

Mission Moments



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ABOUT THE COVER...

Congrats to Pastor Lew Upchurch who completed his final class at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. It has been a wonderful journey, and the people of Hope are thankful to God for calling this special servant to be a pastor!

Thanks to Lynne Beaman for taking the photo and to all the volunteers who made the special smoothies for the toast.

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



The Season of Lent at Hope

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

February 17 from 5:30-7:00PM

The Men of Hope are sponsoring the 9th annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake and Sausage Dinner. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the homemade buttermilk pancakes, sausage, fruit, and drinks. Plenty of great food at a good price. All proceeds benefit the Men of Hope's various projects at the church.

Tickets:

- Adults and youth 11+ are \$6 (\$7 at door);
- Children ages 5-10 are \$3.50 (\$4 at door);
- Children under 5 are free. There is a family max cost is \$22.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesdays February 18 - March 25 at 7:00PM

What season invites us to repentant reflecting, to changing of the patterns of our lives, to a new dimension of devotion? That season is Lent, the period of preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

You're invited to Hope each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00PM to begin a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection, when our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.



WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNER

Beginning February 25 - March 25 from 5:30PM-6:30PM

The Men of Hope will provide soup and salad dinners prior to each midweek Lenten Service, starting February 25. Please RSVP in the Narthex or online at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "About Us - Lent & Easter Season." A free-will donation will be received. Proceeds benefit Men of Hope service projects.



Pastor Puls' Reflection...Who Do You Know?

You're no doubt familiar with that old saying, "It's not *what* you know. It's *who* you know." That saying is true in many parts of our lives. I want to say, loud and clear, that it's true here at church, too.

Who do you know? First, do you know Jesus? This is a wonderful place to come to know your Savior better, to get connected with his Spirit, to find out more about his teachings, to learn what it means to actually walk with Jesus as a disciple. Whether you're a long-time member of this church, or a newcomer who's just reading this newsletter, it's a matter of eternal importance that **you** know Jesus!

Who do you know? Second, do you know people who need the Lord in their life? There are many people in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools -- and even our families -- who aren't familiar with what Jesus has done for them. Do you know anybody who isn't aware that God sent his Son to die on a cross to pay for their sins, and that he's calling them to be saved by faith, too? Maybe you know someone who's struggled to find a church that's willing to meet them where they're at. Perhaps you know a person that God has been trying to reach -- and you could be the one that God could use to connect with that person whom **you** know! Our church is a great place for seekers and newcomers to the faith. We have many ways to help your friends, family members, and neighbors get connected to the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, let me ask you again. **Who** do you know?

Peace to you in Christ,



Pastor Wayne Puls

HOPE STRONG 2014 MINISTRY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

Every single member of Hope Lutheran Church is invited to participate in our **Hope STRONG** campaign this year. We want our congregation's ministries, community outreach, discipleship growth, fellowship, and families to be stronger, so that we can reach more people for Christ in 2015! Church members received a packet of materials recently, and copies are available at the Narthex Welcome Center. A joyful word of thanks to all those who have already made pledges and gifts for the 2015 year! Thanks for supporting the work of the Lord here in our church!



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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

January 7 - February 11, 2015

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 (7-8 Grade)

6:30-7:45: Adult Handbell Choir

7:45 – 9:15: Senior Choir

HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

4TH ANNUAL CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

March 21, 2015 from
6:30-8:00PM

**Calling all Bakers &
Cupcake Enthusiasts!**

Do you have an "out of the world" cupcake recipe? Enter your cupcakes to win prizes at www.hopelutheranwf.org. Entry fee is \$5 per recipe.

Not a baker? Come and enjoy sampling Hope's finest cupcakes on March 21! Admission is \$5 per person with a \$20 family maximum.

The proceeds will benefit the Middle School Mission Team attending the servant event this summer.



