

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran October 2024

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to October, a time of enjoying the beautiful fall colors and signs of the soon coming winter season. During this month we continue our emphasis on the study of God's Word in Bible study and on Sunday morning hearing from Jesus on how we should live as his disciples.

We will take time out on Friday October 11th, to participate in our annual day to make our famous Hope Lutheran apple pies as a fundraiser. I have really enjoyed this activity during my six years with the congregation. It is fun, and the pies are oh so tasty.

October is the month, we as Lutherans, remember our Lutheran heritage. We look forward to the culmination of this on Reformation Sunday. We celebrate by wearing the color red and we can look forward to hearing from Brother Martin Luther, as we listen to one of his famous sermons. I hope you will find this a memorable time in your Christian spiritual journey.

This year we will focus on what Martin Luther had in mind when he attacked the pope and doctrines of the Catholic church, when he delivered his address about John 8:31, "If you abide in My Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." This verse sums up, in a nutshell, what the Reformation was all about and how Martin Luther wanted the church to remain in Jesus's word, without adding to, deleting from, or altering that word, so that we would remain the true church. He wanted the church to know and proclaim the truth so that as Christians we would be FREE from sin and all its power and effects. *(Continued on Page 4)*



& HLCW NEWS

Cindy Burgess will lead the discussion on "Women of the Bible" with this study being focused on Eve. The meeting date is October 8th at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All women are welcome.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 23, 2024
APPROVED

Members Present

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 AM by Gary Gustafson.

Pastor Burgess opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Deb Tollgaard, second by Kim Hutchinson to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Secretaries Report

June 23, 2024 Church Council minutes in packet. Motion to approve by Kim Hutchinson, second by Deb Tollgaard. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor's mileage for April was 133 miles and for May was 169 miles. He distributed 8 communions. Funeral Services for Steve Bennett and Bob Hosking were done, as well as a Burial Service for Sulo Jatkola. Baptisms for Olivia Warner and her daughter, Rayna were completed on a Saturday, May 25th. The Baccalaureate service was at the Baptist Church Wednesday May 15th for graduating Floodwood High School seniors. Upcoming funeral for John "Jack" Chambers

June 29th at 1 pm. Special Service of Healing June 30th during Sunday Service. Special thanks to Pastor Heather Ostern for filling in during Pastor's vacation with his son, Greg. Thanks to all who made Father's Day special last Sunday. Thanks to all who helped with Vacation Bible School. Pastor participated in those 5 services at local cemeteries for Memorial Day. Special prayers for Lorraine Guentzel, Sadie Stokke, who fell and hit her head and fractured her shoulder and pelvis. As well as Jim and Ethel Pensak, whose move to The Cottages in Cloquet fell through.

Treasurers Report and Administrator's Report

April and May check registers included and reviewed, nothing unexpected noted. April and May 2024 Financial Report, nothing unusual. Fund for Religious Release for snack, etc. Current Balance: \$254.89 (no change, held in Missions Checking). Certificates of Deposits did get opened. Cub Scouts account did get closed. Final \$0.03 was transferred to Youth Checking account. General Checking includes \$3500 for final payment on Parsonage AC/Heat Pump, \$7000 from Endowment Fund-\$3500 down payment = \$3500 in Account. On 4/19/24 \$150 Anonymous Donation into the Memorial Savings through Thrivent Grant Program. AED Pads replaced-they did have an expiration date of 4/25/24. Check #15003 was for new Boiler Circulating Pump for the Parsonage. Gutter and eave spout added to the southeast corner of the church. One shingle is missing. Tim Tollgaard is working on another eave spout. Sump pumps are

working well and there are no issues from the rain. Dishwasher round #1-Nathan Seredinski fixed a circuit board that saved us over \$1700, still cost \$1491.24 for the repair (Check #15001). Round #2-still waiting on parts and final repairs, several sensors and valves need to be replaced. Thank you Tanya for covering and running the computer during the church service on June 2nd. Funeral lunches: 5/12/24-\$200 from the Bennett family deposited into Memorial Checking. 5/13/24-Memorial Checking #1031 to The Grocery Store for supplies for Funeral. 5/19/24-\$100 from Hosking to Memorial Checking. 5/19/24-\$150 from Bennett family deposited to General Checking. Extra expenses are being incurred in account 7.2 for funeral supplies (ex plates, napkins, coffee, juice, cleaning supplies, etc. Also extra custodian cleaning time) Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Missy Wojtysiak to approve the reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Christian Education and Youth:
VBS Review: Theme this year was Scuba. 57 kids attended. John Seredinski came and showed the kids diving and scuba equipment. Lacey and Lily were team leaders. Shelly helped with registration and Gary with Security.

