

*Hope Lutheran Church*  
**Christmas  
& Advent**

DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

# CHRISTMAS & ADVENT EVENTS

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Friends, family, and neighbors are invited to special Christmas worship, fellowship, and service events at Hope Lutheran Church during this holy season.

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## MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

December 3 & 10 at 7:00PM

Advent is a season of repentance and rejoicing. It is the season in which we, as God's redeemed people, prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Join us Wednesday evenings in December as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and await his return, "we rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:2). Don't forget the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 17 at 7:00PM! See page 10 of this newsletter for details!

## CHORAL CANTATA

December 14 at 8:30 & 11:00AM

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" will be presented on Sunday, December 14 during the 8:30 & 11:00AM worship services by the Senior Choir.

## CAROL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

December 21 at 8:30 & 11:00AM

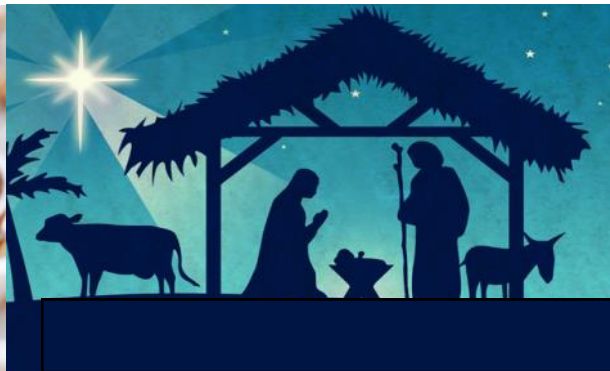
A traditional Sunday service containing well-known Christmas carols, Advent and Nativity Bible readings, and Holy Communion.

## 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 5 different-styled services to meet your worship needs. You're invited to worship with Hope this Christmas Eve!

- **Children's Christmas Services – 3:00PM & 5:00PM.** The "Unfrozen: Do You Want to Meet A Savior?" service is designed for younger children and families with lots of interaction, songs, and humor.
- **Family Candlelight Services - 7:00PM & 9:00PM.** This family service contains a Children's Message, Christmas hymns, and the Nursery is provided for children ages 0-2.
- **Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion - 11:00PM.** This traditional late service contains Christmas hymns, candlelight, and Holy Communion. Pre-service Christmas music begins at 10:30PM.



## **ALTAR CARE CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Deck the Halls... at Hope! Altar Care Christmas Decorating will take place on **Saturday, December 6** at 9:00AM by Altar Care volunteers, assisted by the Men of Hope.

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

will adorn the chancel and windows at Hope. They may be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 each with checks payable to Hope, earmarked "poinsettias." The poinsettias will be available for you to take home after the 11:00PM Christmas Eve Service.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE OUTREACH**

Each year Hope Lutheran Church adopts families in need for Christmas. Gift and food donations are delivered to these families for the holiday. To participate, select an Angel ornament from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Please contact Bette Barrett at 919-554-4951 if you would like to help distribute the gifts.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE**

*December 14 after the 11:00AM service on the Adult Education Floor, room 301*

Come join in the fun, fellowship, and cookies! Bring your favorite Christmas cookies (4 dozen in packages of six) to exchange for some other great cookies. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Nancy Repak at 919-279-3801 or kapernan@gmail.com. Don't forget to bring a few copies of your recipe and few extra cookies to share!

## **THE LIVE NATIVITY**

*December 14-16 from 7:00-8:30PM each night*

The Crèche will be set up in the traffic circle in front of the Sanctuary. Come and see the reason for the season! Refreshments will be served by the Service/Outreach Team.

There is a need for lots of volunteers and people to bring treats so please sign-up at the Welcome Desk and let's make this the best Live Nativity yet!!! If you have any questions, email Brenda Duensing at [brenda.duensing@centurylink.com](mailto:brenda.duensing@centurylink.com).



# HOPE NEWS & EVENTS

## ABOUT THE COVER...

Do you recognize where the picture was taken? Yes, it's the front entrance to the Narthex.

It is not officially Christmas season at Hope until the wreaths are hung on the front doors. If you would like to help decorate church, you're invited to come on December 6 at 9:00AM. Thanks to Kim Nugent for taking such a beautiful picture!

The people of Hope Lutheran Church proclaim and live the Word and love of Christ.

Mission Statement



## HOPE STRONG

### AGREE?

God wants the people of Hope not just to sustain his ministry here, but to strengthen it in every way possible.

### THANKS!

To all the Hope members and friends who've made a commitment regarding their 2015 total giving, in support of the Lord's work in our church.

### PLEASE

Ask yourself "What can I do to strengthen Hope's ministry in 2015?" ... Pray about your participation and your giving ... and return your commitment card as soon as possible.

### Stronger Faith

### Stronger Outreach

### Stronger Families

### Stronger Community Impact

### Stronger Participation

### Stronger Fellowship

### Stronger Ministry Programs

Thank you to all who provided refreshments for the Hope Strong Campaign Kick-Off on November 15 & 16. The response was wonderful!!

From Nancy Hoh & Christine Murphy

## CELEBRATE HOPE'S 18TH ANNIVERSARY

December 6 & 7; all services

Every member of Hope, along with members of the community, are encouraged to join in giving thanks to God as we celebrate our congregation's 18th Anniversary at our worship services on the weekend of December 6 & 7, 2014. When we think back to Hope's beginnings, and look at what God has done here over the years, we certainly have much to celebrate! *To God be the glory!*

## PRIMETIMERS

December 13 from 6:30-9:30PM

The December event will be a Christmas Party at Andy & Bette Barrett's home. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. RSVP to Bette (and let her know what you're bringing) at 919-554-4951 or abbarrett@embarqmail.com. The Barretts live at 7212 Donneeford Rd., Wake Forest. If you need directions, please call.

## 'Tis The Season!

It happens so suddenly, doesn't it? Summer's over, Halloween and Thanksgiving are past, fall is winding down -- and suddenly the Christmas season is upon us once again! None of us can *slow down* the swift passing of time; but every Christian can strive to *make the most* of this time of year. What can we do, as disciples of Christ Jesus, to fully engage in this joyous season? See the gifts below for activities, challenges, and Bible readings.

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season! In Jesus' love,



Pastor Wayne Puls  
wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org  
919-554-8109

### **Connect With Christ's People**

Make an extra effort this month to reach out, in a meaningful way, to some of the special people God has put in your life: family, friends, Christian sisters and brothers. Each is a precious gift from the Lord!

### **Respond To Christ's Invitation**

Take a few moments, in this hectic month, to realize why the Son of God came down to earth on that first Christmas. He wanted to establish a close, loving relationship with you!

### **Learn Christ's Word**

Devote some uninterrupted time in this holy season to explore the Bible story of Christ's coming. Read and discuss Luke 1-2, Matthew 1-2, and John 1. What did you learn? What would you like to learn more about?

### **Apply Christ's Word**

Write a short prayer of praise (like Mary's, in Luke 1). Ask yourself, like Joseph did in Matthew 1, "Am I obeying God's commands these days?" Make a list of people you know who need the light of Christ to shine in their lives (John 1:6-9).

### **Embrace Christ's Mission**

Make a quiet commitment, between you and the Lord Jesus, to get involved in his ministry of bringing love and care to the world. Think about your priorities this month, and talk to Christ about how he wants you to participate in his mission.

### **Discover Your Mission**

Try to spend one hour a week this month making an impact for Christ. Give a needy person a hand, visit someone who's lonely, make a charitable gift, write an extra-long Christmas message ... get out of your comfort zone, and see what happens!

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Hope Lutheran Church & Preschool**

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Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-554-8109, phone  
919-554-0412, fax

### **Preschool**

919-453-0388, phone  
919-453-0319, fax  
www.hopelutheranwf.org

## **WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES**

Saturday Praise Service at 5:30PM  
Sunday Services at 8:30 & 11:00AM

Nursery and Children's Church provided at all services

## **SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday School for ages 3 – grade 4  
Youth Bible Classes for grades 5 – 12  
Adult Bible Studies

Nursery and beginning Sunday School provided for ages 2 and under.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS\***

5:30 – 6:00: Beg. Handbells  
5:30 – 6:30: Youth Praise Team  
5:45-6:30: Children's Choir  
6:00 – 6:30: Youth Handbells  
6:30: Confirmation Classes  
6:30: Youth Nights (7-12 Grade)  
6:30-7:45: Adult Handbell Choir  
7:45 – 9:15: Senior Choir

\* Check [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) for specific dates. The next Wednesday Night Alive session is January 7 - February 11, 2015.

# SERVICE & OUTREACH

## TOUCHED BY HOPE 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

On October 25, 2014 Hope Lutheran Church hosted a free medical clinic meeting basic human needs by offering free medical, dental, and optical appointments, a warm meal, clothing, food pantry, children's books, and haircuts. All services are provided for anyone in the community, free of charge. Through the past 4 years, God has moved in amazing ways through Touched by Hope - both to meet the needs of people in our community AND to raise up servants who are hungry to love people in a real, tangible way.

### This year's highlights:

- 321 people were served.
- Over 200 professionals volunteered .
- The medical clinic saw about 90 people.
- The dental clinic screened 97 patients. Patients received screenings, some cleanings, and some were referred to other dentists for free care. To help support the demand, the dental portion of the clinic ran until 4:00PM. What a blessing!
- The optical clinic was busy all morning and saw 31 people. They are following up with ALL of them.
- A food drive at Tarheel Association of Disability Examiners (THADE) allowed us to distribute over 300 bags of food! This year, we had enough for everyone who needed it!
- The meal that was served throughout the day was AMAZING! Did anyone get to try the fajita sandwiches?? What a wonderful testimony to our guests that they are worth well-prepared and special food.
- To see a list of all of the supporting sponsors and donors, please visit [www.touchedbyhope.org](http://www.touchedbyhope.org).



## SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY AT HOPE

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have volunteered with the many opportunities for Service and Outreach in 2014 on behalf of Hope Lutheran Church. There is much need and I challenge all members to step up to serve ... Hope's service does make a difference!  
Shannon Janosko, Service & Outreach Coordinator

## SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY - JOIN THE TEAM!

The mission of this ministry is to focus on opportunities of "care and concern" with an outreach perspective and spirit. If you would like to **join this ministry team**, or **have suggestions on a new opportunity**, please contact Shannon Janosko at [sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org). Watch for a team meeting in January 2015.

## HOPECHEST

The HopeChest Ministry offers free clothing and small housewares to the local community each quarter. The ministry depends on donations and volunteers from Hope members. Thanks to generous donations and over 120 volunteers the ministry touched the lives of 1,000+ people in the community! The next HopeChest event is scheduled for February 21, 2015

## ALMS FUND AT HOPE

Did you know? Donations are accepted and are used to provide financial support to families in our congregation. Just write "Alms Fund" in the memo line to have your donation allocated to this important ministry.

## TRI-AREA MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

The **Feeding the Faith Small Group** collects non-perishables for Tri-Area Ministry Food Pantry, which provides food for the needy in the community. In December, the food collection is **canned meat and/or instant mashed potatoes**. Please support Tri-Area by placing your nonperishable donations in the donation bin in Café.

## BROWN BAG MINISTRY THANKS!!

A **huge thank you** to confirmation, youth and pre-school families for your donations to the Thanksgiving dinner bags. We are able to provide 34 appreciative families in Wake Forest with an overflowing dinner bag! The confirmation and youth also made beautiful Thanksgiving cards and helped with assembly. "I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3 .

## PINOCHLE GROUP

**December 1 at 1:00PM** ; Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or [darmckenney@embarqmail.com](mailto:darmckenney@embarqmail.com) if you plan to play.

## BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group will meet only once in December, Monday, December 8 at 1:00PM. This is our annual cookie exchange, so please bring at least two dozen of a favorite cookie to share with the other players.

We will enjoy eating some goodies while we play and then have a plate of assorted cookies to take home with us. If you plan to play please call Betty McAlear at 919-554-9081 or email at [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com).

## THE NIFTY NEEDLEWORKERS OF HOPE

The Nifty Needleworkers of Hope (combined Seam Team, Threads of Hope, and Hand Quilters) thank all of those who participated in the quilt raffle and those who bought craft items. Maureen Schandert was the lucky winner of the quilt. We sold over \$600 in raffle tickets and made about \$700 on the craft sale. Most, if not all, of the monies raised will be donated to one of the ministries of our church. If you would like to know more about our various groups, please call Betty McAlear at 919-554-9081 or send a message to [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com).



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Hope was privileged to welcome 54 people (38 adults, 16 children and youth) into our congregation this fall.  
If you see a new face, introduce yourself and welcome them to Hope!



Boney: Brad, Jenn,  
Grace, Molly



Cesar: Todd, Katherine,  
Michael, Tom



Chandler: Cindy



Chlystek: Hannah



Copeland: Mike, Diane



DiMonda: Pat,  
DiMico: Michael



Gibson: Dan, Suki



Habers: Jonathan,  
Lauren, Hope, Alianna



Hollembaek: Stephanie,  
Lauren, Riley, Ashley



Holman: Jacqueline



Hutton: Josh



Jaeger: Shirley



Jones: Doug, Gayle



Murphy: Jason,  
Jennifer, Wyatt



Palotta: Cathy



Prehn: Paula



Ribble: Tom, Faye



Roy: Sean, Sara, Mason



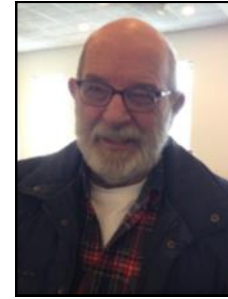
Webb: Michael, Beth,  
Riley, Zach



Williams: Reggie,  
Barbara



Yost: Ana



Buchanan: John

Not Pictured: Ben & Jenn Braddock,  
Chad & Cheryl Casale, Sandra Ollivier,  
& Barbara Welch.  
Photos by Kim Nugent.



**WEDNESDAY  
YOUTH NIGHTS** will  
not meet in December. But will  
resume on January 7 with the  
Wednesday Night Alive activities.

## Youth Ministry

For youth in grades 5th grade through college age  
**Krista Young**, Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministry  
kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org

“Merry Christmas to all youth and their families. May the Love of the Christ child fill your lives and homes.” From Krista Young and the Youth Ministry Team. <><

Please take the time to thank your Youth/Confirmation/Bible Class volunteer leaders for their dedication this year. Let them know they make a difference to you.

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES

It's time to celebrate with your friends at Hope! Bring a snack, \$5 wrapped gift, and friends to the party for your group.

- 5-6 Grade: Sunday, December 7 from 2:00-4:30PM
- 7-8 Grade: Saturday, December 6 from 7:00-10:00PM
- 9-12 Grade: Sunday, December 7 from 6:00-9:00PM

To sign up for a party, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), visit “Get Connected, Youth.”

### CROSSNORE CHRISTMAS PARTY

*December 12-14; cost \$35/person*

The youth will be planning, decorating, and hosting a Christmas party for children living at Crossnore Home in Linnville, NC. Meet at 4:00PM Friday at church to drive to the mountains, the group will be returning Sunday afternoon. The fee covers the cost of lodging at Camp Linn Haven, food, and transportation. To register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), visit “Get Connected, Youth Events.” Friends are welcome – however, all participants need a 2014-2015 YM Registration Form – found on the church website. Parent drivers/chaperones are needed.

