

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church November 2023

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have now finished Reformation Month. A special thanks to all who enjoyed the visits and wisdom Brother Martin shared with us. Now we are beginning the month of November when colder temperatures arrive, but Advent and Christmas are not far away. We will begin November by remembering all the saints who have passed away and are with the Lord. We especially remember those who passed away in 2023, but also use this time to remember family and friends who have passed during your lifetime. We remember them with love as we look forward to the fulfilment of God's promise that we will someday be reunited with them forever.

During this month, we also remember those who have served our country in the military on Veteran's Day, November 11. We honor our veterans who have served to preserve the freedoms and blessings we enjoy in this country because of their sacrifices. We need to thank them for their service and the sacrifices they have made for our freedom.

November is also deer hunting month. Let us pray that the hunters return to church safely and those that are blessed with a deer, we give thanks.

Later this month, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day by remembering all the blessings God has given us, not only this year, but each day of our lives. We have a God who loves us so much He gave His only begotten son, Jesus, to die for us and rise again as a promise that we too will be resurrected to live in heaven with God forever. We remember during this time that our God is a promise keeper who has promised to watch over us and give us all the blessings we need to carry out our mission as children of our Heavenly Father.
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& HLCW NEWS

Cindy Burgess will continue leading the discussion on the "I Am" statements of Jesus as recorded in Matthew. Join the group at church on November 14th at 10:00 A.M. All women are welcome.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2023

APPROVED

Members Present

Bubba Vance, Carolyn Hosking, Tanya Johnson, Deb Tollgaard, Todd Messner, Kim Hutchinson, and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Pastor Burgess and Missy Wojtysiak. Guest: Jody Messner.

Bubba Vance opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Bubba Vance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Carolyn Hosking, second by Todd Messner to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

May 21, 2023 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Deb Tollgaard, second by Carolyn Hosking. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

No report this time due to illness.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

Paper work was filed with MN Power for LED bulbs and LED tubes that were replaced, \$303.78 was spent for 20 screw in bulbs and 64 tubes. There should be a \$168.00 rebate amount for these. Workman's Comp Audit for 7/1/22 to 7/1/23 is completed. Camp Patmos Globe offering \$395.57. Ekka support Globe offering

\$827.70, plus \$200 was given for pulpit supply and mileage. Tim Tollgaard and Kathy Johnsen agreed to do the 2022 Audit, waiting on them to complete it. CCLI Audit Reporting Period – April 1 to September 30. No change in RR snack fund. Packet included May, June, and July check registers. Updated financial statement, account balances, youth account report, and endowment report. Endowment balance on 6/30/23 was \$97,569.70.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Vacation Bible School had over 50 students and it was a great success. There were more people on Friday then before. Camp Patmos – the kids loved it and 3 more attended that haven't attended in a long time and they enjoyed it so much. Outdoor Service and Picnic - is set for August 20, plans are falling into place, youth will provide the meal.

Outreach Committee: No update

Building Committee: Tree at parsonage needs to be removed and will be taken care of tomorrow. John and Nathan Seredinski updated the additional lights to LED, there are still more to update. Water was found in the basement again on Sunday, July 23. Tim Tollgaard thinks he fixed it – downspout issue.

Discussed adding outlets between Sanctuary and Overflow room for fans. Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Deb Tollgaard to add the outlets.. Motion carried. John Seredinski will be asked to add the outlets.

Quilting Committee: NO meetings over the summer.

Old Business

- a. none

New Business

- a. October 1 service – Pastor will be gone. Council is OK with Neil Vance recording a sermon ahead of time to watch on that day.
- b. Prayer Chain – Jody Messner is willing to volunteer to start it and coordinate it. She will create a sign-up sheet. Motion by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson to allow Jody to create and coordinate the prayer chain. Motion carried.
- c. Insurance - Terrorism coverage is about \$50 extra. Jeff shared information (declaration sheets) on the insurance coverage and costs. Motion to reject terrorism coverage by Deb Tollgaard, second by Todd Messner. Motion carried.
- d. Consider donation to Our Daily Bread – Motion by Tanya Johnson, support by Kim Hutchinson to donate \$250 to Our Daily Bread. Motion carried
- e. Updating signs on restrooms to either sex – Motion made by Carolyn Hosking, second by Todd Messner to change to either sex restroom signs. Motion carried.

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- f. Future needs of parsonage – Air Conditioner and dishwasher. Motion made by Tanya Johnson, second by Kim Hutchinson to purchase when needed. Motion carried.

Globe Offering: 2nd half of September and October for Operation Child.

Next Meeting – October 8, 2022 at 8:00 am.

Closing Prayer – Bubba provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned at 8:58 am.