STAY CONNECTED

In addition to this newsletter, read through and take home the weekly bulletins, 'like' us on Facebook or visit Hope online at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

Still have questions?
Call 919-554-8109!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you are interested in learning more about Hope, or becoming a member, you are invited to "Connecting to Hope" classes. Starting March 1, this 8 week class will be offered Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM. There is no need to register, just come to the first class. Questions? Contact Amy Elder at aelder@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

SUPERBOWL CHILI SALE

January 31/February 1 before and after services; \$7 per quart

The Men of Hope are back again with their famous Chili Sale. The group will be selling four types of chili: a mild beef, a hot beef, vegetable chili, and white chicken. The Men of Hope prepare and cook the chili Saturday morning; using the freshest ingredients, yielding a hearty and healthy meal. Please plan to buy a couple of quarts, and have something great for your Super Bowl viewing (or freeze for a later meal). All proceeds goes towards the Men of Hope's mission for church and community service.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CARE MANAGEMENT THROUGH LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS

Care management services are increasingly important in helping seniors find the support they need to age in place or remain at home. Funding to offset the cost of professional geriatric care management services is now available.

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) has allocated \$4,300 in grant funds that have been designated to help seniors living in the counties of Wake, Durham, Johnston, Orange, and Harnett. Care management services are offered for an hourly rate to those 60 and older, and scholarship money is available on a sliding scale basis.

For information about care management services, or to determine if you are eligible for a scholarship to assist with the cost of services, call Barbara Garwood at 704-603-1686 or email her at bgarwood@LSCarolinas.net.

SERVANT CONNECTIONS

As always, thank you to all weekend volunteers at Hope! Thank you for taking the time to serve, your servant's heart allows services to run smoothly from altar care to greeters to communion to counting collections afterwards. Did You Know? Servant Schedules are located in the Narthex and updated daily online! To see the schedule, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org and select "Get Involved - Servant Schedule."

Volunteers Needed! Our congregation is growing, so is our need for volunteers! Biggest Saturday needs include Altar Care, Communion Servers, and Ushers. On Sunday, Altar Care, Communion Servers, and coffee host are needed the most. You're invited to prayerfully consider volunteering in one of these or the many other areas here at Hope. To get started, contact Carlin O'Brien at cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109 with questions or to sign up.

NIGHT *to Shine*

SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**
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February 13, 2015

Hope has been selected as one of 50 host sites for the upcoming nationwide Night to Shine prom for people with special needs, ages 16 through 65 years old. Registration is open for guests & caregivers, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org today.

A NIGHT TO SHINE VOLUNTEER UPDATE

February 13 from 6:00-9:00PM

This event is also an opportunity for Hope to shine, as we gather over 125 volunteers together to host a wonderful night for friends in our community with special needs! Just a reminder, training sessions are February 8 at 9:45AM or February 11 at 6:30PM in the Youth Center.

What To Wear? Volunteers that will be a host may wear "church clothes" or formal wear. Volunteers who will be serving food or other activities are asked to wear black bottoms and a white shirt.

Project Night will be February 11 from 4:00PM - 8:00PM. Come whenever, and for as long as you can.

Decorating will be February 12 from 1:00PM - 9:00PM. Again, please come whenever you are able. Thanks!



LIVING BEYOND OURSELVES
CARRYING THE LIGHT TO THOSE IN NEED

MATTHEW 5:14-16A

Outreach & Mission Awareness

Before and after services on January 31-February 1 and February 7-8, stop by the display to see how you can “carry the light to those in need” with the many outreach and mission ministries available at Hope.

OUTREACH & MISSION EVENTS

Mission Ministry



Provides opportunities for the people of Hope to share the love of Christ with those in our state, country, and world.

DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP / SANDY RELIEF IN CRISFIELD, MD

Information Session: February 8 immediately following 11AM service

Trip Date: April 19-24, 2015 - Dates flexible!

Hope's Mission Team is coordinating its third trip to help rebuild homes that were condemned by Hurricane Sandy. Many families within the economically poor but Christ-rich, seaside community of Crisfield, MD are still living in temporary shelter. Come join us in showing the love of Christ to those who need to know people still care about their situation. Please contact Guy Hays at guymhays@gmail.com with any questions.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

Information Session: February 8 immediately following 11AM service

Trip Date: September 5-12, 2015

Assist in serving the poorest of the poor in Guatemala with the established ministry, Groundwork Guatemala. Contact Mark Slaybaugh at mshay3@aol.com with any questions.

HABITAT MISSION TRIP

Information Session: March 29 immediately following 11AM service

Trip Date: May 5-9, 2015

Assist Habitat for Humanity of Mitchell/Yancy Counties (Located in the mountains of NC) in the construction of new homes for those in need. No construction experience required, guidance and support will be readily provided. Be prepared to; put in a good days work, share in the success of completing the daily goals, and experience the Christian fellowship of other Hope members.

Contact Bonnie Petersilge at bpetersilge@aol.com or Don Yakopcic at donaldyakopcic@earthlink.net with any questions. Can't make the May Date, plan on October 13- 17 2015.

Service & Outreach Ministry



Hands-on help to people in need in the Wake Forest community.

HOPECHEST MINISTRY

Donation Weekend: February 14 & 15 before / after services

Sorting/Set Up: February 19 from 5:00PM until finished

Shop Date: February 21 from 9:00AM-Noon

HopeChest serves those in need in our local community and congregation by offering **free** clothing and housewares. Your donations go directly to people who need it most. People connected to local programs as well as Hope Lutheran families and friends are invited to shop. Volunteers are needed! Please see the sign up in the Narthex or contact Shannon Janosko at sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org or 554-8109.



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 February, the food collection is pasta, macaroni & cheese, and mashed potatoes.** Please support Tri-Area by placing your nonperishable donations in the donation bin in Café.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

FUNDRAISING MEETING

February 15 from
7:00-8:00PM

All parents are encouraged to attend to hear the policies and opportunities for fund raising at Hope.

4TH ANNUAL CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

March 21, 2015

Calling all bakers! Sign up to enter your cupcakes! See page 4 of the newsletter for details.

PINESTRAW SALES

2/28-3/1 & 3/7-8 (orders)

March 21 (delivery)

Preparing your outdoor beds for spring is the best way to keep garden gnomes from setting up in your vegetable patch. Stave off the invasions by purchasing pine straw from the youth.

Proceeds help the High School and Middle School youth attending summer servant events.

YOUTH YARD SALE

Consider saving your unwanted "treasures" to donate to the Youth Yard Sale on April 18, 2015.

Youth Ministry



Ministry for youth in grades 5-12
and college age!

Krista Young, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry
kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org

CONFIRMATION PRAYER BREAKFAST

February 7, 2015 from 9:30-11:30AM; \$5 per person

All Confirmation students and a guest are invited to a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The morning includes breakfast and activities/conversation that revolve around prayer and faith. Students, please invite your prayer partner (a friend, relative, neighbor, coach, teacher, youth leader). To register, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org, and select 'Get Connected - Youth.'

LENT CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Parents & Confirmands, please note that classes change format during Lent. We will meet in the large group from 6:30-7:00PM, and attend Lenten worship from 7:00-7:45PM. Families are asked to join students for worship.

6TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

March 6-8, 2015; Cost is \$130/person

6th Grade Confirmation students will spend a weekend at Camp Agape experiencing fun ways to grow in faith and friendship while they prepare for their Confirmation day. The cost is \$130 per person and can be paid in payments through March. Please make payments to Hope, earmarked "Confirmation Retreat" in the memo line. Checks may be placed in Krista Young's mailbox in the church office. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, and select 'Get Connected - Youth.'

9-12 GRADE WINTER SKI RETREAT

February 20-22, 2015 at Winterplace, WV (4 hours away)

Come skiing with Hope! The cost will vary depending on rental equipment needed, but will range from \$120-\$130 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. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, and select 'Get Connected - Youth.'

CHARLOTTE YOUTH QUAKE - FOR 7 & 8 GRADES

April 10-12, 2015 at Crowne Plaza, Charlotte NC

This is a transformational weekend retreat where lives will be renewed and faith will become real! Register before **February 8** for the "early bird" discount of \$145 per person. After that, the price is \$175 plus food and transportation. Register online at www.hopelutheranwf.org and put a \$100 deposit in Krista Young's mailbox in the church office (earmark Youth Quake). High School students are welcome to attend as "Junior Guides" If interested, please speak to Krista about the selection process.

**STARTS
FEBRUARY 8!**

Grades 9-12 YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHTS

Every Sunday Night, students gather for games, a time of worship, munchies, & laughs!

SMALL GROUP SUNDAYS...some weeks will include small groups. Not in a group...don't worry, there is something for everyone!

