, 25 – Quake Event Support
 February 11 – Souper Bowl of Caring
 March – Floodwood Area Food Shelf
 April 7, 14, 21 – Suhonen Support
Note: The Suhonen's will be here on April 21

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



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

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

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