

# The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church October 2023

## Pastor's Corner

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is here, cool, crisp fall air leaves make brilliant color changes and orange pumpkins abound. Fall is a time of change. The first change you will see at church is on October 1, when Neil Vance will be providing the sermon via recorded video. I will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Mansfield, Ohio, our church home for over twenty years. I have been asked to be the guest preacher for their 75th anniversary celebration.

For us Lutherans it is Reformation month, a time we remember the changes of Martin Luther and the Christian doctrines he rediscovered that so many of us Protestants believe in today. For a change from the lectionary readings, I will be doing a series on Martin Luther and the Reformation this October in which I will again invite Martin Luther to share his beliefs with us. I invite you all to come and attend Sunday Worship services as I portray Martin and teach you in his words from 500 years ago the cornerstones of our Lutheran Beliefs. We will explore what it means to have JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE AND THAT SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT GOD GIVES TO THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH. We will also look at the life of Martin Luther and some of his most famous quotes and his treatise about the Bondage of the Will. On Reformation Sunday October 29, we will relive his nailing the 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenburg and his discussion of why he did this. This should be a rewarding series for any Lutheran Christian.

October is apple pie baking month. Hope Lutheran will hold our annual pie making day Friday, October 13th at 9:00 a.m. This is always a fun day. I look forward to seeing many of you there. *(Continued on Page 5)*



& HLCW NEWS

Cindy Burgess will lead the discussion on more of the "I Am" statements of Jesus. The meeting date is October 10th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

**Hope Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**NO MINUTES AVAILABLE**



**Nothing to Report**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Liam Seredinski  
Dale Rauvola  
Cindy Burgess
- 4 Molly Johnsen  
Elvie Tollgaard  
LuAnn Heikkila
- 5 Cory Suonvieri
- 6 David Jatkola
- 9 Russ Abell  
Ella Bennett
- 11 Wayne Thom
- 12 Ann Bolstad
- 13 Pastor Owen Christianson  
Anna Hall
- 17 Mark Johnsen
- 22 Shannon Johnsen  
Jim Hutton

- 24 Bob Andrews  
Tamera Lundstrom
- 27 Marissa Johnson
- 30 Davia Hayes

**OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 John & Sue Hutchinson
- 3 Pat & John Seredinski ('71)
- 23 Shelley Arjes & Gary  
Gustafson (1999)

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

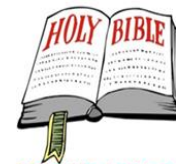
- 2 Ann Knight
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson  
Shawna Behrendt
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson  
Wyatt Rauvola
- 16 Pastor Carl Fiskness
- 17 Linda Chambers  
Sadie Kiminski
- 19 Eric Hall
- 21 Sue Hutchinson
- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
- 29 Carl Kuehl

**NOVEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES  
NONE**

**Grandparent's Day**



Honoring grandparents on Grandparent's Day.



**Sign Up to be a  
Scripture Reader**



**Sign Up to Serve  
Refreshments**

**FLOODWOOD  
FOOD SHELF  
NEW HOURS:**

**2<sup>ND</sup>  
WEDNESDAY  
12:00-2:00 PM**

**4<sup>TH</sup>  
WEDNESDAY  
9:00-11:00 AM**



### Quilting

Quilting continues on Tuesday, October 24th at 9:00 A.M. at the church. Anyone who can thread a needle [actually, there's help available with that] and tie a knot is welcome. With no shortage of disasters in the world, quilts are always needed.

### Floodwood Fair and Catfish Day Parades



Members of our congregation participated in the Floodwood Fair and Catfish Days parades with the VFW. Thank you for your service.

### Apple Pie Making



ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR APPLE PIE MAKING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH STARTING AT 9:00 A.M. NEEDED ARE PEELERS, MIXERS, AND ROLLERS.

Elsie Tollgaard will take orders at 218-476-2885. The price is \$10.00.

SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BACK WINDOW TO DONATE NEEDED SUPPLIES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THOSE!

### Floodwood School Open House



Area churches served hot dogs, chips and ice cream to students and their families at the Floodwood School Open House. Jodi, Gary, and Pastor John participated.