Camp Patmos for High School is July 7th-12th, Middle School is July 21st-26th and Elementary is July 14th-19th. Lacey, Lilyana, Summer and Hannah are registered and \$1600 was paid on 3/25/24. Kalli Fjeld is also attending and her parents have paid the full fee.
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Building Committee: Update included in the Administrator’s report

Quilting Committee: 53 Quilts Blessed on June 9th and delivered to Grand Rapids. Done until fall.

Old Business

New Business

- a. LCMC Annual Conference “Engaging Your Cultural Moment” is September 29th-October 2nd at St Mark’s Church in Marion Iowa. Early Registration Deadline 8/15/24. Pastor is not attending this year. He attends every other year and went last year. Anyone interested can get more information from Jeff or at lcmc.net
- b. Corporate Resolution regarding CDs Now and in the Future: Memo attached. (All present agreed to approving this.)
- c. Security: Location of Fire Extinguishers and Exits (3), Evacuation Plan, locking of back door during services. Will review more and next Council Meeting.

Looking Ahead

Globe Offering: July/August: None. September: Operation Christmas Child. Motion by Kim Hutchinson, second by Missy Wojtysiak. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – September 8, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

Closing Prayer – Pastor provided the closing prayer.

Adjourn Meeting – Meeting adjourned by Gary Gustafson at 8:53 AM



Floodwood Lunch Buddies Program



United Way of NE MN’s Lunch Buddies mentoring program has expanded to the Floodwood School. The program pairs elementary students with volunteer mentors from the community (we screen and train mentors and provide activities!) to share one lunch break/week throughout the school year.

It’s always a little challenging to recruit mentors the first year in a new school, so I thought I’d pass it by you since you’re so connected to the community. If you know of anyone who may be a good fit/would be interested please send them our way by contacting Sarah at 218-254-3329 OR send them this link:

<https://www.unitedwaynemn.org/lunch-buddies-24>.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Liam Seredinski
Dale Rauvola
Cindy Burgess
- 4 Molly Johnsen
Elvi 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
Jennifer Wedin
- 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)

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ann Knight
- 6 Susan Coccie
- 9 C Jean Hutchinson
Shawna Behrendt
- 12 Dawn Shafer
- 13 Nancy Raihala
- 14 Jan Benson
Wyatt Rauvola
- 16 Pastor Carl Fiskness
- 17 Linda Chambers
Sadie Kiminski
- 19 Eric Hall
- 21 Sue Hutchinson
- 23 Leanne Aho
- 26 Wyatt Peterson
- 29 Carl Kuehl

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None



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

HLCW (continued from page 1)

Quilting



Quilting will resume on Tuesday, October 22th, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the church. Anyone who can thread a needle and/or tie a knot is welcome!!

Pastor's Corner (Continued from Page 1)

My invitation is for you to come and worship together this month as we explore these questions. Are we people of the Word? Do we live up to Luther's vision of a church that is ruled and guided solely by God's Word in the Holy Scriptures? Does the truth of God's Word set us free from sin and all its power and effects?

I look forward to seeing you as we celebrate our Lutheran Heritage together.

God Bless us all,

Pastor John



Boxes will on the table in the overflow room.

Handouts – follow directions!! \$10.00 this year for shipping. Include check to OCC or a note stating paid online.

(Giving in the GLOBE is NOT for a shoe box you make. Globe Offering is to Samaritan's Purse and their costs associated with Operation Christmas Child program.)

Deadline: Sunday, November 17.

Apple Pie Making



ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR APPLE PIE MAKING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH STARTING AT 9:00 A.M. NEEDED ARE PEELERS, MIXERS, AND ROLLERS.

Elsie Tollgaard will take orders at 218-476-2885. The price is \$10.00.

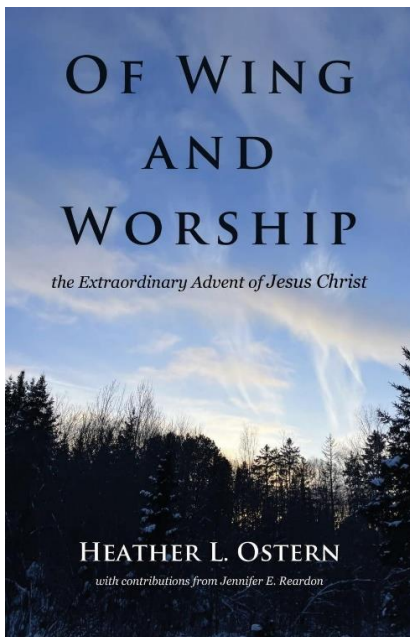
SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BACK WINDOW TO DONATE NEEDED SUPPLIES. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR THOSE!

Special Music



Thank you Doug Scholla for blessing us with “It is Well with My Soul” on Sunday, September 22nd.

New Book



Chaplain Heather Ostern – who has provided pulpit supply at Hope Lutheran and is a good friend to many in the Floodwood Community, has recently published a new book titled **Of Wing and Worship: The Extraordinary Advent of**

Jesus Christ. Heather writes on her website that this is a book for anyone who wants to meet the Savior foretold by prophets. **With wings and whispers from a faraway world, the angels of advent arrive, inviting us to attend the birth of Jesus Christ once more.**

Additional information can be found on Heather's website at www.chaplainheather.com and click on the title of the book under "publications" for more detailed information! You can order the book online from Amazon.

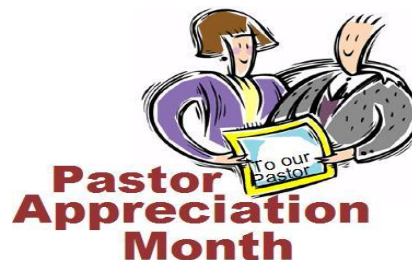
October, Reformation Month



Martin Luther was a German monk and Professor of Theology at the University of Wittenberg. Luther sparked the Reformation in 1517 by posting, his "95 Theses" on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany - these theses were a list of statements that expressed Luther's concerns about certain Church practices - largely the sale of indulgences, but they were based on Luther's deeper concerns with Church doctrine.

The reformers rejected the authority of the pope as well as many of the principles and practices of Catholicism of that time. The essential tenets of the Reformation are that the Bible is the sole authority for all matters of faith and conduct and that salvation is by God's grace and by faith in Jesus Christ.

We celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 27th. **Wear RED** on that day in honor of this important time in our Christian growth.



“The elders who direct the affairs of the church will be worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17).

God has instructed us to recognize His servants. October 13th we honor Pastor and Cindy.

Many blessings to Pastor John and Cindy. Thank you both for blessing us everyday.

**Pastor
Appreciation
Month**

October 2024 Hope Lutheran Church Planner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|-----------|
| Sep 30 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | Sep 31 USHER: Bubba Vance 9:00-Noon: Pastor's office hours | 1 | 2 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem | 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 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem | 10 | 11 9:00 AM Pie Making  | 12 |
| 13 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 14 USHER: John Seredinski 9:00-Noon: Pastor's office hours Columbus Day | 15 | 16 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem | 17 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:30 Worship & Sunday School with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 21 USHER: Mark Johnsen 9:00-Noon: Pastor's office hours | 22 9:00 AM-3:00 pm - Quilting | 23 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem | 24 <i>Newsletter articles due</i> | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:30 Worship & Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study <i>Reformation Sunday-WEAR RED</i> | 28 USHER: Dave Zieroth 9:00-Noon: Pastor's office hours | 29 | 30 Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem | 31 <i>Reformation Day</i>  | GLOBE OFFERING October – November 17 Support Samaritan's Purse and their costs associated with Operation Christmas Child program. (Is NOT to cover cost of boxes you pack.) | |

PRAYER REQUESTS

October 2024



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
- Hazel

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

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| August 25 | \$ 920.00 |
| September 1 | \$3429.00 |
| September 8 | \$ 837.00 |
| September 15 | \$8375.00 |
| September 22 | \$ 313.00 |

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 |
| | | |
| Year to Date | \$48,343.19 | \$62,980.52 |

GLOBE OFFERING

October – November 17



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



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AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

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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