

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church July 2023

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

July is here which usually means hot summer weather and vacation time. Last month we saw a successful Vacation Bible School in Floodwood. I would like to thank all who volunteered and participated in this special opportunity to help the young children in our community to learn about Jesus. These youth are the future of the Christian Church.

For us in Floodwood July also means it is Catfish days. This is a traditional event in our community July 7-9th. The community churches this year will be sponsoring an evangelical service Saturday evening, July 8th, on the lawn of the Baptist Church from 6:00-7:00 p.m. As Christians we need to reach out to others in our community who need to hear the good news message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Come and join us for an evening of worship and song as we bring this Christian event to our Catfish Days activities.

I will be gone on July 21-28 on a trip to the state of Alaska with my daughter Rebecca and son Gregory. Our missionary family the Ekka's will be here for the service Sunday July 23 to bring us up to date on their missionary ministry. We need to remember them with our prayers and the Globe offering collected in June and July. I encourage you to come and listen to their presentation.

Our congregation will be sending multiple youth to Camp Patmos Bible Camp this month. Thanks to all who contribute to our youth activities so we can send these kids to this important event in their lives. We need to pray for them all to have a safe and rewarding experience at camp this summer.

Lastly my prayer for you is to all enjoy a safe summer vacation. Remember to take God with you on vacation. Remember Him in devotions and worship as you vacation wherever God leads you.

God Bless us all,
Pastor John



& HLCW NEWS

There will be no Bible Study for the months of June, July or August. See you in the fall. (Continued on page 2)

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**Hope Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes**

NONE AVAILABLE THIS MONTH

Youth



See page 4 for photos

HLCW (Continued From Page 1)

HLCW Blessing of the Quilts



Jeanette Johnsen, Grace Autio,
Cindy Burgess, Shirley Johnson,

Susan Cocci and Elvi Tollgard made 50 quilts to be sent overseas to people in need.



There will not be any quilting during the summer months.

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
Missy Wojtysiak
- 23 Debra Hyry
- 24 Violet Peterson
- 28 Elaine Stokke

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dinah Tveit
Madison Kuehl
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
Gary Gustafson
- 12 Dave Bolstad
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 Bonnie Hall
David Shafer
Kent Wojtysiak
- 17 Linda Christianson
Bob Hosking
- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer

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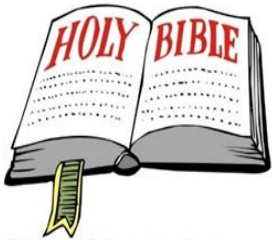
*Birthdays and Anniversaries
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- 26 Lilly Manner
- 27 Jessica Hutton
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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



**Sign Up to be a
Scripture Reader**



**Sign Up to Serve
Refreshments**

Memorial Day



David Shafer, Elvi Tollgaard, John Burgess, Carolyn Hosking, Bob Hosking, Pat Seredinski, and John Seredinski from Hope Lutheran joined other VFW members to participate on Memorial Day to honor our fallen military.

Fishing Trip



Pastor John on his vacation with son Greg on the Canadian side of Rainy Lake. They caught over 400 fish but had to throw most back.



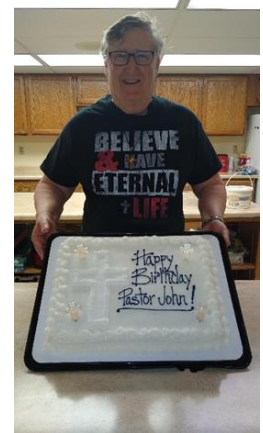
Father's Day



Ladies of the church honored fathers with homemade pies.



Happy Birthday Pastor John



The congregation celebrated Pastor's birthday on June 25th during fellowship time.

Community VBS was held June 12-17 at the Floodwood Fair Center and the Baptist church with about 50 children attending.



Independence Day Quiz

- 1: Who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?**
- 2: How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?**
- 3: Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence?**
- 4: What are the first seven words of the Declaration of Independence?**
- 5: What date was the Declaration of Independence adopted?**
- 6: How many colonies voted in favor of adopting the Declaration of Independence?**
- 7: Why was the Declaration on Independence adopted?**
- 8: What are the three basic ideas in the Declaration of Independence?**



1. Thomas Jefferson, 2. 56, 3. John Hancock, 4. When in the Course of human events, 5. The Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, 6. 12 of the 13 colonies voted in favor and New York abstained, 7. AAnnounce the separation of 13 North American British colonies from Great Britain, 8. (1) God made all men equal and gave them the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; (2) the main business of government is to protect these rights; (3) if a government tries to withhold these rights, the people are free to revolt and to set up a new government.

July 2023 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking					1
2 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	3 USHER TEAM: Dale Rauvola NO Pastor's office hours	 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	 Catfish Days July 7-9	8 6:00-7:00 PM Community worship service held at the Baptist Church lot. Bring your own lawn chairs.
9 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 	10 USHER TEAM: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	11	12 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	13	14	15
Prayer for our youth attending Camp Patmos (High School): Summer, Hannah, Brooke, Hailey, Amelia						
16 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	17 USHER TEAM: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	18	19	20	21	22
				PASTOR		
23 9:30 Worship led by the Ekkas 10:30 Fellowship	24 USHER TEAM: Tim Tollgaard NO Pastor's office	25	26 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	27	28	29
Prayer for our youth attending Camp Patmos (Middle School): Lacey, LilyAna, Morgan, Milee, Shannon						
IS ON VACATION FROM JULY 20 UNTIL JULY 28TH						
30 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	31 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY JULY 24TH. Globe Offering to July 23 -- Ekka Support Globe Offering July 30 & August -- NONE				

PRAYER REQUESTS

July 2023



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

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
June 2023**

General Fund

May 28	\$ 451.00
June 4	\$2872.00
June 11	\$ 790.00
June 18	\$1265.00

Globe Offering Camp Patmos

May 28	\$ 110.57
June 4	\$ 25.00
June 11	\$ 10.00
June 18	\$ 20.00

Globe Offering Ekka Support

June 18	\$ 20.00
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Globe Offering



Globe Offering to July 23 -- Ekka Support

Globe Offering July 30 & August -- NONE

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



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AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE

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

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

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Floodwood, MN

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