



# Mission Moments

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## PASTOR PULS' MESSAGE...WHY BOTHER?

“I’m not sure there’s anything I can do to help.”

“I don’t feel that my efforts could possibly make a difference.”

“Why bother?”

Have you ever expressed such a thought, verbally or non-verbally? Sometimes we see people who are apparently in need, and we don’t really know how to help. Often the suffering and pain that we see in the world is shattering, overwhelming, and we end up feeling totally inadequate. Discouragement, or disinterest, can easily stop us from getting involved.

“Why bother?”

Here’s why.

We never know how great an impact our simple words and humble actions may make in the lives of others. And when almighty God is at work through our words and actions – and he promises to do so! – astonishing things happen.

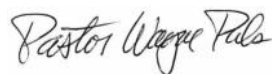
This month hundreds of our low-income neighbors will be coming to Hope’s Touched By Hope event, on November 4. What can you do? Sign up (quickly!), show up, and you may

be the tool God uses to convey much-needed hope to a struggling soul.

Last month I went with nine other Hope men on a mission trip to Fort Meyers, Florida, to help victims of Hurricane Irma. We spent five days cutting downed trees, hauling logs, and dragging branches. It wasn’t glamorous work, and it seemed never-ending. When we left Florida, there were still plenty of downed trees. But the work we did was a blessing in the minds and hearts of several stressed, careworn homeowners. “You’re a gift from God,” one tearful woman proclaimed. Another told us, “I have always believed strongly in the Body of Christ. And here it is, the Body of Christ in action, on my front lawn.”

“Why bother?” Get involved, and you’ll find out!

In Christ’s always-active love,



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## WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM  
Sunday at 8:30AM, 10:49AM,  
& 11:00AM  
*Nursery provided at all services*

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for  
ages 3 – grade 12 and  
Adult Bible Studies  
*Nursery provided for  
ages 2 and under.*

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN NOVEMBER

*The next Wednesday Night Alive is  
January 3-February 7, 2018*

5:25-5:45: Children's Bell Choir  
5:50-6:25: Children's Choir  
6:00-7:30: Adult Handbell Choir  
6:30-7:30: Confirmation classes  
6:30-7:30: Adult Education class  
6:30-7:30: 7&8 Youth Group\*  
7:45-9:15: Senior Choir

*\*High School Youth Group is  
Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:00PM.*

# ADULT EDUCATION

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

## ALL SAINTS' DAY: A CLOSER LOOK

November 5 (one session only)

**Location: Adult Education floor, room 301; Leader: Pastor Lew**

It's one of the most comprehensive of days of commemoration in the church, encompassing the entire scope of all the saints of God in Christ Jesus! Want to know more about its origins and significance to our lives today? Join us as we take a closer look.

## GIVING LIFE TO THE NEXT GENERATION

*A Bible Study for Christian Stewards*

November 12-26

**Adult Education Floor, room 301; Leader: Sandy Stokes**

Steward is a biblical word for manager. In reality, everything we have is a gift from God. We do not own our bodies, souls, family, home, all material goods, etc., even if our name is on the deed. They are all owned by our God. In his great love, he turns them over to us to manage so that he is glorified and others are served.

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

November 5-26

**Location: Adult Education floor, room 302; Leader: Peter Muller**

As an eyewitness to the events of Jesus' life, John selects the most convincing words and works of the Son of God and presents them to those who need eternal life. While some of these words and works are familiar, many are not. You are invited to dig a little deeper into John's gospel account in this moderately in-depth study.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30PM

## ASK THE PASTOR

November 1-29 (no class on November 22)

**Adult Education Floor, room 300; Leaders: Pastor Lew & Vicar Caleb**

Are there questions you've always wanted to ask about the Bible, the sacraments, our Lutheran doctrine, or anything else regarding the Christian faith? If so, here's your chance!



## THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 AM

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

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

### 2017 CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS

Orders: November 4-5 & 11-12

Available for Pickup: December 2&3, before/after services

The High School Youth are selling fresh Christmas wreaths in November. The cost is \$15 for a 16" or \$25 for a 24" wreath. Bows are an extra \$3/wreath. Proceeds will go towards youth attending the summer Servant Event. Questions? Contact Wesley Spottiswood, DCE Intern, at [wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org).

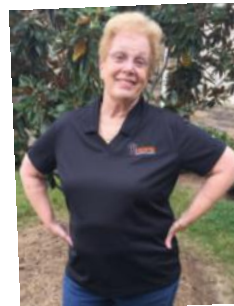
**2018 FLOWER CHART** is located on the wall in the church office hallway. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$55.00 with checks payable to Hope, earmarked "flowers."

### ALTAR CARE CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Deck the Halls... at Hope! Altar Care Christmas Decorating will take place on **Saturday, December 2 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.

