

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church March 2023

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before I get into the activities for March, I want to thank our youth and members of the youth committee who hosted the special Valentine's dinner for our church in February. It was awesome! Now it is our chance to thank the youth by praying for them as they attend the Quake youth retreat in Minneapolis March 17-19. We are looking forward to hearing about their experiences when they return. We are so blessed to have them in our church family. Praise God!

It is March now, and we are in the season of Lent. Let us use this time wisely as we meditate on God's Word and prepare ourselves for the coming Easter and Resurrection celebration.

I want to thank all those who will make our midweek Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers and Lenten drama series a success. The Lenten drama series "Fulfilled in Him" focuses on five pairs of characters each week; one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament who demonstrate in their witness the fulfillment of God's promises. There is a kind of before and after perspective in the pairing of the characters which allows us to examine how Christ is the key to understanding God's promises in Scripture. He is the founder and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2)

One of the most repeated refrains in the New Testament is the assertion that all Scripture is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christ Himself used the Old Testament to teach the disciples and us about Himself, telling us that the promises of the biblical ancestors and prophets pointed forward to Him. (Luke 24:44)

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The March women's Bible study group will meet at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, the 14th at the church. Cindy Burgess will lead a discussion on the season of Lent. All women are welcome. *(Continued on page 5)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 2023 **UNAPPROVED**

Members Present

Bubba Vance, Carolyn Hosking, Tanya Johnson, Mark Johnsen, Missy Wojtysiak arrived at 8:07 AM, Pastor John Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent Deb Tollgaard, and Kim Hutchinson

Pastor John opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Carolyn Hosking, second by Mark Johnsen to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

December 11, 2022 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Mark Johnsen, second by Carolyn Hosking. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported 119 miles and 8 Communion distributed. Christmas services went well with good attendance. New members will be received at the Annual meeting on January 29. Great response to volunteers for religious release, and Bible study attendance has been encouraging. Pastor will finish instructing his first, two PEG ministry students and will start with three more students soon. Lenten services will start

February 22 with Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten services will continue after that with soup suppers. Pastor will again do the drama theater, they were well received in past years. Pastor will be on vacation Feb 13-16 with his son Greg. Youth will be having a Souper Bowl of Caring collection and skit on February 12 and a Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser on February 18.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

It was a very busy month with financial statements, Budget, Annual Report, W2's/W3. Fund for Religious release snack account equals \$ 254.89. Copier lease renewed with price reduced to \$150 a month. The elevator light bars were replaced on interior door. New usher schedule created, and is working on updating the duties and responsibility sheet. Total expenses equaled \$10,015.14. Income is down, but we are holding our own. Youth checking \$3,396.46 and Youth savings was \$297.55. Motion by Carolyn Hosking, second by Tanya Johnson to accept the Treasurers Report and Administrators report as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Quake will be March 17-19 in Bloomington. Hannah, Summer, Brooke, Amelia, Lacey attending and Tanya will chaperon. Camp Patmos for seniors is July 9-14, Elementary July 16-21 and Middle School July 23-28. Lacey is the only Confirmation student currently. The youth will once again be doing the Valentine's Dinner for a fundraiser on February 18. There is a National Youth gathering coming in 2024

that may be of interest to our youth.

Outreach Committee: No update.

Building Committee: Furnaces have been working well and the valve that was ordered for the boiler is in, John will replace it. Snow removal is getting done by FST and seems to be working. (Jeff reported that he added sidewalks to snow removal contract for Wednesday Religious Release.)

Quilting Committee: They will resume making quilts on January 24.

Old Business

- a. none

New Business

- a. Elevator Repair – Jeff is requesting authorization to transfer of \$2596.49 from rental account into regular checking account to cover cost of the repairs. Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Tanya Johnson to authorize the transfer of the money from rental account to general checking account to cover costs. Motion carried.

Community Christmas Dinner Report – Pastor reported that 117 people attended, better response than before. Over 20 of these people do not attend any church in our area. Jess and Tom Rich were very excited at how everything is turning out and were thinking of waving the fee for next year. *(Continued on page 3)*

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- b. Jeff reviewed the proposed 2023 Budget that was in the Draft Annual Report. Motion by Mark Johnson, second by Tanya Johnson to approve the proposed 2023 budget. Motion carried.
- c. Review draft annual report – Proof and check for errors and let Jeff know if any changes.
- d. Date for Council Installation – Will be on February 19 during the service.
- e. Employee Evaluation – Council feels that not needed at this time.
- f. Take pictures of our new members and place their information in directory.
- g. A big thank you to Mark for his 6 years of dedication and service to the Church Council!

