

# Mission Moments



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## Message from Pastor Puls...Team Ministry

As the years go by in my life, one of the things I've had to give up — reluctantly! — is playing team sports. For several decades, I played all sorts of team sports, and enjoyed them all. But my bones and joints are telling me to slow down, and find different ways to exercise and have fun. So I'm not running around on the softball field, or hacking people in the basketball court, anymore. I still try to get plenty of exercise, but it's different now. I miss the excitement and challenge of playing the sports I love.

What I miss most, though is the camaraderie and fellowship that comes from being a teammate. I've made many great friendships through team sports. I find myself missing being on the court or field with teammates.

I tell you this not to complain, or whine, about my life. I tell you this because I want you to know how fortunate and blessed I really am. Even though I'm not playing any team sports these days, I am still an active part of a fantastic, brilliant, enjoyable, talented team every single day!

Every time I walk into our church, I am thankful to be part of our team at Hope. We have a wonderful collection of God's people in this church. I enjoy working with my staff colleagues every day. I love partnering in ministry with dedicated church members, young and old. I appreciate meeting all the new people who are visiting our church, and considering joining our team.

God has given us a mission to carry out here at Hope, and he provides rich and varied ministry opportunities for us constantly. Bringing people to Christ, and helping them come to saving faith in Savior, is joyous work for the people of our church. I appreciate the focus, the dedication, the leadership, the generosity, and the willingness of the Christian teammates in our congregation.

I feel powerfully-blessed to part of the Hope team. I hope you do, too!

Following Christ's game plan,

Pastor Wayne Puls  
wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM

Sunday at 8:30AM & 11:00AM  
*Nursery provided at all services*

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:45-10:45AM

Sunday School for  
ages 3 – grade 12  
Adult Bible Studies

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

September 4 – October 30

5:30-6:15: Dinner

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

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

6:00-7:30: Adult Handbell Choir

6:30-7:30: Classes

(3 years old - 4th grade, adult)

6:30-7:30: Confirmation classes

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

7:30-9:15: Senior Choir

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

## MUSIC MINISTRY AT HOPE

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

### Handbell Choirs—begins September 4

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

- **Children's Bells** are open to all children in grades 2 – 5 and rehearse Wednesday evenings from 5:25-5:45PM in the Sanctuary. This group will ring during a church service when they are ready.
- **Adult Handbell Choir** is open to High School youth – adults and rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30PM in the Sanctuary. The Adult Handbell choir rings during church services about 2 times per month. Reading music is helpful, but not mandatory to join.

### Vocal Choirs

Do you like to sing and praise God through singing? If so, you are invited to sing with Hope's choir! If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Choir Director Rob Varner at [rwv912@gmail.com](mailto:rwv912@gmail.com) or visit the balcony between or after Sunday services.

- **Senior Choir** rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:15PM, beginning September 4. The group sings a variety of music each Sunday and present a Christmas Cantata in December.
- **Children's Choir** (grades 2-6) rehearse Wednesday evenings from 5:50-6:25PM on the Adult Education floor in room 300. The choir sings on select Sundays during the year and participate in Hope's annual Cantata.

## COMING SOON

Later this month, we'll be launching a short-term capital campaign at Hope, to raise funds for a variety of important ministry facilities projects that need our attention. You'll be hearing more about these projects very soon. Please start praying about how you may be able to help out, with special gift of pledge over and above your current regular offerings. Working together, we can tackle these projects, and keep our ministry moving forward!

## HOPE'S FAMILY SERVICE

Our congregation strongly encourages families to worship together, and we believe that helping children learn to worship is one of the most important of all parental responsibilities. Here at Hope, after a fun two-and-a-half year run, our Family Service will no longer be scheduled on a weekly basis, moving forward. We appreciate the many dedicated volunteers who helped make this worship service take place. Hope's pastors and DCE's are working on plans to utilize some family-focused worship concepts in the 11:00AM service on an occasional basis. Please keep Hope's young families in your prayers!

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

September 4 - October 30

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

**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**

7:30pm-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, lower level

## 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"

## OKTOBERFEST

October 11, 2019 from 6-9PM

\$20/person

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

Calling all men! You are invited to Hope's 3rd annual Oktoberfest social. Enjoy German-themed food, beer, and games. It all happens under the big tent on Hope's north lawn. Prost! Please note this is a 21 and over event.

## MEN'S BOWLING

September 10 from 7-9PM

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's Steve McCarthy or Wesley Spottiswood at 919-554-8109

## BUNCO LADIES NIGHT

Friday, September 27 at 7:00PM

Bunco is a social dice game, played with 12 or more people divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turn rolling three dice. It's easy to learn...you just need a whole lot of luck! There is no cost for this event, please register so we know you are coming at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 8-10, 2019

Join us for a weekend of joy at Hope's annual Women's Retreat. This year's retreat will be located at the Hyatt House at Virginia Beach, Virginia. It's a wonderful weekend full of laughter, prayer, and spiritual growth.

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

# SEPTEMBER ADULT EDUCATION

## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

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

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

September 8- October 27

Adult Education Floor, room 301

Leaders: Pastor Puls & Pastor Lew

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

### NEHEMIAH

September 1 - September 29

Adult Education Floor, room 300

Leader: Jack Pizzolato

In the book of Nehemiah we see a servant of God who is a remarkable example of courage and leadership. Most importantly, however we see God working through Nehemiah to replant his people in Jerusalem against incredible odds. In conjunction with our September sermon series, you are invited to take a deeper look at this Old Testament book.

### PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

September 29 (only)

Conference Room 203

Presented by the Puerto Rico Mission trip team, come learn about their recent trip, projects that were tackled, and highlights about working with Lutheran Church Missouri Synod missionaries on the island.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

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

### BACK TO THE BASICS

Class begins September 4

Adult Education floor, room 300

Leader: Pastor Lew

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.



# SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

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

## CARDS AT HOPE

New players are always welcome!

**BRIDGE GROUP; September 9 & 23 at 1:00PM**

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

**PINOCHLE GROUP; September 16 1:00PM**

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

## MEET 'N' EAT

**September 28 at 6:60PM**

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. Sign-up at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Upcoming Events." Questions? Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at [wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org).

## DAWGS

The DAWGs are a small group of men, of all ages, who are searching for what it means to be a man of God. "As iron sharpen iron, so one man sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17. They meet every Friday morning from 6:30-7:45AM. Questions? Contact Tim Holt at [timothyholt@bellsouth.net](mailto:timothyholt@bellsouth.net).

## STITCHES OF HOPE

Stitches of Hope likes to do things the old fashioned way. Gathering to share knowledge of hand quilting/ stitching with any women who wants to learn. We work on different projects throughout the year. Our mission is to honor and serve God by making and providing a baptismal quilt for each baptized baby of Hope Lutheran Church, as well as making and providing quilts for those in need. The group meets Tuesday evenings from 6:00–7:30PM. Questions? Contact Betty McAlear, [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com) or Donna Neubaum, 919-495-0744, [sewnsoo@nc.rr.com](mailto:sewnsoo@nc.rr.com).

## Did you know Hope's bulletins are worth money?

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

### Xpert Computer Service & Repair

3325 Rogers Rd # 116, WF  
20% off service any day  
[www.wakeforestcomputerservice.com](http://www.wakeforestcomputerservice.com)

### Chronic Tacos

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

### Moe's Southwest Grill

10760 Wakefield Commons  
20% off on Sundays

### bu-ku

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

### Shuckers

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

### Texas Roadhouse

11440 Capital Blvd., WF  
10% off on Sundays

### Zaxby's

995 Durham Rd., WF  
10% off any day

### The Honeybaked Ham Company

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

### The Mac House

14460 Falls of Neuse Rd #167, Raleigh,  
NC 27614  
10% off any day

# WAYS TO GIVE AT HOPE

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



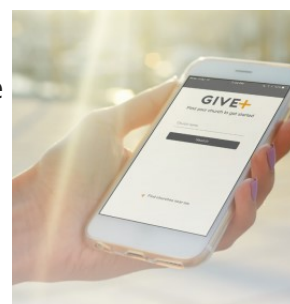
## DONATE WITH AMAZON SMILE

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

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

## MOBILE APP GIVING OPTION

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



## OTHER OPTIONS

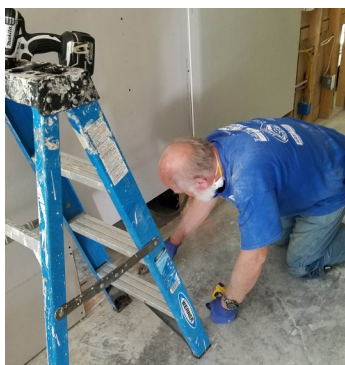
Hope also offers two additional options for electronic giving. You may either schedule automatic payments through Hope's Simply Giving program or make one-time donations online. To learn more, see the brochure on the Narthex welcome desk or visit [www.hopelutheanwf.org](http://www.hopelutheanwf.org),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

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

# OUTREACH & MISSION MINISTRIES

*The people of Hope Lutheran Church are committed to making a positive, joyful, caring impact on the community around us.*

*As Jesus Christ has blessed our lives in countless ways, we seek to be a blessing to others, in turn. Hope's mission statement states it this way: "The people of Hope Lutheran Church proclaim and live the Word and love of Christ." As a church, we are outward-focused in many ways. We believe that Christ's word and love has made a profound impact on our lives, and we are excited to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. You are welcome to join in any of the following sixteen outreach and service opportunities!*



## DISASTER RESPONSE IN NC - LUTHERAN WORK WEEK

Hope volunteers have been working this summer to rebuild hurricane-damaged homes in our state. Save the dates for a Lutheran Work Week in

Jacksonville 9/16-20 (day trips

or multiple days; free lodging for those working multiple days). If you are able to serve, please contact Pastor Wayne (wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org) or DCE Steve McCarthy (smccarthy@hopelutheranf.org).

## HOPE FRIENDS

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

## PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

A group of Hope volunteers will be traveling to Puerto Rico September 14-21 to work directly with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod missionaries on the island. Our national church body shares the Good News of Jesus Christ and provides residents with relief supplies still needed since Hurricane Maria two years ago.

Missionaries in Puerto Rico also engage the community through music lessons, ESL classes, Bible studies and activities in housing complexes where many elderly citizens, special needs and mentally ill individuals reside. Hope's volunteers will be working on repairs to the community center and church in the city of Mayaguez, as well as assisting with an activity for seniors in Ponce.

## TRI-AREA MINISTRY

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. A collection bin is available in the Cafe' area at Hope, and you are welcome to donate at any time to this blessed ministry. The needs for September are: peanut butter, jelly, and canned goods. Questions about this ministry? Contact Jill Schaefer at jmschaefer@yahoo.com.





# 2019 Touched By Hope 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Clinic

November 2, 2019 8AM-1PM

*No reservation needed ~ ¡Hablamos español!*

FREE services: breakfast/lunch, blood pressure check, diabetes testing, dental, food pantry, clothing & accessories, children's books & activities, & more!

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...TOUCHED BY HOPE ON NOVEMBER 2, 2019!

The New Testament Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus bringing God's healing touch to people in need. Here at Hope, *Touched By Hope* is a free medical clinic held annually in the fall. The primary purpose of this ministry is to meet human needs in Christ's name. This is done by providing a wide range of services which strive to meet the medical, physical, and spiritual needs of the guests. Services range from medical, dental, and optical care to haircuts and free clothing. All services are provided free of charge.

Volunteers are gathered from Hope Lutheran Church and the community to provide services for our guests. Please watch your email, bulletins, and social media for opportunities to donate or volunteer at this important event.

Questions about this ministry? Contact Diane Copeland at [dcopeland52@outlook.com](mailto:dcopeland52@outlook.com).

# HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



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

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Preschool Staff returned for the Fall Program on August 12. Meetings were held to review policies and procedures and staff played games to get to know each other. Preschool and Church staff also had a Meet & Greet Breakfast one morning.

**Thank You** to all the Teacher Appreciation Team parents who provided lunch for the entire preschool staff for five workdays as the teachers prepared for the first day of preschool on August 21. The meals were delicious, and such a big help as we all prepared for the new year!

We would like to welcome the newest members of the staff, **Kelsey Sarrault and Sam Basinger**. And we welcome back our returning staff from last year: **Lisa Ackerman, Angela Baker, Heleen Bloomer, Stephanie Breemes, Deborah Burns, Denise Christopoulos, Ashley Clary, Sara Cutler, Amanda DeCilles, Lisa Dotson, Regina Fisher, Sheila Flanagan, Stephanie Fowler, Jean Futrell, Shari Gerhold, Lauren Jackson, Christine Murphy, Gretchen O'Haire, Jannelle Pizzola, Stefanie Saba, Cindy Seitz, Fran Sowisdral, Elizabeth Walker, Suzanne Whiting, Kristen Winkle, and Susan Young.**



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

*For children in ages birth through 4th grade*

## BIBLE BLESSING PARENT MEETING

**September 25 at 6:30PM in the Conference Room**  
Parents of 3rd & 4th graders (FLASH) are invited to come learn about blessing and teaching the Bible to your child with Lead DCE, Beth Agner. Blessed Bibles will be presented to your child during the Children's Message of the September 28 & 29 services.