Youth

Nothing to Report

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ann Knight
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson
Shawna Behrendt
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson
Wyatt Rauvola
- 16 Pastor Carl Fiskness

- 17 Linda Chambers
Sadie Kiminski
- 19 Eric Hall
- 21 Sue Hutchinson
- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
- 29 Carl Kuehl

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES NONE

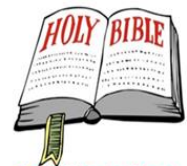
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jordan Romanek
- 4 Carole Ahlgren
- 5 Carolyn Hosking
- 6 Johanna Abell
Cecilia Abell
- 10 Tony Speece
- 12 Danielle (Tollgaard) White
- 15 Lacey Wojtysiak
- 17 Courtney Young
John Hutchinson
- 19 John Seredinski Jr.
- 26 Bubba Vance
- 27 Tanya Johnson
- 29 McKennah Keil
- 30 Lindsey Rosemore

- 31 Alex Larson

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Bob & Joyce Andrews
- 25 Bob & Carolyn Hosking ('60)



Sign Up to be a Scripture Reader



Sign Up to Serve Refreshments

FLOODWOOD FOOD SHELF

NEW HOURS:

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

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

Pastor's Corner (continued from page 1)

On the last Sunday of November, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. We need to always remember that we serve a heavenly King, pledging to fulfill His Will. We thank God for His gift to us of wisdom and discernment when He shows us in His Word to help us respond in a loving way to all the evil, we see in the world around us.

My prayer, for all of us, is that we may be safe and live God pleasing lives using the talents and abilities He has given us to carry out the plan He has for each of us.

Have a safe and blessed thanksgiving season,
Pastor John



Quilting

Quilting will not meet in November and December.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes are on the table in the overflow room.

Handouts – **follow directions!!**
\$10.00 this year for shipping. Include check to OCC or a note stating paid online.

(Giving in the GLOBE is NOT for a shoe box you make.

Globe Offering is to Samaritan's Purse and their costs associated with Operation Christmas Child program.)

Deadline: Sunday, November 12.

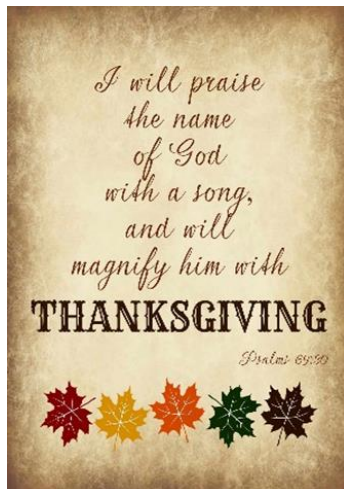


So cute. Thank you Tracy.

Pastor's Appreciation Month



Thank you Pastor and Cindy for your dedication, and kindness.

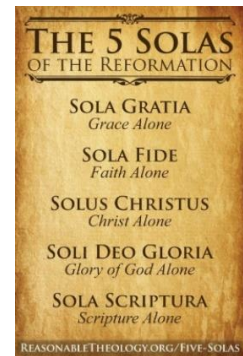


Reformation Month



October is known as Reformation Month in the Christian Church. It is a time to reflect on the Protestant Reformation that fought to have the Bible available to all.

Pastor John portrayed Martin Luther during the month with sermons focusing on the life of Martin Luther and his teachings such as the Small Catechism and the 5 SOLAS:



*November 5th
2:00 A.M.*





APPLE PIE MAKING



A HUGE THANK YOU to all involved with the apple pie project!! The saying "many hands make light work" was certainly true that day. From the Messners, who traveled to the Bayfield area to get the apples, to all who contributed financially or furnished ingredients, to all who worked on the 13th (28 volunteers), to those who purchased pies ----- everything was appreciated!! And, of course, two pies were baked for the workers to sample, and certainly passed the taste test.

Five pies were set aside for the upcoming community Christmas dinner.

A total of 103 pies were made and a deposit of \$965.00 was made on October 16th, with a few pies yet to be picked up and paid for.



November 2023

Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 29 	30 USHER: Bob Hosking	31	1 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. <i>All Saint's Day</i>	2 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Fall Back 1 hour 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	6 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	7	8 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	9	10	11 
12 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study  Boxes due at church	13 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-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.	16 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	17	18
19 9:30 Worship with communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	20 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	21	22 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf NO Religious Release (NO School)	23  No Church service	24 <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	25
26 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	27 USHER: Tim Tollgaard 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	28 <i>No Quilting</i>	29 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem.	30	LOOKING AHEAD: December 10 – Church Council 8 AM December 17 – Youth Program during Service December 24 – Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Service (NO AM Church Service)	

PRAYER REQUESTS

November 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
Pastor John	Doug
Ella	Leonard

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

October 1	\$1983.57
October 8	\$2067.00
October 15	\$1053.20
October 22	\$ 818.00

Globe Offering

Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child Program

October 15	\$ 20.00
October 22	\$ 20.00

GLOBE OFFERING

November 1-November 12



Support Samaritan's Purse and their costs associated with Operation Christmas Child program. (Is NOT to cover cost of boxes you pack.)

There will be NO globe offering November 19 to End of December

**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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