

MISSION MOMENTS

March, 2018 | **Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church** | Wake Forest, NC



THE SEASON OF LENT AT HOPE

Wednesdays evenings at 7:00PM

Weekend services: Saturday at 5:30PM, Sundays at 8:30AM, 10:49AM, & 11:00AM

Join your church family for a challenging sermon series, "Your Redeemer's Conflict," in the weeks ahead, on Wednesday evenings and at weekend worship services. We'll be exploring the incredible story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and delving in to the many life applications of these sacred events.

LENTEN DINNER MENU

The Men of Hope will provide a meal prior to each midweek Lenten service, from 5:30-6:30PM.

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

March 7 -The Barabbas: Ham & Swiss cheese sandwich served with fresh vegetable soup & salad.

March 14 - The Disciple: Egg salad & bacon, or pimiento & bacon, sandwich served with "Simon Nugent's famous ham and bean soup" & salad.

March 21 - The Psalm: Meatball parmigiana sandwich served with chicken and rice soup & salad.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29, 7:00PM; Service of Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

As Jesus gathered with his disciples for a Last Supper before he was crucified, so we gather around the Lord's Table on this holy night.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 7:30PM; Tenebrae Service of Darkness

One of the most moving and eloquent worship hours of the whole year. We hear the seven "Words from the Cross" that Jesus spoke, and remember soberly the suffering and torments of Calvary.

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 31, 7:30PM; Easter Vigil Service

This ancient, traditional worship service provides a dramatic "bridge" between the pervasive gloom of Friday and the explosive joy of Easter Sunday. A brief service of Baptismal renewal precedes a joyful, no-holds-barred celebration of Easter victory.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:00AM

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people. This glorious day begins with an outdoor Sunrise Service of Holy Communion, with special music led by the Praise Team. Three festival services will follow, in the worship Sanctuary, with special music led by the Handbell Choir, Senior Choir, and Brass Ensemble.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at three of the four Easter Sunday services (6:30, 8:00, and 11:00AM), and also at the Easter Vigil service (Saturday, 7:30PM). At the 9:30AM Easter Sunday service, we'll focus especially on the new life given to Christians in the Sacrament of Baptism, as we remember and renew our Baptismal vows.





EASTER EVENTS & NEWS

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will adorn the chancel on Easter Sunday. You may sign up to purchase a lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The sign up sheet will be at the Welcome Center and the cost of lilies is \$11 each.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 31 from 10:30-11:30AM

You are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza filled with music, an egg hunt, and a devotional. Friends, family, and neighbors of all ages are welcome. Please bring 12 pre-filled eggs for each child participating in the egg hunt. Questions? Contact Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

EASTER CROSS OF FLOWERS

The **Easter Cross of Flowers** will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (*any color, any style*) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service. It's a great spot for Easter Sunday family photos, a tradition for many families!

EASTER SUNDAY ENTRANCE/EXIT

Easter Sunday is a busy, lively day here at Hope! **Worshippers who arrive early (prior to 10:35AM) for the 11:00AM service** will enter the building through the Children's Center entrance. You'll be invited to enter the Sanctuary as soon as the 9:30AM service concludes. This will help to create a more worshipful atmosphere for those in the overflow Narthex seats at the 9:30AM service. Thank you!

EASTER MORNING RECEPTION

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 goodies (baked goods, pastries, bagels, fruit, muffins, coffee cake, and lunch items after the 11:00AM service) and apple juice and come join in the fun!

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WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM

Sunday at 8:30AM, 10:49AM,
& 11:00AM

Nursery provided at all services

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for
ages 3 – grade 12 and
Adult Bible Studies
Nursery provided for
ages 2 and under.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN MARCH

5:25-5:45: Children's Bell Choir

5:30-6:30: Dinner

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6:00-6:45: Adult Handbell Choir

6:30-7:00: Confirmation classes

6:30-7:00: 7&8 Youth Group*

7:00: Lenten Services

7:45-9:15: Senior Choir

*High School Youth Group is
Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:00PM.

PASTOR PULS' NOTE...WHY ME?

"Today you will be with me in paradise." This is one of the most unbelievable and amazing sentences ever spoken!

Had Jesus spoken those words to St. Paul on his deathbed – after Paul had spent many hard years as a missionary apostle – such a sentence would have made perfect sense. Had the Lord said those words to Mother Teresa on the day she died – after decades of humble, lowly Christian service to the poor in India – his sentence would seem fitting and appropriate.

But Jesus said those words to a dying man who wasn't a saint. The person Jesus addressed was a criminal, a thief whose life of crime was nearing a sickening end. Was this man a church-goer, a religious man, a person of faith? Not likely.

The criminal, hanging on his execution cross, paid attention to the words and actions of the man hanging on the cross next to him. He watched as Jesus suffered silently through the long, torturous hours. He realized that Jesus was not fighting back, not cursing anybody, not looking for vengeance. Jesus' face seemed to be at peace. It appeared to the criminal hanging next to him that, somehow, Jesus was looking out on the people around him with love.

The criminal blurted out, without full understanding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He didn't really know much about Jesus, or about his kingdom; but he knew that he wanted to be on Jesus' side in some way. It was a rather pathetic cry for help, a shot in the dark, a crazy request.

Jesus' answer was remarkable. He looked back at the man, and answered, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." Somehow, Jesus sees a spark in that man's heart, and he offers him salvation.

Those incredible words teach us that God's forgiveness is all about grace. It's all about love, compassion, and mercy. When God saved St. Paul, or saved Mother Teresa, or saved any one of us, it wasn't because we deserved it. It's not because some of us are better than others. It's only because God cared enough about us to send his Son to the cross to pay for our sins. We are saved by grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ.

For all who believe in Jesus, who put their trust in him, there is acceptance with God. The dying thief experienced it. May God fill your heart today with the same joyful feeling of being on Jesus' side. Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom!

In Christ,



Pastor Wayne Puls
wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org

NOTEWORTHY NEWS & EVENTS

WE LOVE THE SEMINARY!

Hope is very happy to welcome a very special guest this month. The Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be visiting our congregation on the weekend of March 17-18. The seminary plays a very important role in the life of our national church body, and in Hope's recent history. Our associate pastors (Pastor Lew Upchurch and, previously, Pastor Tab Cosgrove) graduated from Concordia Seminary; and, during the past two years, our vicars (Caleb Weight and Mark Moretz) have been Concordia Seminary students, as well. In appreciation of the dedicated servants at the seminary who are striving to send well-trained, capable, mission-oriented pastors into the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we are happy to welcome Dr. Meyer to Hope!

He will be preaching at our worship services (5:30 PM, 8:30 & 11:00AM) on March 17-18, and you are welcome to join Dr. Meyer for an informative update on seminary matters during the Sunday School hour on March 18.



PINE STRAW SALES

\$5 per bale

March 3 & 4 (orders)

March 17 (delivery & pick-up)

Looking to Spruce up your yard? Want to enhance your lawn? Well today is your lucky day! The Hope youth are selling pine straw to raise funds for their summer mission trip. This year they will be traveling to Lumberton NC to restore houses damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Support the youth today! Bales of premium pine straw for \$5/bale, with free delivery for orders of more than 20 bales. Questions? Contact Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.



SAVE THE DATE – HOPE YARD SALE!!

April 21, 2018

Cleaning out your closets? Consider donating your items to Hope's Yard Sale, sponsored by the Youth. Proceeds will benefit the youth attending the Servant Event this summer. Questions? Contact Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

DEBT REDUCTION AT HOPE

2017 was another blessed year at Hope, when it comes to church finances. Despite a variety of challenges, we ended the financial year in the black, finishing with a very small surplus for the fifth consecutive year. The congregation continues to manage and chip away at its long-term mortgage debt by making regular monthly payments.

This spring, Hope will be taking an additional small, but significant, step towards further reducing our debt. Generous donors have been contributing to a debt reduction fund, and we are only \$18,000 short of being able to pay off the smallest of our loans, a bridge loan originally taken during the construction phase. Hope's 2018 budget includes funds to pay off this loan by June 2018, and we look forward to a mini-celebration. If you'd like to make a special contribution toward this effort, please mark your donation "debt reduction fund." For further information, speak with Treasurer Mike Kaess or Pastor Wayne Puls.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

On February 13, the Men of Hope hosted the 12th annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake dinner. The men served people countless pancakes and sausages to a hungry crowd.

This year, 10th grader Joey Sakowski ate 30 pancakes... the most of the evening. When Joey sets his mind to something, he gets it done! He is an active participant in the Youth program (attending Sunday School, Sunday Night Youth Group, and the summer Servant Events) as well as a member of the Senior Choir.



Thank you for supporting the Men of Hope's annual event. All the proceeds from this night go towards projects at Hope. If you would like to learn more about the group, you are invited to their next breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 10 at 8:00AM.

2018 MEN'S RETREAT

April 13-15, 2018

Ready for a weekend of good food, sports, bonding, and Christian brotherhood? All men, 18 years and older, are invited to Camp Cheerio's Mountain Lodge for the 2018 Men's Retreat. Cost is \$165 a person and includes 2 nights lodging and meals (Friday dinner - Sunday breakfast).

Register online at www.hopelutheranwf.org.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

NORTH CAROLINA DISASTER RESPONSE

Want to join a group of Hope volunteers working on home repairs in Lumberton? Upcoming work days are 3/3 (Saturday), 4/12 (Thursday), and 4/28 (Saturday). Contact Steve McCarthy at smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org or Pastor Wayne Puls at wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org to get involved.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

The Brown Bag Ministry partnered with Thrivent for our February 17 event. Thanks to Thrivent for providing seed money for this member-led project. We were proud to serve our community and grateful for Thrivent's support.

Volunteers made and distributed 225 lunches to families in Wake Forest. Join Brown Bag on March 17 at 11:00AM for Brown Bag to make and distribute lunches in Wake Forest. Questions? Contact Nancy Repak at kapernan@gmail.com.



NIGHT TO SHINE THANK YOU!!

On February 9, 2018 Hope welcomed 86 guests (and their families/care givers) for the Tim Tebow Night To Shine event. Guests were treated to an evening of glamour and fun including a crowning ceremony, red carpet walk, dancing, karaoke, a sensory room, and limousine rides.

A special thank you to all the volunteers (over 120!) and Restoration Church. The evening was a night that won't be forgotten soon. To see photos and the video, please visit Hope's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranWF>.

TRI-AREA MINISTRY

This wonderful organization serves families that live in Wake County and Youngsville. The ministry allows registered families to come in once a month to pick up a bag stuffed with groceries for no charge. Nearly 200 families go to the ministry each week. Hope's "Feeding the Faith" Small Group is managing this ministry as part of their service project. A collection bin is available in the café area at Hope, and you are welcome to donate at any time to this blessed ministry. Dry goods are always needed, especially cereal, peanut butter, and canned meat.

RECYCLING & PAPER ALUMINUM

Members of our congregation are concerned with caring for the environment, and we try to do our part to take care of God's beautiful creation. Here at Hope, we recycle our paper and weekend bulletins. Also, aluminum is collected before and after services the last weekend of the month in the traffic circle. Profits from the aluminum is then donated to the Brown Bag Ministry.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: LADIES NIGHT OUT IN MARCH!

There's a fellowship event for all women, 21 and older, at the Real McCoy's on March 2 from 6:30-9:30PM. Stop by when you can... stay as long as you are able!

Questions? Contact the church office at 919-554-8109.



MEN'S RECREATION CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Dust off your glove, and join men for spring softball! All members and visitors, over 18 years old, are eligible for Hope's softball team. Games are played in April, May, and early June. Sign-ups are in the Narthex now. Questions? Contact Joe Walters at Waltershonda@gmail.com.



THE GREAT BAKE-OFF!

FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

Are you Hope's next great baker? Enter now to win the challenge! New this year, the contest has expanded to include: cupcakes, cookies, cakes, and pies - oh my! Learn more about entry fees and contest rules online.

Can't bake but love sweets? Bring your appetite on April 28 from 6:30-8:00PM. Admission is \$5/person (\$20/family max) for all you can eat.

Proceeds go to support the 7-8 grade Summer Mission Trip.

REGISTRATION GOES LIVE ON MARCH 5
WWW.HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG

SMALL GROUPS @ HOPE

PRIMETIMER EVENT: "LUCK OF THE IRISH GAME NIGHT"

Join the PrimeTimer group for a night of games and fellowship on March 10 from 6:30-9:00PM. Visitors always welcome. Bring a snack/appetizer and RSVP to Margaret Carlson at margaretcarlson77@gmail.com or 919-426-6885. Hosted by Roy & Margaret Carlson and Tim & Bonnie Smith.

NEW WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: A HEART LIKE HIS

March 12-June 4, from 6:00-8:00PM. Explore the depths of God's love with this new small group book study on *David: Seeking a Heart Like His*. Come learn how David's life clearly demonstrates that God is always able to reach us, correct us, and reclaim our worship. Order your book today at Life Way (publication date 11/01/2010).

BRIDGE GROUP

March 12 and March 26, both at 1:00PM

If you plan to come, please notify Pam Jay at pjay0826@gmail.com or 919-528-1011. New Players are always welcome!

PINOCHLE GROUP

March 5 & March 19 at 1:00PM at Hope

Contact Peggy Koehler at 919-231-9563 or Jan Hubbard at 919-850-2542 if you plan to play. New Players are always welcome!

BREW BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK!

Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? Looking to make friends and strengthen your faith? Join BREW, the young adult group all about "Building Relationships and Exploring the Word." Contact Steve at smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org or Vicar Caleb at cweight@hopelutheranwf.org for more information.

- **3/13 Bible study from 7-8:30PM:** We are currently studying the book of Romans.
- **3/25 Potluck from 7:00-9:00PM:** This month we are getting together for a potluck – everyone brings a dish that is unique to their state, hometown, or childhood to share. Then we feast!

SEVENTY FORWARD

This small group is a Bible study for single women in their seventies (or even late 60's) who are interested in becoming more active spiritually, physically, and socially. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 1:00PM, alternating between meeting at Hope and offsite. The group will resume meeting April 6 at Hope. For information contact Nancy Hipsman at nancy4nc@gmail.com.

GODLY GRANDPARENTS

The Godly Grandparents small group focuses on grandchildren living locally or across the country. The group meets to support each other, laugh, and learn how to raise grandchildren to a life in Christ. The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 11:00AM-12:30PM. For information contact Susan Hooper, 919-467-6147 or swoozieg@gmail.com.

Looking to connect?

Contact Wesley Spottiswood, DCE Intern, at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109. for help finding a Small Group that fits you!

MARCH ADULT EDUCATION

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

CONNECTIONS

Dates: March 4, 11, 25

Leaders: Pastor Lew, Vicar Caleb, and Dr. Peter Muller

Location: Adult Education floor, room 300

During the month of March, you are invited to spend some time engaging in God's Word! The "Connections" Bible study takes a deeper look at the gospel reading of the day and explores ways in which it might connect to our lives today. Please join us!

MEET AND GREET WITH REV. DR. DALE MEYER

President, Concordia Seminary

Dates: March 18 (one session only)

Location: Adult Education floor, room 302

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Dates: March 4 - April 29

Leaders: Pastor Puls and Pastor Lew

Location: Adult Education floor, room 301

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 4.

HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

We will celebrate **Lutheran Schools Week** March 5-9. Our greatest celebration centers on Jesus Christ – the number one reason for operating a Lutheran School! This year our theme will be "Shine Bright, Little Light!," based on Matthew 5:16. We will sing songs and have a special lesson each morning in the Church Sanctuary at 9:15AM, and children will dress up in bright colors each day for Spirit Week.

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 Kindergarteners. Summer Expressions will be held each week from May 29 - August 10. For questions, contact the preschool office at 919-453-0388.

FALL 2018 CLASS OPENINGS

The preschool still has openings in its Tuesday/Thursday 3 year old class for the 2018-2019 school year. Call the preschool office for more information.

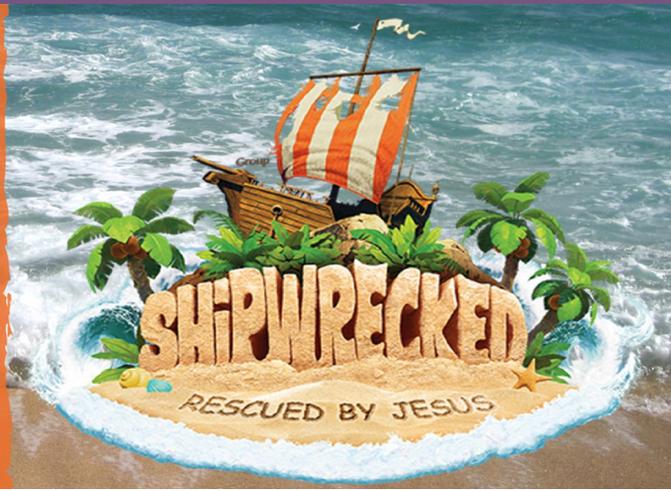
VBS 2018

June 18-22

morning & evening sessions

Registration opens
April 2 at 9:00AM

www.hopelutheranwv.org



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS & NEWS

3-4 GRADES: LOCK-IN & LASER TAG

March 16-17 from 6:00PM-8:00AM, cost is \$15/person. Grab your sleeping bags and pillows because FLASH is having a Lock-in (sleepover at church). In addition to playing games and having devotions, the group will also play laser tag on site! Dinner on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday morning will be provided. We do need some parent chaperones so please sign up if you can help out, and plan to stay the night. Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwv.org, selecting "Ministries - Children."

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 31 from 10:30-11:30AM

You are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza filled with music, an egg hunt, and a devotional. Friends, family, and neighbors of all ages are welcome. Please bring 12 pre-filled eggs for each child participating in the egg hunt.

XPLORE TRACK OUT IN MARCH!

Spring is in the air and Xplore Camp is gearing up for the warmer weather!! Join us for some spring themes among other special treats and activities we have planned for you. Be on the lookout for VBS information as we are opening registration on April 2. If you would like to attend both VBS and Xplore Camp, we will be offering a special rate of \$100 for a FULL day, FULL week of camp! Space is very limited so don't delay!

March Themes:

- Game Show Mania (March 5-9)
- It's "Pinteresting" (March 12-16)
- Heroes vs. Villains (March 19-23)
- Spring Flings & Easter Things (March 26-29; closed 3/30 for Good Friday)

For more information or to register for camp, please visit www.hopelutheranwv.org.

EGG STRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 31 from 10:30-11:30AM

You are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza filled with music, egg hunt, and a devotional. Friends, family, and neighbors of all ages are welcome. Please bring 12 pre-filled eggs for each child participating in the egg hunt.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry at Hope Lutheran focuses on friendships, faith, and service for youth in grades 5-12.

5-6 GRADES

ST. PATRICK'S DAY HIKE

March 17 from 10:00AM until noon at Falls Lake. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day by spending time in the great outdoors with Steve! We will go on a moderate hike on some of the trails by Falls Lake, do some bird-watching, and take in the beauty of God's creation. Fun shenanigans are guaranteed! Don't forget to wear green! Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Ministries – Youth." There is no cost for this event and friends are welcome!



BIRTHDAY ICE CREAM PARTY

March 20 from 6:00-7:00, meet at Dairy Depot

Does your birthday fall in March? Come to Dairy Depot for free Hot Chocolate and Ice Cream on Steve! Is your birthday in another month, but you want an excuse to eat ice cream anyways? No problem! All are welcome to come celebrate (just make sure to bring a couple bucks for yourself)!

CONFIRMATION

Continues in March at 6:30PM

See the signs at church, or check Hope's website, for specific meeting locations. Questions? Call the church office at 919-554-8109.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Stop by the Youth Center from 9:45-10:45AM to play games, create artistic masterpieces, make friends, and strengthen their relationship with Jesus. It will be a fun combo of learning, playing, and creating! And don't forget to BARF (Bring a Real Friend)!

7-8 GRADES

S'MORES & BONFIRE NIGHT

March 21 from 6:00-7:00PM in the Youth Center. Are you the S'more master? Can you make it a golden brown? Join us for a night of S'more's as we gather around the warm bonfire in fellowship. Wednesday night Lent service to follow. There's no need to sign up for this free event, friends welcome!.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM in the Youth Center. Youth Bible classes are focused on growing in knowledge of God's Word and how it applies to our lives.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

During Lent, the 7&8 grade youth are still meeting for pre-service games from 6:30-7:00PM. Afterwards, we'll attend mid-week Lenten services from 7:00-8:00PM. See you there, friends are welcome!

9-12 GRADES

WINTER JAM 2018!

March 24 from 5-10PM at the PNC Arena in Raleigh, cost is \$15/ticket plus the cost of food. Enjoy an incredible evening of live concerts by the top artists in Christian music including Skillet, Building 429, Newsong, and many more! Meet at church at 3:30PM. Drivers needed. Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Ministries – Youth."

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00PM

Each week this month, we will be diving into the topic of prayer, equipping youth to feel more comfortable in prayer. Join us for a special prayer walk March 25 from 12:30-2:00PM, as we walk around the surrounding area of Hope to offer prayer for our community. A pizza lunch will be included. There will be no youth group on March 25...go to the prayer walk!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us every Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45AM as we dive into the book of Genesis. Each week, students will read through Genesis and dive deeper into the historical and cultural context while getting key information. Questions are always welcome!

SERVANT EVENT, SUMMER OF 2018 – SIGN UP TODAY!

July 8-13, 2018

Serve alongside with other High School youth to rebuild homes that were destroyed/damaged during Hurricane Matthew. This will be a week of putting your faith into action. The Servant Event is a chance to get off of the couch, break out of your boring routine, and to use your hands and feet to do some serious work in service to others. The cost is \$425 which includes meals, transportation, lodging, and supplies. Go online to register today!

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT – HS WINTER RETREAT

Did you know Hope's High School Youth had its largest winter retreat this past month? 35 youth attended a 4 day 3-night retreat in Green Mountain, NC. We hiked waterfalls, went snow tubing, held worship outside, and grew in community while learning to unplug but stay charged in Christ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lexi Alexander, 3/1
Ryan Einzig, 3/1
Rodger Fulbright, 3/1
Avery McCaskill, 3/1
Nick Reiss, 3/1
Jerry Repak, 3/1
Addie Ultis, 3/1
Marcia Weidner, 3/1
Sam Bedford, 3/2
Kendall Ikerd, 3/2
Justin Marr, 3/2
Cole Meyer, 3/2
Chery Rousseau, 3/2
Wesley Spottiswood, 3/2
Mike Randall, 3/3
Elly Saunooke, 3/3
Riley Saunooke, 3/3
Dick Davis, 3/4
Kyle Matala, 3/4
Doug Nelson-Dibble, 3/4
Caden O'Brien, 3/4
Paula Prehn, 3/4
Amy Ellis, 3/5
Steve Hall, 3/5
Amy Knight, 3/5
Peter Muller, 3/5
Elizabeth Sakowski, 3/5
Kristine Burns, 3/6
Todd Elder, 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
Dustin Howard, 3/7
Leslie Lanzilli, 3/7
Jim Lockhart, 3/7
Margaret Lumpkin, 3/7
Nicole McCleary, 3/7
Steve Mortensen, 3/7
Gayle Fritz, 3/8
Michaela Isaacson, 3/8
Lorenzo Jennings III, 3/8
Camille Knudsen, 3/8
Kim Koehler, 3/8
Spencer Rogers, 3/8
Sidney Ross, 3/8
Alicia Bennett, 3/9
Jim De Hamer, 3/9
Kari Ellwanger, 3/9
Carol Fischer, 3/9
AJ Lasater, 3/9
Tim Merrill, 3/9
Lynne Corbett, 3/10
Jennie Griggs, 3/10
Abby Gundry, 3/10
Sammy Hoh, 3/10
James Noon, 3/10
Jalyn Alexander, 3/11
Friede Ham, 3/11
Bryce Miller, 3/11
Ethan Weitzel, 3/11
Deborah Winiewicz, 3/11

Holly Bruck, 3/12
Eliza Eisenhardt, 3/12
Sharon Gregory, 3/12
Mateus Kaluseviko, 3/12
Brayden Lee, 3/12
Grayson Loeffler, 3/12
Jane Case, 3/13
Jackie Francisco, 3/13
Katelyn Gipner, 3/13
Diane Lynn, 3/13
Elissa Miller, 3/13
Steven Mercadante, 3/14
Meg Parmelee, 3/14
Karen Skowronski, 3/14
Ian White, 3/14
Jeff Horsley, 3/15
Joanna Kirkendoll, 3/15
Mike Long, 3/15
Mario Novelli, 3/15
Catherine Strom, 3/15
Lynroy Thomas, 3/15
Stephen Farlow, 3/16
Harry Hintz, 3/16
Karen Critchley, 3/17
Vince D'Ugo, 3/17
Ryan Gipner, 3/17
Rena Sujat, 3/17
Jeff Bruck, 3/18
Meredith Huffine, 3/18
Nathan Pallozzi, 3/18
Dylan Saunooke, 3/18
Cassie Stack, 3/18
Britt Wester, 3/18
Callen Austin, 3/19
Megan Janok, 3/19

Michael McCleary, 3/19
Terry McKnight, 3/19
Laren Nease, 3/19
Nancy Repak, 3/19
Tim Sargent, 3/19
Diane Pribac, 3/20
Julia Smith, 3/20
Logan Coyne, 3/21
Shannon Lewis, 3/21
Will Roland, 3/21
Kate Bailey, 3/22
Andy Brown, 3/22
Richard Lucic, 3/22
Douglas Wilkinson, 3/22
Caroline Broughton, 3/23
Emily Crawford, 3/23
Mike Kaess, 3/23
Bryce Rummel, 3/23
Rachel Sharpstene, 3/23
Greg Torsonne, 3/23
Chad Casale Sr., 3/24
Ariana Flanagan, 3/24
Joseph Gallo, 3/24
Comilla Jomp, 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
Maureen Latz, 3/26
Amanda DeCilles, 3/27
Carol Hoy, 3/27
Mike Lainhart, 3/27

Eve Owens, 3/27
Robbie Warrene, 3/27
Arzanita Camba, 3/28
Olivia Gentry, 3/28
Brad Mercer, 3/28
Karen Noon, 3/28
Kristen Replogle, 3/28
Phil Rittmueller, 3/28
Debbie Swenson, 3/28
Andrew Becton, 3/29
Laura Brown, 3/29
Chase Matala, 3/29
John Podszus, 3/29
Caleb Weight, 3/29
Brad Boney, 3/30
David Critchley, 3/30
Diana Keane, 3/30
Noah Weitzel, 3/30
Keith Brown, 3/31
Scott Ikerd, 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
Kathryn & Richard Mesner, 3/7

Mark & Hilary Macenas, 3/8
Cynthia & John Woolard, 3/8
Brian & Kelly Friend, 3/11
Eric & Tammy Scherrer, 3/13
Bonita & Donald Comer, 3/15
Greg & Shannon Novelli, 3/15
Valerie & David Miceli, 3/16
Donna & Frank Pierre, 3/18
Ryan & Christine Ames, 3/20
Steve & Janice Mortensen, 3/25
Larry & Marlene Lineberger, 3/28

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 3-4

Comfort for... the friends and family of Hope member, Danielle Allen, grieving her death; Cathy Foil's friend, Faye, at the death of her husband; Truda Graham's friend who had to put her service dog down due to cancer; a family member of the Pickens' with terminal cancer; Karen Noon's friend, Mary Mudryk, mourning the loss of her father; Gayle Clark and the family of Dee Visnic, who died; **Strength and Healing for...** Valerie Hoy's father, Doug, having health issues; someone who is having medical test this week—hoping for all-clear for them; Andy & Nancy Hoh's daughter, Patti, as she deals with a serious illness of her longtime partner, Sal; the wife of Steve Nevitt's colleague, beginning chemo treatments for cancer; Kim Shope's cousin diagnosed with MS; Vickie Herring, recovering from reconstructive shoulder surgery; the Mittner family; Roger Madariaga's brother who is recovering from a stroke; Rosa Lopez through some medical testing; Kathy & Norm Bell's friends, Danny & Rich, with critical health issues; Bonnie Onofrio's future son-in-law, having back surgery; a struggling child; Terry McKnight's friend, Kerry Bonos, diagnosed with cancer; a child who has been diagnosed with lymphoma; Jose Delgado, friend of the Scherrer Family, who suffered from a stroke and has a long road to recovery; Kevin & Jenna Petersen, friends of Nicole Boriotti, as Jenna recovers from fetal surgery to lessen the effects of spina bifida; Valerie Miceli's 11-year-old niece, Maryann Passanisi, diagnosed with stage 3 Lymphoma; Valerie's sister-in-law, Denise Passanisi, diagnosed with cancer; Rex Stokes recovering from surgery; Jeff Bruck, who has developed a blood clot in his leg; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** New roommates and those uncertain of their future; making a decision about a job opportunity this week; a student choosing the best school for their success.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 10-11

