

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

May 2021

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

May is here and so is spring. This month we will celebrate Mother's Day and later in the month, we will celebrate the confirmation of two special young women, Summer Johnson and Hannah Zieroth. It is indeed a month to look forward to with great anticipation.

It is also a special month in the Church year because we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church on Pentecost Sunday May 23. This is the day, we the church, received the gift of the Holy Spirit sent to us by Jesus after His ascension into heaven. The Holy Spirit is our helper and the constant presence in our lives that brings us to faith, leads us, prays for us when we cannot find the words, and grants us the gifts to carry out Christ's mission to the world. We are continually being formed and shaped by the Spirit each day of our lives. This enables us to perform the mission God had planned for each of us when we were created. This miracle will be repeated as the Holy Spirit is poured out on our two confirmands as they are confirmed as children of God. They will acknowledge before us all that they have heard God's Word and the message of His great works. Now they are ready to respond as workers with us in the kingdom of God. Praise be to God. *(Continued on Page 4)*



Life Principles 28 and 29 of Charles Stanley's "30 Life Principles" will be discussed at the May women's Bible study and group meeting. Number 28 is "No Christian has ever been called to 'go it alone' in his or her walk of faith" based on Hebrews 10:24-25. God created us for fellowship with Himself and other believers.

Number 29 is "We learn more in our valley experiences than on our mountaintops" with James 5:10 as the Bible reference. God often leads us through difficult times to teach us. Teach us what?? Join the discussion at 10 AM on May 11th at the church. Cindy Burgess will lead the study. Jeanette Johnsen will serve coffee. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

March 7, 2021

Members Present:

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

Pastor John Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Mark Johnsen.

Reorganization

Nominations for President – Mark Johnsen was nominated by Bubba Vance, Mark declined. Deb Tollgaard was nominated by Mark Johnsen, Deb declined. Bubba Vance was nominated by Mark Johnsen and accepted. Motion carried.

Nomination for Vice President – Deb Tollgaard nominated Missy Wojtysiak, Missy accepted. Motion carried.

Nomination for Treasurer – Missy Wojtysiak nominates Dean Fries, Dean is not present to decline. Motion carried.

Nomination for Secretary – Bubba Vance nominated Tanya Johnson, Tanya accepted. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing Covid regulations again. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

January 17, 2021 Church Council Meeting – Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by Bubba Vance to approve the January Council Minutes. Motion carried.

January 24, 2021 Annual Meeting – Motion by Mark Johnsen, second by LuAnn Heikkila to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

There were no minutes from February, due to not enough members for a quorum.

Treasurers Report

Reviewed January and February 2021 Financial reports – increase in Office Management due to increase in hours required to complete slide shows, giving statements, W2's, W3's, annual meeting, etc. The organ repairs came in under budget, it was mostly labor, some parts can't be purchased do to age of the organ. Motion made by Bubba Vance, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve both Treasurer Reports. Motion carried.

Pastors Report

Pastor Burgess provided a written report: Pastor distributed 10 communions to shut-ins and those not able to attend church. He will be doing the Lenten dramas of Martin Luther and his small catechism during Lenten services. Hope Lutheran will host the Community Good Friday Service on April 2nd at 7 pm. Confirmation for Summer Johnson and Hannah Zieroth on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Pastor performed an infant baptism on Ron and Cheryl Bailey's new grandson on February 14.

Administrator's Report

Report was provided in packet, Organ repair bill was \$742.00. \$250 was transferred from Youth fund to general checking for Quake.

Committee Reports.

Christian Education and Youth – No religious release yet. Virtual Youth Quake was February 26 and 27 at Rob and Jan Benson's house. The girls who attended gave a nice overview at church the next morning. Hope will host an Easter Egg Hunt the day before Easter. Youth will sing for “We Believe” by the Newsboys on Confirmation Sunday. Community VBS will be held in June.

