

HOPE MISSIONS

PROCLAIM & LIVE
THE WORD AND
LOVE OF CHRIST

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO HOPE'S MANY
LOCAL MISSIONS AND MISSION TRIPS

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HOPE MISSIONS

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 are privileged 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. 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 and world. You are welcome to join in any of the following local missions and mission trips. **To learn more, or get involved, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/missions!**



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

As part of Hope Lutheran's commitment to serving the Wake Forest community, Hope has adopted Forestville Road, between Rogers Road and Burlington Mills Road. Four times per year a clean-up day is organized, and volunteers spend time picking up trash that has accumulated on the sides of Forestville Road.



Watch the bulletin and newsletter for the spring clean-up dates and times.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree ministry brightens the Christmas of children and senior citizens in the community. In 2019, Hope adopted 27 families. That's over 100 people!

In early December, a Christmas tree is set up in the Narthex adorned with paper angels. Each angel has the individual family needs written.

In December 2020, all are welcome to help share the love of Christ in the season of giving!



Brown Bag Ministries is a ten-year-old ministry designed for volunteers of all ages, whether multi-generational families or individuals, to join together in fellowship to provide nutritious lunches with a spiritual message to children and their families.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Within a two-hour period on a Saturday morning, 175-200 sandwiches are made, bags are filled, and lunches are delivered to nearby low-income communities.



Everyone is invited, not just members of Hope! The first Saturdays of the month are reserved for groups, while the third Saturdays are for individuals or families. To volunteer, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/missions.





The ChurchNet office, where clients come for assistance, is in the old train station in downtown Wake Forest.

CHURCHNET

Area churches, including Hope Lutheran, have banded together to create an organization that provides financial assistance with utility bills to those in need in the Wake Forest, Youngsville, and Rolesville areas. This organization is looking for volunteers or donations.



To get involved, email leader Pam Jay at pjay0826@gmail.com.



GLEANNING

Gleaning is the act of collecting crops from farmers' fields after they have been harvested then donating to people who cannot afford fresh fruit and vegetables. This ministry is open to new volunteers. No experience is needed!



Due to the short notice of events, watch Hope's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranWF.



HABITAT IN WAKE FOREST

Hope Lutheran Church is an active partner with Wake County's Habitat for Humanity organization. Our volunteers participate in new construction and de-construction. Hope is in search of a volunteer to lead this ministry. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Wayne at wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org.



HOPECHEST

This ministry offers free clothing and housewares a few times during the year, with all items donated by the people of Hope. Items go directly to people who need them most in Wake Forest and surrounding communities. Any remaining clothing is then donated to different organizations around the Wake Forest area that are also in need.

**LEARN MORE
OR SIGN UP!**

The next event is Saturday, February 1 from 9:00AM-Noon. Donations of gently used clothing (men, women, children) and small housewares will begin before/after services on January 25 & 26 and continue through the week from 8am-5pm. Volunteers are needed January 30 from 9am-5pm to sort clothing & at the event on February 1 from 8:30-noon.

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.



To learn more, contact Lois Nielsen at relenielsen@gmail.com.

J.O.Y. SMALL GROUP

JOY stands for **J**esus first, **O**thers second, and **Y**ourself last!

JOY is a service group where women and girls (ages 5+) can fellowship in a positive environment, while providing support for those in need by preparing care packages and hand written letters for different organizations. Example projects include: NICU mothers, cancer patients, orphans, foster children, and deployed troops.



To join, contact Dawn Kusy at dkusy17@gmail.com



LIVE NATIVITY

This inspiring outdoor production in early December will take you back in time to experience the first Christmas. A long-standing tradition at Hope, the Live Nativity features live animals (and live people, too), professionally-crafted scenery, and seasonal music to provide community members with a memorable encounter with the Babe of Bethlehem.



To get involved, contact Claudia VanHook at claudiavanhook@gmail.com or Wendi Pallozzi at wpallozzi@gmail.com.

NIGHT TO SHINE

Night To Shine is a prom for people with special needs (ages 14+), held on Friday, February 7, 2020. The goal of the evening is to celebrate our honored guests with corsages/boutonnieres, donated prom dresses, walking the red carpet, professional photographs & a photo booth, karaoke, limo rides, DJ and dance floor, and light appetizers!

**LEARN MORE
OR SIGN UP!**

Volunteers registration is now filled for 2020, but help is always needed to clean up after the event. Contact Bonnie Petersilge at BPetersilg@aol.com to help.

If you cannot volunteer but would like to donate, please earmark the check, "Night To Shine."



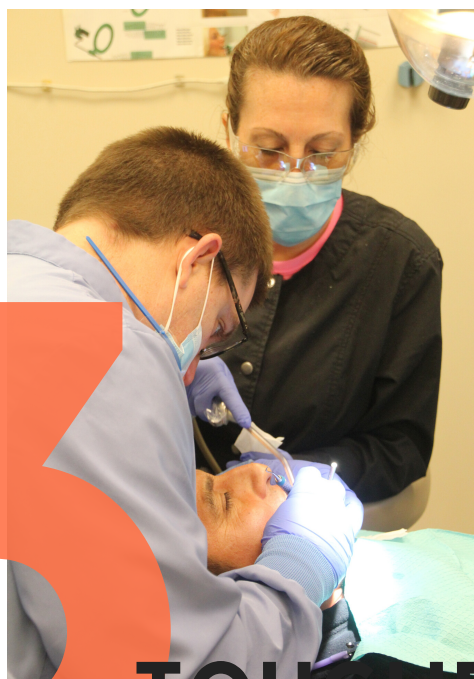
1 RE-GIFTING WITH LOVE

Thanks to generous donations, Hope House children in Wake Forest are able to provide gifts for their parents or caregivers at Christmas. Collections are held annually in November.



2 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Every July, Hope collects school supplies for local area middle & high schools students in need.



3 TOUCHED BY HOPE

An annual free medical/dental/vision clinic serving neighbors in need. The next event is November 21, 2020. Volunteers can sign up in September at www.hopelutheranwf.org/tbh.



TRI-AREA MINISTRIES

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 non-perishable food at any time to this blessed ministry. Monthly needs are listed in Hope's newsletter, Mission Moments. Questions? Contact Jill Schaefer at jmschaefer@yahoo.com.

DCE KRISTA YOUNG

Pray for DCE Krista Young, serving the Lord in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya.



Our congregation helps sponsor an overseas missionary, as part of our overall mission. Krista Young is a former DCE from Hope and now serves the Lord through the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya along with her husband, Joel.

As the LCMS area volunteer coordinator of Eastern and Southern Africa, she works closely with other LCMS

missionaries and ministry teams to develop and strengthen relationships with local church partners. Krista connects the LCMS and its partner churches to provide short-term volunteer mission teams in the African regions.



Learn more about the Young family at lcms.com/young or follow Krista on Instagram at [@klyoung29](https://www.instagram.com/klyoung29).

MISSION TRIPS

No special requirements are needed to attend any trips—just a servant's heart. Hope's Mission trips are committed to providing opportunities for the people of Hope to share the love of Christ with those in our state, country, and world.

Pictured: Vega Baja, Puerto Rico



GUATEMALA

Hope's mission trip to Guatemala is planned through the Groundwork Guatemala organization. Throughout the week, the group will minister to over 500 children through faith lessons, home visits, and sponsorship possibilities. Volunteers will experience many blessings, and develop lasting relationships with fellow team members and many Guatemalans. Often, volunteers come ready to serve side by side with our Guatemalan ministry team, and usually find that it is they who are changed and blessed through the experience.

The estimated cost for the trip is \$375 for ground transportation, food, and safe drinking water. This does not include airfare, which averages around \$600.



The next trip is scheduled for October 10-17, 2020 and is open to anyone who is 18 or older. Contact Rodney Farlow at rfarlow58@gmail.com to sign up.



**"Seeking the Lost;
Equipping the
Found"**





Why work with Habitat of Mitchell/Yancey Counties in North Carolina? The answer is easy...volunteers are desperately needed!

It takes an average of 4 times longer to complete a home in Mitchell/Yancey than it does in Wake County. Hope has been sending mission teams to the area for the past 8 years and has been instrumental in assisting to build 7 homes.

A typical day on the trip begins with heading to the job site by 9:00am. The group is asked to perform all aspects of construction from hammering, painting, landscaping, or clean-up. The day ends with dinner and devotions and includes lots of laughing and fellowship. The team stays at Camp Linn Haven.



The next trip will be early May, 2020. The cost is \$125 for the the 5-day trip. To learn more, contact Don Yakopcic at dyakopcic@gmail.com or Bonnie Petersilge at bpetersilg@aol.com.

HABITAT OF WESTERN NC





DISASTER RESPONSE IN NC

Hope volunteers will be making several trips in 2020 to continue helping to rebuild homes that were flooded and damaged by Hurricanes Matthew, Florence, and Dorian in recent years. Volunteers (18 and above; 16 and above with parent/guardian) can work all five days, or whichever days preferred.

Trip Dates

March 16-20 Fayetteville, NC

- Working with Methodist project managers
- Lodging at Camp Rockfish in Parkton (\$15/day for meals)
- Sign up by March 5

May 18-22 Ocracoke, NC

- Working with Methodist project managers
- Lodging on the island (volunteer group will prepare meals)
- Sign up by May 7

June 22-26 New Bern, NC

- Working with Fuller Center project managers
- Lodging at local church (\$25/day for meals)
- Sign up by June 11



To sign up for any of these trips, or for further information, contact Pastor Wayne Puls at wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org or DCE Steve McCarthy at smmcarthy@hopelutheranwf.org.



YOUTH TRIPS

To learn more or sign up for any youth trip, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth or email DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.



7& 8 Grade Mission Trip, July 5-9, 2020

It's Mission Trip registration time here at Hope! What is the Mission Trip you ask? Great question! The Mission Trip happens for the 7 & 8 grade crew every summer! It's a 5 day, 4-night trip that puts youth to work in a different community with organizations who need the help. Cost is \$375.

High School Servant Event, July 12-17, 2020

Serve alongside with other High School youth to rebuild homes that were destroyed/damaged during the hurricanes back in 2017 and 2018. Cost is \$425 and includes transportation, lodging, meals, and supplies.

The Servant Event is a chance to get off of the couch, break out of your boring routine, and to use your hands and feet to do some serious work in service to others.





YELLOW RICE WITH GREEN PIGEON PEAS (*Arroz con Gandules*)

This is the national beans-and-rice dish of Puerto Rico, a staple during the Christmas season. Before making this dish, you must prepare the Basic *Recaíto* to add to the recipe.

Basic Recaíto

- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, seeded and diced
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- 3 sweet chili peppers, seeded
- 1 sprig of cilantro leaves (this is substituted for 3 recaio leaves)

Combine all ingredients in a blending or food processor and save to add to the dish below.

Yellow Rice with Green Pigeon Peas (serves 4)

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- ¼ cup sliced *chorizo* (Spanish sausage)
- ¼ cup diced smoked ham
- ¾ cup Basic *Recaíto*
- 1 can (16 oz.) of *gandules* (green pigeon peas, available at Walmart),
- 2 cup tomato sauce
- 2 cup short-grained rice
- 4 to 4 1/2 c. water
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat the oil in a large pot, add the *chorizo* and smoked ham and fry lightly. Add the basic *recaíto*, *gandules*, paprika, and tomato sauce. Mix well and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the rice and water, cover.

Turn the heat to medium-high and cook until the water is entirely absorbed. Add salt and pepper, stir, and turn the heat to low. Cover and cook for 30-45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

To serve, turn the rice out onto a platter. Recipe taken from "*Taste of Puerto Rico*" by Yvonne Ortiz.




PUERTO RICO ROOF PROJECT

Volunteers from Hope have made three trips to Puerto Rico during the past two years. We have seen thousands of homes still covered by blue tarps, as homeowners don't have the means to repair/replace their roofs.

Our congregation is forming a network of LCMS churches, in order to put corrugated zinc roofs on twenty houses damaged by Hurricane Maria (September 2017) in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. While we can't solve all of the urgent needs of the people of Mayaguez, we can at least help provide a secure roof for some homeowners, and help steer them to the LCMS mission congregation in their city. Four volunteer trips will take place over a four-month period.



Please pray for the Hope mission team leaving February 22-29, 2020. If you wish to make a contribution in support of the project, mark your envelope/check "Puerto Rico." To learn more contact Pastor Wayne Puls (wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org), Hilary Tew (htew@hopelutheranwf.org), or Wesley Spottiswood (wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org).



**"AND WALK
IN LOVE,
AS CHRIST
LOVED US
AND GAVE
HIMSELF UP
FOR US,
A FRAGRANT
OFFERING
AND
SACRIFICE
TO GOD."**

EPHESIANS 5:2