

# Mission Moments

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## THE SEASON OF LENT AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Wednesdays February 10-March 16 at 7:00PM*

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:34).

How is your walk in this newness of life going? We all need to take some time to contemplate how we would answer this question because all of us, at times, don't walk in the new life we have given, do we? Thankfully, the Church sets aside a time of preparation called the season of Lent. During this time of self-examination and repentance we reflect on what is holding us back from walking in the newness of life we have been given in Christ. During this time God also renews our faith and devotion to him and enables us to prepare with joy the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. You're invited to “walk with us” at Hope each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00PM as we share in this holy season of preparation.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

*February 9 from 5:30-7:00PM*

The Men of Hope are sponsoring the 10<sup>th</sup> annual “**All You Can Eat**” Pancake and Sausage Dinner. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the homemade buttermilk pancakes, sausage, fruit, and drinks. 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. Family max cost is \$22.

### DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **Palm Sunday:** March 20, 8:30 & 11:00AM services
- **Maundy Thursday:** March 24, 7:00PM service
- **Good Friday:** March 25, 7:30PM service
- **Easter Vigil:** March 26, 7:30PM service
- **Easter Sunday:** March 27, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN DINNERS

*Beginning February 10 from 5:30PM-6:30PM*

The Men of Hope will provide soup and salad dinners prior to each midweek Lenten Service, starting February 10.

- **February 10 The Pontius:** Grilled cheese, tomato, and bacon sandwich served with chicken noodle soup and salad.
- **February 17-The Centurion:** Sausage, peppers, and onion sandwich served with pasta faggioli soup & salad.
- **February 24-The Simon Peter:** Turkey, bacon, & tomato sandwich served with Italian wedding soup & salad.
- **March 2-The Barabbas:** Ham & Swiss cheese sandwich served with fresh vegetable soup & salad.
- **March 9-The Disciple:** Egg salad & bacon, or pimiento & bacon sandwich, served with beef barley soup & salad.
- **March 16 -The Psalm:** Meatball parmigiana sandwich served with chicken and rice soup & salad.

A free-will donation will be received. Proceeds benefit Men of Hope service projects.

# PASTOR PULS' MESSAGE...THANK YOU!



*To God, who provides us all with the blessings and gifts that enrich our daily lives.*

*To our Lord Jesus Christ, who offered his life on the cross to forgive our sins and open heaven's doors for us.*

*To the Holy Spirit, who unites us as a congregation and gives us the spiritual gifts we need to carry on Christ's mission in our community.*

A sincere word of thanks, also, to all the members and friends of Hope Lutheran Church who support the ministry here with gifts and offerings. Many of you have already turned in 2016 pledge cards, and made a faithful commitment to further support of the Lord's work. Other members of the church are encouraged to send in 2016 pledges, as well. Here's what your 2016 offerings will help us accomplish.

## MINISTRY GOALS FOR 2016

To help Hope's busy, active, productive ministry grow even stronger in 2016, our staff and leadership teams have set important ministry goals for the year.

- Welcome 1,750 newcomers to the Wake Forest area and to Hope, through targeted mailings.
- Share the Good News of Jesus with 1,100 kids and teens in Hope's Children's & Youth Ministry.
- Help 220 children come to know the Savior's love through Hope's Preschool.
- Reach 2,200 souls outside of Hope's walls with Christ's love, through local and long-distance missions and service ministries.
- Fund Hope's first-class ministry facilities, and reducing long-term debt by \$498,000.
- Develop staffing and resource plans for possible fourth weekly worship service at Hope.

**TOTAL GIVING GOAL FOR 2016: \$1,390,000**

## A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Loving Lord God, we offer you our gifts and tithes joyfully and with thanksgiving. Make 2016 a year of blessing for our church, and a year of fruitful ministry among your people in our community. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor Wayne Puls  
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919-554-8109

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## 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

Ends February 3  
5:30 – 6:15: Dinner  
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 – 9:15: Senior Choir



## SUPERBOWL CHILI SALE

February 6 & 7 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.

## HOPE'S NOTEWORTHY NEWS & EVENTS ...

### CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Congregational Assembly began with a brief welcome and opening prayer on January 31, 2016. The minutes from the previous Congregational Assembly on June, 2015 were approved. The Congregational Assembly received the State of Church Report which outlined the 2015 blessings and challenges, worship attendance, and the next chapter for Hope. The Assembly also reviewed operating budgets and debt/financial challenges for 2016.

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

### WEEKEND WORKSHOP FOR COUPLES

Looking for a meaningful Valentines gift? Join Shelly Hummel, licensed marriage therapist, on February 13-14 at the Doubletree Hilton Biltmore in Asheville, NC for "The Art & Science of Love." Thousands of couples have benefited from this research-based, 2-day workshop, where skills are learned through lectures, real-life examples, videos, and exercises. There is no public discourse - all work is done privately by the couple. For more information and to register go to [www.couplesworkshopsnc.com](http://www.couplesworkshopsnc.com). Enter code **HOPE** for a \$50.00 discount!

### HOPE YARD SALE!!

April 23, 2016

Cleaning out your closets? Consider donating your items to Hope's Yard Sale, sponsored by the Youth. Proceeds will benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. See page 7 of this newsletter for details.

### CARDS AT HOPE

**BRIDGE GROUP - February 8 & February 22, at 1:00PM**

If you plan to come, notify Betty McAlear at 919-554-9081 or [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com).

**PINOCHLE GROUP - February 1 & February 15 at 1:00PM**

Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or [darmckenney@embarqmail.com](mailto:darmckenney@embarqmail.com) or Peggy Koehler if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

### WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) and select "Get Involved - Servant Schedule."

Heartfelt  
**THANKS**  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

**Volunteers Needed!** Our

congregation is growing, so is our need for volunteers! **For Saturday services, we are in great need of altar care team members, communion servers and lay readers. On Sunday, Altar Care and Communion Servers 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](mailto:cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org) or 919-554-8109 with questions or to sign up.

# ADULT EDUCATION

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45am; Visitors welcome!

### “SOME TOUGH ONES”

**Dates:** February 7-28

**Leader:** Peter Muller

**Location:** Adult Education Floor, room 301

If you are like most readers of the Bible you have at times come across passages that are confusing and tough to comprehend. These “tough ones” can cause problems for Christians and non-Christians alike. What do they mean? Why are they recorded as they are? Join this in-depth exploration of some of those biblical accounts that are difficult to understand.

### BONHOEFFER

**Dates:** February 7-28

**Leader:** Rachel Sosebee

**Location:** Adult Education Floor, room 302

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a gifted teacher and a caring pastor. He was also a gifted writer whose words spoke to the faithful during World War II. In this 4 week video-based study, themes from Bonhoeffer’s major writings will be explored. Join us and see how his writings continue to inspire our lives and comfort us today as followers of Jesus Christ.

### BAPTISM DISCUSSION – ONE SESSION ONLY!!

**Dates:** February 21

**Leader:** Pastor Lew Upchurch

**Location:** Adult Education Floor, room 300

On February 21, Pastor Lew will be leading a one-session class on Baptism. This class is intended to help prepare and educate families that are anticipating a baptism for their children (or themselves) over the next few months. Please contact Pastor Lew [lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org) for more information.



**New Member Class**  
**Begins March 6 at 9:45AM**

To learn more about Hope, or become a member, attend “Connecting to Hope” classes. Starting March 6, 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.

# NIGHT *to Shine*

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**February 12, 2016**

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

## A NIGHT TO SHINE VOLUNTEER UPDATE

**February 12 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! Volunteers are still needed, register today!

**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.

**Training Nights:** Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30-7:30PM OR Sunday, February 7 at 9:45- 10:45AM

**Decorating Night:** Thursday, February 11 from 5:00PM - 9:00PM. Please come whenever you are able. Thanks!

## HABITAT NEWS!!

### New Home Build in February

Hope will participate in another Wake Forest local new home build at 322 Sprint Street in Wake Forest. The wall raising ceremony will be on Saturday, March 5 at 11:45AM. Watch for opportunities for members of Hope to volunteer as a group.

## 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.



**In Christ Alone**  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

# National Youth Gathering, 2016

**Every three years**, the high school youth of our church have the chance to participate in the National Youth Gathering of our church denomination, the LCMS. **Thirty-eight of Hope's youth will be attending** this wonderful event next summer! The National Youth Gathering is so much **more than a vacation**, it's a **chance to grow & stretch their faith perspectives** and **take a bold stand for their faith in Jesus Christ.**

## NYG is important because...



20,000-30,000 LCMS youth will **assemble in New Orleans**. They will be spiritually inspired on a massive scale.



**Nightly mass events** in the Superdome will feature high-tech multi-media presentations, powerful personal testimonies, incredible live music, joyful entertainment, and awesome worship encounters.



Youth **Study the Scriptures**, and apply God's timeless truths to their own immediate personal and cultural issues. They'll hear top-notch speakers on a wide variety of contemporary topics.



Hope's youth will be asked to put their faith into action, to test their assumptions, and to **explore new spiritual ground**. They'll pick and choose from a huge range of interest centers and seminar topics every day.

The LCMS National Youth Gathering pulls out all the stops, and provides a spectacular and memorable spiritual experience for our youth. We ask the members of Hope to pray for our youth, and to help support their participation in every possible way.

# Just For Men...

## Bowling

Men, you are invited to Brooks Street Bowl on Tuesday, February 9 from 7:00-9:00PM for a night of fellowship and of course, bowling!

Cost is only \$7, which includes shoes and two games. Fellowship begins at 7:00. Bowling begins at 7:30PM. Contact Mike Siderio at [msiderio@fmrealty.com](mailto:msiderio@fmrealty.com) for more information.



## Men's Retreat

The first-ever Men's Retreat will be March 18-20 at beautiful Camp Harrison near Hickory, NC.

The \$130 cost includes lodging, meals, great fellowship, spiritual growth, hiking, ropes course, basketball, and more. Optional activities (additional cost) include paintball, skeet shooting, and golf.



Contact Mike Owens at [mowe@novozymes.com](mailto:mowe@novozymes.com) or Rob Petersilge at [rpetersilg@aol.com](mailto:rpetersilg@aol.com) for additional details.



Sign up at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) today ~ don't miss out on the fun!



# CARE & SUPPORT @ HOPE

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Welcome to Hope's newest Stephen Ministers, Liz and Jerry Garlington. The Garlington's (pictured right) are new members and have already begun serving at Hope.

Additionally, Jerry, has recently returned from a Stephen Leader training in Orlando, Florida. Hope is blessed to have Jerry assume a leadership role within the ministry. He looks forward to growing the SM program and training a new class of Stephen Ministers this fall.



Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experience grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties.

## DIVORCECARE

**Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM**

DivorceCare is a caring support group for those who are separated or divorced. To register visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

## GRIEFSHARE

**Begins February 2 at 6:30PM**

GriefShare is a Christ-centered support group for those who are going through the grieving process. To register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

If you or someone close to you is coping with cancer, you are invited to connect with others facing similar challenges. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21 following the 11:00AM service on the Adult Education floor, room 300. Please contact Don Yakopcic at [donaldyakopcic@earthlink.net](mailto:donaldyakopcic@earthlink.net) if you have any questions.

# CELEBRATING GIFTS & GIVERS

Weekly Services	Attendance	Offerings	Special Gifts
January 2-3, 2016	681 (140, 251, 290)	\$21,690.25	<b>Building Fund:</b> \$4,867.00
January 9-10, 2016	760 (170, 235, 355)	\$20,275.15	<b>Brown Bag Ministry:</b> \$40.00
January 16-17, 2016	760 (152, 230, 378)	\$17,641.38	<b>Thrivent Choice:</b> \$5.00
January 23-24, 2016	187 (24, 62, 101)	\$10,954.00	<b>Alms Fund:</b> \$175.00
			<b>Tony Lineberger Memorial:</b> \$630.00

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

# YOUTH EVENTS

Youth ministry at Hope Lutheran focuses on friendships, faith, and service. See below for all the exciting events in October, remember, friends are always welcome!!

## 5-6 GRADE YOUTH

### TAKE AIM... LASER TAG WITH HOPE – February 5 from 6:30-8:00PM

Youth have been targeted for a night of laser tag, friends, and FUN at Hard Knocks in Raleigh. Cost is \$16/person. Bring extra \$\$ for snacks, water is provided. Friends welcome! Looking ahead... the March event will be a hike at Falls Lake on March 13 from 2:00-5:00PM.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT (YEAR 2 STUDENTS) – February 19-21

All students getting confirmed this May are invited to the Confirmation Retreat at Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina, NC. The cost of the trip is \$130/person. Register online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting “Get Involved, Youth, Confirmation.”

### CONFIRMATION continues in February! Wednesday Nights at 6:30PM

This month all classes continue studying the Ten Commandments. See the signs at church, or check Hope’s website, for specific meeting locations. Also, don’t forget about Sunday School, Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM.

## 7-8 GRADE YOUTH

### YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS through February 3

Meet at Hope for food, games, devotions, & discussion. Also, don’t forget about Sunday School, Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM.

