

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran March 2024

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month we are into our Lenten journey as we look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, March 31. I hope you have been able to attend the midweek Wednesday evening soup suppers followed by our Lenten dramas. Special thanks to all who have volunteered to make these events so rewarding. I hope you found the dramas helpful in your Lenten journey remembering all Jesus had to endure for you and me.

Our youth will be having their spring fund raiser on Saturday evening, March 9, with a special dinner at 5:00 and 5:30 that night. I hope many of us will be able to attend and support the youth program. The food and fellowship will make for a great evening.

Our Holy Week service will be on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. with communion. There is no midweek Wednesday Soup supper that week or on Thursday evening. Please come and join us as we remember the evening Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and then later that evening was arrested and subsequently put to death to attain forgiveness for all our sins.

The Community Good Friday Service will be held at the Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. with all the pastors speaking to help us remember the significance of the sacrifice Jesus endured for us.

The next day, Hope Lutheran will again host a Community Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0-12 at 1:00 pm. Our high school youth and members of the youth committee work so hard to make this a special outreach to our community. I invite you to come and support this special activity. *(Continued on Page 3)*



Cindy Burgess will lead a discussion on all things Lent on Tuesday, March 12th, at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

NO MINUTES AVAILABLE

Youth



The Youth collected \$372 for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks to all who participated.



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.

VBS meeting is on Tuesday March 5 at the Baptist Church

6:30 p.m. for all those who want to be involved this year.



Youth will be helping again with soup suppers.



Easter Egg Hunt

Community Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 30th at 1 PM at Hope Lutheran Church for children 0-12 years old.



Hanging flower baskets sale will be in the spring.
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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



Reminders

Sign up to serve refreshments!

And

Sign up to be a Scripture reader!



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

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

Pastor's Corner (continued from

On Easter Sunday, the youth will also help with a special Easter breakfast before the 9:30 a.m. service. It has always been well attended, and the meal is special. It is a great way to help us all celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and His promise that we too will arise and live with Him in heaven Forever!!

My prayer for everyone is to have a safe, healthy Lenten journey this year as we remember that we are children of a God who loves us so much, and we have so much to be thankful for what He has done.

God Bless us all. Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.

Pastor John

HLCW (Continued from Page 1)



Quilting

Quilting will be on March 26th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



**FLOODWOOD
FOOD SHELF**

NEW HOURS:

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

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



Youth Fundraiser
Spring Night Out

Saturday, March 9

Meatball Dinner

5 & 5:30 PM Seating's

Sign up sheet on Narthex Window
\$12 each – Questions contact LuAnn



QUAKE
YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL



Easter Breakfast



Hope Lutheran Church

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Free Will Offering

*Sponsored by the Hope
Lutheran Church Youth*

Lenten Service



Jody Messner and Bubba Vance participated in the midweek Lenten service dramas.



Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 P.M. - Maundy
Thursday Service with communion

Friday, March 29th, 7:00 P.M. – Community Good
Friday Service at the St. Louis Catholic Church

Saturday, March 30th, 1 P.M. - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31st, **Resurrection Sunday**,
8:00 A.M. - Youth sponsored BREAKFAST
9:30 A.M. - Worship Service

March 2024

Hope Lutheran Church Planner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| | USHER: Gary Gustafson | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 4 USHER: Todd Messner 9:00-Noon-Pastor's office hours | 5 6:30 PM: VBS meeting at Baptist Church for all interested | 6 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service | 7 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor | 8 | 9  Spring Night Out 5:00 & 5:30 PM (Must Sign Up for time) |
| 10 Daylight Savings Begins (Spring Ahead) 8:00 AM Church Council 9:30 Worship with Installation of Church Council & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 11 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon-Pastor's office hours | 12 10:00 AM-HLCW Bible Study | 13 12:00-2:00 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 | 14 | 15 |  |
| 17 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study Quake Event | 18 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon-Pastor's office hours | 19 <i>First day of Spring</i> | 20 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service | 21 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor | 22 | 23 |
| 24  9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <i>Newsletter items due</i> | 25 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon-Pastor's office hours | 26 9:00-3:00 Quilting | 27 9-11:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf | 28 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service (NO soup supper) | 29 7:00 PM Good Friday Community Service at St. Louis Catholic Church | 30 1 PM Easter Egg Hunt |
| 31  8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship NO Sunday School or Bible Study | Globe Offering March – Floodwood Area Food Shelf April 7, 14, 21 – Suhonen Support Note: The Suhonen's will be here on April 21 | | | | | |

PRAYER REQUESTS
March 2024



For those who are ill or struggling

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|-------------|----------|
| 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

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| January 28 | \$1585.00 |
| February 4 | \$828.50 |
| February 11 | \$1022.00 |
| February 18 | \$2157.00 |

Globe

Food Shelf

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| February 11 | \$100.00 |
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Quake Event

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| February 11 | \$20.00 |
| February 18 | \$74.79 |

Souper Bowl of Caring

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| February 11 | \$372.00 |
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Memorials

In Memory of Gene Rosemore from John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Mem Savings)

GLOBE OFFERING



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



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE

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

www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org

Also visit us on **FACEBOOK:**

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Floodwood, MN

The Beacon of Hope is published each month for members and friends of Hope Lutheran Church, Floodwood, Minnesota. News items should be given to Ann Bolstad (476-2130, cell 343-0943) or send to draseal@aol.com by the 24th of the month.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED