

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran April 2025

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

April is here and spring is just around the corner. We finished a very successful year of religious release classes for elementary and high school students. Very special thanks to all the adult volunteers who make it possible by donating their time teaching, providing treats, helping to serve and clean up. You are fulfilling the mission Jesus gave to us all to "Go and tell people about me."

It is April and we are in the last half of Lent approaching Holy Week and Easter. I want to thank all those who have made the midweek Lenten soup suppers a success by bringing their favorite soups, breads, hotdogs or desserts. Special thanks to our high school youth group who helped with serving and cleanup. Special thanks to Tanya and LuAnn who have served as our coordinators.

I hope you had a chance to attend the Lenten services following the meal where I did a series on the "I Am" statements from the Gospel of John. Jesus used them to declare to us who He Was, and why He was here, as God and Man. His mission from His Heavenly Father was to save us from our sins and to provide for our spiritual life as we prepare to spend eternity with Him in God's heavenly Kingdom. It is the true reality we were created for, and when, we believe in Jesus, we get to spend our lives there because of Him and what he accomplished during His time on earth.

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& HLCW NEWS

Since the Bible study group was unable to meet in March, the April topic of discussion will be the same ---- Mary, the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene. Cindy Burgess will lead the discussion on Tuesday, April 8th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 4)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 23, 2025

Members Present

Gary Gustafson, Carolyn Hosking, Kim Hutchinson, Pat Seredinski, Jan Dornseif, Pastor Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Missy Wojtysiak

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Administrator Jeff Kletscher for the purpose of Reorganization.

Administrator Kletscher called for nominations for the role of President. Gary Gustafson was nominated by Carolyn Hosking, support by Pat Seredinski. No other nominations. Motion carried.

President Gustafson called for nominations for the role of Vice-President. Pat Seredinski was nominated by Gary Gustafson, support by Kim Hutchinson. No other nominations. Motion carried.

President Gustafson called for nominations for the role of Treasurer. Jan Dornseif was nominated by Pat Seredinski, support by Kim Hutchinson. No other nominations. Motion carried.

President Gustafson called for nominations for the role of Secretary. Missy Wojtysiak was nominated by Gary Gustafson, support by Jan Dornseif. (Note: Missy had agreed prior to the meeting to serve as Secretary again if nominated.) No other nominations. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Carolyn Hosking, second by Kim Hutchinson to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

January 19, 2025 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Carolyn Hosking, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

January 26, 2025 Annual Meeting minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Pat Seredinski, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Mileage 143. Communion 10. 120 people served at the January Community Christmas Program at the Event Center. Share that Elaine Stokke had passed away, no additional information at this time. Ash Wednesday is March 5th with communion and disposition of ashes. Midweek lent services begin March 12. Soup supper begins at 6 PM, services at 7 PM. No dramas this year, Pastor will preach on the "I Am" statements from the Gospel of John. Will be out of town February 24 -27.

Motion to approve Pastors Report as submitted by Kim Hutchinson, support by Jan Dornseif. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

January Check Register, Financial Report and Youth Account Financial Report included and reviewed, nothing unexpected noted. 4 easels purchased with funds from Memorial Account. Deposit and Expense Audits are being worked on. No change in Funeral Lunch Account. Nancy Laplant gone Feb 15 - 23, Ann

Bolstad and Dawn Shafer will cover that week.

Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Jan Dornseif to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: SS Update - no change. Religious Release Update: Going about the same. Confirmation Update: Lilly will be confirmed May 18th. Quake – March 21st - 23rd in Bloomington. Camp Patmos (MS & HS) July 6th- 11th. Registration has not opened yet.

Motion by Pat Seredinski, second by Kim Hutchinson to approve verbal reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Building Committee: Update included in the Administrator's report

Quilting Committee: Next date is February 25th.

Old Business

- a. Community Christmas/New Years Event report was presented in Pastor's Report.

New Business

- a. Update Corporate Resolution.

Documents provided to new officers to complete and sign. President: Gary Gustafson, Vice-President: Pat Seredinski, Treasurer: Jan Dornseif, Secretary: Missy Wojtysiak. Administrator: Jeff Kletscher. Permission for Administrator Kletscher to have Debit Card. Only two (*Continued on Page 3*)

signatures needed for Certificate of Time Deposits (CD's).

Motion to update Corporate Resolution made by Carolyn Hosking, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

b. Remove Previous Signers

Motion to remove Deb Tollgaard and Tanya Johnson as signers on accounts (and any others that Northview Bank says need to be removed). Will be replaced by Officers approved in New Corporate Resolution. Motion was made by Pat Seredinski, second by Jan Dornseif. Motion carried.

Looking Ahead

Globe Offering:

- March: Floodwood Area Food Shelf
- April: Polar Cubs Childcare Center
- May: Camp Patmos Support

Next Meeting – Sunday, April 27th at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting adjourned by Gary Gustafson at 8:47 AM.

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

NONE

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1** Telisha Bennett

- 9** Alice Shafer
- 11** Tasha Belter
- 12** Rob Benson
Anna Lisa Dusek
- 14** Keven Johnson
- 19** Jacob Seredinski
- 23** Grace Autio
Ben Rosemore
- 28** Carol Schminski
- 29** Kathy Johnsen
- 30** Laverne Hutton

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28** Grace & Roy Autio ('55)

Pastor's Corner

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We will be finishing Lent during Holy Week with a special service on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm where we remember how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Lord's Supper, in remembrance of Him we receive His special gift. Remember there will be no soup supper that evening.

The next evening is Good Friday, and we will be participating with the other churches in town with a service at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the New Life Assembly of God Church. I encourage you to attend as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us on that special day. There will be a special collection taken for use by the

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police department and churches caring for those requiring help in our community.

The next day, Saturday at noon, Hope Lutheran will be sponsoring the community easter egg hunt at our church with the help of our youth group and adult volunteers. It is always a special time during which we can reach out to the young children and families of Floodwood. You are invited to come and help make it a special day.

The next day is Easter Sunday, and we will have a special Easter breakfast before the service starting at 8:00 a.m. You are invited to donate baked goods or help provide the eggs and sausages either by your donations of food or monetary support. The youth will be sponsoring and serving this special breakfast meal for our congregation. Special thanks to all who help make this a special day each year. We come together to celebrate the Risen Jesus Christ and to remember because He lives, we too will live forever with Him and all other believers. I hope this Lenten season has been a meaningful one for you and that you have grown in your relationship with Jesus. I hope you have developed a greater understanding of who He is, how much He loves you, and how He wants to provide for all your spiritual needs in life.

God Bless us All,

Pastor John

HLCW
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Quilting



Quilting will be Tuesday, April 22nd starting at 9:00 AM. Any and all help is appreciated.

The quilting group has received an anonymous donation of \$300.00 to be used for quilting supplies. These funds will be used to purchase fabric for the quilt tops, plus rolls of batting for the centers. THANK YOU to this generous person!! The funds will be put to good use.

Easter Breakfast



Hope Lutheran Church

**Beginning at
8:00 a.m.**

Free Will Offering

*Sponsored by the
Hope Lutheran Church
Youth*



LENT

April 2

6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service

April 9

6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service

April 17 - **7 PM** Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

April 18 – **7 PM** Good Friday Community Service at New Life Church

April 19 – **1 PM** Easter Egg Hunt

April 20

8 AM Easter Day Breakfast
9:30 AM Easter Day Service
NO Refreshments, NO Bible Study
*Sign-up sheet for providing
soup or hot dogs on the
narthex window for Soup
Suppers.*

**FLOODWOOD
FOOD SHELF**

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

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



Reminders

**Sign up to serve
refreshments!**

And

**Sign up to be a
Scripture reader!**

Souper Bowl of Caring

THANK YOU!

Hope Lutheran Church

\$537.00 and 55 lbs.

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Souper Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 9, 2025

Alison Reese
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring



Lenten Soup Supper



On February 23, 2025 Pastor John installed the new council members and officers. Jan: Treasurer, Pat: Vice President, Carolyn: Council Member, Kim: Council Member, Gary: President. Missy: Secretary (absent).

SPRING DAY OUT



Food and games are sponsored by the Youth.



*Floodwood Third Annual
5K Run/Walk/Bike
For Freedom
Fund Raiser*

Fighting Against Sex Trafficking

Saturday in May (TBD)

at Floodwood New Life Church

8:00 A.M. Race day Sign-up/Registration

8:30 A.M. Race Begins

**For more information contact:
Ginny Larva (218) 216-5758 or
Matt Larva (218) 966-6915**

or

Web: 30forfreedom.org

30 for Freedom is a movement that exists to end sex trafficking in our lifetime through:

- PREVENTION**
- RESCUE OPERATIONS**
- SURVIVOR CARE**

Elementary Release Time



PRAYER REQUESTS

April 2025



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Jerry
Danette	Sadie
Carlene	Elsie
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Doug S.
Doug B.	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
*Floodwood Police Department Officers and all law enforcement officers

Peace and healing in Ukraine and Israel and the world!

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GIVING**

General Fund Giving

March 2	\$5747.84
March 9	\$1241.00
March 16	\$2340.00
March 23	\$402.00

**Globe
Food Shelf**

March 2	\$169.32
March 9	\$120.00
March 16	\$105.00
March 23	\$20.00

Youth

March 9 (Quake)	\$20.00
Spring Day Out	\$265.00
Mar 12 Soup Supper	\$98.00
Mar 18 Soup Supper	\$118.00

Memorials

In Memory of Floyd Ahlgren from Ahlgren Family \$90.00 (Memorial Savings)

Globe Offering

April – Polar Cub Childcare Center
May – Camp Patmos Support

**Offerings can be mailed to:
Hope Lutheran Church
PO Box 288
Floodwood, MN 55736**

April 2025 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Bubba Vance	1	2 Release Time LAST OF THE YEAR 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	3 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	4	5
6 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	7 USHER: Tim Tollgaard 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	8 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study	9 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Service	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 	14 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	15	16	17 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	18 7 PM Good Friday Community Service at New Life Church	19 1 PM Easter Egg Hunt 
20 8 AM Easter Day Breakfast 9:30 Worship 	21 USHER: Mark Johnsen NO PASTOR OFFICE HOURS	22 9-3 PM Quilting	23 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf	24 <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	25	26 Lorraine Guentzel Funeral: 10 AM Visitation 11 AM Service Lunch to follow
27 8:00AM Church Council 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	28 USHER: Dave Zieroth 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	29	30			



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AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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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

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