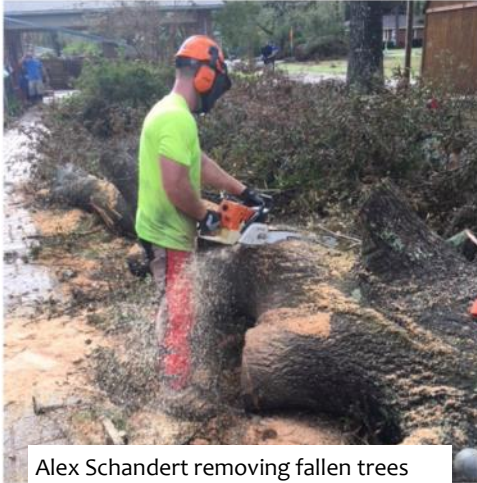


MISSION MOMENTS

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



Alex Schandert removing fallen trees



The New Member Class loading the truck with canned goods and supplies.



Hope's Disaster Relief Trailer in Havelock



Pastors Lew & Daub survey St. Paul Church



Canned goods donated by the people of Hope



Some volunteers at Hope working to unload the supplies donated from the LCMS

*The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod, the LCMS
Southeastern District, and
Hope Lutheran Church are
working together to bring
physical assistance and
Gospel hope to disaster
victims in North Carolina.*

Learn more on page 4.



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Preschool

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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.

Message from Pastor Puls... What's The Difference?

Imagine you're sitting in an airport terminal, waiting for a delayed flight. You pull out your Bible, and start reading. A stranger sits down across the aisle from you, and notices you reading. "Excuse me, are you a Christian?" she asks. "I'm not really religious myself, but I've always wondered what your religion is all about. **Can you tell me what the difference is between Christianity and other religions?**"

You have an amazing opportunity to share your faith. But here's the catch. Her flight boards in five minutes. You have only five minutes to tell her about Christianity. What will you say?

- Hopefully, introduce her to Jesus, telling her who he is, and what you love about him.
- Go on to describe what God has done for her in the death and resurrection of his Son.
- Tell her about God's free gift of salvation which he gives to us, a gift we cannot earn or deserve.
- You're not likely to use deep theological vocabulary, but you'll be sharing the doctrine of justification, the very essence of your Christian faith.
- Make sure she hears that Christ gave his life on the cross as payment for her sins, and that God will forgive all who trust and believe in him.
- Let her know that Christianity is the one religion in which God comes to humans with his help, rather than humans struggling to find their way to him.

The above scenario is an interesting scenario, isn't it? Are you prepared? Do you know what you'd say? Take some time (five short minutes) today to give this a try. Then pray that God gives you some opportunity to help another soul come to faith in Christ Jesus, our saving Lord.

Know the difference!

In Christ,



Pastor Wayne Puls (with help from Pastor Lew Upchurch)
wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org

Women's Ministry Events

Building relationships with God and other women is the goal of Hope's Women's Ministry.

All women, 18 years and older, are invited to join the fun at any of the following events. To learn more register, please visit www.hopelutheranwf.org today.

Taste & Share Event

October 19 at 7:00PM

What is your favorite holiday appetizer/treat you like to bring to parties? Join the women of Hope to "Taste and Share" recipes at Tracie White's home. As a special gift, each woman will receive a copy of the dishes enjoyed. Have your recipe ready when you register online by October 14.

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.

Christmas Tea

November 30 at 7:00PM

Celebrate the Christmas season with a special Christmas Tea just for women. We will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, Christmas drinks, and dessert together while celebrating the season. More information to come, mark your calendars!



October Events

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

The monthly publication of our church body, *The Lutheran Witness*, speaks directly about what's important to today's Lutherans. To subscribe contact Carlin O'Brien at cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org by October 15. The cost is \$12.95, payable to Hope, with Lutheran Witness listed in the memo.

Mulch Day!

October 27 at 8:30AM

A mulch day has been scheduled to spruce up our grounds for Saturday, October 27 starting at 8:30AM. Bring your wheelbarrows, pitch forks, and gloves. All are welcome and your help is needed to get the job done. Contact Steve Ebberts, Facilities Manager, if you have any questions at sebberts@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

Men of Hope Gumbo Sale

The Men of Hope are preparing homemade, fresh Gumbo for the weekend of October 13 & 14, before and after each service. The quarts of hearty Gumbo will be available for \$8 each (vegetarian, mild, and hot). The Men of Hope is a small group ministry; where men meet for fellowship, build their faith, and serve the church and community. Any man, over the age of 18, is welcome to attend the breakfast meeting on October 13 at 8:00AM.

Hope Friends

October 25 at 6:30PM

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.

To join this fulfilling and special group, attend the next meeting on October 25 at 6:30PM.

Questions? Contact Lois Nielsen at relenielsen@gmail.com.

Outreach & Mission Ministry

Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts

As a caring church community, our thoughts and prayers are with those impacted directly by Hurricane Florence. Right



Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts

now, many people in our state desperately need help. Our compassionate God will definitely use Christians like us, in powerful ways, as we share care, love, and hands-on assistance in the name of Jesus. To see up-to-date photos, articles, and news visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/Florence

How Can You Help?

- Pray for hurricane victims, and those displaced from their homes by ongoing river flooding.
- Sign up to receive updates on upcoming volunteer mission trips and work days in North Carolina by completing the form at www.hopelutheranwf.org/Florence
- Make a special donation to Hope's Disaster Response Fund, and know that your contribution will benefit our neighbors in need – mark your check accordingly.

Brown Bag Ministry

Hope's Brown Bag Ministry distributes 225 lunches to three communities in the downtown Wake Forest area two Saturdays a month. Volunteers gather to assemble and distribute nutritious lunches from donated and purchased food. A Bible verse is included for spiritual nourishment. Want to get involved? Visitors are always welcomed to volunteer with Brown Bag Ministry.

- **The first Saturday** of each month is reserved for groups of 8-12 people who wish to serve together, such as Girl/Boy Scouts, Youth Groups, or Small Groups.
- **The third Saturday** of each month is open to any individuals or families who wish to be part of this ministry.

For further information, please contact Nancy Repak at 919-279-3801 or kapernan@gmail.com or Debbie Irgens at dliргens@earthlink.net or 919-373-9181. A special thank you to Texas Roadhouse for supplying all of the yummy rolls!!

Congratulations to DCE Maddie Upchurch Gong!

Maddie Gong, daughter of Pastor Lew and Lisa Upchurch, was installed as a DCE at Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix, Arizona on September 23, 2018. Please keep Maddie and her husband Wes, who is a fourth grade teacher at the church's school in your prayers, as they begin their ministry.



Touched by Hope

October 20 from 8:00AM-1:00PM; register at 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 from 11AM-5PM and during the event. For this event Hope can only take clothing, no small housewares.

Questions? Contact Shannon Janosko at 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.

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.



Sunday Servants Needed!

Communion Server

Servers assist the Pastors in the distribution of Holy Communion during the worship services by distributing the wine from the small glasses or the common cup. Training is provided. Need: Saturday Night at 5:30PM, Sunday @ 11:00AM. Email Carlin O'Brien, Administrative Assistant, at cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org to join the team.

Altar Care

Assists with setting up the church and altar area for each service for worship, Holy Communion, and Holy Baptism. A

complete list of weekly duties and training is available. Need: All services. Email Carlin O'Brien, Administrative Assistant, at cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org to get involved.

Children's Church Leaders

Children's Church allows 3 year olds – 2nd graders to receive an age appropriate lesson during the sermon time, and then return to their families for the remainder of the service. Leaders will be given curriculum and training. Email Erin Ames, Family Program Director, at eames@hopelutheranwf.org to get involved.

Wednesday Night Alive Continues!

September 5 - October 24, 2018

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, Confirmation, fellowship, and fun. **Homemade, high-quality dinners** are served from 5:30-6:15PM. Sign up in the Narthex or online. Cost is \$6/adults & youth 11 and older, \$3/children ages 5-10, children under 5 free (\$22 family max).

October Menu:

- **10/3:** Homemade pancakes (plain, chocolate chip, blueberry, or gluten-free) served with sausage, apple sauce, and mini-cinnamon rolls for dessert.
- **10/10:** Fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, rolls, salad, and Popsicles for dessert.
- **10/17:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, bread, and cake for dessert.
- **10/24:** Spaghetti and meatballs/sausage, garlic bread, salad, and Italian Ice for dessert.

Music Groups

5:25pm-5:45pm; **Handbells (Grades 2-5)**
5:50pm-6:25pm; **Children's Choir (Grades 1-6)**
6:00pm-7:30pm; **Adult Handbells**
7:30pm-9:15pm; **Senior Choir**

Children's 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, rm. 4
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.

Did you know Hope's bulletins are worth money?

Simply bring in your Hope Lutheran church bulletin and receive special discounts!

Xpert Computer Service & Repair

3325 Rogers Rd # 116, Wake Forest
www.wakeforestcomputerservice.com
20% off service any day

Chronic Tacos

1000 Forestville Rd #100, Wake Forest
20% off on Sundays and Wednesdays

Moe's Southwest Grill

10760 Wakefield Commons Dr., Raleigh
20% off on Sundays

bu-ku

1228 Heritage Links Dr. Suite 100, Wake Forest
10% off any day

Shuckers

3309 Rogers Rd., Wake Forest
10% off on Sundays and Wednesdays

Texas Roadhouse

11440 Capital Blvd., Wake Forest
10% off on Sundays

Zaxby's

995 Durham Rd., Wake Forest
10% off any day

The Honeybaked Ham Company

14460 Falls of Neuse Rd. #161, Raleigh
10% off any day

Small Group Ministry Update

Nifty Needleworkers Craft Sale

The Nifty Needleworkers of Hope (Seam Team, Threads of Hope, Hand quilters) will have a craft fair at the church before and after services on November 3 & 4 and 10 & 11.

The group will have a number of hand-crafted items for sale and will also be selling raffle tickets for 2 or 3 quilts. Most of the money we raise from our endeavors goes back into Hope's various ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping!

Questions? Contact Betty McAlear at
bmcalear@nc.rr.com.

Cards at Hope

New players are always welcome!

BRIDGE GROUP; October 8 & 22 at 1:00PM

If you plan to come, contact Pam Jay at
pjay0826@gmail.com.

PINOCHLE GROUP; October 1 & 15 1:00PM

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

Gideon's Story- Women's Small Group

Mondays, September 24- November 5 from 6:00-8:00PM.

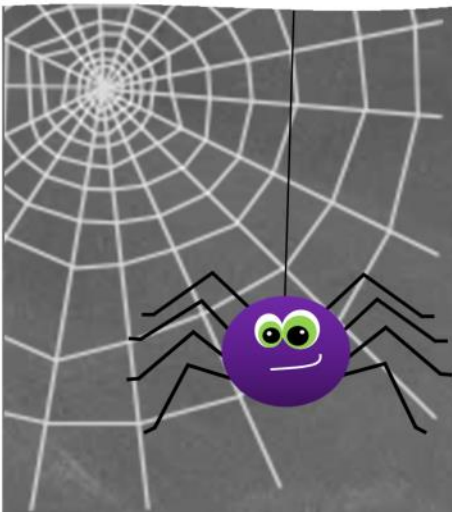
This 7-session study will encourage you to recognize your weakness. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as the gifts given specifically and strategically by God. If you've ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, this study is for you. Questions? Contact Valerie Massengill at Massengills4Him@gmail.com @yahoo.com.

Men Not at Work

Men, age 55+ who are retired or semi-retired, gather to share a meal, discuss what's on your mind, Bible study, and books of common interest. The group meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 8:00-9:30AM at Briggs Restaurant. For information contact Andy Barrett, 919-349-5599 or andy27609@yahoo.com.

Creation Keepers

This group focuses on environmental stewardship on the basis of biblical teachings. The goal of this small group is to serve God by addressing local community concerns, such as restoration of Smith Creek. The group meets the first Sunday of each month from 3-4PM at Hope. For information contact Dr. Bob George at georgeryt@cs.com.



TRUNK *or* TREAT

Saturday, October 27, 2018

6:30-8:30pm

Hope Lutheran Church www.hopelutheranwf.org

Hope's Children's Ministry will host a spooktacular evening of trick or treating and watching Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin (playing continuously).

Everyone is welcome to join the fun!

Decorate Your Trunk!

Decorated trunks are needed! Consider decorating your car...the more cars = more fun (and candy) for the kids! Be in Hope's parking lot, ready by 6pm. Sign up at in the Narthex this weekend.



Children's Ministry at Hope

Fall Fun!!

Register for these events at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Ministries - Children."

Hill Ridge Farms Event (Grades 1&2)

October 14 at 2:00PM; Cost is \$13/person (2 and under are free)

Fall is in the air! All Kingdom Kids (grades 1 & 2) are invited to join Children's Ministry for an afternoon at Hill Ridge Farms. The fun will include a hayride & pumpkin patch, the jumping pillow, a giant slide, the pumpkin bounce, pumpkin jumping pad, moon bounce, hay jump, corn playhouse, roller slide, swings, colorful maze, farm animals, fish feeding dock, and more! Please be sure to pay in advance (or bring cash to the event) because everyone needs to pay as a group to get the group discount. If you don't pay with the group your rate will be \$15 per person.

Hill Ridge Farms is located at 703 Tarboro Road, Youngsville. Meet at the event.

Bump In The Night (Not-So-Scary) Lock-In (Grades 3&4)

November 2-3 from 6:30PM-8:00AM; Cost is \$15

Come and join the FLASH group for a fun Halloween-themed lock-in with lots of glowing fun and Laser Tag! We will enjoy a great snack as well as a ton of fun and then eat breakfast together before we leave. Please be sure to feed your children dinner before they come. Friends are always welcome just be sure to fill out the Children's Ministry Medical Release form online.

Trunk or Treat - *fun for everyone!*

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See the flyer on page 8 of this newsletter.

Children's Ministry Notables...

Christmas Pageant

Thank you to all those who auditioned for a speaking role and/or solo in September! Even if you didn't audition, all children are encouraged to participate with their Sunday School class! All children are asked to wear their "Children of Hope" t-shirts. If you do not have a shirt (\$10) or would like to order a CD (\$5), please email Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org to order yours today.

Little Blessings Teachers Needed!

Little Blessings, Hope's morning out program, will be looking for additional teachers to join our staff. If you love spending time with little ones ages 0-2, contact Erin Ames, Family Program Director, at eames@hopelutheranwf.org to get more information!

YOUTH MINISTRY

For youth in 5-12 grades – friends always welcome!

5&6 Grade Events & Confirmation

Questions? Contact DCE Steve McCarthy at smccarthy@hopelutheranwvf.org or 919-554-8109.

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Confirmation Continues in October!

Confirmation continues to meet each Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30PM. Don't forget, class is cancelled on October 31, Happy Reformation Day (and Halloween)!

Ice Cream Party

October 16 from 6:00-7:00PM at Dairy Depot

It's never too cold for ice cream (or if it is then there's always hot chocolate)! Come by Dairy Depot between 6-7pm to party like it's still the summer! If your birthday is in October then the ice cream is on Steve (metaphorically speaking – no food fights please)!

Sunday School

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM

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)!

7– 8 Grade Events & More!

Questions? Contact either DCE Steve McCarthy at smccarthy@hopelutheranwvf.org or DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwvf.org or 919-554-8109.



Werewolf Escape Room

**October 21 from 12:30-2:00PM;
Cost is \$5**

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. Friends

welcome! Pizza lunch is provided! Sign up today!

7-8 Grade Youth Group

Wednesday Nights from 6:30-7:30PM

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. This month we will be learning about some "Spooky Scary Bible Stories!" Bring a friend and come by in October!

Sunday School

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

You are invited to the Youth Center between church services for Sunday School! This month the group will cover: Growing with Jesus, God's Big Story, and even a Mystery Sunday! See you there!

High School Events & More!

Questions? Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

High School Youth Group

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

Join us as we explore relevant topics and pressing issues teens face today. Come play games, hang with friends and of course, eat snacks!

High School Sunday School

This month we are having 3 mystery Sundays. You never know what to expect each morning! Later in October, students will read through the book of Samuel. Questions are always welcome! You are invited to the Youth Center Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM for Sunday School.

High School Rockfish Overnight Service Trip

October 27-28, 2018; Cost is \$30/person

Over the past 2 years, Camp Rockfish has been Hope's home base for disaster relief efforts in Lumberton and Fayetteville. Now they need our help. In October, join the youth to help rebuild docks, place anchors, build life guard towers, and clean up fallen trees. Meet at Hope at 8:00AM on Saturday. The group will return by 6:00PM on Sunday. Register online today at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

Touched By Hope Volunteer Now!

October 20, 2018

8:00AM - 1:00PM

Touched By Hope is open to anyone in need of medical, dental, or vision services.

Additionally, guests are able to take home a bag full of clothing and non-perishable food or stop by the spa area for a haircut, facial, or manicure.

Registration is now open for volunteers, ages 14 & older, on Hope's website at www.hopelutheranwf.org. You must be 16 years or older to be an advocate.

2019 National Youth Gathering

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 12

All current High School youth are able to attend the National Youth Gathering July 11-15, 2019. The National Youth Gathering (NYG) is an unbelievable opportunity that the High School youth get every 3 years. More than 25,000 teens attend this mountain-top experience as it is a chance to grow, learn, and stretch your perspective as you gather with peers from all over the world. Each day includes wonderful high-tech multi-media presentations, powerful personal testimonies, incredible live music, joyful entertainment, all while discussing relevant topics youth struggle with in their day-to-day life. The world is changing, things are not like the past, but this gathering serves to teach youth that we have a REAL, PRESENT, GOD!

Pick up your registration packet in the church office today, or email DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.



Preschool Update

The preschool fall program is off and running. We welcome all the new children and their families!!

The **Preschool Scholarship Fund** is available to help families who are experiencing financial hardship. Please prayerfully consider helping another family experience the love of God at the preschool by making a donation. All donations are welcome at any time; please make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Preschool, earmarked "Scholarship Fund."

Don't forget to support the preschool by providing your **Harris Teeter VIC card number** to the Preschool office, or you can link your card yourself by going to www.harristeeter.com.

Hope Lutheran Preschool's outreach program, **Hope Kids Care**, Helping Others in Our Community is helping to teach our students the value of caring for others. Every couple months the preschool will collect different items that will be donated to local charities. We are currently collecting school supplies. If you would like to make a donation, the collection boxes are inside the front and back doors of the Preschool.

We are now taking **Scholastic Book Orders online!** If you would like to order books, the online ordering is available through the first full week of each month. Go to the website, www.scholastic.com/bookclubs, and enter our code HVBZ4. Contact the Preschool with any questions.

A poster for 'Xplore Track Out Camp @ Hope Lutheran'. The title 'Xplore' is in large white letters on a wooden log background, with 'TRACK OUT CAMP' and '@ HOPE LUTHERAN' below it. The background of the poster is a rainbow gradient. The text on the poster is as follows:

Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM
Early Care (7:30-8AM) & Late Care (5-5:30PM)
\$175 for the week or \$37 per day
Register online at www.hopelutheranwf.org

October fun has just begun! Come see what exciting things Xplore has in store for the coming weeks.

Additionally, there will be an invited a special guest speaker from the Wake County Animal Shelter, bi-weekly exercise class taught by Body & Soul Fitness and we have arranged a "Fun Food Friday" including Little Caesars Pizza.

It's "Pinteresting" (October 1-5)
Animal Kingdom (October 8-12)
Movers, Shakers, Gizmo Makers (October 15-19)
Honey, I Shrunk the Campers! (October 22-26)
Holiday Mash-Up (October 29-November 2)



ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

ESSENTIAL LUTHERAN

October 7-October 28

Location: Adult Education floor, room 300

Leader: Dr. Peter Muller and Jack Pizzolato

Lutherans can seem quirky at times. They are doctrinally rigorous, yet so fond of paradoxes and unresolved doctrinal tensions. Thankfully every Lutheran doctrine comes back to Jesus. As October marks the 501st anniversary of the Reformation, you are invited to explore a few key beliefs essential to Lutheran Christianity.