Globe Offering: February will go to Souper Bowl of Caring (donated the Life House in Duluth). March it will go to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf.

Next Meeting – February 19, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Burgess provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned at 8:46 AM by Bubba Vance.

UNAPPROVED

**Hope Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting of the
Congregation
January 29, 2023**

UNAPPROVED

Call Meeting to Order Council President Bubba Vance called the meeting to order at 10:24 AM.

Confirmation of Quorum by Ushers: Usher confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda - Motion made by Mark Johnsen, support by Todd Messner to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Nancy Raihala, second by Kent Wojtysiak to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Recognition of Outgoing Council Member – Mark Johnsen was thanked for his 6 years of service.

Elections Proposed slate of candidates for Council Positions was included in the annual report. There was still an open position available on the slate of candidates.

Nominations from the Floor Jody Messner nominated Todd Messner for the open position that exists on the slate of candidates. Todd agreed to accept the nomination. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Jody Messner, supported by Kent Wojtysiak to approve the election of Missy Wojtysiak and Todd Messner to a 3 year term (ending January 2026), and Kim Hutchinson to complete the final 2 years of the position she

is currently filling (ending January 2025). Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Burgess reported in the notes – This year marks to 5 year that Pastor has been our Pastor. He and Cindy really appreciate the support from the congregation in their ministry here at Hope. This really feels like home for them. Continued recovery from the Covid pandemic. We have been blessed to see our attendance return to normal and have been blessed with increased numbers for the Lenten services.

There has been an increase in the numbers of religious release attendees and the numbers participating in the Christmas youth program. We are very thankful for all of the volunteers for both of these. The kids are the future of God's Church.

This past year we had an outdoor service and picnic served by the youth. It was a well-attended service and we hope to do it again this year!

There is one student in confirmation who will not finish until next year. Pastor continues to provide Adult Sunday Bible Study and is now moving on to studying the Book of Revelation.

This past year we have been blessed with several new family's who have joined Hope. They were received before as members before the annual meeting. We are thankful and feel that they are a wonderful blessing for our church. Pastor has been teaching through PEG for two pastors and will have two more pastors starting in February. *(Continued on page 4)*

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Pastors prayer for us is that we all develop a hunger for God’s word and sacraments.

Presidents Report

We are so blessed to have Pastor and Cindy, Jeff, Hazel, Willie, LuAnn, John, Ann, Dave and all those who donate their time and help out in our church. We are blessed to be part of this church. A good amount was donated to our missionaries and that was a great blessing. We know times are getting difficult as everything increases in cost. But we ask if possible to dig a little deeper for offering. We have a wonderful church family!

Treasurer’s Report/ 2023 Budget Proposal and Approval

Administrator Jeff Kletscher provided a brief verbal review of the information included in the annual report (pages 7 - 16). The Endowment fund numbers were not in but it will be listed in the Beacon of Hope once it comes in. Average attendance in 2022 was 39 people. Memorials were listed in the Annual Report. The Council receives budget information at every Council meeting and they are well informed and work hard to keep track of the budget and various accounts.

2022 General Fund Giving totaled \$81,325.83 with expenses of \$88,891.55. Jeff reviewed the proposed 2023 proposed budget (pages 17 - 19), highlighting the accounts that were changed. The Church Council approved the proposed 2023 Budget at their January 22, 2023 Council Meeting.

Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by Todd Messner to approve the 2023 Budget as included in the Annual Report. Motion carried.

Jeff reminded the Congregation that he is always available to answer questions and the financial reports and related information are always available for anyone to review if they have questions.

Closing Comments – The numbers overall are stable and we hope it continues. Thank you to everyone for all they do. Lent services will start February 22 with Ash Wednesday, Soup Suppers will begin on March 1.

Closing Prayer – Pastor lead the closing prayer which included a table pray for our potluck meal.

Adjourn Meeting – President Vance declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.

UNAPPROVED



Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$566.00 for hunger and the Life House in Duluth.

Pastor’s Corner (Continued From Page 1)

During the season of Lent, as we focus on the events leading up to Jesus’ arrest, trial and crucifixion, we will see how the ancient words of scripture are realized in Christ’s sacrificial giving of Himself for our sake.

My hope is that during Lent, you will gain a better understanding of how all scripture is the story of Jesus. As Jesus said “the entire scripture is about Me.” He was faithful to fulfill the mission given to Him by His Father so that we now can be the children of God we were created to be. Because of what Jesus has done we will all live forever with Him in His Kingdom of Heaven. May we all better understand and appreciate this truth during this Lenten season.