### HIGH SCHOOL SKI RETREAT

*February 20-22, 2015 to Winterplace, VA*

The cost will vary depending on rental equipment needed, but will range from \$130-160 in price for the weekend. Ski, Snowboard, or Tube down the slopes and enjoy winter fun. We will be renting the facility with other churches. To register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), visit “Get Connected, Youth Events.”

### YOUTH QUAKE FOR GRADES 7-8

*April 10-12; Crowne Plaza Charlotte, NC*

Youth Quake is a transformational weekend retreat for youth in grades 7-8 where lives will be renewed and faith will become real! Register before February 8 for the “early bird” discount of \$145 per person (rises to \$175 + food/transportation). “Register” online and putting \$100 Deposit in Krista Young’s mailbox in the church office (earmarked Youth Quake). High School students are welcome to attend as “Junior Guides” If interested, please speak to Krista about the selection process.

### BROWN BAG PROJECT

*December 6 at 11:00AM*

Youth and their families are encouraged to serve together with the Brown Bag Ministry.

Consider donating fruit, individual fruit cups, chips, and granola bars and then come to Hope to make lunches and then distribute them in downtown Wake Forest.

### CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Classes continue on December 3 & 10; however, groups will go directly to their small group meeting place at 6:30PM.

Groups will attend Advent Worship at 7:00PM where parents and families can meet and worship together.

Confirmation classes will take a Christmas break until **January 7, 2015**. Continue to attend worship services and Sunday school during this Advent Season.

### 6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

*March 6-8; \$130*

The 6th Grade Confirmation students will spend a weekend at Camp Agape experiencing fun ways to grow in faith & friendship while preparing for their Confirmation day. The fee can be paid in installments through April (indicate on check student name and Confirmation Retreat). Checks can be put in Krista young’s mailbox in the church office.

# PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - "A PLAY IN THE MANGER"

December 17 at 7:00PM

The town of Centerville is preparing their annual Christmas Extravaganza—but this year it's going to be bigger and better than ever, a real over-the-top display. But when catastrophe and calamity send those grand plans up in smoke, their epic production becomes an epic fail.

Visions of grandeur are replaced with the beauty and power of the simple truth of Jesus' birth: The Son of God, born to humble parents, lying in a simple manger, come to redeem. **Now that's epic!**

**You don't want to miss this year's pageant!!**

## CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

Register now at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), under "Get Involved, Children" to be part of the on-stage choir during the play. Your child will learn the songs during Sunday School or can purchase a CD (great option for Saturday night families). Costumes are the "Children of Hope" t-shirts. **Rehearsals for everyone are on December 7 from 1:30-4:30PM & December 14 from 1:30-4:30PM.**

To purchase a CD for \$5 or a t-shirt for \$15, email Beth Agner at [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org)

## Children's Ministry

For children from birth through 4th grade

**Beth Agner**, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry  
[bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org)

## FLASH AND KINGDOM KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14 from 4:40-7:00PM

Join us for crafts, games, and Caroling in our annual Kingdom Kid's and FLASH Christmas Party. There is no cost for this event! Dinner WILL be served as many kids will be coming straight from Christmas Pageant practice. **Also PLEASE make sure your kids are dressed for the COLD weather.** We will be caroling after the sun has set and it will be cold!! Register at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), under "Get Involved, Children."

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped in Celebrating Bentley's arrival with us and all the thoughtful gifts we have been showered with. We are so blessed to have a loving and caring congregation who is just as excited as we are for his arrival! Beth and Josh Agner

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24 at 3:00PM & 5:00PM

Come and join us for special services geared just for kids and kids at heart! The "Unfrozen: Do You Want to Meet A Savior?" service is designed for younger children and families with lots of interaction, songs, and humor.

## XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP 2015 DISCOUNT!!!

Register by December 31, 2014 for 2 or more full weeks (5 days) of camp between January 5, 2015 and April 3, 2015 and get our lowest rate possible! That's right, only \$155 per camper/per full week (5 days) of camp with a PayPal \$50 deposit to hold your campers spot!

To see camp themes, times, or to register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

*\* All other camp Policies and Fees apply. Cannot be combined with any other promotion or discount. Discount applies to individual campers and cannot be applied to siblings attending the same single week(s) of camp. Call 919-554-8109 with questions.*



# Preschool Ministry

For children from 2 years old through rising Kindergarten  
**Regina Fisher**, Preschool Director  
rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Preschool children will present their Christmas Program *“Celebrating the Birth of Jesus”* to their families December 17, 18, and 19 at 9:30AM.

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Preschool will be closed for the holidays beginning **Monday, December 22 through Friday, January 2**. All classes resume on **Monday, January 5**.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT SUCCESS!

A Parents Night Out fundraiser was held on November 21 and was a huge success! Thank you to all the preschool parents and church members who supported the event.

## FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall 2015 will begin mid-January.

We offer half day and full day options for ages 2 to 5. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, for the following groups and dates:

**Hope Members** – Tuesday, January 20 at 8:30AM (this is the ONLY date to receive priority registration as a Church Member.)

**Currently Enrolled/Siblings** – Wednesday & Thursday, January 21 & 22 at 8:30AM.

**Community** – Friday, January 23 at 8:00AM.

## Christmas Greetings from the Staff

*The staff of Hope Lutheran Church and Preschool express our thanks for the privilege of serving and wish everyone a blessed Christmas!*

### Church Staff

Pastor Puls, Pastor Upchurch, Pastor Lineberger, Pastor Wagner, Krista Young, Beth Agner, Shannon Janosko, Amy Elder, Carlin O'Brien, Jan McCluskey, Barbara DeMarco, Steve Ebberts, & Paul Hieter

### Music & Media Staff

Rob Varner, Joe Walters, Kathy Vockerath, Tim Stroupe, Ray Sharpstene, Michael Case, & Michael Reives

### Preschool Staff

Regina Fisher, Angela Baker, Carolina Bloom, Sara Cutler, Jennifer DeMarco, Susan Kennedy, Jamie Pless, and Fran Sowisdral, Deborah Burns, Lisa Dotson, Ronny Burman, Amanda DeCilles, Nikki Helmers, Stephanie Fowler, Christine Murphy, Amber Perry, Renee Pfendler, Carolyn Rathje, Cathy Sandfort, Jen Swearingen, & Suzanne Whiting

### Xplore Staff

Billie Kay Roland, Bonnie Petersilge, Kelly Friend, Eileen Obrien, Christine Moran, & Natasha Hoyle

### Little Blessings Staff

Erin Ames, Holly Bruck, Cynthia Leonard, Marlene Spencer, & Lindsay Mitchell

### Nursery Staff

Erin Ames, Lauren Hugelmaier, Julie Gundry, Cynthia Leonard, Heleen Bloomer, Carly Turman, Angie Meyer, Melissa Replogle, Marlene Spencer, & Kathy Dipillo

*And from all the volunteers who help us with these ministries!!!*



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Taylor Elkins, 12/1  
Henry Lumpkin, 12/1  
Reese Phillips, 12/1  
Kelcey Rogers, 12/1  
Linda Turman, 12/1  
Lauren Edwards, 12/2  
Samantha Hardee, 12/2  
Melissa van Rensburg, 12/2  
Richard Wood Jr., 12/2  
Beth Agner, 12/3  
Robb Dussault, 12/3  
Jacob Gundry, 12/3  
Jody Harris, 12/3  
Jack Kannan, 12/3  
Sue Seaman, 12/3  
Jananne Spencer, 12/3  
Harold Haun, 12/4  
Frank Henley, 12/4  
Laura Rom, 12/4  
KariAnne Dills, 12/5  
Nancy Hipsman, 12/5  
Brodie O'Donnell, 12/5  
Kirsten Kusy, 12/6  
Christopher Long, 12/6  
Charlie Melhinch, 12/6  
Bill Atti, 12/7  
Lilly McElcar, 12/7  
Matt Miller, 12/7  
Ian Christine, 12/8  
Janet Gagnon, 12/8  
Anya Marr, 12/8  
Darcy Thornell, 12/8  
Rob Ellison, 12/9  
Shannon Janosko, 12/9  
Dick Richardson, 12/9  
Jessica Steinmiller, 12/9  
Elaine Willers, 12/9  
Michelle Cerniauskas, 12/10  
Beverly Parmelee, 12/10  
Tom Readling, 12/10  
Brian Harris, 12/11  
Bill Wellnitz, 12/11  
Wayne Bradley, 12/13  
Corey Garrity, 12/13  
Sherri Hall, 12/13  
Annabelle Hunter, 12/13

Allen Kannan, 12/13  
Jena Miller, 12/13  
Conner Morris, 12/13  
Jake Phetteplace, 12/13  
Linda Wellnitz, 12/13  
Justin Cusano, 12/14  
Mary Jane Haske, 12/14  
Charlotte Jacobs, 12/14  
Mollie Krehnke, 12/14  
Bill Turman, 12/14  
Joshua Dickens II, 12/15  
Andrew Dubiel, 12/15  
Jan McCluskey, 12/15  
Cindy Schaffer, 12/15  
Bill Seaman, 12/15  
Eric Swenson, 12/15  
Sandra Turgeon, 12/15  
Josh Hederick, 12/16  
Taylor Rotosky, 12/16  
Nadine Lewis, 12/17  
Noah West, 12/17  
Shelly Rotosky, 12/18  
Tony Wagner, 12/18  
Seth Hall, 12/19  
Sam Jones III, 12/19  
Ryan Moran, 12/19  
John Morrow, 12/19  
Kenneth Siegel, 12/19  
Ben Wester, 12/19  
Jerry Alvis, 12/20  
Peyton Faris, 12/20  
Lauren Garrett, 12/20  
Cassidy Henault, 12/20  
Spencer Jones, 12/20  
Erin Mecum, 12/20  
Sandy Nokes, 12/20  
Kim Nugent, 12/20  
Daniel Young, 12/20  
Caydence Barker, 12/21  
Lindsay Fisher, 12/21  
Tara Martin, 12/21  
Christine Murphy, 12/21  
Bob Nielsen, 12/21  
Angelina Rebollar, 12/21  
Mark Slaybaugh, 12/21  
Bill Carter, 12/22  
Myla Lambert, 12/22  
Luke Lauther, 12/22  
Tonya Nease, 12/22

Kade Sudheimer, 12/22  
Jena Hoh, 12/23  
Fran Najdecki, 12/23  
Trevor Rush, 12/23  
Patricia Wohler, 12/23  
Hannah Stroot, 12/24  
Cole Cooke, 12/25  
Nicole Cooke, 12/25  
Mandy Montague, 12/25  
Erin Barker, 12/26  
Auden Lindberg, 12/26  
Georgianna Rasmussen, 12/26  
Dan Baker, 12/27  
Luis Fondo, 12/27  
Peggy Ilich, 12/27  
Jeremy Moran, 12/27  
Grace Niesel, 12/27  
Debra Verny, 12/27  
John Pates, 12/28  
Nick Rotosky, 12/28  
Luke Tine, 12/28  
Dylan Wilcox, 12/28  
Alex DiMartino, 12/29  
Elizabeth Henley, 12/29  
Katie Malone, 12/29  
Denise Moline, 12/29  
Teri Mortensen, 12/29  
Bonnie Petersilge, 12/29  
Anne Smith, 12/29  
Joel DeCilles, 12/30  
Brooke Koehler, 12/30  
Reid Sudheimer, 12/30  
Gretchen Bradley, 12/31  
Josh Ellis, 12/31  
Myra Emanuele, 12/31  
Carroll Hortman, 12/31  
Bob Moore, 12/31  
Isabelle Upchurch, 12/31

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Bill & Ann Jasper, 12/2  
Tim & Kathy Stroupe, 12/3  
Rob & Kathy Bailey, 12/6  
Nicole & Shawn Holmes, 12/6  
Mark & Sharon Gipner, 12/14  
Chris & Cathy Smith, 12/17  
Bill & Deborah Winiewicz,  
12/17  
David & Diane Lynn, 12/18  
Mike & Jenny Farmer, 12/19  
Jeff & Beth Lasater, 12/21  
Ronny & Pat Burman, 12/22  
Dave & Jan Dietz, 12/22  
David & Mollie Krehnke, 12/24  
Frank & Elizabeth Henley,  
12/26  
Ron & Barbara Beltran, 12/27  
Matt & Mary Hitzeman, 12/28  
Michael & Brenda Kris, 12/28  
Dick & Elaine Kruger, 12/28  
Bill & Sue Seaman, 12/28  
Frank & Eileen Dreier, 12/29  
Darren & Tammy Dunne,  
12/29  
Michael & Gina Newhouse,  
12/29  
David & Kati Zick, 12/29  
Brenda & Dave Mondok,  
12/30  
Russell & Kristen Hayes, 12/31  
Joseph & Shelly Hummel,  
12/31

*Blessings*  
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

# OUR PRAYERS

## PRAYERS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 26

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** a 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; **Comfort for...** Puls & Morrow families as they grieve the loss of Pastor Puls' uncle, Jim Morrow; the Smith family, dealing with the loss of a young son and a mother afflicted with alcohol addiction; Rock, Kirby, & Williams families; Tanker and Hall family, as they mourn the death of Scott Hall's uncle, Dalton Tanker; **Strength and Healing for...** Lynne Dille, recovering from a stroke; Elizabeth Pekrul; people with cancer; Jim Kreger, recovering from surgery. Submitted by Neil & Helen Turner; Jerry, continued recovery from ankle surgery. Submitted by Connie; Michalene Yoon's friend, recovering from a fall; David Miller, cousin of Dee Rasmussen, recovering from surgery; Cathy Palotta's sister-in-law, Melissa, having a biopsy; Becky Sharpe, dealing with melanoma. Submitted by Andy Barrett; Matt Klemp's mother, Gail, hospitalized in Cary; Becky Horsley's friend, Brooke Leiner, to have a peaceful weekend and good ultra sound results; Sam Rosenbrock, a 5 year old dealing with his second bout of stomach cancer after being in remission; Dale Hugelmaier, father of Beth Agner, recovering from triple bypass heart surgery; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** The Touched By Hope event this weekend; Claudia and David VanHook, traveling; the world, especially the people in west Africa fighting Ebola; Richard Kaess' grandson, stationed on a Naval destroyer; Sharon Gipner's friend, Alison Shryock, having a difficult time right now; Amaya Sullivan, going through her parent's divorce.

## PRAYERS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** Lauryn Bailey's 11<sup>th</sup> baptismal birthday; the continued improvement of Sandy Stokes' friend, Neil Holden, in his cancer battle; **Comfort for...** Bill Brunkhorst, Ruth Lassiter, and their families, at the passing of Bettie Brunkhorst; the Tankersly & Hall families at the death of Scott Hall's uncle, Dalton Tankersly; all the families affected by the school shooting in Marysville, Washington. Praises that Steve & Vicki Martin's nieces weren't hurt; **Strength and Healing for...** Mrs. Roxanne as she deals with her cancer. Submitted by Ashley Sargent; Jordan Lopez's grandfather Jack and grandmother Rosa, as they recover; Dick Helmers beginning radiation treatment next week. Submitted by Craig Helmers; Kathy Bailey's aunt, Janet Wentz, preparing for open heart surgery; Faye, friend of Leigh, who has stage 4 cancer and is starting a clinical trial; Jenny Case's friends, the Almqvist family, as they deal with illness and job loss; Matt Whitley, friend of Paula Reeves, having surgery to remove a tumor; Jennifer Owens to feel better soon; a 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl struggling with anxiety, suicidal thoughts, and an eating disorder as well for her family who is struggling to figure out how to help her; an elderly parent in need of assistance and the daughter caring for her; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** all those involved with Touched By Hope; friends struggling in a marriage; US Troops and their missions abroad; job security.