### WINTER JAM, CHRISTIAN CONCERT – February 27

See below for details

### NIGHT VISION – March 4 from 6:30-8:00PM

Come to Hope for an evening event filled with night games and glow in the dark fun. Friends are welcome!

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

### LUNCH AT BOJANGLES – February 7 from 12:30-1:30PM

After church, grab some lunch at Bojangles in Rolesville before the Super Bowl – go Panthers! – with your friends from Hope.

### WINTER JAM, CHRISTIAN CONCERT – February 27

See below for details

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH – February 14 & 21 from 6:30-8:00PM

Meet at Hope for food, games, devotions, & discussion.

### COMEDYWORX – March 11 from 6:30-10:00PM

Mark your calendars now for a fun night of comedy. More details to come!



## WINTER JAM 2016!!

### February 27; meet at Hope at 3PM to carpool

Winter Jam is an incredible evening of live concerts by the top artists in Christian music at the Greensboro Coliseum. This year’s event includes: For King & Country, Matthew West, Lauren Daigle, RED, Newsong, and much more! Cost is \$10/person, bring extra \$\$ for food and drinks. Drivers needed.

*This event is for 7-12 grades only.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALL TEAM

The members of Hope shared a very fond farewell with DCE Krista Young last month. As we pray for God to bless and guide Krista in her new areas of ministry service as a missionary, we also pray that the Lord will lead our church to a wonderful new youth ministry leader.

Members of the Youth Ministry Call Team are Letitia Siderio, Beth Theiss, Angela Whitted, DCE Beth Agner, Pastor Lew Upchurch, and Pastor Wayne Puls. This group is responsible for reviewing and interviewing candidates for the youth ministry position at Hope, and for making recommendations to the congregation.

Two basic approaches are currently under consideration:

1. The Call Team is reviewing several individuals who are currently serving in youth ministry positions at other congregations. These "called" church workers are typically DCE's (Director of Christian Education), but may also be pastors or other LCMS workers. Names of candidates are being suggested by a variety of sources, including the Southeastern District LCMS office, LCMS universities' staff members, Hope staff, Hope congregation members, etc.

If the Call Team recommends one of these "called" individuals for Hope's youth ministry position, a special Congregational Assembly will be held to issue a call. Only the voting members of the congregation are authorized to issue a call. The individual receiving the call would then prayerfully consider the call, and decide whether or not to join Hope's ministry team.

2. The Call Team is working with the director of the DCE program at Concordia University, Texas (Austin) to review the option of having a DCE intern placed at Hope for the 2016-17 year. This individual would have completed four years of classes at Concordia, with specialized coursework in youth ministry and practical field work experience. The DCE intern would be placed at Hope for a one-year internship. Pastor Wayne Puls would serve as the intern's mentor/supervisor, with assistance from DCE Beth Agner and Pastor Lew Upchurch. If the internship goes well, and both parties are in agreement, the internship would "convert" to a called position after one year, upon a vote of the Congregational Assembly. The Call Team is currently interviewing three or more potential interns from Concordia University.

If the Call Team recommends a DCE intern for the youth ministry position at Hope, the Ministry Leadership Team and the Congregational Assembly (January 31) have authorized the Call Team to finalize the application process and arrange for placement of a DCE intern at Hope.

Additionally, if this approach is selected, Hope will also be applying for a pastoral intern (vicar) from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to be placed at Hope for the 2016-17 year. The vicar would serve in a variety of general pastoral ministry areas at Hope for one year only, before returning to the seminary for a final year of theological training. The reduced costs of internships (DCE intern and pastoral vicar), compared to a called staff worker, would allow this approach without adversely impacting the congregation's budget.

Members of Hope are asked to keep the Call Team, the search process, and Hope's youth ministry program in their regular prayers. Youth ministry is vitally important to the life of our congregation right now, and in our future years. Ask the Lord to lead us to the right person!



# PRESCHOOL UPDATE



## REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2016-2017

Registration began on January 19 and is still in progress. We have spots open in several classes. Call the Preschool office for current availability at 919-453-0388.

## DOUGHNUTS FOR DADS

will be held on Wednesday, February 24, Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26. 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 7-11. The children will enjoy special activities each day during the week as they grow and learn about Jesus. Our theme this year is "God's Love Amazes Me".

## SUMMER EXPRESSIONS

Registration for Summer Expressions begins on Friday, February 26. Registration information and forms will be available by February 8 at the preschool and online. Children will enjoy fun-filled activities May 31 through August 12. Half Day and Full Day options are available.

## XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP!!

Monday – Friday; 8:00AM-5:00PM

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

Late Care; 5:00-5:30PM

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

Questions? Contact Billie Kay Roland, Xplore Director, at [broland@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto: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!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT HOPE

*Children's Ministry provides many different ways for children ages birth-4th grade to get involved, grow relationships, and build upon their faith foundation that they have developed at home. Questions? Contact Beth Agner, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry, at [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).*

## SNOW PARTY!!

**February 21 from 2:30-4:30PM**

Join us for SNOW much FUN as we have a snow party for all children and their family from 3 years-4<sup>th</sup> grade. We will have crafts, games, a snow ball fight and a ton of fun. This event is rescheduled due to January's ice storm.

## DEFY GRAVITY

Kingdom Kids (1 & 2 grades) & FLASH (3 & 4 grades) are invited to Defy Gravity in Raleigh on February 19 at 6:30PM.

In order to attend, you must sign up and pay by February 14. Register online today! To register for any of these events, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Get Involved, Children."

## FLASH & BROWN BAG

**February 6 from 11:00AM-12:45PM**

All FLASH (3 & 4 graders) and parents are needed to assist in this awesome community service project.

We'll assemble 225 lunches, and distribute to local families in need. Please sign up at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Get Involved, Children's Ministry." Friends welcome to join in God's work!

## XPLORE HAS EXCITING NEWS FOR 2016!

- **EXTENDED HOURS:** Starting February 15 we will be extending camp hours from 5-5:30pm at an additional cost of \$7.00 per day or \$25.00 per week.
- **FUN FOOD FRIDAYS:** Each track, campers will have the opportunity to preorder a special lunch from a local restaurant.
- **PARENTS NIGHT OUT:** Xplore will be hosting multiple "Parents Nights Out" through 2016! It's an excellent way to enjoy a night out while your children have fun in a safe place with their friends!
- For more information ... check us out on Xplore's Facebook page or [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

## 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  
Lauren Kocher, 2/2  
Travis Nugent, 2/2  
Rick Pierce, 2/2  
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  
Joel Theiss, 2/4  
Dawn Walters, 2/4  
Mike Zimmerman, 2/4  
Sarah Zimmerman, 2/4  
Nikki Helmers, 2/5  
Ryleigh Meyer, 2/5  
Leah Phetteplace, 2/5  
Ryan Wilcox, 2/5  
Christopher Zwickis, 2/5  
Emmerson Faris, 2/6  
Riley Hollembaek, 2/6

Charlie Lilienthal, 2/6  
Dan Seaman, 2/6  
Kirk Sudheimer, 2/6  
Jeanie Wrenn, 2/6  
Camellia Bejster, 2/7  
Abby Crawford, 2/7  
Christine Moran, 2/7  
Ryan Mrazek, 2/7  
Rylee Rosonke, 2/7  
Bill McClain, 2/8  
Nick Repak, 2/8  
Ava Bower, 2/9  
Michael Carlyle Jr., 2/9  
Jacob Collinson, 2/9  
Sande Pates, 2/9  
Tammie Piacenti, 2/9  
Connie Sharpstene, 2/9  
Adam Corbett, 2/10  
Michele Hellmann, 2/10  
Valerie Miceli, 2/10  
Shane Fisher, 2/11  
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  
Orv Cullen, 2/14

Tyler Preston, 2/14  
Sophie Ellis, 2/15  
John Habuda, 2/15  
David Huffine, 2/15  
Joe Loughry, 2/15  
Addison Faris, 2/16  
Bill Harrison, 2/16  
Ashleigh Scheuerle, 2/16  
Ann Siegel, 2/16  
Contessa Williams, 2/16  
Hunter Rogers, 2/17  
Scarlett Ellis, 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  
Ellen Richardson, 2/20  
Barb Rittmueller, 2/20  
Lois Nielsen, 2/21  
Tom Parmelee, 2/21  
John Pizzola, 2/21  
Joe Valchar, 2/21  
Lynda Watson, 2/21  
Jasmine Allen, 2/22  
Natalie Barth, 2/22  
Gabriella 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  
Al Vockerath, 2/25  
Roger Fischer, 2/26  
Ann Hochstrasser, 2/26  
Tori Langer, 2/26  
Karen Parnell, 2/26  
Cynthia Walker, 2/26  
Caroline Wilkerson, 2/26  
Gordon 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  
Craig O'Connor, 2/28  
Joey Sakowski, 2/28  
Katie Womble, 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

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2016

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** Aaron Preston's acceptance into Concordia Wisconsin; **Comfort for...** Jan Christner's friend, Donna Ferguson, at the death of Donna's mother, Shirley Heindl; Jim Barker and family at the death of his aunt, Marjorie Hull; **Strength and Healing for...** 2.5 year old Andrew Waltz, friend of Rosie Miller, hospitalized with a rare infection; Grandpa Jack and continued healing; Roberta Thieding, mother of Sara Zinck, for positive test results; Kelly Partridge, having testing; Dawn Ponsolle, recovering from surgery; Jenny Case's great-nephew, Brody O'Brien, recovering from pneumonia; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** all those affected by natural disasters, help them rebuild their lives; Courtney Murphy and her classmates on a mission trip in Honduras; Diane Ryals' friends, David and Maureen Stevens family, as they travel to Afghanistan to start their mission work; peace, goodwill, and love in the world.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2016

**Comfort for...** John Janosko's co-worker, grieving the death of a 19-year-old cousin killed in Harrisburg; **Strength and Healing for...** Susan Hooper's friend, Selena, and continued good health; Ashley Sargent's grandmother having a hip replacement; Stephen's family, friend of Bea Martin, struggling with mental health issues; Harry Samuels, family of Maurice Samuels, who is critically ill in Freetown, Sierra Leone; Bill Watson, friend of Robb Dussault, undergoing cancer treatment; Scott Esposito, friends of the Siderio family, having back surgery; the Hummel's neighbor, diagnosed with brain cancer; Olivia and good test results; all suffering from anxiety & depression, it will get better soon; all those who suffer from mental illness; Kathy Leary recovering after a sudden illness; Doré Bergfors, hospitalized with a concussion after a fall last; 6 year old Ethan Evans, son of Briana & Bryan Evans, nephew of Beth Agner, hospitalized with blood sugar issues; good test results for Mikayla DeMarco, granddaughter of Barbara DeMarco; Sara and Becky's father hospitalized in California; Pastor Lew's sister Mollie, and brother-in-law Matt, as they await test results to confirm that Matt can donate a kidney to Mollie; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** College students heading back

to school; Jackie Francisco to be accepted into graduate school; An overwhelmed mom; healing and a job offer.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2016

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** Max Upchurch's birthday; **Comfort for...** Tracie White and family, mourning the loss of Tracie's grandmother, Joyce Durst; Tracie White and family, at the sudden death of Tracie's cousin, Pat Ghostley; Sue Foster, grieving the loss of her friend, Dee Madigan; the family of Tony Lineberger; the Overby family, friends of the Parkers, dealing with the loss of a twin in the early stages of pregnancy; **Strength and Healing for...** a friend starting cancer treatments; Pastor and Lana Wagner's neighbor, Susan McKnight, as she begins six months of cancer treatments; Tom & Barbara Readling's daughter, Rena, for good biopsy results; 11 year old Eric Berninger, family of Donna Neubaum, having brain surgery; Ashley Sargent's grandmother, having another hip replacement surgery; Matt, having a procedure on Friday to help with PTSD; Jay Jay, friend of Joshua Hutton, who has been diagnosed with Lupus; Tonya, friend of Carol Angus, as she fights recurring cancer; Dawn Ponsolle as she begins cancer treatment; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** people in Florida hit by the tornados; the Young family as they begin their new journey.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2016

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** for good outcome of procedure for Matt; **Comfort for...** Ken & Kim Sutherland on the death of Kim's mother, Marion; Joe Walters, Kathy Bailey, and family, at the death of their mother, Joanne Walters; Colleen Puls and family, as they grieve the death of Colleen's mother, Ruth Bigelow; **Strength and Healing for...** Jan Wilczynski's friend, MaryJo, who has been recently diagnosed cancer in her lungs and hips; Micajah Owens, daughter of Mike and Jennifer, as she is battling pneumonia and some other health complications; Bentley Agner, son of Josh and Beth, receiving care for burning his hands on the fireplace surround; Barry Agner's mother, hospitalized and recovering from a stroke; good test results of a biopsy for a friend; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Miss Krista and her call in Ethiopia; Alice's nana, who is traveling.



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5:30PM

Sunday Worship

8:30AM & 11:00AM

Sunday Christian Education Hour  
9:45AM

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 Rev. Larry R. Lineberger.....**Assistant to the Pastor**  
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