

MISSION *Moments*

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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(Top) Adult Handbell Choir
(Left) Chainsaw Mission Trip to Louisiana
(Right) Grade 1-4 Sunday School



THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Thursday, November 25
@ 10AM

All are welcome to attend an inspiring worship service on Thanksgiving Day, as we celebrate God's grace and mercy in our lives as American Christians. The Lord has blessed our nation with many gifts and riches, and we are privileged to enjoy many liberties every day.

Join the Hope family in returning thanks to our living God, as we celebrate the National Day of thanksgiving. Please bring non-perishable items to share with Tri-Area Ministry.




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MISSION TEAM

Joel is part of the church's chainsaw team, recently deployed to Louisiana.

Fran teaches Sunday School.

Brian sings in the church choir.

Jeanine serves Communion during worship services.

Silas has left a bequest to the church in his will.

Sally takes time every week to welcome visitors at worship services.

Charlie prays every day for the church's community ministries.

Each in their own way, these folks are all part of the mission team here at Hope Lutheran Church.

Wait a minute? Isn't the mission team a group of church members who go off on servant events and mission trips? Yes ... but, in the most important sense of the word "mission," every member of our church is actually a part of Hope's mission team.

Our Lord and Savior has commissioned his church to tackle a crucially-important task. Just as Jesus did when he was walking on the earth, Christians like us have the Christ-given responsibility to make disciples for the Lord. So we teach, preach, baptize, witness, serve, care, invite ... all in the name of Jesus. All as part of the mission Jesus has given to us! There are a great many ways to participate in the mission team, and our loving God has equipped you, in special ways, to join in.

Would you say that you are an active part of the mission team at Hope? If not, would you like to be? Can you identify a way or two that you have been a part of the mission team recently? Are you using your time, talents, and treasures to help this church accomplish the mission God has given us?

Here's my simple request for you today. Take a couple of minutes, and jot down a list of ways that you have been participating in Hope's mission team. Then pray, and talk to your Lord, about that list. Ask God, humbly, to bless the work and service that you render in his name. If you'd like some help finding a way to be more active on the mission team, let me know if I can help, or talk to any of Hope's pastors and DCE's.

May Christ bless you, and every member of Hope's wonderful mission team!



Pastor Wayne Puls



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT HOPE

KID'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings from 9:45-10:34AM

- 3 years old - Kindergarten: Nursery
- 1-2 Grades: Children's Center, Lower Level
- 3-4 Grades: Children's Center, Lower Level
- 7 & 8 Grades: Youth Center
- 9-12 Grades: Youth Center

All kids and youth are welcome to attend Sunday School classes where they will explore the Word and love of Christ with age-appropriate stories, lessons, discussions and more!

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings from 9:45-10:34AM

November 7: Two Kingdoms

In a time when Christian values and Biblical authority are being challenged, where and how are faithful Christians to take a stand? This one-week study, centered on Luther's Two Kingdoms doctrine, is an opportunity to consider how best to understand and faithfully respond to some of today's challenging issues. Led by Dan Baker in room 301 on the Adult Education floor.

November 14 - 28: OPEN: Hearts, Minds, Hands
Christians face a daily struggle because we have two paths set before us. The new person, created within us at baptism, wants to live for Christ and the life that is to come. But our sinful nature focuses us on this life. The struggle pulls us in two directions, especially when it comes to how we set our priorities, use our time, and the financial resources God has given us.

It's a reality that all Christians face, so let's talk about it. Because when we put the Giver first, offering back a portion of all that he has entrusted to us, only good can result. Led by Pastor Lew in room 301 on the Adult Education floor.



NEWS & EVENTS

WREATH ORDERS

November 6-7 & 13-14

Hope's youth are selling Christmas wreaths to raise money for the National Youth Gathering. You may preorder your wreath at the table in the narthex. The cost is \$15 for a 16" or \$25 for a 24" wreath. Red bows are an extra \$3/wreath. New this year is 75' garland roping for \$50. Get your high quality, fresh wreaths from North Carolina today!

VIRTUAL CLASS: PEERING INTO THE PROPHETS

November 2, 9, 16, & 30

You ever wondered what all the books in the middle of your Bible are about? The books of the Old Testament prophets all have their own unique story to tell. And yet, they share the same goal, pointing to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This 4-week study throughout the month of November will dive into a few of these books, learning their stories, and discussing what we can glean from them even today. This virtual class is led by Vicar James via Zoom, Tuesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/adulted for link.

Questions? Contact Vicar James at jkirk@hopelutheranwf.org.



FLOWER CHART

The 2022 Flower Chart is now available. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$55.00 with checks earmarked "flowers."

Register online to reserve your date at www.hopelutheranwg.org/worship-resources.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35): BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS EXPLORING THE WORD (BREW MINISTRIES)

Friendsgiving Meal on November 21
Get together with friends for a stress-free "Friendsgiving" meal complete with cranberry sauce and board games. This is a great opportunity to perfect and test your recipes before Thanksgiving rolls around. Text Steve to RSVP at 949-431-0020. All young adults are welcome.

Small Group Ministry

Find out which small group is right for you. Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org for more information.



Warrior Wednesday

The group will begin with a devotion, enjoy Christian fellowship, and have food for thought. This group is open to all those who have served our country including first responders and veterans. The group meets Wednesday from 12:00 – 1:30 PM at Hope. For information, please contact Mel Hempstead at melvin.r.hempstead@gmail.com.

Parents of High School Youth

The Parents of High School Youth Small Group is a place where parents come and connect with other High School parents. This group meets for dinner or drinks at various places for conversation and community on Sunday evenings from 6:00–7:20 PM. All parents who participate may drop off their youth in the Youth Center beginning at 5:55 PM. For more information, contact Joseline Kirkendoll at 919-889-7290.

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. Contact Norine Carter at nrncarter@aol.com for information on the next meeting date and location.



HOPE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

Coming soon, our congregation will rejoice and celebrate at the countless blessings God has shared in Hope's first twenty-five years. The celebration will begin on the weekend of December 5 (anniversary of the congregation's first-ever worship service), and will wrap up on the weekend of May 15 (anniversary of the congregation's Charter Sunday). Watch for more information in the months ahead about an anniversary thank-offering, special anniversary worship services, Hope history videos, anniversary fellowship events, and more!

MISSIONS – LOCAL & TRIPS

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



Next Event: Saturday, November 6 @ 9 AM

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. Questions? Contact Jeff Vukovich at jeff.vukovich@gmail.com.

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. For more information on contributing to this worthwhile effort, visit <http://churchnetfoundation.net>.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sign up now to be in Hope's Annual Christmas Pageant, "Glory to God in the Lowest." Children that are in 4 year-old preschool through the 4th grade will learn songs during Sunday School. Another option may be to buy the music on iTunes to practice at home (great option for Saturday night families).

Rehearsals for everyone are on

- December 5 from 3:30-5:30 (full cast rehearsal)
- December 12 from 1:30-4:30 (full cast - dress rehearsal).

All children will be dressed as sheep this year so we ask you to plan on them wearing white shirts or dresses, we will provide them with a "sheep head" to wear. Sign up at www.hopelutheranwf.org/kids.

KID'S MINISTRY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

November 21; 12:30PM-1:30PM; bring \$3 for pizza lunch
Join Kid's Ministry as we work on a special mission project, Operation Christmas Child. Parents and their children in Kids Connect (birth-K, parents must attend), Kingdom Kids (1-2 graders), or FLASH (3-4 graders) are invited to attend. We will be providing kids with an experience of packing Christmas gifts for kids in need around the world. This is a family event and we need parents to help their children through the process of packing the boxes.

Please sign up to come at www.hopelutheranwf.org/kids and be sure to let us know what items you will be bringing to help fill the boxes. Also let us know if you would like to eat pizza for lunch with us at noon (this will be a \$3 charge per person). Donations may be placed in the bins located in the café area.

Calling all Grades 1-4!!

Oh Give Thanks Friday Fun Night

November 5 from 6:30-8:00PM; Cost is \$7

Come for a night of fun with Kid's Ministry. The group will eat dinner, play games (gaga ball, laser tag, bounce house and much more), as well as do crafts and talk about how much God has blessed us with good friends & family.

The cost is \$7 per child. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org/kids.



SAVE THE DATE... CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

Count Down to Christmas for Preschool -Kindergarten

December 4 from 10:00-11:00 AM

Come to Hope for family fun experience to get ready for Christmas. Through many different ways, we will experience the true meaning of Christmas. We will read stories, sing songs, do a craft, have a snack and enjoy time with each other.

Christmas Party for Grades 1-4

December 12 from 4:30-7:00 PM

Come to Hope for a Christmas Party! The children will have crafts, dinner, games, caroling, and hot cocoa. Afterwards, stay for the Live Nativity at the back parking lot. There is no cost for this event...a gift to the wonderful 1-4 graders at Hope! Friends are welcome to come join the fun. Watch for a sign upcoming at the end of November.

Youth Ministry Parties

- Grades 5-6: December 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM
- Grades 7-8: December 11 from 6:30-8:00 PM
- Grades 9-12: December 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY

5&6 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 PM in the Youth Center. Come play games, make friends, and grow in your faith at youth group! Each week we engage in a variety of interactive adventures with the goal that your child will know Jesus loves them, we love them, God matters, they matter, and others matter.

5&6 EVENT: WINTERPAST FARM

November 14 from 2:00–3:30 PM

Come to Winterpast Farm for a truly one-of-a-kind petting zoo experience. Walk with, feed, pet, and play with a wide-assortment of farm animals (and some exotic ones too). Enjoy the magical, and smelly, atmosphere and learn lots of fun facts from Farmer Mary. Be careful or you might end up coming home with a rent-a-rabbit! Cost is \$10 per participant. Sign up online to reserve your spot.

7&8 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

7–8 Grade Youth Group meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:30–7:30 PM for games, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

7&8 GRADE EVENTS: "SERVED" AND "STUFFED"

Come early to Youth Group on November 10 and 17 for two special events: "Served" and "Stuffed."

At "Served" we'll complete a special service project to benefit those in need AND learn about what it means to be a Christ-like servant leader. At "Stuffed" we'll stuff ourselves with lots of tasty thanksgiving food and compete in some crazy food-related games and challenges. Make sure to mark your calendars for both events!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Every Sunday 6:30–7:30 PM meet in the Youth Center for an hour of games, fellowship, and discussion. Come meet new people and learn more about your faith. No Youth Group on November 21 & 28.

9–12 GRADE EVENT: CLASS LUNCH

On Sunday November 21, each grade will meet together with their class at various places for a meal. This is a great way to get to know others in your grade. Do not miss this!

- 9–10 grades meet 12:10 – 1:00 PM at Culvers
- 11–12 grades meet 1:00–2:00 PM at MOD Pizza



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON AT HOPE

While the weather is just turning chilly, the many volunteers and staff at Hope have already been preparing for the season of Advent & Christmas. Below are some of the events to mark in your calendars that are just around the corner.

Advent Begins!

The Advent season begins with weekend services on November 27-28 and Wednesday evening services on December 1 & 8 at 7:00 PM.

Angel Tree

Each year Hope Lutheran Church adopts families in need for Christmas and delivers gift donations. Pick out a gift tag from the Angel Tree on November 28 or December 5, enjoy your shopping, and share the love of Christ.

Live Nativity

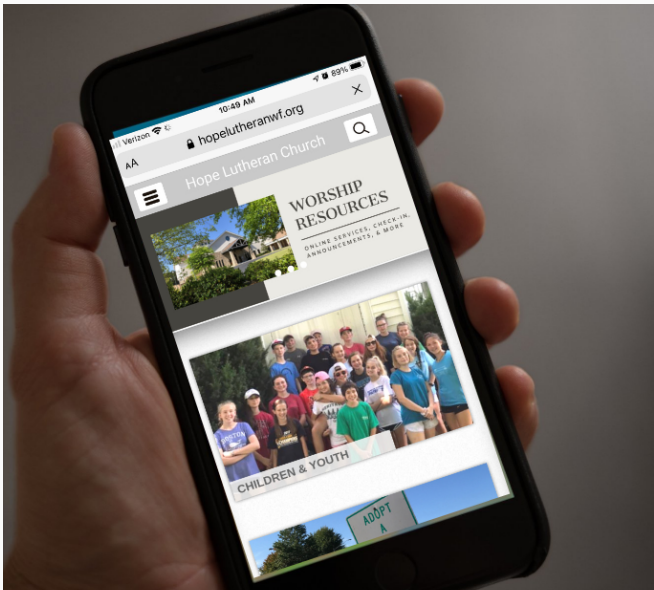
Every year the people of Hope work together to share the Bible story of Christmas with our community. Mark your calendar for our two Live Nativity performances: Saturday, December 11 at 6:45 & 7:45 PM; and Sunday, December 12 at 7:00 PM.

Cantata

Presented by Hope's choirs and musicians, the story of Christ's birth is celebrated in the sacred songs of the season on December 12 at the 8:30 & 11:00 AM services.

Annual Kid's Ministry Christmas Pageant

Hope's children have been busy learning lines, making costumes, and singing joyful songs celebrating the birth of Jesus! Everyone is invited to the pageant on December 15 at 7:00 PM.



STAY CONNECTED @HOPE

Website - www.hopelutheranwf.org

Hope's website has all of the news, events, and sign up links needed to help you stay informed. Can't find something, use the search feature to find it on our website.

Social Media



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Text alerts. Visit remind.com/join & enter code.

- 5-6 Grade Youth & Parents (hope56);
- Confirmation (hopeconf20);
- 7-8 Parents & Youth (7-8parent);
- HS Youth (hope9-12); HS Parents (hope-hs)

Church Office

Have a question and cannot find the answer? Call the church office during business hours at 919-554-8109.