# Mission Moments

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## **NEWS & UPDATES AT HOPE**

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## ABOUT THE COVER...HOPECHEST

Every 3 months, the generous people of Hope donate their time, gently used clothing, and small housewares to help those in need in our community. Guests leave the HopeChest Shop armed with bags of clothing and feeling the love of Christ. To learn more about this ministry, see page 5.

The people of Hope Lutheran Church proclaim and live the Word and love of Christ.

Mission Statement



Hope Lutheran Preschool announces new programs starting in the Fall 2014/15 school year. As the new offerings are implemented, please be assured that you can expect the same high quality care and learning that the preschool program has been providing for the past 17 years! We hope that by adding these extended enrichment options we will be able to better serve our students and their families.



- Half Day & Full Day Options For Fall 2014
  Our preschool program is now licensed to offer more options for your preschooler.
- Early Drop Off Available

Daily 7:00am – 9:00am, choose 1 – 5 mornings.

Half Day Preschool With More Days Available
 Same high quality preschool program that has been provided for the past 17
 years. Now offering more choices of days for all ages.

#### Extended Enrichment Program

Extended hours which will include lunch, rest time, outdoor play, centers and special activities. Offered daily from 12:00pm - 5:00pm, choose 1 – 5 days.

In order to offer these new options, Hope Lutheran Preschool has gone through the NC Department of Health & Human Services to become **a licensed facility**. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know if you would like to add to your child's current enrollment or have any further questions. You can call the office at **919-453 -0388**, or email Regina Fisher, Preschool Director, at **fisher@hopelutheranwf.org**. Also, now hiring for **part-time lead teachers**, Monday-Friday for either the 3-year-old or 4-year-old classes and **part-time assistants** for extended enrichment, Monday-Friday from Noon – 5:00PM.

## 2014 ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

#### November 7-9 at LifeWay Conference Center in Ridgecrest, NC

This year's retreat is in the picturesque NC mountains, just east of Asheville. The purpose of this entire experience is to have women feel affirmed and encouraged to walk closer to Jesus. Our retreat is designed to help you deepen your relationship

with God while having fun making and growing new friendships.



The Women's Retreat has become quite a tradition, please consider joining the women of Hope in a weekend of bonding, friendships, and laughter. The retreat is open to any women over the age of 18, and does not have to be a member (or even attend) Hope Lutheran Church. Register before August 15 to avoid late fees. To register, learn more about rooming options and cost, or pay a deposit, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org.

## Pastor Puls' Reflection... The Hope Mosaic

One of the treasured objects from my childhood is a small mosaic cross. I remember making it as a craft project in VBS or Sunday School, when I was a little boy growing up at my home church. I keep this cross on a shelf in my office, but it also has a special place in my heart.

My mosaic cross is simple and uncomplicated. It has no place in an art museum, to be sure. It does, however, remind me of a fundamental truth about the church of Christ on earth – and especially about Hope Lutheran Church.

Our congregation is a mosaic. Hope is made up of a wide

variety of people, from varying backgrounds and ethnicities. We came to the Wake Forest area from all parts of this country, and from many other nations. Our vocations, hobbies, families, talents, personalities, and church experiences are all different ... and, yet, God has fashioned us into something that's awesomely beautiful. What an interesting assemblage of souls that God has gathered together here at Hope!

Just as all the tiles on my handmade art project fit together to form a cross and to convey a message, so do the people of Hope fit together to carry out a mission for Jesus. Our Lord has placed us in this community, and gathered us into this congregation, to do his work!

This "church on a hill" is making a positive and profound impact on many, many people who live and work in the neighborhoods nearby. It's not the sign out front, though, that's doing that. It's not the building, either. It's you! It's every single one of us allowing God to put us – like the individual mosaic tiles – to work for a glorious purpose. We are bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ, in word and deed, to people in our corner of God's world.

If you're looking for a place to belong, and for a sense of purpose in your heart, please join us. The mosaic of Hope Lutheran Church will grow in beauty, with you as an active part of God's design. Please let me, or any of our staff members, know if we can help you find your place in the Hope mosaic!

