



August, 2019 | Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church | Wake Forest, NC

## Pastor Puls' Reflection...“Why, God?”

When life's complexities or tragedies overwhelm us, we sometimes ask, “Why, God?” The question rattles around in our minds, and can even escape our lips, when we're troubled, devastated, crushed, or confused. When our comprehension comes up short, or when we can't see any evidence of God's activity, we occasionally wonder what God is up to. Or, more specifically, why God is allowing a certain event to occur.

Is it wrong, or sinful, to question God like this? The Bible record tells us that, no, it's not necessarily wrong. Check out Psalm 22. The writer experiences deep turmoil. In the middle of his spiritual angst, he cries out in discontent, “Why, God?” The rest of the psalm continues the lament, but concludes with a realization that – even though the writer doesn't fully get it – God is still to be trusted. God is still his only hope. God still knows better. “I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you,” the writer exclaims (Psalm 22:22).

Many are the times in my life when I just don't grasp what God is doing in my life, in the lives of those whom I care about, or in the world. I think it's OK to question, to cry out, to engage God in an honest dialog. He knows that our wisdom is limited. He's patient. He can handle our anguished questions. Even Jesus, hanging on the cross, asked, “Why, God?” when he quoted Psalm 22.

I believe that God would rather that you and I come to him with our issues, and address them truthfully with him – as the psalm writer did – than to ignore him, or shut him out. So talk to God, honestly and openly, about whatever's going on in your life that's a struggle. Let his Word speak to you, and guide your mind. “Call upon me in the day of trouble,” God invites, “I will deliver you, and you will honor me” (Psalm 50:15). What an invitation, and what a promise!

Why, God, are you so good to me? So patient with me? So gracious to me?

In Christ,

*Pastor Wayne Puls*

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## Summer Worship Services

Saturday at 5:30PM  
Sunday at 8:30AM & 11:00AM

*Nursery and Children's Church provided at all services*



## Sunday Christian Education

9:45-10:45AM  
Sunday School for ages 3 – grade 12  
Adult Bible Studies

## Interested in Becoming a Member?

**New Member Classes are September 8 - October 27 from 9:45 - 10:45AM**

There have been a lot of new guests at Hope over the summer and we're excited about your presence! If you would like to know more about the mission and vision of Hope, we invite you to attend the next New Member Class.

Activities for children and youth of all ages are available through Sunday School during the class time. All persons interested in becoming members of Hope or transferring their membership from another Lutheran church are invited. There is no obligation to join by attending the class!

## August Sermon Series: "What About..."

As Lutheran Christians, we have to contend with the secular world around us every day. We interact with non-believers, and those conversations can be challenging. But we also talk with Christian friends and neighbors, right? Coming from other faith traditions, they sometimes follow certain teachings that can raise questions in our minds.

Don't miss our upcoming sermon series at Hope this month. It's titled "What About...?" We'll explore a few important spiritual questions, to help build our understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran in today's world.

- August 10 - 11: What About...My View of the Bible?
- August 17 - 18: What About...My Decision?
- August 24 - 25: What About...My Spiritual Ladder?

## Ministry Leadership Team 2019-2020

Members of our congregation's Ministry Leadership Team were elected at our recent Congregational Assembly, and will work closely with the pastors to guide and influence Hope's overall ministry direction. Please pray for these individuals and the pastors throughout the next year.

The Ministry Leadership Team includes: Eric Arner (Chairperson), David Critchley (Vice-Chairperson), Sarah Crawford (Secretary), Megan Baldwin, Andy Barrett, Mike Dennen, Michelle Hellmann, Bill Jay, Rob Niesel, Maurice Samuels, Jill Schaefer, and Emily Smathers.

CAN A CHURCH  
INFORMATION MEETING  
REALLY BE FUN, FAST-  
PACED, AND FESTIVE?

COME  
FIND  
OUT!

HOPE  
I.M.

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 10  
6:30-7:15PM  
PIZZA & CUPCAKES  
(NURSERY & CHILD CARE  
AVAILABLE)

- OR -

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 11  
9:45-10:30AM  
BISCUIT BAR  
(NURSERY & SUNDAY  
SCHOOL AVAILABLE)

OUR CHURCH HAS BEEN BLESSED BY GOD RICHLY  
IN ITS 22-YEAR HISTORY. CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE  
GIVEN SACRIFICIALLY TO BUILD THIS  
CONGREGATION, AND THE LORD HAS HELPED  
HOPE KEEP GROWING THROUGH THE YEARS. WE  
ENJOY MANY WONDERFUL GOD-GIVEN GIFTS HERE  
AT HOPE-INCLUDING OUR BEAUTIFUL FACILITIES.

AS A CHURCH, WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT STEPS  
TO TAKE TOGETHER, AS WE MOVE FORWARD.  
COME TO A HOPE I.M., AND FIND OUT ABOUT  
THE FACILITIES CHALLENGES WE NEED TO TACKLE  
TOGETHER. KEEP OUR MINISTRY FACILITIES IN  
EXCELLENT CONDITION IS IMPERATIVE FOR OUR  
FUTURE MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY. YES, A  
CHURCH INFORMATION MEETING REALLY CAN  
BE FUN, FESTIVE, AND FAST-PACED!







## A Note From Vicar Zach

Hey Hope Family!

Kelsey and I are all moved in and have been greatly enjoying our first few weeks here in North Carolina. You have been such a welcoming congregation and we feel very lucky that we are able to spend this next year with all of you. I know that many of you have talked to us and introduced yourselves and we are so glad that you have! I do have one request though, keep telling us your names, especially me! I enjoy getting to know all of you and hearing your stories.

From the very beginning Kelsey and I felt the family atmosphere here at Hope. Many of you are from the Midwest like Kelsey and I are (several even from the great state of Michigan!). We are planning to do as much exploring as we can while we are here, so if you have any suggestions let us know. I will also be exploring some of the ministries here at Hope in the next few weeks as I continue to learn more about your wonderful church!

In the beginning of Colossians, Paul writes to the church, “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints.” Kelsey and I are very thankful that we have been sent here and for the love that you have shown us and your faith that is exemplified through your worship. May we all continue to grow together through this next year, as we serve others in the places that we have been sent, with the love that our risen Christ has given us!

Your brother in Christ,

Vicar Zach  
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# Adult Education Opportunities

## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES ARE FROM 9:45-10:45AM

### COLOSSIANS

**Date:** August 4

**Location:** Adult Education floor, room 301

**Leader:** Luke Tew

Colossians is one of the most thoroughly Christ-centered books in the Bible. Writing with stylistic flair, Paul captures the essence of the Savior, celebrating Him as the object of the believer's faith, the image of the invisible God, the head of the Church, the unifier and reconciler of all things, and the true pattern for the life of Christian faith. During the month of July, you are invited to explore the brilliance of Colossians!

### HOPE I.M.

**Date:** August 11

**Location:** Children's Center

There will be no Adult Education class during this time. All adults are encouraged to attend Hope's Information Meeting at 9:45AM in the Children's Center. There will be a biscuit bar and refreshments, nursery and Sunday school available for children and youth. For more information, see page 3 of this newsletter.

### "WHAT ABOUT...?"

**Dates:** August 18 & 25

**Location:** Adult Education floor, room 301

**Leaders:** Pastor Lew & Vicar Zach

All Christians are united by their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. But sometimes our Christian friends and neighbors from other traditions follow certain teachings that can raise questions in our minds. In conjunction with our August sermon series, we will continue to explore the answers to a few of these questions, all in an effort to help build our understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran in the world today.

## FREE EVENING SUMMER SEMINARS

**Dates:** August 25-26 from 6:30-8:30PM

**Location:** Resurrection Lutheran Church (100 W. Lochmere, Cary)

**Learn more at [www.trianglefaith.org](http://www.trianglefaith.org)**

Many of us are befuddled by changes in American life and also within the church. The good news is that we can understand what's going on. The best Good News of all is that these different times teach us anew, or maybe for the first time, what faith in Jesus Christ is and means for our lives and for our congregation's mission. 1 Peter leads us to find fresh hope and purpose as the people of God in Jesus Christ.

The seminars will be led by Dr. Dale A. Meyer the president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He continues to serve as professor of practical theology in addition to his role as president. Meyer has been speaking and preaching for more than 40 years. His areas of interest and study include 1 Peter, the church in a changing culture and the Sabbath applied to life today. Meyer was a speaker on The Lutheran Hour radio program (1989 to 2001).

