

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church June 2023

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

June is here and so is summer, and we begin to focus on summer vacations. Let us enjoy our summer vacations but still find time for worshipping God and learning more from His Word for our lives. Did you know God doesn't take a vacation from you?

June 4th we will bless the quilts our quilting ladies have made. We thank them for their talents in preparing the quilts to be used by needy folks where God wants them to go.

I will be gone from June 5-June 13 but will be praying for all of you. Pastor Heather will preach in my place. I will return to teach in Vacation Bible School June 12-16. Special thanks to all from our congregation who will be serving as adult leaders and teen group leaders. It is so important for us to reach out to the youth in our community. Try to get your grandchildren or neighborhood youth to attend for at least one day or the whole week if possible. God loves them and wants them to attend.

We will honor all fathers on June 18th. Come and join us as we do and give special thanks to God for the blessing they have been in our lives. We should also give special thanks to our heavenly Father, who loves us so much. I will have a special Father's Day sermon about our heavenly Father you should enjoy. *(Continued on page 3)*



There will be no Bible Study for the months of June, July or August. See you in the fall. *(Continued on page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2023

Members Present

Bubba Vance, Carolyn Hosking, Tanya Johnson, Missy Wojtysiak, Deb Tollgaard, Todd Messner, Kim Hutchinson (arrived at 8:12 AM). Pastor John Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: None

Pastor John opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 AM by Administrator Kletscher for purpose of Re-Organization.

Re-organization Election of Officers: Discussion on Officers for the upcoming year. All agreed to keep their positions. Motion by Carolyn Hosking, support by Missy Wojtysiak that the 2022 elected officers remain the same as last year. (President - Bubba Vance, Vice-President - Missy Wojtysiak, Secretary - Tanya Johnson, Treasurer - Deb Tollgaard). Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

January 22, 2023 Church Council minutes and January 29, 2023 Annual Meeting minutes in packet. Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported 119 miles and 18 communions given. Special thanks to all of those who helped with the Lenten soup suppers, they were a success. Completed Religious Release classes March 29, special thanks to all of those who helped. Special thanks to the youth committee for the many events they helped with and for their great report on Quake. In May, Pastor will participate in the National Day of Prayer Walk on May 4. Pastor has been teaching Bible study at the Riverview Apartments on Romans and the adult class on Revelation on Sundays. Baccalaureate service is May 24th at St. Louis Catholic Church. On May 21 we will recognize 2 graduates during our service. (Tanya will pick up gifts for them.) Pastor needs some help with trees at the parsonage this spring. Pastor will be on vacation June 5-12 and will return to teach VBS when he returns. Pastor will also do 2 Baptisms for Cheryl Bailey's grandchildren.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

We have purchased two new sump pumps. (The extra is for back up.) The price for VBS per church went up to \$600 from \$300 due to the rise in costs. The heating, electrical, and all bills are up. The elevator costs increased. All in all numbers are down but we are holding our own. General checking is down \$4,000 from last year at this time. Fund for Religious Release snacks remains the same at \$254.89. Souper Bowl of Caring amount raised for the Life House was \$667.00, the youth will deliver this in April. March Globe Offering for Floodwood Food shelf was \$306.61. Sue Vance, Jerry and Tanya Hovi have begun working

on 2022 Deposit Audit verification. Jeff is hoping that Kathy Johnsen and Tim Tollgaard will agree to conduct the 2022 Audit. CCLI Audit reporting period for April 1 to September 30 (means that every song we sing has to be reported to CCLI). Pulpit Supply for Pastors vacation days: June 11 Heather Ostern and July 23 Ekka's (asked, not confirmed). Updated Church Brochure for review. Motion made by Carolyn Hosking, second by Todd Messner to accept the Treasurers Report and Administrators Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Camp Patmos has not opened registration for youth yet, but Mr. Kletscher will let us all know when it opens so that we can register. Brooke was accepted as a counselor for the elementary camp at Camp Patmos! 22 kids participated in the Easter Egg Hunt (good parent support). 64 plates served at Easter Breakfast.

Outreach Committee: No update.

Building Committee: State of Minnesota Elevator inspection, minimal things to fix. Tree branch removal and bush pruning at parsonage will happen weather permitting. New sump pump installed in boiler room and back up is in storage.

Quilting Committee: Quilters (led by Jeanette Johnsen) got a grant for quilting supplies from Lake Country Power Operation Round Up.

Old Business

a. none

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**Council Minutes (Continued
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New Business

- a. Update Corporate Resolution – Since no changes in officers, no need to update.

Globe Offering: Motion made by Deb Tollgaard, second by Tanya Johnson that May Globe offering go towards Camp Patmos. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – May 21, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned at 8:56 AM by Bubba Vance.



Vacation Bible School will be held June 12th-16th. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon at the Floodwood Fair Center.

This is a reminder to register for VBS – contact Pastor Burgess or Call/Text Judy Ario @ 218-590-4806.

**Hope Lutheran Youth
Fundraiser**



The youth sold 40 spring baskets from Marlys' greenhouse and 25 from Susan's greenhouse for a grand total of \$325.00. Thank you youth for your dedication.

**Pastor's Corner (Continued From
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As the weather warms up, my prayer for us is that our passion for God will also warmup this summer. Let us not forget to worship in the summer. It is good to enjoy His creation around us, but we still need to find time to come together in fellowship and worship. Going to church shouldn't be a habit. Remember habits can be broken. Make attending church a priority and not a habit. Allow some time for daily devotion, bible study and giving thanks to our loving heavenly Father. Have a safe summer and I hope to see you again throughout the blessed summer season.

