

HOPE LUTHERAN
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NEWSLETTER

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MOMENTS



OCTOBER 2021

Hope's Bible on the
sanctuary lectern

HOPE HARVEST FEST



October 2, 2021

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Hope Lutheran Church
3525 Rogers Road, Wake Forest**

Kick-off fall with the whole family. Experience a day filled with over 30 vendors, music, a bounce house, dunk tank, obstacle course, petting zoo, games, face painting, JAM ice cream, Charlie Kabob food truck (with expanded menu), blood drive, and more! This event will be the talk of Wake Forest!

Rain Date: October 9, 11-3pm

Questions? Contact DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

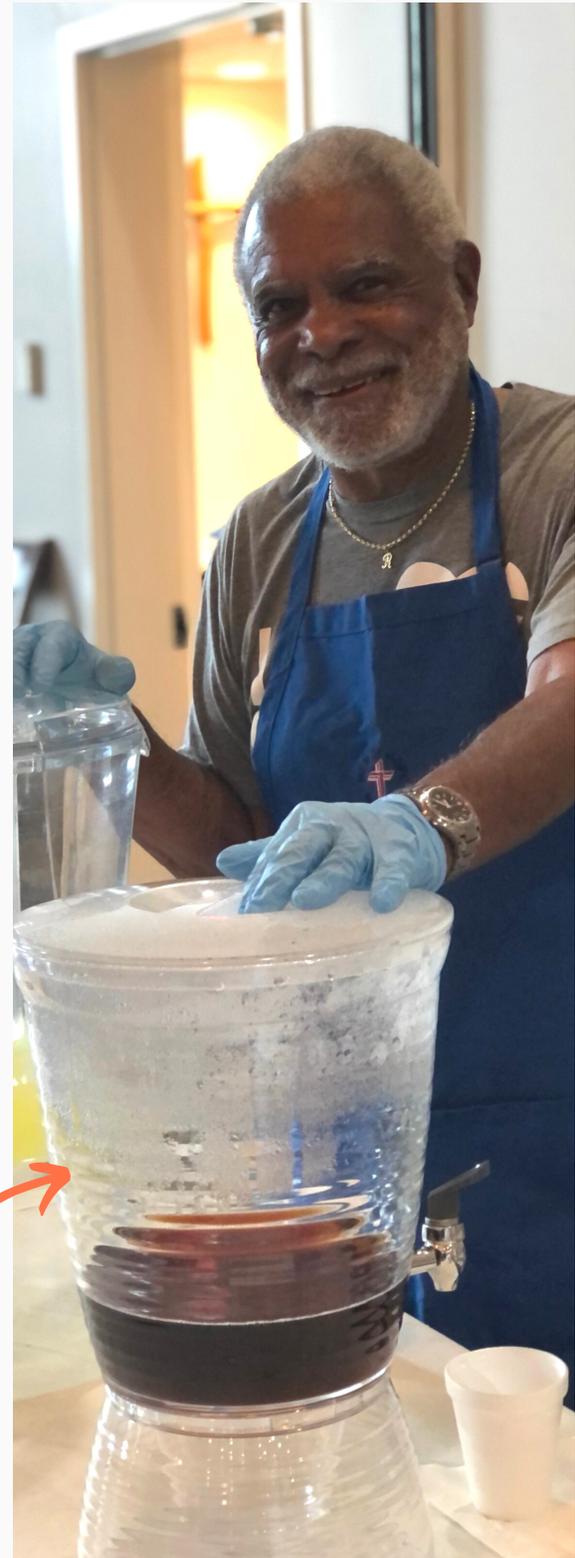
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Pictured: Reggie Williams,
member of the Men of
Hope, serving drinks during
Wednesday Night Alive
dinners.

THE B-I-B-L-E

A kindergarten teacher was walking around her classroom, commenting on the pictures her students were drawing. As she came to the desk of one little girl who was working diligently, the teacher asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused, and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

How do we know what God looks like? That little girl's drawing was probably a very good attempt. But none of us have ever seen God face to face. When Jesus Christ walked on this earth, he gave a glorious, perfect, in-the-flesh revelation of God. But none of us were alive to witness the Son of God with our own eyes.

The very best way we have to know about our God is the Bible. Want to know what he looks like? What's important to him? How he feels about you? What God expects from you? What help he's offering you? How patient he is? What God thinks about what's going on in our American culture these days? What his plan is for your eternity? All of these answers, and so many more, are found in the Bible. Here at Hope, we view the Bible as our primary source for teaching topics, preaching themes, doctrinal positions, leadership guidance, financial priorities, and congregational life.

What about for you, as an individual Christian? It's important for Christians like us to keep up with current events, be aware of modern philosophies and worldviews, monitor political happenings, and respond to cultural trends. But it's vastly more important that we are aware of what God says about all of that. As baptized believers and children of God, our interpretations of current events, our understanding of modern philosophies and worldviews, our individual "spin" on political happenings, and our level of adherence to cultural trends all must reflect what God has to say. Again, the very best way you and I have to know about our God, and how he wants us to live, is the Bible.

You may recall the classic children's song about the Bible, which says it so well.

The B-I-B-L-E,
Yes, that's the book for me!
I stand alone on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E!

Clinging to the Word with you,


PASTOR WAYNE PUIS



Oktoberfest

OCTOBER 15 FROM 6-9PM
COST IS \$20/PERSON

HOPE'S MEN'S MINISTRY

Calling all men 21 and over! You are invited to Hope's 4th annual Oktoberfest social. Enjoy German-themed food, beer, and games. It all happens under the big tent on Hope's north lawn. Prost! Hope Pint Glasses can be purchased for \$7/each.

REGISTER AT WWW.HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG/MEN

NEWS & EVENTS



ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND

November 6-7

The services this weekend will include the Litany of Remembrance of loved ones who have died this past year. Please contact Amy Elder at aelder@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109 if you have someone to be included.

NEW MOBILE APP FOR GIVING



The mobile app for church contributions has changed from GivePlus to Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. If you had an account on GivePlus, your log in credentials and recurring gifts will continue uninterrupted. For instructions on downloading & setting up the new app, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/donate. Questions? Please contact Operations Manager Hilary Tew at 919-554-8109 or htew@hopelutheranwf.org.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

The monthly publication of our national church body, Lutheran Witness, speaks directly about what's important to today's Lutherans. To subscribe, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org/worship-resources to sign up and pay online by October 18. The cost is \$12.95, payable to Hope, with Lutheran Witness listed in the memo.

STITCHES OF HOPE CRAFT FAIR

October 23-24 & 30-31

The Stitches of Hope will have a number of hand-crafted items for sale at church before and after services on October 23-24 & 30-31. Most of the money raised this sale goes back into Hope's various ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping! Questions? Contact Betty McAlear at bmcalear@nc.rr.com.

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

College-age (18-24)

- **Bible Study:** Want to stay connected and dive deep in God's Word? Join us for every Friday morning @ 10:00am – in-person & virtually. Ask tough questions, discuss, and seek to apply God's wisdom to your life.
- **College Check-in:** Gone for college? Thriving? Struggling? Let us know how you're doing – we're still here for you. Steve is happy to call, check-in, and maybe even stop by campus for coffee.

Young Professionals (25-35)

- **Book Study Group:** Join other Young Adults as we walk through the book "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" together and seek to live deeper, more meaningful lives. Create a discussion group with friends, or join a preexisting one to make new friends. Virtual and in-person options available.
- **Bar ministry:** Monthly meet-ups at local breweries for good drinks, laughs, and real life conversations. Next event is October 26, 7:00 PM @ Norse Brewing in Wake Forest.

Contact DCE Steve McCarthy at smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org for details.

MISSIONS – LOCAL & TRIPS

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



BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Brown Bag Ministry distributes 125 lunches to local neighborhoods the 3rd Saturday each month. Volunteers gather to assemble and distribute nutritious lunches. Want to get involved? Visitors, families, or individuals are always welcome to sign up online to volunteer!



TRI-AREA MINISTRY

This wonderful organization allows registered families to come in once a month to pick up a bag stuffed with groceries for no charge. A collection bin is available in the cafe' area at Hope, and you are welcome to donate at any time. Questions? Contact Jill Schaefer at jmschaefer@yahoo.com.



HURRICANE IDA RELIEF – THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many, many people who donated, packed, organized, and delivered items for Hurricane Ida Relief!

The items were delivered safely to Metairie, Louisiana at the end of September.

TOUCHED BY HOPE

Touched By Hope is a free medical & dental clinic held annually at Hope. There is an urgent need for volunteer medical & dental professionals at the next event on November 6, 2021 from 8AM-Noon. Please contact Linda Hutson (dlhutson0913@gmail.com) if you are a medical professional or Robb Dussault (robbduss@gmail.com) if you are a dental professional.



2021 Women's Retreat

@ HOPE

RE-IGNITE IN CHRIST

OCTOBER 22-23, 2021

The Women's Ministry Team is hosting a retreat right here in Wake Forest...the same wonderful fellowship, learning, and fun as the destination retreats but with the comfort of home at night.

Questions? Contact Lead DCE Beth Agner at
bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

WWW.HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG/WOMEN



Pictured: Pastor Lew leading the New Member Class in September.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNING

Schism, Rebellion, and Reform

9:45-10:45 AM

Starting in October, want a little church history? As we look forward to celebrating the 504th anniversary of the Reformation, you are invited to walk through the major events of church history like the Great Schism and the Crusades. See how these events, which unfolded over centuries, created just the right circumstances for a monk named Luther to begin permanent reform. Join the "Schism, Rebellion, and Reform" class, led by Luke Tew!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Back to the Basics

6:30-7:30 PM

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. If you have topics you would like to discuss, please send an email to Pastor Lew at lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org. This is led by Pastor Lew & Vicar James on the Adult Education floor, room 301 Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30PM.

W.N.A. WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

September 8 - October 27
www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna

Dinner

5:30 - 6:15 PM

The menu changes weekly
and is posted online.

Cost: \$6/adults & youth,
\$3/children (5-10), under 5
free (\$22 family max).

Kids & Youth

6:30-7:30 PM

- Kids Ministry Activities
(3 years-4th grade)
- 5&6 / 7&8 Grade Youth
Groups

WNA is Hope's
midweek ministry
opportunity for
children, youth,
and adults of all
ages to gather for
dinner, Bible
study, fellowship,
and fun!

Adult Ed.

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Music

- 6:30-7:30 PM:
Adult Handbells
- 7:30-9:15 PM:
Senior Choir



TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, October 23 from 6:30–8 PM

Hope's Kid Ministry will host a spooktacular evening of trick or treating, watching Spookley The Square Pumpkin (playing continuously) , & JAM Ice Cream (fee). Everyone is welcome to join the fun!

DECORATE YOUR TRUNK!

Decorated trunks are needed! Consider decorating your car...the more cars = more fun (and candy) for kids. Be in Hope's parking lot ready by 6 PM. Sign up today online.

KID'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All kids in preschool-4th grade are welcome to join us for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45 each week. Kids will learn age-appropriate foundational lessons from God's Word and how to apply them in their lives. Kids that are 3 years - Kindergarten meet in the Nursery and kids in grades 1-4 meet in the Children's Center, lower level.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE ACTIVITIES

- Kids that are 3 years-Kindergarten will be learning all about how God has all the tools needed. As they enjoy playing games, singing songs, and learning all about Jesus they will enjoy also interacting with kids at their own level. Join us in the Toddler Nursery from 6:30-7:30 PM on Wednesdays in October.
- The 1-4th grade crew is exploring fun experiments each week during this session of WNA. Join us in the Children's Center from 6:30-7:30 PM on Wednesdays in October.



YOUTH MINISTRY

S.A.L.T. APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR GRADES 5-12!

S.A.L.T. (or Student Action Leadership Team) is a group of youth who wish to grow in their leadership skills. This group is selected once a year through an application process and aims to aid youth in building resumes, time management, public speaking, focus, service, and spiritual growth.

Each year these youth plan, execute, and communicate events and activities for youth ministry as well as practice interviews, reading leadership books, and apply God's Word to their lives.

To learn more, visit
www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth.



Confirmation classes are underway! This year almost 60 youth are participating in a hybrid Confirmation program that includes an in-person and virtual option. Please pray for these Youth and the adult "Guides" working with them as they undertake a two-year journey of faith formation, education, and discipleship. Pictured is DCE Steve McCarthy leading the large group class in September.

5&6 / 7&8 GRADE YOUTH GROUP

These Youth Groups meet weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 PM for games, fellowship, and spiritual growth! No advance sign-up is required for these classes.

7&8 GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sunday school classes are from 9:45-10:45 AM in the Youth Center. No advance sign-up is required for these classes.

7&8 GRADE DAY TRIP

All 7-8 grade youth are invited for a special day trip to B.W. Wells Group Camp site 3 on October 23 from 11-8 PM. We will meet at the site and enjoy lunch, play outdoor games, do a service project, cook and eat dinner by the campfire, enjoy worship and songs. Do not miss out on this event. The cost is \$25. Sign up at www.hopelutheranwf.org/youth.



Contact DCE's Steve McCarthy at
smccarthy@hopelutheranwf.org or
Wesley Spottiswood at
wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sunday school and Adult Education classes will be from 9:45-10:45 AM. Youth Sunday School is located in the Youth Center. This month we continue our series on creation.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

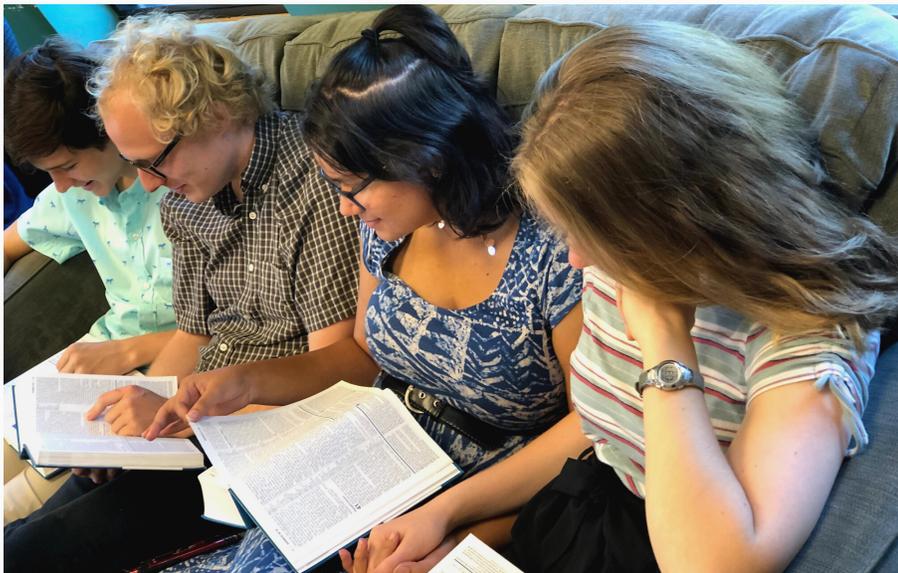
Every Sunday 6:30-7:30 PM meet in the Youth Center for an hour of games, fellowship, and discussion. Come meet new people and learn more about your faith.

HIGH SCHOOL GOES TO PANIC POINT

Are you a thrill seeker? Meet at Panic Point in Youngsville Thursday October 14, 6:30-8:30 PM and brave the Haunted Forest, Dark Trail, Howling Hayride, Corn Maze, and Menacing Maze. We have a special deal of only \$25 a person. Text DCE Wesley Spottiswood at 818-642-7570 to sign-up. Friends are invited.

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SMALL GROUP

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



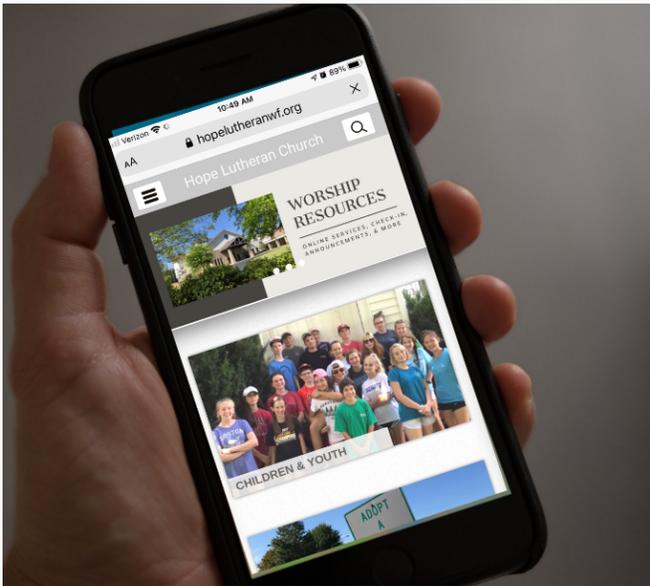
Pictured: DCE Wesley Spottiswood leading a Sunday School Bible lesson.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

All current Hope High School youth are able to attend the 2022 National Youth Gathering. The National Youth Gathering (NYG) is an unbelievable opportunity that the high school youth get every 3 years. This mountain-top experience is a chance to grow, learn, and stretch youth's perspective as they gather with peers from all over the world. Our goal is to send Hope's youth to meet in Houston Texas, for the largest gathering of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's youth. More than 25,000 youth join together to study the scripture, serve together, and worship under one roof. Each day includes wonderful high-tech multi-media presentations, powerful personal testimonies, incredible live music, joyful entertainment, all while discussing relevant topics youth struggle with in their day-to-day life. All forms are due ASAP.

The world is changing, things are not like the past, but this gathering serves to teach youth that In All Things, Christ is Present!

Questions? Email DCE Wesley Spottiswood at wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.



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

 HopeLutheranWF

 HopeLutheran_WF
HopeYouth_WF



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.