

The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran February 2025

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are entering February this month in which we will finish the season of Epiphany. This is the season where, each week, we are given a new revelation about who Jesus is and what His ministry will teach us. In January, we learned Jesus is the Son of God and was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His Baptism. We saw His first miracle at the wedding in Cana and learned how it was pointing to the mission He would accomplish during His time on earth.

Last week we saw how, in Nazareth, He presented himself as the Messiah, and they wanted to kill Him. In the first Sunday of February, we see how Jesus teaches with authority and does many miracles and casts out demons. People are awed by this, but only the demons knew He was the Holy One of God. The second week we will see that Jesus calls His first disciples and reveals that they will become fishers of men. The third week we will hear in Jesus' sermon on the plain, as told by Luke, of the blessings and woes that we as followers of Him will endure. Lastly this month, we will have the revelation that we are to love our enemies and those who persecute us. The revelations of Epiphany are to prepare us for the upcoming season of Lent which begins in March.

A special emphasis on February 9th will be presented by our youth on the weekend of the super bowl. They will be teaching us about the needs of many youths who are suffering and how our gifts can help those in need. We will be collecting food for our local food shelf and money to be given to Life House Ministry in Duluth as we have in the past. Thank you to all who contribute.
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Cindy Burgess will continue to lead a series on women of the Bible. February's topics will be the sisters Rachel and Leah ----- wives of Jacob. The group meets on Tuesday, February 11th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 1, 2024

APPROVED

Members Present

Tanya Johnson, Gary Gustafson, Missy Wojtysiak, Deb Tollgaard, Carolyn Hosking, Pastor Burgess and Administrator Jeff Kletscher. Absent: Kim Hutchinson

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Tanya Johnson.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Carolyn Hosking, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

October 27th Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Deb Tollgaard, second by Carolyn Hosking. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Mileage is 427. Communion given is 6. Special thanks to all who helped make the apple pie fundraiser successful. Religious release is going with 23 students. Dawn Shafer, Gary, Pastor and Patti Serendski are teaching. Deb and Tim have been helping with treats and cleanup when available. December will begin a busy Advent season with preparations for Christmas. Hope Lutheran will again provide the Christmas Day Community luncheon at the Fair Building starting at noon. The

community ministerial Christmas dinner will be at 5:30 pm January 19th at the Event Center. Planning for Vacation Bible School in June will start soon. Pastor is teaching adult bible study Sunday mornings again starting in January continuing the study in Genesis. He is also teaching bible study at the River View apartments on the first and third Thursday each month in the Epistle of James. Special prayers for Carleen Jatkola, Lorraine G, Elaine Stokke and Willie Moe.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

October and November check registers included and reviewed, nothing unexpected noted. October and November 2024 Financial Report, nothing unusual. Fund for Religious Release for snack, etc Current Balance: \$254.89 (no change, held in Missions Checking). Boiler was not working, intake was plugged. Repaired 11/18/24 by Floodwood Gas. Elevator inspection completed. FST will do snow removal again this year. HLCW donation from apple pie sale profits: \$1268 (included in General Fund). Quake has been paid for. Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Gary Gustafson to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: No one has come forward to replace Hazel for Sunday School. Lilyana Johnson has completed her confirmation studies, will be confirmed May 18th 2025. No current confirmation students. Religious Release had a new senior high student this week.

Building Committee: Update included in the Administrator's report

Quilting Committee: Will resume in January.

Old Business

- a. Custodian Update. Final Job Description provided after adjustments from last meeting. No additional applicants at this time.
- b. Christmas Dinner Update. Everyone is welcome on Christmas Day for a meal or to help with clean up.

New Business

a. AV Project update. Estimates provided from Duluth AV Logistics (\$1929.98 for 5000 Lumens) and DAD'S Electronics (\$5379.90 for 6400 Lumens) for new laser projector. Current projector has 3000 Lumens and is 15+ years old. Motion to use Duluth AV Logistics for a new projector and use funds from Memorial Savings by Carolyn Hosking, second by Missy Wojtysiak. Motion carried.

b. January Meeting Dates

Sunday, January 12th Annual Report Items Due

Sunday, January 19th Church Council Meeting

(will include agenda items to approve Annual Budget & Report)

Sunday, January 26th Annual Meeting following Service (Potluck to follow)

c. Council Terms

2 @ 3 year terms (Deb and Tanya – termed out)

Vacant Position – 1 year remaining

Kim – 3 year – Eligible for 2nd term

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d. 2025 Budget Discussion. Please review 2024 budget and make any recommendations regarding changes for 2025 to Jeff.

e. Special Year End Gifts/Donations – none at this time.

f. FST Gala – received letter regarding first annual formal fundraising Gala on January 25th 2025.

Looking Ahead

Globe Offering: None for December or January.

Next Meeting – January 19, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting adjourned by Tanya Johnson at 8:51 AM.