THE PARABLES OF OUR LORD

October 7-October 28

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

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30PM

TIMELY TOPICS, TIMELESS TRUTHS

October 7-October 28

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Paul Hieter Jr., 10/1
Pat Kramer, 10/1
Melanie Barker, 10/2
Roy Carlson, 10/2
Cheryl Casale, 10/2
Rod Civis, 10/2
Nicholas Gallo, 10/2
Rana Groves, 10/2
Mary Hitzeman, 10/2
Paula Hubbell, 10/2
Emily Mashburn, 10/2
Evan Nugent, 10/2
Beth Stitt, 10/2
Barry Bowling, 10/3
Aidan Brown, 10/3
Samantha Green, 10/3
Amy Ikerd, 10/3
Katie Valchar, 10/3
Aaron Bailey, 10/4
Marlene Civis, 10/4
Kyle Cook, 10/4
Camden Hall, 10/4
Joanne Hillyer, 10/4
Mark Macenas, 10/4
Samantha Ponsolle, 10/4
Nathan Repogle, 10/4
Anna Grace Scheuerle, 10/4
Kaedence Jendro, 10/5
Jim Peterson, 10/5
Carl Rockey, 10/5

Lizi Ames, 10/6
Nate Matthews, 10/6
Caitlin Phillips, 10/6
Tony Piacenti, 10/6
Ethan Evans, 10/7
Logan Gill, 10/7
Jacqueline Holman, 10/7
Joy Langley, 10/7
Ann Wagner, 10/7
Brenda Duensing, 10/8
Ronald O'Neal, 10/8
Carole Paderick, 10/8
Patricia Thomas, 10/8
Parker Coyne, 10/9
Abby Minor, 10/9
Rob Niesel Jr., 10/9
Michala Ponsolle, 10/9
Kevin Scott, 10/9
Dan Gibson, 10/10
Ryan Hughes, 10/10
Richard Kaess, 10/10
Jack Lilienthal, 10/10
Andy O'Neill, 10/10
Judith Spinola, 10/10
Finn Agner, 10/11
Rachel Alvis, 10/11
Briana Evans, 10/11
Jared Lockhart, 10/11
Ian Queen, 10/11
Phillip Sebastian, 10/11
Beth Swenson, 10/11
Mike Valchar, 10/11
Preston Helmers, 10/12
Madelynn Kusy, 10/12
Alyssa Ponsolle, 10/12

Bob Sakowski, 10/12
Kathy Vockeroth, 10/12
Ella Bright, 10/13
Lauren Heath, 10/13
Nick Lassiter, 10/13
Mason O'Brien, 10/13
David Phillips, 10/13
Lisa Upchurch, 10/13
Lauren Loomis, 10/15
Micajah Owens, 10/15
Terry Zehnbauser, 10/15
David Fenzl, 10/16
Brian Friend, 10/16
Jean Kile, 10/16
Alexis Roberts, 10/16
Jonathan Duffy, 10/17
Bruce Green, 10/17
Jake Holley, 10/18
Jim Kelliher, 10/18
Matt Lancaster, 10/18
Lynne Long, 10/18
Kevin Murphy, 10/18
Josh Pallozzi, 10/18
Olivia Pallozzi, 10/18
Sean Bachand, 10/19
Herman Cole, 10/19
Ben Stevens, 10/19
Bryce Torsone, 10/19
Hannah Elder, 10/20
Amy Minor, 10/20
Kyle Parker, 10/20
Olivia Lewis, 10/21
Heather Weitzel, 10/21
Andrew Albert, 10/22
Kensley Hamm, 10/22

Ben Horsley, 10/22
Wendy O'Neal, 10/22
Paula Reeves, 10/22
Gaby Turgeon, 10/22
Sofie Allgaier, 10/23
Kylee Brown, 10/23
Debbie Irgens, 10/23
Jacob Naegel, 10/23
Victoria Purcell, 10/23
Sonni Thornton, 10/23
Don Yakopcic, 10/23
Joanna Monahan, 10/24
Bridgette Wood, 10/24
Jan Christner, 10/25
Kara Lockhart, 10/25
Emsley Arner, 10/26
Mark Fisher, 10/26
Calvin Holt, 10/26
Tom Thompson, 10/26
Grant Albert, 10/27
David Lambert, 10/27
Bill Stevens, 10/27
Brandy York, 10/27
Callie Bright, 10/28
Bob Francisco, 10/28
Sarah Hitt, 10/28
Mike Meehan, 10/28
Bob White, 10/28
Mary Klemp, 10/29
Barbara Readling, 10/29
Tim Smith, 10/29
Christopher Hall, 10/30
Ryan Hall, 10/30
Drew Roland, 10/30
Kelly Friend, 10/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Erin & Bryan Ames, 10/2
Dan & Karen Johnson, 10/3
Brad & Carrie Mercer, 10/4
Carissa & Pete Rosonke, 10/4
Kevin & Gail Murphy, 10/5
Darrin & Heather Blalock, 10/10
Harold & Martha Haun, 10/10
Steven & Laura Phillips, 10/10
Lynn & Margaret Bierlein, 10/11
Wayne & Colleen Puls, 10/11
Todd & Crissie Hoelzle, 10/12
Jerry & Nancy Repak, 10/12
David & Heather Phillips, 10/13
Ken & Stephanie Knudsen, 10/14
Bob & Emily Hendrickson, 10/15
Bob & Chandra George, 10/16
Chris & Sharon Leary, 10/17

Alissa & John Carroll, 10/18
Jimmy & Carlin O'Brien, 10/18
Emily & Tony Parnell, 10/18
Derek & Kristine Burns, 10/19
Bill & Shelly Hodsden, 10/20
Craig & Nikki Helmers, 10/21
Ken & Heather Davies III, 10/22
Steven & Renee Mercadante, 10/22
Scott & Amy Ikerd, 10/23
Doug & Miriam Whitmer, 10/24
Joe & Christine Gonenc Jr., 10/25
Michael & Kathleen Rupert, 10/25
Mel & Debra Desha, 10/28
Pasqual & Janet Gagnon, 10/28
Lynroy & Patricia Thomas, 10/28
Alan & Sandra Turgeon, 10/28
Dennis & Sharon DiMartino, 10/30

Prayer Requests for the week of September 2

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the 50th wedding anniversary of Bill & Norine Carter; Stan Kempinger, son of Norm & Kathy Bell, being promoted to Lieutenant Commander with the US Navy; **Comfort for...** the family of Senator John McCain; Craig Helmers and the family of Denny Breslin, who died this weekend; the Kirkendoll family at the death of Kevin's mother, Anna Sue Kirkendoll; Mark Fisher and family at the death of his mother, Page Fisher; **Strength and Healing for...** Georgia Mae Webb, a little girl battling cancer; Luci Plack's friend, Anna Mae, having surgery and diagnosed with cancer; Avery, friend of the Ames family, that is done with her chemo treatments and is coming back to NC; Cathy Foil's friends; Maura, battling cancer and Mona, suffering from multiple health issues; Judy Tyson to have a quick recovery from heart surgery; David VanHook's friends Ken and Susann, diagnosed with cancer; Jim Chamber's wife, a friend of Ted Bachman, who is hospitalized with pneumonia; Tayven's friend, Mrs. Pat, who has medical issues; Rosie Miller's friend, Brook Turner, who is battling cancer and mourning the death of her husband; Judy Compton's sister, Barbara, having complications from surgery; Dana to deliver a healthy baby girl; Nancy, friend of the Pallozzi family, for good treatment; Bob and Marcia Hughes, recovering from a car accident; the 53rd wedding anniversary of Mike & Sue Meehan; Bea Martin, having a total knee replacement surgery on August 31; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** the students who are starting Confirmation classes. Pray for their faith to grow.

Prayer Requests for the week of September 9

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the 50th wedding anniversary of Bill & Norine Carter; Stan Kempinger, son of Norm & Kathy Bell, being promoted to Lieutenant Commander with the US Navy; **Comfort for...** the family of Senator John McCain; Craig Helmers and the family of Denny Breslin, who died this weekend; the Kirkendoll family at the death of Kevin's mother, Anna Sue Kirkendoll; Mark Fisher and family at the death of his mother, Page Fisher; **Strength and Healing for...** Georgia Mae Webb, a little girl battling cancer; Luci Plack's friend, Anna Mae, having surgery and diagnosed with cancer; Avery, friend of the Ames family, that is done with her chemo treatments and is coming back to NC; Cathy Foil's friends; Maura, battling cancer and Mona, suffering from multiple health issues; Judy Tyson to have a quick recovery from heart surgery; David VanHook's friends Ken and Susann, diagnosed with cancer; Jim Chamber's wife, a friend of Ted Bachman, who is hospitalized with pneumonia; Tayven's friend, Mrs. Pat, who has medical issues; Rosie Miller's friend, Brook Turner, who is battling cancer and mourning the death of her husband; Judy Compton's sister, Barbara, having complications from surgery; Dana to deliver a healthy baby girl; Nancy, friend of the Pallozzi family, for good treatment; Bob and Marcia Hughes, recovering from a car accident; the 53rd wedding anniversary of Mike & Sue Meehan; Bea Martin, having a total knee replacement surgery on August 31; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** the students who are starting Confirmation classes. Pray for their faith to grow.

Prayer Requests for the week of September 16

Comfort for... the Fisher family at the death of Mark's mother; friends of Ron & Shirley Thompson, Gary & Holly Zemke, as Gary receives hospice care; the Van Hook's friend, Susan, as she faces the end of her life in hospice care; **Strength and Healing for...** Lynda Watson, having foot surgery on Tuesday; Anna Reiss, Herman's mother, in critical condition in ICU at Duke Raleigh; Tony Mercer, friend of Craig Helmers, hospitalized after a bad car accident; Wally Utech, brother of Nancy Hanna, fighting cancer; Lorrie Bregni, sister of Marilyn Marr, awaiting CAT scan results and is in pain; the Ames family friend, 13 year-old Avery Cooper, beginning cancer treatments; Lois, Georgette, and Gordy after surgery; Bill & Bobbie struggling with Dementia; friends having difficulty with their marriage; the Kosmar's friends, the Westin family, as their son continues his battle with Rhabdomyosarcoma and treatments; Rick Hall's mother, Joan Hall, who fell and broke her hip and pelvis; Katie, having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday; Wendy O'Neal's aunt, Peggy Pieske, diagnosed with cancer on the spine; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** all those in the path of the hurricane. Prayers for God to calm the stormy seas; a job situation; Mr. Howard who kept his faith and shared it with so many; Roy Bergfors' cousin, Roberta Fiali, as she travels.

Prayer Requests for the week of September 23

Praise and Thanksgiving for... Maddie Upchurch Gong, installed as DCE at Christ Church Lutheran in Arizona this weekend; **Comfort for...** Rick & Anne Hall and family at the death of Rick's mother, Joan Hall; Billy Strickland and family at the loss of Billy's father; the Bennett and Boroner families at the death of Tom Boroner; Doris Magwitz, mother of Betty McAlear, as she enters the final days of her earthly life; John and Joyce Habuda at the death of John's mother, Pauline; the friends and family of the Jowers family, killed in a car accident; **Strength and Healing for...** 2 year-old Sidney Olelivera, granddaughter of Kevin Murphy's friend, experiencing seizures and medical testing; Frank Dall, friend of AJ Verunac, as he begins cancer treatments; Melanie Gupton, friend of Valerie Wilson, fighting cancer; Darrell Mower, healing from a melanoma tumor; Bruce, uncle of Dan Wade & Natalie Bailey, diagnosed with cancer; Bobby, friend of Sherri Hall, suffering from peritonitis; Sara Powell, co-worker of Bob Herring, recovering from shoulder surgery; Walker Williamson who had a renal scan; Bill & Pam Jay's neighbor, Jerry, on life support at Rex; David Lynn, recovering from eye surgery; the young cousin of Brian Faris, Mason, recently diagnosed with bone cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** all those impacted by Hurricane Florence, especially those Hope has served in Lumberton & Fayetteville; Cindi Woolard's family in New Bern experiencing flooding and loss of power; Vickie Herring's family in Lumberton experiencing flooding; a safe season of travel for Chris Huffine and co-workers; safe travels for John Woolard.



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