



*Merry
Christmas*

December 2018
Monthly Newsletter of
Hope Lutheran Church

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WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM
Sunday at 8:30AM & 11:00AM
Family Service & 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 EVENINGS IN DECEMBER

*The next Wednesday Night Alive
is January 9 - February 27, 2019.*

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: 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.*

PASTOR PULS' MESSAGE...PERFECT RESOLUTION

What did you think of when you read the title above? The camera on your phone? Your new eyeglasses? Judge Judy's latest court decision?

This month at Hope our sermon series is titled "Perfect Resolution." We're going to talk about Jesus Christ, the long-promised Messiah of God's people, as God's perfect answer to humanity's greatest need. We'll be studying the prophecy of Isaiah 9:2-7, and learning how this spectacular promise came true in the Babe of Bethlehem. By sending his Son into our flesh, God resolved the unsolvable dilemmas of our sin and our inability to save ourselves from sin. Jesus came to be the Savior of every girl and boy, every woman and man, in the whole world. Christ is God's perfect resolution!

Do you know anybody who needs to hear the story of Christmas? Do you have a friend or neighbor who doesn't know how vital it is for him or her to know the love and salvation of Christ Jesus? Invite that person to come to church with you this month! See the schedule of our Advent and Christmas services on page 4, and pray for that person before you share your invitation.

Peace, joy, and love to you from God's "Perfect Resolution!"



Pastor Wayne Puls
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Wednesday NIGHT ALIVE

January 9 - February 27

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, Confirmation, fellowship, and fun.

2019 FLOWER CHART

The 2019 Flower Chart is located on the wall in the church office hallway. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$55.00 with checks earmarked “flowers.” If you don’t have time to stop in the office, you can email Carlin O’Brien at cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org to reserve your weekend.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The **Church office** will be closed on December 24 & 25 and January 1. The **Preschool** will be closed on December 21 - January 2, 2019. **Xplore Track Out Camp** will be closed December 25-28 & January 1, 2019. **Little Blessings** will be closed December 24-January 2, 2019.

MOVED? CHANGE EMAILS?

Have you moved? Changed your email? Please contact Amy Elder, Communications Manager, at aelder@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109 with any changes to your family’s contact information.

YEAR-END GIFTS

All gifts must be **postmarked or received** by Sunday, December 31, 2018 in order to be included in your 2018 year-end record of giving. Please complete your pledges by the end of the year. If you have questions about your giving, contact Operations Manager, Hilary Tew, at 919-554-8109 or htew@hopelutheranwf.org. Thank you for all your gifts and contributions in 2018!

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your envelopes for 2019 will be mailed to you on a monthly basis. Watch for your January set of envelopes toward the end of December. If you do not currently receive envelopes, and would like to begin, please contact Hilary Tew at 919-554-8109 or htew@hopelutheranwf.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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, selecting, “About Us – Donate.” Also, new to Hope in 2018 is the “Give Plus” mobile app giving option! Visit the app store or Google Play store to download the free app.



If you have any questions, contact Hilary Tew, Operations Manager, at htew@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

DONATE WITH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Hope Lutheran Church. **Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-2026911> and Amazon donates to Hope Lutheran!**



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

WORSHIP SERVICES

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday evenings, December 5 & 12 at 7:00PM

Join us for the next two Wednesdays for a special time of worship and prayer. We will continue our “Prefect Resolution” sermon series, focusing on the Lord’s promise of a future for his people as revealed in Isaiah chapter 9.

CANTATA – “THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

December 9 at 8:30 & 11:00AM

Presented by Hope’s choirs and musicians, the story of Christ’s birth is celebrated in the sacred songs of the season focusing on the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus Christ in place of the normal Communion services. Please note, the Saturday service (5:30PM) and the Family Service (Sunday, 11:00AM in the Children’s Center) will take place at the regular times with Communion offered at both the Family and Saturday services.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 19 at 7:00PM

This year’s play, *Carol And The Belles*, is set in a 1950’s 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 will steal the show.

CAROL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

December 23 at 8:30 & 11:00AM

A traditional Sunday service containing well-known Christmas carols, Advent and Nativity Bible readings, and Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24; 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00PM

Christmas Eve at Hope Lutheran Church celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with 5 different-styled services to meet your worship needs. You’re invited to worship with Hope this Christmas Eve!

- **Children’s Christmas Services – 3:00PM & 5:00PM.** This service is designed for younger children and families with lots of interaction, songs, and humor.
- **Family Candlelight Services - 7:00PM & 9:00PM.** This family service contains a Children’s Message and Christmas hymns.
- **Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion - 11:00PM.** This traditional late service contains Christmas hymns, candlelight, and Holy Communion. Pre-service Christmas music begins at 10:30PM.

EVENTS

ALTAR CARE CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Deck the Halls... at Hope! Altar Care Christmas Decorating will take place on **Saturday, December 1** at 9:00AM by Altar Care volunteers, assisted by the Men of Hope.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS adorn the chancel and windows at Hope. They may be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. The cost is \$11 each with checks payable to Hope, earmarked "poinsettias." The poinsettias will be available for you to take home after the 11:00PM Christmas Eve Service.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE OUTREACH

Angel Tree Begins: Saturday, December 1

Gifts Due at Hope: Sunday, December 9

Each year Hope Lutheran Church adopts families in need for Christmas. Gift and food donations are delivered to these families for the holiday. To participate, select an Angel ornament from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. The request from a family member will be on the front of the angel and specific instructions for the gift return will be on the back. Contact Claudia Van Hook at claudiavanhook@gmail.com or Susan Johanson at rjohanson@nc.rr.com if you would like to help distribute gifts – drivers are needed!

THE LIVE NATIVITY

December 8 at 6:45PM & December 9 at 7:00PM

Mark your calendar for the live, in-person presentation of the Bible story of Christ's birth shared on a child-friendly level. Each presentation will be approximately 20 minutes long, starting at the designated time. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please see the flyer on page 7 for details!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

December 9 after the 11:00AM service on the Adult Education Floor, room 301

Come join in the fun, fellowship, and cookies! Bring your favorite Christmas cookies (4 dozen in packages of six with recipes) to exchange for some other great cookies. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Nancy Repak at 919-279-3801 or kapernan@gmail.com. Don't forget to bring a few copies of your recipe and few extra cookies to share!

THE PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 19 & 20 at 9:30AM

The Preschool children will present their Christmas Program, "The Miracle of Christmas," to their families. Everyone is welcome to attend!



ADULT EDUCATION

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

**Please note, there will be no classes on December 30, 2018.*

ESSENTIAL LUTHERAN

Date: December 2 (one session)

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 301; Leader: Jack Pizzolato

Lutherans are doctrinally rigorous, yet so fond of paradoxes and unresolved doctrinal tensions. Thankfully every Lutheran doctrine comes back to Jesus. The December 2 topic is “*Simultaneously Saint & Sinner.*”

THE REAL ST. NICK

Date: December 2 (one session)

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 302; Leader: Pastor Lew

Next to Jesus Christ, St. Nicholas or Santa Claus, as we know him in western culture, is the most visible figure during the holidays. Dating back to the third century, St. Nick is attributed with many benevolent and charitable acts of kindness and generosity. In the end, what St. Nick has set down for us all is a lifestyle of service and going the distance for the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS MOURNING

Date: December 9 (one session)

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 301; Leader: Wendi Pallozzi

Christmas is a special time for giving and receiving as we celebrate our Savior’s birth in worship, at parties, and with gifts. But for some, the holidays are a time of sadness and loneliness, especially if they are mourning the passing of a loved one. What things can people do to cope with their loss? What ways can we help others get through their sorrow? Join the discussion as Jesus leads the way.

JUSTIFYING CHRISTMAS

Date: December 16 & 23

Location: Adult Education Floor, room 301; Leader: Pastor Lew & Vicar Kevin

If you’re looking for new and clever ways to justify all the things many of us do to prepare for Christmas, this is not the class for you. But if you would like to see how the Scriptures connected with the birth of Jesus proclaim the good news of justification by grace through faith, this is the one!



HOPE LUTHERAN PRESENTS...

THE LIVE NATIVITY

THE BIBLE STORY OF CHRIST'S BIRTH
SHARED ON A CHILD-FRIENDLY LEVEL

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 8
AT 6:45PM

&

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 9
AT 7:00PM



Each presentation will be approximately 20 minutes long, starting at the designated time. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATES



PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP



Shortly before Thanksgiving, the Puerto Rico mission team returned safely from a productive week working in the town of Mayagüez. God blessed the work of the 13 participants as they re-roofed a home, re-plumbed the church's community center, painted two on-site apartments, constructed eight sets of bunks for use by future mission teams and demolished an unused structure behind the center.

In addition to the construction objectives, the volunteers got to know several missionaries serving on the island. They attended a Bible study with the Ponce congregation and a worship service (¡en español!) with the Mayagüez congregation.

Thanks be to God for the Puerto Rico mission team's supporters at Hope, who generously donated funds and offered prayers before and during the trip. Please continue to pray for the current and incoming LCMS missionaries and staff serving Puerto Rico, that the Holy Spirit works through them to reach so many who do not yet know Christ. As one of the hymns used in worship in Mayagüez so aptly expresses:

“En mi corazón escribe Redención y Salvación. Que el dolor no lo elimine ni problemas, ni aflicción el Bautismo me inscribió ‘en la cruz por mi murió’. Es mi vida, mi esperanza, es mi gloria y mi confianza.”

“On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, king of grace, that life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase. Let the clear inscription be: ‘Jesus, crucified for me,’ is my life my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!

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On My Heart Imprint Your Image



Re-roofed a home



Plumbing work @ center



Painted two on-site apartments



constructed eight sets of bunks for mission teams



demolished an unused structure



Bible study with the Ponce congregation

OUTREACH & MISSION MINISTRIES

TRI-AREA MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

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. **This month, the ministry is in need of pasta, rice, and beans.** A collection bin is available in the café area, and you are welcome to donate at any time to this blessed ministry.

Questions? If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Jill Schaefer at jmschaefer@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Start your year off trying something new...volunteers are needed at all Saturday and Sunday services. Please contact Carlin O'Brien at 919-554-8109 or cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org. It takes many folks to make the weekend services run smoothly.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

A **huge thank you** to youth ministry and preschool families for your donations to the Thanksgiving Dinner project. We were able to serve 25 families a full Thanksgiving meal!

Join the Brown Bag Leadership Team

Brown Bag Ministry is looking to expand the group of leaders who support the volunteers and manage the lunch assembly. On a bi-monthly basis, we distribute 225 nutritious lunches to nearby low-income children and their families. The leadership schedule is flexible with each event involving about 2-3 hours of preparation and 2 hours of assembly and delivery. You know you have done a job well when you see the smile of a child eating a fresh piece of fruit!

If you have interest and need more information, contact Debbie Irgens at dIrgens@earthlink.net or 919-373-9181. Also, you may attend an event and see what it looks like behind the scenes on December 15 or January 19, contact Debbie.

HOPECHEST THANK YOU

HopeChest Ministry offers free clothing and small housewares to the community a few times each year. The ministry depends on donations and volunteers from Hope members. Thanks to generous donations and many volunteers, the ministry touched the lives of many people in the community in 2018!

Mark your calendars for the next HopeChest event scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019. Our first HopeChest of the new year will be clothing and housewares.

Clothing collections will be before/after services on January 19 & 20. Volunteers are also needed to help sort clothing on Thursday, January 24 starting at 11:00AM.



HURRICANE RELIEF VOLUNTEERS IN NC

Since Hurricane Florence hit our state in September, Hope has been sending volunteers to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Havelock to help clear downed trees in their community. A group from Hope will be working in Havelock on December 14-15.

Volunteers are needed to haul/drag branches and logs, with

no special training or skill level required. Trained, experienced chain saw operators are also needed. If you have experience but no training, you're still welcome to participate, as long as you agree to follow specific safety guidelines to be provided. Lodging, air mattresses, and some meals will be provided at St. Paul in Havelock.

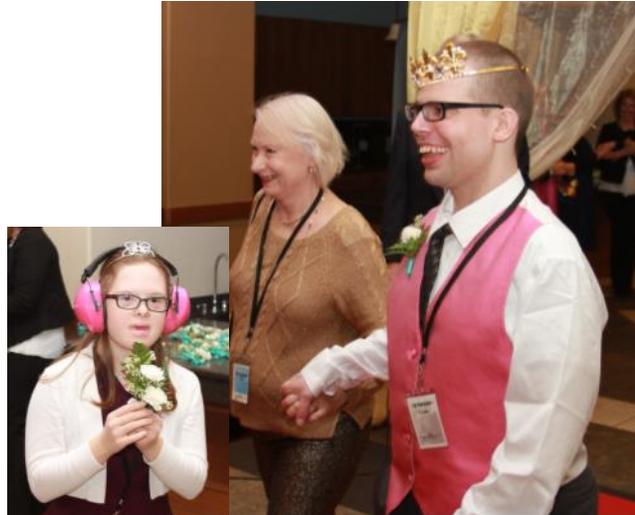
If interested, please let Alex Schandert (alex.schandert@gmail.com) know ASAP, or speak with Pastor Wayne.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NIGHT TO SHINE 2019

Save the Date: February 8, 2019 from 6:00-9:00PM

Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is a wonderful prom event that celebrates God's love for people with special needs. Worldwide, there were 15,000 volunteers and 7,000 honored guests joining together to celebrate. WOW! Hope Lutheran will be a host site again, and plans have already begun! Volunteers are needed to host guests, work a station, and set-up and/or clean-up.

Volunteer registration will begin in late December, watch the bulletin for specific dates and volunteer opportunities.



A NOTE FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you experiencing Christmas blues?

The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Hope's Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Andy Barrett, (919)219-7839, andy27609@yahoo.com or Jerry Garlington, (850)376-0488, garlingj@yahoo.com. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care!



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MINISTRY.

B.R.E.W

(Building Relationships, Exploring the Word)

BREW is a growing ministry for young adults, ages 18-35, focused on Building Relationships and Exploring the Word. This informal group meets at various times and places throughout the year participating in various fellowship activities and Bible study.



BREW White Elephant Christmas Party

December 21 from 6:00-9:00PM. Back in town for the holidays? Get together with old friends and make some new ones at the annual young adult Christmas party! Bring a white elephant gift (\$20 or less), an ugly Christmas sweater, and some Christmas spirit! For party location and more details, contact DCE Steve McCarthy at smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org. Follow the group on Facebook (linked from Hope's Facebook page) at BREW - Young Adult Ministry for updates.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Are you looking for a place to belong? Seeking Christian friends to share life's journey? Desiring to grow as a child of God?

It can certainly be intimidating to try to get connected in a large church. Meeting people and establishing relationships can be challenging for newcomers and long-time members alike. Hope's Small Group Ministry may just be the answer you've been looking for! Everyone is invited to participate in any of Hope's 26 Small Groups, not just members of the congregation. Stop by the display in the café area or visit Hope's website at www.hopelutheranwf.org to learn more.

CARDS AT HOPE - ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

BRIDGE GROUP

December 10 at 1:00PM. If you plan to come, contact Pam Jay at jayo826@gmail.com.

PINOCHLE GROUP

December 3 & 17 at 1:00PM. Contact Peggy Koehler at 919-231-9563 or Jan Hubbard at 919-850-2542 if you plan to play.

SATURDAY SON RISERS

The Saturday SON Risers studies vary from Bible-based to inspirational books. Service projects include working with the Ministry Leadership Team to recognize Hope staff members' work anniversaries. The group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:00AM. For information contact Lynda Watson at 919-761-1587 or Watson.lynda@gmail.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 Tuesdays each month from 8:00-9:30AM at Briggs Restaurant in Wake Forest. For information contact Andy Barrett at 919-349-5599 or andy27609@yahoo.com.

PRIMETIMER EVENT: WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 12 from 12:00-1:00PM

This is a wonderful event honoring our service men and women who are buried at Oakwood Cemetery (608 Oakwood Avenue, Raleigh). It is a PrimerTimer event, but we would welcome anyone that is interested. It is a very special ceremony. Once you arrive at the cemetery, follow the signs and parking is INSIDE the cemetery along the roads. There is no parking lot. We look forward to seeing many of you honoring our service men and women. Questions? Contact Lynda Watson at Watson.lynda@gmail.com.

NIFTY NEEDLEWORKERS CRAFT SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported the craft sale in November. The event was successful and raised about \$2,500! Most of the money raised by the craft sale goes back into Hope's various ministries. The batik quilt was won by Joanna Monahan (pictured left).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Hope was privileged to welcome 46 people (32 adults, 14 children and youth) into our congregation this fall. If you see a new face, introduce yourself and welcome them to Hope!



Dick & Patty Davis



Stephen & Lisa DeCiantis
Zachary and Abigail



Mike & Lea Falk
Maverick



Danny & Beth Gilmore
Aubrey and Connor



Tyler & Mary Glander
Thomas and Andrew



Sara Heinze



Nancy Loncto



Ken & Deanna Machesky
Finley and Easton



Roger & Pat Madariaga





Michael Mannato



Philip & Heather Maxwell
Kaeleigh, Lorelai, and Matthew



Chip Phipps



Herb & Marilyn Slater



Rex & Becky Stokes



Justin & Jeanette Swires
Ella



Daniel Wade & Natalie Bailey
Lela



Bob & Sandy Williams



Robin Willow-Johnson



Daniel & Catherine Wright
Benjamin

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

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

5-6 GRADES

Christmas Lock-In

December 7-8 from 7:00PM-8:00AM; cost is \$5 + gift donations. At this year's lock-in, we'll be playing games, watching movies, eating pizza, and even completing another awesome service project for children who are spending the holidays in the hospital!

The cost of the lock-in is \$5 (to cover the cost of food and supplies), but we also ask that every family sign up to bring 3+ gifts, see the approved gift list online. These gifts will be given to children spending the holidays in the NC Children's Hospital. The goal is to brighten their spirits and show them the love of Christ through our gifts -- and to create a stronger sense of generosity and Christ-like love among our 5-6 graders. It's a chance for them to put their faith into practice. Contact Steve at smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org for more info! Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Ministries - Youth."

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes will meet December 5 & 12, break for Christmas and resume meeting on January 9, 2019. Due to the Advent Services, classes will meet from 6:30-7:00PM, then walk together to worship from 7:00-8:00PM.

Sunday School - *Please note, there will be no Sunday*

School on December 30, 2018. 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 GRADES

Christmas Potluck Party

December 15 from 6:30-8:30PM

Join friends in the Youth Center to celebrate Christmas in style! Bring your ugly sweaters and some food to share. We'll feast, play games, and spread some Christmas cheer! What to bring based on last names: A-G main dish; H-P side dish; Q-Z dessert.

Sunday School

You are invited to the Youth Center between church services for Sunday School! This month the group will cover: I-Identity – Discovering Who God Created Me To Be! **Please note, there will be no Sunday School on December 30, 2018.**

Pre-Worship Youth Group

Wednesday Nights from 6:30-7:00PM (during Advent)

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. Due to Advent Services in December the group will meet in the Youth Center, then walk together to worship from 7:00-8:00PM! Please note, there is no Youth Group on December 26. Merry Christmas!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Christmas White Elephant Party

December 16 from 6:00-8:00PM

You better watch out, you better not cry, the High School White Elephant Gift Exchange is coming to town! Bring your friends and a crazy white elephant gift (\$15 or less) for this year's party. You never know what you may end up taking home! Wear an ugly Christmas sweater and bring the enthusiasm of Buddy the Elf. We'll be sticking to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup – so make sure to have dinner before coming. See you there!

Sunday School

You are invited to the Youth Center Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM for Sunday School. **Please note, there will be no Sunday School on December 30, 2018.**

Youth Group

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

These evenings are a variety of small group meeting times, large group games, service projects, and outings. **Please note, there will be no Youth Group on December 23 & 30.**





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS & NEWS

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **NO Sunday school on December 30, 2018.** In order to give all families and teachers a much needed break, there will be no children or youth Sunday School classes.
- **Wednesday Night Alive is January 9 - February 27, 2019.** Mark your calendars for Wednesdays full of dinner, fun, and classes for children, youth, and adults.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24 at 3:00PM & 5:00PM

Come and join us for special services geared just for kids and kids at heart! These services are designed for younger children and families with lots of interaction, songs, and humor.

KINGDOM KIDS' & FLASH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9 from 4:30-7:00PM

Join us for crafts, games, and caroling in our annual Kingdom Kids (1-2 grades) and FLASH (3-4 grades) Christmas Party. There is no cost for this event! Dinner WILL be served as many kids will be coming straight from Christmas Pageant practice. **Also, PLEASE make sure your kids are dressed for the COLD weather.** We will be caroling after the sun has set and it will be cold!! Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, under "Ministries - Children."



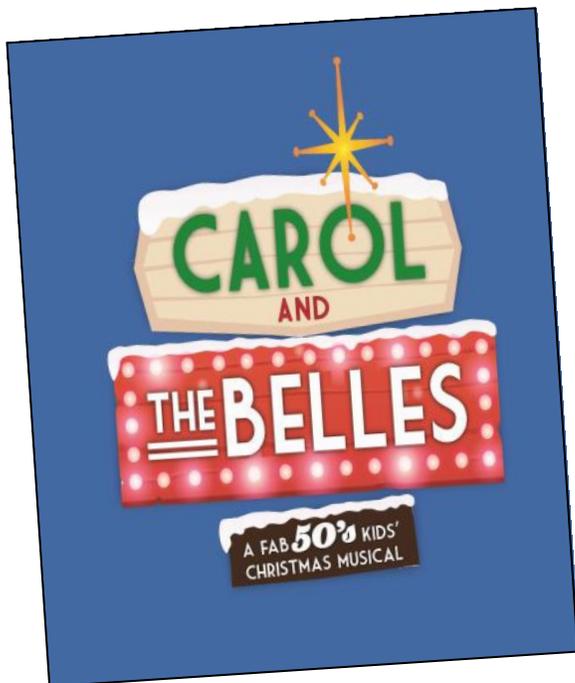
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SIGN UP TO BE IN THE PAGEANT!