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th, the Hope Lutheran Youth will be joining other youth around the nation in the Souper Bowl of Caring, to help tackle hunger. The youth will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Floodwood Food Shelf.

After the service on Sunday, February 9th, the youth will be presenting information on hunger and homelessness to the

congregation. All cash donated on that day will be given to the Life House in Duluth. The Life House works with homeless teens.

Spring Day Out

Looking forward to spring? The youth will hold Spring Day Out with board games, Sunday March 9th after coffee time downstairs. We will have a light lunch to munch on.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis
Janet Zganjar
- 8 John Seredinski
- 11 Greta Fiskness
- 15 Jill Fries
Shirley Johnson
- 16 Madison Wojtysiak
- 17 Barbara Larson-Peterson
- 25 Judy Dressely

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bill & Jan Manner
- 14 Tracy & David Zieroth
- 27 Marlys & Tom Piontek

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tammy Peterson
- 7 Scott Peterson
- 8 Brooke Hughes Johnson
- 10 Amelia Aho
- 11 Carlene Jatkola
Ross Tollgaard
- 12 Alexis Stokke
- 13 Steve Hall
- 15 Nathan Seredinski
- 17 Patricia Seredinski
- 19 Amber Schoenrock (Fries)
Bode Hutchinson
- 21 Kaleb Holmes
- 22 Tanya Hovi
Shelly Arjes
- 23 Burt Suonvieri
- 26 Evan Suonvieri
- 30 Adam Schminski

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 LuAnn & Terry Heikkila

Pastor's Corner (continued from page 1)

My prayers are for all of us to have a safe and healthy month as we get through all the colds and flu we saw last month. We hope for warmer weather as we come to worship and study God's word each week.

God Bless us all, Pastor John

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Quilting



Quilting will be Tuesday, February 25th starting at 9:00 AM. Any and all are welcome.

Installation

The 2025 Church Council will be installed during the service on Sunday, February 23.

Special Music

Thank you Dawn and Marion Shafer blessing us with your Special music.




Reminders

Sign up to serve refreshments!

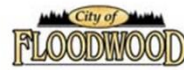
And

Sign up to be a Scripture reader!

FLOODWOOD FOOD SHELF

2ND WEDNESDAY 12:00-2:00 PM

4TH WEDNESDAY 9:00-11:00 AM



COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HOUSING

MON. FEB. 3, 2025; 6:00 P.M.

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FLOODWOOD
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM
and MEAL



Floodwood churches held their annual Community Christmas program and meal at the Event Center on January 19th. A free turkey leg dinner was served. Several churches shared inspiring messages.



PRAYER REQUESTS
February 2025



For those who are ill or struggling

Ethel	Roy
Dinah	Gary
Dean S.	Lorraine
Jerry	Danette
Sadie	Carlene
Grace W.	Willie
Sue	Willa
Bradley	Theresa
Wayne	Doug S.
Doug B.	Kitty
Elsie	

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

December 22	\$1093.00
December 24	\$ 175.00
December 29	\$ 602.24
January 5	\$3402.00
January 12	\$ 668.00
January 19	\$ 696.00

Christmas Dinner

December 29	\$ 80.00
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Memorials

In Memory of Hazel Bailey from Jack & Willie Moe \$50.00 (Mem Sav)
In Memory of Henry Polo for John & Pat Seredinski \$50.00 (Mem Sav)

Globe Offering

February 2, 16, 23 – Support for Youth Quake Event

February 9 – Souper Bowl of Caring (Will be given to Life House.)

March – Floodwood Area Food Shelf

Financial Update – General Fund

	Income	Expense
January 2024	\$6,777.00	\$6,485.91
February 2024	\$4,655.50	\$6,969.60
March 2024	\$7,749.71	\$10,373.01
April 2024	\$5,381.00	\$8,362.11
May 2024	\$4,908.00	\$8,079.16
June 2024	\$7,449.70	\$10,327.35
July 2024	\$5,703.89	\$6,679.55
August 2024	\$5,718.39	\$5,703.83
September 2024	\$14,177.24	\$6,292.06
October 2024	\$7,664.25	\$9,969.98
November 2024	\$9,390.10	\$5,797.38
December 2024	\$8,405.24	\$10,870.10
Year to Date	\$87,980.02	\$95,910.04
Year to Date Deficit		\$7,930.02

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

February 2025 Hope Lutheran Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	USHER: Kent Wojtysiak					1
2 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	3 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	4	5 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem	6 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	7	8
9 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study 	10 USHER: Tim Tollgaard 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	11 10:00 AM HLCW Bible Study	12 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study	17 USHER: John Seredinski NO- Pastor's office hours <i>President's Day</i>	18	19 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem	20 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor	21	22
23 8:00 AM Church Council 9:30m Worship, Church Council Installation & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <i>Installation</i>	24 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	25 28 9-3 PM Quilting	26 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem	27	28	



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