

HOPE LUTHERAN
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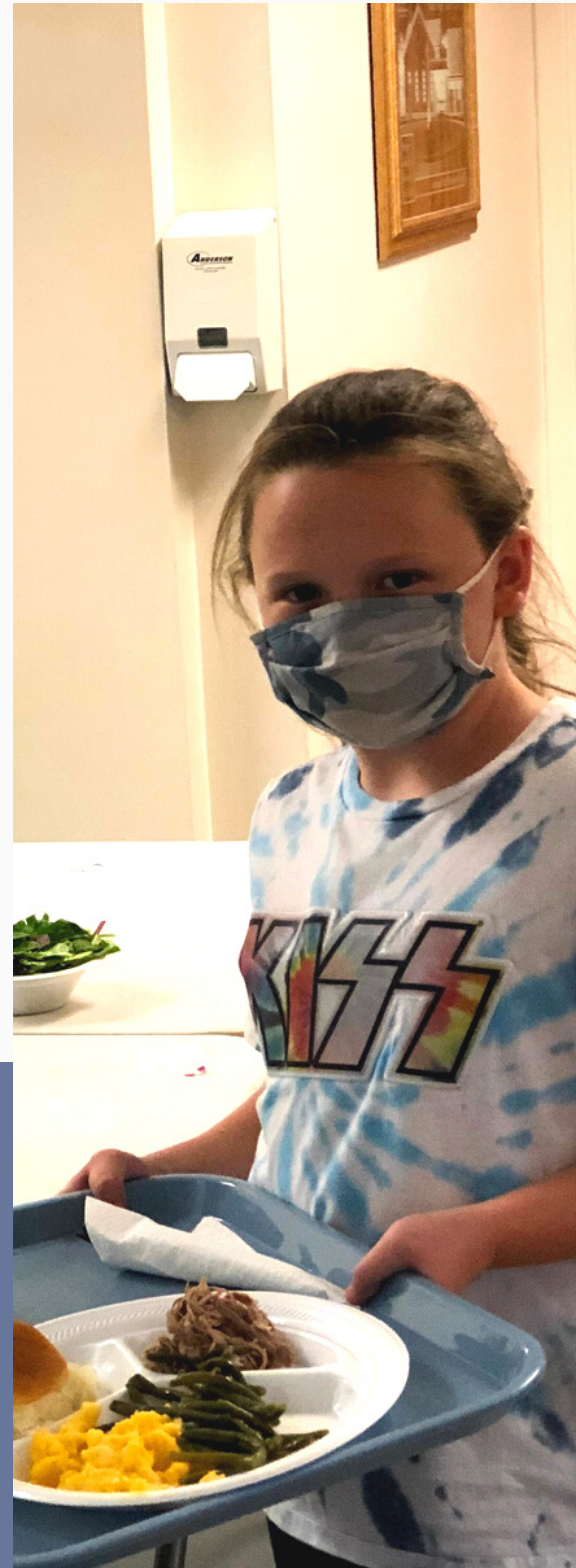
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*Thank!
You!*

Thank you from the entire Hope staff for the wonderful cards, gifts, and home baked goodies received in December. Also, thank you for the congregation's monetary Christmas gift.

It is such a privilege to serve with the people of Hope and we are blessed by your continued support and kindness!!



W.N.A.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

January 5 – February 23
www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna

DINNER

5:30 – 6:15 PM

The menu for January 5 will be spaghetti and meat balls, garlic bread, salad, Italian ice. Cost: \$6/adults & youth, \$3/children (5–10), under 5 free (\$22 family max).

KIDS & YOUTH

6:30–7:30 PM

- Kids Ministry Activities (3 years–4th grade)
- 5&6 / 7&8 Grade Youth Groups

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for children, youth, and adults of all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, fellowship, and fun!

ADULT ED.

6:30–7:30 PM

Daniel, led by Pastor Lew & Vicar James

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MUSIC

- 6:30–7:30 PM:
Adult Handbells
- 7:30–9:15 PM:
Senior Choir

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's the classic, common greeting for this season, right? With the familiar words, we wish our families, friends, and neighbors all good things, much happiness, and lots of blessings in the new year ahead. "Happy New Year" expresses positive thinking, high hopes, and lofty expectations for the twelve months that are just beginning.

No matter how many new years you've experienced in your life so far, I'm certain that by now you know that no single year will ever be completely happy, or 100% trouble-free. Will 2022 be a happy year, in every way, for any of us? Will 2022 bring blessings, and only blessings, to you and yours? I am pretty sure you know the answer to those questions.

As people of faith and followers of Jesus Christ, we are definitely not exempt from life's struggles and challenges, in any year. But, living under God's grace as we do, perhaps we can measure happiness in a way that's different from non-believers. Having a trusting relationship with God, the Lord and Ruler of our lives, changes everything. Knowing God's limitless power and endless capacity, experiencing God's boundless love and compassion, leaning on the free forgiveness and salvation that Christ has brought us, seeking God's will for our lives, and learning to follow his plan instead of our own -- these are life-changing, perspective-altering experiences. Living a life of faith really does help us find happiness and contentment in our lives, even when all our ducks are not in a perfect row.

