

The Beacon of Hope

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran September 2024

Pastor's Corner

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

I can hardly believe it, but it is September already. Summer is over, and autumn is beginning. It is the time of year where we fall back.

Let us fall back into a time of learning like the kids who are returning to school. As adults, we will be starting adult bible classes, a time to dig deeper into the Word of God. Let us better understand how much God loves us and how much of what is going on in our world is fulfilling the things He foretold us would be happening as it gets closer to the time Jesus will return.

I will be teaching adult bible class on Sunday morning from 11:00 -12:00 as we continue our study in Genesis. I will be teaching bible class at the Riverview Apartments at 10:00 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. We will be studying the epistles of Jude and James, the two brothers of Jesus. Cindy will be teaching the ladies bible study at the church on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. They will be finishing up their study of their favorite bible verses and then start a study of women in the bible.

If you can't attend these classes, I encourage you to pick up and use the daily devotionals we have available at church. I also encourage you to try and make regular church attendance a priority so you can continue to hear God's Word each Sunday and to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. There will be fellowship time following the service with tasty refreshments and time to visit and encourage one another on our weekly walk with the Lord. *(Continued on Page 3)*



& HLCW NEWS

Cindy Burgess will lead the discussion on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 A.M. finishing the series on examining favorite Bible verses of those in attendance. In October the discussion will switch to various women of the Bible. All women are welcome. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hope Lutheran Church
Council Minutes

None Available

Youth



Liliyana Johnson serving up water and pop for the outdoor service barbeque on August 4 at Hope. *(Continued on Page 3)*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Haylie Aho
- 4 Tara Seredinski
- 9 Sydney Lough
- 10 Gary Gustafson

- 11 Megan Heikkila Russ
- 14 Kiaja Stokke
- 17 Abby Johnsen
- 19 Levi Suonvieri
- 22 Autumn Peterson
- 23 Jared Seredinski
Phil Bennett
- 24 Dean Fries
Neil Vance
- 26 Savannah Speece
- 28 Jack Moe

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Keven & Tanya Johnson ('07)
- 15 Mark & Kathy Johnsen ('84)
- 16 Burt & Cory Suonvieri
Hazel & Doug Bailey

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

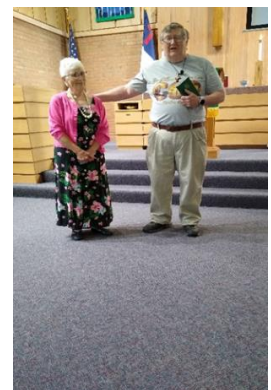
- 3 Liam Seredinski
Dale Rauvola
Cindy Burgess
- 4 Molly Johnsen
Elvi Tollgaard
LuAnn Heikkila
- 5 Cory Suonvieri
- 6 David Jatkola
- 9 Russ Abell
Ella Bennett

- 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 ('99)

New Member



Janet Zganjar was installed as a new member of Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 11th. Welcome Janet to the family of Hope Lutheran.



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, September 24th, 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)

We will also begin religious release on Wednesday, September 25, from 12:45-2:15 with the high school students first followed by the elementary students. If you could volunteer with teaching classes or providing treats, please let me know how you would like to help. It is a joy God provides to each of us to teach those who will be the members of His church in the future.

Quilting will begin again, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Our startup date for September will be the 24th. Come and help prepare quilts for those in need.

My prayer for us all is to have a safe and wonderful fall experience this year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless us all,

Pastor John

(Youth, Continued from Page 2)

The annual outdoor church service was held on August 4th. The youth group provided a barbeque with hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst. Plenty of salads, *desserts* and beverages were also available. Thank you, Youth and leaders.



September 2024 Hope Lutheran Planner

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1 9:30 Worship with communion 10:30 Fellowship | 2 USHER: Gary Gustafson NO Pastor's office hours | 3 | 4 | 5 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor | 6 | 7 |
| 8 8:00 Council 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 9 USHER: Dave Zieroth 9:00-Noon: Pastor's Office Hours | 10 10:00 AM- HLCW Bible Study | 11 12-2:00 PM Floodwood Food Shelf | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30 Worship with communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 16 USHER: 9:00-Noon: Pastor's office hours | 17 | 18 | 19 10 AM Bible Study at Riverview Manor | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 23 USHER: Dale Rauvola 9:00-Noon: Pastor's office hours | 24 9:00AM-3:00 RO Quilting <i>Newsletter articles due</i> | 25 9-11 AM Floodwood Food Shelf Release Time 12:45-1:30-HS 1:30-2:15-Elem. | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Bible Study | 30 USHER: Kent Wojtysiak 9:00-Noon: Pastor's office hours | | | | | |

PRAYER REQUESTS
September 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 |

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

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| July 28 | \$ 796.00 |
| August 4 | \$2092.00 |
| August 11 | \$1803.39 |
| August 18 | \$ 823.00 |

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 |
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| Year to Date | \$42,624.80 | \$57,276.69 |

**Youth
Picnic Donations**

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| August 4 | \$ 272.00 |
| August 11 | \$ 10.00 |

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



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED