

# Mission Moments

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## *Pastor Puls' Reflection...Hope!*

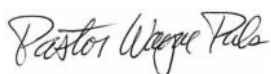
What do you think of when you see an anchor symbol? Some think of stability and security, referring to an anchor's purpose. Others immediately think of the Navy, or other nautical and maritime topics.

In the ancient Christian Church, the anchor symbol was commonly used to represent **hope**. As Christians, we can face the stormy gales of life with a genuine, living **hope**. Discouragements, sorrows, and trials will definitely come our way; but we can still have **hope!** Why? Because of our faith in Jesus Christ and his strong love for us, we know that our God will see us through any adversity. We have God's promises, and every reason to keep our **hope** burning brightly – even on the darkest days!

Hebrews 6:19 says, speaking of the encouragement we have from our faithful God, *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."* These words surely inspired early Christian artists to use the anchor as a symbol of **hope**.

Do you need an anchor for your soul? Who doesn't? With all the scary, alarming world events going on around us these days, and with all of life's everyday struggles and challenges to navigate, our souls can easily be battered, blown about, and even swamped. The closer you get to Jesus, though, the more safe and secure you will feel in this world. Jesus gives **hope!** In Christ Jesus, God has provided the ultimate anchor ... for you!

In Christ,



Pastor Wayne Puls  
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*The people of Hope Lutheran Church proclaim and live the Word and love of Christ.*

*Mission Statement*



# HOPE HAPPENINGS & NEWS

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## Weekend Worship Services

Saturday:

Praise Service at 5:30PM

Sunday:

Services at 8:30AM & 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 Night Alive

**Next Session:**

**January 7 - February 11, 2015**

**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

[www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org)

## Adult Education Classes

**Sunday Mornings from 9:45-10:45AM. Visitors welcome!**

**NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW**, January 4 - February 22 (8 Weeks)

The New Testament is the second part of the Bible but it is not a new story. It announces that in the birth, life, teaching, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and reign of Jesus, the Old Testament is brought to fulfillment. But where did the New Testament come from and how? In what ways is it to be properly interpreted and understood? What effect did its message have upon people two thousand years ago? How does it apply to our Christian lives today? Join this introductory class looking at the "big picture" of the New Testament. Leader: Pastor Lew, located on the Adult Education floor, room 301.

**PSALMS AND LIFE IN GOD'S CREATION**, January 4 - 25 (4 Weeks)

What is God's interest in his creation? How is he involved in it? What use does he make of it? What is our relationship to the rest of the created world? What use do we—should we/should we not—make of it? What does it mean to live as a human in this world? What practices have perhaps de-humanized us? In our life together in the created world, what kind of practices ought God's people be engaging in? In the Psalms (as well as in other parts of the Scriptures), there are voices that offer reflection on questions such as these. Leader: Ken Sutherland, located on the Adult Education floor, room 302.

**ACT LIKE A MAN**, January 4 - February 22 (8 Weeks)

It can be tough to be a Christian Man today. Some days we might even question what all of this Jesus stuff really means in a life full of expectations, demands, temptations, and doubts. But Christ is not calling us to faith only when it's convenient for us or when we feel like being Christian men. He calls us to press forward in our faith no matter what. Act like a man and join the discussion based on contemporary issues men face. Leaders: Multiple Men from Hope, located on the Adult Education floor, room 300.

**FINANCIAL PEACE**, January 11 - March 8 (9 Weeks)

This life-changing class taught by Dave Ramsey and the Financial Peace University teaching team on video and coordinated by Hope's Jill Ellison will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever. Each class session lasts 1.5 hours, which will run into the 11:00 worship service. If you plan to participate, please attend either the 8:30 am Sunday service or the Saturday night service at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$93. To register, go to [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org). Leader: Jill Ellison, located in room 203 (Conference Room by the staff offices).

### Cross Words

**Led by Anne Hall, Preschool Room 2**

Ladies, grab your Bibles and join a women's Bible class where Jesus is the Word!