May God Bless us all,

Pastor John

HLCW Quilting



Because of a delay in receiving the internal batting for quilts, [the stuff that makes them soft] there was no quilting in February. Instead, there will be two sessions in March ----- Tuesday the 7th, and Tuesday the 28th, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Oklee Quilting, the supplier of the batting used, is having trouble keeping up with the demand ---- so that must mean a lot of quilts are being created by busy Lutheran women. Grab a scissor and join the fun!!

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tracy Zieroth
Courtney Romanek
Jody Messner
- 4 Pat Manee
- 5 Tad Farrell
- 6 Pastor Julie Gellert
- 7 Lilyana Johnson
- 9 David Zieroth
Imijyn Thompson
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) Romosz
Hunter Rauvola
Morgan Kuehl
- 13 Tracy Hutchinson
- 14 Neva Polo
- 15 Ethel Pensak
Jazmine Johnson
- 16 Caleb Fries
Lane Grady

- 17 Maija Hunt
- 18 Roy Autio
- 21 Marion Shafer
Jeff Romosz
(Sylvia Shafer)

- 22 Tabitha Tollgaard
Quinn Kuehl
Todd Messner

- 24 Hannah Zieroth

- 30 Faith Romanek

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 30 Bonnie & Steve Hall



Thank You

Thank you to Pastor, Hazel, Jeanette, Grace, LuAnn, Pat and Jeff for all the support and input you give me to get the newsletter out.

I would like to give a special thank you to Jeff for all his assistance and feedback with the newsletter.

Ann Bolstad



Youth Sponsored Valentine Dinner



Thank you Youth and adult mentors for a wonderful evening of great food, excellent waitstaff and beautiful atmosphere.



New Members



*Drama Series Title:
Fulfilled in Him*

Weekly Drama Titles:

- March 1 *From Abraham to Centurion*
Theme: **Faith**

- March 8 *From Moses to Paul*
Theme: **Righteousness**

- March 15 *From Ruth to Samara*
Theme: **Being Chosen**

- March 22 *From Jeremiah to John*
Theme: **Repentance**

- March 29 *From Job to Martha*
Theme: **Fulfillment**



Welcome new members Gary Gustafson, Shelley Arjes, and Jody and Todd Messner.

 Sign Up
to Serve Refreshments

Reminders:

 Sign Up
to be a Scripture Reader



March 2023 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Dale Rauvola		1 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	2 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	3	4
5 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	6 USHER TEAM: Kent Wojtysiak 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	7 9:00 AM -3:00 PM Quilting	8 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	9	10	11
 12 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	13 USHER TEAM: Bubba Vance 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	14 10:00 AM HLCW Bible Study	15 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	16 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	17	18  <i>National Quilting Day</i>
 19 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	20 USHER TEAM: Tim Tollgaard 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	21	22 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	23	24 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	25
26 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	27 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours	28 9:00 AM -3:00 PM Quilting	29 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	30	31	Remember to sign up for working at and providing soup for Soup Suppers before Lent Services. Remember to sign up to be a "drama" reader during the Lenten Services

PRAYER REQUESTS

March 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

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
March 2023**

January 29	\$ 537.00
February 5	\$2968.00
February 12	\$1208.00
February 19	\$ 791.00

**Globe – Souper Bowl of Caring
(for Life House)**

February 5	\$ 15.00
February 12	\$ 551.00

Youth

Valentine's Dinner \$ 741.00

Endowment Fund Balance

12/31/2022 \$89,894.81



Globe Offering

March Globe Offering – Floodwood Area
Food Shelf

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

Lent & Easter



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|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| ABSTINENCE | FORTY DAYS | PASSION |
| ADORATION | GOLD | PILLARS |
| ALMSGIVING | GOOD FRIDAY | PRAYER |
| ASH WEDNESDAY | HOLY SATURDAY | PREPARATION |
| ATONEMENT | HOLY THURSDAY | PROMISE |
| CELEBRATION | HOLY WEEK | PURPLE |
| COMMUNION | INDULGENCE | RESURRECTION |
| CONFESSION | LAST SUPPER | SPRINGTIME |
| EASTER TRIDIUUM | LENT | VOLUNTEER |
| EQUINOX | LITURGY | WHITE |
| FASTING | MORTALITY | |
| FORGIVENESS | PALM SUNDAY | |

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |





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

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