

Mission *Moments*



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HOLY WEEK &

Easter

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PASTOR PULS' REFLECTION...MY FAVORITE WEEK!

Dear Friends in Christ,

My favorite week of the year is about to happen! It's the week before Easter. Known in the church as "Holy Week," we spend extra quality time with the Lord in a series of powerfully-moving worship experiences. Each service is unique, and "out of the ordinary." Nothing boring or routine is happening in our church during Holy Week!

I look forward eagerly every year to this special week. Why? It's important for Christians to *reflect* upon the momentous events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. In one single week, the Lord Jesus Christ was cheered, jeered, acclaimed, rejected, arrested, accused, judged, beaten, sentenced, scourged, mocked, crucified, buried, and brought back to life!

But Holy Week isn't only about looking back. It's also vital for people of faith to *apply* these ancient stories to our modern-day living. Am I welcoming Christ in my everyday life, or turning away from him? Am I honoring Christ in my family, in my school, in my workplace? Or dishonoring him? Do I know why Jesus had to die? Do I grasp the impact his death makes upon my day-to-day relationship with God? What kind of hope can I draw from his resurrection? We'll explore these, and many other life application points, at these Holy Week services at Hope. Please join us, and invited your family members, neighbors, and friends!

Have a great week!



Pastor Wayne Puls

HOLY WEEK &

Easter

PALM SUNDAY, March 28-29

The children of the church will march down the aisle waving palm branches, as we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will joyfully sing "Hosanna!" and offer our praises; but, at the same time, we begin to prepare our hearts in this service for what is coming next in the story of Christ's fateful final week.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2 at 7:00PM

As Jesus gathered with his disciples for a Last Supper before he was crucified, so we gather around the Lord's Table on this holy night. We will hear the story of Judas' betrayal, and confess our own sins of unfaithfulness before sharing in the Sacrament of Communion. The service concludes with the solemn *Stripping of the Altar*, signifying how our Savior was stripped of his dignity and honor during his arrest, trial, and crucifixion.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3 at 7:30PM

The Tenebrae Service of Darkness is one of the most moving and eloquent worship hours of the whole year. We hear the seven *Words From The Cross* that Jesus spoke, and we remember soberly the sufferings and torments of Calvary. The sanctuary is slowly darkened, as we commemorate the death of our Lord for our sins.

EASTER VIGIL, April 4 at 7:30PM

On Saturday evening, this ancient, traditional worship service provides a dramatic "bridge" between the pervasive gloom of Friday and the explosive joy of Easter Sunday. The service begins with the striking of a new fire outside, symbolizing the new life of the resurrected Christ in the tomb. Candles are slowly lit in the darkened church, then a series of exciting Bible stories of God's deliverance are shared. A brief service of Baptismal renewal precedes a joyful, no-holds-barred celebration of Easter victory.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 at 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people. This glorious day begins with an outdoor Sunrise Service of Holy Communion, with special music led by the Praise Team. Three festival services will follow, in the worship sanctuary, with special music led by the Handbell Choir, Senior Choir, and Brass Ensemble.

EGG-STRAVAGANZA: JESUS MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 10:30-11:30AM

You are invited to Hope's Egg-stravaganza filled with music, an egg hunt, and a devotional about how Jesus makes all things new! Friends, family, and neighbors of all ages are welcome. Please bring 12 pre-filled eggs for each child participating in the egg hunt. Questions? Contact Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.



EASTER NOTES

The **Easter Cross of Flowers** will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (*any color, any style*) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service. It's a great spot for Easter Sunday family photos, a tradition for many families! The newsletter cover photo is from last year's cross, what a beautiful display of the blessings of spring! Photo courtesy of Amy Elder.

The Fellowship Team will be hosting an **Easter Morning Reception** after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready-to-serve brunch goodies (baked goods, pastries, bagels, fruit, muffins, coffee cake, and lunch items after the 11:00AM service) and come join in the fun!

The **Church Office, Preschool, Xplore Track Out, & Little Blessings** will be closed on Friday, April 3 in observance of Good Friday.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Beginning Sunday, April 12; 9:45-10:45AM

Living Differently: Fruit of the Spirit

Every day we Christians take up the struggle of faith making a difference in our daily lives, wanting to express "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22) Not easy when the kids are on a rampage; when the spouse doesn't seem to listen; when some jerk on the highway is tail-gating; when life is filled with set-backs and disappointments. Can we really change how we react to life's circumstances and take up the daily battle with sin, the presence of the Holy Spirit making a difference? According to the Word of God we can! Join in this new Sunday Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Wagner beginning April 12 at 9:45AM.



Stay tuned...

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WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM

Sunday 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

April 15 - May 6

5:30 – 6:15: Dinner

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

>>> Stronger Participation

HELP BEAUTIFY HOPE!

Saturday, April 11 at 9:00AM. Please come to Hope to help spread mulch and get the church grounds ready for the spring! Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Everyone is asked to bring wheelbarrows, rakes, pitch forks, and gloves. Questions? Contact Steve Ebberts, Facilities Manager, at 919-554-8109 or sebberts@hopelutheranwf.org.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Ken & Kathy Jarchow for donating the yummy Girl Scout Cookies served in March & April during the coffee hour!

YOUTH YARD SALE DONATIONS

Thursday, April 23 & Friday, April 24

Got clutter? Please consider donating your items to the annual Youth Garage Sale. All donations may be brought to church before 8:00PM and placed in the Children's Center/Fellowship Hall. Thanks for supporting the youth attending service trips this summer. **Come shop for treasures on Saturday, April 25 from 7:00AM-1:00PM.**

NIGHT TO SHINE VIDEO ONLINE

See the highlights at www.hopelutheranwf.org. Get Involved—Youth. A great big thanks to Kevin Kusy for his hard work, creativity, and servant's heart for the fantastic video!

Small Group Events

CARDS AT HOPE

Bridge Group; April 13 at 1:00PM & April 27 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; April 6 & April 20 at 1:00PM at Hope

Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or darmckenney@embarqmail.com or Rose Spencer at rosespencer99@hotmail.com if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

PRIMETIMER EVENT - MINIATURE GOLF

Saturday, April 25, 2015; 10:00AM followed by lunch

Join the PrimeTimer Group (open to anyone in the 'prime' of life) for a fun day of mini golf at Adventure Landing on Capital Boulevard followed by lunch at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant. The cost of golf is \$4/person with lunch not included.

Interested in attending this popular outing? Please notify Andy & Nancy Hoh of your attendance at 919-562-9562 or nmhoh1943@yahoo.com.

PRIMETIMER EVENT - PICNIC AT THE MIKSA'S

Sunday, May 3, 2015; 2:00PM

All PrimeTimers are invited to Ron & Carol Miksa's home for a great BBQ meal and even better fellowship! All guests are asked to bring a side dish to share, with the hosts supplying drinks and the BBQ.

Please let Ron and Carol know if you are planning to attend and what side dish you will bring at 919-529-2001 or poohcms@nc.rr.com. They can also give you directions to their home, if needed.

PRIMETIMER EVENT - RALEIGH RINGER CONCERT

Sunday, June 14 at 3:00PM

Attend the always wonderful Raleigh Ringer Concert at Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh. The cost for seniors is \$17/person plus tax. To reserve your tickets, or more information, contact Paul & Rene Hieter at 919-562-3775 or phieter@nc.rr.com no later than Monday, May 4, 2015.

NIFTY NEEDLES 'STITCH IN TIME' EVENT

Saturday, June 27, 2015 & Saturday, July 18, 2015

Are you interested to learn hand stitching or use a sewing machine to create a unique project? The Nifty Needles would like to share our talents with you. We are planning an event where you will have the opportunity to learn to knit, crochet and use a sewing machine.

Mark your calendar and watch the Hope Newsletter and the website for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Mortensen jmmortensen2@gmail.com.



FAMILY
Spring
Fling
JOIN THE FUN

Wednesday, April 22
5:30-7:30PM

All families are invited to a special outdoor Wednesday Night Alive, filled with **great food** (hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, & all the fixin's), **bounce houses, activities,** & live music featuring **Captive Free, East Coast** Christian band.

The Captive Free concert will be in place of children, youth, and Confirmation classes. The activities & concert are free, but and dinner is \$6/adults & youth 11 and older, \$3/children ages 5-10, children under 5 free (\$22 family max). A free-will offering will be received to cover travel expenses for the band.

~ Presented by Children & Youth Ministries ~

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

Thank you to Texas Roadhouse for supplying all the yummy rolls each month for the Brown Bag lunches.

Sunday Dinner

Looking for a wonderful Sunday dinner idea? Try the Texas Roadhouse. Bring your Hope bulletin to The Texas Roadhouse, enjoy some great food and get 10% off. Bulletins from Saturday night and Sunday may be used all day on Sunday for this discount.

Thanks from Brown Bag!

The kind and generous donations to the Brown Bag Ministry are appreciated. All winter we have been gifted with supplies and money necessary for our Brown Bag lunches.

Despite the cold and snow of the past few months the Saturday weather for Brown Bag has been safe for the team to make and hand out lunches here in Wake Forest. Several families rely on lunch at school. With the many school closings this winter, some children are not able to have a nutritious lunch.

Donations of granola bars, chips, brown bags, sandwich bags and money (for meat, cheese and fresh fruit) enable the team to make needed brown bag lunches. Your thoughtfulness has touched many families.

Outreach Ministry

TRI-AREA MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

In April, the food collection is canned meat items. Please support Tri-Area Food Pantry by placing your nonperishable donations in the donation bin in Café.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—RESCHEDULED!!

Saturday, April 18 at 8:00AM (Rain Date May 2)

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. Meet at church and wear long pants and long sleeves. Vests, gloves and water will be provided. Youth 12 or older are invited. Contact Jeff Vukovich at jmvukovi@gmail.com or 919-556-9174.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN WAKE FOREST

On Sunday, March 8, Mary Harris (partner family) joined Habitat Staff, Northern Wake Coalition members, family, friends, and Wake Forest Mayor, Vivian Jones in a Ground Blessing Ceremony for Mary's new Habitat home to be constructed at 321 E. Juniper Street.

As a partner church in the Northern Wake Coalition, Hope Lutheran has committed to providing volunteers for 2 workdays on the home, **Thursday, May 21 & Saturday, June 6**. Habitat welcomes any individual volunteers who are available on Thursdays or Fridays whose schedule allows.

To register go to: <http://vhub.at/northernwake>. Contact Shannon Janosko, sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org, 919-554-8109 with questions or for additional information.



Ground Blessing Ceremony



The foundation has been completed!

RUTH PROJECT

Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmer's fields after they have been harvested and then distributed to people in need. The Ruth project, has gleaned strawberries, blue berries, sweet potatoes, collards and turnip greens helping provide fresh produce for people who have limited access to it. People who depend on emergency food sources and/or their limited income get mostly non-perishable food items, so fresh produce is not only more nutritious, but a treat!

How the Gleaning Ministry Works

Susan Hooper receives an email a week or so before the event takes place with the location of the farm, times, and general details. She then notifies anyone interested in picking vegetables. If you would like to be notified of future gleaning events, please email Susan Hooper at swoozie9@gmail.com.

Mission Ministry

GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM - BELK CHARITY DAY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 2 from 6:00-10:00AM; \$5/ticket

The Guatemala Mission Team has been given a great opportunity this year to raise funds to support our team. The Belk Charity Day fundraiser is a win for us and a win for you, who support us, just in time for Mother's Day!

Ticket benefits include:

- \$5 off your first purchase
- 15 - 70% off rarely discounted items
- The first 100 customers will receive a free gift card

What a great opportunity to support a wonderful cause and get some extra savings! Tickets will be on sale in the café area the weekends of April 18 & April 25. Questions? Contact Mark Slaybaugh at mslay3@aol.com or Dennis Holzschuh at dennisholzschuh@outlook.com.

PERU MISSION

Do you know that the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has a mission in Peru? The Southeastern District, of which Hope is a member congregation, is partnering with our LCMS missionaries in Peru. Pastor Bill Seaman, a member of Hope, will be participating in a mission trip to Peru, April 16-25. Please keep him in your prayers. If you'd like to assist in supporting the Peru mission financially, checks may be written to Hope Lutheran Church, earmarked "Peru Mission."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Growing congregation looking for individuals to help weekend services. Immediate openings available. Email or call Carlin O'Brien at 919-554-8109 or cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org today!

Positions Available:

Altar Care Teams for
Saturday 5:30PM &
Sunday 11:00AM
Communion Server Saturday
5:30PM

Schedule:

Individuals will serve once a month (sometimes less), sign no contracts. Can re-negotiate your schedule at any time.

Qualifications:

Open heart & willingness to serve.

Experience:

None! We will train & support you.

Pay:

Gratitude and admiration from congregation and a smile from the Pastors.

Have An Idea?



Have an idea for a new mission trip, or local outreach ministry? We'd love to hear about it!

Outreach: Shannon Janosko
sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org

Missions: Annette Phillips
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SPRING FLING

April 22 from 5:30-7:30

Come and have a great picnic dinner and listen to Captive Free - East Coast, a relational music ministry touring in our area.

See the flyer on page 5 for more details!



ALL YOUTH FUNDRAISER YARD SALE

Clear your calendar for April 23, 24, and 25 for sorting, pricing and working at the Youth Yard Sale. This is an "All youth" fundraiser.

Sign up to work shifts on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. All hands are needed for cleanup on Saturday at 1:00PM to haul unsold donations away and clean up.

Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved—Youth".

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

July 6-10, 2015

Do you like kids, want to impact the faith lives of your community, or just need some service hours? Then sign up to volunteer as a VBS youth leader this summer. See page 11 of this newsletter for details, times, and how to register.

Youth Ministry

Krista Young, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry
kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org

HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR 2 NIGHTS

April 21 & 22, 2015

The Captive Free—East Coast band is coming to Hope for a special Wednesday Night Alive concert. The Christian band members need a few friendly Hope Host Families while in town. Specific host duties include: a comfy bed/futon/couch/blow up mattress, a simple breakfast, and minimal transportation to church. If you can make a space available, please contact Krista Young.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES EVENTS & SCHEDULE

- Enjoy your break from classes April 1 and 8!
- Classes resume Wednesday, April 15 - May 6, from 6:30-7:30PM.
 - First Year students: Meet with their small group only, go directly to your small group meeting rooms.
 - Second Year & Older Class: Parents & Confirmands meet on the Adult Education Floor, room 301.
- April 22 is Family Night, no classes, see flyer on page 5 for details.
- May 13 is the Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal for everyone getting Confirmed in May. **ALL First Year students serve dinner.** There are two registrations for this event, those attending and those serving at this dinner. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved—Youth".

9-12 GRADES (HIGH SCHOOL)

Sunday Nights from 6:00-8:00PM

Check out Hope on Sunday nights! Bring your friends and have some fun. The group will not meet on April 5 due to the Easter celebration.

April 26 from 6:00-8:00PM the Sunday night activity will be a Scavenger Hunt as part of the Sunday Night activities. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved—Youth." Drivers are needed, see you then!

7-8 GRADES (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Wednesday Nights (April 15 - May 6) from 6:30-7:30PM

Come to Hope on Wednesday for a whole new look...just 7-8 graders, fun, music, and devotions. See you soon!

Middle School Lock-In

Friday, April 17 at 7:00PM until Saturday, April 18 at 8:00AM

Manhunt is cool, Manhunt in the dark at Hope is EPIC!!! The night starts at Brooks Street Bowling for a few frames (\$10/person) and continues in Hope's Youth Center with games, movies, and a little napping in between. Wear all black and bring sleeping bag/pillow and snacks to share. Friends are welcome! Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved—Youth."

Saturday
April 25

7:00AM - 1:00PM
@ Hope Lutheran

Donations will be accepted on
April 23 from 2-8PM or
April 24 from 10AM-5PM
Sign up for a shift today!



EASTER BREAK

The Preschool will be closed on Thursday, April 2, Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6 in observance of Easter. School will resume on Tuesday, April 7.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Join us Wednesday, May 20 from 9:00AM to 12:30PM. The celebration will include: food, games, bounce houses, and more. Cost is \$10.00 per family. Contact the preschool for more information, 919-453-0388.

Preschool Ministry

Regina Fisher, Preschool Director
rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-453-0388

There is limited space in the fall 2015-2016 preschool program. Please contact the preschool office for additional information and availability.

SUMMER EXPRESSIONS

Registration forms are now available in the Preschool foyer for Hope's half-day and full-day summer program for rising 2 year olds through rising Kindergarteners. Summer Expressions will be held each week from May 26 through August 7. For questions, contact the preschool office at 919-453-0388.
Preschool

The preschool celebrated **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** in March. The children learned all about "Sharing God's Love through Colors". They wore a different color each day and enjoyed daily chapel lessons and fun songs. They also really enjoyed the special snacks throughout the week that were provided by the parents. Thank you parents!



Children's Ministry

Beth Agner, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry
bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

There are lots and lots of events for children and their families here at Hope in April! If you have any questions about connecting, volunteering, or attending any of our events, please give me a call! Also, don't forget members and guests of Hope are invited to all events.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—page 11

This year we are climbing Mt. Everest July 6-10 with two sessions, morning and afternoon. This free event is a great way to teach the children of Hope and the community at-large God's almighty power in every day life. All families are encouraged to sign up on April 1 to attend or volunteer in this fun event at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE—page 14

Wednesday Nights at Hope are busy with dinner and classes for children & adults. Children's classes are age-appropriate and focus on traditional Bible stories creating a strong foundation of faith. There are also opportunities for children to get involved in our handbell and choral choirs.

SPRING FLING—page 5

As an extra special treat, there will be an outdoor Spring Fling in April. The night will have a picnic dinner (optional), bounce houses, activities, and a live band for families. A great way to see friends and make some new ones too!



Vacation Bible School - Everest July 6-10, 2015

**Hope's VBS is open to all kids ages 4* – rising 6th grade
2 Sessions: 9:00 – 12:00PM OR 5:30 – 8:00PM**

** Must be 4 by 8/31 and potty trained.*

At Everest, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Beth Agner, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry,
at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

In order to make this event possible, lots of volunteers are needed such as leaders, games, activities and more - adults & youth! Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org to learn how you can get involved at helping kids see God's mighty power in every day life!

Happy Birthday!

Dennis Lemley, 4/1
Kelly Blessing, 4/2
Landon Hubbell, 4/2
Bill Jasper, 4/2
Marcie Rush, 4/2
Lee Backstrom, 4/3
Joe Beaman, 4/3
Leo Criscuola, 4/3
Gary Fleming, 4/3
Trina Harrell, 4/3
Hannah Hortman, 4/3
Lee Hortman, 4/3
Matt Slaybaugh, 4/3
Agnes Van Alstyne, 4/3
Valerie Wilson, 4/3
Rose Spencer, 4/4
Tony Dubiel, 4/5
Doug Hoy, 4/5
Sawyer Law, 4/5
Pepper Peterson, 4/5
Taylor Friend, 4/6
Ben Koziel, 4/6
Claire O'Neill, 4/6
Beckie Randall, 4/6
Mandy D'Ugo, 4/7
Effie Draetta, 4/7
Crissie Hoelzle, 4/7
Ben Kris, 4/7
Christine Ames, 4/8
Bill Brunkhorst, 4/8
Abbey Lockhart, 4/8
Raymond Pekrul, 4/8
Anita Rutter, 4/8
Debra Desha, 4/9
Mark Hoffman, 4/9
Julia Mulnick-Arout, 4/9
Ryan Bloomer, 4/10
Jarrod Dunne, 4/11
Dan Johnson, 4/11
Karen Brevig, 4/12
Darren Dunne, 4/12
Joseph Loomis, 4/12
Andrew Peacock, 4/12
Barry Agner, 4/13
Ben DeRose, 4/13
Connor Hughes, 4/13

Michael Steele, 4/13
Richard Emanuele, 4/14
Gretchen Hitchcock, 4/14
John Langsdorf, 4/14
Susan Roseman, 4/14
Gabi VanSickle, 4/14
Luke Farlow, 4/15
Rebekah Scheuerle, 4/15
Zach Webb, 4/15
Nick Loeffler, 4/16
Adrian Russell, 4/16
Conrad Watson, 4/16
Emilie Case, 4/17
Tracy Gentry, 4/17
Kennedy O'Donnell, 4/17
Rick Pfindler, 4/17
Jenn Boney, 4/18
Nicholas Horsley, 4/18
Sue Joslyn, 4/18
Lori Kannan, 4/18
Alex Loury, 4/18
Conor Murphy, 4/18
Kathy Trusch, 4/18
Nicholas Whitmer, 4/18
Amy Elder, 4/19
Erik Hasty, 4/19
Ashleigh Verny, 4/19
Sean Wilson, 4/19
Bob Blessing, 4/20
Jeremy Dunne, 4/20
David Kramer, 4/20
Lee Mahaffey, 4/20
Richard Scheuerle, 4/20
Vincent Schunke, 4/20
Jan Wilczynski, 4/20
David Wilkerson, 4/20
Kaden Gentry, 4/21
Janet Hubbard, 4/21
Anna O'Neill, 4/21
Mary Roberts, 4/21
Alan Barker Jr., 4/22
Michael Case, 4/22
Jenny Farmer, 4/22
Nicolette Fritz, 4/22
Faith Moran, 4/22
Thomas Rasmussen, 4/22
Joe Rousseau, 4/22
Kristin Slaybaugh, 4/22
Brayden Flanagan, 4/23
Jim Mink, 4/23
Rich Stitt, 4/23
Alissa Carroll, 4/24
Eamonn Duensing, 4/24

Bruce Ohle, 4/24
Amy Wilkerson, 4/24
Susan Baker, 4/25
Andy Barrett, 4/25
Jenny Elkins, 4/25
Gary Long, 4/25
Colleen Puls, 4/25
Joelle Weltzin, 4/25
Kayla Hayes, 4/26
Olivia Holt, 4/26
Kayla Merrill, 4/26
Miriam Whitmer, 4/26
Hilary Tew, 4/27
Judy Cooke, 4/28
Frank Dreier, 4/28
Wolfgang Isaacson, 4/28
Reid Johnson, 4/28
Danielle Allen, 4/29
Amanda Bachand, 4/29
Blair Bowling, 4/29
Audrey Capps, 4/29
Dwight Collinson, 4/29
William Hunter, 4/29
Abby Krogh, 4/29
Jeff Rom, 4/29
Hunter Bowling, 4/30
Erin Markusen, 4/30

Sandra & Charles Ollivier, 4/12
Richard & Myra Emanuele, 4/14
Tim & Tammie Merrill, 4/17
Mark & Sue Foster, 4/18
Dwayne & Judy Cooke, 4/19
Mike & Diane Copeland, 4/20
Michael & Karie Cook, 4/21
Mark & Cathy Foil, 4/21
Jeff & Nicole Comer, 4/22
Rick & Lanette DeRose, 4/22
Bobby & Brenda Mullen Jr., 4/23
Conrad & Lynda Watson, 4/24
Jay & Renee Jolly III, 4/25
Rick & Bonnie Pierce, 4/25
Rik & Dee Rasmussen, 4/25
Gordon & Tonya Hunt, 4/26
Bryan & Erin Markusen, 4/26
Paula & David Reeves, 4/26
Debbie & Danny Gaynor, 4/28
Sue & Eric Hardee, 4/28
Mark & Brenda Berkland, 4/29
John & Kimber Mahoney, 4/29
Gerry & Shannon Arner, 4/30
Jonathan & Lauren Habers, 4/30

Happy Anniversary!

Ed & Jan McCluskey, 4/2
Lisa & Jonathan Russell, 4/3
Dennis & Beverly Mecum, 4/6
Bob & Kelly Blessing, 4/7
Marilyn & Kevin Marr, 4/7
Ed & Judith Spinola, 4/8
Jack & Molly Milani, 4/10
Larry & Debra Verny, 4/10
Michael & Jenny Case, 4/11
Bruce & Laurie Green, 4/11
Nick & Melanie Loeffler, 4/12



March 1 Prayer Requests

Comfort for... Sandra Cochran's friend, Lynn Williams, at the death of her father; Tracie's family and friends to bear the grief of her loss, friend of Susan Hooper; Rob Niesel's father, Robert Niesel Sr., during his final days on this earth; Stacey Phillips and family, as they grieve the sudden loss of her mother; **Strength and Healing for...** successful surgery for a wife and mother; Elaine Willers' brother, Arlen, healing for his feet; Doris, friend of Truda Graham, in the hospital with heart & kidney problems; Donna Neubaum for a speedy recovery; Jessica, a 23 year old battling a brain tumor; Joe Fordham, brother of Teresa Jones, recovering from surgery; Marie Moore's sister & niece, Theresa & Katy Tardell, dealing with family issues; Carol Raymond recovering from eye surgery; a loved one; David Van Hook recovering from knee surgery; Alvin Barrett, receiving treatment for a blood disorder; Arabia Sider, friend of Veronica Alletto, as she undergoes cancer treatment; Brenda Duensing's sister, Jan, hospitalized with a severe leg infection; Brenda Duensing's son, Erik, still awaiting test results; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** those who serve our country; those seeking employment.

March 8 Prayer Requests

Comfort for... family & friends of Anna Hunt, a young mom who died suddenly; the family of Robert Hinz, father of Judy Cooke, as they mourn his loss; Katie Quarmby, mourning the loss of her mother in December and her father this week; Don Yakopcic and family at the loss of his cousin, Martin Birek; **Strength and Healing for...** Mary battling breast cancer; Doris, friend of Truda Graham, still hospitalized with heart and kidney issues; Bob Intemann, friend of Pandora Gill, who is in critical condition with liver/kidney failure.

March 15 Prayer Requests

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the birth of Dick & Trudy Rogers' great-grandson, Shane Patrick Parker; Evelyn Byne, friend of Truda Graham, celebrating her 94th birthday; **Comfort for...** friends of Charlie & Jamie Pless, Bruce and Lori Wagner, as they mourn the loss of their son, Kevin; Rodger & Virginia Fulbright's neighbor, Karen Guinn, at the loss of her husband; **Strength and Healing for...** Doris, friend of Truda Graham, recovering from surgery; Page Fisher, mother of Mark Fisher, at the reappearance of a potentially cancerous spot; Bob, friend of Ed & Linda Rathgeber, as he battles cancer and also for his wife, Marie; Joanne Schatz, mother of Nancy Bender; Kathy Stroupe, recovering from pneumonia; Nancy Sakowski as she continues to heal from surgery; Rick Nilles' father, as his health declines;

Yola Whittaker as she starts chemotherapy; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** all Christians and Jews in the Mid-East and around the world; a daughter hospitalized with depression and anxiety; Anne Hall's friends who are SIM Missionaries in Niger, Africa.

March 22 Prayer Requests

Praise and Thanksgiving for... John Sigmon being found, family of Kim & Grace Sigmon; **Comfort for...** Matala family at the loss of a friend; Coleman & Suzanne Harris, at the sudden death of their neighbor, Dave Guinn; a family grieving the loss of their sister; Dennis DiMartino's co-worker, Dave Douglas, at the death of his wife; Joe Sendelback, as they mourn the loss of his brother, Michael; Bob George & family at the death of his brother, Albert Simon; Veronica Alletto's friend, Tom Andon, suffering with health issues and nearing the end of life; Laura, mourning the loss of her mother, Rose DiMarco; Charlie Melhinch, at the death of his sister; Dee Rasmussen's friend, Kristy Wicks, grieving the loss of her dog, Cal; **Strength and Healing for...** a friend of Nancy Hoh recovering; Danielle Allen, recovering from pneumonia; Millie Carter, mother of Catherine Metzger, recovering from recent illness; Myra Emanuele, recovering from surgery; Joan McCaffery, friend of Diana Keane, as her health declines; Clif, husband of Paula Prehn, as he continues chemo; Selena, friend of Susan Hooper, to clear her lungs; Marcia Hughes' brother, Ed Regelski, who has a mass on his kidney & other health issues; Sue Foster's sister-in-law, in a coma; Bryan & Erin Ames' cousins, Justin & Kristina Preston, after a house fire; the Huffine's friend who was burned in an accident; Suzi Merial's brother, Tom Jarrell, recovering from surgery; Kevin Marr's mother hospitalized; Rick Campbell, cousin of Steve Edwards, beginning 2nd round of chemo; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Kayla & Riley, friends of Theresa Jones, beginning their married life; the possibility of a 'missed diagnosis.'





WEDNESDAY Night Alive

Dinner 5:30-6:15PM // Music Ministry // Classes 6:30-7:30PM

April 15 - May 6

Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, fellowship, and fun.

Dinner Menu

Homemade, high-quality dinners will be served Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:15PM with themed activities for the kids. Sign up on Sundays, online, or by calling the Church office at 919-554-8109. Cost is \$6/adults & youth 11 and older, \$3/children ages 5-10, children under 5 free (\$22 family max).

- April 15: Sloppy Joe's, macaroni & cheese, and salad. Served with cupcakes for dessert.
- April 22 - Spring Fling: Hot dogs/hamburgers, baked beans, macaroni and potato salads. Served with watermelon for desert. *See page 5 of this newsletter for details of this special night of family fun.*
- April 29: Baked ham, mashed potatoes, corn, fresh spring beans, and salad. Served with cake for desert.
- May 6: Spaghetti with sausage and meatballs. Italian ices for desert.

MUSIC MINISTRY

5:45pm-6:30pm; **Children's Choir**
6:00pm-6:30pm; **Youth Handbells**
6:30pm-7:30pm; **Adult Handbells**
7:45pm-9:15pm; **Senior Choir**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

6:30-7:30PM
Nursery (0-2 yrs) in the Nursery
Kids Connect (3-K yrs) in the Nursery
Kingdom Kids (1&2 Grades) in the Preschool
FLASH (3&4 Grades) in the Children's Center

ADULT STUDIES

6:30-7:30PM

A variety of classes are offered designed to instruct, feed, and challenge an individual's heart, mind, and soul. The two classes offered are:
Hymns That Shape Our Faith &
Let's Talk About Marriage with the Hummels

YOUTH MINISTRY

6:30-7:30PM

Confirmation Group (Older Group & Second Year)
Adult Education Floor
Confirmation Group (First Year)
Meet in Small Groups
Middles School (7&8 Grades) in the Youth Center
High School (9-12 Grades) meets on Sunday Nights

LCEF WEEKEND

April 25 & 26, 2015; Before & After Services

Hope Lutheran Church has its mortgages through Lutheran Church Extension Funds (LCEF), which provides us with competitive rates. As members we have the opportunity to support LCEF.