## PRAYERS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** Release of USMC Sgt. Tahmorressi from a Mexican prison; the safe return after deployment for Amanda DeCilles' son, Joel; **Comfort for...** Nancy Gage & Don Wilhelm, and their family, at the death of Nancy's daughter, Cindy; Debi Lilienthal and family, as they grieve the death of her father; Brett Edwards and family, at the death of his grandmother, Thelma Edwards; Kathy Bailey & Joe Walters, and their families, at the death of their aunt, Janet Wentz; Don Acree and family at the loss of his mother, Jean Acree. Submitted by the Bowling Family; the family of Naomi Mercury, a recent WFHS grad who was killed in an auto accident; Raymond Pekrul and family as they grieve the loss of Elizabeth Pekrul; the family of Lois Manier, friend of Hugh and Betty McAlear, who died following a long battle with breast cancer; the family of Glenn Kirchner, uncle of Betty McAlear, diagnosed with terminal liver cancer; Diane Douglas, daughter of Vicki Gelfo, as she receives hospice care; **Strength and Healing for...** Doris, neighbor of Truda Graham, hospitalized; Barb Welch's daughter, Renee Saunders, recovering from surgery; the Barker's son-in-law, Eric Heis, hospitalized; George Paspaspiros, uncle of Josh Agner, diagnosed with cancer; Shirley Holzschuh's neighbor, Pat Waters, recovering from a fall; a husband as he begins his battle with cancer; Valerie Miceli's mother, Mary Ann Passanisi, recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer; Dale Hugelmaier, father of Beth Agner, readmitted to the hospital; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** good test results for Becky Horsley; Ethan & Jamie Luth as they move to Germany.

## PRAYERS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** Eric Hein, improved health, son-in-law of the Barkers; Truda Graham's friend, Doris, home after surgery; **Comfort for...** the Preston & Lee families grieving the loss of 8 year-old Aiden Lee; the Smith Family, friends of Keith Pickens, as they mourn the loss of a grandfather, Perry Smith; the Strom family at the loss of Sharon's aunt; **Strength and Healing for...** a husband battling cancer, and a successful surgery and clear lymph nodes; Cathy Gurley, hospitalized with double pneumonia; Linda Hutson, recovering from surgery; a friend who began a clinical trial this week for brain cancer; Debbie Chambers, friend of Renee Steffel, recovering from brain surgery; children who are paralyzed; Michelle Tracey's co-worker's family members: Kathie Starkey diagnosed with cancer & Nick Warden whose cancer has returned; 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Brooke Parish, who had a liver transplant and her body is rejecting it; a father who's in need of relief from physical pain; David Bailey, recovering from pneumonia; Marcia Kelly, friend of Paula Reeves, just diagnosed with cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Ebola patients and their care givers; Grady Yoon, son of Mike Yoon, preparing for deployment; persecuted Christians around the world; Concordia Irvine Around the World Team as they wrap up the final days in India. Pray for the people they are serving and the health and safety of the team.

# SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

All adults are invited to Sunday morning education classes at Hope. Classes are held on the Adult Education floor from 9:45-10:45AM. Questions? Contact Pastor Lew at [lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org).

## **ECCLESIASTES**

*November 2- December 14 (6 Weeks)*

*Leader: Peter Muller*

*Location: Adult Education Floor, room 301*

Have you ever asked yourself the question, “What is the meaning of life?” The author of Ecclesiastes certainly did time and time again. His conclusion? Without God, all is meaningless but with God there is hope. What may sound simple is critical to our understanding of who we are as Christians. Join this in- depth exploration of the book of Ecclesiastes and it’s relation not only to the Old Testament but also to the entire Bible.

## **LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

*December 7 – One Session Only*

*Leader: Pastor Wagner*

*Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300*

There’s an old joke that says if Lutherans are truly worshipping, they are bored and tired. Nothing could be further from the truth! But to know this truth, one must understand that worship is not about what we do to get God’s attention but about what He does for us. In worship, God comes to us and provides us his service. The work we do is to receive His gifts of grace and respond.

## **BETHLEHEM 27587**

*December 14 - One Session Only*

*Leader: Pastor Wayne Puls*

*Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300*

We all know the story recorded in Luke chapter 2, right? A baby was born in Bethlehem to Joseph and Mary. On that night, the angel appeared to the shepherds announcing the birth of the Savior, Christ the Lord. Over two thousand years later, times have certainly changed but the need for a Savior has not. Join the discussion surrounding the contemporary significance of the birth of the Christ.