Pastor Wayne Puls

Pastor Wage Pils

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

Nursery and Children's Church provided at all services

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for ages 3 – grade 4 Youth Bible Classes for grades 5 – 12 Adult Bible Studies

Nursery and beginning Sunday School provided for ages 2 and under.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Next Session: Fall, 2013 5:30 – 6:15: Dinner 5:30 – 6:00: Beg. Handbell Choir 5:30 - 6:30: Youth Praise Team 6:00 – 6:30: Youth Handbells 6:30-7:45: Adult Handbell Choir 6:30 – 7:30: Children, Youth, and Adult Education 7:45 – 9:00: Senior Choir

## **GET INVOLVED!**

## THEOLOGY WORKSHOP ON SANCTIFICATION

August 18-20; \$135/ person, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary Take some time to go a little deeper this summer with a workshop from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Professor Leo Sanchez will lead a worship entitled, "Do Lutheran Take Sanctification Seriously? Models of Sanctification for Everyday Living." To register, visit www.csl.edu/resources/ continuinged/sws14/ or call 314-505-7286.

## CARDS AT HOPE

Bridge Group; July 14 at 10:00AM If you plan to come, please notify Betty McAlear at bmcalear@nc.rr.com or call 919-554-9081. New Players are always welcome!

#### Pinochle Group; July 21 at 1:00PM

Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or darmckenney@embarqmail.com if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

## **10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

September 14 at 2:00PM at Falls Village Golf Club

Everyone is invited to a great day of golf! \$85/person includes dinner, fees, cart, and prizes! Online registration begins July 15. Questions? Contact Kelly Slaybaugh at mkslay@aol.com.

## PRIMETIMER EVENT — BOWLING

#### July 12 at 2:00 PM; Buffaloe Lanes North

Cost will be \$4 per game and \$3 for shoe rental. The group will stop at Sweet Tomatoes after bowling. If interested, please contact Harry & Jan Hubbard at 919-850-2542 or bibubb@nc rr com

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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

#### The weekends of July 12-13 & July 19-20

Celebrate "Christmas in July" with the ladies of the Quilting, Prayer Shawl, and Seam Team ministries. This is your chance to do some early holiday shopping or to find that special something for an upcoming birthday or other celebration.

The teams have been approved for Thrivent funds, so if we make \$1,000 over the two weekends, Thrivent will give us an extra \$500. We have voted to give those funds (a total of \$1500 if we make our goal) to the Lineberger Scholarship Fund. Your support of this endeavor will be greatly appreciated. If you are a crafter and have some items you would like to donate for the sale, please call Betty McAlear at 919-554-9081 or email her at bmcalear@nc.rr.com.

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

#### *July 6-27; 9:45-10:45AM* Adult Education Floor, room 301; Led by Mike Kaess Noah: The Man, The Ark, The Flood

A five centuries-old man building a huge boat on the startling news of coming floodwaters-sounds like the makings of one remarkable story. It is. During the month of July, jump in and get your feet wet! This class will look at the biblical character of Noah, his life and times, and the remarkable vessel he built to escape the water of the flood. Along the way, commentary from numerous specialists considers the issue of extreme human age, how building such a watercraft was possible, the extent of the flood's reach, how a single vessel could hold such a multitude of animals, and the phenomena of flood stories in other cultures.



### July 27 from 4-7PM

\$15/person or \$10/child (10 & under) Tickets available in the café July 12-13 & 19-20. Price includes Pig Pickin' Plate with sides and tournament entry.

Questions? Contact Jenny Holt at jennyholt@bellsouth.net. Proceeds go to the Guatemala Mission Trip this fall.

MEN'S SUMMIT AUGUST 22-23 AT HOPE LUTHERAN. SEE PAGE 10 FOR AGENDA & SPEAKER.

## THANK YOU FROM HOPECHEST

Thank you for supporting the June HopeChest event! The

people of Hope generously donated their gently used clothing and housewares to help families in need. Also, *THANK YOU* to all the volunteers who donated their time folding, sorting, organizing, and helping shoppers. An invitation was extended to the five Habitat homeowners to have a special "shopping" time for items for their new homes!!

#### Challenge Grant Opportunity for HopeChest!

Hope Lutheran was awarded the opportunity to receive up to \$5,000 via a challenge grant from the "Matthew 25: Neighbors in Need Grant Program." All monetary donations received between now and September 30, 2014 will be matched 50 cents for each dollar, up to \$5,000. Additional funds will be used to purchase new items not supplied by members and display clothing racks. Please consider making a donation to the ministry, earmarking your donation HOPECHEST.

## **RECYCLE YOUR PHONES AT HOPE!**

Do you have an old cell phone that you're not using? Don't throw it away – donate it! Hope Youth are collecting old cell phones to donate to a local women's shelter. Collection bins are located in the café. Thank you!

## **TRI-AREA MINISTRIES**

**The Feeding the Faith Small Group** is collecting *instant mashed potatoes and pasta* for Tri-Area Ministry in July.

## JULY BROWN BAG MINISTRY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone and the Preschool for all the great donations to Brown Bag Ministry! Providing fresh fruit in every lunch keeps our lunches healthy and is wonderful treat! For the months of July and August we are accepting monetary donations to help defray the cost of fruit. Please note, we no longer have a need for egg cartons.

#### Service Opportunities for Brown Bag Ministry

- July 19: 11:00AM-1:00PM for families and individuals. Meet at Hope at 11:00am to make lunches and then distribute in Wake Forest. To volunteer, contact Marlene Civis at 919-426-0480.
- August 2: 11:00-1:00PM for small groups. If you are a part of a group of about 8-12 people with a heart for service please consider this opportunity. To reserve this date for your group, contact Debbie Irgens at dlirgens@earthlink.net.
- Leaders Needed! The Brown Bag Leader Team is recruiting additional leaders and Saturday assistants. The Leader Team coordinates supplies, groups, scheduling, planning for the first and third Saturday events with the help of a Saturday Assistant. To get involved, contact Nancy Repak at 919 279 3801 or kapernan@gmail.com.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITIES

To get involved in either opportunity, contact Shannon Janosko at sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org.

Selection Committee Members Wanted! Are you interested in volunteer work with Habitat that doesn't require a hammer? Habitat is increasing the "Family Selection Committee" in order to serve more families. If you are interested in serving, the time commitment would be

4-5 hours a month. This is a fantastic way to engage with Habitat without lifting a paintbrush!

#### Building Independence Project

Grace Lutheran Church has invited Hope to participate in "Building Independence Project." This new initiative includes building Habitat houses which will serve adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in three Wake County homes. An informational meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 20 at 4:00PM.

### HOPE BLOOD DRIVE

September 20, 2014 10:00AM-2:30PM Questions? Contact Lynda Watson at 919-761-1587 or at Watson.lynda@gmail.com.

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## SPORTSMEN'S ANNUAL OUTING

Shooting, Fishing & Cook Out July 12 from 9:30AM - 3:00PM

Youth (5th grade and older) are invited to enjoy a day at Bill Spencer's farm. Activities include safety training (by experienced shooting instructors), target practice, lunch, and then down to the pond for fishing. If you don't have a gun or fishing rod to bring, one will be provided for you.

Due to safety concerns, every youth must be accompanied by a parent. Parents are welcome to participate! Contact Ted Bachman at tedbachman@mindspring.com or 919-606-3477 to make reservations and get directions.

## SIGN UP TODAY!!

Register by visiting www.hopelutheranwf.org and selecting 'Register for Events.'

#### Youth Camping Retreat August 8-10 at Kerr Lake; 7-12 graders; \$35/person

Camping, beach fun, water play, boating, campfires, outdoor worship... and lots of time to make friends. *Church friends* who own boats – we would love for you to join us for a day on the lake.

#### Beach Retreat - Agape Kure Beach Center September 5-7; \$100/person

Enjoy a weekend on the beach while discussing God's plan for love and dating. Sign up today. Questions? Email Krista Young at kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org.



For youth in grades 5th grade through college age **Krista Young**, Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministry

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## WILD WEDNESDAYS IN JULY!

#### For all youth 7th grade and older

- July 2 from 6:30-8:00PM: Risk—World Domination and Board Games. Bring your favorite game, a friend, and a snack.
- July 9: No Wild Wednesday
- **July 16 from 6:00-8:00PM: Water Games at Falls Lake**. Bring your towel and a snack to share...if you have a kayak or canoe, bring that too! Meet at Falls Lake Dam, off of Falls of Neuse Road. Please note 6:00PM start time.
- July 23 from 6:30-8:00PM: Gaga Ball Tournament. Join friends for multiple games of Gaga Ball. Bring a snack to share!
- July 30 from 6:30-8:00PM: Wii Gamer Night. Bring any of your extra controllers and snacks to share for a fun night of Wii games.

## WALNUT CREEK FUNDRAISER - SPOTS OPEN!

Parents, adults and older youth (16 and older) can work at two booths at Walnut Creek to earn funds in their Hope Youth account. We earn a percentage of the total sales, as well as tips. This fund can be used to help pay for retreats, trips and National Youth Gatherings (coming summer 2016). Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org and selecting 'Register for Events' to see open concerts. A training session will be July 1 at 6:00PM at the Budweiser Plant in Raleigh.

### TOP REASONS TO VOLUNTEER ...

- 1. The best **people watching** in town!
- 2. Free pretzels when they fall off and break.
- 3. Free baseball hat!
- 4. Experience the wonder of **back office operations** of a concert venue!
- 5. Laugh at fake IDs!
- 6. **Deepen friendships** while working side-by-side with other Hope folks.
- Meet Rufus, the man who juggles a whopping 3 part-time and 2 full-time jobs with a positive and Christian attitude!
- 8. Hear **awesome music** get a sneak peak at the performers.
- 9. Learn how to make "fresh squeezed" lemonade in under 2 minutes.
- 10. See new "fashion" styles modeled.
- 11. Learn "Creek Math" as you figure out the inventory sheet.
- 12. Win the **tip competition** with other stands.
- 13. Represent Hope Lutheran with a smile.
- 14. Have we mentioned watching people???



July 16; 6:00-8:00PM Rising 7th Graders and older are invited to a night of water games at Falls Lake. See Wild Wednesdays for details...

## Children's Ministry

For children from birth through 4th grade Beth Agner, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

## THE PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING VBS

July 7 - 11

Evening Session 5:30-8:00PM is still open! Register now at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

## **CALLING ALL HEROES!**

The main message this year during Vacation Bible School is to be a Hero for God. We would love for you to join in on the fun, and be a hero too! Sign up to help out in VBS this year and be a hero to one or more of our 350 kids that attend. Adults and Youth are welcomed to volunteer! Sign up at www.hopelutheranwf.org and select 'Register For Events.'

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

#### Information Session on July 31 from 7:00-8:30PM

American Heritage Girls (AHG), a Christian scouting organization for girls ages 5-18, has partnered with LCMS acknowledging the same goal of "shaping young women to be faithful Christians and strong citizens." Hope Lutheran chartered AHG troop NC4673 in the spring of 2011, and welcomes **all** girls, not just members of Hope, who are looking for friendship, character development and lots of fun in a Christian environment. To learn more about this exciting ministry opportunity for girls, contact Amy Minor at christnamy34@hotmail.com or 801-4786.

## Kindergarten - 5th Grade; M- F, 8:00AM - 5:00PM \$175\* for the week or \$37\* per day

"Xplorers" spend the day having fun with friends, while playing games, enjoying outdoor sports, taking nature walks, and getting crafty with food, art, and science.

June 30-July 3, America the Beautiful (\$140/week) July 7-11, Vacation Bible School (\$100/ FULL week registrations only) July 14-18, Water Works (\$175/week) July 21-25, Win, Lose, or Xplore (\$175/week) July 28-Aug 1, Hope's Diner (\$175/week) Aug 4-8, Xplore 5k (\$175/week) Aug 11-15, Hope Depot (\$175/week) Aug 18-22, Sweet Summer Shoppe (\$175/week) Aug 25-29, An Artful Eye (\$175/week)

Check out our website for more details about how you can Refer-a-Friend and receive \$15 off a full week's tuition or by contacting Billie Kay Roland, Director, at broland@hopeluthernwf.org. \*Discounts available for Hope Members, multiple child enrollment, and consecutive weeks registration. See www.hopelutheranwf.org for details.





## **JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Trent Brockmann, 7/1 Dave Lilienthal, 7/1 Benjamin Mittner, 7/1 Sandy Shankin, 7/1 Robert Broughton, 7/2 Keith Cochran, 7/2 Sarah Crawford, 7/2 Steven Falkl. 7/2 Nancy Hoh, 7/2 Meghan Kelley, 7/2 Kevin Brown, 7/3 Zack Cochran, 7/3 Malachi Joqodka, 7/3 Dick Rogers, 7/3 Chrissy Hederick, 7/4 Jennifer Owens, 7/4 Brandon Russell, 7/4 Michelle Tracev. 7/4 Flora Ferraz, 7/5 Olivia Hitt, 7/5 Harry Hubbard, 7/5 Cade Lindberg, 7/5 Darlene McKenney, 7/5 Sheila Bishop, 7/6 Nicole Hall, 7/6 Jack Helmers, 7/6 Natalie Ismay, 7/6 Elaine Kruger, 7/6 Mary Langsdorf, 7/6 Joshua Love, 7/6 Mary Ann Stewart, 7/6 Susan Tameling, 7/6 Margaret Carlson, 7/7 Christian Dotson, 7/7 Cara Duignan, 7/7 Connie Hedberg, 7/7 Paige Merical, 7/7 Lorna Preston, 7/7 Daphne Wagner, 7/7 Alyssa Henault, 7/8 Ridge Ellwanger, 7/9 William Grenier, 7/9 David Krehnke, 7/9 Lizzie Leary, 7/9 Alia Mercer, 7/9 Michelle Bednar, 7/10 Susan Johanson, 7/10 Ava Marchetta, 7/10 Cle Neely, 7/10 Nathan Ames, 7/11

Carter Gentry, 7/11 Nicholas Moran, 7/11 Ed Rathgeber, 7/11 Brian Raynor, 7/11 Russ Sirois, 7/11 Riley Blessing, 7/12 Ann Dora Brvant, 7/12 Susan Hooper, 7/12 Camden Langer, 7/12 John Nugent, 7/12 Melissa Rebollar, 7/12 Jeff Adkins, 7/13 Jordan Dunne, 7/13 Chris Ellis, 7/13 Sandy Janok, 7/13 Charles Pless, 7/13 Ronny Burman, 7/14 Haley Dotson, 7/14 Jim Marriott, 7/14 Kevin Sutton, 7/14 Bob Bishop, 7/15 Derrick Dreier, 7/15 Ryan Elkins, 7/15 Christine Gonenc, 7/15 Laurie Green, 7/15 Kayla Hall, 7/15 Taylor Hall, 7/15 Tom Miller III. 7/15 Linda Modlin, 7/15 Lanie Brockmann, 7/16 Greyson Edwards, 7/16 Julie Bowling, 7/17 Sheila Dubiel, 7/17 Nancy Hanna, 7/17 Ben Miceli, 7/17 Jake Pickens, 7/17 Steve Ebberts, 7/18 John Mahoney, 7/18 Gina Newhouse, 7/18 Chloe VanSickle, 7/18 Shana Broders, 7/19 Kathleen Downs, 7/19 Kim George, 7/19 Ed Levy, 7/19 Debi Lilienthal, 7/19 Tim Stroupe, 7/19 Marianne Tine, 7/20 Leighton Cash, 7/21 Jan Dietz, 7/21 Pasqual Gagnon, 7/21 Spencer Harz, 7/21 Alan Turgeon, 7/21 Paige Hederick, 7/22 Scott Johnson, 7/22

Lori Levy, 7/22 Ruthie Roland, 7/22 Carter Metzger, 7/23 Jack Milani, 7/23 Nancy Sakowski, 7/23 Roy Bergfors, 7/24 Emily Hitt. 7/24 Chris McKeeman, 7/24 Caroline Vukovich, 7/24 Kathy Bell, 7/25 John Latz Jr., 7/25 Jaci Latz, 7/25 Donna Loughry, 7/25 Susan Young, 7/25 Craig Bradley, 7/26 Kris Jackson, 7/26 Heidi Wilcox, 7/26 John Foster, 7/27 Allie Garrity, 7/27 Chandler Harrell, 7/27 Renee Mercadante, 7/27 Jennifer Otlin, 7/27 Rhys West, 7/28 Rick DeRose, 7/29 Marin Hitzeman, 7/29 David Hudson, 7/29 Bill McKenney, 7/29 John Thomas, 7/29 Eric Dreier, 7/30 Haley Elkins, 7/30 Kelsey Goodsell, 7/30 Susan Nelson-Dibble, 7/30 Aaron Preston, 7/30 Cathy Smith, 7/30 Linda Sutton, 7/30 Chuck Joslyn, 7/31 Rachael Stroot, 7/31 Laura Zimmerman, 7/31

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Gary & Lisa Fleming, 7/1 Steve & Vicki Martin, 7/1 Brett & Angela Johnston, 7/3 Mike & Emily Cole, 7/4 Wick & Jeannene Smith, 7/4 Sean & Amanda Bachand, 7/5 Todd & Amy Elder, 7/5 Holly & Ray Hoffman, 7/5 Nick & Shelly Rotosky, 7/5

Rod & Marlene Civis, 7/6 Rodney & Cheryl Farlow, 7/6 Brian & Anna Marie Mehm, 7/6 Keith & Laura Brown, 7/8 Michael & Amy Carlyle, 7/8 Garv & Margie Francis, 7/8 Kevin & Dawn Kusy, 7/8 Mark & Cheryl Barth, 7/9 Susan & Jim Roseman, 7/10 John & Sandee Pates, 7/11 Matthew & Cara Duignan, 7/12 Joel & Beth Theiss. 7/12 Brett & Amber Edwards, 7/13 Amanda & Pete DeCilles, 7/15 Rob & Melissa Clark, 7/16 Clark & Michele Hellmann, 7/16 Kenneth & Ann Siegel, 7/16 Tony & Tammie Piacenti, 7/17 AI & Kathy Vockeroth, 7/17 Rob & Jennifer Niesel, 7/18 Rob & Bonnie Petersilge, 7/18 Renee & James Steffel, 7/18 Jeff & Jennifer Vukovich, 7/18 Brian & Kelly Faris, 7/19 Jim & Carolyn Raymond, 7/20 Freddie & Diane Bendl, 7/21 Lee & Lorna Preston, 7/23 Barry & Michelle Tracey, 7/23 Joe & Donna Loughry, 7/25 David & Claudia Van Hook, 7/25 Chris & Kim McKeeman, 7/27 Ron & Diana Haas. 7/29 Bob & Janet Stalder, 7/31 Richard & Bridgette Wood, 7/31

## **OUR PRAYERS**

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...**Successful lung cancer surgery for Betty McAlear, no further treatment is needed; Brittany Johanson & Stacy Chester married last week; the marriage of Scott Hall's nephew, Levi Griffin, to Jennifer; Kaaren Kayser who received a clear cancer screening; Ken & Cle Neely celebrating their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; successful knee surgery for Carol Miksa; DeAnn and Charlie Melhinch celebrating their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; Mandy and Vince D'Ugo celebrating their 37<sup>d</sup> wedding anniversary; the US Military for the safe return of a POW after 5 years; Suzanne & Coleman Harris' son, Graham, after recovering from a MRSA infection in his leg; Brenda Duensing as she doesn't need surgery and is healing from a fall; Lauren Zick and family that she is now home and the family is together again;

**Comfort for...**Mitchell Bennett whose wife, Karen, passed away recently; the family of a 5 year old, who died suddenly from GSD last week; the Tucker family, friends of Kate Williams, grieving the loss of their baby, Ella Tucker; Drew Roland and family, at the death of his grandmother; the Schandert family grieving the death of Maureen's mother, who died after a long battle with cancer; Pura Toledo, aunt of Felix Lopez, as she enters the final stages of her earthly life;

Strength and Healing for...Dan Johnson, recovering from heart bypass surgery; all who are suffering from depression & anxiety; Brian, a young soldier suffering with PTSD; Laurie Pesek recovering from emergency surgery; Bear Holden recovering from surgery; Heather undergoing chemo treatments: Brittany Dussault recovering from surgery; Michael Sendelback, friend of the Murphy's, recovering from a heart attack & awaiting a heart transplant; Jock Wolters, father and grandfather, as he recovers from illness; Robin Huffsteler, recovering from heart surgery; Lee Mahaffey, hospitalized at WakeMed; Jeannene Smith in her journey with cancer; Bill Bowers, JB Bower's son, having another surgery on Monday; Carole Bailey, Sherri Hall's mother, for good test results regarding her hip and back pain as well as life stress; Marlene Spencer having a total knee replacement on June 24 at Duke Raleigh; Rosie Miller's son, David Carte, who is back in the hospital recovering from emergency surgery; Kaitlynne Baker's grandfather recovering from surgery; Paula Reeves' coworker diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Debra Frary's husband experiencing shortness of breath; 8 year old Aiden, in a coma at Duke due to seizures, friends of the Preston and Cooke families; Beth DeMerritt, family friend of the Stroupe & Kayser families, recovering from a severe car accident; Bruce Massengale, cousin-in-law of Tracie White, recovering from surgery; Megan Whitford, niece of Ray & Connie Sharpstene, recovering from an ATV accident; Monica, friend of the Bruck family, expecting her second child; a church member having a heart MRI and for the test to show NO heart abnormalities; Paul Hieter, recovering from cataract surgery; Anne Hall's friend, Natalie Rimmer, missionary, having cancer surgery; Kathleen Udandt's stepdaughter; Diane, the daughter-in-law of Harry & Janice Hintz, having brain surgery; Alex

Worth, recovering from a severe car accident and head injury; Heather, friend of Annette, who started Chemotherapy; Juanita Holley, recovering from open heart surgery; Daniel Wood hospitalized at Wake Med;

**Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**Christian Baker and his baseball team as they prepare for the championship game; the Taylor family as they work through some family issues; Major Dave Baker to be safe on his deployment; Marie McGuire, 93 years old, that she would find comfort in moving to Florida to be closer to her caregiver; The Concordia University, Irvine Around-the-World Team preparing for travel; Protection for our military, guidance for our leaders; all those with stress related to leaving/beginning a new job; those suffering with deep depression and anxiety; Rose Spencer's daughter, Rebecca.

**On-going prayers for our residents of Assisted Living and Nursing Centers...** Betty Brunkhorst at the Carolina House in Wake Forest; Christine Blackwell at the Carolina House in Wake Forest; Jim Whittaker at the Brian Center in Durham; Kay Sahl at the Haven in Rolesville; Linda Sebastian at Windsor Point in Fuquay-Varina; Ann Wagner at Hillside in Wake Forest; Doris Forster (Pam Jay's mother) at Hillside in Wake Forest.

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It is truly a blessing to be a member of this church family called "Hope." Many thanks to all who sent prayers and get-well wishes, cards, visits, and meals during my recent surgery for lung cancer. Pastor Puls and Pastor Wagner brightened my day and gave me hope with their visits during my hospital stay. And all praise be to God, as the cancer was caught early and requires no further treatment. I am truly humbled and blessed by all the outpourings of love. Betty McAlear

To Our Family at Hope, Your sincere expressions of sympathy are much appreciated at the passing of our sisterin-law, Ellen Neubaum. We would like to thank you for the thoughts, prayers and cards. They were a true blessing for us. Al & Donna Neubaum



## **MARK THE DATES DOWN NOW!**

All men are welcome to the Summit!

## SUMMIT AGENDA

#### Friday, August 22 from 5:30PM - 9:00PM

- Getting to know other guys
- Fun and food
- Encouragement for Life's Challenges

#### Saturday, August 23 from 8:00AM - 12:30PM

- Breakfast & Bible Study
- Building Connections
- Encouragement for Life's Challenges

**Registration fee of \$20** will cover all materials, BBQ dinner and breakfast. You will be able to register soon at www.hopelutheranwf.org and make your payment on-line as well. Registration forms will also be available in the Narthex.

## **SUMMIT SPEAKER**

**Richard Cohrs** has traveled widely throughout the church presenting numerous opportunities and innovative resources for men's ministry. Rich has presented spiritual challenges and provided encouragement for men at men's retreats, individual men's groups and other venues.

For more information contact:

Tim Holt: Greg Ismay: Tony Piacenti: Mike Kaess: Todd Elder: Rob Petersilge: timothysholt@bellsouth.net greg@gregismay.com tony.piacenti@galderma.com kaess50@gmail.com tdelder2@gmail.com rpetersilg@aol.com Every man faces unique challenges every day in life...*personal, family, work, marriage, relationship, or financial.* It's a challenge some days just to make it... wondering if you've done enough... questioning at times whether faith even matters! Or, as another writer has stated, *"Life has a way of testing a person...either by having nothing happen at all, or everything happening all at once!"* 

Call it overwhelmed, frustrated, defeated, tired...or maybe the vocabulary even includes failure, sorry, broke, tired, whatever...but sometimes men just need encouragement to face up to life's challenges! Sometimes, you just can't make it all alone.

## The **MEN'S SUMMIT AT HOPE** is

an event designed by men for men, linking you with other guys who are looking for "encouragement for life's challenges."

### The MEN'S SUMMIT AT HOPE is a

chance for men to "take a hike" to a higher place, viewing life from a different perspective. All men at Hope are invited. Encourage a friend, golfing buddy, neighbor or co-worker to come with you.

## THE BACK PEW...

## MEN OF HOPE UPDATE

The Men of Hope wish to extend a thank you to the entire Congregation. Early in June, the Men of Hope contributed \$3234.32 toward Hope's debt reduction. Hope's support for our Chili and Gumbo Sales, Tuesday Shrove Pancake Dinners, and other events help us serve our church.

Our small group has been in existence for 17 years. The dedicated group of men have supported and funded; the large storage shed, the entire prayer garden, and various church and pre-school needs. Our group meets monthly, and welcome other men interested in fellowship and service. We meet the second Saturday of each month at 7:30AM. Seeking to faithful grow as men serving our risen Savior! Thanks be to God!

## THANK YOU FROM PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CONWAY, AR

Thanks to all those who contributed to help our "neighbors" in Arkansas affected by the recent tornadoes. We were able to send Walmart gift cards to them so they could purchase exactly what they needed most. We received the following thank you:

#### Dear Family of God at Hope Lutheran,

We are grateful to receive your generous gift of gift cards for those who have lost so much. We thank you for your partnership in ministry to God's people in Mayflower and Vilonia. The need is still so great after a month but we thank you for your continued prayers for these families. May God continue to bless your ministry there in Wake Forest, NC.

Your Brothers and Sisters at Peace Lutheran Church, Conway, AR

If you feel led to contribute further to their needs, feel free to place a donation in the offering plate with "Arkansas Tornado Relief" in the memo line, and we will send out another shipment of gift cards to wherever they need them most. Thank you for your generosity!

### THANK YOU!!

Thank you for providing me with the Hope-Lineberger Scholarship for this coming school year at Concordia University Chicago. It is such a blessing to be able to know that my home congregation supports me not only spiritually but financially in my journey to help the Church through my ministry. Thank you for being a helping hand to make this dream of mine possible. Sincerely, Matt Slaybaugh

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I am so thankful for Hope Lutheran Church as you all have supported me in thought, prayer, finances, and most of all: the cultivation of my faith in our savior, Jesus. Concordia University Chicago has been a place where I have grown to learn that deeper and grown to know my Savior better, and Hope Lutheran Church has played a huge role in the process of my growth and faith. Sincerely, Corey Garrity

## Celebrating June Gifts & Givers

Weekly Services	Attendance	Offerings	Special Gifts	
May 24-25, 2014	635 (149, 218, 268)	\$14,567.45	Building Fund:	\$1,892.25
May 31– June 1, 2014	704 (116, 282, 306)	\$18,017.84	Brown Bag Ministry:	\$61.20
June 7-8, 2014	700 (91, 222, 387)	\$17,417.57	Thrivent Choice:	\$154.00
June 14-15, 2014	582 (116, 211, 255)	\$20,226.42	Al Maxwell Memorial:	\$880.00
			Alms Fund:	\$1,077.00

\* my hope offerings are reported in the weekly bulletin at the beginning of each month.



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Saturday Celebration Service 5:30PM Sunday Worship 8:30AM & 11:00AM Sunday Christian Education Hour 9:45AM **Ministry Leadership Team:** Mike Owens (Chair), Beth Theiss (Vice Chair), Teresa Jones (Secretary), Julie Bowling, Mark Foil, David Huffine, Bob Johanson, Kelly Slaybaugh, Rodger Fulbright, Rob Petersilge, Jeff Vukovich, and Angela Whitted.

#### **Ministry Staff:**

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Rev. Wayne Puls	
Rev. Lew Upchurch	
Rev. Larry R. Lineberger	Assistant to the Pastor
Rev. Preston Wagner	Pastor Emeritus
Krista YoungDirector of Christia	an Ed. & Youth Ministry
Beth AgnerDirector of Christian Ed	l. & Children's Ministry
Rob VarnerOrga	
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Dawn Ponsolle, Nikki Helmers, Jen Swearing	
Amanda DeCilles, Christine Murphy, Stephan	ie Fowler,
Kristin Grenier, Amber Perry, & Cathy Sandfo	ort <b>Teachers/Assist's</b>
Billie Kay RolandXI	plore Program Director
Stacey Phillips, Kimberlee Hartwig, Tammie I	Piacenti, Kelly Friend,
Lindsay Mitchell, Anna Echerd, & Audra Long	gXplore Staff
Marlene Spencer, Heleen Bloomer, Renee Pfe	endler, Erin Ames, Michele
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