## Altar Care “Un-Decorating”

**Sunday, January 4 following the 11:00AM worship service**

It's the chore no one likes to do, but the beautiful Christmas decorations, wreaths and Christmas trees must come down. Altar Care Team Members and Men of Hope Members invite you join them. If you can volunteer, it will be appreciated!

- The **Altar Care team** is responsible for the preparation for worship services. Contact Jennifer Price at [jlprice78@hotmail.com](mailto:jlprice78@hotmail.com) to learn more or join the team!
- The **Men of Hope** meet once a month for breakfast and a meeting. The group is responsible for providing Wednesday Night Alive dinners and contribute to many projects around the church. To join, contact David Van Hook at [dvanhook@yahoo.com](mailto:dvanhook@yahoo.com).

## Congregational Assembly

**January 25, 2014; from 3:30-5:00PM**

You're invited to attend Hope's Congregational Assembly on Sunday, January 25. The agenda will include a "State of the Church" report featuring God's blessings in 2014, membership growth, financial reports, and more! Please plan to attend as the congregation embraces the challenges and opportunities of 2015!

*Looking for something to do this winter...*

*Come to Hope on Wednesday Nights!*

## Wednesday Night Alive

*resumes January 7- February 11*

### Music Groups

5:30pm-6:00pm; **Beginner Handbell Choir**  
5:45pm-6:30pm; **Children's Choir**  
6:00pm-6:30pm; **Youth Handbell Choir**  
6:30pm-7:45pm; **Adult Handbell Choir**  
7:45pm-9:00pm; **Senior Choir**

### Children's Ministry Activities

**6:30-7:30PM**

<b>Nursery</b> (0-2 yrs)	Nursery Cntr.
<b>Kids Connect</b> (3 - 5 yrs)	Nursery Cntr.
<b>Kids Connect</b> (K)	Preschool # 1
<b>Kingdom Kids</b> (1 & 2 Gr)	Preschool # 7
<b>FLASH</b> (3rd & 4th Grades)	CC/FH*

\* Children's Center/Fellowship Hall

### Youth Ministry Groups

**6:30-7:30PM**

<b>Confirmation</b> (5-6 Gr)	Adult Education Floor
<b>Jr. High Youth</b> (7-8 Gr)	Youth Cntr.
<b>Sr. High Youth</b> (9-12 Gr)	Youth Cntr.

### Adult Education Series

**6:30-7:30PM**

The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask;  
Understanding Their World

*Nursery provided for 2 and under from 6:15-7:30PM*

# ADULT MINISTRY

## ***Brown Bag Ministry***

Webster's Dictionary defines the word abundance as "a large amount of something." The Brown Bag ministry experienced this in December.

On December 6, we had more than just lunches for our neighbors. A creative group of ladies from the Crossings made 26 beautiful Christmas gift boxes. The decorated and wrapped boxes contained toiletries, puzzle books, Christmas decorations, books and more. Some were given to children to give to their parents and grandparents and others were happily received by other adults.

On December 20 we once again had more than our usual lunches. We were able to gift the rest of our Christmas dinner bags to families in Wake Forest. The bags contained a variety of Christmas dinner sides and a gift card to a local grocery store.

*Thank you* to everyone for helping make Christmas brighter in Wake Forest.

### **Get Involved!**

Please consider participating in this special ministry. The Brown Bag Ministry is a year round project. Join us on January 17 at 11:00AM.

Questions? Email  
Nancy Repak at  
nkapernan@gmail.com.

## ***Cards at Hope...Join In The Fun!***

**Bridge Group; January 12 at 1:00PM & January 26 at 10:00AM**

If you plan to come, please notify Betty McAlear at [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com) or call 919-554-9081. New Players are always welcome!

**Pinochle Group** will meet January 5 & 19 at 1:00PM at Hope. Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or [darmckenney@embarqmail.com](mailto:darmckenney@embarqmail.com) if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

## ***PrimeTimers Potluck & Business Meeting***

**January 17 at 7:00PM**

Join the PrimeTimers group in the Fellowship Hall at Hope for a dinner and a business meeting. The agenda will include scheduling outings for 2015 and fellowship time. If you have any questions about the meeting, contact Nancy & Andy Hoh at [nmhoh1943@yahoo.com](mailto:nmhoh1943@yahoo.com).

## ***Tri-Area Ministry Food Donations***

**The Feeding the Faith Small Group** collects nonperishables for Tri-Area Ministry Food Pantry, which provides food for the needy in the community. In January, the food collection is **microwavable lunchbox meals (i.e., Chef Boyardee pastas, soups, instant macaroni & cheese)**. Please support Tri-Area by placing your nonperishable donations in the donation bin in Café.

## ***Read & Feed Volunteers Needed!***

**January 6 at 6:30PM at Hope House Community Center in Wake Forest**

Make a difference in a child's life by helping those who are struggling with reading. There are other areas to volunteer such as: dinner pick-up, serving dinner, and organizing the take home books.

All volunteers need to attend training and have a full background check. To register, visit [www.readandfeed.org](http://www.readandfeed.org), and select Volunteer. Questions? Contact Shannon Janosko at [sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org). Hope House is located at 334 North Allen Street, Wake Forest.



## ***Volunteer Opportunities with Habitat for Humanity***

Hope Lutheran Church is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and the North Wake Faith Coalition in early 2015 for a new home in Wake Forest. Land has been purchased and a new homeowner is eager to break ground on Juniper Street in Wake Forest. Watch for opportunities to volunteer. If you are interested in financially contributing to the project, please earmark your check "Habitat."

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## ***Service & Outreach - Mission Ministry Weekend!***

***The Weekends of February 1 & February 8***

As part of the call and overall *mission to proclaim and live the Word and love of Christ*, the Mission Team and the Service and Outreach Teams have focused on creating opportunities that move participants outside their comfort zones and give them avenues by which to experience God's love and grace in new and challenging ways. Stop by the display and see how you might serve in 2015!

### ***The Mission Ministry at Hope Lutheran***

In 2014, Hope sent short term mission teams to several locations in N.C., the U.S. and Guatemala to serve those in need and to share God's message of hope through Jesus Christ.



**Crisfield, Maryland:** In partnership with the Lutheran Disaster Response and the Mennonite Disaster Service, 14 adults and youth from Hope and Richland Creek Community Church traveled to Crisfield to help those still rebuilding from the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. The 'Hope' crew demolished a condemned house where a small, energy efficient home would be constructed for the elderly woman who had lived there for over 30 years. The home owner and her son came by each day and thanked the crew. A nearby church delivered homemade goodies to show their appreciation.

**Mitchell-Yancy County (Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Boone NC):** Since 2010, volunteers from our congregation have been traveling to this area to help a local Habitat group provide affordable housing to the needy. During this period we have completed construction on three 1,200 square foot homes and the fourth will be completed by next summer. The volunteers change every trip; however, we have one individual who has been on every trip. The experience needed is small but the willingness to learn and help is unmeasurable. The local Habitat group looks forward to our arrival, they have told us that they like when we show up because we actually get things accomplished. In fact, they have used our performance to recruit local churches to become active in the support of their construction goals. We are planning two trips in 2015, one in early May and the other in early October if you are interested in making a difference in someone's life please join us.

**Guatemala:** 13 adults and youth traveled to Guatemala to serve the poorest of the poor among the indigenous Mayans. They were hosted by Groundwork Guatemala, a local mission lead by Lutheran missionaries. The team took with them dozens of backpacks to share with the Guatemalan children. The backpacks were donated by children from some of our local schools. At several locations, the team shared the universal language of hugs along with a Bible lesson for the children using a skit and songs. The team had opportunities to share God's Word and to pray with the adults, offering encouragement and fellowship to the many Christians who are under the discipleship of the Groundwork Guatemala missionaries. A highlight of the trip was Tim, Jenny and Cal Holt's reunion with their sponsor child who graduated this year (only 1 in 10 children even attend middle school).

**These trips are planned for 2015 so watch for the Missions Awareness weekends coming January 31 & February 7. There will be more information before and after each worship service about our 2015 short term mission trips as well as the many ministries serving our local communities. Discover how you can get involved to "carry the light of Jesus."**

### ***Thank You Mulch Volunteers!!***

Steve Ebberts, Hope's Facility Manager, thanks the 16 volunteers who came to Hope to spread 28 cubic yards of mulch, beautifying our grounds. Thank you to: Dick Rogers, Conrad & Lynda Watson, Al Neubaum, Robb Dussault, Steve & Makenzie Woodard, Bill Miller, Pastor Puls, Lynroy Thomas, Andy Hoh, Tia Marr, John Janosko, Harold Haun, Hillary Tew, and Kevin Kusy.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## **Wednesday Nights in January!**

Confirmation classes begin January 7, at 6:30-7:30PM. Meet on the Adult Education Floor, room 301.

Youth Wednesday events begin January 7 at 6:30-7:30PM.

Signups and deposits for:

- High School Ski Winter Retreat (2/20-22)
- Youth Quake Retreat (4/10-12)
- Confirmation 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat (3/6-8)

## **Jumpapalozza at Skyzone Trampoline Park**

Come for jumping, great music, ultimate dodgeball, and socializing with friends.

To register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Get Involved – Youth."

**7-8 & 9-12 Grades:** Friday, January 16, 2015 meet at Hope at 8:00PM. We will jump from 9:00-11:00PM.

Cost is \$22/person.

**5-6 Grades:** Sunday, January 18, 2015 meet at Hope at 2:00PM. We will jump from 3:00-4:00PM. Cost is \$14/person. Parent drivers are needed.

## **5th Quarter is back!**

All High school students are invited to come hang out, listen to live music, play basketball and more at the Youth Center after the game on January 9, from 9:00PM until midnight. Cost is free!!

## **Youth Ministry**

For youth in grades 5-12 and college  
Krista Young, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry  
[kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org)



## **A Night To Shine**

**February 13, 2015 from 6:00-9:00PM**

Hope has been selected as one of 50 host sites for the upcoming nationwide Night to Shine prom for people with special needs. This event will happen in 50 different cities across the country simultaneously on February 13, 2015.

With a red carpet entrance and friendly paparazzi welcome, guests will be greeted by their very own friend who will serve as their host for the evening. Guests will receive VIP treatment including flowers, hair and makeup, professional photography, food, dancing, games and more! The guests will also participate in a crowning ceremony where they will each receive a crown or tiara. In addition to being crowned a prom king or queen, each guest will get to take home Night to Shine prom favors.

**Hope Youth Volunteers Needed!** Hope will be assembling a team of volunteers to assist in hosting these special guests. If you would like to be a part of Night to Shine prom, please contact Krista Young for information about how to get involved. We will be having a planning meeting on **January 4 at 5:30-6:30PM** in the youth center.

## **High School Sunday Morning Classes**

**Peer Ministry:** High School youth have to opportunity to learn how to care for their friends through difficult times. Starting January 11 will be a 4-week class called Peer Ministry. How to we "minister" to each other? Listening and communication skills that will help in all areas of life. Join the class 9:45-10:45AM.

**Apostles' Creed:** The second High School class will be doing a fun review of the Apostles' Creed.

## **College Age & Young Adults Party**

It's time to gather as friends, catch up on each other, and share some good food. Meet at Slaybaugh's house (953 Jones Wynd, Wake Forest) at 6:00PM on Saturday, January 3.

# CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

## ***Preschool Ministry***

For children ages 2 through pre-kindergarten  
Regina Fisher, Preschool Director ~ [rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org)

### ***Time for 2015-16 Fall Registration***

It's that time again! If you are a church member interested in your child attending the Fall 2015 program, contact the Preschool Office at 919-453-0388 or visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) for class options and tuition rates.

- **Hope Lutheran Church Members** will have first priority and must turn in their completed registration forms on January 20. Registration packets may be picked up beginning January 12.
- **Currently Enrolled Students and their Siblings** will register on January 21 & January 22.
- **Open Community Registration** will be held on January 23 at 8:00AM on a first come, first served basis. Class placement will be done at the time of registration. If no spots are available in your first or second choice, you may choose to be placed on a waiting list at that time. A letter will be mailed to you on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> confirming your child's class or their place on the waiting list.

### ***Early Mornings and Extended Enrichment Afternoons***

We will continue to offer early care from 7:00AM to 9:00AM and extended afternoons from 12:00PM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday. You can choose 1 to 5 days and rates are monthly. Check our website for more information.

## ***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 Minute to Win It Event***

***January 11 from 12:15-2:00PM***

Minute to win it! This is no ordinary activity, as FLASH Kids (3rd and 4th graders) must race to complete events in just 60 seconds! Just like the game show, there is lots of fun to be had in this event! Register online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Children."

### ***Wednesday Night Alive Returns!***

***January 7, 2015 at 6:30PM***

Wednesday Night Alive returns, come join the fun while learning about Jesus!

### ***Future Children's Ministry Events:***

- Kid's Connect (3 years old – Kindergarten) Movie Day; 2/9 from 2:00-4:00PM
- Kingdom Kids (1 & 2 Grades) Brown Bag Project; 2/7 at 11:00AM
- FLASH (3 & 4 Grades) Movie Night; 2/13 from 6:00-8:30PM

### ***Happy New Year's from Xplore Track Out Camp!***

Join us in 2015 for new themes and activities. Some of our upcoming themes are: Baking Boot Camp, Let it Snow, Abracadabra, Decoding Detectives and Xplore's Art Studio. Register online for full day, single day and half day options. We offer a ***Hope Lutheran Church Member*** discount as well as a Sibling discount for those attending full weeks of camp, and don't forget about our Refer-A-Friend discount.

Xplore Track Out Camp  
Monday – Friday  
8:00am-5:00pm\*

Early Drop-Off available from  
7:30am-8:00am  
\$175 for full week, \$37 single  
day and \$20 for half days  
(8am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-  
5:00pm)

Questions? Contact Billie Kay  
Roland, Xplore Director, at  
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or (919) 554-8109.

### ***Thank You!***

Thank you to the congregation for the thoughtful Christmas gift. Josh and I are so blessed to be loved and cared for by such a wonderful congregation. We pray that you and your family had a wonderful and safe holiday season celebrating the birth of Christ. Beth and Josh Agner

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!

## Happy Birthday!

Lisa Dotson, 1/1  
Shirley Jaeger, 1/1  
Mike Ponsolle, 1/1  
Nathan Ebberts, 1/2  
Emma Harris, 1/2  
Connor Weltzin, 1/2  
Alexis Wood, 1/2  
Camden Ames, 1/3  
Jack Ames, 1/3  
Simon Law, 1/3  
Hannah Rose Morrow, 1/3  
Connor Mrazek, 1/3  
Tanner Mrazek, 1/3  
Dillon Swenson, 1/3  
Becca Wilczynski, 1/3  
John Buchanan, 1/4  
Will Duignan, 1/4  
Maddie Ellis, 1/4  
Ron Gelfo, 1/4  
Macy Parmelee, 1/4  
Wyatt Pickens, 1/4  
Kaitlynn Baker, 1/5  
Stephen Brevig, 1/5  
Katherine Cesar, 1/5  
Bill Jay, 1/5  
Ryan Stitt, 1/5  
Bud Wegner, 1/5  
Miranda Bailey, 1/6  
Patrick Bloomer, 1/6  
Melissa Irgens, 1/6  
Bryan Law, 1/6  
Lucas Raynor, 1/6  
David Siderio, 1/7  
Sophia Hayes, 1/8  
Sharon Leary, 1/8  
Bob Rutter, 1/8  
Darby Ellwanger, 1/9  
Denean Garrity, 1/9  
Brenda Kris, 1/9  
Rebecca Martin, 1/9  
Ashley Stroot, 1/9  
Jamie Matala, 1/10  
Rob McElcar, 1/10  
Corey Wood, 1/10  
Michael Carlyle, 1/11  
Dan Hitchcock, 1/11  
Benjamin Hoh, 1/11  
Tyler Lane, 1/11

Imogen Braddock, 1/12  
Pat DiMonda, 1/12  
Clara Owens, 1/12  
Peggy Koehler, 1/13  
Kara Marker, 1/13  
Brian Stephenson, 1/13  
Chloe Barker, 1/14  
Lyle Berglund, 1/14  
Amber Edwards, 1/14  
Andy Garrity, 1/15  
Jamie Pless, 1/15  
Leslie Hasty, 1/16  
Robin Queen, 1/16  
Alexandra Rasmussen, 1/16  
Jake Smith, 1/16  
Michele Buddo, 1/17  
Becky Horsley, 1/17  
Spencer Marr, 1/17  
Lauren Stitt, 1/17  
Max Upchurch, 1/17  
Brian Faris, 1/18  
Brooke Foil, 1/18  
Emily Minor, 1/18  
Beth Theiss, 1/18  
Olivia Pierre, 1/19  
Helen Turner, 1/19  
Deborah Vera, 1/19  
Michael Webb, 1/19  
George Young, 1/19  
Zachary Morris, 1/20  
Renee Pfendler, 1/20  
Heather Phillips, 1/20  
Sandra Schwarz, 1/20  
Kate Smith, 1/20  
Rob Watt, 1/20  
Darryl Barbella, 1/21  
Connor Guin, 1/21  
Shelley Hitt, 1/21  
Abby Nugent, 1/21  
Billie Kay Roland, 1/21  
Rob Hughes III, 1/22  
Gus Ismay, 1/22  
Melanie Loeffler, 1/22  
Tia Marr, 1/22  
Zach Reeves, 1/22  
Ava Criscuola, 1/23  
Katherine Edwards, 1/23  
Lori Hugelmaier, 1/23  
Tracie White, 1/23  
Chris Duke, 1/24

Ann Jasper, 1/24  
Rachel Raynor, 1/24  
Crystal Dickens, 1/25  
Chandler Harrell III, 1/25  
Jeff Lasater, 1/25  
Ron Miksa, 1/25  
Megan Cerniauskas, 1/26  
Carolyn Rathje, 1/26  
Mike Featham, 1/27  
Tom Hemma, 1/27  
Chad Krogh, 1/27  
Jane Vukovich, 1/27  
Jordan Fritz, 1/28  
Adam Mittner, 1/28  
Jennifer Murphy, 1/28  
Matthew Isaacson, 1/29  
Diane Ryals, 1/29  
Kim Zimmerman, 1/29  
Sophie Eisenhardt, 1/30  
Jonathan Habers, 1/30  
Tom Haske, 1/30  
Evan Moran, 1/30  
Celeste Nugent, 1/30  
Natalie Valchar, 1/30  
Kristina Cook, 1/31  
Hunter DeCilles, 1/31  
Virginia Fulbright, 1/31  
Phyllis Harrison, 1/31  
Noah Isaacson, 1/31  
Alicia Michel, 1/31

## Happy Anniversary!

Arturo & Rebecca Lumpkin, 1/1  
Patrick & Heleen Bloomer, 1/5  
Glen & Jean Kile, 1/7  
John & Elaine Willers, 1/7  
Preston & Lana Wagner, 1/15  
John & Pam Morrow, 1/16  
Guy & Nancy Hays, 1/17  
Eric & Ashley Allred, 1/18  
Rose & Ken Spencer, 1/18  
Chris & Nancy Bender, 1/23  
Rob & Jill Ellison, 1/29  
James & Debbie Irgens, 1/31



# OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

## December 7, 2014

**Comfort for...** James Weston, family of Veronica Alletto, grieving the loss of his wife; the Agner family mourning the passing of their Uncle George; April Tanner and family at the loss of their 24 year old son, Blake, in a tragic accident. Friends of Terry & Christine Murphy; the Lee family, as they grieve the loss of their son, Aiden; **Strength and Healing for...** Becky Horsley, having surgery on December 10; Nan Mason, friend of Shelley Hitt, battling a rare form of cancer; Rainer Schandert, recovering from knee replacement surgery; Wayne Catlin, family of Beverly Catlin, hospitalized with pneumonia; Cheryl Farlow's cousin, Lynn Smith, diagnosed with lung cancer; Mrs. Dixon's friend who has cancer; the granddaughter of Nancy Hoh's friend, 5-year-old Eva Levanites, hospitalized with spinal meningitis and encephalitis. Prayers are also requested for Eva's parents, Rachel and Mark; Ronald Brown, brother-in-law of Pastor and Lana Wagner, recovering from back surgery; Doug Hoy, hospitalized in Florida with water on his lungs; friend of Todd Ohle recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** the homeless; Miss Beth during her pregnancy; those suffering from depression; Dustin, family of Beverly Catlin, returning to base after being home for Thanksgiving; those that are away from loved ones this holiday season; friends who are working through difficult times.

## December 14, 2014

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** excellent test results for Carol Miksa; **Comfort for...** Yola Whittaker and her family at the death of Hope member, Jim Whittaker; family of Carolyn Smith, who lost her battle with cancer, friend of Anita Reiss; the Holden family; **Strength and Healing for...** Becky Horsley, recovering from surgery; Eugene Bregni, brother-in-law of Marilyn Marr, recovering from surgery, Evan Ribble, 6 year-old grandson of Faye & Tom Ribble, recovering from hip surgery; Nan Mason, friend of Shelley Hitt, battling a rare form of cancer; Shelley Hitt, recovering from surgery; Jerry Marcus, Christine Moran's brother, battling prostate cancer; Myra Emanuele's friend, Bertha Dilda, in critical condition; Paige Patty, friend of Paula Reeves, diagnosed with terminal cancer; a co-worker of David Huffine recently diagnosed with lymphoma; Neil Turner, recovering from a procedure; Rosie Miller's young friend, Karen Kozel recovering from brain surgery; Elizabeth Henley recovering from surgery;

**Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** everyone on Christmas Day; all those suffering from depression; & new job opportunities.

## December 21, 2014

**Comfort for...** Lee & Rogers families as they continue mourn the loss of Patrick Lee, especially during the birthday and Christmas season; Barbara Bradley's friend, Judy Dobson, grieving the loss of her husband; Nusbaum family, at the loss of their mother/grandmother, Lois Nusbaum; Privette family at the death of their aunt, Hilda;

**Strength and Healing for...** Bruce Jones as he undergoes cancer surgery and treatments; Lori DeLola, niece of Helen & Neil Turner, hospitalized with bleeding on the brain; Uncle of the Marr family, recovering from heart surgery; Lucia Jewell's friend, Sheri Fisburg, undergoing cancer surgery; David Huffine's co-worker's father battling infection and facing surgery; Myla Lambert to have good test results following an MRI; Becky Sharpe, dealing with aggressive melanoma. Submitted by Andy Barrett; A young marine who is now battling non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; Shelly Hitt, daughter of Pastor and Marlene Lineberger, recovering from surgery.



To Hope Lutheran Church,  
We on the Heritage Middle School  
Student Services staff would like to  
thank you for the very thoughtful care  
you take of our students. They benefit  
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# CELEBRATING GIFTS AND GIVERS

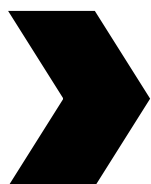
## 2015 Offering Envelopes

Your **2015 Offering Envelopes** are available in the gallery area. If you would like giving envelopes, but do not see your name, please contact Jan McCluskey at [jmcccluskey@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:jmcccluskey@hopelutheranwf.org) or 919-554-8109.

## 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."

## Stewardship Celebrations!



**2014 my hope Campaign Goal Exceeded!**

*Thanks to all who have given, or will give.*



**2014 Regular Offerings Goal Still In Reach!**

*Please help finish the year on a high note.*



**2015 Hope STRONG Pledges Rolling In!**

*Everyone's participation is needed to keep our ministry strong.*

## Celebrating Gifts & Givers

Weekly Services	Attendance	Offerings	Special Gifts	
November 29-30, 2014	644 (121, 223, 300)	\$13,032.65	<b>Building Fund:</b>	\$1,377.00
December 6-7, 2014	721 (130, 228, 363)	\$23,133.43	<b>Brown Bag Ministry:</b>	\$12.00
December 13-14, 2014	940 (122, 371, 447)	\$21,610.91	<b>Thrivent Choice:</b>	\$188.00
December 20-21, 2014	760 (149, 242, 369)	\$18,633.58	<b>Alms Fund:</b>	\$100.00
			<b>Jim Whittaker Memorial:</b>	\$100.00
			<b>Ken Perkins Memorial:</b>	\$100.00

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

# ...THE BACK PEW

## **Habitat for Humanity Partners with Lutheran Services Carolinas**

Habitat for Humanity of Wake County has been awarded \$76,529 from Thrivent Financial to build a home for Lutheran Services Carolinas near Lake Wheeler Road in Raleigh. The actual build (and need for many volunteers) will begin in early Fall 2015.

From the national partnership's inception in 2005, Thrivent Financial and its members have now committed more than \$200 million and more than 4 million volunteer hours to Habitat for Humanity. The Serving Cup came up with the idea for the project, which will house nine people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in three individual adjacent homes.

The funding is part of an ongoing partnership between Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity International, called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity. Through the partnership, Thrivent members, Habitat affiliates and others partner with families across the U.S. and around the world to provide affordable housing and stronger, generous communities.


"This is the very first partnership of this kind where Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is partnering with other agencies – Lutheran Services AND Serving Cup - to provide affordable housing," say Bob Northrup and David Calloway, financial representatives with Thrivent Financial. "We enjoy working alongside Thrivent members – who generously donate their time and talents -- to strengthen our community."

A meeting for all area Lutheran churches to discuss moving forward will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 5010 Six Forks Road, Raleigh on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 4PM. Everyone interested in planning for this exciting project is urged to attend. For more information on this important planning meeting email Lynroy Thomas at [lynroyt@nc.rr.com](mailto:lynroyt@nc.rr.com) or Shannon Janosko at

## **Live Nativity Thank You!**

**A big thank you** to Brenda Duensing for leading a successful Live Nativity all these many years! A special thanks to Dennis DiMartino for managing each evening, Barbara DeMarco & the Service and Outreach Team for organizing the snacks, and Sue Joslyn for organizing & cleaning the costumes. The Men of Hope have stepped up to set-up and take down the crèche. Thank you to Tommy Tameling for your years of service in that role.

Also, thanks also to all who volunteered to brave the cold and stand out there for 1 ½ hours each night! Your presence truly reflected the message of Christmas. We especially want to thank the Moore family for providing the sheep each year and the blessing they are to the Live Nativity. Brenda is stepping down from the leading the Live Nativity, if you are interested in helping, please contact Shannon Janosko at [sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org).



***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. Have a wonderful 2015! Thank You!***

*Thank You*



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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.*

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