God Bless us all,
Pastor John



Seasons 1, 2, and 3 of "The Chosen," in DVD format, are available for checkout in the church library.

HLCW (Continued From Page 1)

HLCW Quilting



Blessing of the quilts will be Sunday, June 4th.

There will not be any quilting during the summer months.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Emily Hall
- 5 Cooper Tollgaard
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 18 Sheryl Abell
- 19 Deb Tollgaard
Jan Metso
- 22 Jamie Peterson
- 26 Pastor John Burgess
- 28 Karly Tollgaard
- 29 Leigha Kuehl

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*Birthdays and Anniversaries
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**JUNE
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Kent & Missy Wojtysiak
- 8 Jan & Rob Benson ('58)
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff Romosz
Tammy & Jamie Peterson
Russ & Sheryl Abell
- 12 Todd & Jody Messner ('99)
- 24 Pastor Owen & Linda Christianson



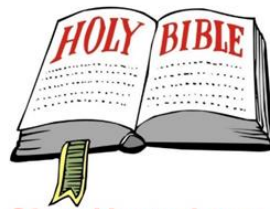
JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- 31 Rae & Don Rosemore

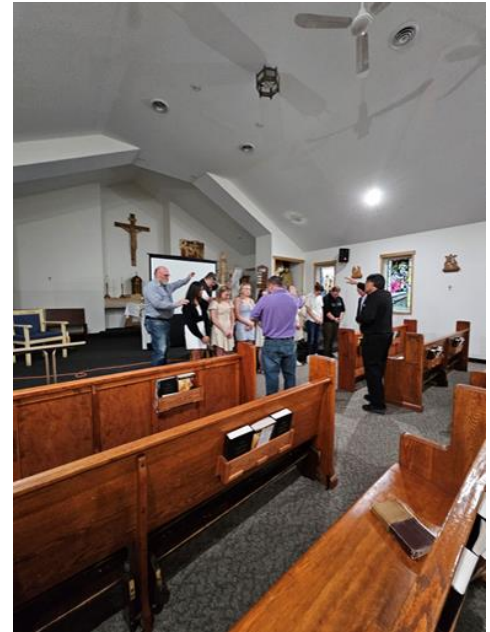


**Sign Up to be a
Scripture Reader**



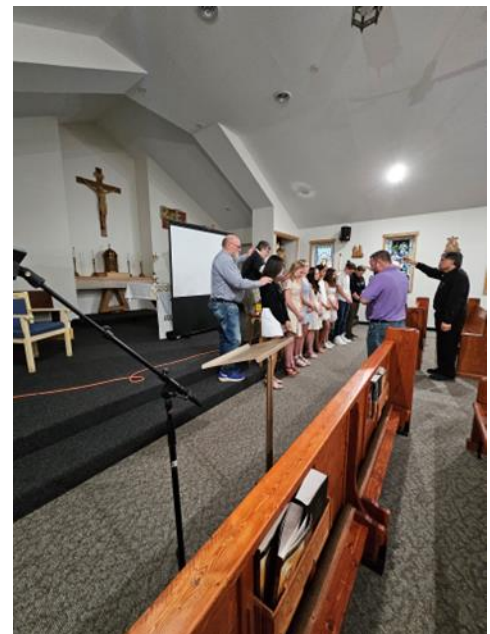
**Sign Up to Serve
Refreshments**

Floodwood Baccalaureate



Baccalaureate was held at the St. Louis Catholic Church in Floodwood on Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

Graduates in attendance were Brooke Johnson, Kylie Hart, Keira Riley, Darby Autio, Autumn Tahja, Carter Grant, and Justin Spindler.





Members of the Floodwood churches came together on May 4th to pray for our community and nation.



Mother's Day

The men served coffee to the women on Mother's Day. Thank you men.



Congratulations Graduates



Brooke Johnson and Hailey Bazaard were recognized as graduates of Floodwood High School on May 21st.

June 2023 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|-----|--|-----|-----|---|
| 28 | 29 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30 Worship with communion 10:30 Fellowship <i>Blessing of the quilts</i> <i>Trinity Sunday</i> | 5 USHER TEAM: Mark ohnsen NO Pastor's office hours | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Pastor on vacation June 5 thru | | | | | | |
| 11 9:30 Worship - Heather Ostern leading worship 10:30 Fellowship | 12 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth NO Pastor's office hours | 13 | 14 <i>Flag Day</i> 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 9:00 AM-Noon Community Vacation Bible School--Fair Center | | | | | | |
| June 12 | | | | | | |
| 18 9:30 Worship with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <i>Father's Day</i> | 19 USHER TEAM: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours <i>Juneteenth</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> |
| 25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 26 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours | 27 | 28 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf | 29 | 30 | Nijhar & Neeraj Ekka will be leading Worship Service on Sunday July 23 |

PRAYER REQUESTS

June 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 |
| Don | Carlene |
| Sulo | Willie |
| Floyd | Jen |
| 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
May 2023**

General Fund Giving

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| April 30 | \$ 773.00 |
| May 7 | \$2602.00 |
| May 14 | \$2255.05 |
| May 21 | \$ 831.00 |

Globe – Earthquake Relief

April 30 \$ 202.00

Total to Lutheran World Relief for Earthquake Relief \$ 357.95

May Globe Offering – Camp Patmos Support

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|--------|-----------|
| May 7 | \$ 50.00 |
| May 14 | \$ 60.00 |
| May 21 | \$ 100.00 |

Globe Offering



June 4, 11 – Camp Patmos
June 18, 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 23 – Ekka Support
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**

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very own web site. Visit us at:

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