Outreach Committee – No report

Building Committee – No update on Roof shingle repair. Jeff will work on now that weather is improving.

Quilting – Pastor and Cindy brought in a bunch of material for the quilters, and quilting is going well. The Salvation Army has contacted us to let us know they are out of the quilts and that they were well received. This years will go there as well.

Old Business

- a. Employee evaluation - This needs to be completed. Bubba will talk to Dean Fries to try to work on this.
- b. 2019 & 2020 Financial Audit – Kathy Johnsen and Tim Tollgaard completed the Audit. No issues found. A big thanks to them for volunteering to complete this task.

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New Business

a. Providing Food and Refreshments at Community Good Friday Services and Easter Breakfast – after discussion and recommendations by Jeff Kletscher, the Council decided to not hold refreshments after the Good Friday service or Easter Sunday due to Covid restrictions. Motion made by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.

b. Update Corporate Resolution – Motion to remove Mark Johnsen and Deb Tollgaard and add Bubba Vance and Missy Wojtysiak to the resolution. Motion made by Mark Johnsen, second by Deb Tollgaard. Motion carried.

Approval of Debit card for Administrator Jeff Kletscher – motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Tanya Johnson. Motion carried.

c. Covid restrictions update – There has been a lot of gathering in the church and use of side doors. Pastor will make an announcement to remind people of the guidelines and that they needed to stay in place even though most of the people have their Vaccine shots.

Globe Offering: Due to the delay in our meeting, Jeff Kletscher noted that in March the Globe Offering goes to the Floodwood Area Food Shelf. (Jeff noted this is the usual March Globe Offering designee, because March is Food Shelf month.)

Next Meeting – April 25, 2021 at 8 a.m.

Pastor Burgess closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH WOMEN
MINUTES**

April 13, 2021 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President, Grace Autio.

Six members were present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 9th meeting. Motion carried.

Jeanette Johnsen presented the following Treasurer's report: Checking balance \$292.12.

Savings balance \$387.07. Total Funds \$679.19. Motion was made by Grace and seconded by Carolyn to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Jeanette Johnsen read a thank you from Susan Coccie for the Food Shelf donation.

A bake sale was scheduled for Sunday, May 11th.

The next Bible study will be held on Tuesday, May 11th, 10:00 AM. Cindy Burgess will lead this lesson on chapters 28 in 29. Jeanette Johnsen will provide refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock.

Jan Benson,

Secretary

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QUILTING



We plan to meet at 9:00 AM on May 25th for quilting. Please come if you can.

**HOPE LUTHERAN FAMILY
AND YOUTH**



*Hope Lutheran Youth
Fundraiser*

Once again the Youth are selling coupons for 10" hanging flower baskets, locally grown at Piontek's greenhouse.

You can get your coupon from any Youth or contact LuAnn Heikkila at 269-1284, Hazel Bailey at 390-8789, or Tanya Johnson.



Amelia and Brooke selling coupons after church

And they also will be on sale after church on Sundays.

Pastor's Corner (Continued from page 1)

In His explanation to the third article of the Apostle's Creed, Martin Luther wrote that it is the Holy Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Without the Holy Spirit active in our lives our faith could weaken, and we could fall away. The Holy Spirit is with us to prevent this from happening. We are indeed blessed by God. This is most certainly true!

God Bless,
Pastor John

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Telisha Bennett
- 9 Alice Shafer
- 11 Tasha Belter
- 12 Rob Benson
- 14 Keven Johnson
- 19 Joyce Andrews
Jacob Seredinski
- 22 Don Rosemore
- 23 Grace Autio
Ben Rosemore
- 28 Carol Schminski
- 29 Kathy Johnsen
- 30 Laverne Hutton

