

# Mission Moments



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

## Message from Pastor Puls... Congregational Loan Retirement

Last month, the members of Hope had a mini-celebration, as the note from our congregation's smallest loan (a bridge loan that was taken out during the construction years) was burned. Thanks to generous donors, and ongoing regular payments from our church budget, we have been able to pay this loan off completely, and ahead of schedule. Thanks be to God!

We have a long way to go in paying off the remainder of our mortgage loans, which have helped to fund Hope's beautiful property and buildings little by little, though, the faithful people of Hope are making it happen, with God's help. Your weekly offerings help to provide Hope's awesome ministry facilities, and your gifts are sincerely appreciated. God bless the ministry and people of Hope Lutheran Church, now and for generations to come.

*Pastor Wayne Puls*

Pastor Wayne Puls  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM

Sunday at 8:30AM, 11:00AM

Family Service, & 11:00AM

*Nursery provided at all services*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for  
ages 3 – grade 12 and  
Adult Bible Studies

*Nursery provided for  
ages 2 and under.*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

September 5 – October 24

5:30-6:15: Dinner

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

5:50-6:25: Children's Choir

6:00-7:30: Adult Handbell Choir

6:30-7:30: Classes

(3 years old - 4th grade, adult)

6:30-7:30: Confirmation classes

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

7:45-9:15: Senior Choir

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



## FAMILY SERVICE AT HOPE!

Interested in trying out a worship experience that's designed specifically for children, youth, and their parents? Know any young parents in your neighborhood that are struggling to find a church where they're comfortable bringing their kids? All are welcome to Hope's Family Service! We sing a blend of traditional, contemporary, and children's songs, share Communion, and focus on a Bible message in a relaxed, interactive, yet deeply-worshipful fashion. We've resumed our weekly schedule of Family Services, held in the Children's Center. Please note that we're shifting the starting time for the Family Service from 10:49 to 11:00AM.

## MUSIC MINISTRY AT HOPE

Hope's Music Ministry is presented through a variety of medleys, composers, and styles. To join a choir, please contact the leader for a rehearsal schedule and details.

### Handbell Choirs

To become a Hope ringer, or learn more, contact the Handbell Choir Director Kathy Vockeroth at [kvock@bellsouth.net](mailto:kvock@bellsouth.net). New ringers are welcome!

- **Adult Handbells** will resume on September 5 from 6:00-7:30PM.
- **Children's Bells** (grades 2-5) will resume September 12 from 5:25-5:45PM.

### Vocal Choirs

To join a choir, contact Choir Director Rob Varner at [rwvg12@gmail.com](mailto:rwvg12@gmail.com).

- **Senior Choir** will resume September 5 from 7:30-9:15PM.
- **Children's Choir** (grades 2-6) will resume September 12 from 5:50-6:25 on the Adult Education floor, room 300.



# Mark your calendars!

*Come for dinner and  
stay for Bible study,  
fellowship, & fun!*

**Visitors Welcome!**



# Wednesday Night Alive

**September 5 - October 24, 2018**

Wednesday Night Alive is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for children, youth, and adults of all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, fellowship, and fun. There's something for everyone and we look forward to seeing you there!

The *Men of Hope* will be serving dinner before activities on from 5:30 - 6:15 PM. Look for menus and cost each week inside the service bulletin.

## **Music Groups**

5:25pm-5:45pm; Handbells (Grades 2-5)\*  
5:50pm-6:25pm; Children's Choir (Grades 2-6)\*  
6:00pm-7:30pm; Adult Handbells  
7:30pm-9:15pm; Senior Choir  
\*resumes September 12

## **Childrens Ministry Activities**

6:30-7:30PM

Nursery (0-2 yrs) in the Nursery

Kids Connect (3-K yrs) in the Nursery

Kingdom Kids (1&2 Grades) in the Preschool

FLASH (3&4 Grades) in the Children's Center

## **Youth Ministry Groups**

6:30-7:30PM

Confirmation meets in various locations

Grades 7-8 meet in the Youth Center

Grades 9-12 meet Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:00PM

## **Adult Studies**

**"Timely Topics, Timeless Truths"**

6:30pm-7:30PM

From visits to heaven, haunted houses, to the whole, "I'm spiritual, not religious" answer a lot of people give when it comes to their faith, this class brings these discussions and many others into a biblical setting.

## OKTOBERFEST

October 5, 2018 from 6-9PM

\$20/person

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

Calling all men! You are invited to Hope's 2nd annual Oktoberfest social. Enjoy German-themed food, beer, and games. It all happens under the big tent on Hope's north lawn. Prost! Please note this is a 21 and over event.

## BUNCO LADIES NIGHT

Friday, September 28 at 7:00PM

Bunco is a social dice game, played with 12 or more people divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turn rolling three dice. It's easy to learn...you just need a whole lot of luck!

There is no cost for this event, please register so we know you are coming at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 9-11, 2018

Join us for a weekend of joy at Hope's annual Women's Retreat.

This year's retreat will be located at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston-Salem. The theme will focus on the many ways in which "the joy of the Lord is our strength." It's a wonderful weekend full of laughter, prayer, and spiritual growth.

To learn more about multiple pricing options or to register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

# SEPTEMBER ADULT EDUCATION

## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

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

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

September 10- October 29

Adult Education Floor, room 301

Leaders: Pastor Puls & Pastor Lew

All persons interested in learning more about Hope, or transferring their membership from another Lutheran church, are first invited to attend Hope's New Member Class. This class offers an opportunity to connect with new people and learn more about the mission and vision of Hope. During the class, children and youth are invited to Sunday School and there is nursery care available for children under 2. There is no need to register, just attend the first class.

### CONNECTIONS

September 9 - September 30

Adult Education Floor, room 300

Leader: Sandy Stokes

The "Connections" Bible study takes a deeper look at the weekend's sermon text and explores ways in which it might connect to our lives today. In conjunction with our September Sermon Series, the "Connections" class will focus on texts from the book of Acts.

### THE PARABLES OF OUR LORD

September 9 - September 30

Adult Education Floor, room 302

Leader: Vicar Kevin Scott

Parables were definitely a big part of our Lord's preaching and teaching, both publicly and privately. He used them to warn about God's very real judgement and his promise of eternal life for the righteous. And yet, they can still be challenging to understand and apply. If you would like to dig a little deeper into a few of Jesus' parables, you are invited to join the discussion.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, Confirmation, fellowship, and fun. Come for dinner, stay for a great class!

### TIMELY TOPICS, TIMELESS TRUTHS

September 5 - October 24

Adult Education floor, room 300

Leader: Pastor Lew

From visits to heaven, haunted houses, to the whole, "I'm spiritual, not religious" answer a lot of people give when it comes to their faith, this class brings these discussions and many others into a biblical setting.



# SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

*Did You Know? There are a lot of Small Groups, all with different themes, open for people to join. If you are interested in growing deeper in the Word while meeting new people, visit the Small Group display next to the café or [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org). Small Groups are open to anyone – not just members of Hope! For more information contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at 919-554-8109 [wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org).*

## PRIMETIMERS EVENT: CHILI POTLUCK

**October 7 at 5:00PM at Hugh & Betty McAlear's home.** Please join the Primetimers for a chili potluck with 2 types of chili and fixings for your enjoyment. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad, or dessert. Please call 919-554-9081 or email [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com) if you plan to attend or would like more information. Newcomers to the group are always welcome.

## CARDS AT HOPE

New players are always welcome!

**BRIDGE GROUP; September 10 & 24 at 1:00PM**

If you plan to come, contact Pam Jay at [pjay0826@gmail.com](mailto:pjay0826@gmail.com).

**PINOCHLE GROUP; September 17 1:00PM**

Contact Peggy Koehler at 919-231-9563 or Jan Hubbard at 919-850-2542 if you plan to play.

## DAYTIME WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

The 'Friends and Neighbors' bowling league meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30AM at Buffalo Lanes North on Oak Forest Drive in Raleigh. All skill levels are welcome and you don't have to be a member of Hope to join! Questions? Contact Bonnie Onofrio at [bonofrio@nc.rr.com](mailto:bonofrio@nc.rr.com) or 919-280-8007.

## WOW (WOMEN OF THE WORD)

**Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00AM.** We are sisters who study God's Word, and uphold each other through mutual respect, fellowship, a helping hand, comfort, daily prayer, and love. Questions? Contact Judy Compton at [judygcomp@earthlink.net](mailto:judygcomp@earthlink.net).

## 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. Questions? Contact Susan Hooper, 919-467-6147 or [swoozieg@gmail.com](mailto:swoozieg@gmail.com).

## GIDEON'S STORY- WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

**Mondays, September 24- November 5 from 6:00-8:00PM.** This 7-session study will encourage you to recognize your weakness. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as the gifts given specifically and strategically by God. If you've ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, this study is for you. Questions? Contact Valerie Hoy at [vhoyo623@yahoo.com](mailto:vhoyo623@yahoo.com).

## SOUL SISTERS

**Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30AM.** We are a group of women who seek to know God better through prayer and living out Christ's love. We look to God in Scripture and through prayer for guidance and spiritual growth. We seek to share Jesus' love with one another and with others outside our group. Questions? Contact Lanette DeRose, 919-622-8832 or Valerie Miceli, 919-880-5347.

# WAYS TO GIVE AT HOPE

There are several ways to give offerings that benefit Hope's ministries. To start contributing or change your contribution format, please contact Hilary Tew, Operations Manager, at [htew@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:htew@hopelutheranwf.org) or 919-554-8109.



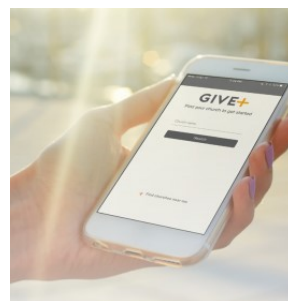
## DONATE WITH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Hope Lutheran Church. To begin, visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-2026911> to enroll in the Amazon Smile program.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are mailed out on a monthly basis. If you do not currently receive envelopes but would like to begin contact Hilary Tew.

## MOBILE APP GIVING OPTION

You can now make a contribution to Hope through a mobile app! To get started, simply search for "Give+ Church" in the App Store or Google Play to download the free app. Then, by selecting Hope, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.



## OTHER OPTIONS

Hope also offers two additional options for electronic giving. You may either schedule automatic payments through Hope's Simply Giving program or make one-time donations online. To learn more, see the brochure on the Narthex welcome desk or visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting, "About Us – Donate."

A number of other giving formats are also available. Did you know that if you are over age 70 ½ and taking a required minimum distribution from certain types of IRAs, you may be able to designate funds to Hope as a qualified charitable distribution?

# OUTREACH & MISSION MINISTRIES

## NEW DIRECTION FOR HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF EFFORTS

Hope volunteers are now helping to rebuild flood-damaged homes in Fayetteville, working with the excellent disaster response arm of the Methodist Church. Scheduled work days next month are September 8 & 20. If you'd like to volunteer, please let Pastor Wayne Puls ([wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org)) or DCE Steve McCarthy ([smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org)) know.

## PUERTO RICO RELIEF OPPORTUNITY

A group of Hope volunteers will be traveling to Puerto Rico November 12-18 to work directly with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod missionaries on the island. Our national church denomination is bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and providing much-needed relief supplies, to families still struggling to recover from last fall's hurricanes. Hope's volunteers will be renovating two apartments (to be used by future short-term LCMS volunteer groups), and replacing damaged home roofs.

Want to help? If you'd like to make a donation to help cover the cost of this important mission trip, please mark your check "Puerto Rico."

## MOUNTAINS OF NC MISSION TRIP

**Trip Date: September 24-28**

Assist Habitat for Humanity in Spruce Pine in the construction of new homes for those in need. No construction experience required, guidance and support will be readily provided. Contact Bonnie Petersilge at [bpetersilg@aol.com](mailto:bpetersilg@aol.com) or Don Yakopcic at [dyakopcic@gmail.com](mailto:dyakopcic@gmail.com) for more information.

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

**September 15 at 8:00AM; rain date is September 29**

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. Four times per year a clean-up day is organized, and volunteers spend time picking up trash that has accumulated on the sides of Forestville Road.

Meet at church and wear long pants and long sleeves. Vests, gloves and water will be provided. Youth 12 or older are invited. Questions? Contact Jeff Vukovich at 919-556-9174 or [jeff.vukovich@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.vukovich@gmail.com).



## HOPE FRIENDS

Volunteers who love to spend time talking, listening, and providing friendship will enjoy this ministry. Our Hope Friends volunteers make visits to people in area nursing homes who are unable to come to church. Contact Lois Nielsen at [relenielsen@gmail.com](mailto:relenielsen@gmail.com) for more information about helping out.

## CHURCHNET

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



# TOUCHED BY HOPE

October 20 from 8:00AM-1:00PM; register at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org)

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

Touched By Hope is an annual free medical clinic which provides a wide range of services to meet the medical, physical, and spiritual needs of the guests. Services range from medical, hearing, and optical care to haircuts and free clothing. All amenities are provided free of charge. Volunteers are gathered from Hope Lutheran Church and the community to provide services for our guests. Please note, dental care (screenings & dental bus) will not be offered this year.

## How To Get Involved:

### FUNDRAISING SUPPORT - T-SHIRTS



If you are planning on volunteering the day of the event, please purchase a 2018 t-shirt. This is the only fundraising for this event. You may purchase online when you sign up to volunteer.

### VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

The biggest volunteer need is for Advocates (16 & older).

An Advocate's main job is to escort guests to their various appointments. Also, a limited number of volunteers age 14-15 are needed. Register online today! Training for advocates will be October 14 at 12:15PM or volunteers can view the training online anytime starting October 1, 2018.

### HOPECHEST

Donations of gently-used clothing will be accepted before/after the October 13 & 14 services or during the week from 8AM-4PM. Sorting volunteers are needed October 18 starting at 11AM and during the event. For this event, Hope can only take clothing, no small housewares.

Questions? Contact Shannon Janosko at [shannon.janosko@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.janosko@gmail.com).

### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

As you do your weekly shopping, consider buying extra non-perishables for the TBH event. Please place items in the Touched By Hope donations bin in the café during September and October. Questions? Contact Sue Joslyn at [sajoslyn@earthlink.net](mailto:sajoslyn@earthlink.net).

### BOOK COLLECTIONS

Women of the Word (WOW) Small Group will be collecting gently used children's books and children's Bibles every weekend in October. These books will be distributed to guests attending the events. Donations may be placed in the gallery collection bin. For larger donations or questions, contact Judy Compton at [judygcomp@earthlink.net](mailto:judygcomp@earthlink.net).



2017 Touched By Hope Volunteers



# **Xplore**

**TRACK OUT CAMP**  
@ HOPE LUTHERAN

## **Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM

Early Care (7:30-8:00AM) & Late Care (5:00-5:30PM)

\$175 for the week, \$37 per day or \$20 for half day

## **Upcoming Themes...**

Journey off the Map (September 10-14)

Sports of all Sorts (September 17-21)

Animal Kingdom (September 24-28)

### **Located at Hope Lutheran Church**

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

*For children in ages birth through 4th grade*

## BIBLE BLESSING PARENT MEETING

**September 12 at 6:30PM**

Parents of 3rd & 4th graders (FLASH) are invited to come learn about blessing and teaching the Bible to your child with Lead DCE, Beth Agner. **Blessed Bibles will be presented to your child during the Children's Message of the September 29 & 30 services.**

## FLASH HORSEBACK RIDING

**September 16 at 2:00PM; cost is \$16/person**

Join your FLASH (grades 3&4) friends for a fun afternoon of horseback riding, games, and group fellowship. Wear long pants and tennis shoes. Learn more online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Children." Payment is due before September 12.

## KID'S CONNECT MUSIC & MOVEMENT EVENT

**September 15 at 10:00AM; free event**

All children through Kindergarten (and their families) are invited to an interactive music class where kids will be able to enjoy music, instruments, and active movement. Our special guest, Preschool Music Teacher Miss Elizabeth, will help lead us all during this fun event.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITIONS

**September 16 from 12:15-1:15PM in the Children's Center.**

All children are invited to audition for Hope's Christmas Pageant for a speaking role or singing solo. This year's play, *Carol And The Belles*, is set in a 1950's drive-in restaurant with a singing waitstaff! Big Bill's Restaurant will host the live telecast of the Christmas TV special featuring rock n' roll's biggest stars. While the town is busy preparing for the big event, it leaves us to wonder if the simple pageant proclaiming the birth of Jesus steals the show.

## LITTLE BLESSINGS MORNING OUT

Are you looking for a fun, loving environment to get your toddler some social interaction with friends his/her age? Hope Lutheran Church offers a parents' morning out program every week day from 9:00AM – noon. There are still openings, but space is limited. Visit the website to get more information or schedule a tour.

## DON'T FORGET...

- Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM
- Wednesday Night Alive begins on September 5 visit the website to learn more about these exciting programs.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschool Staff returned for the Fall on August 13. Back to school meetings were held to review policies and get to support professional growth. Preschool and Church staff also had a 'Meet & Greet' breakfast one morning.

**Thank You** to all the Teacher Appreciation Team parents who provided lunch for the preschool

staff as the teachers prepared for the first day of preschool on August 22. The meals were delicious, and such a big help as we all prepared for the new year!

The Preschool would like to welcome new teachers: **Stephanie Breemes, Sheila Flanagan, Lauren Jackson, Maria Markovitz, Kristen Winkle, and Susan Young.**

Also, welcome back the returning staff: **Lisa Ackerman, Angela Baker, Heleen Bloomer, Deborah**

**Burns, Denise Christopoulos, Ashley Clary, Sara Cutler, Amanda DeCilles, Lisa Dotson, Regina Fisher, Stephanie Fowler, Jean Futrell, Shari Gerhold, Christine Murphy, Katherine Neal, Gretchen O'Haire, Jannelle Pizzola, Stefanie Saba, Fran Sowisdral, Elizabeth Walker, & Suzanne Whiting.**

Please pray for our teachers, students, and families for a great year full of learning, growing, and friendships at Hope's Christ-centered preschool.



# YOUTH MINISTRY



## National Youth Gathering 2019

All High School youth and their parents are invited to an information meeting on Sunday, September 9 at 12:15PM on the Adult Education floor in room 301. Parents and youth will learn important details on cost, fundraising, and more so don't miss this! For many youth, this is a once in a life-time opportunity!

After you attend the National Youth Gathering meeting, youth are invited to join in fellowship at Brooks Street Bowl (413 Brooks St, Wake Forest, NC 27587) from 1:30-3:30PM. Bring \$12 for shoes and 2 games of bowling. This will replace Youth Group for the night. Friends invited!

## 9-12 EVENTS

### WEREWOLF ESCAPE ROOM

September 29, 6:30-8:00PM; Cost is \$5/person

Join friends in the Youth Center to escape the room before we turn into werewolves! You will have 19 puzzles, 3 locks, and only 60 minutes to escape. If you manage to escape, you will then be seated for a pizza dinner party. The cost is only \$5 so sign up today at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org). Friends welcome!

### 9-12 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Sunday evenings in the Youth Center from 6:30-8:00PM

Join the group to explore the life of Samson, play games, hang with friends and of course, eat snacks! Please note: there is no meeting on September 9, instead attend the National Youth Gathering information meeting and then join us in fellowship as we go bowling!

### 9-12 GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM in the Youth Center

Each week in September, youth will read the book of Ruth exploring historical and cultural context. Questions are always welcome!

# 7-8 GRADE EVENTS

## 7-8 GRADE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

September 15 from 6:30-9:00PM; cost is \$10

Eat your way through Wake Forest, stopping at 3 houses for games, swimming, hanging out, and of course dinner! The night begins at the Youth Center...who knows where we will explore. Drivers are needed!

## 7/8 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM in the Youth Center

7&8 Grade Youth Group is a weekly time where you get away from school, hangout with friends, and spend time in God's Word. Bring a friend and come by in September!

## 7/8 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM in the Youth Center

You are invited to the Youth Center Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM for Sunday School. This month the group will discuss the life of Jesus and compare it to modern youth.

# 5-6 GRADES & CONFIRMATION

## CONFIRMATION BEGINS - SEPTEMBER 5

All Confirmation students will begin classes on September 5 from 6:30-7:30PM. The group will meet on the Adult Education floor, room 301 for a large group session. Show up early to meet your group and find your seat! Bring your Bible, catechism, red folder, and a pen or pencil to write with!

## FALL CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT CAMP WILLOW RUN

September 21 at 4:30PM until September 23 at noon; cost is \$130

All 1 & 2 year confirmation students are welcome and expected to participate in this epic weekend retreat. This is the perfect opportunity to make new friends and grow closer with old ones as we prepare for another great year of Confirmation. Activities include: campfires, s'mores, low ropes course, canoeing, night games, and more! Registration and payment is due by September 7, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) today!

## 5 & 6 GRADE MOVIE NIGHT

September 7 from 6:30-9:00PM in the Youth Center

Give your parents a break on Friday night and get together with your friends for some popcorn, candy, and a movie! Movie will be decided based off votes in confirmation class on September 5. Email Steve McCarthy ([smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org)) your top choices ahead of time if you want them to be considered for the vote. Bring a friend, your PJs, and a blanket!

## 5 & 6 GRADE HORSEBACK RIDING

September 16 at 2:00PM; cost is \$16/person

Join your friends for a fun afternoon of horseback riding, games, and group fellowship. Wear long pants and tennis shoes. Learn more online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Youth." Payment is due before September 12.

## 5 & 6 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM in the Youth Center

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carrie Alvis, 9/1  
 Jeff Comer, 9/1  
 Mark Gipner, 9/1  
 Austin Caudle, 9/2  
 Michael Isaacson, 9/2  
 Margaret Rockey, 9/2  
 Kenneth Irgens, 9/3  
 Briana Noon, 9/3  
 Kim Schunke, 9/3  
 Jim Barker, 9/4  
 Diane Copeland, 9/4  
 Zachary Hubbell, 9/4  
 Ann Thompson, 9/4  
 Rebecca Beaman, 9/5  
 Joe Gonenc Jr., 9/5  
 Julia Kalas, 9/5  
 Ryan Lockhart, 9/5  
 Gregory Rom, 9/5  
 Job Sharpstene, 9/6  
 Dore' Bergfors, 9/7  
 Marilyn Bremer, 9/7  
 Sharon Gipner, 9/7  
 Brittany Hicks, 9/7  
 Shelly Hodsden, 9/7  
 Harper Lindberg, 9/7  
 Wendi Pallozzi, 9/7  
 Emily Smathers, 9/7  
 Ben Strom, 9/7  
 Roxanne Gartland, 9/8  
 David Klemp, 9/8  
 David Rummel, 9/8  
 Phelisha Sujat, 9/8

Sandy Wawrzynek, 9/8  
 Mark Foil, 9/9  
 Kaylee Mercer, 9/9  
 Ella Obiedzinski, 9/9  
 Connor Rummel, 9/9  
 Bob Stalder, 9/9  
 Graceann Tine, 9/9  
 Zach Heath, 9/10  
 Kaileigh Hill, 9/10  
 Andrew Beaman, 9/11  
 Nicole Comer, 9/11  
 Judy Compton, 9/11  
 Sharon DiMartino, 9/11  
 Tim Holt, 9/11  
 Crystal Rebollar, 9/11  
 Grace Boney, 9/12  
 Rachel Broughton, 9/12  
 Bonita Comer, 9/12  
 Matt Kuntz, 9/12  
 Steve Martin, 9/12  
 Cathy Palotta, 9/12  
 Gloria Siaw, 9/12  
 Keaton Brown, 9/13  
 Erin Einzig, 9/14  
 Rodney Farlow, 9/14  
 Graham Harris, 9/14  
 Lisa Harris, 9/14  
 Gail Hogshire, 9/14  
 Becky Parker, 9/14  
 James Roberts, 9/14  
 Hannah Weitzel, 9/14  
 Weston Lane, 9/15  
 Carol Miksa, 9/15  
 Marilyn Featham, 9/16  
 Bonnie Pierce, 9/16

Barbara Bennett, 9/17  
 Abby Bierlein, 9/17  
 Blake Ellison, 9/17  
 John Hogshire, 9/17  
 Grace Kellum, 9/17  
 Sydney Law, 9/17  
 Larry Metzger, 9/17  
 Alice Piacenti, 9/17  
 Julie Torsone, 9/17  
 Madison Whitmer, 9/17  
 Dottie Reading, 9/18  
 John Trusch, 9/18  
 Morgan Womble IV, 9/18  
 Amy Carlyle, 9/19  
 Brandi Hughes, 9/19  
 Amanda Jones, 9/19  
 Ashley Lindeman, 9/19  
 Emily Phillips, 9/19  
 Ethan Pless, 9/19  
 Dawn Ponsolle, 9/19  
 Beatrice Siaw, 9/19  
 Reggie Williams, 9/19  
 Bobby Francisco Jr., 9/20  
 Isabella Francisco, 9/20  
 Pandora Gill, 9/20  
 Ben Lance, 9/20  
 Larry Verny, 9/20  
 Macey Watt, 9/20  
 Heleen Bloomer, 9/21  
 Mary Katherine Hederick, 9/21  
 Larry Mengel, 9/21  
 Tyler Wilcox, 9/21  
 Taylor DeCilles, 9/22  
 Jack Einzig, 9/22  
 Maria Ismay, 9/22

Jordan Lopez, 9/22  
 Mimi Upchurch, 9/22  
 Lauren Hollembaek, 9/23  
 Amy Stevens, 9/23  
 Jeff Vukovich, 9/23  
 James Gonenc, 9/24  
 Ken Knudsen, 9/24  
 Hunter Lindeman, 9/24  
 Hadley Blalock, 9/25  
 Rob Clark, 9/25  
 Kathy Marker, 9/25  
 Robert Zwickis, 9/25  
 Ian Brown, 9/26  
 Vickie Gelfo, 9/26  
 Gordy Koehler, 9/26  
 Harrison McCleary, 9/26  
 Jaden Rotosky, 9/26  
 Sierra Wilkinson, 9/26  
 Matthew Wrenn, 9/26  
 Lynne Dille, 9/27  
 Gary Massey, 9/27  
 Sara Perez, 9/27  
 Jim Buddo III, 9/28  
 Mary Smith, 9/28  
 Barbara DeMarco, 9/30  
 Georgie Edwards, 9/30  
 Mary Gahagen, 9/30  
 Laura Jordan, 9/30  
 Nia Whitted, 9/30

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Joe & Holly Bloomer, 9/1  
 John & Kim Nugent, 9/1  
 Mike & Miranda Bailey, 9/3  
 Jim & Henri Kelliher, 9/3  
 Gerald & Comilla Jomp, 9/4  
 Mike & Sue Meehan, 9/4  
 Bob & Nancy Sakowski, 9/4  
 Kevin & Suzanne Brown, 9/5  
 Bill & Amy Stevens, 9/5  
 Andy & Nancy Hoh, 9/6  
 Al & Jean Mannato, 9/6  
 Matthew & Heather Wrenn, 9/6  
 Ron & Carol Miksa, 9/7

Peter & Deborah Muller, 9/8  
 Jeffrey & Beverly Miller, 9/9  
 Kevin & Kate Smith, 9/9  
 Don & Nancy Wilhelm, 9/9  
 Ted & Grace Bennett, 9/10  
 John & Janet Vekovius, 9/11  
 Les & Donna Deming, 9/12  
 Paul & Rene Hieter Jr., 9/12  
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 Robert & Joelle Weltzin, 9/13  
 Rodger & Virginia Fulbright, 9/15  
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 Tim & Jenny Holt, 9/16  
 Dave & Debi Lilienthal, 9/16  
 Ryan & Susan DeVerna, 9/17  
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 Luis & Beth Fondo, 9/21  
 Joe & Laura Jordan, 9/21  
 Kevin & Linda Sutton, 9/21  
 Andy & Bette Barrett, 9/23  
 Orv & Lidia Cullen, 9/23  
 Brian & Tracy Gentry, 9/25  
 Chris & Amy Minor, 9/25  
 Charles & Jamie Pless, 9/25  
 Gary & Leta Massey, 9/27  
 Patrick & Joanna Monahan, 9/27  
 Robb & Cindy Dussault, 9/28  
 John & Joyce Habuda, 9/28  
 Gary & Teri O'Neill, 9/28



## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 5

**Comfort for...**the family of Brian Faris at the loss of his aunt, Hattie Duncan, after a long battle with Alzheimer's; Tom and Rebecca Miller as Tom receives hospice care; Jim Chambers and family at the death of his mother. Friend of Ted Bachman; the family of Kathy Funfgeld, mourning her death; Tom Haske and the family of Doug Williams, mourning the loss of Doug in a drowning accident; last week; **Strength and Healing for...** Erin Barker, recovering from gallbladder surgery; Rex and Becky Stokes as Rex has surgery next Tuesday; Addison Pickeral, friend of Rebecca Miller, who has been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis; Ted Backman's friend who was robbed at gun point and is suffering from PTSD; friend of the Ames family, 13 year-old Avery, fighting cancer; the mother a Joey Sakowski's friend, battling cancer; a friend of the Vecillio family, battling liver issues and in need of a transplant; Mike Herring, family of Bob Herring, recovering from surgery; Rosie Miller's friend, Cheryl Sy, recovering from cancer surgery; Carol Miksa, recovering from shingles; Roy Bergfors, as he developed health issues while traveling on vacation; the Reading's 1 year-old neighbor, Maddox Matthews, recovering from a heart operation; Ken, recently diagnosed with cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**the firefighters battling the wild fires in California; travel mercies for Cindi Woolard's family; the Young Family as they travel back to Africa; a co-worker having a tough time.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 12

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...**Elena Bruck's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday; **Comfort for...**Rebecca Miller and family at the death of Hope member, Tom Miller; the family of Ann Siegel, who died Friday, July 27; Paul Janok and family, at the loss of Paul's brother, Frank Janok; the Graves family as they deal with the death of Johnny Graves; the Wolf family as they mourn the loss of Kathy Wolf; **Strength and Healing for...**a family friend of the Noon's, whose father was diagnosed with a brain tumor; Sammie, having brain surgery on Tuesday. Prayers for her mother, Robin, too; a family needing to make tough decisions for their loved one's care; Ryan Gipner's broken foot; David Critchley's mother, Ginger Critchley, recovering from surgery.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 19

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...**Julia Allen's birthday; Kevin Kirkendoll's birthday; **Comfort for...**the family of Pastor Marc Tilley who was killed in an auto accident; the Noon family at the death of their grandfather; **Strength and Healing for...**a dear friend struggling with mental illness; Chuck Boney, Brad Boney's father, undergoing cancer treatments; Darrell Mower; Ken Schafer, recovering from cancer surgery yesterday; The pre-teen daughter of Ronald O'Neal's co-worker, diagnosed with Leukemia; Virginia Critchley, mother of David Critchley, had a pacemaker installed but is still experiencing heart issues; Life after a failed marriage; Brenda Duensing, hospitalized in Wilmington; a family friend of the Meehan's, Sydney, struggling with complications

from Leukemia; the Squillace Family, longtime friends of the Faris Family, at the loss of their mother over the weekend; Kristin Slaybaugh, granddaughter of Ron & Carol Miksa, leaving for Madagascar to live and teach English there for a year; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**Matt Slaybaugh, who has accepted a call to be Director of Campus Ministries at Penn State's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Jared Lockhart, starting college at Texas A&M.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 26

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...**Marissa Barker's recovering from surgery; Nickolaus Bruck's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday; **Comfort for...**a family dealing with a sudden, tragic loss; the Yakopcic and Elder families at the loss of their sister-in-law/aunt, Michele Yakopcic; the Loschiavo family at the death of a neighbor; neighbors of the Willers', John and Sarah Keller, at the death of their 15 year-old son; Teresa Tucker, friend of Cathy Smith, at the loss of her husband to cancer; the family of Peggy Koehler at the death of her father, Walter Thomas; the Watts family in Colorado for their losses; **Strength and Healing for...**Patricia Elder, mother of Todd Elder, recovering from a hospitalization; Jim Marriott, recovering from lung surgery; Sara Oaks, friend of the Bowlings, as she begins cancer treatment; Brian Rush, friend of the Bowlings, diagnosed with a degenerative neurological disease; Lake Wilson's mother, Donna Palmer, hospitalized; Judy Tyson, recovering from surgery; Anna Mae, friend of Luci Plack, awaiting test results; a friend of Diane Parker, Georgie; anyone who is caring for a loved one, sick, or in pain; Lori Hugelmaier; George Brown, friend of the Cesar family, being treated for cancer; Winnie, friend of the Cesar family; a cousin dealing with dementia; Katherine, a friend recently diagnosed with cancer; Virginia Barker, mother of Jim Barker, recovering from surgery; those struggling with addiction; a friend recovering from back surgery; a friend preparing for cancer treatment; Brandi Hughes, recovering from surgery.





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