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the sacred, solemn calls extended to Wesley Spottiswood and Steve McCarthy to serve as permanent members of Hope Lutheran Church; the years of service and retirement of Shannon Janosko, Hope's Parish Administrator; **Comfort for...** the family of John Berg as the mourn his death; Kaylee and family, mourning the loss of her mother; the family of Don Henry, as the mourn his death; **Strength and Healing for...** Nancy Sakowski's mother, who is hospitalized; Beth Lasater's sister-in-law, recently diagnosed with cancer; a friend who is struggling with depression; classmates in an accident and in need of a healing hand; 4 NRCA freshman involved in a serious car accident, prayers especially for the two still hospitalized; the Loschiavo's grandfather who is recovering from surgery; Page Fisher, Mark Fisher's mother, undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer; Jeff Bruck as he continues to heal; the Ikerd's 12-year-old friend who is very sick at WakeMed ICU; Mike Herring, family of Bob Herring, diagnosed with cancer; Vickie Herring, recovering from shoulder surgery; Warren Harrell's friend, Wayne, having shoulder replacement surgery; Samantha Hardee, friend of Katherine Winiewicz, as she struggles with illness; Barbara Bradley's friend, Lawanna,

suffering from a kidney stone; Tracey Herr, friend of Tim Sargent, having cancer surgery; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** 53 co-workers of Antoinette Vecellio, who lost their jobs last week; a husband/father who lost his job; Rik & Dee Rasmussen's granddaughter, Sigrid, struggling with public school after being homeschooled.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 17-18

Praise and Thanksgiving for... Jeff Bruck's medical treatment and release from the hospital; Bill & Mary Schultz, parents of Susan Johanson, celebrating 70 years of marriage; **Comfort for...** the victims and families of the Florida school shooting; Rodney Farlow and family at the death of his mother, Sue Farlow; a family in need of comfort after the loss of their grandmother; the Latz family at the 1 year anniversary of the death of John's mother, Marti Latz; Annie Huwington and family, grieving the loss of Annie's father; the family of Bob Johanson, as they mourn the loss of his mother, Irene; **Strength and Healing for...** the Pallozzi family's grandmother, hospitalized with pneumonia; a friend of the Pallozzi family, suffering from cancer; all those with the flu; Truda Graham's friend, Roger Kennedy, battling cancer; Lanette DeRose's mother, Bernice Boriach, experiencing debilitating hip and back pain; Joe Skowronski's friend, Fran, having cancer surgery; Tim Smith as he has an angioplasty procedure; healing for Joann; Ann Robinson, Nancy Sakowski's mother, recovering; Tim Means, recovering from outpatient surgery and biopsy; Christy Redfern, friend of Rob Niesel, beginning chemotherapy treatments; Neil & Helen Turner's daughter-in-law, Kelley Turner, who suffered a mild heart attack; Austin Caudle's cousin, Madeline, hospitalized as a result of the Florida school shooting; Allison Mittner, that her counts recover quickly so she'll be able to receive treatment; Jordan and Elizabeth Lopez's Grandma Rosa, with medical concerns; the family of a child experiencing mental issues; Norm Bell, having shoulder surgery next week. **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** the medical profession as they work tirelessly to combat the flu; a son going through a difficult time; Jacob for favorable results with the real estate commission; the youth and leaders attending the winter retreat at Green Mountain, NC this weekend. May God's abundant blessing surround them as they grow in faith and friendship.

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Thank you for the wonderful reception on February 4 to celebrate my retirement. It was a great time to fellowship and reflect over my years with Hope Lutheran. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve first in the preschool and then in the church office as Parish Administrator. A special thank you to those who helped with the reception and all those who donated the delicious food. Thank you to Pastor Puls, Pastor Lew, Pastor Wagner and Joe Hummel for kind words. I will cherish the gold cross given by Joe Hummel on behalf of the congregation and will think of all my Hope family when I wear it. I am looking forward to new opportunities to serve as I figure out what God's plans for me will be in this chapter of my life.
God's Blessings,
Shannon Janosko



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 Caleb Weight.....**Vicar**
 Steve McCarthy.....**DCE Intern**
 Wesley Spottiswood.....**DCE Intern**
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 Rev. Preston Wagner.....**Pastor Emeritus**
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 Hilary Tew.....**Bookkeeper**
 Carlin O’Brien.....**Receptionist/Office Asst.**
 Steve Ebberts.....**Facilities Manager**
 Paul Hieter.....**Evening Receptionist/Office Asst.**
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 Kathy Vockeroth.....**Hand Bell Choir Director**
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