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Christmas



HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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HOPE'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

WORSHIP SERVICES

ADVENT SERMON SERIES – PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S COMING

Wednesdays, November 30 & December 7 at 7:00PM

Saturday & Sunday Mornings, November 26-December 18

Joseph, Mary, the Bethlehemites, the shepherds, and the angels were all there when Jesus was born. Each had different perspectives and reactions, not only to the actual birth, but what that blessed event would ultimately mean for them. What wisdom can we gain from the perspective of those present? What can we learn from them? During this season of Advent, we will join those closest to Jesus' birth with the hope that their experiences will enhance our own understanding as we prepare for the Lord's coming.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – SHEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00PM

The annual Christmas pageant is “baa-aa-aack,” presenting a story of Jesus' birth by the children of Hope. Everyone is invited to see this high-spirited, yet meaningful, look at Christmas. For details, see page 16 of this newsletter.

CHORAL CANTATA

Sunday, December 11 at 8:30 & 11:00AM

The Cantata, “Journey To The Manger,” will be presented on Sunday, December 11 during the 8:30 & 11:00AM worship services by the Senior Choir.

CAROL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, December 18 at 8:30 & 11:00AM

A traditional Sunday service containing well-known Christmas carols, Advent and Nativity Bible readings, and Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 24; 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00PM

Christmas Eve at Hope Lutheran Church celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with 5 different-styled services to meet your worship needs. You're invited to worship with Hope this Christmas Eve!

- **Children's Christmas Services – 3:00PM & 5:00PM.** This service is designed for younger children and families with lots of interaction, songs, and humor.
- **Family Candlelight Services – 7:00PM & 9:00PM.** This family service contains a Children's Message, Christmas hymns, and the Nursery is provided for children ages 0-2 for the 7:00PM service.
- **Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Holy Communion - 11:00PM.** This traditional late service contains Christmas hymns, candlelight, and Holy Communion. Pre-service Christmas music begins at 10:30PM.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 25; 10:00AM

There will be one service on December 25 at 10:00AM and will include the celebration of Holy Communion. Please note there will be no Nursery or Sunday School.

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE



ALTAR CARE CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Deck the Halls... at Hope! Altar Care Christmas Decorating will take place on **Saturday, December 3 at 9:00AM** by Altar Care volunteers, assisted by the Men of Hope. All are welcome to come help prepare Hope for the Holy season. The team will undecorate on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 9:30AM.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will adorn the chancel and windows at Hope. They may be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex in December. The cost is \$10 each with checks payable to Hope, earmarked "poinsettias." The poinsettias may be taken home after the 10:00AM Christmas Day Service.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE OUTREACH

Angel Tree Begins: Saturday, December 3

Gifts Due at Hope: Sunday, December 11

Each year Hope Lutheran Church adopts families in need for Christmas. Gift and food donations are delivered to these families for the holiday. This year we have a shorter timeline to meet the requests from Social Services, so all gifts need to be at Hope Lutheran by Sunday, December 11, the family boxes will be in the Narthex on December 5.

To participate, select an Angel ornament from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. The request from a family member will be on the front of the angel and specific instructions for the gift return will be on the back. The families are so appreciative of what we do for them. Contact Bette Barrett at 919-554-4951 if you would like to help distribute gifts.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

December 11 after the 11:00AM service on the Adult Education Floor, room 301

'Tis the season of special gatherings and Christmas cheer, a time to get busy baking; Hope's Cookie Exchange is near. An afternoon full of laughter and friends; with plenty of homemade cookies and bars, to take home in the end!

Come join in the fun, fellowship, and cookies! Bring your favorite Christmas cookies (4 dozen in packages of six) to exchange for some other great cookies. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Nancy Repak at 919-279-3801 or kapernan@gmail.com. Don't forget to bring a few copies of your recipe and few extra cookies to share!

THE LIVE NATIVITY

Saturday, December 10 at 6:30PM and Sunday, December 11 at 7:00PM

Mark your calendar for a live, in-person presentation of the Christmas story here at Hope. The Bible story of Christ's birth will be shared on a child-friendly level. Saturday's Live Nativity will take place immediately following the worship service, and Sunday's performance will follow the Children's Ministry event. Each presentation will be approximately 30 minutes long. Refreshments will be served. All of Hope's families and friends are welcome! Cookies are also needed, please sign up in the Narthex.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

January 4 - February 22
5:30 – 6:15: Dinner
5:30 – 6:30: Youth Praise Team
5:30 – 5:50: Chimers
5:50 – 6:25: Children's Choir
6:00 – 6:30: Youth Handbells
6:30-7:45: Adult Handbell Choir
6:30 – 7:30: Children, Youth,
and Adult Education
7:45 – 9:15: Senior Choir

PASTOR PULS' MESSAGE... HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

What a great day that must have been, twenty years ago! Hope's first-ever worship service was held in December 1996, and I'm told that a joyful, exciting spirit filled the Stone Chapel on Wake Forest's Main Street. Like most of you who are reading this, I was not present that day. I am deeply thankful, though, for Pastor Preston Wagner and for every single person who was singing, praying, and worshipping, Lutheran-style, in the brand-new congregation that day.

Did any of them know, twenty years ago, what their little mission church would become? Could any of them have guessed just how many people, like you and me, would have their lives changed and blessed as a result of the steps of faith taken by those folks who started a Lutheran church in Wake Forest?

Whether you were present that day or not, here's the chief and primary thing that we can all celebrate at Hope's twentieth anniversary. God was present at that first-ever worship service! The Lord was working in that little Stone Chapel that day, and he has been working in our church every single day since. Our congregation has grown and grown, and our ministry has been flourishing for twenty years -- and all the glory goes to God! His hand of blessing and his powerful Spirit have done wonderful, amazing things at Hope Lutheran Church.

We are truly and richly blessed, as a twenty-year old congregation. We look back with thanks, and we look forward with joy! None of us know precisely what's next for Hope, and exactly what the next twenty years will bring. But we do know that God is here with us today: active, constantly at work, providing ministry opportunities, sharing his gifts generously, and shepherding his people. So even as we celebrate twenty years of Hope Lutheran Church with grateful thanks, we carry on as God's servants with expectant joy! Happy Anniversary!



Pastor Wayne Puls
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20th
ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATE HOPE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY



WEEKEND SERVICES

December 3 & 4; all services

Every member of Hope, along with members of the community, are encouraged to join in giving thanks to God as we celebrate our congregation's 20th Anniversary at our worship services on the weekend of December 3 & 4, 2016.

SPECIAL ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration, all are invited to spend some time Sunday morning, from 9:45-10:45AM, with the man who started it all -- Pastor Wagner! In addition to sharing his pictures and recent videos, Pastor Wagner will also answer your questions. Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, you are invited to learn more about the amazing history of Hope Lutheran Church!

NEW FAMILY SERVICE

We'll also be kicking off the new Family Service, in the Children's Center, beginning at 10:49AM on December 4.

Why a new service at Hope? For 20 years, Hope has been committed to bringing people to Christ. That remains our mission, in everything we do. Providing this new worship service is one important way for Hope to continue to help more families in our congregation and in our community come to know Jesus Christ.

Want to help get this new Family Service off the ground? Volunteers are needed in all areas. Speak to one of the pastors, or call the church office, if you want to be a hands-on part of this exciting new mission venture at Hope.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OFFERING: YEAR-END APPEAL

You are invited to be part of our congregation's special 2016 Year-End Appeal. If you have been blessed this year, and are able to make an extra contribution before the year's end, you can help keep your church moving forward. Your gift can be designated to one of these specific, important ministry areas.

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| † Wi-fi Access for Campus
benefit youth ministry, children's ministry, worship, adult education, confirmation | \$2,500 needed |
| † Children's Center AV/Sound/Storage Upgrades
improve worship, congregational events, children's ministry | \$16,500 needed |
| † Outreach Mailing to 3000 New Local Homeowners
help invite families to come to know Christ at Hope | \$1,000 needed |
| † New Preschool Toddler Playground
assist Hope's preschool in reaching families for Christ | \$5,000 needed |
| † Monthly Mortgage Principal Payment
pay down long-term debt for Hope's excellent ministry facilities | \$15,000 needed |
| † General Gift
support the overall mission of the congregation | always needed |

THANK YOU FROM THE NIFTY NEEDLEWORKERS OF HOPE

Thanks to all who supported our recent Nifty Needleworkers of Hope craft sale. We collected around \$1,300, most of which will be donated to the various ministries at Hope. Praise the Lord!

Congratulations to Carol Miksa and Lynn Bierlein, who won the large quilts and to Sophie Hummel who won the smaller quilt.

If you would like more information about our group and what we do, please contact Betty McAlear at bmcalear@nc.rr.com or call 919-554-9081.

New members are always welcome!



ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45am; Visitors welcome!

**Please note, there will be no classes on December 25, 2016 or January 1, 2017.*

HOPE'S HISTORY HOUR

December 4, 2016 (one session only)

Leader: Pastor Wagner

Location: Adult Education floor, room 301

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of Hope's first worship service on December 4th, all are invited to spend some time during the adult education hour with the man who started it all -- Pastor Wagner! In addition to sharing his pictures and recent videos, Pastor Wagner will also answer your questions. Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, you are invited to learn more about the amazing history of Hope Lutheran Church!

THE REAL ST. NICK

December 11, 2016 (one session only)

Leader: Pastor Lew

Location: Adult Education floor, room 301

Next to Jesus Christ, St. Nicholas or Santa Claus, as we know him in western culture, is the most visible figure during the holidays. Dating back to the third century, St. Nick is attributed with many benevolent and charitable acts of kindness and generosity. In the end what St. Nick has set down for us all is a lifestyle of service and going the distance for the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE INCARNATION

December 18, 2016 (one session only)

Leader: Pastor Lew

Location: Adult Education floor, room 301

The eternal Son of God takes on human flesh and is born of a virgin. It's the Incarnation and what Christmas is all about! You are invited to take a closer look at the beginning of Jesus' story, and see how his story gives us confidence that each of our own stories will reach its happy conclusion.

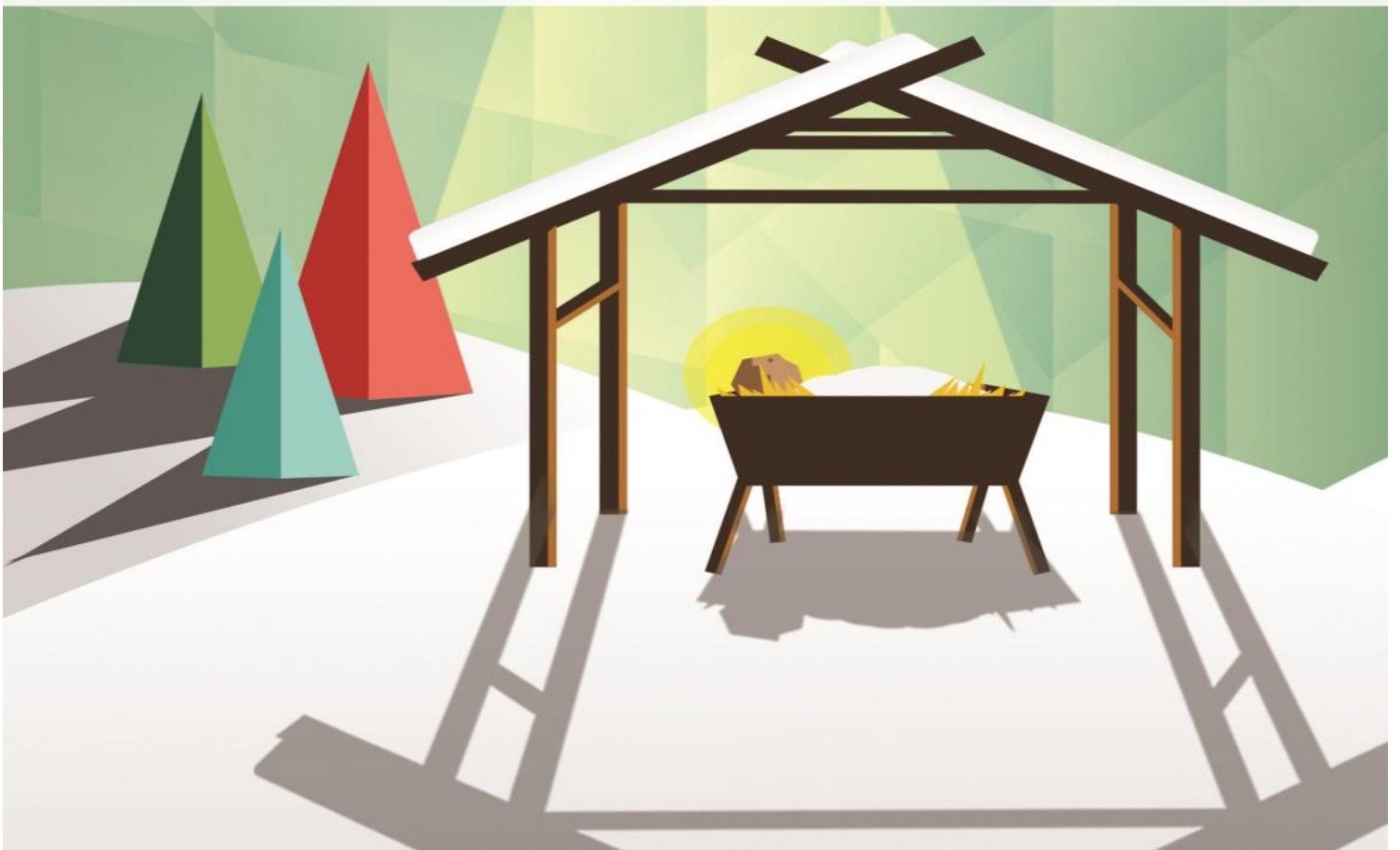


LIVE NATIVITY



**Saturday, December 10 at 6:30PM or
Sunday, December 11 at 7:00PM**

Join Hope's annual tradition of the Live Nativity! The Bible story of Christ's birth will be shared on a child-friendly level and will last approximately 30 minutes. Refreshments will be served - friends and neighbors invited!





New Small Group Coming to Hope!

What is your #1 priority?

*Having a personal
relationship to God?*

Your marriage?

Raising up your children?

In the world we live today there are so many distractions; so many responsibilities. Who hasn't wondered if they are living up to their God-given responsibilities and relationships? This small group is for parents of school aged children, pre-school to college. We will support each other while studying God's Word and learn how his Word should direct our marriages, our families, and our priorities.

6:30-8:00PM at Hope

**Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month
(childcare available)**

Led by Vicar Mark Moretz and Bill Hodsden

To get involved, sign up at the Welcome Desk
in the Narthex or email Vicar Mark at
mmoretz@hopelutheranwf.org.



COUPLES EVENT AT HOPE... THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING MARRIAGE WORK

January 12, 2017; Cost is \$30/couple

Start the new year off dedicating an evening to your marriage!

Join local Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Shelly Hummel and Carole Cullen, as they lead an exciting and informative session for couples based on the book, *The Seven Principles for Making Relationships Work* by John Gottmann. The night will be an overview of all the principles and designed to encourage couples to work together, normalize conflict, and provide research-based, tangible ways to strengthen relationships. Each registered couple will receive a copy of the book and dinner. Childcare will be available.

Registration is now open at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

Questions? Contact Pastor Lew at lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org or call 919-554-8109.



OFFICE NOTES...

2017 FLOWER CHART

The 2017 Flower Chart is located on the wall in the church office hallway. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$45.00 with checks earmarked "flowers."

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The **Church office** will be closed on December 23, December 26 and January 2, 2017. The **Preschool** will be closed on December 19 - January 3, 2017. **Xplore Track Out Camp** will be closed December 26 - January 3, 2017. **Little Blessings** will be closed December 19-January 3, 2017.

MOVED? CHANGE EMAILS?

Have you moved? Changed your email? Please contact Amy Elder at aelder@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109 with any changes to your family's contact information.

YEAR-END GIFTS

All gifts must be **postmarked or received** by Thursday, December 31, 2016 in order to be included in your 2016 year-end record of giving. Please complete your pledges by the end of the year. If you have questions about your giving, contact Jan McCluskey at 919-554-8109 or jmclluskey@hopelutheranwf.org. Thank you for all your gifts and contributions in 2016!

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your envelopes for 2017 will be mailed to you on a monthly basis. Watch for your January set of envelopes toward the end of December. If you do not currently receive envelopes, and would like to begin, please contact Jan McCluskey at 919-554-8109 or jmclluskey@hopelutheranwf.org.

Electronic giving options are available at Hope, as well. Please contact the church office if we can help you in any way.

CARDS AT HOPE

BRIDGE GROUP

December 12 at 1:00PM

Our next meeting will be the annual cookie exchange event, so please bring 2 or 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share. They can be homemade or purchased. We will enjoy them while we play and then have enough left so that everyone can go home with a plate of goodies.

Contact Betty McAlear at 919-554-9081 or bmcalear@nc.rr.com if you plan to come.

PINOCHLE GROUP

December 5 & 19 at 1:00PM at Hope

Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or darmckenney@embarqmail.com or Peggy Koehler if you plan to play.

All skill levels welcome!

PRIMETIMER EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11 at 6:00PM

Andy and Bette Barrett will host the annual Primetimer Christmas Party at their home. All PrimeTimers are invited to attend. Please contact Andy and Bette to let them know you are attending and what you are bringing, at andy27609@yahoo.com or 919-554-4951.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

December 15 at 6:00PM; Cost is \$9 for seniors

Join the fun at Hill Ridge Farms for a wagon ride through the farm enjoying the Christmas Light display. Dress warm! Hill Ridge Farms is located at 703 Tarboro Rd., Youngsville. If you plan on attending, contact Paul & Renee Hieter at phieter@nc.rr.com or 919-562-3775.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

December 12 (time TBD)

The PrimeTimers will attend the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the historic Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh. Afterwards, the group will have lunch at the State Farmer's Market. Contact Conrad and Lynda Watson at 919-761-1587 or watson.lynda@gmail.com for directions to the cemetery and times.

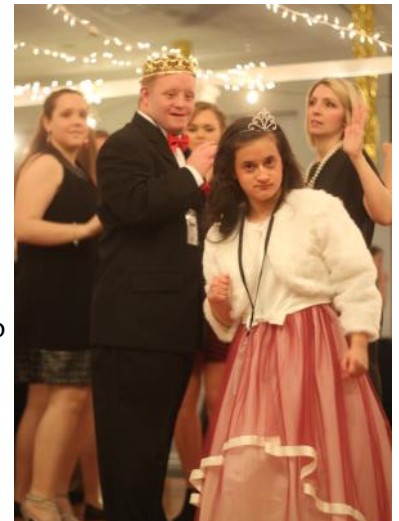
NIGHT TO SHINE 2017

Save the Date: February 10, 2017 from 6:00-9:00PM

Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is a wonderful Prom event that celebrates God's love for people with special needs. Last year 44 churches in 26 states and 3 countries participated. Hope was the only Lutheran church on the list. Worldwide, there were 15,000 volunteers and 7,000 honored guests joining together to celebrate. WOW!

Hope Lutheran will be a host site again, and plans will be beginning soon! If you would like to be a part of the planning team, please contact Shannon Janosko at sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org.

Please mark your calendar to volunteer during the event. Volunteers are needed to host guests, work a station, and set/clean up. Volunteer registration will begin in late December, watch the bulletin for specific dates and volunteer opportunities.



OUTREACH & MISSION MINISTRIES

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Saturday, December 10 at 9:00AM

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. All volunteers 12 and older are asked to meet at Hope. Orange vests, gloves and water provided. Questions? Contact Jeff Vukovich at 919-556-9174 or jeff.vukovich@gmail.com.

TRI-AREA MINISTRY FOOD DONATIONS

The Feeding the Faith Small Group collects non-perishables for Tri-Area Ministry Food Pantry, which provides food for the needy in the community. In December, the food collection is **canned meat and/or instant mashed potatoes**. Please support Tri-Area by placing your nonperishable donations in the donation bin in Café.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Start your year off trying something new...volunteers are needed on all Saturday and Sunday services. Please contact Carlin O'Brien at 919-554-8109 or cobrien@hopelutheranwf.org. It takes many folks to make the weekend services run smoothly.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

A **huge thank you** to youth ministry and preschool families for your donations to the Thanksgiving Dinner project. We were able to serve 25 families a full Thanksgiving meal!

Join us on Saturday, December 17 at 11:00AM to make and deliver lunches to area families in need. The group is usually finished about 1:00PM and all ages are welcome. Questions? Contact Nancy Repak at kapernan@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have volunteered with the many opportunities for local Outreach in 2016 on behalf of Hope Lutheran Church. There are many needs in the community and I encourage all Hope's members to step up to serve ... Hope's outreach service does make a difference in the community! Please contact me if you learn of other opportunities for Hope to serve.
Shannon Janosko, Outreach Coordinator

HOPECHEST THANK YOU

HopeChest Ministry offers free clothing and small housewares to the community each quarter. The ministry depends on donations and volunteers from Hope members. Thanks to generous donations and many volunteers the ministry touched the lives of many people in the community in 2016!

Mark your calendars for the next HopeChest event scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2017. Our first HopeChest of the new year will be clothing and housewares.



HABITAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Habitat will partner with community churches to have a **MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 16**. We will gather at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church at 8:15 AM and then will be divided into groups to work on a few home preservation projects and to finish the Hope House Pavilion. We will regroup for lunch at Olive Branch and then have a powerful MLK worship service together. After the service, we will return to the construction sites to finish our projects. Thanks to Rev. Rawlinson for planning the worship service and allowing us to utilize the church this day. The link is now open for volunteer registration <http://vhub.at/MLKdayofservice>.

SPRING BUILD

Plans are being made for a new construction project starting April 1 in Wake Forest. Sign up link for this build is <http://vhub.at/northernwake>. If you are interested in learning more contact Shannon Jansoko, sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Hope was privileged to welcome 43 people (26 adults, 17 children and youth) into our congregation this fall. If you see a new face, introduce yourself and welcome them to Hope!



Allgaier: Eric, Lisa, Sofie, Elayna



Bedford: Sam, Brittany



Cressman: Bryn, Jamie, Aubrey, & Austin



Davies: Ken, Heather, Jacob, Andrew



Eisenhuth: Richard, Beverly



Harris, Billy



Hendrickson: Robert, Emily, Roman



Holley: Jake, Kori, Ava, Emma



Ikerd: Scott, Amy, Kendall, Caden



Lance: Mitch, Barb, Ben, David, Lizzie



Lindeman: Nathan, Ashley, Grayson, Hunter



Mesner: Kathryn



Moss: David, Riley



Parsons: William, Darlene



Purcell: Victoria



TOUCHED BY HOPE 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, November 5, 2016 the buildings of Hope Lutheran Church were transformed into a free medical/dental clinic for the sixth year in a row! In addition to offering free medical and dental care, Touched By Hope had a huge clothing closet, food pantry, children's books, a warm meal, haircuts, family photos, manicures, facials and prayer partners for over 200 guests and their families. **Thank you!!**

The clinic services were free to guests, financially supported through donations and a t-shirt fundraiser. Additionally, many organizations donated money, materials, or services of some kind. To see a list of all of the supporting sponsors and donors, please visit Hope's website at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved, Community Outreach." **Thank you!!**

Over 100 volunteers served, along with numerous professionals from our community. Many were blessed to be able to experience God's impact in some very amazing ways - both in meeting the needs of those in our community, and in providing opportunity for the people of Hope Lutheran to be blessed by serving others for his glory. **Thank you!!**

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's event on November 4, 2017.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF

The staff of Hope Lutheran Church and Preschool express our thanks for the privilege of serving and wish everyone a blessed Christmas!

Church Staff

Pastor Puls, Pastor Upchurch,
Pastor Lineberger, Pastor Wagner,
Vicar Moretz, Beth Agner,
Ryker Hampton, Shannon Janosko,
Erin Ames, Jan McCluskey,
Amy Elder, Carlin O'Brien,
Steve Ebberts, Barbara DeMarco,
& Paul Hieter

Music & Media Staff

Rob Varner, Joe Walters,
Kathy Vockeroth, Ray Sharpstene,
Michael Case, & Paul Taylor

Preschool Staff

Regina Fisher, Angela Baker, Fran
Sowisdral, Susan Kennedy, Jamie Pless,
Tara Cook, Sara Cutler, Deborah Burns,
Lisa Dotson, Amanda DeCilles,
Stephanie Fowler, Christine Murphy,
Amber Perry, Stefanie Saba, Jannelle
Pizzola, Denise Christopoulos,
Jill Dillow, Meredith Taylor, Ashely
Font, Suzanne Whiting, Robin
DeSimone, Katherine Neal, Shari
Gerhold, Jean Futrell, & Elizabeth
Walker

Xplore Staff

Kelly Friend, Natasha Hoyle,
Cheyenne Wiggins, Kim Shope,
Rebecca Peel, & Jackie Sherriff

Little Blessings Staff

Angie Meyer, Tonya Watt,
Michelle Buddo, Brianna Evans,
Nikki Smith, Erin Einzig, Cheyenne
Wiggins, & Lisa Upchurch

Nursery Staff

Lauren Phelps, Carly Turman,
Nikki Smith, Renee Pfendler,
Crystal Bright, & Ashley Allred



YOUTH EVENTS

Youth ministry at Hope Lutheran focuses on friendships, faith, and service. See below for all the exciting events in December, remember, friends are always welcome!!

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **NO Sunday school** on December 25, 2016 or January 1, 2017.
- **Wednesday Night Alive begins on January 4, 2017.** Mark your calendars for Wednesdays full of dinner, fun, and classes for children, youth, and adults.
- **December Youth Group Schedules:**
 - * **Confirmation Classes** will meet November 30 & December 7, break for Christmas and resume meeting on January 4, 2017.
 - * **7-8 Grade Wednesday Youth Nights** will meet on December 7 & 14, break for Christmas and resume meeting on January 4, 2017.
 - * **High School Sunday Youth Nights** will meet on December 4, 11, & 18, break for Christmas and resume meeting on January 8, 2017.



THANK YOU FROM BROWN BAG MINISTRY!!

Brown Bag Saturday was a day of smiles for the unexpected! All of the families that received all the fixings for a Thanksgiving Dinner were so appreciative. Please extend our thanks to the many youth and their families that made it possible. You could see all was done for the glory of God by the abundance of food made available. Thank you again from the Brown Bag Ministry.



