

# The Beacon Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran January 2025

## *Pastor's Corner*

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is now 2025, a year we hope is to be filled with blessings for our congregation as we gather for worship and serve together to carry out the mission Jesus has for His Church here in Floodwood. What is your New Years resolution for Hope Lutheran?

I hope everyone had a blessed and safe Christmas season. Cindy and I want to thank everyone for the special Christmas cards and gifts we received from our family at Hope Lutheran.

I also want to thank all who helped make our youth Christmas program on December 15th a successful event and for retelling the Christmas story so well. Special thanks to Dawn Shafer and Patty Seredinski for their work with the elementary school kids, Jeanette for her musical accompaniment and the high school students who served as narrators in the program. Thanks also to those who helped getting all the kids into their costumes. It was a bit different this year without Hazel Bailey leading us. We all will miss her enthusiasm for this annual event and her love for our youth.

Special thanks to all who helped make the Christmas Day Luncheon at the Fair Building a success. The food was awesome, and the enthusiasm for all who helped make it a special day for so many in our community this year.  
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Cindy Burgess will continue leading a study on women of the Bible on Tuesday, January 14th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. The women featured will be Lot's wife and Rebekah, the wife of Isaac. All women are welcome.  
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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 27<sup>th</sup> 2024  
APPROVED

### Members Present

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM by Tanya Johnson.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by Kim Hutchinson to approve Minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

### Administrator's Update/Report

September check registers, Financial Report and Summarized Financial Report included and reviewed, nothing unexpected noted. Did order flowers (large Peace Lily) for Hazel Bailey Funeral from the church. Discussion regarding Overhead Projector, this is 15 yrs old (purchased April 2008), 3000 lumens (top notch at the time). Ghosting occurring, approximately 8% life left in bulb, new bulb ordered and received (will ask Tim & John to replace). Seeking quotes for: replacing overhead projector (more lumens and laser instead of

bulb), with option for adding TV in sanctuary (1/2 way down), overflow room, basement, pastor monitor. Thursday met with DAD'S Electronics, Friday met with Duluth Audio Visual. Final paycheck issued to Hazel Bailey Estate on October 15<sup>th</sup>, included estimate of September hours and earned Sick and Safe time. Joe Abel is offering a Christmas Tree. Jeff will check with Mark Johnsen to see if it will work as he has provided them in the past. Concern is it is too big, however, should be able to cut the bottom to make it work. Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

### Old Business

- a. None

### New Business

- a. Custodian Position. Reviewed history and past salary information, as well as Job Description and Application packet. Salary to start at \$15/hr with option to re-evaluate after trial period. Interview Committee to consist of Tanya Johnson, Missy Wojtysiak, Pastor John, Jeff Kletscher, and Gary Gustafson. Motion by Carolyn Hosking, second by Deb Tollgaard. Motion carried.
- b. Discussed Thank you gifts for Ann & David Bolstad and Dawn & Marion Shafer, who have been filling in for

custodial duties, once new person hired. Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

- c. Youth Christmas Program discussed and this will held December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Looking Ahead

**Next Meeting** – December 1, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

**Closing Prayer** – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

**Adjourn Meeting** – Meeting adjourned by Tanya Johnson at 9:01 am.

### YOUTH



The youth helped decorate the Christmas tree. (Continued on Page 5)



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rae Rosemore  
Deacon Laine
- 6 Elbert Holmes
- 15 Lukus Fries  
Carter Stokke
- 23 Nolan Heikkila
- 27 Dalton Hutchinson  
Drake Laine
- 28 Elsie Tollgaard  
Jayna Kemp
- 30 Shannon Lund  
Milee Lund

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Jill & Dean Fries
- 28 Dawn & Marion Shafer  
(’78)

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

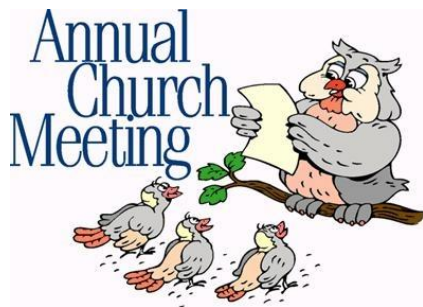
- 1 Bradley Hutton
- 3 Kalen Kuehl
- 7 Jaimen Davis  
Janet Zganjar
- 8 John Seredinski
- 11 Greta Fiskness
- 15 Jill Fries  
Shirley Johnson
- 16 Madison Wojtysiak

17 Barbara Larson-Peterson

25 Judy Dressely

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> after the church service. A potluck will follow the meeting.

## ANNUAL REPORT

All Annual Meeting reports should be submitted to Jeff by Sunday, January 12.

