

Mission *Moments*



March, 2015 | **Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church** | Wake Forest, NC



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday,
April 2, 7:00PM**
Service of Holy
Communion & Stripping
of the Altar

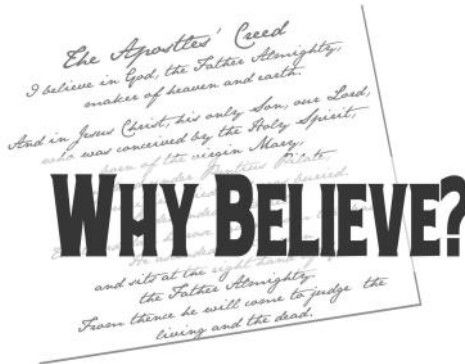
**Good Friday,
April 3, 7:30PM**
Tenebrae Service of
Darkness

**Easter Vigil
April 4, 7:30PM**
Easter Vigil Service

**Sunrise Easter
Sunday Service
April 5, 6:30AM**

**Easter Sunday, April 5,
8:00AM, 9:30AM &
11:00AM**
Festival Services of Holy
Communion
(No Sunday School
or Bible Classes)

LENT 2015 SERMON SERIES – WHY BELIEVE?



The well-known words of the Apostles' Creed summarize what *is* means to be a Christian believer. But **why** do you believe what you believe? What does the Bible actually say about the time-honored articles of faith that we talk about week after week in the Creed? During the season of Lent, we'll try to get behind the ultra-familiar words of the Apostles' Creed, and examine the very roots and foundations of the Christian faith we live by each day.

Join us for this informative and challenging series on:

- Wednesday Midweek Lent Services at 7:00PM;
- Saturday Lent Services at 5:30PM; &
- Sunday Lent Services at 8:30 & 11:00AM.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNERS

Wednesdays in March from 5:45PM-6:45PM

The Men of Hope will provide soup and sandwich suppers prior to each midweek Lenten Service in March. A free-will donation will be received. Proceeds benefit Men of Hope service projects.

The menu includes:

- March 4 - "The Centurion" - Sausage, Peppers, and Onions make this a "soldier of a sandwich!" Served with Pasta Fagioli Soup. *
- March 11 - "The Simon Peter" - Turkey, Bacon, and Tomato make this a sandwich "you won't deny!" Served with Italian Wedding Soup. *
- March 18 - "The Barabbas" - It's a "villain" of a Ham and Cheese Sandwich! Served with fresh Vegetable Soup. *
- March 25 - The Men of Hope are hosting the 9th annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake and Sausage Dinner. Bring your family to enjoy 4 types of homemade pancakes (buttermilk, chocolate chip, blueberry, or gluten-free), sausage, fruit, and drinks. 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. Bring your tickets that were purchased in February!

**Each night there will be an alternate soup available as well as plain grilled cheese.*

CHILDREN'S EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

April 4 from 10:30-11:30AM

Join Hope Lutheran Church's Children's Ministry as we celebrate Easter with our annual Egg Hunt. Please be sure to bring 1 dozen pre-filled eggs per child who will be participating. All are welcome so invite friends!

EASTER MORNING RECEPTION...YOU'RE INVITED!

The Fellowship Team will be hosting an **Easter Morning Reception** after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready to serve brunch type goodies - baked goods, pastries, bagels, fruit, muffins, coffee cake, (and lunch items after the 11:00AM service) and come join in the fun!

PASTOR PULS' REFLECTION...KEEP GROWING

As a youngster growing up in a Lutheran congregation, I spent most of my Wednesday nights at church. In all honesty, I'd probably rather have been outside playing basketball. Looking back, though, I am deeply grateful for the foundational Christian learning that took place in my life in those years. I've never really learned to be a good basketball player, but I did learn a lot about the basics of the Christian faith.

I learned to listen to the voice of God, as I read my Bible. I learned to recognize the power of the Spirit, at work in the Sacraments of the church. I learned to not only recite the articles of faith that make up the basis of our Lutheran belief system, but to think them through and to appreciate them. I learned that being a Christian is not so much about gaining head knowledge, but more about holding the Bible's sacred truths in my heart and applying them in my day-to-day living. Those precious lessons learned are still serving me well, all these years later!

Throughout the month of March at Hope, we will be doing something similar during our worship services. We'll be taking some time to explore the foundational truths of our faith, as expressed in the Apostles' Creed. Our sermons at the weekend services, and on Wednesday nights, are answering the question, "Why Believe?" We'll be talking about the Biblical basis for why we believe what we believe. Instead of just saying the words over and over again, let's delve into the meaning they have for our hearts, and the application they have for our living.

Keep growing in your faith!