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE!

Starting September 4, Wednesday Night Alive begins and will include "Back To the Basics" class taught by Pastor Lew. See page 8 of this newsletter for details and a class description.



Youth Ministry thanks the congregation for their support of the 7-8 Grade Mission Trip and the 2019 National Youth Gathering. Supporting events such as the Great Bake-Off, Buy-A-Mile, Pinestraw sales, Yard Sale, and Christmas Wreaths allows the youth to attend important, spirit-filled events that strengthen their relationships with their church community and most importantly, with Jesus Christ.

#### **National Youth Gathering 2019 (July, 2019)**

Hope sent 44 youth and 7 adult leaders from Hope to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The group was able to participate in nightly Mass Gatherings, held in the new US Bank Stadium with over 20,000 other LCMS youth! The youth were privileged to listen to speakers sharing their struggles with bullies, depression, anxiety, loss of loved ones, and even a survivor of a school shooting. The youth learned about our real God who is always present in our lives. The same God who made the universe also took the time to make you! We have a REAL PRESENT GOD. We would like to thank everyone who supported this amazing opportunity through financial gifts and prayers and look forward to the 2021 gathering in Houston, Texas.

#### **7-8 Grade Mission Trip (June, 2019)**

In June, the 7 & 8 grade crew travelled to Massanetta Virginia, for a week-long trip that puts youth to work in a different community with organizations. Areas of service included: cleaning, sorting, and displaying food at a local pantry; making lunches and dinner for a library program; planting and mulching on a farm that feeds local school children; sang songs and cleaned patios at a senior living community; worked with a local organization packing clothing to ship to missionaries around the world; and also sorted items at the thrift store, all while pausing from daily life to focus on Christ and his love. The team worked extremely hard and many walked away with a new passion for work and service.

## **Outreach & Mission Ministries**

### **Brown Bag Ministry**

Hope's Brown Bag Ministry, which makes & distributes over 400 lunches a month to local neighborhoods, is collecting salty snacks in August. Each lunch includes: a sandwich, cereal/granola bar, fresh fruit, salty snack, and Bible verse. Place your donations of individual bags of chips, pretzels, or cheese & cracker sandwich packages in the Brown Bag donation bin.

**Volunteers Needed!** Join the Brown Bag team on August 17 to make and distribute lunches in Wake Forest. We will meet in the area outside the kitchen at 11am. Heading out for distribution about 11:45am. For easy sign up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ba5ac2da57-brown1>. Questions? Please contact Nancy Repak at [kapernan@gmail.com](mailto:kapernan@gmail.com).

### **Tri-Area Ministry**

This month Hope is collecting canned meats, canned fruit, peanut butter, feminine protection, & baby wipes to donate to this important Wake Forest ministry. Place your items in the donation bin located in the gallery at church.

### **NC Disaster Recovery**

Thousands of homes were flooded in our state, during and after Hurricane Florence last fall. Many families are still struggling to get back to their homes, and to keep their hopes alive. Volunteers from our congregation, along with other regional Lutherans, have helped rebuild homes in the Jacksonville area over the past months. This important work continues in August. You're welcome to join in on August 1 or August 3, or to participate in a special week of service.

### **LUTHERAN WORK WEEK JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AUGUST 5-10, 2019**

Sign up to work for a day, or for multiple days. Housing will be provided for those working multiple days. All skill levels are welcome for volunteers (18+; 16+ with parent/guardian). Contact Pastor Wayne at [wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org) or DCE Steve McCarthy at [smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org) ASAP to sign up, or for more information.



# Missions of Hope ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 19, 2019 • 9:00am



Scramble Tournament or 'Best Ball'  
9:00am Shotgun Start  
Registration 8:00-8:45am

Heritage Golf Club  
1250 Heritage Club Ave.  
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Limited to 80 Players

\$100/person includes fees,  
cart, bucket of practice balls,  
lunch, prizes, including a  
\$10,000 Hole-in-One prize!!