## **THE REAL ST. NICK**

*December 21 - This is the only class offered this week*

*Leader: Pastor Lew*

*Location: Adult Education Floor, room 301*

This single-session video- based Bible study, hosted by the Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus-Speaker Emeritus of *The Lutheran Hour*- examines a man who, next to Jesus Christ, is the most visible figure during the holidays—St. Nicholas or Santa Claus—as we know him in Western culture. Dating back to the third century, St. Nick is attributed with many benevolent and charitable acts of kindness and generosity. In the end what St. Nick has set down for us all is a lifestyle of service and going the distance for the Lord Jesus Christ. Come and learn about the real St. Nick.

## **ADULT EDUCATION NOTE**

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Education between services on **Sunday, December 28**. Instead, bring some Christmas goodies to share and enjoy some fellowship!

## 2015 FLOWER CHART

The 2015 Flower Chart is located on the wall in the church office hallway. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$40.00 with checks earmarked "flowers."

## YEAR-END GIFTS

All gifts must be **postmarked or received** by Wednesday, December 31, 2014 in order to be included in your 2014 year-end record of giving. Please complete your pledges to the operating fund and my hope campaign by the end of the year. If you have questions about your giving, contact Jan McCluskey at [jmclluskey@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:jmclluskey@hopelutheranwf.org) or 919-554-8109.

Thank you for all your gifts and contributions in 2014!

## 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your 2015 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Narthex beginning Saturday, December 13, 2014.

## CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

### MOVED? CHANGE EMAILS?

Have you moved? Changed your email? Please contact Amy Elder at [aelder@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:aelder@hopelutheranwf.org) or 919-554-8109 with any changes to your families contact information.



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Church office will be closed on December 24 & 25. The Preschool will be closed on December 22-26, & January 1 & 2. **Xplore Track Out Camp** will be closed December 22-January 2, 2015. **Little Blessings** will be closed December 22-January 5, 2015.

## Celebrating Gifts & Givers

Weekly Services	Attendance	Offerings	Special Gifts
October 25-26, 2014	593 (127, 220, 246)	\$14,298.79	<b>Building Fund:</b> \$1,444.00
November 1-2, 2014	830 (171, 340, 319)	\$19,661.07	<b>Brown Bag Ministry:</b> \$80.25
November 8-9, 2014	699 (134, 238, 358)	\$15,459.30	<b>Thrivent Choice:</b> \$5,041.00
November 15-16, 2014	734 (152, 254, 328)	\$15,078.09	<b>Alms Fund:</b> \$65.00
			<b>Bettie Brunkhorst Memorial:</b> \$200.00

\* my hope offerings are reported in the weekly bulletin at the beginning of each month.



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Saturday Celebration Service  
5:30PM

Sunday Worship

8:30AM & 11:00AM

Sunday Christian Education Hour  
9:45AM

**Ministry Leadership Team:** Mike Owens (Chair), Beth Theiss (Vice Chair), Angela Whitted (Secretary), Kelly Slaybaugh, Rodger Fulbright, Rob Petersilge, Jeff Vukovich, Susan Hooper, Joe Hummel, Terry Murphy, Mike Siderio, and Tracie White.

**Ministry Staff:**

Rev. Wayne Puls.....**Senior Pastor**  
Rev. Lew Upchurch.....**Associate Pastor**  
Rev. Larry R. Lineberger.....**Assistant to the Pastor**  
Rev. Preston Wagner.....**Pastor Emeritus**  
Krista Young.....**Director of Christian Ed. & Youth Ministry**  
Beth Agner.....**Director of Christian Ed. & Children’s Ministry**  
Shannon Janosko.....**Parish Administrator**  
Amy Elder.....**Communications Coordinator**  
Jan McCluskey.....**Bookkeeper**  
Carlin O’Brien.....**Receptionist/Office Asst.**  
Steve Ebberts.....**Facilities Manager**  
Paul Hieter.....**Evening Receptionist/Office Asst.**  
Rob Varner.....**Organist and Choir Director**  
Kathy Vockeroth.....**Hand Bell Choir Director**  
Joe Walters, Michael Case, Ray Sharpstene.....**Praise Team**  
Regina Fisher.....**Preschool Director**  
Angela Baker.....**Preschool Administrative Assistant**  
Carolina Bloom, Sara Cutler, Jennifer DeMarco, Susan Kennedy, Jamie Pless, and Fran Sowisdral, Deborah Burns, Lisa Dotson, Ronny Burman, Amanda DeCilles, Regina Fisher, Nikki Helmers, Stephanie Fowler, Christine Murphy, Amber Perry, Renee Pfendler, Carolyn Rathje, Cathy Sandfort, Jen Swearingen, & Suzanne Whiting.....**Teachers**  
Billie Kay Roland.....**Xplore Program Director**  
Bonnie Petersilge, Kelly Friend, Eileen Obrien, Christine Moran, & Natasha Hoyle .....**Xplore Staff**  
Erin Ames, Lauren Hugelmaier, Julie Gundry, Cynthia Leonard, Heleen Bloomer, Carly Turman, Angie Meyer, Melissa Replogle, & Kathy Dipillo .....**Nursery Attendants**  
Erin Ames.....**Little Blessings Director**  
Holly Bruck, Cynthia Leonard, Marlene Spencer, & Lindsay Mitchell.....**Little Blessings Staff**



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