Pastor Wayne Puls

HOPE STRONG

"THANK YOU!" to all who are supporting the Lord's work at Hope Lutheran Church in 2015! Your active participation in the church's ministry is helping us to reach out, in a strong and loving way, to people in our community and beyond. Your regular offerings, campaign gifts, and other donations are helping us to keep Hope's ministry strong. By God's grace, the people of Hope are working together to help make **Hope STRONG!**

Stronger Faith

Stronger Outreach

Stronger Families

Stronger Community Impact

Stronger Participation

Stronger Fellowship

Stronger Ministry Programs



CONTACT

INFORMATION

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www.hopelutheranwf.org

WEEKEND

WORSHIP

SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM

Sunday 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

April 15 - May 6

5:30 – 6:15: Dinner

5:30 – 6:00: Beg. Handbell Choir

5:30 - 6:30: Youth Praise Team

6:00 – 6:30: Youth Handbells

6:30-7:45: Adult Handbell Choir

6:30 – 7:30: Children, Youth,
and Adult Education

7:45 – 9:00: Senior Choir

>>> Stronger Participation

HOPE LUTHERAN YOUTH PINE STRAW SALES

\$5 per bale
March 1 & 8 (orders)
March 21 (delivery)

Hope Youth serve others in many ways. Our week-long **Servant Events** are life-changing as they help youth grow to be more Christ-like. To help offset the costs for families, we will be hosting a pine straw sale. We hope we can be a blessing to you!

Delivery Date:
March 21 (8am-5pm)
Pick Up Date At Hope:
March 21 (8am-2pm)

Delivery Fee of \$10 on orders less than 20 bales. 20 bales or more is free.

Questions? Alex Schandert
919-697-1493 or Chris Hoh
919-210-8621.

ABOUT THE COVER...

Did you know...Hope has a beautiful, tranquil Prayer Garden? To find it, exit the Sanctuary by the Praise Team set-up or follow the parking lot around the back of the building (along Rogers Road). Everyone is invited to come and sit on one of the benches, gaze at the cross, offer a prayer, or just escape from the stresses of the day.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

March 1 from 9:45 - 10:45AM

If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, the teachings of the Lutheran Church, and ways you can serve God and others out of faith and love, we encourage you to attend Hope's New Member Class. Whether you are a newcomer, frequent visitor, or interested in transferring membership from another Lutheran church, this class is the best way to learn more about the mission and vision of Hope as well as a wonderful opportunity to connect with others. There is no need to register, just come on March 1. Sunday school and Bible classes are available for children and youth of all ages are available during the class time.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON DIVORCE

March 28, 2015 at 10:00AM at Hope Lutheran Church

This event is for people who are contemplating divorce, in the process of getting a divorce, or have filed for divorce and feel overwhelmed by the process. The goal is to be a resource for people who are going through a separation or divorce by providing education, support, and guidance to help them move towards a brighter future.

The Guest Panel Includes:

- Valerie Hoy, CFP® - Financial Advisor with Edward Jones
- Julie Sams, MA, LPC - Licensed Professional Counselor and owner of Bowman Family Services who's practice focuses on children
- Kelly Ruta, MSW, LCSW - Licensed Professional Counselor and owner of Milestones Counseling
- Sydeny Batch, JD, MSW and Shannon Poore, JD - Divorce Attorneys and owners of Batch, Poore, & Williams
- Keith Pickens - Raleigh Police Department

The event is free and childcare will be provided. Please register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, in the upcoming events section on the homepage.

Small Group Events

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

CARDS AT HOPE

Bridge Group; March 9 at 1:00PM & March 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; March 2 & March 16 at 1:00PM at Hope

Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or darmckenney@embarqmail.com or Rose Spencer at rosespencer99@hotmail.com if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

PRIMETIMER EVENT

March 22, 2015 at 1:00PM at WF Historical Museum; Free

You're invited to visit the WF Historical Museum at 414 N. Main Street in Wake Forest for a tour then lunch at Over the Fall Restaurant, 419 S. Brooks Street in Historic Wake Forest. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rosie Miller at rmcarte@msn.com or 919-280-7167.



New!



SMALL GROUPS

starting now

There's a place for you!



Sign up today in the Narthex or at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Connected - Small Groups."

There's Hope For Your Body - starting February 24

A small group centered on exercise (low-impact cardio) and devotions will help you get in shape physically and spiritually. This class meets Tuesdays & Thursdays, from 9:30-10:30AM, in the Youth Center. Contact Diane Copeland at mikecopeland@nc.rr.com or 919-554-0819 for information.

Stay-at-Home Parents and Kids - starting March 12

If you are a stay-at-home parent, you and your young children are invited to join this small group for fellowship, learning, projects, and fun. The group meets at Hope at 12:30PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Contact Lauren Habers at lhhabers@gmail.com or 919-866-2382 or Jen Braddock at 252-567-9637 or jenn.braddock@gmail.com for information.

2 Wheels To The Son - starting March 21

If you're a motorcycle enthusiast, you're welcome to join a small group that will take a monthly ride together. The group meets in Hope's parking lot at 8:00AM on the third Saturday of each month and returns by 2:00PM. Contact Mike Siderio at 919-874-7491 for information.

Hope to MTB - starting March 23

If you're a mountain biker and want to ride with a small group from Hope, you're invited to join Steve Ebberts and Pastor Lew for a weekly ride on the local trails. The group will meet in Hope's Parking lot at 4:00PM each Tuesday afternoon. Contact Steve Ebberts at sebberts@rocketmail.com for information.

The Men's Bible Breakfast Club (MBBC) - starting March 27

The MBBC is for men with busy lives who want to grow in their faith. The group will focus on Bible study related to marriage, fatherhood, business, and work. The group meets at the Main Street Grill in Wake Forest at 6:30AM on the last Friday of each month. Contact Tony Piacenti at tony.piacenti@galderma.com or 919-593-1934 for information.



All Small Groups welcome members and visitors of Hope!

Sunday Christian Education



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

Please note that all classes are different lengths, from 4 to 12 weeks. You are invited to participate in one, some, or all as you are able. Questions? Contact Pastor Upchurch at lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Class Date: March 1-April 26 (8 Weeks)

Leaders: Pastor Wayne Puls & Pastor Lew Upchurch

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 301

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JUSTIFICATION: FAITH OR WORKS? A STUDY OF GALATIANS AND JAMES

Class Date: March 1-22 (4 Weeks)

Leaders: Peter Muller

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 302

An exploration of two New Testament books sometimes seen to be at odds with each other but are they really? Join the discussion and find out.

MULTI-CAREERING: DO WORK THAT MATTERS AT EVERY STAGE OF YOUR JOURNEY

Class Date: March 1 & 8 (2 Weeks)

Leaders: Sandy Stokes

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300

Gone are the days when one stayed in the same job or even in the same field for many years at the time. It seems there is a new "norm" of having multiple careers. But is this new trend of "multi-careering" a good thing? Whatever stage of working life you are in, come and find out how the 'new normal' of multiple careers may actually be what we need to free us to go where God calls us to go and to do what he calls us to do.

THE HYPERLINKED LIFE

Class Date: March 15 & 22 (2 Weeks)

Leaders: Melanie and Rich Scheuerle

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300

We are more informed and connected than ever. But we're also more distracted than ever due to "information overload." We must consider how the frenzy of this information-drenched lifestyle aligns with God's vision for our Christian lives. Is it good? Is it bad? Can it be both? Join the discussion.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

Class Date: March 29, One Session Only

Leaders: Rev. Dr. Bill Seaman

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries-old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man. Many believe that man is Jesus of Nazareth. Could this really be the cloth that wrapped his crucified body, or is it simply a forgery? With advances in modern science, we know more about the shroud than ever before yet there is still controversy. Join this one-session class looking at one of the great artifacts in human history.



4th Annual Cupcake Challenge

March 21, 2015 • 6:30-8:00pm

Hope Lutheran Church

Do you make the BEST cupcakes EVER?
Enter today at www.hopelutheranwf.org

Bring the kids to enjoy some of best cupcakes around.
Admission is \$5/person with a \$15/family maximum.



Dream It • Bake It • Taste It

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - CARRYING THE LIGHT TO THOSE IN NEED

"You are the light of the world...In the same way, let your light shine before others"
Matthew 5:14a, 16a

The 2015 Outreach and Mission Awareness weekends, January 31-February 8 showcased how the missionaries of Hope take the Gospel in words and deeds outside the church building.

There were balloons, special music, colorful and creative displays, invitations, and personal testimony of the ministries impact on communities near and far. There was also a chance to connect with people serving on these teams and find out how you can share your gifts and abilities in mission work in the surrounding area and afar.

Although the awareness weekend is over, it's not too late to get involved. Please pray how God can use your gifts and abilities to be a blessing to one of these ministries.

Please see all the opportunities for both local and out-of-area trips on the following pages, or visit www.hopelutheranwf.org to learn more.

Mission Ministry

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

HABITAT MISSION TRIP

Information Session: March 1 immediately following 11AM service
Trip Date: May 6-10, 2014

Assist Habitat for Humanity of Mitchell/Yancey County (in the mountains of NC) in building homes for those in need. No construction experience is required, but you will put in a full day's work! Contact Bonnie Petersilge at bpetersilg@aol.com or Don Yakopcic at donaldyakopcic@earthlink.net with any questions. Can't make it in May? Save the date for the October 7-11, 2014 trip!

DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP/SANDY RELIEF IN CRISFIELD, MD

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

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.



CHURCHNET FOUNDATION OF WAKE FOREST

Area churches, including Hope Lutheran, have banded together to create an organization that provides financial assistance with utility bills to those in need in the Wake Forest, Youngsville, and Rolesville areas.

The organization is in need of volunteers to help during office hours. To learn more, ask one of the Hope members who volunteer, Pam Jay, Bette Barrett, or Ellen Richardson or call the church office at 919-554-8109. A special thank you Gordy Kohler for spending many hours helping ChurchNet change over from a hard copy printed client database to a volunteer-friendly, real-time live database.

For more information on contributing to this worthwhile effort, visit <http://churchnetfoundation.net/>.

Service & Outreach Ministry

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

HOPE FRIENDS

March 19; 6:30PM in Conference Room 203

Are you looking to join a personal one-on-one community ministry? Hope Friends promotes Christ-centered caring and encouragement for those living in senior residential facilities. Volunteers provide a listening ear, a supportive presence, and friendship to individuals both inside and outside the congregation through regular visits in nursing homes and assisted living facilities or to shut-ins who are unable to attend church. If you have considered being a part of this ministry or have questions, please contact Lois Nielsen at relenielsen@gmail.com or 919-435-7492.

TRI-AREA MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

In March, the food collection is cereal and breakfast items (i.e., granola bars). Please support Tri-Area Food Pantry by placing your nonperishable donations in the donation bin in Café.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

March 14 at 8:00AM

As part of Hope Lutheran's commitment to serving the Wake Forest community, Hope has adopted Forestville Road, between Rogers Road and Burlington Mills Road. Meet at church and wear long pants and long sleeves. Vests, gloves and water will be provided. Youth 12 or older are invited. Contact Jeff Vukovich at jmvukovi@gmail.com or 919-556-9174.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN WAKE FOREST

Groundbreaking/Blessing Ceremony: March 8 at 3:00PM
at 321 E. Juniper St. , Wake Forest

Hope's Scheduled Work Days: Watch the bulletin and newsletters

Hope Lutheran is partnering with other churches in Wake Forest to form the Northern Wake Faith Coalition which will again sponsor a new construction Habitat home. Volunteers will be needed to help Mary Harris build her new home! Please watch the weekly bulletin announcements for registration information. Contact Shannon Janosko at sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org with any questions.

HABITAT BUILDING INDEPENDENCE PROJECT

Habitat's Construction team is developing the Lake Wheeler property with the preliminary goal of having it ready for a August/September first volunteer work date. The 3 Building Independence houses will be built over approximately 12 weeks on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. A Building Independence link will be established on the Volunteer Hub for online registration. We will need approximately 50 volunteers each work day for the first 6 weeks and approximately 30 volunteers each work day for the second 6 weeks. Watch for opportunities to volunteer on the Building Independence Project.

HOPECHEST THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting Hope's HopeChest outreach event! The people of Hope generously donated their gently used clothing and housewares to help families in need. Approximately 32 Hope volunteers assisted with sorting and helping shoppers despite weather issues, thank you!!

Although the weather provided challenges, the event had over 60 shoppers (shopping for 180+ family members), a local nursing home, & half-way house in Creedmoor, selecting clothing and housewares.

Additionally, the remaining shoes were donated to the Optimist Club, and remaining clothing was given to First Baptist Church of Raleigh, which serves 200 people per week!

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Bring your aluminum cans (not veggie or soup cans), foil, brass, and copper before and after services the last weekend each month.

Items collected fund the Brown Bag Ministry, which delivers 450 nutritious lunches each month for about \$1.50 each. Thank you to the Rays of Hope Small Group for helping Hope be green AND help feed local children!

FUNDRAISING

Please see changes to the Youth Ministry fundraising policy online at www.hopelutheranwf.org, select "Get Connected—Youth Fundraising"

NEW OPPORTUNITY!

March 15 at 9:45AM

Parents interested in working at events this summer (Red Hat Amphitheater, PNC, and Convention Center) to earn a percentage of sales profits are invited to an informational meeting in the Youth Center. If you cannot make this meeting time, please contact Krista Young.

ALL YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

Pine Straw

(see page 4 for details)

To participate, sell to your friends & neighbors or help sort & deliver pine straw on March 21.

A portion of your sales (and your time working on delivery day) will go directly to your account.

To get order forms, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org, select "Get Connected—Youth Fundraising" or contact Alex Schandert 919-697-1493 or Chris Hoh 919-210-8621.

Yard Sale: Clear your calendar for April 23, 24, and 25 for sorting, pricing and working at the Youth Yard Sale. This is an "All youth" fundraiser. A sign up will be available for shifts soon.

Youth Ministry



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

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES continue in the large group meeting upstairs from 6:30-7:00PM. At 7:00, students are encouraged to join their parents for Lenten worship. Please remember that each student is expected to do 1 Lenten Worship Summary during this time. Current memory work is the names of the books of the Bible (in order).

WINTER JAM 2015

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

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.

ALL youth are invited to attend (5-12 Grades) with family & friends! Sign up before March 11 to go with the Hope group. If you sign up later, we will meet you there! To register, go to www.hopelutheranwf.org and select "Get Involved - Youth." Parent drivers are needed.

CUPCAKE CHALLENGE - MARCH 21

Hosted by the youth attending the Middle School Mission Team trip this summer. Support them by baking cupcakes and entering the challenge for awesome prizes, or showing up to sample all the wonderful creations. See page 7 for details.

HIGH SCHOOL – SUNDAY NIGHTS

Sunday Nights from 6:00-8:00PM

Come check out Hope on Sunday nights! Bring you friends and have some fun. We will be creating a music video to the Friends theme song... so bring props, and your imagination. Some dates to remember, March 1 & March 15 includes Small Group time. March 22 is Ultimate (Life-size) Hungry, Hungry Hippo Game.

NOTE FOR 7-8 GRADES

Don't forget there is no Wednesdays fun nights during March. We'll see you at the Midweek Lenten services at 7:00PM.

Preschool Ministry

Ministry for children ages 2 through pre-kindergarten.

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

There is limited space in the fall 2015-2016 preschool program. Please contact the preschool office for additional information and availability.

SUMMER EXPRESSIONS

Registration forms are now available in the Preschool foyer for Hope's half-day and full-day summer program for rising 2 year olds through rising Kindergarten. Summer Expressions will be held each week from May 26 through August 7. For questions, contact the preschool office at 919-453-0388.



Ministry for children ages birth through 4th grade.

Children's Ministry

Beth Agner, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry
bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

KINGDOM KIDS & FLASH BOWLING!

March 15 from 1:30-3:30PM; Cost is \$10/bowler

All Kingdom Kids (1 & 2 graders) and FLASH (3 & 4 graders) are invited to come bowling at Brooks Street Bowling Alley in Wake Forest! Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Please bring socks and \$10 for bowling, extra money will be needed for snacks/drinks. Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

PARENT'S MORNING OUT - LITTLE BLESSINGS

The program 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.

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VBS is July 6-10

Registration begins April 1!

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK March 9-13

Our greatest celebration centers on Jesus Christ – the number one reason for operating a Lutheran School. This year we will be “Sharing God’s Love through Colors.” Each day we will share a new color and a new lesson on Jesus and His love and sacrifice for us. We will have a special celebration in the Church Sanctuary each day. The children will also participate by wearing as much of the daily color as they can each day. Thank you for sharing your children with us and joining in the celebration this week!

XPLORE TRACK OUT
Daily from 8:00AM-5:00PM
Kindergarten - 5th grade
\$175/week* or \$37/day
Register online at www.hopelutheranwf.org

Traditional Calendar Spring Break is “NASA’s Glowtastic Adventure”
Come for: astronaut training, science experiments, florescent obstacle course and glowtastic crafts

Other themes:
~ Decoding Detectives ~
~ Magically Delicious ~
~ Eggstravaganza! (Easter) ~
~ Super Sized Xplore ~

*Discounts apply for Hope members, multiple siblings, etc. See the website for details.

Happy Birthday!

Lexi Alexander, 3/1
Rodger Fulbright, 3/1
Avery McCaskill, 3/1
Beverly Mecum, 3/1
Nick Reiss, 3/1
Jerry Repak, 3/1
Addie Ultis, 3/1
Justin Marr, 3/2
Chery Rousseau, 3/2
Jordan Bendl, 3/3
Clay Brockmann, 3/3
Mike Randall, 3/3
Elly Saunooke, 3/3
Riley Saunooke, 3/3
Dick Davis, 3/4
Emma Markusen, 3/4
Kyle Matala, 3/4
Diane McClain, 3/4
Doug Nelson-Dibble, 3/4
Caden O'Brien, 3/4
Paul Odland, 3/4
Paula Prehn, 3/4
Amy Ellis, 3/5
Steve Hall, 3/5
Alicia Harris, 3/5
Katie Lauther, 3/5
Peter Muller, 3/5
Dick Robken, 3/5
Elizabeth Sakowski, 3/5
Jackson Grenier, 3/6
Maryann Koziel, 3/6
Jenna Mahoney, 3/6
Simone Mahoney, 3/6
Hayden McCleary, 3/6
DeAnn Melhinch, 3/6
Sarah Reeves, 3/6
Dan Schaffer, 3/6
Charles George, 3/7
Matt Hitzeman, 3/7
Nicole Holmes, 3/7
Jim Lockhart, 3/7
Nicole McCleary, 3/7
Steve Mortensen, 3/7
Mike Corbett Jr., 3/8
Gayle Fritz, 3/8
Michaela Isaacson, 3/8
Camille Knudsen, 3/8
Kim Koehler, 3/8
Dennis Mecum, 3/8

Spencer Rogers, 3/8
Sidney Ross, 3/8
Brenda Berkland, 3/9
Kari Ellwanger, 3/9
AJ Lasater, 3/9
Tim Merrill, 3/9
Lynne Corbett, 3/10
Abby Gundry, 3/10
Sammy Hoh, 3/10
Jalyn Alexander, 3/11
Greg Elkins, 3/11
Friede Ham, 3/11
Lisa Harz, 3/11
Missy Kanuch, 3/11
Rachel Katz, 3/11
Bryce Miller, 3/11
Deborah Winiewicz, 3/11
Holly Bruck, 3/12
Eliza Eisenhardt, 3/12
Sharon Gregory, 3/12
Mateus Kaluseviko, 3/12
Grayson Loeffler, 3/12
Sarah Broders, 3/13
Jane Case, 3/13
Jackie Francisco, 3/13
Katelyn Gipner, 3/13
Diane Lynn, 3/13
Elissa Miller, 3/13
Rylyn West, 3/13
Steven Mercadante, 3/14
Meg Parmelee, 3/14
Ian White, 3/14
Jeff Horsley, 3/15
Mike Long, 3/15
Ed McCluskey, 3/15
Catherine Strom, 3/15
Lynroy Thomas, 3/15
Stephen Farlow, 3/16
Harry Hintz, 3/16
Stephanie Minton, 3/16
Vince D'Ugo, 3/17
Ryan Gipner, 3/17
Scott Peacock, 3/17
Rena Sujat, 3/17
Jeff Bruck, 3/18
Meredith Huffine, 3/18
Dylan Saunooke, 3/18
Britt Wester, 3/18
Megan Janok, 3/19
Michael McCleary, 3/19
Laren Nease, 3/19
Luke Peele, 3/19
Nancy Repak, 3/19
Brandon Stanley, 3/19
Robert Eisenhardt, 3/20

Diane Pribac, 3/20
Julia Smith, 3/20
Logan Coyne, 3/21
Shannon Lewis, 3/21
Brenda Mullen, 3/21
John Pearson, 3/21
Will Roland, 3/21
Kelly Slaybaugh, 3/21
Andy Brown, 3/22
Douglas Wilkinson, 3/22
Caroline Broughton, 3/23
Emily Crawford, 3/23
Mike Kaess, 3/23
Devon McCluskey, 3/23
Henry Odland, 3/23
Bryce Rummel, 3/23
Greg Torsone, 3/23
Chad Casale Sr., 3/24
Ariana Flanagan, 3/24
Joseph Gallo, 3/24
Connie Jones, 3/24
Irene Robinson, 3/24
Katherine Williams, 3/24
Amie Becton, 3/25
Dee Rasmussen, 3/25
Diane Bendl, 3/26
Karin Edwards, 3/26
Karen Henault, 3/26
Laura Hoffman, 3/26
Angela Johnston, 3/26
Dawson Langer, 3/26
Maureen Latz, 3/26
Amanda DeCilles, 3/27
Carol Hoy, 3/27
Eva Magan, 3/27
Eve Owens, 3/27
Robbie Warrene, 3/27
Arzanita Camba, 3/28
Olivia Gentry, 3/28
Quinn Hasty, 3/28
Brad Mercer, 3/28
Kristen Replogle, 3/28
Phil Rittmueller, 3/28
Debbie Swenson, 3/28
Rachel Turman, 3/28
Andrew Becton, 3/29
Evan Broders, 3/29
Laura Brown, 3/29
Chase Matala, 3/29
John Podszus, 3/29
Tracy Wegner, 3/29
Brad Boney, 3/30
Lynn Haller, 3/30
Diana Keane, 3/30
Keith Brown, 3/31

James Irgens, 3/31
Nicholas Trusch, 3/31
Bennett Wagner, 3/31

Happy Anniversary!

Jeff & Holly Bruck, 3/1
Jim & Cindy Marriott, 3/1
Tim & Bonnie Smith, 3/1
Steve & Karin Edwards, 3/2
Robert & Angela Eisenhardt,
3/2
Luke & Hilary Tew, 3/2
Michael & Nicole McCleary,
3/3
Barry & Donna Agner, 3/4
Bob & Jackie Francisco, 3/6
Brian & Stephanie Harris, 3/6
Lew & Lisa Upchurch III, 3/6
Kristin & Matt Grenier, 3/8
John & Karen Pearson, 3/8
Gordon & Lisa Harz, 3/9
Brian & Kelly Friend, 3/11
Bonita & Donald Comer, 3/15
Brett & Alicia Michel, 3/15
Valerie & David Miceli, 3/16
Donna & Frank Pierre, 3/18
Nicole & Larry Allen, 3/19
Bill & Diane McClain, 3/19
Ryan & Christine Ames, 3/20
Steven & Susan Woodard,
3/21
Joe & Lynne Beaman, 3/25
Steve & Janice Mortensen,
3/25
Larry & Marlene Lineberger,
3/28

February 4 Prayer Requests

Comfort for...Jim Barker and family at the death of Jim's uncle, James Hull; family and friends of Tom Dimmock, grieving his sudden death. Submitted by Kathy & Norm Bell; Cathy Morrell and her family as they grieve the loss of Cathy's sister; **Strength and Healing for...**Jim Odell, recovering from his second stroke. Submitted by Mark & Beth Ham; Cindy Slate hospitalized with lung infection. Submitted by Dean Beltz; Elaine Kruger, recovering from a heart procedure last week; Nancy Sakowski, recovering from surgery; Diana, sister of Linda Wellnitz, that she gets an earlier date for cancer surgery; Aleigha Koehler, great-granddaughter of Peggy & Gordon Koehler, hospitalized; a co-worker of Shawn Reploge, recently diagnosed with ALS; Shirley Herazo for successful hip surgery; a friend of Fran & Bill Najdecki, recovering from cancer; Debbie Gaynor's aunt, Judy Greer, starting chemo treatments this week; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**the Japanese prisoners of ISIS; a co-worker in a domestic violence situation.

February 8 Prayer Requests

Praise and Thanksgiving for...the baptism of Bentley Joseph Hugo Agner, son of Josh & Beth Agner; the baptism of Wyatt Daniel Murphy, son of Jason & Jennifer Murphy; the birth of beautiful Brinley Banks Allred, to Eric & Ashley Allred; the birth of Veronica Alletto's first great-grandson; birthdays and family! Submitted by the Murphy family; **Comfort for...** Dan Johnson and family at the death of Dan's father, Bob Johnson, yesterday at the age of 93; the family of Renny Wilkens, neighbor of the Janok family, who died; Appalachian State dealing with several student tragedies; Gloria Siaw and family, as they mourn and celebrate the life of her brother, Samuel Adjei-Ampofo; the family of Dr. Joe Isenhower. Submitted by Shelley Hitt; Jean Fehling, grandmother of Brian Gentry, as she nears the end of her earthly life; the family of Dean Collins who died last week. Submitted by Mary Klemp; a family dealing with miscarriage; Marlene Spencer and her mother, Teresa Byzewski, as they grieve the loss of Marlene's uncle, Anthony; **Strength and Healing for...**a friend's mother who has cancer; Hanna Caprell, hospitalized with complications due to Crohn's disease; Nancy Sakowski as she recovers from surgery; Chaplain Brian Weaver of the US Navy and his family as he battles a brain tumor; newborn baby Jesse. Submitted by Olivia Hitt; Jordan Williams, recovering after a basketball injury. Submitted by Aaron Preston; Bob, friend of Ed Rathgeber, and his battle against cancer; Rob Niesel's father, Bob, recently diagnosed with lung cancer; Cheryl Farlow's cousin, Lynn Mazak Smith and family, while enduring stage 4 cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**Lorrie & Eugene Bregoni, sister of Marilyn Marr, going through tough times; a friend during a time of spiritual challenges.

February 15 Prayer Requests

Comfort for...the Jarchow family due to the death of a family member; the family of Rennie Wilkens, neighbor of the Janok family, who died last week; Dan Johnson and family, at the death of Dan's father, Bob Johnson; **Strength and Healing for...**Joe Fordham, brother of Teresa Jones, losing his battle with cancer; Tonie Malone, mother of Chris Malone, as she undergoes chemotherapy; Mike and Patricia Sroka, friends of Bill & Norine Carter, who are challenged with health and financial issues; Linda Bishop, sister of Becky Malone, recently diagnosed with cancer; Military service personnel in need of medical

service; Kim Wilkerson dealing with health issues; Bev Mecum with a health scare; Mark Gilbreath, friend of Barry Bowling, battling cancer; Margret Hugelmaier, sister-in-law of Dale & Lori Hugelmaier, in critical condition; Lisa, the caregiver to ailing parents, and her parents; Bob Millard, friend of Marilyn Bremer, for continued healing; Dee Rasmussen's great-niece, Amanda McIntyre and her newborn son, born 8 weeks early; Dick & Trudy Rogers' daughter, Lisa, having surgery Monday; Sharon DiMartino's co-worker and his family, whose toddler is in ICU with pneumonia; a friend of Lynne Long, Bob, recovering from total hip replacement surgery; Mrs. Holland, mother of Sharon DiMartino's co-worker Denise Gonzalez, recovering from a heart procedure; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**A nephew and wife struggling in their marriage; Frank, struggling with drug addiction and his mother, Patsy, as she cares for him; Mission awareness will open hearts to serve; President Obama.

February 22 Prayer Requests

Praise and thanksgiving for... the continual healing for Brenda Duensing; **Comfort for...**family and friends of a college student who died suddenly this week; Jean & Walter Kasman and family, at the death of their son, Lee (Rob Varner's cousin); Clint Kyhl, good friend of Bill and Rosie Miller, at his passing from a brave fight with ALS; Rod Cavis, and family, at the death of Rod's father. Prayers are also needed for safe travel; **Strength and Healing for...** Lauren Zick, hospitalized at UNC; Paula & Clifford Prehn, at the recurrence of Clifford's cancer; Alan, recovering from a serious fall; Reggie Williams, recovering from pneumonia; Anne Taylor, sister-in-law of Leta & Gary Massey, who is in ICU; a husband diagnosed with cancer; Myla Lambert, continued prayers for success with a new chemo treatment; the granddaughter of Joyce Daniel, who has gone into early labor (at 6 months). Veronica Alletto, hospitalized at Rex with chest pains; Marilyn Marr's friend, Ted Freidley and his family, as he recovers from heart surgery and his faith is strengthened; Andy Hoh, recovering from cataract surgery; Sherri Hall, recovering from a procedure; Brenda Duensing's son, Erik, and friend, LJ, both waiting for test results; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**the Padgett family; good test results.



Dear Hope Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and email we have received concerning the loss of Virginia's mom.
Blessings,
Rodger & Virginia Fulbright

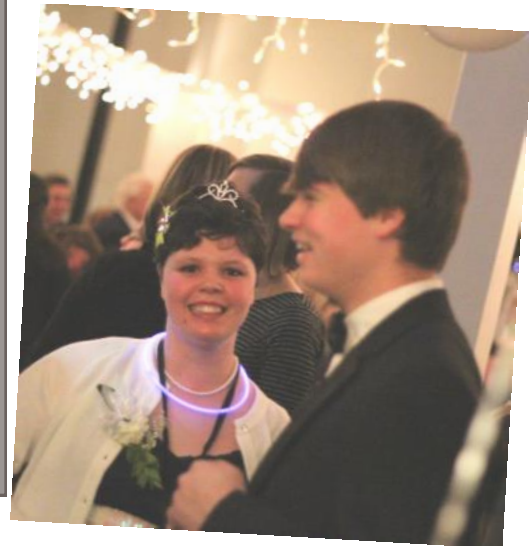
>> Stronger Community Impact

HUNDREDS ATTEND “NIGHT TO SHINE” PROM AT HOPE

Hope Lutheran Church hosted a “Night To Shine” prom for adults with special needs, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, on February 13, 2015 from 6:00-9:00PM. Hope was one part of a bigger picture as 45 simultaneous Night To Shine events, in 26 different states, as well as in Uganda and Kenya, hosted more than 7,000 people with special needs. Guests dressed up in tuxes and prom gowns for their prom experience. Thousands of volunteers signed up to make the events happen around the globe.

At Hope Lutheran Church, 60 guests and their caregivers were greeted by their very own host volunteer who escorted them through VIP treatment including professional hair, makeup, shoe shine, nails, and photography. Once the guest was ready, they participated in a crowning ceremony then walked the red carpet complete with a friendly paparazzi welcome. The guests spent the remainder of the evening dancing, playing games & activities, taking a limousine ride, and building friendships with their volunteer hosts.

Krista Young, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry, shares, “The event was full of energy, joy, and great dancing. Our volunteers were humbled by the excitement our guests brought, and the gratefulness their parents and caregivers shared with us. We wanted each participant to know they are loved by God and to feel his love through the VIP treatment they received. It has also been an honor to connect with the Tim Tebow Foundation, and see the outpouring of support from the community.”



THRIVENT FINANCIAL UPDATE

In 2014 The Capital NC Chapter of Thrivent Financial approved **ten** Fundraising or Hands-On Service projects totaling \$5400 for Hope Lutheran Church or its members. These projects ranged from the Golf tournament to supporting the Guatemala Mission Trip, to landscaping support for the church, or fundraisers for youth activities.

2015 is a transition year as Thrivent Financial is moving away from the Local Chapter Boards to approve projects to individual Action Teams that interface directly with Thrivent Financial. The money allocation that the Capital NC Chapter received for 2015 was significantly reduced for Care Abounds in Communities Hands-On and Fundraising Projects. Next year it will likely go to zero.

Various pilot studies in other Thrivent regions has shown that the Action Team concept to be very successful. Each Thrivent member can sponsor two Action Teams per year. Everything is handled on-line directly with Thrivent Financial. Once a Thrivent member identifies a need that they would like to address, either in their church or community and has formed a team to address the need, they can log in to the Thrivent website and identify what they want to do.

Thrivent will provide approval within a week and then send support materials to include a DEBIT card for \$250 as seed money to get the project underway. Projects have to be completed within 90 days. Thrivent members will need to have their Thrivent member number when applying for action team approval. More information on Action Teams can be found on-line at Thrivent/Action Teams. Thrivent members can apply right away during this transition year. Additional information can be obtained from Hope member, Hugh McAlear, 919-554-9081, who is presently on the Capital NC Chapter Board.

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 payable to Hope, earmarked "flowers."

Celebrating February Gifts & Givers

Weekly Services	Attendance	Offerings	Special Gifts
January 24-25, 2015	786 (178, 236, 372)	\$18,691.55	Alms Fund: \$50.00
Jan 21-February 1, 2015	729 (181, 218, 330)	\$27,076.92	Building Fund: \$2,062.60
February 7-8, 2015	796 (144, 254, 398)	\$22,806.62	Brown Bag Ministry: \$147.00
February 14-15, 2015	692 (168, 235, 289)	\$17,458.290	Thrivent Choice: \$875.00

* HopeStrong gifts are listed in the weekly bulletin



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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 Vockerath.....**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, Melissa Replogle, Natasha Hoyle, Leah Wishert & Kyrstin Draney**Xplore Staff**
 Erin Ames, Lauren Hugelmaier, Julie Gundry, Cynthia Leonard, Heleen Bloomer, Carly Turman, Angie Meyer, Melissa Replogle, & Kathy Dipillo**Nursery Attendants**
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