Email preferred to [Jeffkletscher@yahoo.com](mailto:Jeffkletscher@yahoo.com) or [hopefldwd7@gmail.com](mailto:hopefldwd7@gmail.com).



**Wanted:** Three (3) individuals to serve on the Church Council. There are two (2) three (3) year terms open and a one (1) year term open. Deb Tollgaard and Tanya Johnson will be leaving the Council after each serving for 6 year. The one year term is vacant and was originally held by Todd Messner.



The annual Floodwood Community Christmas Program and Meal will be held at the Floodwood Event Center on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The meal will begin at 5:30 PM and the program will begin at 6:30 PM.

This event is sponsored by local area churches. All are welcome to participate.

## NEW PROJECTOR



A new laser overhead projector was installed on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> by Duluth AV Logistics. It is replacing a projector that was installed in April 2008. Technology has changed a lot in 15 years. The new projector was purchased with funds from the Memorial Savings Account.

### *Welcome Nancy LaPlant*

The Church Council is happy to announce that Nancy LaPlant has been hired as the Church Custodian effective December 16. Please welcome her if you see her working in the Church.

Special Thank you to Dawn Shafer and Ann Bolstad for taking care of the custodial duties while we searched for a replacement for Hazel. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

### *Pastor's Corner (continued from page 1)*

We begin the new year with the season of Epiphany which is a time where we receive special revelations about Jesus, who He is, and what His mission will be. I hope all of us will receive new revelations about how God wants to use us in His ministry at Hope Lutheran. I encourage everyone to dig into study of God's Word through bible study and daily devotions. I invite you to become a

regular church attender this year as we celebrate the blessings of being in the family of God.

As we look ahead, I want to let you know will be participating in the community After Christmas celebration at the Event Center on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Christmas program presented by our churches. Please contact me if you would like to be part of the presentation by Hope Lutheran there.

I know it is the winter season, and many will be heading south for warmer weather. I want to pray for safe travel and freedom from illnesses until you return safely to be with us again. May God surround you with His Blessings all year long.

We will end the month with our annual meeting. There will be several openings on our church council to be filled. I ask you to prayerfully consider these opportunities for service in our congregation. You are all invited to come to the meeting and the potluck luncheon to follow.

God Bless us All, Pastor John

### *HLCW (continued from page 1)*

#### *Quilting*



Quilting will be Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 A. M.

Thank you to Melissa Polo at Hingeley Quilting for the donation of a huge roll of batting for use in the quilts!!

**FLOODWOOD  
FOOD SHELF**

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

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

  
**Reminders**  
Sign up to serve refreshments!  
And  
Sign up to be a Scripture reader!



### *COOKIE CAN SUNDAY*

Thirty cans of cookies were distributed to residents in Floodwood. The Tanya and Keven Johnson family delivered cookies to the LifeHouse in Duluth. Thank you to all who participated.

### *Advent Candle Lighting*



The Johnson family lit the first advent candle and the Hovi family lit the second advent candle.



The Wojtysiak family lit the third advent candle.



# YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas story was told by the Sunday School and Release Time children during the church service on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who participated.



## *Release Time*

Thank you, helpers, for your time mentoring our youth.



PRAYER REQUESTS

January 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**

November 24	\$ 674.00
December 1	\$2396.00
December 8	\$1050.00
December 15	\$3089.00

**Christmas Dinner**

December 8	\$100.00
December 15	\$ 40.00

**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
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$79,574.78</b>	<b>\$85,039.94</b>
<b>Year to Date Deficit</b>		<b>\$5,465.16</b>

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

# January 2025

# Hope Lutheran Planner

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>USHER:</b> Gary Gustafson  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours		<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> <b>NO</b> Riverview Manor Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School with communion <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>11:00</b> Bible Study <b>Tree UN-decorating</b>	<b>6</b> <b>USHER:</b> Dave Zieroth  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>12-2:00 PM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-</b> Elem	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19 8 am Council</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School with communion <b>10:30</b> Fellowship <b>11:00</b> Bible Study <b>5:30</b> Community Christmas/New Years Celebration <b>Event Center</b>	<b>20</b> <b>USHER:</b> Dale Rauvola  <b>NO-</b> Pastor's office hours  <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9-11 AM</b> Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-</b> Elem	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30</b> Worship & Sunday School <b>10:30</b> ANNUAL MEETING Potluck following meeting	<b>27 USHER:</b> Kent Wojtysiak  <b>9:00-Noon-</b> Pastor's office hours	<b>28</b> <b>9-3 PM</b> Quilting	<b>29</b> Release Time <b>12:45-1:30-HS</b> <b>1:30-2:15-</b> Elem	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



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## **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB SITE**

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very own web site. Visit us at:

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

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Floodwood, MN

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