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.



### Pastor Appreciation Month

*“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17).*

God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

Many blessings to Pastor John and Cindy. Thank you both for blessing us everyday.



## Word Search Activity

# Find *Operation Christmas Child* words in the letters!

- Children
- Comb
- Crayons
- Doll
- Follow Your Box
- Gift
- God
- Good News
- Gospel
- Hope
- Jesus Christ
- Joy
- Label
- Ten Dollars
- Note
- Notebook
- Pencils
- Photo
- Shoebox
- Soccer Ball
- Stuffed Animal
- The Greatest Gift
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Wow Item

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L	H	V	F	I	W	J	N	A	O	A	T	N	F	L	O	E
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C	O	N	G	L	R	J	G	D	O	L	L	E	S	T	T	L
F	J	E	S	U	S	C	H	R	I	S	T	Z	H	X	O	S
H	D	L	S	H	T	O	L	C	H	S	A	W	U	T	N	F
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S	O	O	Z	M	B	U	E	L	S	M	O	K	W	Z	G	X





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This month is also a busy month of Bible study opportunities. Thursday October 5 and 19, we will continue the study of Thessalonians at the Riverview Manor at 10:00 am. The adult study of the Book of Revelation continues on Sunday, October 8, 15, 22 and 29th at 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible study will be Tuesday, October 10, at 10 a.m. at the church. My prayer for us all is to have a safe and enjoyable fall season enjoying worship and study of God's Word. I look forward to seeing you.

God Bless us all,

Pastor John



*October, Reformation Month*



**M**artin Luther was a German monk and Professor of Theology at the University of Wittenberg. Luther sparked the Reformation in 1517 by posting his "95 Theses" on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany - these theses were a list of statements that expressed Luther's concerns about certain Church practices - largely the sale of indulgences, but they were based on Luther's deeper concerns with Church doctrine.

The reformers rejected the authority of the pope as well as many of the principles and practices of Catholicism of that time. The essential tenets of the Reformation are that the Bible is the sole authority for all matters of faith and conduct and that salvation is by God's grace and by faith in Jesus Christ.

*Thanks to all who make our church building and grounds beautiful.*



## October 2023 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship, Neil Vance sharing sermon message. Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>NO</b> Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> John Seredinski  <b>NO-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Release Time <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10 AM</b> Bible Study at Riverview Manor	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Pastor on Vacation						
<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Council Meeting <b>9:30</b> Worship with communion & Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>11:00</b> Bible Study	<b>9</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Mark Johnsen  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM-</b> HLCW Bible Study	<b>11</b> <b>12-2:00 PM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf  Release Time <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>  <b>Apple Pie Making</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>11:00</b> Bible Study	<b>16</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Dave Zieroth  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Release Time <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>19</b> <b>10 AM</b> Bible Study at Riverview Manor	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship with communion & Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>11:00</b> Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Gary Gustafson  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM-3:00 pm</b> - Quilting  <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	<b>25</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf  Release Time <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-Elem.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>11:00</b> Bible Study <i>Reformation Sunday- WEAR RED</i>	<b>30</b> <b>USHER TEAM:</b> Bob Hosking  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>31</b> <i>Reformation Day</i> 	<b>October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!!</b>  <b>October Globe: Samaritians Purse for Operation Christmas Child.</b> <b>Looking Ahead: November 12<sup>th</sup>, Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes due.</b>			

PRAYER REQUESTS

October 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

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 the world!**

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GIVING**

**General Fund Giving**

August 27	\$ 330.00
Sept. 3	\$2847.00
Sept. 10	\$ 699.37
Sept. 17	\$1405.00
Sept. 24	\$5625.00

**Globe Offering  
Maui**

August 27	\$130.00
Sept. 3	\$160.00
Sept. 10	\$ 45.00
Sept. 17	\$139.03
Sept. 24	\$175.00

Donated to Maui Strong Fund through Hawaii Community Foundation

**GLOBE OFFERING  
October – November 12**



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

**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](http://www.hopelutheranfloodwood.org)

**Also visit us on FACEBOOK:**

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Floodwood, MN

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