**MAY
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 28 Grace & Roy Autio ('55)




JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Emily Hall
- 5 Cooper Tollgaard
- 10 Kolt Bennett
- 17 Preslie Kjoberg
- 18 Sheryl Abell
- 19 Deb Tollgaard
- 22 Jamie Peterson
- 23 Richard Coccie
- 28 Karly Tollgaard
- 29 Leigha Kuehl

**JUNE
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Jan & Rob Benson ('62)
- 10 Sylvia (Shafer) & Jeff Romosz
Tammy & Jamie Peterson
Russ & Sheryl Abell
- 24 Pastor Owen & Linda Christianson

A Tribute to Godly Mothers


One of the mothers in a church put her son to bed on the eve of his fifth birthday. She was trying to communicate that birthday idea to him. "Kevin," she said, "this is the last night of your fourth year. Do you understand that?" Kevin was ready to communicate with his hands. For a full year, he had shown people four fingers for his four years, and now he was ready to add a thumb. Seeing his four fingers, his mother nodded, and said: "When you go to sleep tonight, you'll still be 4-years-old. But do you know how old you'll be in the morning when you wake up?" Kevin nodded enthusiastically, added his thumb to his four little fingers and said, "Tomorrow, I'll be a handful!"

For all the mothers who have had their hands full, we celebrate Mother's Day.

From Hilltop Chapel, Canada





Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale after church on Mother's Day. Write it on your calendar.

May 2021

Hope Lutheran Church Planner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| April 25 9:30 Worship & communion & Sunday School | 26 USHER TEAM: Don Rosemore & Tim Tollgaard | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| 2 9:30 Worship & communion & Sunday School | 3 USHER TEAM: John Seredinski & Bryan Hutchinson 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours | 4 | 5 | 6 6:30 National Day of Prayer-Prayer March Around Floodwood. Meet at the water tower.  | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9:30 Worship & Sunday School  BAKE SALE AFTER CHURCH | 10 USHER TEAM: Dean Fries & Jeff Kletscher 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours | 11 10:00 HLCW Bible Study and Meeting | 12 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf | 13 TIME: 1:00 PM Food distribution. Volunteers needed. Contact Jeff | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:30 Worship & communion & Sunday School | 17 USHER TEAM: Dave Zieroth & Mark Johnsen 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hour | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:30 Worship & Sunday School Confirmation during service | 24 USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking & Dale Rauvola 8:30-Noon- Pastor's office hours | 25 9:00 Quilting | 26 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf 7:00 Baccalaureate at Four Rivers Fellowship | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:30 Worship & Sunday School | 31 USHER TEAM: Rob Benson & Bubba Vance <i>Memorial Day</i> | LOOKING AHEAD: June 14-18 Community VBS | | | | |

PRAYER REQUESTS
MAY 2021



For those who are ill or struggling

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

Those suffering from natural disasters
Spiritual healing and salvation for our family and friends

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

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| March 28 | \$2370.00 |
| April 1 | \$ 125.00 |
| April 4 | \$1487.00 |
| April 11 | \$1800.00 |
| April 18 | \$ 470.00 |

Anonymous Donation for Organ Repair
\$ 750.00

Memorials

In Memory of Lila Niskanen from Marlys Piontek
\$ 50.00
(Memorial Savings)

In Memory of Pastor Stew Carlson from John & Cindy Burgess
\$ 50.00
(Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering



Floodwood Area Food Shelf

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| March 28 | \$ 30.00 |
| April 4 | \$ 50.00 |

Bible Sticks

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| April 1 | \$ 20.00 |
| April 4 | \$ 65.35 |
| April 18 | \$ 25.00 |

Good Friday Offering for Police Fund \$394.00

Globe offering for May will go to support youth going to Camp Patmos.

Offerings can be mailed to:

**Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736**



Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
CANDY
CHARMING
COMFORT
DEVOTED
FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS

GUIDANCE
HUGS
JEWELRY
JOY
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MATERNAL
MOM
MOTHER

NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER
THE BEST
WARM
WISE





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very own web site. Visit us at:

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