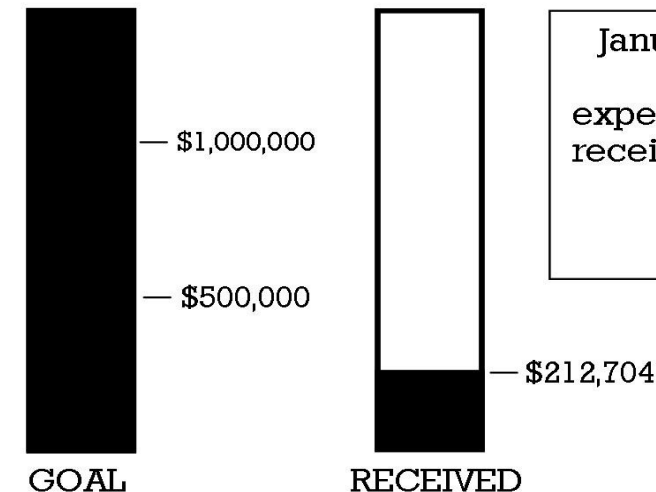
Investments in LCEF serve a dual purpose: to earn a competitive rate of return for investors and to provide customized loans and support to LCMS ministries that seek to build God's kingdom. Your dollars (invested or gifted) earn the "ministry dividend," the benefit of knowing that the funds help ministries fulfill the Great Commission. You can learn more about LCEF and pick up investment materials at our LCEF Weekend in April. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill Seaman at wseaman@bellsouth.net.

CELEBRATING MARCH GIFTS & GIVERS

| Weekly Services | Attendance | Offerings | Special Gifts |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| February 18, 2015 | 111 | \$367.00 | Alms Fund: \$25.00 |
| February 25, 2015 | 127 | \$957.35 | Building Fund: \$445.00 |
| February 28-March 1, 2015 | 473 (148, 130, 195) | \$15,938.20 | Brown Bag Ministry: \$59.00 |
| March 4, 2014 | 195 | \$895.00 | |
| March 7-8, 2015 | 718 (155, 183, 380) | \$26,253.24 | Thrivent Choice: \$1,102.00 |
| March 11, 2015 | 160 | \$928.40 | |
| March 14-15, 2015 | 738 (158, 228, 352) | \$22,722.65 | |
| March 18, 2015 | 170 | \$938.00 | |
| March 21-22, 2015 | 764 (170, 260, 334) | \$18,939.76 | |

2015 TOTAL GIVING (Regular Offerings + Campaign Gifts)

\$1,429,121



ACTION PLAN FOR EVERY MEMBER OF HOPE

PRAY MORE
to strengthen the
Lord's ministry in
our church!

PARTICIPATE MORE
in ministry programs
and activities at
Hope, if you are
able to!

CONTRIBUTE MORE
to strengthen the
Lord's ministry at
Hope, if you are
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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), Angela Whitted (Secretary), Kelly Slaybaugh, Rodger Fulbright, Rob Petersilge, Jeff Vukovich, Susan Hooper, Joe Hummel, Terry Murphy, Mike Siderio, and Tracie White.*

Ministry Staff:

Rev. Wayne Puls.....**Senior Pastor**
Rev. Lew Upchurch.....**Associate Pastor**
Rev. Larry R. Lineberger.....**Assistant to the Pastor**
Rev. Preston Wagner.....**Pastor Emeritus**
Krista Young.....**Director of Christian Ed. & Youth Ministry**
Beth Agner.....**Director of Christian Ed. & Children’s Ministry**
Shannon Janosko.....**Parish Administrator**
Amy Elder.....**Communications Coordinator**
Jan McCluskey.....**Bookkeeper**
Carlin O’Brien.....**Receptionist/Office Asst.**
Steve Ebberts.....**Facilities Manager**
Paul Hieter.....**Evening Receptionist/Office Asst.**
Rob Varner.....**Organist and Choir Director**
Kathy Vockeroth.....**Hand Bell Choir Director**
Joe Walters, Michael Case, Ray Sharpstene.....**Praise Team**
Regina Fisher.....**Preschool Director**
Angela Baker.....**Preschool Administrative Assistant**
Carolina Bloom, Sara Cutler, Jennifer DeMarco, Susan Kennedy, Jamie Pless, and Fran Sowisdral, Deborah Burns, Lisa Dotson, Ronny Burman, Amanda DeCilles, Regina Fisher, Nikki Helmers, Stephanie Fowler, Christine Murphy, Amber Perry, Renee Pfendler, Carolyn Rathje, Cathy Sandfort, Jen Swearingen, & Suzanne Whiting.....**Teachers**
Billie Kay Roland.....**Xplore Program Director**
Bonnie Petersilge, Kelly Friend, Melissa Replogle, Natasha Hoyle, Leah Wishert & Kyrstin Draney**Xplore Staff**
Erin Ames, Lauren Hugelmaier, Julie Gundry, Cynthia Leonard, Heleen Bloomer, Carly Turman, Angie Meyer, Melissa Replogle, & Kathy Dipillo**Nursery Attendants**
Erin Ames.....**Little Blessings Director**
Holly Bruck, Cynthia Leonard, Marlene Spencer, & Lindsay Mitchell.....**Little Blessings Staff**

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