

# Advent & Christmas Season At Hope Lutheran

While the weather is just turning chilly, the many volunteers and staff at Hope have already been preparing for the season of Advent & Christmas. Below are some of the events to mark in your calendars that are just around the corner...help is needed in several areas, contact the leader today to get involved!

## December

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### Advent Begins!

The Advent season begins with weekend services on November 30 & December 1 and Wednesday evening services on December 4 & 11 at 7:00PM.

### Angel Tree

**Angel Tree Begins: Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1**

**Gifts Due at Hope: Sunday, December 8**

Each year Hope Lutheran Church adopts families in need for Christmas and delivers gift and food donations. To participate, select an angel ornament from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. The request from a family member will be on the front of the angel and specific instructions for the gift return will be on the back. Contact Claudia Van Hook at [claudiavanhook@gmail.com](mailto:claudiavanhook@gmail.com) or Susan Johanson at [rjohanson@nc.rr.com](mailto:rjohanson@nc.rr.com) if you would like to help distribute gifts – drivers are needed!

### Altar Care Christmas Decorating

Altar Care Christmas Decorating will take place on **Saturday, December 7 at 9:00AM** by Altar Care volunteers, assisted by the Men of Hope. All are welcome to come help prepare Hope for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

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### Live Nativity!

Every year the people of Hope work together to share the Bible story of Christmas with our community. Mark your calendar for our two Live Nativity performances: **Saturday, December 7, 6:45 PM; and Sunday, December 8, 7:00 PM.** Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for this holiday season treat! Extra helpers are needed on these dates to set up for the performances. Call the church office if you can lend a hand.



## December

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### 12 Days of Christmas

#### 3rd Annual Women's Ministry Christmas Event

December 13, 2019

Christmas is a wonderful time to reflect on all God gave us on that first Christmas. Join us this year as we have a fun night revolving around getting ready for Christmas with our own twist on the 12 days of Christmas. We will also be doing a NEW and IMPROVED ornament exchange. Don't miss out on all the fun, look for a sign up coming out in November.

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### Christmas Cookie Exchange

Hope's annual Christmas Cookie exchange will be held **December 15 after the 11:00AM service.**

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### Annual Children's Ministry Christmas Pageant - Away In A Mango

**December 18 at 7:00PM.** Hope's children have been busy learning lines, making costumes, and singing joyful songs celebrating the birth of Jesus with a tropical flair! See page 13 of this newsletter to get your children involved.

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### Christmas Eve Services

**December 24; 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00PM**

Christmas Eve at Hope Lutheran Church celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with 6 different-styled services to meet your worship needs. You're invited to worship with Hope this Christmas Eve!

#### **NEW CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT HOPE - 7PM Children's Service**

The Children's Services on Christmas Eve are designed for younger children and families and include lots of interaction, songs, and humor. Hope is adding a third service at 7:00PM that will be located in the Children's Center. Please note, this does not replace the 7:00PM family service in the Sanctuary.

