

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

July 2021

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. Summer is finally here, although with all the warm weather in June, it feels like it started last month. Many of us look forward to summer as a time to vacation and take a break from our regular routine. Unfortunately for most Americans it now means a time to take a break from regular church attendance. Jesus himself warned us against this in his letter to the church of Laodicea in the book of Revelation, chapter three. Jesus dictated this letter to John as a warning to all churches. Jesus says, don't become a lukewarm church or fall away as an apostate church or He would vomit them out of His mouth. Unfortunately, this is happening to the Christian churches in America of all denominations. Many Christians are becoming enticed by things of our culture and this world at the expense of taking time to worship God and study His Word. Jesus wants God to be our number one priority in this life. A recent Barna Survey pole of Christians revealed that only 6% of professing Christians have a biblical world view in line with what the Bible teaches as God's truth. Jesus warned us that it would be this way shortly before He returns. We are to be watchful, and ready for His return soon, not like the five foolish virgins caught unprepared.

As we get ready to celebrate our Nation's Independence Day this July 4th, let us not be led astray from the principles on which our Nation was established. We ask God to Bless America now, but most don't believe in God or want to follow His commands. We need to pray for a revival and return to the biblical principles on which the blessed Nation was built.

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Ladies Bible Study and monthly meeting will resume in the fall. Watch the bulletin and future newsletters for upcoming events. *(Continued on Page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL April 25, 2021

Members Present:

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

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mark Johnsen, and second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

March 7, 2021 Church Council Meeting – Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve the March Council Minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed the March 2021 financial reports. Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the financial reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report: National Day of Prayer is May 6. Baccalaureate for the community graduates is May 26 at Four Rivers Church. Confirmation for Summer Johnson and Hannah

Zieroth is May 23. Pastor has a funeral May 14 in Cromwell. Pastor will attend an LCMC Symposium June 4 – 6 in Livingston Montana. Community VBS for Floodwood will be June 14 - 18. Pastor will attend the LCMC National annual gathering in October 3 – 6 and Pastor and Cindy will be able to visit their family as well. Pastor has a visit scheduled with Lilly Autio this week and next week he will visit Lois and Lorraine in Cromwell.

Administrator's Report

Report was provided in packet, A gift donation of \$750 was received to cover the cost of the organ repair (deposit included in general checking account). Total Globe offering for Souper Bowl of Caring was \$381.88 for the Life House in Duluth. The Good Friday Service Offering for the Police Department Fund was \$394.00. The Police department has paid some water and sewer bills with it. Food Distribution Thursday April 15, 130 boxes distributed in about 45 minutes. Thank you, Volunteers! Next one is Thursday, May 15, will probably be the last one as Government is ending the program. CCLI report completed for 6 month time period, which is a tally of all songs sung at church between these dates. Quarterly elevator inspection was completed, no issues reported.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth – Confirmation May 23. VBS June 14 – 18.

Outreach Committee – No report

Building Committee – Jeff has no idea who repaired the shingles, but they are repaired.

Quilting – The group now has grown and the ladies are enjoying being together again to quilt.

Old Business

- a. Employee evaluation – Bubba had NO response back from Dean.

Dean Fries called Mark and said that he will not have the time to be on the council. The Council will need to find another member.. Motion was made by Mark Johnsen, second by Tanya Johnson to accept the resignation of Dean Fries. Motion carried.

Discussion on filling treasurer position, LuAnn was willing to take over. Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Mark Johnsen to have LuAnn Heikkila take over treasurer position and change Corporate Resolution to reflect the change. Motion carried.

Bubba asked for more help with the employee evaluation. Deb stated that she will help Bubba with employee evaluations.

New Business

- a. Restart refreshments after Service – Requested by the HLCW ladies. They will limit what is served and only 2 people serving. Virus is not spread through food. Paper and plastic
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- b. will be used. People who do not feel safe do not have to attend. Sign-up sheet will be on Narthex window. Motion to start having refreshments after church again made by Tanya Johnson, second by Deb Tollgaard. Motion carried. LuAnn Heikkila will pick up supplies to make this transition easier.
- c. VBS – June 14 – 18, coordinated by Judy and Steve Ario and community pastors. \$300 will need to be paid for materials. (Amount in budget, Jeff will send a check to Steve Ario.)
- d. Camp Patmos – will be in person, new guidelines because of Covid. Registration to open soon. Motion to renew the policy that was set forth last April on having family's pay \$50 to ensure they were invested in going to camp. Hope Lutheran Youth Account to pay balance. Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.
- e. Pulpit Supply - will be needed for June 6, 2021. Council has asked Jeff Kletscher to contact Heather Ostern to sub for Pastor John.
- f. Picnic tables for the green space were suggested. Council has asked for price ideas, and more information concerning garbage's, storage, etc.... Discussion at next council meeting.
- g. Church Mutual Sensor Program – Have council read through the

information on the program. Discuss at the next council meeting.

Globe Offering

For May – Camp Patmos – Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by Mark Johnsen to have the Globe offering for May go to offset costs of those who attend Camp Patmos. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – June 13, 2021 at 8 a.m.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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QUILTING



Fifty-seven quilts were displayed on the pews for a blessing on June 13th. Thank you to all who bagged them for transport to the Salvation Army in Duluth. Special thanks to Ed and Anne Lundstrom for doing the delivery, in spite of Duluth's many street construction projects.

Another seven quilts were given earlier to the Clark family after their house fire. The quilters will resume their time together in September.

Pastor's Corner (Continued from page 1)

My prayer for all of us is to return to church ready to worship God making Him the priority for our lives and for our Nation. I invite you to join me as we prepare ourselves for the coming again of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Get ready! Remember, God does not take vacations, and we need to be thankful He is there 365 days a year. 24-7.

God Bless us All,
Pastor John

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Alexis Hutchinson
- 6** Bryan Hutchinson
- 7** Jeanette Johnsen
Tim Tollgaard
Jayden Laine
- 9** Jennifer Heine
- 10** Brea Wallaker
- 14** Deana Fries
- 15** Megan Aho
- 17** Nicole (David) Shafer
- 20** Jodi Fiskness
- 22** Tara Belter
- 23** Debra Hyry
- 24** Violet Peterson
- 30** Willie Moe

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1** Danielle & Tim White
- 2** Bryan & Tracy
Hutchinson ('05)
- 10** Sue & Bubba Vance

- 14 Ethel & Jim Pensak
- 28 John and Cindy Burgess
- 31 Rae & Don Rosemore

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dinah Tveit
Madison Kuehl
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall
David Shafer
- 17 Linda Christianson
Bob Hosking
- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 26 Lilly Manner
- 27 Jessica Hutton
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson

**AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES**

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

Word Find

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

Comfort
 Creator
 Eagles
 Holy One
 Increase
 Israel
 Lord
 Mount
 Power
 Renew
 Run
 Wait



Community Vacation Bible School

There were 45 students who were at VBS this year. Seven were listed as from Hope Lutheran. Myself and Pat Serendinski were adults there. Brooke Johnson helped with registration. Summer Johnson and Hannah Zieroth were crew leaders for the younger children. I taught the Bible Adventure for two hours each day with the students and did the opening and closing on Tuesday. It was a great week. I think the students really enjoyed VBS and I feel it was very successful.

Pastor John



July 2021 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen	29	30	1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship & communion 	5 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola NO office hours	6	7	8	9	10 
11 9:30 Worship 	12 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	13	14 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	15	16	17
18 9:30 Worship & communion	19 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 Worship	26 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	27	28 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	29	30	31

LOOKING AHEAD: August 22, 2021 Church Council Meeting 8:00 AM

PRAYER REQUESTS
JULY 2021



For those who are ill or struggling

Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Frances	Bob
Danette	Sadie
Grace W.	Lilly
Theresa	Lois
Bradley	Coach
Heather	Liz
Rosie	Willa
Gary 'Curly'	Carl K

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

David Shafer
Owen Seredinski
Cody Farrell

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

May 23	\$2071.46
May 30	\$ 521.15
June 6	\$3122.00
June 13	\$ 375.00
June 20	\$2357.00

Globe Offering

Camp Patmos	
May 23	\$ 11.00
May 30	\$ 57.42
June 20	\$ 50.00

Memorial Giving

In Memory of Joanne Dawson from John & Pat Seredinski \$ 50.00 (Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Mike Louhela from John & Pat Seredinski \$ 50.00 (Memorial Savings)

Offerings can be mailed to:

**Hope Lutheran Church
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very own web site. Visit us at:
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