

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran July 2024

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is now July and summer is here. That means many of us will be taking a summer vacation. My warning for us is that we are not to take a vacation without God. As we learned in the Gospel of Mark, chapter four, Jesus goes with us in our boat if we are a true follower of Him. He will be there to watch over us and protect us from harm when we pray to Him for help. He will help us shun Satan's accusations and the deceptions the evil one will try to lead us astray in our lives. Satan will try to produce storms in our lives causing us to have anxieties, worries, depression and despair because we forget to call on Jesus for help. He has promised to be there for us. Wow, God is for us! If we fail to remember to worship and pray on a regular basis, we leave ourselves vulnerable to Satan's attacks. So, when on vacation this summer try, and include Sunday worship, daily bible study or devotional time and prayer to stay in touch with our Savior Jesus, who loves all so much. He has made it possible for our sins to be forgiven, forever, and we are now members of the kingdom of God with a guarantee of eternal life with Him by what He has accomplished. Life is like a journey in a boat, and Jesus is in our boat to protect and take care of us. We need to trust Him and make Him the priority in our lives.

This summer, many of our youth will be attending bible camp at Camp Patmos, which is a great way to explore God's creation with other Christian youth. My prayer is for all attendees to have a safe and wonderful experience as they learn to draw closer to Jesus and their fellow children in God's family.

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There will be no Bible Study for the months of June, July or August. See you in the fall. *(Continued on Page 5)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 21, 2024
APPROVED

Members Present

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Tanya Johnson.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gary Gustafson, second by Kim Hutchinson to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

March 10, 2024 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Deb Tollgaard, second by Kim Hutchinson. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastors' mileage was 80 miles and he distributed 8 communions. Two funerals were held, Sulo Jatkola and Floyd Ahlgren. Thanks to all the women who made the funeral luncheon for Floyd possible. Special thanks to the youth for all their help with the Lenten suppers, Easter egg hunt and Easter breakfast. Special thanks to those who helped with the Lenten services as well as the Palm Sunday service with the religious release students and a chance to meet their parents. Coming events include a

VBS meeting at the Baptist Church. May 2nd is the national night of prayer, it will begin at 6 pm at the base of the water tower and then march through town with prayers at many stops. Usually done by 7:30 or so. The Baccalaureate service will be at the Baptist Church Wednesday May 15th for graduating Floodwood High School seniors. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday for Lacey Wojtysiak with reception after the service. Mother's Day there will be chocolate truffles for the women in church that morning. Special prayers for those in the hospital including Steve Bennett, Lorraine Guentzel; for the family of Bob Hosking who passed away yesterday; and for Jim and Ethel Pensak as they consider moving to The Cottages in Cloquet.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

Added in future CD's if we get them set up. Cub Scouts account has \$0.03 left in it, the bank would not allow Jeff to close this account. Someone was using Pastor's name and texting people asking them to get back to him regarding a small favor. Deb Tollgaard received one of these. Pastor reported/notified police and all other pastors in town. AED batteries were checked and replaced. Pads noted to be expired and will be replaced as well. The church has 5 fire extinguishers that need to be checked annually, 2 were swapped out. March check register included and reviewed, nothing unexpected noted. Yo Mama's Garbage, check #14968, was for 3 months of pickup. March 2024 Financial Report, nothing unusual. Income \$19,182.21, expenses so far this year \$23,828.52, down about \$4000. Motion by Kim Hutchinson,

second by Gary Gustafson to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth: Sunday School update: Hazel is off until fall, there will be no Sunday School until then. VBS will be June 10th-14th this year, there is a meeting April 30th at 6:30 at the Baptist Church, youth helpers encouraged to attend. Lacey Wojtysiak will be confirmed Pentecost Sunday May 19. Youth will be selling Flower Baskets again this year and will begin today.

Building Committee: Update included in the Administrator's report.

Quilting Committee: Next date is Tuesday, April 23rd.

Old Business

- a. Update Corporate Resolution and Certificate of Deposit Discussion (Jeff). Documents provided to new officers for completing and signatures. Possible solution for CDs is a statement of only one signature required. Table this discussion for now.
- b. Quote for Parsonage AC/Heat Pump: Handout of quote from Floodwood Gas. Replacing the living room unit and a new one for the bedroom. Proposed to use the Endowment Fund for this. Motion by Missy Wojtysiak, second by Deb Tollgaard to approve the quote and use
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funds from the Endowment Fund for this. Motion carried.

- c. New signers needed for Endowment Fund. Previous signers were Rob Benson and Susan Coccie. Deb Tollgaard motioned to add Missy Wojtysiak and Gary Gustafson as new signers and remove previous ones. Second by Kim Hutchinson, motion carried.