When I wish you a "Happy New Year," here's what I'm wishing for you. I wish you a year that is filled with faith, trust, and hope. I wish for you that your confidence in God may grow, and that your relationship with him may be closer than ever. I wish for you that you may treasure the spiritual blessings God provides you in 2022 above any of the things of the world. I wish for a year in which you consistently turn to the Lord, and rely on his help, when challenges and adversities rise before you. I wish for you that God may challenge you, stretch you, guide you, and enrich you in the year ahead, and that you'll boldly trust his ways in your life. I wish for you that Christ Jesus may live in you every day, and that his Holy Spirit may be a constant strength and comfort.

A very "Happy New Year" to you!

In Christ,



Pastor Wayne Puls

NEWS & EVENTS



ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR

Thanks to a generous donor, Hope has an electric wheelchair available for free. If you know of anyone who could use this device, please contact Pastor Wayne Puls in the church office.

25TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO TEAM VOLUNTEER

As part of the 25th Anniversary celebration through May 2022, Hope will be creating and sharing video histories with the congregation. If you have experience with video production or editing, and would like to volunteer your expertise, please contact Pastor Wayne or Amy Elder.

PRESCHOOLR REGISTRATION

Preschool Registration begins Tuesday, January 18 and will be done online this year! If you are a member of Hope interested in enrolling your child for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact the Preschool office at preschool@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-453-0388 or by January 7, 2022. Registration will be done through an email link, so we must have your email in our system before Registration begins. More information is at www.hopelutheranwf.org/preschool.

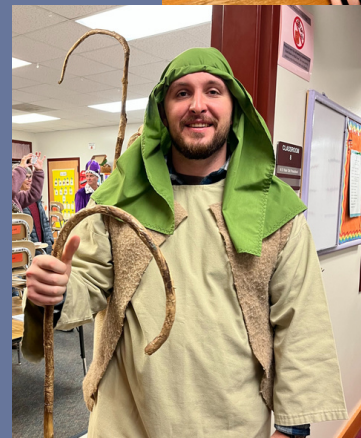
CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, January 30 from 1:30-3:00PM
You're invited to attend Hope's Congregational Assembly in January. The agenda will include a "State of the Church" report featuring God's blessings in 2021, membership growth, financial reports, and more! Please plan to attend as the congregation embraces the challenges and opportunities of 2022!

UPDATE FROM VICAR JAMES

Season's greetings to you this Christmas season! As I approach the six-month mark of my year-long vicarage here, I must say, working here at Hope has been the best job I've ever had. From weekend worship services, to Wednesday Night Alive dinners, to preschool chapels, and everything in between, it continues to be a blast getting to know this community. I love having this opportunity to tell others about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The staff here at Hope is also tremendous. I'm learning a lot from their years of experience, and look forward to implementing the things they're teaching me throughout my career. I look forward to getting to know all of you all the more throughout the rest of my time here. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season!

Pictured: (top) Vicar James working in his office and (bottom) is Shepherd James for the Live Nativity.



MISSIONS – LOCAL & TRIPS

The people of Hope Lutheran Church are committed to making a positive, joyful, caring impact on the community around us.



BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Brown Bag Ministry distributes 125 lunches to local neighborhoods the 3rd Saturday each month. Volunteers gather to assemble and distribute nutritious lunches. Want to get involved? Visitors, families, or individuals are always welcome to sign up online to volunteer!



TRI-AREA MINISTRY

This wonderful organization allows registered families to come in once a month to pick up a bag stuffed with groceries for no charge. A collection bin is available in the cafe' area at Hope, and you are welcome to donate at any time. Questions? Contact Jill Schaefer at jmschaefer@yahoo.com.



DISASTER RELIEF CONFERENCE

All are invited to a Disaster Response Conference & Training, sponsored by the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod on January 27-28, 2022. Learn more about the conference speakers, sessions, cost, and registration process online today.



LADIE'S BUNCO NIGHT

JANUARY 15 FROM 7:00-8:30 PM

SNACKS, BUNCO, AND A WHOLE LOT OF
LAUGHS! FRIENDS WELCOME! FREE EVENT.



ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning 9:45-10:45 AM

January 2: The Mysterious Magi

"We Three Kings of Orient are. ..." So the familiar Christmas carol begins. But already it has made three mistakes in the first line! We don't know that the Magi were three in number, they were not kings, and they did not come from as far away as the Orient, that is, the Far East. The New Testament calls them simply "magi from the East." Who were these mysterious men and why would their visit of the newborn Christ become significant to later Christianity? This class is in room 301 on the Adult Education floor and is led by Luke Tew.