GET OUT SUNDAYS...some weeks will include amazing events from paintball to Zombie Nerf games.

WINTER JAM 2015

March 13; doors open at 6:00PM; \$10 person

Winter Jam is an incredible evening of live concerts by the top artists in Christian music, plus worship and ministry. The 2015 tour includes: Skillet, Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, Building 429, Family Force 5, New Song, For King & Country, Blanca, About A Mile, & Veridia. Youth will meet at Hope and carpool to the PNC Arena.

To register, go to www.hopelutheranwf.org and select "Get Involved - Youth." Parent drivers are needed.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS, 4TH ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

Treat your daughter like a princess for a night of royal fun!!

Your Royale Presence is Requested at

4th Annual Father/Daughter Dance "A Knight's Ball"

February 28, 2015
7:00-10:00PM
\$20.00 per couple
\$25.00 family max

At Hope Lutheran Church
Open to Fathers/Daughters of all ages

For tickets email
ahg4673@gmail.com

Children's Ministry

Ministry for children from birth through 4th grade.

For children from birth through 4th grade
Beth Agner, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry
bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

KID'S CONNECT MOVIE DAY - LEGO MOVIE

February 8 from 2:00-4:00PM

Everything is awesome...when you are part of the Kid's Connect Team! All Kids ages 3 through Kindergarten are invited to watch the Lego Movie and bring your Legos to build with your friends. A light snack is provided, the whole family is invited. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved - Children." Questions? Contact Crystal Dickens at crystaldickens@gmail.com or Renee Mercadante at renainaie@yahoo.com.

FLASH MOVIE DAY - DOLPHIN TALE 2

February 22 from 12:30-3:00PM; Cost \$3/child

Come see a movie and have lunch with all your friends at FLASH (3 & 4 graders). The movie will be Dolphin Tale 2 and pizza/themed snacks/drinks will be served. The cost is \$3 per child, friends are welcome!! Questions? Contact Carlin O'Brien at cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

KINGDOM KIDS - BROWN BAG MINISTRY

February 7 from 11:00 - 1:00PM

All 1 & 2 graders and their parents are invited to participate in Brown Bag Ministry in February! You will see God working through each of you by feeding those in need, both nutritionally and spiritually. As a group (with a Brown Bag Leader), we will have the opportunity to gather food items; assemble the sandwiches; fill the bags; and distribute all 225 of the lunches to children and their families in Wake Forest. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved - Children." Questions? Contact Billie Kay Roland at broland@hopelutheranwf.org or Erin Ames at erinssu@yahoo.com.



Monday – Friday; 8:00AM-5:00PM

Early Drop-Off; 7:30AM-8:00PM

\$175/full week, \$37/single day, \$20/half days

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

Register online for full day, single day or 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.

**Please check us out on Facebook for current up-to-date themes and additional information!*

PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

Preschool Ministry

Ministry for children ages 2 through pre-kindergarten.

Regina Fisher, Preschool Director ~ rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org
919-453-0388

REGISTER NOW!



Hope Lutheran Preschool
All Aboard ~ Follow Jesus!

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2015-16

Registration began on January 20 and is still in progress. We have spots open in several classes. Call the Preschool office for current availability at 919-453-0388. Please note, there are no tuition increases for the 2015-16 school year.

DOUGHNUTS FOR DADS

will be held on February 25-27. Dads are encouraged to come spend time with their children in the classroom and enjoy doughnuts. Make your child's day by participating in this special event for Preschool Dads!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

is March 9-13. The children will enjoy special activities each day during the week as they grow and learn about Jesus. Our theme this year is "Sharing God's Love through Colors."

SUMMER EXPRESSIONS

Registration for Summer Expressions begins on February 27. Registration information and forms will be available by February 9 at the preschool. Children will enjoy fun-filled activities May 26 through August 7. Half Day and Full Day options are available.



PARENT'S MORNING OUT PROGRAM - LITTLE BLESSINGS

offers a safe, loving, learning environment where kids can play and interact with children. They will have snack time, circle time, art, and learn age appropriate social skills.

Space is limited, so contact Erin Ames at erinssu@yahoo.com or 240-210-4156 if interested.



Join us for some fun in February at Xplore track out camp! Some of our new themes are:

Let it Snow! (2/16-2/20)

Create your own Snow Globes, Marshmallow Snowball Fight, Glitter Snowflake Window Clings, Frozen Fractals Soap, Snow Slime, Tasty "Snow" Snacks, Crystallized Snowflake Decorations and "FROZEN" on the Big Screen.

Xplore's Art Studio (2/23-2/27)

Science meets Art! Each day campers will be using a different art medium in a wacky cool way. Lots of take home projects!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!

Happy Birthday!

Norm Bell, 2/1
Josh Dickens, 2/1
Katie Gundry, 2/1
Addison Koehler, 2/1
Becky Malone, 2/1
Dylan Rathje, 2/1
Trevor Rathje, 2/1
Rainer Schandert, 2/1
Katie Foster, 2/2
Travis Nugent, 2/2
Rick Pierce, 2/2
Gina Sanchez, 2/2
Adam DeRose, 2/3
Preston Haller, 2/3
Lauren Janok, 2/3
Bailey Moss, 2/3
Sage Backstrom, 2/4
Melissa Clark, 2/4
Cooper Johnston, 2/4
Eric Mullen, 2/4
Courtney Murphy, 2/4
Joel Theiss, 2/4
Dawn Walters, 2/4
Zach Wilczynski, 2/4
Mike Zimmerman, 2/4
Sarah Zimmerman, 2/4
Nikki Helmers, 2/5
Ethan Newhouse, 2/5
Leah Phetteplace, 2/5
Yola Whittaker, 2/5
Ryan Wilcox, 2/5
Emmerson Faris, 2/6
Riley Hollembach, 2/6
Charlie Lilienthal, 2/6
Dan Seaman, 2/6
Kirk Sudheimer, 2/6
Jeanie Wrenn, 2/6
Abby Crawford, 2/7
Christine Moran, 2/7
Ryan Mrazek, 2/7
Bill McClain, 2/8
Nick Repak, 2/8
Michael Carlyle Jr., 2/9
Jacob Collinson, 2/9
Wiley Foil, 2/9
Hayden Miller, 2/9
Sandee Pates, 2/9
Tammie Piacenti, 2/9

Connie Sharpstene, 2/9
Sandra Christine, 2/10
Adam Corbett, 2/10
Elizabeth Gremmels, 2/10
Michele Hellmann, 2/10
Valerie Miceli, 2/10
Kathy Stroupe, 2/11
Marisa Vitrano, 2/11
Luke Zick, 2/11
Sandy Cochran, 2/12
Todd Koehler, 2/12
Hugh McAlear, 2/12
Ruth Neitzel, 2/12
Ryan Ames, 2/13
Kit Hemma, 2/13
Brian Mehm, 2/13
Ed Spinola, 2/13
David Zick, 2/13
Tyler Preston, 2/14
Sophie Ellis, 2/15
John Habuda, 2/15
David Huffine, 2/15
Joe Loughry, 2/15
Addison Faris, 2/16
Ashleigh Scheuerle, 2/16
Ann Siegel, 2/16
Contessa Williams, 2/16
Erin Klemp, 2/17
Hunter Rogers, 2/17
Scarlett Ellis, 2/18
Sarah Kim, 2/18
Janice Mortensen, 2/18
Matthew Peacock, 2/18
Greyson Allred, 2/19
Sozinho Ferraz, 2/19
Jenny Holt, 2/19
Emily Isaacson, 2/19
Daniel Leary, 2/19
Scott Phetteplace, 2/19
Don Wilhelm, 2/19
Beckett Allred, 2/20
Debbie Duke, 2/20
Ellen Richardson, 2/20
Barb Rittmueller, 2/20
Lois Nielsen, 2/21
Tom Parmelee, 2/21
Joe Valchar, 2/21
Lynda Watson, 2/21
Jasmine Allen, 2/22
Natalie Barth, 2/22
Gabiella Clark, 2/22
Cindy Dussault, 2/22

Barry Tracey, 2/22
Barbara Beltran, 2/23
Todd Hoelzle, 2/23
Stephanie Knudsen, 2/24
Keith McKenney, 2/24
Ben Braddock, 2/25
Harriet Clapper, 2/25
Charlotte Herbert, 2/25
Kenton McKeeman, 2/25
Al Vockerath, 2/25
Collin Gallagher, 2/26
Ann Hochstrasser, 2/26
Tori Langer, 2/26
Cynthia Walker, 2/26
Caroline Wilkerson, 2/26
Gordon Bergfors, 2/27
Kelsey Bergfors, 2/27
Mike Copeland, 2/27
Jill Ellison, 2/27
Suzanne Harris, 2/27
Linda Patschke, 2/27
Jonathan Tine, 2/27
Michalene Yoon, 2/27
Donna Agner, 2/28
Mark Foster, 2/28
Joyce Habuda, 2/28
Russell Hayes, 2/28
Bea Martin, 2/28
Carrie Mercer, 2/28
Simon Nugent, 2/28
Joey Sakowski, 2/28
Maddie Upchurch, 2/28
Ana Yost, 2/29

Happy Anniversary!

John & Shannon Janosko, 2/1
Chuck & Sue Joslyn, 2/1
Paula & Clifford Prehn, 2/8
Phil & Barb Rittmueller, 2/8
Mark & Lynne Dille, 2/15
Gale & Tom Perez, 2/15
Keith & Sandy Cochran, 2/18
Chad & Cheryl Casale Sr., 2/20
Rich & Beth Stitt, 2/21
David & Pat Kramer, 2/24
Eric & Debbie Swenson, 2/24
Bill & Darlene McKenney, 2/26
Erik & Chrissy Lindberg, 2/28
Britt & Amy Wester, 2/29

OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Prayers for the week of January 4, 2015

Praise and Thanksgiving for...the birth of Bentley Agner to proud parents, Beth & Josh Agner; good test results for Eric Hein; **Comfort for...**Paul Quarmby and family on the death of his wife, Amy; Shirley Holzschuh and family for the death of her cousin, Myra; **Strength and Healing for...**a friend with cancer; Hollie Wells, a young mother who suffered from a stroke over the weekend. Prayers for her and her family; Richard & Myra Emanuele who have both been sick; Claudia Van Hook for a successful surgery; Shirley Holzschuh's brother, Roger who is being moved to assisted living; All families affected by sickness and recent loss; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** those looking for employment; all those traveling during the holiday season; all of our fire, police, EMS & military in the effort to protect us.

Our Prayers for the week of January 11, 2015

Praise and Thanksgiving for...the birth of a son, Bentley Joseph Hugo Agner, to Josh and Beth Agner; **Comfort for...**family and friends of Tristan Blue and the Faulkner's at their untimely deaths. Submitted by David Huffine; Sandra Haack as she grieves the recent loss of her husband, Tom. Submitted by Jamie Pless; Kristina Baker's good friends, Anna Jane & TK, at the loss of their infant daughter, Mary Thomas; Richard Emmanuelle's sister, Vivien, at the death of her husband; **Strength and Healing for...**Brenda Duensing recovering from arm surgery; Billy Kellum, hospitalized in Wake Med with chest pains; Jenni Murphy's grandmother who is hospitalized with pneumonia; Richard Emmanuelle for recovery from heart issues; Myra Emmanuelle for recovery from hip surgery; Andy Hoh, recovering from cataract surgery; Katie Barrickman, a mother with young children, who has an aggressive form of breast cancer; Andy & Nancy Hoh's daughter, Patti, recovering from a severe respiratory illness; Tracie White's grandmother, Joyce Durst, currently hospitalized; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**Mary Emmanuelle, deployed to Africa, working with Ebola patients; all those traveling; a son and father to resolve issues; job opportunities for those in need.

Our Prayers for the week of January 18, 2015

Praise and Thanksgiving for...the baptism of Hannah Lynn & Nicholas Allan, children of Tim & Marcia Weidner; the baptism of Hunter Matthew, son of Nathan and Ashley Lindeman; the successful surgery and recovery for Andy Hoh; the birth of Lily Grace Wrenn, born to proud parents Matthew & Heather Wrenn; **Comfort for...** Rod Cavis and family after the loss of Rod's mother, Carol Cavis; the Boney family at the death of Brad's aunt, Pam; the family of Vincent Dorsey, mourning his loss. Submitted by Nikki Helmers; the DiMartino family at the loss of Dennis' 95 year-old aunt, Sadie Horwath; **Strength and Healing for...** the mother of Kelligrace Earle. Kelligrace's mother had a stroke; Charles Ollivier, husband of Sandi Ollivier and father of Cheryl Casale, recovering from major surgery; Andy & Nancy Hoh's daughter, Patti, hospitalized in ICU in Maine, with a severe lung infection; Joseph Hummel, recovering from a kidney stone; Darlene Branoff, family of Holly Bruck, for favorable test results; Bill, that his wound will heal and he will be able to walk again. Submitted by Sheila; Steve, Debra Frary's husband, home after being hospitalized with the flu; Lauren Lineberger following an auto accident; Valerie Wilson recovering from surgery; Marcene King diagnosed with stage 3 cancer; Joe Fordham, Teresa Jones' brother, as he continues cancer treatment; Jennifer for good test results and Dave for improved health. Submitted by Kari Ellwanger;

Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...a daughter's healthy pregnancy; Church members to search their hearts and talents to volunteer within the church; all college students returning to school; the Bargas family.

Our Prayers for the week of January 25, 2015

Praise and Thanksgiving for...the life of Ellen Koehler, sister of Ruth Neitzel, aunt of Lois Nielsen, who went to her heavenly home at the age of 99; Signe Marwede's granddaughter was in an auto accident but is ok; **Comfort for...**Virginia & Rodger Fulbright and Jennifer Bunn, as they grieve the loss of their mother/grandmother, Melba Pippin; Pam Schodt's neighbor whose husband died after an extended illness; the family of Paula Stapleton at her death; Rick Sparks, friend of Andy Barrett, at the loss of Rick's wife; **Strength and Healing for...**David VanHook's sister, Laura VanHook, recovering from ankle surgery; Patti, recovering from pneumonia & lung infection; Jordan Dolphin, cousin of the Saunookes, struggling with a recent diagnosis of Crohn's disease; John Martin, husband of Bea Martin; Debbie Lawler, friend of David & Khonesavann Huffman, stopping chemo treatments even though the cancer remains; Ben Evans, a 4 year old at Duke, recovering from brain surgery. Submitted by Kati Zick; the mother of Aaron Preston's friend, whose cancer has returned; Gale & Maryanne's father, John Johnson, dealing with medical complications; David Lineberger having quadruple bypass surgery this week. Submitted by Marlene and Pastor Lineberger; a recurrence of cancer for 2 friends; Abby Nugent, feeling sick on Sunday; Terry Esposito, friend of Mike Dennen, recovering from hip dislocation; the Deming's son, Frankie, undergoing treatments for cancer; a family at Hope struggling with work and health issues; Sally Harrison, sister of Charlie Melhinch, who has decided to stop treatment for stage 4 lung cancer; JP Schmahl, Mandy D'Ugo's coworker, who is undergoing surgery for an infection; a woman struggling with long term care decisions for her mom.; the mother of Jenny Case's friend, Aleida Miret, who is currently hospitalized; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**Bob, for good test results. Submitted by Ed Rathgeber; All those suffering from anxiety and depression; difficult decisions a family is trying to make; Cathy Palotta's friend, Brian, struggling with some issues; a week of safe travel for David Huffine.



Dear Members and Friends of Hope,
Thank you one and all that have sent expression of sympathy for the passing of my husband, James Whittaker.

Your cards, calls, and prayers mean a great deal to me. For those who provided refreshments after funeral service a special thank you. It was elegant and lovely. We have been lucky to be member of such a wonderful church.

Affectionately,
Yola Whittaker and families



Dear Hope Family,
My sincere thanks to all those who contribute to the Alms Fund. Because of your loving kindness, I was able to get my prescription meds for the past two months. Your loving kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. God's blessings to you!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 - 7:30PM

Continues through February 11

UNDERSTANDING THEIR WORLD

Alzheimer's, Dementia, Frontal Temporal Degeneration, OH MY! Come and learn the differences between these brain disorders, their effects on caregivers, and ways you might be able to help. This interactive class teaches different techniques to feel more comfortable around patients as well as how to best assist caregivers. Bring your questions, your experiences, and your compassion.

Leader: Ruth Lassiter

Location: Conference room 203 (by the staff offices)

TODAY'S HEADLINES AND YOUR FAITH

As followers of Jesus Christ, we can try to see the events of the world around us with theological eyes. When we read the newspaper, scan the news websites, watch TV news, or when we listen to the radio talk shows, we can make an effort to allow our faith and what we do know of God impact our own reactions, interpretations, and responses. Join the discussion based on current headlines and our faith.

Leaders: Pastor Puls & Pastor Lew

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300

Christian Education



Designed to instruct, feed and challenge an individual's heart, mind and soul.

SUNDAYS

Classes are held every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM. You are invited to participate in one, some, or all as you are able. Visitors are always welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Upchurch at lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org.

NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

Duration: Continues through February 22

Leader: Pastor Lew

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 301

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.

HOSEA

Duration: February 1 - 22

Leader: Pastor Wayne Puls

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 302

With chaos and anarchy prevailing in the final days of the divided kingdom of the North, God not only chose the prophet Hosea to communicate the apostasy to the covenant through the concept of marriage but chose him to be a part of the drama and actually act it out! Can his words from God in this situation still bring us comfort today? Join the discussion and find out.

ACT LIKE A MAN

Duration: Continues through February 22

Leader: Multiple Men from Hope

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300

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.

CROSS WORDS

Leader: Anne Hall

Course Description: Ladies, Grab your Bibles and join this women's Bible class where Jesus is the Word! Anne Hall will provide the "dictionary" and lead the discussion. This class is held in the Preschool building and is held year-round.

Small Group Events



Each group is unique and focuses on different aspects of Sharing, Studying, & Serving.

CARDS AT HOPE...JOIN IN THE FUN!

Bridge Group; February 9 at 1:00PM & February 23 at 10:00AM

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

Pinochle Group will meet February 2 & 16 at 1:00PM at Hope. Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or darmckenney@embarqmail.com if you plan to play on February 2 or Rose Spencer at rosespencer99@hotmail.com. All skill levels new players welcome!

PRIMETIMER GROUP - FOR ANYONE IN THE "PRIME" OF LIFE!

March 1 at 3:00PM; Everyone welcome!

You're invited to attend the Shakespeare comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," at the Raleigh Little Theatre. The cost is \$18/person and deadline for purchasing the tickets is Sunday, February 15, 2015. To reserve your spot, please contact Paul & Rene Hieter at 919-562-3775 or email phieter@nc.rr.com.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM - NEEDS YOU!

Team Meeting February 12 at 6:30PM; Conference Room 203

Looking for your place at Hope? Do you enjoy planning events? The Fellowship Team Small Group is looking for additional members to expand our mission to offer more congregational events & activities to our growing church. Historically, the Fellowship Team has hosted Easter Brunch and the Annual Church Picnic, but we know we can do more!

The Fellowship Team is a great opportunity to meet new people and work as a team to deliver quality events to our fellow members. Come to the next meeting or contact Nikki Helmers, helmersn@gmail.com or Kari Ellwanger, kari.l.ellwanger@gsk.com.

NOT A WALK THROUGH?

As a reminder, please do not walk through the Children's Center/Fellowship Hall during events. Signs will be posted at the doors redirecting to another route. While walking through is convenient (*especially during the chilly months*), it is disruptive to the group that is meeting. Examples of events include **Xplore Track Out Camp** (daily, 8:00AM-5:00PM), **Sunday School** (9:45-10:45AM), and **Wednesday Night Alive** (6:30-7:30PM). Thank you for your support!

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Congregational Assembly began with a brief welcome and opening prayer on January 25, 2015. The minutes from the previous Congregational Assembly on June, 2014 were approved.

The Congregational Assembly received the State of Church Report which outlined the 2014 blessings and challenges, worship attendance, and the next chapter for Hope. The Assembly also reviewed operating budgets and debt/financial challenges for 2015.

The Assembly closed with a prayer and singing of the Doxology.

A big thank you to Donna McElcar for your service as Financial Secretary these last few years. Also, welcome to Holly Bloomer for stepping up to serve as the new Financial Secretary.

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."



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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**
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 Steve Ebberts.....**Facilities Manager**
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 Billie Kay Roland.....**Xplore Program Director**
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