New Business

- a. 2023 Deposit Audit report: Sue Vance reviewed weekly totals with deposit tickets to ensure deposit ticket match funds. Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Gary Gustafson to accept report. Motion carried.
- b. Remove signers from Northview accounts. Motion needed to remove Bubba Vance, Dean Fries and Mark Johnson. Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Gary Gustafson to remove these signers from accounts. Motion carried.

Looking Ahead

Globe Offering: May – Youth Support for Camp Patmos costs. Already approved.

June and July: None

Next Meeting – June 23, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting declared adjourned by Tanya Johnson at 8:45AM.

Youth



VBS



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Hutchinson
- 6 Bryan Hutchinson
- 7 Jeanette Johnsen
Tim Tollgaard
Jayden Laine
- 9 Jennifer Heine
- 10 Brea Wallaker
- 14 Deana Fries
- 15 Megan Aho
- 17 Nicole (David) Shafer
- 20 Jodi Fiskness

- 22 Tara Belter
Missy Wojtysiak
- 23 Debra Hyry

- 24 Violet Peterson
- 28 Elaine Stokke
- 30 Willie Moe

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Danielle & Tim White
- 2 Bryan & Tracy Hutchinson ('05)
- 10 Sue & Bubba Vance
- 14 Ethel & Jim Pensak
- 28 John and Cindy Burgess

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dinah Tveit
Madison Kuehl
- 5 Grant Lundstrom
- 8 Joey (Joseph) Bennett
- 10 Sue Vance
Mary Rauvola
- 12 Dave Bolstad
- 14 Owen Seredinski
- 16 David Shafer
Kent Wojtysiak
- 17 Linda Christianson
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- 24 Tricia Love
Charles Shafer
- 26 Lilly Manner
- 27 Jessica Hutton
- 28 Cherie Suonvieri
Summer Johnson

**AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Jack & Willie Moe ('58)
- 14 Dave & Ann Bolstad
- 17 Mary & Dale Rauvola

Father's Day



The ladies of the church honored fathers with pies for coffee time while celebrating Father's Day.



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





The churches of Floodwood came together to celebrate Vacation Bible School. The theme was *Scuba, "diving into friendship with God."* Singing, Bible verses, science experiments, fellowship, games and more were enjoyed by the students.

Thanks to all the teens and adults who volunteered to make this possible.

Pastor's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

Another way to get closer to God is to attend the special music Christian service during Catfish days. Watch for more details as they become available closer to that time. Last year the music was great and the time to fellowship with Christians of other denominations was special. Hopefully it will be a special highpoint of your summer this year.

My prayer for all the members of Hope Lutheran is to enjoy your summer vacation. Use it wisely as a time to grow closer to God and develop the special loving relationship He wants to have with you. I hope to see many of you each Sunday at worship. Let us all have a special summer.

God Bless us all,

Pastor John

***FLOODWOOD
FOOD SHELF***

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

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

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Quilts Delivered

Fifty three quilts were on the pews for a blessing on June 9th.



Thank you to all who helped with boxing up the quilts, and an extra thank you to Ed & Anne Lundstrom for delivering them to Zion Lutheran in Grand Rapids and the quilt truck.



From there they were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul for baling and shipping around the world. Thank you to Jeff also for creating the labels required on the boxes.

Notice the map on the bulletin board in the basement showing where quilts were sent in 2023.

This...is...the...way...the...
Church...sometimes...looks...to...
the...pastor...when...he...goes...
to...the...pulpit.

BUT

Thechurchwouldlooklikethisif
everybodybroughtsomebodyelseto
churchwiththem.

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



Nineteen people participated on June 8th for the fight against sex trafficking.

Over \$5000.00 was raised to help sex trafficking victims.



Reminders

***Sign up to serve
refreshments!***

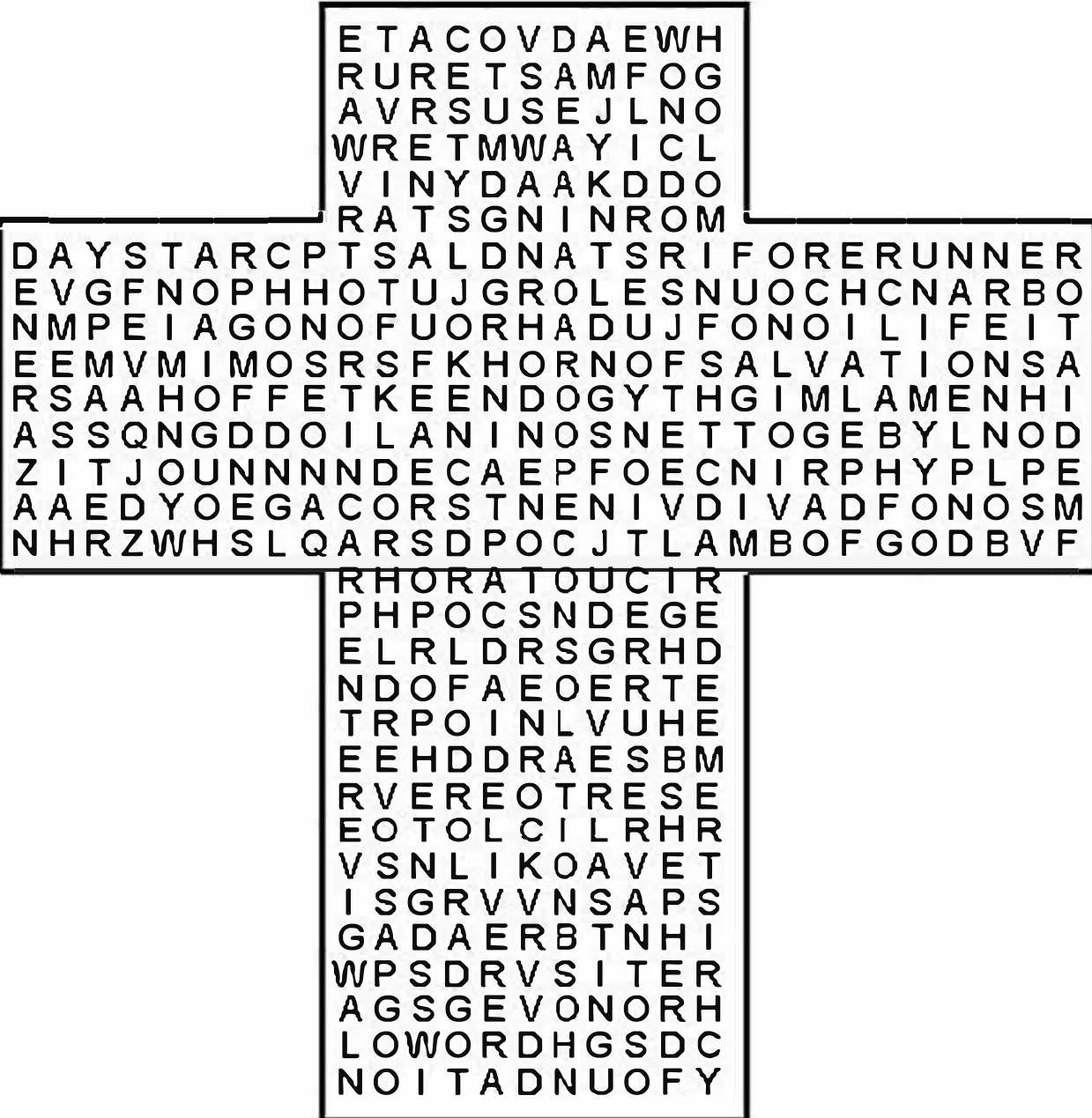
And

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

July 2024 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	1 USHER: Gary Gustafson 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	2	3	4 	5	6
7 9:30 Worship with communion 10:30 Fellowship	8 USHER: Todd Messner 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	9	10 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf	11	12	13 6:00-7:00 PM CommunityCatfish worship service held at the Baptist Church lot. Bring your own lawn chair.
Prayer for our youth attending Camp Patmos (Middle & High School): Summer, Hannah, Lilyana						
14 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	15 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship with communion 10:30 Fellowship	22 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	23	24 9-11:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf Newsletter items due	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	29 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon- Pastor's office hours	30	31	Looking Ahead: Sunday, August 4 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service with Picnic sponsored by Youth. Bring your own lawn chair.		

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
 Almighty
 Alpha and Omega
 Amen
 Apostle
 Beloved Son
 Bishop
 Branch
 Bread
 Captain
 Carpenter
 Chosen
 Christ
 Consolation
 Cornerstone
 Counselor
 Day Star
 Deliverer

Door
 Emmanuel
 Everlasting
 Faithful and True
 First and Last
 Forerunner
 Foundation
 Governor
 Head
 High Priest
 Holy and Just One
 Horn of Salvation
 I AM
 Jesus
 Judge
 King
 King of Kings
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver
 Life
 Light
 Lion of Judah
 Lord
 Lord of Lords
 Master
 Master
 Mediator
 Messiah
 Mighty God
 Morning Star
 Nazarene
 Only Begotten Son
 Passover
 Priest
 Prince of Peace
 Prophet

Redeemer
 Resurrection
 Rock
 Savior
 Servant
 Shepherd
 Son of David
 Son of God
 Son of Man
 Vine
 Way
 Wonderful
 Word

PRAYER REQUESTS

July 2024



For those who are ill or struggling

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

May 26	\$ 397.00
June 2	\$2398.72
June 9	\$1273.00
June 16	\$ 837.00
June 23	\$1662.00

**Globe Offering
Camp Patmos**

May 26	\$ 155.00
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Memorials

In Memory of Steve Bennett
from Jack & Willie Moe \$25.00 (Mem Savings)

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



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very own web site. Visit us at:

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