January 9 - 30: Redeeming Technology

4,105 hours per year. That's the average amount of time an American spends with technology. With a bit of math, that's 45% of your year spent in front of a screen. Have you considered how all that time is affecting both your spiritual and physical well-being? Based on a book by the pastor-psychiatrist team of Rev. A. Trevor Sutton and Dr. Brian Smith, the class will explore the balance between using technology in this digital age and staying focused on Christ. This class is in room 301 on the Adult Education floor and is led by Pastor Lew.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE: DANIEL

6:30-7:30 PM on January 5 - February 23

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KID'S MINISTRY

LEARN MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE ACTIVITIES AT
WWW.HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG/KIDS.



YOUTH MINISTRY

5 & 6 GRADES

EVENT: GALAXY FUN PARK

On January 14 from 6:30–9:00 PM, start off the new year right with some out-of-this-world fun! Join your fellow 5–6 graders at Galaxy Fun Park for an epic night including: jump zone, go-karts, laser tag, bumper cars, ropes course, pizza and drink. Cost is \$27, sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org/5-6-grades.

YOUTH GROUP

5–6 and 7–8 youth groups continue on Wednesday nights from 6:30–7:30 PM, starting back on January 5.

CONFIRMATION

No class on December 26 or January 2. Have a Happy New Year! We'll start back up on the 9. There will be an optional Sunday School class for 5–6th graders on January 2 from 9:45–10:45 in the Youth Center, so please come to that if you can!

7 & 8 GRADES

EVENT: BOWLING AT STRIKE & BARREL

On January 15 from 7:00–8:30 PM, let the good times roll at Strike and Barrel. All 7–8 grade friends are invited for pizza and bowling. Cost is \$15, sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org/7-8.

EVENT: 7 & 8 GRADE DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

On April 1–3 in Williamsburg VA, The District Youth Gathering is coming up! Make sure to save the date. What is the DYG? It's an unforgettable weekend of fun, faith, worship, and service for 7–8th graders. They'll join hundreds of other youth from South Carolina all the way up to Maryland in a fun-filled, Christ-centered experience.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

9-12 GRADES

EVENT: BOWLING AT STRIKE AND BARREL

On January 29 from 7:00-8:30 PM, let the good times roll at Strike and Barrel. All High School friends are invited for pizza and bowling. Cost is \$15, sign up coming soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sunday school and Adult Education classes will be from 9:45-10:45 AM. No advance sign-up is required for these classes. Youth Sunday School is located in the Youth Center.

YOUTH GROUP

Every Sunday 6:30-7:30 PM meet in the Youth Center for an hour of games, fellowship, and discussion. Come meet new people and learn more about your faith. No Youth Group on January 2. NYG meeting Jan 9 5:30 PM.

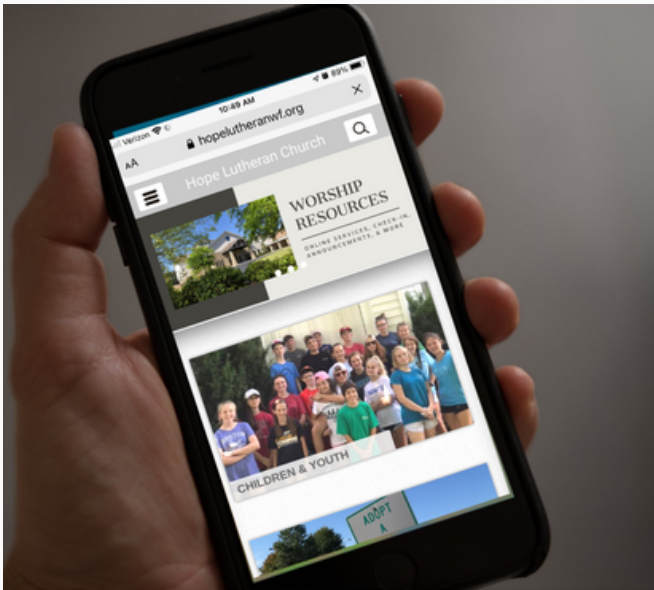
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY (18-35)

On Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:00 PM, all young adults are invited to Hope for a Bible Study. Description: Dive deep in God's Word with other young adults as we wrestle with life's challenges and questions together. There are virtual and in-person options – so you can tune in on your commute home or from your college dorm room. Building Relationships and Exploring the Word – that's what BREW Young Adult Ministry is all about! Contact Steve for more details 949-431-0020.

YOUNG ADULT SERICE PROJECT (18-35)

On January 15 from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM, serve the local community and meet felt needs by volunteering with our Brown Bag Ministry. We'll package lunches and distribute them to kids and families in need. Contact Steve if you're a young adult and want to help out!



STAY CONNECTED @HOPE

Website - www.hopelutheranwf.org

Hope's website has all of the news, events, and sign up links needed to help you stay informed. Can't find something, use the search feature to find it on our website.

Social Media



HopeLutheranWF



HopeLutheran_WF
HopeYouth_WF



Text alerts. Visit remind.com/join & enter code.

- 5-6 Grade Youth & Parents (hope56);
- Confirmation (hopeconf20);
- 7-8 Parents & Youth (7-8parent);
- HS Youth (hope9-12); HS Parents (hope-hs)

Church Office

Have a question and cannot find the answer? Call the church office during business hours at 919-554-8109.