Dear Hope Families,

Merry Christmas! I just wanted to take a quick moment and thank everyone who has helped to make me feel so welcomed here at Hope. So very sincerely I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas! If you've been involved in the Youth programs since I've been here, I've really enjoyed getting to know you. If you haven't been around for a little while, then I'd love to meet you. Come on out to one of the Christmas parties! They'll be a great opportunity to meet some people and have fun.

Merry Christmas!

Ryker Hampton

Youth Ministry Intern



Christmas Parties!

5 & 6 Grade Christmas Blow Out!

December 9 from 6:30-8:00PM

Are you in the 5 & 6 grade? Are you ready for some Christmas cheer? Then we have the party for you! On Friday, December 9 we'll get together for Christmas games, quizzes, and prizes. No need to signup, just bring your holiday spirit!

7 & 8 Grade Christmas Lock-In

December 2 at 7PM – 8AM; cost \$5/person

Silent Night...Not Tonight! Come and find out how candy canes, ornaments, and little sleep will put you in the holiday spirit. Bring a wrapped wacky white elephant* gift (under \$10), register online at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

High School Christmas Shindig

December 11 from 6:30-8:00PM

It's the most wonderful time of the year and the High School group is celebrating. On December 11 at 6:30 we'll meet in the Youth Center to help start the season. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift* (\$15 limit) for the annual Christmas exchange! There's no need to register, friends welcome.

** The premise of a white elephant party is that you show up with one totally useless, wacky gift and go home with something equally useless and funny. The stranger, the better.*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS & NEWS

CALENDAR ITEMS

- **NO Sunday school on December 25, 2016 or January 1, 2017.** In order to give all families and teachers a much needed break, there will be no children or youth Sunday School classes.
- **Wednesday Night Alive begins on January 4, 2017.** Mark your calendars for Wednesdays full of dinner, fun, and classes for children, youth, and adults.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24 at 3:00PM & 5:00PM

Come and join us for special services geared just for kids and kids at heart! These services are designed for younger children and families with lots of interaction, songs, and humor.

KINGDOM KIDS' & FLASH —CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11 from 4:30-7:00PM

Join us for crafts, games, and caroling in our annual Kingdom Kid's (1-2 grades) and FLASH (3-4 grades) Christmas Party. There is no cost for this event! Dinner WILL be served as many kids will be coming straight from Christmas Pageant practice. **Also PLEASE make sure your kids are dressed for the COLD weather.** We will be caroling after the sun has set and it will be cold!! Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, under "Get Involved, Children."



2016 Christmas Pageant Sheep In Heavenly Peace

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00PM

The annual Christmas pageant is "baa-aa-aack," presenting a story of Jesus' birth from the point of view of the Woolton family. They are tasked with the assignment of controlling the abundance of sheep, as they come face-to-face with the angel Gabriel, a sky full of the Heavenly Host, and the Good Shepherd, Jesus!



Wishing you love, cheer, and a Happy New Year from Xplore!

'Tis the season to be jolly!! This month is full of fun art projects, fitness-related classes, and celebrating Christmas! The weekly themes and descriptions for December are as follows:

Xplore Art Studio II (December, 5-9)
Fun, Fitness, Frenzy (December, 12-16)
A Holly Jolly Christmas (December, 19-23)

We have a variety of discount options available such as church member, refer-a-friend, sibling, and consecutive week. Don't forget about our extended care options!
For more information, check us out at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

Signup for Parents' Night Out on December, 9 from 6-10PM. The theme is "Holiday Workshop" and campers will be staying warm and cozy by wearing their PJ'S, drinking hot chocolate, and watching the Polar Express on the BIG SCREEN!!

HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

The Preschool children will present their Christmas Program "*Jump For Joy - Celebrate Christmas*" to their families December 15 & 16 at 9:30AM.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The Preschool will be closed for the holidays beginning **Monday, December 19 through Monday, January 2**. All classes resume on **Tuesday, January 3**.

FALL 2017 REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall 2017 will begin mid-January. We offer half day and full day options for ages 2 to 5. Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org to learn more about the different classes. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, for the following groups and dates:

- **Hope Members** – Tuesday, January 17 at 8:30AM (this is the ONLY date to receive priority registration as a Church Member.)
- **Currently Enrolled/Siblings** – Wednesday & Thursday, January 18 & 19 at 8:30AM.
- **Community** – Friday, January 20 at 8:00AM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Taylor Elkins, 12/1
Henry Lumpkin, 12/1
Reese Phillips, 12/1
Kelcey Rogers, 12/1
Linda Turman, 12/1
Lauren Edwards, 12/2
Samantha Hardee, 12/2
Melissa van Rensburg, 12/2
Richard Wood Jr., 12/2
Kate Zwickis, 12/2
Beth Agner, 12/3
Robb Dussault, 12/3
Jacob Gundry, 12/3
Jody Harris, 12/3
Jack Kannan, 12/3
Sue Seaman, 12/3
Jananne Spencer, 12/3
Harold Haun, 12/4
Frank Henley, 12/4
Patrick Jordan, 12/4
Laura Rom, 12/4
Christiano Torres, 12/4
KariAnne Dills, 12/5
Nancy Hipsman, 12/5
Stephanie Hollembach, 12/5
Gianna Loschiavo, 12/5
Brodie O'Donnell, 12/5
Kirsten Kusy, 12/6
Christopher Long, 12/6
Charlie Melhinch, 12/6
Brian Obiedzinski, 12/6
Laura Sprague, 12/6
Bill Atti, 12/7
Michael Cesar, 12/7
Ian Christine, 12/8
Janet Gagnon, 12/8
Grayson Lindeman, 12/8
Anya Marr, 12/8

Paige Shope, 12/8
Peyton Womble, 12/8
Rob Ellison, 12/9
Shannon Janosko, 12/9
Dick Richardson, 12/9
Jessica Steinmiller, 12/9
Graham Wagner, 12/9
Elaine Willers, 12/9
Michelle Cerniauskas, 12/10
Hilda Parler, 12/10
Beverly Parmelee, 12/10
Tom Readling, 12/10
Brian Harris, 12/11
Bill Wellnitz, 12/11
Diane Parker, 12/12
James Pfeil, 12/12
Ephram Arner, 12/13
Wayne Bradley, 12/13
Corey Garrity, 12/13
Sherri Hall, 12/13
Annabelle Hunter, 12/13
Allen Kannan, 12/13
Conner Morris, 12/13
Emma Olson, 12/13
Jake Phetteplace, 12/13
Linda Wellnitz, 12/13
Mary Jane Haske, 12/14
Mollie Krehnke, 12/14
Bill Turman, 12/14
Joshua Dickens II, 12/15
Andrew Dubiel, 12/15
Joshua Hutton, 12/15
Jan McCluskey, 12/15
Kathy Pickens, 12/15
Cindy Schaffer, 12/15
Bill Seaman, 12/15
Eric Swenson, 12/15
Sandra Turgeon, 12/15
Josh Hederick, 12/16
Taylor Rotosky, 12/16
Nadine Lewis, 12/17
Noah West, 12/17

Harper O'Neill, 12/18
Shelly Rotosky, 12/18
Tony Wagner, 12/18
Zachary Bilyj, 12/19
Seth Hall, 12/19
Sam Jones III, 12/19
Ryan Moran, 12/19
John Morrow, 12/19
Kenneth Siegel, 12/19
Dillon Weidner, 12/19
Ben Wester, 12/19
Jerry Alvis, 12/20
Peyton Faris, 12/20
Lauren Garrett, 12/20
Spencer Jones, 12/20
Jim Markworth, 12/20
Erin Mecum, 12/20
Kim Nugent, 12/20
Daniel Young, 12/20
Carol Angus, 12/21
Caydence Barker, 12/21
Lindsay Fisher, 12/21
Tara Martin, 12/21
Kara Mlakar, 12/21
Christine Murphy, 12/21
Bob Nielsen, 12/21
Bill Carter, 12/22
Myla Lambert, 12/22
Tonya Nease, 12/22
Kade Sudheimer, 12/22
Jena Hoh, 12/23
Max Holly, 12/23
Fran Najdecki, 12/23
Trevor Rush, 12/23
Sarah Buddo, 12/24
Carla Fuller, 12/24
Tommy Steinmiller, 12/24
Hannah Stroot, 12/24
Cole Cooke, 12/25
Nicole Cooke, 12/25
Mandy Montague, 12/25
Erin Barker, 12/26

Lidia Cullen, 12/26
Auden Lindberg, 12/26
Georgianna Rasmussen, 12/26
Dan Baker, 12/27
Luis Fondo, 12/27
Jerry Garlington, 12/27
Robert Gehring, 12/27
Peggy Ilich, 12/27
Jeremy Moran, 12/27
Grace Niesel, 12/27
Sean Roy, 12/27
Debra Verny, 12/27
John Pates, 12/28
Nick Rotosky, 12/28
Wick Smith, 12/28
Luke Tine, 12/28
Dylan Wilcox, 12/28
Bentley Agner, 12/29
Alex DiMartino, 12/29
Elizabeth Henley, 12/29
Katie Malone, 12/29
Teri Mortensen, 12/29
Bonnie Petersilge, 12/29
Lynn Bierlein, 12/30
Joel DeCilles, 12/30
Henell Esliker, 12/30
Brooke Koehler, 12/30
Reid Sudheimer, 12/30
Beth Webb, 12/30
Gretchen Bradley, 12/31
Josh Ellis, 12/31
Myra Emanuele, 12/31
Carroll Hortman, 12/31
Kyndra Lawson, 12/31
Bob Moore, 12/31
Isabelle Upchurch, 12/31
Kinsley Young, 12/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Bill & Ann Jasper, 12/2
Tim & Kathy Stroupe, 12/3
Rob & Kathy Bailey, 12/6
Mark & Sharon Gipner, 12/14
Chris & Cathy Smith, 12/17
Bill & Deborah Winiewicz, 12/17
David & Diane Lynn, 12/18
Mike & Jenny Farmer, 12/19
Jeff & Beth Lasater, 12/21
Rhonda & Brett Parker, 12/21
David & Mollie Krehnke, 12/24
Frank & Elizabeth Henley, 12/26

Ron & Barbara Beltran, 12/27
Matt & Mary Hitzeman, 12/28
Michael & Brenda Kris, 12/28
Dick & Elaine Kruger, 12/28
Bill & Sue Seaman, 12/28
Frank & Eileen Dreier, 12/29
Darren & Tammy Dunne, 12/29
Stuart & Cathy Shless, 12/29
David & Kati Zick, 12/29
Brenda & Dave Mondok, 12/30
Russell & Kristen Hayes, 12/31
Joseph & Shelly Hummel, 12/31

