

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church September 2023

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and special thanks to all those from the youth committee and our young people who made our outdoor service and picnic so special this year in August. The weather, food, and worship were awesome, and it was so good to see so many of you there.

I also want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, and texts as I recover from a bout of Atrial fibrillation. I am doing better each day and I am so glad to get back to be with you.

It is now September and the start of fall. We begin by returning from summer vacation and now look forward to starting a renewed study of God's Word. I will be teaching Bible study at the Riverview apartments the first and third Thursday each month at 10:00 a.m. We will begin a study of Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. On the second Tuesday of each month, Cindy will be teaching the women's Bible study at 10:00 a.m. at the church. On Sunday morning I will resume our study of the Book of Revelation starting Sunday September 10th at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to get involved in the study of God's Word.

The children are returning to school so we will be starting religious release classes for high school students at 12:45-1:30 p.m. and from 1:30- 2:15 p.m. for elementary students each Wednesday beginning September 27. All those who would like to be involved with religious release classes as teachers or treat providers are welcome. Look for the signup sheets in the narthex.

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& HLCW NEWS

The women's group will continue the discussion of the seven deadly sins in September, led by Cindy Burgess at the church. The meeting date is Tuesday, September 12th at 10:00 A.M. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 2)*

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

**Hope Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes**

NO MINUTES AVAILABLE



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Sulo Jatkola
Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 10 Gary Gustafson
- 11 Megan Heikkila Russ
Leonard Stokke
- 12 Jim Pensak
- 14 Kiaja Stokke
- 17 Abby Johnsen
- 19 Levi Suonvieri
- 22 Autumn Peterson
- 23 Jared Seredinski
Phil Bennett

- 24 Dean Fries
Neil Vance
- 26 Savannah Speece
- 28 Jack Moe

**SEPTEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12 Keven & Tanya Johnson ('07)
- 15 Mark & Kathy Johnsen ('84)
- 16 Burt & Cory Suonvieri
Hazel & Doug Bailey

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)



Quilting

Quilting resumes on Tuesday, September 26th 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.



**Sign Up to be a
Scripture Reader**



**Sign Up to Serve
Refreshments**

**FLOODWOOD
FOOD SHELF**

NEW HOURS:

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

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

The youth and their mentors hosted the outdoor church service on August 20, 2023. A wonderful BBQ lunch was served after the service. Brooke Johnson was recognized for her dedication to the youth, and we prayed for her success and protection as she goes to U of M (main campus), majoring in nursing.



Pastor's Corner (continued from page 1)

The ladies quilting sessions will begin on Tuesday September 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. Thank you, ladies, for all you do.

October is also the month we make apple pies at Hope Lutheran. It is a great time together as we make those wonderful apple pies. Watch for further announcements as we get closer to the date to be set. Consider being a part of this traditional activity.

I will be gone the week of October 1 as I have been invited to be the guest pastor for the 75th anniversary of Holy Trinity in Mansfield Ohio. Cindy and I were members there for 25 years. It is an honor to be part of their celebration and a chance to visit our grandchildren in Ohio that weekend.

As you can see, we will have a lot of activities starting in September. My hope and prayer is for you to come and join us as we study God's Word, and we spend worship and fellowship time together.

Pastor John

Tree Removal From the Parsonage

Bubba, Todd and the Bolstads' crewed to take down two large trees at the parsonage.



September 2023 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER TEAM: Bob Hosking			August 31 4-6 PM Floodwood School Open House	1	2
3 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship	4 USHER TEAM: Dale Rauvola <i>NO</i> Pastor's office hours	5	6	7 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	8	9
10 9:30 Worship with Communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	11 USHER TEAM: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	12 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	13 Noon-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship with Communion & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	18 USHER TEAM: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	19	20	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 articles due</i>	25 USHER TEAM: Tim Tollgaard 9:00-Noon Pastor's office hours	26 9 AM-3 PM Quilting	27 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30 - HS 1:30-2:15 - Elem.	28	29	30

PRAYER REQUESTS

September 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

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

July 23	\$661.00
July 30	\$825.00
August 6	\$2954.87
August 13	\$1218.15
August 20	\$830.00

**Globe Offering
Ekka Support**

July 23	\$200.00
July 30	\$200.00

Youth

August 20 Picnic	\$539.00
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Special Offering for Brooke

August 20	\$490.00
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GLOBE OFFERING

Maui Wildfire Victim Support

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED