

Mission Moments

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Faith in Christ is a Gift of God

As pastors of a big, busy church, we get involved in all sorts of projects. Not long ago, we suited up and hopped on these construction vehicles. We thought we were being helpful. We were advised, though, to stick with what we know.

Actually, one of us (Pastor Wayne Puls) used to operate a backhoe back in the day, but he's a little out of practice. So, yes, we've decided to stick with what we know.

What do we know? We'd like to share several essentials with you today.

We know that through our faith in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have peace with God.

We know that we live in troubled and challenging times, and that true, lasting peace is impossible to find in this world.

We know that we fall short in God's eyes each and every day, and that we can't be at peace with him on our own.

We know that we don't have all the answers, as pastors; but we rely on God's Word where he speaks clearly about his saving work and eternal purposes for all people.

We know these things and hopefully you do too. But we also know that people can be forgetful. Take, for example, how we actually have peace with God. Christians might say that it is only through faith in Christ that we have that peace. But how quickly we forget when we start to question our commitment to Jesus. Maybe we start to ask ourselves questions like, "Do I really

believe," or "Am I really his

disciple?" We've all been there at times. But such questions, even with the best of intentions, take our eyes off Jesus and his work for us and place them on ourselves. How quickly we forget!



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM
Sundays at 8:30AM & 11:00AM
Family Service at 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

WNA is April 24– May 8

5:25-5:45: Children's Bell Choir
5:30-6:15: Dinner
5:50-6:25: Children's Choir
6:00-7:30: Adult Handbell Choir
6:30-7:30: Classes
(3 years old - 4th grade, adults)
6:30-7:00: Confirmation classes
6:30-7:00: 7&8 Youth Group*
7:45-9:15: Senior Choir

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

News From Concordia Seminary

This past week we learned that Zach Sarrault has been assigned as Hope's vicar for the 2019-20 year. Zach and his wife Kelsey will move to Wake Forest this summer. Additionally, we learned that our former vicar, Caleb Weight, received his first call. He'll be serving as an Associate Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bettendorf, Iowa. Thanks be to God!

Memorial Day Closings

The Church office, Preschool, Little Blessings, and Xplore Track Out will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Durham Bulls Baseball Game

Hope's Senior Choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Durham Bulls game on June 16 at 5:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend to hear our choir and fellowship during the game! Stop by the table in the café on May 12 & May 19 to purchase tickets. Questions? Contact Choir Director, Rob Varner, at 908-644-8184 or rwv912@gmail.com.

Confirmation Sunday

Rite of Confirmation; Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2:30PM

The congregation is invited to join the confirmands and their families at the special service and reception in the Fellowship Hall. Please pray for Hope's Confirmands as they profess their faith.



Eli Ames
Aaron Bailey
Alicia Bennett
Samantha Bennett
Zachary Bilyj
Elena Bruck
Blake Burns
Ella Cagle
Parker Coyne
Emerson Cular
Ryan Einzig
Addison Faris
Trevor Friend
Kaden Gentry
Ryan Gipner
Kayla Guzman

Nicholas Horsley
Heidi Howard
Matthew Isaacson
Norah Johnson
Emma Kirkendoll
Camden Langer
Ava Marchetta
Chase Matala
Treven Mercadante
Brooke Miller
Riley Moss
Claire O'Neill
Jake Phetteplace
Alice Piacenti
John Pizzola
Laura Rom

Rylee Rosonke
Matilda Scherrer
Samuel Smith
Katherine Stevens
Addison Stuart
Jazmyn Tew
Jillian Turner
Anthony Vecellio
Bennett Wagner
Tyler Watt
Riley Webb
Noah Weitzel
Hayden Williams
Christopher Zwickis

Sponsored by Children's Ministry...

Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Outdoor Picnic & Fun (5:30-7:30)

Hotdogs, hamburgers, sides, Lumpy's ice cream (fee),
games, bounce houses, & more

(Dinner: \$6/adults & youth 11+, \$3/kids 5-10, under 5 free. \$22 family max)

classes (6:30-7:30)

"The Early Church" Adult Education class

Confirmation (second year students only)

No classes for children ages k-5th grade-stay and play at the picnic



Outreach & Mission Ministries

Tri-area Ministry Food Collection

The Feeding the Faith Small Group is collecting canned meat and tuna fish for the month of May. Please place items in the donation bins in the café area. Thank you for your continued support of helping the Wake Forest community.

Adopt-A-Highway

June 1 at 8:00AM (rain date is June 15 at 8:00AM)

As part of Hope Lutheran's commitment to serving the Wake Forest community, Hope has adopted Forestville Rd, between Rogers Rd. & Burlington Mills for the past 10 years. Volunteers needed to help clean the road, please meet at church and wear long pants and long sleeves. Vests, gloves and water will be provided. Youth 12 or older are invited. Contact Jeff Vukovich at 919-556-9174 or jeff.vukovich@gmail.com.

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. To volunteer, please contact Nancy Repak at 919-279-3801, or Debbie Irgens at 919- 373-9181. This opportunity is open to families, individuals, or groups.



NEW! Easy Way To Sign Up!

To help make it faster and easier to sign up, Brown Bag now has a Sign Up Genius. To access the link either visit www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Serve, Community Outreach" or scan the QR code.

North Carolina Disaster Recovery

Our congregation is joining forces with other Lutheran volunteers from our region to help rebuild several homes near Jacksonville, NC. Work dates this week will be Thursday, 4/25 and Saturday, 4/27. Work dates in May will be 5/13-18 and 5/20-25 (day trips, or overnight housing provided – your choice). All skill levels welcome. Contact Pastor Wayne (wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org) or DCE Steve McCarthy (smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org) if you can help, or for information.



Adult Education

Introduction to Apologetics on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM

Apologetics may be simply defined as the defense of the Christian faith. But defending the faith can be a challenge, especially when it comes to answering objections, criticisms, or questions from non-Christians. Topics will include the historic reliability of the New Testament, classical and contemporary arguments for the existence of God, and the exploration of what we believe and why we believe it. This class is led by Jack Pizzolato & Dr. Peter Muller.

The Early Church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM

During Wednesday Night Alive (April 24-May 8) “The Early Church” will be taught by Luke Tew from 6:30-7:30PM. Christianity is the greatest success story in the history of the world and the organized expression of that story is the Church. Nevertheless, how did what Christ start through his life and teachings continue to grow and spread through a multitude of challenges? Find out the answer to this question and more as the history of the early church is explored.

Hope Preschool

Muffins for Mom

May is the month the preschool children celebrate MOMS. Each class will have a special “Muffins for Mom” celebration. ***Thank you to all Moms for all you do!!***

Summer Expressions

Registration is now in progress for Hope’s half day and full day summer program for rising 2 year olds through rising Kindergarteners. Summer Expressions will be held each week from May 28 through August 9. For questions contact the preschool office at 919-453-0388.



PRESCHOOLPALOOZA!
MAY 22, 2019
9:00-1:00

Come (rain or shine) for a fun-filled morning to end the school year and kick-off summer! The Bubbleman will put on a fun show to start off our celebration at 9AM. Afterwards, there will be bounce houses, carnival games, prizes, yard games, a photo booth, and a bag lunch with hotdogs, chips, and cookies. Child tickets are \$10/each and adults are \$5/each. Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org/preschool.

Small Group Ministry

PrimeTimer Events Wake Forest Historical Museum May 18

Join the group as they explore the "hidden gem" of Wake Forest...the Wake Forest Historical Museum. Located at 414 North Main Street. The group will have a picnic on the grounds before the tour (bring a dish to pass). To RSVP, please contact Barb Rittmueller at antiquern@ameritech.net or 919-562-0582 or email Rosie Miller at rmcarte@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar for June... Day at Lake Gaston June 22 starting anytime after 10:00AM - whenever you'd like!

Join the Primetimers for a day of fun on the lake, boating, swimming, kayaking, grilling and fellowship. Bring your towel, swimsuit, sunglasses and a dish to share. Burgers and hotdogs with trimmings provided at 1:30PM. Boating, kayaking and swimming throughout the day. Contact Joe Loughry at jloughry@gmail.com for further information or directions.

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. Small Groups are open to anyone – not just members of Hope!

Meet N' Eat

If you like to eat, and you want to meet new people, then this is the group for you! Eight people gather in a different house each time and enjoy dinner and a devotion. The goal of Meet 'n' Eat is to meet new people and strengthen connections within the Hope family. Our next dinner will be Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18 at 6:30PM. Sign-up online at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Ministries - Small Group Blended."

Godly Grandparents

The theme of Godly Grandparents focuses on grandchildren living local 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 the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 11:00AM - 12:30PM at Hope. For information contact Susan Hooper, 919-467- 6147 or swoozieg@gmail.com.

I Am The Way (Walking The Greenway)

There is a beautiful greenway just outside of Hope's doors. Come walk along the path and partake in a devotion the 3rd Thursday of each month (May 16). Meet just before 11:00AM in the Prayer Garden, we will return by 11:00am. Questions? Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry Bowling Event Brooks Street Bowl May 14 from 7:00-9:00PM All men (21 and over) are invited to come bowl and fellowship at Brooks Street in Wake Forest for "\$2 Tuesday." This means the cost is \$2 for shoe rentals and \$2 per game. Now the question is...can you spare some time for fun? Questions? Contact DCE Steve McCarthy at 919-554-8109.

Cards At Hope

BRIDGE GROUP - May 13 at 1:00PM. If you plan to come, contact Pam Jay at pjay0826@gmail.com.

PINOCHLE GROUP - May 6 & May 20 at 1:00PM

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

Stitches of Hope Teaching Basic Quilting

The Stitches of Hope group will be teaching basic quilting classes to those who want to learn a new skill. Classes are free and will be held at Hope on Tuesday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. Dates for the classes will be June 4, 11, 25, and possible July 2. Quilt basics, including fabric and pattern selection, rotary cutting, pressing, sewing proper seams, and sandwiching the quilt will be taught. A basic knowledge of sewing and a sewing machine are required, although a few loaner machines may be available for use. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Betty McAlear at 919-554-9081 or send a message to bmcalear@nc.rr.com.



Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM

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

www.hopelutheranwf.org/xplore

Dare to Dream (April-29-May 3)

Track Out Camp Out (May 6-10)

Fast Pass to Disney (June 3-7)

Dare To Dream (June 10-14)

VBS Week: ROAR (June 17-21)

Now We're Cooking! (June 24-28)

Located at Hope Lutheran Church

3525 Rogers Road, Wake Forest - (919) 229-0196

Children's Ministry

At Hope, there are many different ways for children to get involved, grow relationships, and build upon their faith foundations developed at home. Questions? Contact Beth Agner at 919-554-8109 or bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30-7:30PM

All families are invited to a special outdoor Wednesday Night Alive, filled with great food, bounce houses, outdoor games, & Lumpy's Ice Cream. See page 3 of this newsletter for more details.

Summer Sunday School Teachers are needed for grades preschool-4th grade during the summer to give the school year teachers a much needed break! Sunday Curriculum is provided to all teachers. Email Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org to volunteer.

VBS Volunteers NEEDED!

Hope is in need of volunteers (youth & adults) for VBS from June 17-21 for both the daytime and evening sessions. To volunteer, please sign up at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

Brown Bag Event for Grades 1 & 2

Kingdom Kids and their parents are invited to participate in Brown Bag Ministry on May 4th! You will see God working through each of you by feeding those in need, both nutritionally and spiritually. Sign up today at www.hopelutheranwf.org/children.

Youth Ministry

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

5-6 Grades

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

- **Year 1 students** are finished with classes for the spring and summer. Confirmation classes will resume in fall, 2019. Watch for a mailing this summer with the new schedule and updates.
- **Year 2 students** will meet May 8 in large group for the mandatory Holy Communion lesson.

CONFIRMATION DINNER & REHEARSAL

May 19, 2019

All students (Confirmands and volunteers) are requested to register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Ministries - Youth - Confirmation."

- **5:30PM, Year 1 students** serve dinner to the confirmands and their families. Please wear white shirt and black pants/skirt/shorts.
- **6:00PM, Year 2 students:** This dinner and rehearsal is for the Confirmand and two parents/guardians.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM

Come to the to play games, create artistic masterpieces, make friends, and strengthen their relationship with Jesus. Get ready to "Hop Up" (Move up to the next grade) starting on June 2! And don't forget to BARF (Bring a Real Friend)!

ACOLYTE TRAINING

May 22 from 6:00-7:30PM in the Sanctuary

Pastor Upchurch will be having an acolyte training session for all current 5th & 6th graders (and any 7th graders who are interested but have not had a chance to be trained). To be an Acolyte, you must attend this training. RSVP with Carlin O'Brien at cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org.

RISING 5-6 GRADE LOCK IN

May 31 - June 1 from 7:00PM until 8:00AM; Cost \$10/person

It's almost time to HOP UP at Hope. The first weekend of June signals that it's time for all youth to Hop up to the next grade for Sunday School. In order to celebrate this momentous occasion, we'll be hosting a Lock-in for "rising" 5-6 graders only (aka current 4-5 graders).

They'll get to eat pizza, play hide-and-go-seek in the dark, play laser tag, and make tons of new friends! Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes, and a friend!

TUESDAY YOUTH NIGHTS ARE ALMOST HERE!

Begins June 4 from 6:30-7:30PM

During the summer, Rising 5-6 grade activities will shift from Wednesday nights to TUESDAY nights! Every Tuesday during the summer (other than 6/18 and 7/2) all rising 5-6 graders will gather together to have some fun and get to know each other. We'll do something different every week: Dairy Depot runs, water fights, floor hockey and more! You won't want to miss it.

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Wednesday, May 22

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SPORTSMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL YOUTH OUTING

(Shooting, Fishing, & Cook out)

Saturday, June 15 from 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Open to all 5 - 12 Graders

Mark your calendars...more details to come in June's newsletter

7-8 Grades

Get ready to move up to the next grade starting on June 2 for Sunday School & Youth Group!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

June 17-22, 2019 for both daytime and evening sessions

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM

Come to the Youth Center for Bible study and life-related discussion topics. See you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH NIGHTS

Wednesday nights at 6:30-7:30PM

Come down to the Youth Center for games, food, fun, and devotions. Friends are welcome!

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9-12 Grades

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MOVIE MADNESS IN MAY

May 17 from 4:00-9:00PM

Get in your gyro sphere and come to the youth center for a Jurassic World Movie Marathon complete with Dino Chicken Nuggets. The Park is finally open and ready to explore. Cost is \$5 for dinner.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come to the Youth Center every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM. This month is mystery Sunday school month with special guests and topics.

9-12 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00PM

Last month we sprang into action with a different service project each week. This month explore American culture and learn how to apply Christian culture and values into your surroundings. Meet in the youth center for games, lesson, and snacks 6:30-8:00PM. Please note, there's no Youth Group on May 12. Enjoy Mother's day.

Smores and Bonfire Special Youth Group on May 19 ...High School Youth, want a place to just hang out with friends? Games, fire pit, s'mores, and more 6:30PM -8:00PM.

GRADUATE BLESSING

Sunday, June 2 at the 11:00AM service

Graduation blessing is for high school graduates at Hope. Parents, now is the time to start looking for (or creating) the blanket you'd like to give your graduate during the special recognition. Don't forget to email Amy Elder (aelder@hopelutheranwf.org) a senior photo, where they graduated from, and plans for the fall by May 20, 2019.

CLASS
of
2019

Happy Birthday!

Kim Duncan, 5/1
Patrick Flanagan, 5/1
Tucker Huffine, 5/1
Libby Rogers, 5/1
Dennis DiMartino, 5/2
Sara Green, 5/2
Hannah Harris, 5/2
Joseph Hummel, 5/2
Megan Matthews, 5/2
Camden Bachand, 5/3
Mike Falk, 5/3
Andy Hoh, 5/3
Robbie Shope, 5/3
Miranda Wood, 5/3
Bill Najdecki, 5/4
Janet Sasanko, 5/4
Kati Zick, 5/4
Brett Edwards, 5/5
Cody Hoelzle, 5/5
Nicky Sakowski, 5/5
Raymond Clark, 5/6
Sam Law, 5/6
Melissa Martin, 5/6
Ken Neely, 5/6
Emily Laauwe, 5/7
Maggie York, 5/7
Ted Bachman, 5/8
Taylor Cole, 5/8
Brittany Dussault, 5/9

Joanna Siaw, 5/9
Sandy Williams, 5/9
Holly Bloomer, 5/10
Guy Hays, 5/10
Brooke Miller, 5/10
Vicki Martin, 5/11
John Monahan, 5/11
Janet Vekovius, 5/11
Brooke White, 5/11
Steven Woodard, 5/11
Erik Lindberg, 5/12
Ben Walters, 5/12
Tammy Dunne, 5/13
JT Gonenc III, 5/13
Ute Hamm, 5/13
Robert Weltzin, 5/13
Ava Williams, 5/13
Jill Backstrom, 5/14
Marcia Huffine, 5/14
Kirby Neal, 5/14
Eric Scherrer, 5/14
Lew Upchurch III, 5/14
Taylor Backstrom, 5/15
Connie Cole, 5/15
Sue Foster, 5/15
Bob Hughes Jr., 5/15
Dennis Hutson, 5/15
Alex Schandert, 5/15
Joe Bloomer, 5/16
Alexa Otlin, 5/16
Carolyn Raymond, 5/16
Sam Rosonke, 5/16
Eric Allred, 5/17

Jerry Hedberg, 5/17
Bill Hodsden, 5/17
Roddy Hubbell, 5/17
Michael Kris, 5/17
Kevin Lanzilli, 5/17
Elizabeth Lopez, 5/17
Todd Marker, 5/17
Evelyn Pizzolato, 5/17
Isaac Raynor, 5/17
Clark Hellmann, 5/18
Shelly Hummel, 5/18
Bonnie Onofrio, 5/18
Erika Strawn-Kuntz, 5/18
Julie Gundry, 5/19
Ken Jarchow, 5/19
Josh Agner, 5/20
Terry Murphy, 5/20
Cruse Neal, 5/20
Lynne Beaman, 5/21
Treven Mercadante, 5/21
Mark Smith, 5/21
Jenny Case, 5/22
Jacob Comer, 5/22
Mary Jo Isom, 5/22
Wanda Ohle, 5/22
Peyton Sudheimer, 5/22
Martha Haun, 5/23
Ruth Lassiter, 5/23
Roger Madariaga, 5/23
Donna Neubaum, 5/23
Chris Minor, 5/24
Mike Owens, 5/24
Heather Ellis, 5/25

Adam Hamm, 5/25
Christopher Hugelmaier, 5/25
Betty McAlear, 5/25
Bryan Weitzel, 5/25
Hayden Williams, 5/25
Kevin Wilson, 5/25
Allie Zwickis, 5/25
Hadley Heath, 5/26
Chris Hoh, 5/26
Claudine Phetteplace, 5/26
Taylor Pickens, 5/26
Preston Wagner, 5/26
Erin Ames, 5/27
Bryant Becton, 5/27
Cameron Hellmann, 5/27
Bill Spencer, 5/27
Lisa Marchetta, 5/28
John O'Neill, 5/28
Michael Staup, 5/28
Nick Yoon, 5/28
Annette Phillips, 5/29
Cami Bailey, 5/30
Margaret Bierlein, 5/30
Taylor George, 5/30
Sue Hardee, 5/30
Ben Lanzilli, 5/30
Camille Lanzilli, 5/30
Alexa Lockhart, 5/30
Cindy Marriott, 5/30
Tyler Watt, 5/30
Connor Hellmann, 5/31

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Marilyn Featham, 5/1
Andy & Jovana McCaskill, 5/2
Bryan & Briana Evans, 5/3
Dick & Trudy Rogers, 5/3
Lisa & Jason Dotson, 5/4
Katherine & Todd Cesar, 5/5
Allen & Lori Kannan, 5/6
Paul & Sandy Janok, 5/8
Mike & Linda Leasure, 5/8
Mike & Beckie Randall, 5/9
Kari & Mark Ellwanger, 5/11
Glenn & Carolyn Rathje, 5/11
Herman & Anita Reiss, 5/12
Bob & Lois Nielsen, 5/13
Tom & Barbara Reading, 5/14

Andy & Anna O'Neill, 5/15
Sam & Brittany Bedford, 5/16
Dan & Rachel Jendro, 5/16
Lyle & Camellia Berglund, 5/17
Rob & Brandi Hughes III, 5/19
Bob & Sheila Bishop, 5/20
Dwight & Lynan Collinson, 5/20
Steve & Shonna Frank, 5/20
John & Maureen Latz, 5/20
Jim & Michele Buddo III, 5/21
Dan & Sarah Crawford, 5/21
Patrick & Sheila Flanagan, 5/21
Dean & Joanne Hillyer, 5/21
Mark & Linda Patschke, 5/21
Rex & Becky Stokes, 5/21

Tammy & Justin Alexander, 5/22
Brad & Jenn Boney, 5/22
Nate & Megan Matthews, 5/22
Lee & Jill Backstrom, 5/25
Norm & Kathy Bell, 5/25
Erin & Alan Barker, 5/26
Joe & Sandy Wawrzynek, 5/26
Hugh & Betty McAlear, 5/27
Sean & Sara Roy, 5/27
John & Gail Hogshire, 5/28
Matt & Erika Kuntz, 5/28
Kevin & Sam Scott, 5/30
Mark & Regina Fisher, 5/31
Dan & Suki Gibson, 5/31

Prayer requests for the week of April 7

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the fragrance of spring flowers; **Comfort for...** Shirley Holzschuh and family at the death of her cousin, Kenneth Baker; Lisa Marchetta and family as they mourn the death of her aunt and Hope member, Helen Cozine; **Strength and Healing for...** Laura, friend of the Rotosky family, healing from a car accident; James Noon, healing from a broken finger; Frank Wentworth, Norm Bell's brother-in-law, having complications from surgery; a relative undergoing testing; Evelyn Pizzolato's mother, having eye surgery this week; a friend recovering from shoulder surgery; Mona, experiencing multiple health issues; Darrell and Wilma Shives, Donna Agner's brother & sister-in-law, for a job search and cancer recovery; Rick Scheyd, friend of Karen & Jeff Jervah, dealing with cancer; Calif, nephew of Bill & Pam Jay, diagnosed with Crohn's Disease; Jonathan, son of David Huffine's neighbor, who is hospitalized in intensive care; Nancy Hanna, having medical tests done; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** a sister traveling; a teacher moving onto a new part of life.

Prayer requests for the week of April 14

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the birth of Sebastian William, friend of the Bennett family; successful surgery for Cuyler O'Neill; Rebecca Wilczyński's healing; **Comfort for...** a friend who recently lost an aunt, sister, and great aunt; a friend at the loss of her mother-in-law; the Bierlien and Kabat families at the loss of Lynn's uncle, Tom Kabat; Chet Thomas, as he mourns the loss of his wife of 50 years; the Dunlap family as they face the imminent loss of Delores, a mother/grandmother/great-grandmother; Shannon Bisette and family at the death of her mother; a family who lost a relative; Dawn and family at the sudden death of her father, Theodore Focht in Virginia; Vicar and Sam Scott at the loss of Sam's grandmother; **Strength and Healing for...** a teenage son struggling with bad decisions and drug use; a friend starting stem cell treatment; Ralph Smathers, father of Emily Smathers, having health issues; a friend having cancer surgery; Mabel O'Neill, Gary O'Neill's mother, who is hospitalized; Kari Hoover Barnack, friend of Karen Carballa, fighting breast cancer; a great-uncle who is recovering from surgery; Bax, a 4 year-old facing long-term cancer treatments; Agnes Lassiter, family of Ruth Lassiter, who is in declining in health and hospitalized; Jolene Miedema, friend of Melanie Barker, recovering from hip replacement surgery; Pam Dupree & mother, friends of Melanie Barker, both recovering from illness; Davis, son of Fran & Bill Najedcki, who broke his leg; Jovana McCaskill's co-worker, who is undergoing chemotherapy for a recurrence of cancer; a father to feel better; Rich, Warren Harrell's friend, who had two heart attacks last week; a teenage friend suffering from mental illness; Bea Martin's friend dealing with surgical complications; victims of the explosion in Durham; Robin Acome, friend of Vickie Herring; Michael Gidrey; Chas Valone's sister, sick with pneumonia; Laura Campbell, friend of the Rotosky family, recovering from a car accident and dealing with the loss of her mother; Mary Brannan, sister of Claudia Van Hook and Cindi Woolard, recovering from major oral surgery; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** a family in need; a family

traveling during Spring Break; Paula Reeves' sister, struggling with family issues; three congregations and communities in Louisiana, whose churches have been burned; a family that struggles with conflict and a parent in a nursing home; teenagers that are tempted daily with drugs and alcohol; our nation and the rest of the world; Todd Cesar, deployed to California to help families recovering from the wildfires.

Prayer requests for the week of April 28

Praise and Thanksgiving for... safe travels to and from Roanoke for Cindi Woolard; the wedding of Nathanael and Maddy, the Hubbard's nephew; the grace of God's timing; the 70th wedding anniversary of Dick & Ellen Richardson; **Comfort for...** Trudy Rogers and family at the death of her aunt; Tom & Ann Thompson at the loss of Tom's sister-in-law last week; the family of Ian Lewis, the Wake Forest teen, who died while swimming at Emerald Isle; the people of Sri Lanka; **Strength and Healing for...** a great uncle who is still recovering from surgery; Elena Bruck, who injured her knee; Melanie Scheuerle, recovering from shoulder surgery; Grace and Terry Hagerman, friends of Tim Means, both in poor health; Ava McColmbs, a 9 year-old who is very sick while traveling in Africa; Janet Sasanko, as she continues to care for her son in Florida as he recovers from a massive stroke; Joseph Heberle, Mary Jo Isom's father; Rick Hall's sister, Susan, recovering from surgery; Kevin Sutton, recovering from a heart procedure; Paige Merical, daughter of John & Suzi Merical, in critical condition after a swimming accident at Emerald Isle; the Bergfors' niece, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer; Gayle Fritz's aunts, all struggling with health issues; a family member dealing with depression; Connor Mrazek's Nanny Holley, to recover from surgery; Nadine Lewis, having surgery; the people of Paris and Notre Dame Cathedral; Michele & Marleen's friend, Steve, who is recovering after a gall bladder surgery; Jennifer Vukovich; Linda Wellnitz; the Faris' family's grandfather recovering from a broken ankle, and a grandmother continuing to care for him; a former school mate who is battling recurrent cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** family issues.





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