Children in 4-year-old preschool through 4th grade will learn songs during Sunday School. Rehearsals for everyone are on December 9 from 2:30-4:30 (full cast rehearsal) and December 16 from 12:30-4:30 (full cast - dress rehearsal). To help your child(ren) learn the songs, CD's are available for sale for \$6. Also, all children who have not been given a costume must wear the "Children of Hope" white t-shirt (\$15/each).



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)

Upcoming Themes...

Edible Art *(December 6 & 7)*

Movers, Shakers, Gizmo Makers *(December 10-14)*

Believe in the Magic *(December 17-21)*

Fast Pass to Disney *(December 31-January 4; Closed 1/1)*

There's SNOW Place Like Xplore! *(January 7-11)*

Now We're Cooking *(January 14-18)*

Dare to Dream *(January 22-25; Closed 1/21 for MLK)*

There's SNOW Place Like Xplore! *(Jan. 28-Feb. 1)*

Sports of All Sorts *(February 4-8)*

Movers, Shakers, Gizmo Makers *(February 11-15)*

Located at Hope Lutheran Church

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HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Preschool children will present their Christmas Program, "The Miracle of Christmas", to their families December 19 & 20 at 9:30AM.

FALL 2019 REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall 2019 will begin mid-January. We offer half day and full day options for ages 2 to 5. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, for the following groups and dates:

- **Hope Members** – Tuesday, January 22 at 8:30AM. (This is the ONLY date to receive priority registration as a Church member.)
- **Currently Enrolled/Siblings** – Wednesday, January 23 at 8:30AM. (This is the ONLY date to receive priority registration as a currently enrolled student or sibling.)
- **Little Blessings** – Thursday, January 24 at 8:30AM. (This is the ONLY date to receive priority registration for Little Blessings.)
- **Community** – Tuesday, January 29 at 8:00AM.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

The staff of Hope Lutheran Church and Preschool express our thanks for the privilege of serving and wish everyone a blessed Christmas!

Church Staff

Pastor Puls, Pastor Upchurch,
Pastor Lineberger, Pastor Wagner,
Vicar Scott, DCE Beth Agner,
DCE Steve McCarthy,
DCE Wesley Spottiswood, Erin Ames,
Amy Elder, Hilary Tew,
Carlin O'Brien, Kelly Faris,
Steve Ebberts, Barbara DeMarco, &
Paul Hieter

Music & Media Staff

Rob Varner, Joe Walters,
Kathy Vockeroth, Ray Sharpstene,
Michael Case, & Paul Taylor

Preschool Staff

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Samantha Hardee, 12/2
Melissa van Rensburg, 12/2
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Lauren Edwards, 12/3
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Jack Kannan, 12/3
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Charlie Melhinch, 12/6
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Elaine Willers, 12/9
Michelle Cerniauskas, 12/10
Hilda Parler, 12/10
Beverly Parmelee, 12/10
Tom Readling, 12/10
Brian Harris, 12/11
Bill Wellnitz, 12/11
Linda Bennett, 12/12
Diane Parker, 12/12
Ephram Arner, 12/13
Wayne Bradley, 12/13
Sherri Hall, 12/13
Allen Kannan, 12/13
Jim Kosmar, 12/13
Barb Lance, 12/13
Conner Morris, 12/13
Jake Phetteplace, 12/13
Linda Wellnitz, 12/13
Mary Jane Haske, 12/14
Michelle Hempstead, 12/14
Sandee Kosmar, 12/14
Andrew Dubiel, 12/15
Joshua Hutton, 12/15
Cindy Schaffer, 12/15
Bill Seaman, 12/15
Carter Staup, 12/15
Eric Swenson, 12/15
Sandra Turgeon, 12/15
Josh Hederick, 12/16
Taylor Rotosky, 12/16

Emily Schoolcraft, 12/16
Nadine Lewis, 12/17
Jeanette Swires, 12/17
Harper O'Neill, 12/18
Shelly Rotosky, 12/18
Tony Wagner, 12/18
Brady Habers, 12/19
Sam Jones III, 12/19
Ryan Moran, 12/19
John Morrow, 12/19
Dillon Weidner, 12/19
Ben Wester, 12/19
Jerry Alvis, 12/20
Peyton Faris, 12/20
Lauren Garrett, 12/20
Spencer Jones, 12/20
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Kim Nugent, 12/20
Carol Angus, 12/21
Caydence Barker, 12/21
Lindsay Fisher, 12/21
Christine Laauwe, 12/21
Tara Martin, 12/21
Christine Murphy, 12/21
Bob Nielsen, 12/21
Bill Carter, 12/22
Sandra Lainhart, 12/22
Myla Lambert, 12/22
Jena Hoh, 12/23
Fran Najdecki, 12/23
Trevor Rush, 12/23
Hannah Stroot, 12/24
Brynley Austin, 12/26
Erin Barker, 12/26
Lidia Cullen, 12/26
Auden Lindberg, 12/26

Dan Baker, 12/27
Luis Fondo, 12/27
Jerry Garlington, 12/27
Robert Gehring, 12/27
Jeremy Moran, 12/27
Grace Niesel, 12/27
Sean Roy, 12/27
Debra Verny, 12/27
Matthew Maxwell, 12/28
John Pates, 12/28
Nick Rotosky, 12/28
Luke Tine, 12/28
Dylan Wilcox, 12/28
Bentley Agner, 12/29
Alex DiMartino, 12/29
Elizabeth Henley, 12/29
Bonnie Petersilge, 12/29
Lynn Bierlein, 12/30
Brooke Koehler, 12/30
Jean Mannato, 12/30
Joe Skowronski, 12/30
Beth Webb, 12/30
Tyler Einzig, 12/31
Josh Ellis, 12/31
Myra Emanuele, 12/31
Carroll Hortman, 12/31
Isabelle Upchurch, 12/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Bill & Ann Jasper, 12/2
Tim & Kathy Stroupe, 12/3
Rob & Kathy Bailey, 12/6
Herb & Marilyn Slater, 12/12
Mark & Sharon Gipner, 12/14
Chris & Cathy Smith, 12/17
Bill & Deborah Winiewicz, 12/17
David & Diane Lynn, 12/18
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Jeff & Beth Lasater, 12/21

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Dick & Elaine Kruger, 12/28
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Stuart & Cathy Shless, 12/29
David & Kati Zick, 12/29
Joseph & Shelly Hummel, 12/31

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 4

Comfort for... Norine Carter and family at the death of her mother, Leona Kelso; Sharon Gregory and family as they mourn the loss of Sharon's oldest brother; the Winan Family, friends of the Gentry family, as they transition their 9 year-old daughter Regan to hospice care; the families and community of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh; the Kindl family, friends of Gary & Lynne Long, as Peggy's sister receives hospice care; the Alderman family at the death of Fran; Ruth Lassiter's co-worker, Yvonne Torres, grieving the death of her mother; Bruce and Wanda Ohle, at the loss of his mother, Esther Ohle; grandmother of Carolyn Rathje and family; Todd Ohle and family; Gracie Holliday and family at the death of her grandmother; **Strength and Healing for...** Wesley Spottiswood for a quick recovery; a sister with anxiety and eating issues; Luci Plack's friend, Greg Cunningham and family, as he battles cancer; Ann Hochstrasser's friend, Mary Dailey, recovering from a stroke; the VanHook's friend, Korynne, awaiting heart surgery; a mother and mother-in-law suffering from serious infections; Susan Lemley's friends; Al Stallings recovering from a stroke, and Ken Roselund battling cancer; friends of the Bailey's struggling with marital issues; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** everyone to stay safe and enjoy the sunny weather; the Clark Family friends, the Wilson family, as their son just left for his 3rd deployment to the Middle East.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 11

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the birth of Bronsen Christiano to Chris & Teri Torres; Ken Shaffer being cancer-free; Shirley Holzschuh's son and daughter-in-law, returning from their honeymoon; the wedding of Terry & Beth McKnight; **Comfort for...** Wesley Spottiswood and family at the death of Carol Fender; Chery Rousseau and family at the death of Hope member Joe Rousseau; Craig & Ewa Allen and family at the death of Craig's mother, Betty Allen; Sandra Lee, friend of Tonya Watt, at the death of her father; the family of Dan Bailey, cousin of Betty McAlear, who died; the Bruck family at the death of Holly's uncle, Ken Tomasik; the Wilkinson family, friends of Jeff & Bev Miller, at the death of Chad Wilkinson; Renee Pfendler and family at the death of her uncle, Josef Heimler; Ronald O'Neal's co-worker in hospice care; **Strength and Healing for...** Tom Ribble, having surgery on 11/15 in Atlanta; Ryan Hughes, son of Rob & Brandi Hughes, recovering from a fractured arm; friend of the DeSha family who is struggling with pain and organ failure from MS; Judy Olson, having knee surgery on 11/12; Danea, a 6 year-old suffering from cancer; the Berglund's friend, Tom, who received good news and Susie and her new challenge; Frank as he battles cancer; Camille to get some answers about medical issues; Natalie Bailey's grandfather, Don Phillips, hospitalized with heart failure; the Fulbright's cousin, Connie Jeans, suffering from stage 4 cancer; Fran, fighting cancer, friend of the Skowronski's; William Hofacken, friend of Erik Nicolai, having heart surgery; Kohlton Myers, the 14 year-old family friend of Chris and Jena Hoh, who has leukemia and is hospitalized; Anna Dora Bryant's granddaughter, Amy Fearrington, who is hospitalized with heart failure after giving birth to twin girls. Prayers are also requested for the newborns and husband during this time; Wesley Spottiswood's friends, Nick, Amanda, & Greg, recovering from

injuries during the Thousand Oaks club shooting; Bill Jasper, recovering from heart surgery; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Bryan, dealing with a difficult situation in his life.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 18

Praise and Thanksgiving for... 49 years of marriage for Connie & Herman Cole; continued healing for Korynne, friend of the VanHooks; **Comfort for...** Jennifer Murphy's grandmother, Rosemary, who is receiving hospice care; Jane Wright and family at the death of Jane's husband, Ricky Wright. Friends of Ronald O'Neal; Chery Rousseau and family grieving the death of her husband, Joe Rousseau; the family of Betty Allen, grieving her death last week; **Strength and Healing for...** Robin Willow-Johnson's friend, Gladys Burns, recovering from heart surgery; Robin Willow-Johnson's friend, Carol Bore, recently diagnosed with cancer; 4 year-old grandson, Brandt; Judy Stokes, friend of Lisa Harris, recovering from brain aneurysm surgery and pneumonia; Rhett Little, friend of the Bowling family, healing from back surgery; Ken & Cle Neely during this time; Bernie Wolf's good friend waiting for biopsy results; 14 year-old friend diagnosed with bone cancer this week; Daisy, aunt of Grace Bennett, having surgery; Mike Chapman, father of Erin Einzig, recovering from surgery; Frank, as he goes through chemotherapy; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** all those experiencing and recovering from natural disasters, floods, fires, and tornados; a wonderful spouse undergoing a very high stress situation; all who have served, and continue to serve, in the military.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 25

Comfort for... Nikki Helmers and family at the death of her grandmother, Margaret "Meme" Gupton; the Roberson family at the death of their father/husband; Shannon Janosko and family at the death of her mother, Faye Briggs; Bea Martin's friend at the loss of her daughter; Pam, friend of Linda Wellnitz, at the sudden loss of her husband due to complications after surgery; The family of Perry Kiys, who died this week; Kris Chipman and family, as she enters hospice care; The Pulley family at the loss of their 18 year-old daughter; Connie & Sam Jones and family at the loss of Connie's father; The Holland family at the loss of their father/husband, Dennis Holland; The Rogers family at the sudden loss of their father; **Strength and Healing for...** Frank, as he battles cancer; Heather Maxwell and her diagnosis. Help her and her doctors to find and attend to her medical needs; Wolfgang Isaacson's grandmother recovering from surgery; Linda Skiles, Karen Noon's friend, recovering from hip surgery; Loved ones struggling with addiction; Tom Ribble, recovering from surgery; Riley Webb, who has a broken elbow; Kathy Vockereth, recovering from heart surgery; A son and his significant other as they face late stages ovarian cancer; Tom Nielsen, Bob Nielsen's brother, and his family he battles widely metastatic cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Beverly Catlin, traveling to Las Vegas for grandson's wedding; The unemployed; The work of the Holy Spirit through the LCMS missionaries serving in Puerto Rico.



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