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 5-6

Praise and Thanksgiving for... a successful surgery for Hugh McAlear, prayers for continued recovery; **Comfort for...** Chris & Sabrina Mink, and family, grieving the loss of both his parents (and Hope members), Jim and Mary Jane Mink, who died recently; the family and friends of Carson Lindsey, who was killed in an auto accident; the family of Danielle, a classmate of Amanda Jones, who died after a tragic car accident; Nancy Sakowski and family, at the death of her aunt, Candace Cline; **Strength and Healing for...** Truda Graham's daughter, Mary Sprague, who started cancer treatments; Nancy O'Dwyer, family of Norm & Kathy Bell, hospitalized with progressive cancer; Annmarie, daughter of Sandi Ollivier, sister of Cheryl Casale, healing from cancer surgery; a friend in a coma after being in a car accident; a friend undergoing surgery for a tumor; Mike & Rita Kaess' niece, whose newborn son was born with serious health issues; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Allison Bishop, going to Australia this week; communities recovering from the floods of the hurricane.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 12-13

Praise and Thanksgiving for... a successful knee replacement and continued healing; **Comfort for...** the Gundry family at the death of Julie's uncle; the family of Mitch Lance, grieving the death of his brother, Kim Lance; Clifford Floden, Diana Keane's uncle, as he enters hospice; Rob Varner and family as they mourn the loss of his grandfather, Malcom Seaman; the Rolesville family that lost their son in Afghanistan; the family grieving the loss of a godfather and uncle; Elmer Kramer, David Kramer's brother, who has moved to hospice care; the Bowling family as they grieve the loss of Doug Vinsel; **Strength and Healing for...** Ryan Stump, hospitalized and in a coma after a car accident; Kaaren Kayser, hospitalized and recovering; Linda Rathgeber as she continues to heal; Jannie, friend of Debra Frary, hospitalized with pneumonia, among other things; Tyree, an Enloe High School football player, seriously injured during a game; Carol Watson, whose cancer has returned; Dawn Knode, sister-in-law to Bryan and Erin Ames, recently diagnosed with breast cancer, undergoing surgery 11/22; Marty Wallace in ICU at UNC for heart problems; Linda Sebastian, she is having health issues that are confining her to bed; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Viada Criste team & guests gathered at Camp Agape.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 19-20

Praise and Thanksgiving for... Brad Boney's successful surgery; **Comfort for...** the Nielson Family, mourning the loss of their husband/father; the Stump family and friends mourning the loss of Ryan; **Strength and Healing for...** Reggie Williams, hospitalized; Donna Loughry, recovering from foot surgery; Pastor Seaman, having knee surgery; Pam Jay, hospitalized with stomach issues; Sandy Rhodes, friend of the Lewis family, suffering with cancer; Shelby Jaundoo, hospitalized and very ill; Brenda Duensing, as she struggles with health issues; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety**

for... the Hummel's friend, Stig; Those affected by the fires in Western North Carolina; Seth Hall and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed in the middle east; Safe travels home from the women's retreat; the United States; All veterans.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 26-27

Praise and Thanksgiving for... A father's birthday; The gift of motherhood for Anne Hall, 29 years ago; A bountiful Thanksgiving; Mason O'Brien's baptismal birthday; **Comfort for...** Friends of Marcie Rush, the Stokes family, as they mourn the loss of their son; Friends of Rosie Miller, Dick and Becky Martin, grieving the death of her mother, Martha Wismick; David & Pat Kramer and family, as they mourn the loss of David's brother, Elmer Kramer; David Huffine's co-worker, whose mother died last week; Scott Hall and family at the death of his aunt, Gloria Tankersley; **Strength and Healing for...** Brenda Duensing; Aunt who is hospitalized and their family during tough times; Karen Johnson's friends, Hiro Arakawa in a coma and the family of Juana who was killed in an auto accident; Dennis DiMartino's aunt, May Pawelko and continued healing; A spouse dealing with skin cancer; Lee Preston's mother, Carol Preston, struggling with COPD; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Travel mercies for Vicki and John and who are traveling.



Dear Hope Lutheran,
Thank you for all the get well cards and support to include hospital visits and meals following my recent neck surgery. The people of Hope are the source of real compassion and comfort.

Blessings,
Hugh McAlear

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Saturday Celebration Service
5:30PM

Sunday Worship
8:30AM & 11:00AM

Sunday Christian Education Hour
9:45AM

Ministry Leadership Team: Joe Hummel (*chair*), Tracie White (*vice-chair*), Mike Siderio (*secretary*), Susan Hooper, Marilyn Bremer, Rik Rasmussen, Peter Mueller, and Beatrice Siaw, Kelly Faris, Jim Marriott, Jonathan Habers, and Lucas Tew.

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 Suzanne Whiting, Robin DeSimone, Katherine Neal, Shari Gerhold,
 Jean Futrell, & Elizabeth Walker.....**Teachers**
 Erin Ames.....**Family Program Director**
 Kelly Friend, Natasha Hoyle, Cheyenne Wiggins, Kim Shope,
 Rebecca Peel, & Jackie Sherriff.....**Xplore Staff**
 Lauren Phelps, Carly Turman, Nikki Smith, Renee Pfendler, Crystal
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