## FLASH EVENT: HOPE'S LITTLE CHEFS

**September 28 from 3:30-5:00PM; cost is \$20.**  
All 3rd & 4th graders (FLASH) are invited to a fun afternoon of cooking at Hope. You will learn skills and have fun making and taking dinner home to your family. Registration is mandatory and will close after September 25, so the team can prepare the right amount of food before the event.

## KID'S CONNECT EVENT: HILL RIDGE FARMS

**September 28 from 10:00aM - noon**  
All children from birth through Kindergarten (and their families) are invited to a morning of fun at Hill Ridge Farms. Visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org/children](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/children) or watch your emails to sign up.

**SAVE THE DATE...**Trunk or Treat on October 19!

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITIONS

**September 9 from 12:00-1:00PM in the Children's Center.** All children are invited to audition for Hope's Christmas Pageant for a speaking role or singing solo. This year's play, *Away In A Mango*, is set on a holiday cruise when the boat, the SS Mango, is caught in an unexpected storm and washed ashore on a deserted island. All aboard for a totally fresh, totally fun Christmas adventure for kids as they join the intrepid castaways of the SS Mango. After all, the story of the birth of Jesus is the story of lost people, unable to save themselves, being rescued by the long-awaited Savior!

## XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP

Hope's track out camp is for children in Kindergarten—5th grade. Register for a half-day, full-day, or entire week. Come check us out during one of the following fun weeks:

**Going Green (9/9-13)**

**TV Mash Up (9/16-20)**

**Fall Breeze & Autumn Leaves (9-23-27)**

**Artful Antics (9/30-10/4)**

For more information on camp themes, or to register, visit at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/Xplore](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/Xplore).

## HOPE IS HIRING!

If you're interested in learning more about these positions, contact Family Program Director, Erin Ames at [eames@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:eames@hopelutheranwf.org).

### Xplore Track Out Afternoon Assistant Teacher

The ideal candidate is a team player that possesses a positive attitude, high-energy, enthusiasm for working with children, and a passion for shaping and contributing to the development of a Christ-centered program. The hours are : M-F from 1:00-5:30PM. This position will ideally start September 9, 2019. Curriculum is provided and weekly themes include crafts, games, devotions and more!

### Nursery Staff

Hope Lutheran Church has a need for additional nursery staff during the 5:30PM Saturday service, both Sunday services (8:30 & 11:00AM) and occasionally extra events during the week. This is a paid position and the commitment is two Sundays per month (can be more) and an occasional Saturday service every few months (as needed).

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## 9-12 EVENTS

### HIGH SCHOOL EVENT: ALL YOU CAN EAT & NO SLEEP LOCK-IN

September 13-14 from 8:00PM-8:00AM; cost is \$10

Come hungry and join the High School Youth for a food-filled night of fun! The all-nighter festivities will include: food-themed games, lesson, and an all you-can-eat buffet. This is an awesome event planned by your High School Leadership (SALT) Team. Register today at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth).



### WINTER RETREAT

February 14-17, 2020

Come along on an adventure with Hope's High School youth to a luxury 4,500 square foot cabin on a baby deer farm in beautiful Green Mountain, NC. Relax and refresh as we take part in a winter retreat like no other. Walk to the top of the tallest mountain east of the Mississippi, bottle feed a baby deer, explore the depths of the Linville Caverns, Snow tube with your friends, chill in the hot tub, roast s'mores around the campfire, and play games all while growing deeper in God's Word. Cost is \$200.

Registration opens September 3 at 3:00PM AT [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth). Space is Limited!

### 9-12 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

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

Join us for a journey through history as we turn through Isaiah. Second Sunday Youth Group is on September 8, from 6:30-8:00PM complete with live music and a multimedia worship service. Do not miss out on an opportunity to build relationships both with friends and God!

### 9-12 GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

This month we will walk through Nehemiah. We are excited for this topic as it will pair with our weekend worship services.

# 7-8 GRADE EVENTS

## 7-8 GRADE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

**September 7 from 6:30-9:30PM; cost is \$5.** Meet at the church at 6:30 and we will end at the Bailey's house on Trentini (right behind church). You've never experienced dinner like this before! We'll be enjoying a three-course meal between three different locations. We'll start with appetizers and games at one house, then move on to the pool for swimming and main course, then finish up with s'mores, bonfire, and more. For more details or to volunteer as a driver, please contact Steve at [smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org). Register today at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth!](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth!)

## 7-8 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

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

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

## 7-8 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

You are invited to the Youth Center Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM for Sunday School. This month the group will cover "Nehemiah" in pairing with the September Sermon Series.

# 5-6 GRADES & CONFIRMATION

## CONFIRMATION 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, room 301 for a large group session. Show up early to meet your group and find your seat! Bring your Bible, catechism, grey or orange folder, and a pen or pencil to write with!

## FALL CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT CAMP WILLOW SPRINGS

**October 4 at 4:30PM until October 6 at noon; cost is \$130**

All Confirmation students will be traveling to Camp Willow Springs and spending the weekend swimming, climbing, jumping, and worshipping. Participation in the retreat is expected since this is an important time to establish and grow Christian friendships, and get the year off to a fun start. Contact Steve at [smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org) or Beth Agner [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org) for more details. Sign up at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth).

## 5-6 GRADE EVENT: GO APE TREETOP JOURNEY!

**September 21 from 12:15-2:30PM; cost is \$30**

Ready for an adventure? Grab a friend and join us at the "Go Ape High Ropes Adventure" course. We'll be safely climbing and zipping through the trees (all while harnessed in don't worry!). Go Ape Treetop Journey is a fun-filled experience of canopy exploring, trail blazing, and obstacles for all ages to enjoy. You'll negotiate crossings and finish on a high (literally) with two awesome zip lines! Sign up online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth). Questions? Contact DCE Steve McCarthy at [smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org).

## 5 & 6 SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

William Donnelly IV, 9/9  
 Mark Foil, 9/9  
 Kaylee Mercer, 9/9  
 Connor Rummel, 9/9  
 Bob Stalder, 9/9  
 Graceann Tine, 9/9  
 Danny Gilmore, 9/10  
 Zach Heath, 9/10  
 Andrew Beaman, 9/11  
 Nicole Comer, 9/11  
 Judy Compton, 9/11  
 Sharon DiMartino, 9/11  
 Tim Holt, 9/11  
 Kathleen Medina, 9/11  
 Crystal Rebollar, 9/11  
 Greg Sanders, 9/11  
 Grace Boney, 9/12  
 Rachel Broughton, 9/12  
 Bonita Comer, 9/12  
 Matt Kuntz, 9/12  
 Steve Martin, 9/12  
 Cathy Palotta, 9/12  
 Gloria Siaw, 9/12  
 Keaton Brown, 9/13  
 Erin Einzig, 9/14  
 Rodney Farlow, 9/14  
 Graham Harris, 9/14  
 Lisa Harris, 9/14  
 Gail Hogshire, 9/14  
 Becky Parker, 9/14  
 James Roberts, 9/14  
 Hannah Weitzel, 9/14  
 Weston Lane, 9/15

Carol Miksa, 9/15  
 Marilyn Featham, 9/16  
 Bonnie Pierce, 9/16  
 Barbara Bennett, 9/17  
 Abby Bierlein, 9/17  
 Blake Ellison, 9/17  
 John Hogshire, 9/17  
 Grace Kellum, 9/17  
 Sydney Law, 9/17  
 Larry Metzger, 9/17  
 Rhonda Parker, 9/17  
 Alice Piacenti, 9/17  
 Julie Torsone, 9/17  
 Madison Whitmer, 9/17  
 Phillip Maxwell, 9/18  
 Dottie Reading, 9/18  
 John Trusch, 9/18  
 Brandi Hughes, 9/19  
 Amanda Jones, 9/19  
 Ashley Lindeman, 9/19  
 Heather Maxwell, 9/19  
 Emily Phillips, 9/19  
 Beatrice Siaw, 9/19  
 Reggie Williams, 9/19  
 Rosalie Douglas, 9/20  
 Pandora Gill, 9/20  
 Ben Lance, 9/20  
 Macey Watt, 9/20  
 Heleen Bloomer, 9/21  
 Mary Katherine Hederick, 9/21  
 Larry Mengel, 9/21  
 Tyler Wilcox, 9/21

Taylor DeCilles, 9/22  
 Jack Einzig, 9/22  
 Maria Ismay, 9/22  
 Jordan Lopez, 9/22  
 Ken Machesky, 9/22  
 Mary Owens, 9/22  
 Mimi Upchurch, 9/22  
 Amy Stevens, 9/23  
 Jeff Vukovich, 9/23  
 James Gonenc, 9/24  
 Ken Knudsen, 9/24  
 Hunter Lindeman, 9/24  
 Lorelai Maxwell, 9/24  
 Hadley Blalock, 9/25  
 Rob Clark, 9/25  
 Kathy Marker, 9/25  
 Robert Zwickis, 9/25  
 Vickie Gelfo, 9/26  
 Gordy Koehler, 9/26  
 Harrison McCleary, 9/26  
 Jaden Rotosky, 9/26  
 Sierra Wilkinson, 9/26  
 Matthew Wrenn, 9/26  
 Gary Massey, 9/27  
 Sara Perez, 9/27  
 Doug Vogt, 9/27  
 Jim Buddo III, 9/28  
 Mary Smith, 9/28  
 Barbara DeMarco, 9/30  
 Georgie Edwards, 9/30  
 Nia Whitted, 9/30

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Joe & Holly Bloomer, 9/1  
 John & Kim Nugent, 9/1  
 Mike & Miranda Bailey, 9/3  
 Jim & Henri Kelliher, 9/3  
 Gerald & Comilla Jomp, 9/4  
 Mike & Sue Meehan, 9/4  
 Bob & Nancy Sakowski, 9/4  
 Bill & Amy Stevens, 9/5  
 Andy & Nancy Hoh, 9/6  
 Al & Jean Mannato, 9/6  
 Matthew & Heather Wrenn, 9/6  
 Ron & Carol Miksa, 9/7  
 Peter & Deborah Muller, 9/8  
 Jeffrey & Beverly Miller, 9/9

Kevin & Kate Smith, 9/9  
 Don & Nancy Wilhelm, 9/9  
 Ted & Grace Bennett, 9/10  
 John & Janet Vekovius, 9/11  
 Les & Donna Deming, 9/12  
 Paul & Rene Hieter Jr., 9/12  
 Dennis & Linda Hutson, 9/13  
 Maury & Karen Taylor, 9/13  
 Robert & Joelle Weltzin, 9/13  
 Rodger & Virginia Fulbright, 9/15  
 Kevin & Leslie Lanzilli, 9/15  
 Chris & Kim Schunke, 9/15  
 Tim & Jenny Holt, 9/16  
 Dave & Debi Lilienthal, 9/16  
 Ryan & Susan DeVerna, 9/17  
 Ken & Deanna Machesky, 9/18  
 Neil & Helen Turner, 9/18

Bob & Tracie White, 9/19  
 Greg & Julie Torsone, 9/20  
 Luis & Beth Fondo, 9/21  
 Kevin & Linda Sutton, 9/21  
 Andy & Bette Barrett, 9/23  
 Orv & Lidia Cullen, 9/23  
 Brian & Tracy Gentry, 9/25  
 Chris & Amy Minor, 9/25  
 Doug & Natalie Vogt, 9/25  
 Gary & Leta Massey, 9/27  
 Patrick & Joanna Monahan, 9/27  
 Cindy & Robb Dussault, 9/28  
 John & Joyce Habuda, 9/28  
 Gary & Teri O'Neill, 9/28

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 4

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...**for the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for Tom & Pam Williams; the successful start of a new career; the safe arrival of Gwen and family, who traveled from overseas to receive medical treatment; **Comfort for...**Andy Barrett and family at the death of his 94-year-old uncle, Frank Barrett; the Muse family, at the death of their father to brain cancer; Dawn Kusy and the Pope family at the death of Tony Pope; Theresa Franklin at the death of her aunt, Edna; Bob and Margie Walsh, friends of Amy Ray, as they both enter Hospice care this week; Rob Niesel's friend, 91-year-old George Volz, experiencing his final days; Tom Haske and family at the death of his cousin, Donald Haske; **Strength and Healing for...**Jan Christner, having back surgery on July 31 at Duke Raleigh Hospital; Coly Meyer, son of Angie and Todd Meyer, recovering from an appendectomy; Judy Olson, hospitalized after falling and breaking her hip; Susan, friend of the Jay's, suffering with Osteomalacia; Peter Cannon, friend of Kathy Bailey, having surgery to remove a cancerous tumor; Rich, recovering from a fall that injured his back & shoulder; Marilyn Brunkhorst, family of Ruth Lassiter, suffering with pneumonia complications; Biagio D'Ugo, father of Vince D'Ugo, having an MRI this week; 9-year-old Olivia Leigh, cousin of Deb Winiewicz, battling cancer; a co-worker, Sandy Pittman, hospitalized with multiple health issues; a successful cardiovascular procedure for Gary Tew, father of Luke Tew; Herman and Connie Cole's family members, Emily Cole dealing with health issues and Jayne Cole having cancer treatments; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**the Egan family and all of those who are going to college in August; the Van Hooks and Haynes families as they travel; a new job opportunity for Amanda Jones; Blair Bowling, daughter of Barry & Julie Bowling, as she travels to Israel to visit a friend.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 11

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...**The birth of Bob & Susan Johanson's grandchildren, Elijah and Rhett; Blair Bowling's safe return from Israel; **Comfort for...**the family of Morris Haynes, at his death. Friend of Mike and Marilyn Featham; the neighbors of Ron & Shirley Thompson, the Summers family, at the sudden loss of their daughter; Sunny Gretsuk, mourning the loss of her husband; the family and friends to those who died during this weekend's two massacres; Shirley Holzschuh's extended family member, Mike Stull, battling the final stages of cancer; the Walsh family as they mourn the loss of Bob & Margie who both died this past week; family and friends of Patricia Eggert at her sudden death; Jeff & Bev Miller and Wheeler family at the death of Todd Wheeler; **Strength and Healing for...**Dennis DiMartino recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease; Joe Walters, hospitalized recovering from an illness; James Lumia, brother-in-law of Sharon DiMartino, having surgery this week; Danielle Carston, battling brain cancer; a friend awaiting MRI results; Betty McAlear, recovering from wrist surgery; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**a daughter's unanswered prayer; a son to find a job; the United States of America.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 18

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...**a completely clear PET scan for Maureen Schandert; the successful cataract surgery for Jerry Garlington. **Comfort for...**Diane Ryals' good friend, JoAnne Hair, battling cancer and facing her last earthly days; **Strength and Healing for...**Janet Sasanko's 21 year-old niece, diagnosed with ovarian cancer; a grandfather, fighting for his life in the hospital; Donna Agner's sister, Dianne Motley, diagnosed with cancer; Matt, friend of Bea Martin, recovering in a hospital in Texas; Wendy, daughter of the Haske's, recovering from surgery; Tom Orton, friend of Rosie Miller, who suffered a stroke; Linda Bennett, recovering from a broken arm; Ed Wilson, father of Amie Becton, fighting cancer; a neighbor recovering from a head injury; a friend, recovering from foot surgery; Luke Zick, recovering from a leg infection; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**Eric & Janelle Branoff, cousins of Holly Bruck, beginning the adoption process; a father/husband who has lost his job; college students who are heading off to school; Kyle; a sister, and her boys, going through a terrible divorce.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 25

**Comfort for...**the friends and family of Inge Perkins at her death this week; Rachel Raynor and the Blevins family at the death of Jackie Blevins; David Nelson and family at the loss of his mother; John & Jo as they begin the hospice care process for John; **Strength and Healing for...**Aerica Baker, for healing of a possible bone infection in her tibia. Aerica lives in the Jacksonville NC neighborhood where Hope volunteers have been providing disaster response; Jim Marriott and his wife, Cindy, as Jim's been diagnosed with ALS; Ed Kemp, friend of Carol Angus, recovering from his second lung cancer surgery; Macy & Mallory Smith, friends of the O'Brien family, injured in a car accident and awaiting surgery; Myla Lambert to have good MRI results this week; Rich, to have a positive outcome at his next doctor's appointment; a friend struggling with depression; Sherry Abbott, family of Matthew Isaacson, hospitalized; Bennie Smith, recovering from surgery; Joe Skowronski's friend, having cancer treatments; Jake, a 9-year-old boy, struggling with infections; Mason Roy, child of Sara & Sean Roy, who re-injured his unhealed elbow; Megan Dupay, friend of Sharon Gipner, diagnosed with ovarian cancer and recovering from surgery; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**a family relocating to Wake Forest for a better life.





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