Register today!  
[www.hopelutheranwf.org/golf](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/golf)



**August 17-18:** Donations accepted  
before/after services.

**August 19-22:** Donations accepted from  
8am-5pm.

**August 22-23:** Volunteers needed to sort  
clothing starting at 10am. Come anytime  
you are available, open to everyone!

**August 24:** Volunteers needed to help guests shop from 9:00am-noon.



Please consider donating your gently used clothing and small housewares to the August HopeChest event. This ministry offers free clothing and housewares, donated by the people of Hope, to those in need in Wake Forest and surrounding communities.

Donations are accepted before/after the weekend services or during the week from 8AM-5PM. Volunteers are needed to help sort clothing on August 22 & 23 starting at 10AM.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

September 4 - October 30

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

*Visitors Welcome!!*

**Wednesday Night Alive** is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for children, youth, and adults of all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, fellowship, and fun.

There's something for everyone and we look forward to seeing you there!

The **Men of Hope** will be serving dinner before activities from 5:30 - 6:15 PM.

Weekly menus and cost will be published in the bulletin and at

[www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna).

## MUSIC GROUPS

5:25pm-5:45pm; **Children's Bell Choir**

5:50pm-6:25pm; **Children's Choir**

6:00pm-7:30pm; **Adult Handbell Choir**

7:45pm-9:15pm; **Senior Choir**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

**6:30-7:30PM**

**Nursery** (0-2 yrs) in the Nursery

**Kids Connect** (3yrs-K) in the Nursery

**Kingdom Kids** (1st & 2nd Grades) in the Preschool

**FLASH** (3rd & 4th 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 6:30-7:30PM

## ADULT STUDIES

**6:30-7:30PM**

"Back To the Basics"

What is Christianity? There are as many answers to this question as there are people who ask. But we don't have to consult public opinion or *Christianity for Dummies* to answer this question. We have the source, which is God's Word. During the month of September, you are invited to "get back to the basics," as we explore the verses from the Bible that answer this most important question.



# Small Group Ministry

## Pinochle Group August 5 & 19 at 1:00PM at Hope

Contact Peggy Koehler at 919-231-9563 or Jan Hubbard at 919-850-2542 if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

## Bridge Group August 12 & 26 at 1:00PM. If you plan to come, contact Pam Jay at [pjay0826@gmail.com](mailto:pjay0826@gmail.com).

## Meet'N Eat

**August 24 & September 28 starting at 6:30PM**

If you like to eat and you want to meet new people, then this is the group for you! Eight people gather in a new house each time and enjoy the company over dinner and devotion. The goal of Meet'N Eat is to meet new people and strengthen connections within the Hope family. To register for the next dinner, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), and scroll to "Upcoming Events" the bottom of the homepage.

# Stephen Ministry Training Class

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who provide a one-to-one caring, confidential ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties. This ministry has been helping people at Hope for 20 years.

If you have a caring heart and one hour per week to spend with someone going through one of life's difficulties, then Stephen Ministry may be for you! You are invited to an information session to learn more on August 4 & 11 after the 11AM service. Questions? Contact Jerry Garlington at 850-376-0488 or Andy Barrett at 919-349-5599.



## Thank You to the Men of Hope!

On Tuesday, July 30 members from the Men of Hope worked on cleaning and staining/sealing the pergola in the Prayer Garden. It looks fantastic!

**The Men Of Hope Small Group** meets for fellowship, to build their faith, and serve the church and community. Men, over the age of 18, are welcome to attend the breakfast meeting on Saturday, August 10 at 8:00AM. Questions? Contact Jerry Garlington at [garlingj@hotmail.com](mailto:garlingj@hotmail.com).





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF!

**AUGUST 18 FROM 12:15-2PM**

A new school year... a new year of events for Children's Ministry! All children, birth - 4th grade, and their families are invited to the Kick-Off Party.

There will be a bubble party, bounce houses, Kona Ice, games, and more! Families will have fun learning about Hope's Children's Ministry while meeting new people, having lunch, and treats. Please bring money for Kona Ice and a free-will donation is being accepted to cover the cost of lunch.

Questions? Contact Lead DCE Beth Agner at [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).



# Children's Ministry at Hope

## Sundae On Sunday!

On August 25 at 9:45AM there will be a special Sunday School hour for children in pre-kindergarten through 4th grade. Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher, spend time in the classroom, and have some ice cream!

## Little Blessings Morning Out Program Has Limited Openings!

Hope offers a morning out program for children ages 0-2 years old. Children will learn social skills, participate in stories, crafts, and songs in a warm and safe nursery setting. Learn more at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

## Children's Church Volunteers Needed!

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. Volunteers are needed for the Saturday Night service at 5:30PM, one Saturday a month. Contact Erin Ames, Family Program Director, at [eames@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:eames@hopelutheranwf.org) to volunteer!

## Xplore Track Out Camp

Spend school breaks & teacher workdays at a safe, local, Christ-centered camp. Open to all children in grades Kindergarten - 5th grade.

### August Themes...

- **Anything Can Happen... (July 29-August 2)** Each day will be filled with a surprise mystery theme...celebrating your birthday, a pre-historic day, an escape room? You never know... just come see for yourself!
- **TV Mash-Up (August 5-9)** Fear Factor? American Ninja Warrior? Amazing Race? Each day we will focus on a different reality TV show then campers will perform, compete or race against their opponents in a friendly competition.
- **Fast Pass to Disney (August 12-16)** This week campers focus on a different Disney movie each day then participate in various crafts, games and activities all centered around that one movie.
- **Going Green (August 19-23)** Protect our environment and explore the earth! Join us for a week of discovering how we can become "greener" inhabitants by collecting and creating recycled artwork, making healthy organic treats as well as planting and gardening fun!

For more information or to register for camp, check us out at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/Xplore!](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/Xplore!)

# Preschool Update

**Summer Expressions**, Hope's half day & full day summer program will conclude August 9. The themed week activities included music, art and games. We shared the love of God with over 120 children over the ten weeks.

**The Preschool Staff** will return to school beginning the week of August 12. The staff will participate in building relationships, workshops, and preparing their classrooms. All classes will begin on their regular schedule and time on August 21. The preschool will be closed on September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Welcome to our **new Preschool Staff members**, Sam Basinger & Kelsey Sarrault!

**Fall Parent Orientation/Open House** is for parents only on August 19 at 6:30. Parents will learn more about the preschool program and meet with their child's teacher.

**Fall Program Children's Orientation** has staggered entry times on Tuesday, August 20. Times will vary depending on the child's class and teacher. Parents will be notified by mail. A **Preschool Pep Rally** will be held on this day from 10:00 to 10:40 in the grassy circle. The children will enjoy a skit, singing and ice pops!



# Youth Ministry Events

Youth ministry has a lot of fun events scheduled for August. All Hope members and visitors are welcome!

## High School Groups

Questions about the High School Youth Ministry? Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at 919-554-8109 or [wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org).

### Kerr Lake High School Day at the Lake

**August 3, 10:00AM – 3:00PM; cost is \$7 to park.** Join in for a great day at the lake, go swimming, learn how to water ski, sun bathe, or just hang with friends. Bring your own lunch (charcoal grills available). Bring swim wear, sunblock, and a life vest if you plan to get in the water. If you have extra life vests, please bring them. The group will meet at S.P. Shelter 2, Satterwhite Point Shelters, 20 Shoreline Ln. Henderson NC, 27537. Sign up today at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth). Watch the “Remind” texts regarding bad weather.

### Save the date...Lock-In on September 13-14

**Sunday School** meets each week in the Youth Center from 9:45-10:45AM. This month we will walk through different topics of daily teen living.

**Sunday Night Youth Group** meets every Sunday from 6:30-8:00PM. Join us for hot topics youth chose each week. There will be a special **Second Sunday Youth Group on August 11 from 6:30-8:00PM** complete with live music and multimedia worship service. Do not miss out on an opportunity to build relationships both with friends and God!

## 7-8 Grade Groups

Questions about the 7-8 Grade Youth Ministry? Contact DCEs Wesley Spottiswood or Steve McCarthy at 919-554-8109.

### Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School every week from 9:45-10:45AM. You are invited to the Youth Center between church services for Sunday School! This month the group will cover the life of Jesus.

### Wednesday Night Youth Group

7&8 Grade Youth Group meets from 6:30-7:30PM and is a weekly time where you get away from school, hangout with friends, and spend time in God’s Word. Get ready for more games, more friends, and more God’s Word.

### Annual Summer Lock-In: Heroes vs. Villains August 16-17 from 8:00PM-8:00AM; cost is \$10

Time for the annual lock-in at Hope! Join the 7-8 graders as they team up to keep the world safe and achieve great power! Which side are you on? Are you a hero or are you a villain? Sign up now at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth) for a night of adventure as we blast off keeping Wake Forest safe. This is an awesome night of fun and games. Friends are invited! DCE Wesley Spottiswood will shave his eyebrows if we get 50 youth to attend.

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## 7 & 8 Grade District Youth Gathering

You're invited to the 7-8th Grade Southeastern District Youth Gathering (DYG) on November 15-17 in Virginia Beach, Virginia! What is the DYG? It's an incredible opportunity for 7-8 grade youth to gather in the name of Jesus to worship, pray, play, serve, and learn together with youth from all over the East Coast! This year's theme will be presented by a husband and wife duo as they tackle 1 Corinthians 9:24. The theme is WALK HIS WAY, exploring the truth of what it means to follow Jesus in today's world. You won't want to miss it!

Cost is \$200 and includes transportation, speaker/registration fees, service project materials, hotel accommodation at the Hampton by Hilton, all of Saturday's meals and Sunday's breakfast, and a gathering T-Shirt. Register at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth).



# Confirmation

Hope's Confirmation program is two years during 5 & 6 grades. However, each year we have 7-9 graders who connect to Hope and go through the program as well.

## Orientation for All Students & Parents

**August 28 from 6:30-8:00PM**

Orientation for new and returning students and parents will be held in the Sanctuary and will give parents and students an overview of the program and time to ask questions.

## Confirmation Begins - Begins September 4

All Confirmation students will begin classes on September 4, from 6:30-7:30PM. The group will meet on the Adult Education floor, for a large group session. A draft of the calendar is available online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth), selecting the "5-6 Grades, Confirmation" button.

If you have any questions about the Confirmation program, contact the church office at 919-554-8109.



## Can't Remember a date or time?

Life gets busy, calendars are crazy...we get it!

Visit Hope online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth) to stay informed.

All youth events and sign ups are always listed, always updated.



## 5-6 Grade Events

If you want to stay in the loop about all things 5-6 grade, please email Steve McCarthy at [smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org) and pass along your cell phone number so I can add you to our text "Remind" group. I'm looking forward to meeting all the new rising 5th graders and for seeing the rising 6th graders again!

## Family Night and Variety Show

**August 23 6:30-8:00PM**

What's your wacky talent? Sing, dancing, juggling, acrobatics, jokes, and more will be on display during this event. Mark your calendars and start practicing! Parents and family are invited to come watch. Sign ups (group or solo) will be available at Sunday School and Youth Group.

## Sunday School

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)!

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

During the summer, Rising 5-6 grade activities will shift from Wednesday nights to TUESDAY nights! Every Tuesday during the summer 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.

Here are the upcoming days:

- 8/6 - Dairy Depot Day
- 8/13 - Water day
- 8/20 - Bring your Dog to Youth Group

## Happy Birthday!

George Brence, 8/1  
 Karen Cash, 8/1  
 Christian Guzman, 8/1  
 Ian Lassiter, 8/1  
 Jason Lassiter, 8/1  
 Braden Matala, 8/1  
 Rosie Miller, 8/1  
 Allen Moss, 8/1  
 Glenn Rathje, 8/1  
 Ruthe Markworth, 8/2  
 Tricia Bishop, 8/3  
 Keegan Bradley, 8/3  
 Bob Hendrickson, 8/3  
 Dawn Kusy, 8/3  
 Tyler Phillips, 8/3  
 Heather Wrenn, 8/3  
 Barbara Bradley, 8/4  
 Elena Bruck, 8/4  
 Siena Clark, 8/4  
 Sylvia Dennen, 8/4  
 Cathy Foil, 8/4  
 Fred Goeckerman, 8/4  
 Isabelle Mehm, 8/4  
 Kyler Mercadante, 8/4  
 Emily Parnell, 8/4  
 Dick Davis, 8/5  
 Sandra Ollivier, 8/5  
 Daniel Wade, 8/5  
 Eli Ames, 8/6  
 Payton Lockhart, 8/6  
 Samuel Siaw, 8/6  
 Katie Staup, 8/6  
 Joe Wawrzynek, 8/6  
 Justin Allen, 8/7  
 Trevor Friend, 8/7  
 Marc Gipple, 8/7  
 Jackson Baldwin, 8/8  
 Cheryl Farlow, 8/8  
 Glen Kile, 8/8  
 Janice Mlakar, 8/8  
 Jim Hamel, 8/9  
 Trudy Rogers, 8/9  
 Greyson Siderio, 8/9  
 Grace Sigmon, 8/9  
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 Katie Albert, 8/11  
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Steve Edwards, 8/11  
 Greg Ismay, 8/11  
 Kathy Jarchow, 8/11  
 Marissa Kelley, 8/11  
 Todd Meyer, 8/11  
 Luci Plack, 8/11  
 Rob Bailey, 8/12  
 Elaina Giuffre, 8/12  
 Bob Johanson, 8/12  
 Rita Kaess, 8/12  
 Kevin Kirkendoll, 8/12  
 David Lee, 8/12  
 Bruce Robinson, 8/12  
 Julia Allen, 8/13  
 Dean Backstrom, 8/13  
 Joshua Francis, 8/13  
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 Lynan Collinson, 8/14  
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 Linda Hutson, 8/14  
 Carlos Quinto, 8/14  
 Ashley Torsonone, 8/14  
 Chris Bender, 8/15  
 Marcia Hughes, 8/15  
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 Brandon Moran, 8/16  
 John Bishop, 8/17  
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 Nathan Ellison, 8/17  
 Lisa Gabrielli, 8/17  
 Julie Smith, 8/17  
 Crystal Bright, 8/18  
 Judith Olson, 8/18  
 Bonnie Yakopcic, 8/18  
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 John Willers, 8/19  
 Anna Marie Mehm, 8/20  
 Ben Beaman, 8/21  
 Brenna Crosser, 8/21  
 Mason Harris, 8/21  
 Wyatt Mehm, 8/21  
 Janis Alford, 8/22  
 Sunny Gretsuk, 8/22  
 William Kris, 8/22  
 Mirabelle Scheuerle, 8/22  
 Luke Tew, 8/22  
 Truda Graham, 8/23  
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 Susan Lemley, 8/23  
 Vincent Tine, 8/23  
 Emmy Hoh, 8/24  
 Steven McCarthy, 8/24  
 Joe Pallozzi, 8/24  
 Isabel Queen, 8/24  
 Rosella Schunke, 8/24  
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 Victoria Tine, 8/25  
 Jacob Davies, 8/26  
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 Scott Elder, 8/26  
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 John Fritz, 8/27  
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 Anne Hall, 8/27  
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 Logan Gray, 8/29  
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 Bob George, 8/30  
 Chandra George, 8/30  
 Craig Helmers, 8/30  
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 Ken & Pat Schafer, 8/1  
 Tom & Pam Williams, 8/1  
 Josh & Beth Agner, 8/3  
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 Bill & Linda Wellnitz, 8/4  
 Ann & David Hochstrasser, 8/5  
 Larry & Catherine Metzger, 8/7  
 Melissa & Shawn Replogle, 8/7  
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 Sharon & Brad Strom, 8/28  
 Mike & Jennifer Owens, 8/29  
 Joseph & Pam Schodt, 8/29



## Prayer Requests from July 7

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** the engagement of Camille Knudsen and Travis Merchant; Conrad Watson and good test results; **Comfort for...** Wayne Dallas, friend of Mike Holloway, receiving hospice care; the Crawford family grieving the death of Bill Oliver last week; **Strength and Healing for...** a family friend of the Wood family, recently diagnosed with a mass on his brain; Marine LePore, friend of the Loschiavo family, dealing with multiple health issues; positive test results; a sister suffering from illness due to an environmental poisoning; Roy Berfors' niece, Linda, receiving chemo treatments for cancer; Elizabeth, friend of Bennett family, diagnosed with cancer; Annette Sanders, daughter of the Turners, dealing with Shingles; a friend of the Pallozzi family struggling with PTSD; Brian Faris, suffering from a torn Achilles tendon; Joseph Heberle, father of Mary Jo Isom, hospitalized with pneumonia and other issues; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Averil to have a safe trip to NY and her water project; Ryan Bergfors, teaching English in Hong Kong; Tracey Hayes (Wegner) searching for a job.

## Prayer Requests from July 14

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** the healthy birth of Philip Glander, born to Tyler & Mary Glander; **Comfort for...** those impacted by the earthquake in California; family and friends of Cameron Boyce, who died at age 20 due to medical conditions; the family of Brook; Sunny Gretsuk, for God's comfort and peace, at the anniversary of her husband's death; **Strength and Healing for...** Emmy Hoh, recovering from finger surgery; Judy Olson, recovering at a healthcare facility; Melissa, daughter of Herman & Connie Cole, recovering from a seizure; Gwen dealing with health issues; Todd & Katherine Cesar, recovering from a car accident; Al Starr, brother-in-law of Sandi Ollivier, recovering from surgery; Angelina, friend of Antoinette Vecellio; Tom Haske; Doug Hoy, recovering from heart surgery; Elaine, having a knee replacement; Richard Campbell, recovering from surgery; Linda, recovering from brain surgery; Diane Copeland's sister, recovering from surgery; Jill, a neighbor of the Carlsons, struggling; Richard Kruger, who has pneumonia; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Adam DeRose on his return from China; Nancy, traveling to Michigan and home.

## Prayer Requests from July 21

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Tom & Kit Hemma; the wedding of Susan Pizzalato & Andrew Norris; **Comfort for...** JB Bowers, at the loss of his mother; Bill & Darlene McKenney and the family of Reverend Douglas Fleischfresser, grieving his sudden death; the Woolard's beloved dog, Skeeter, diagnosed with terminal cancer; **Strength and Healing for...** Dale Hugelmaier, recovering from surgery; Elizabeth, Matt Hoh's wife, recovering from surgery; Karen Jervah's friends Rich Scheyd & Krista, as they receive cancer treatments; Karen Jervah's family, Gerry Jervah, recovering from an injury; Karen Jervah's friend, Anthony Hudson, as he recovers

from an illness; the mother of David Huffine's co-worker, having ongoing health issues; the restoration of a broken relationship; Neil Turner, recovering from a procedure; Melanie Barker's friend, Paula Austin, recovering from heart surgery; Donald, cousin of Tom Haske, hospitalized; Ben, friend of Heather Maxwell, recovering from a broken leg; recovering from cataract surgery for Brenda Duensing; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** travel mercies for Cindi Woolard's friends, the Shuttleworths; all of the students going back to school over the next few weeks; safe travel for the Turner's family back to Germany; all those impacted by storm and floods in Louisiana and Mississippi.

## Prayer Requests from July 28

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** Linda Wellnitz's successful brain surgery; Conrad Watson's successful heart procedure; Jean Noon's eye surgery; **Comfort for...** Ann Hochstrasser and the family of Mary Dailey, as they mourn the death of Mary; Rick Miller, brother-in-law of Bea Martin, at the death of his father; the families and friends of two young men killed this week in Raleigh; the Dingle family whose father died from an accident at the beach; **Strength and Healing for...** the mother of David Huffine's coworker, having surgery and rehab; Dale Hugelmaier, recovering from surgery and an infection; Joseph, hospitalized while recovering from an illness; Kathleen Medina's family member who is on dialysis with multiple infections and experiencing seizures; Mark Foil's father, Bob Foil, having heart issues and an upcoming surgery; Jeff & Bev Miller's friend, whose baby is in the NICU after arriving early; the wife of Ron O'Neal's co-worker, having multiple back surgeries; Marleen Loschiavo's friend, Martine, experience major health problems; Olivia Leigh, friend of Deb Winiewicz, battling cancer; a successful biopsy for Mike Bailey's co-worker; Kim Shope's friend, who is starting chemotherapy; Marlene Spencer, having surgery this week; a 3 month-old daughter recovering from heart surgery, friends of the Bailey family; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** the Lopez family and clarity on a business venture; all active duty military and their families preparing for deployment to the Middle East; Justin Allen, Shannon Janosko's grandson, as he moves to Florida to attend college; safe travels for Kristin Slaybaugh, returning home after serving for a year in Madagascar.





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