### HOPE LOGO POLO SHIRTS – SHORT & LONG SLEEVE

Show off your Hope Lutheran pride with one of our new shirts! These Nike Dri-FIT polos are available in either black, white, grey, or blue in both short and long sleeves. Hope is now offering long sleeve shirts in all colors! See samples in the Narthex next weekend and place your order or go online at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org). Proceeds to benefit Hope's local, national, and international missions. If you purchased a shirt in October, orders will be available November 4-5 between the services.



# SMALL GROUP NEWS

**THANK YOU!** The Nifty Neddleworkers thank the congregation for its support of the craft sale held the first part of October. Nearly \$1,200 was raised that will support various ministries at Hope. The lucky raffle winners were Megan Baldwin (her kids are pictured right) who won the 60" by 80" quilt & Nancy Hoh who won the 90" by 90" quilt. Congratulations!



**BRIDGE GROUP - November 13 at 10:00AM.** If you plan to come, please notify Pam Jay at [pjay0826@gmail.com](mailto:pjay0826@gmail.com) or Betty McAlear at [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com) or call 919-554-9081.

**PINOCHLE GROUP - November 6 & November 20 at 1:00PM**

Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or [darmckenney@embarqmail.com](mailto:darmckenney@embarqmail.com) or Peggy Koehler if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

**PrimeTimer Event in November**

Come and join us for fellowship, wine tasting, and meal on November 18 starting at 3:00PM at Simon's Restaurant (27 South Broad Street East, Angier, NC). Not a wine drinker? Come for fellowship and a great meal. For the menu or to RSVP, please contact Chuck or Sue Joslyn at 919-554-2515 or [sajoslyn@earthlink.net](mailto:sajoslyn@earthlink.net).

## LOCAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES AT HOPE

### RE-GIFTING WITH LOVE!

**November 4-5, 11-12, & 18-19**

Here's a simple way to share Christ's gift of love with families in need. Hope is collecting gifts of all kinds, so that low-income children will have the opportunity to give presents to their families at Christmas. Gifts can be purchased new, but take a good look around your house. Were you given something last Christmas that you're not using? Now's your chance to put it to good use. Bring in your gifts on November 5-6, 12-13, or 19-20 and place them in the collection bin in the café. This ministry is a partnership with Friendship Chapel Baptist church's Hope House. The event will be a fun-filled evening with the children including dinner, selecting and wrapping gifts, and hearing the Christmas Story. Questions? Contact Susan Hooper at [swoozie9@gmail.com](mailto:swoozie9@gmail.com).

### COFFEE FROM GUATEMALA & HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS TO PAY IT FORWARD

**November 17-18 & December 1-2**

Stop by the table in the café this month for Godoy's Gourmet Organic Coffee, grown high on volcanic slopes in Guatemala. Also for sale will be delicious homemade baked goods. All proceeds will Pay it Forward to support the 2018 Mission Team.

If you would like to make a purchase before contact Annette Phillips at [Annette.l.phillips@gsk.com](mailto:Annette.l.phillips@gsk.com).

### BROWN BAG CELEBRATES 8 YEARS OF MINISTRY!

Since 2009, Hope's Brown Bag Ministry has grown from distributing 25 to 450 free lunches to three communities in the downtown Wake Forest area two Saturdays a month. Through the help of the many service and prayer groups, families, and individuals, we have made approximately 32,000 lunches that fed local children and their families. That is a lot of sandwiches! The leaders of Brown Bag want to thank all of those that have participated in this ministry and making a difference in these children's life by not only feeding them nutritionally, but also spiritually. Thank you to Texas Roadhouse too for donating those delicious yeast rolls, making the sandwiches extra special.

Want to get involved? Visitors are always welcomed to volunteer with Brown Bag Ministry. **The first Saturday** of each month is reserved for groups of 8-12 people who wish to serve together, such as Girl/Boy Scouts, Youth Groups, or Small Groups. **The third Saturday** of each month is open to any individuals or families who wish to be part of this ministry. For further information, please contact Nancy Repak at [kapernan@gmail.com](mailto:kapernan@gmail.com) or 919-279-3801, or Debbie Irgens at [dliргens@earthlink.net](mailto:dliргens@earthlink.net) or 919- 373-9181.

# NOVEMBER DEVOTION FROM VICAR CALEB

November. Truly, one of my favorite months of the year. The leaves begin to change, the temperature drops, we carve pumpkins, drink apple cider, but the crown jewel is Thanksgiving and all of the festivities it brings with it. Traditionally, my family would gather and we would watch the Macy's Day Parade, and then of course watch the Lions hopefully lose to whoever they are playing. Of course, then there is the Thanksgiving day feast, which is full of delicious food, and then that is of course followed by laying down and taking a nap.

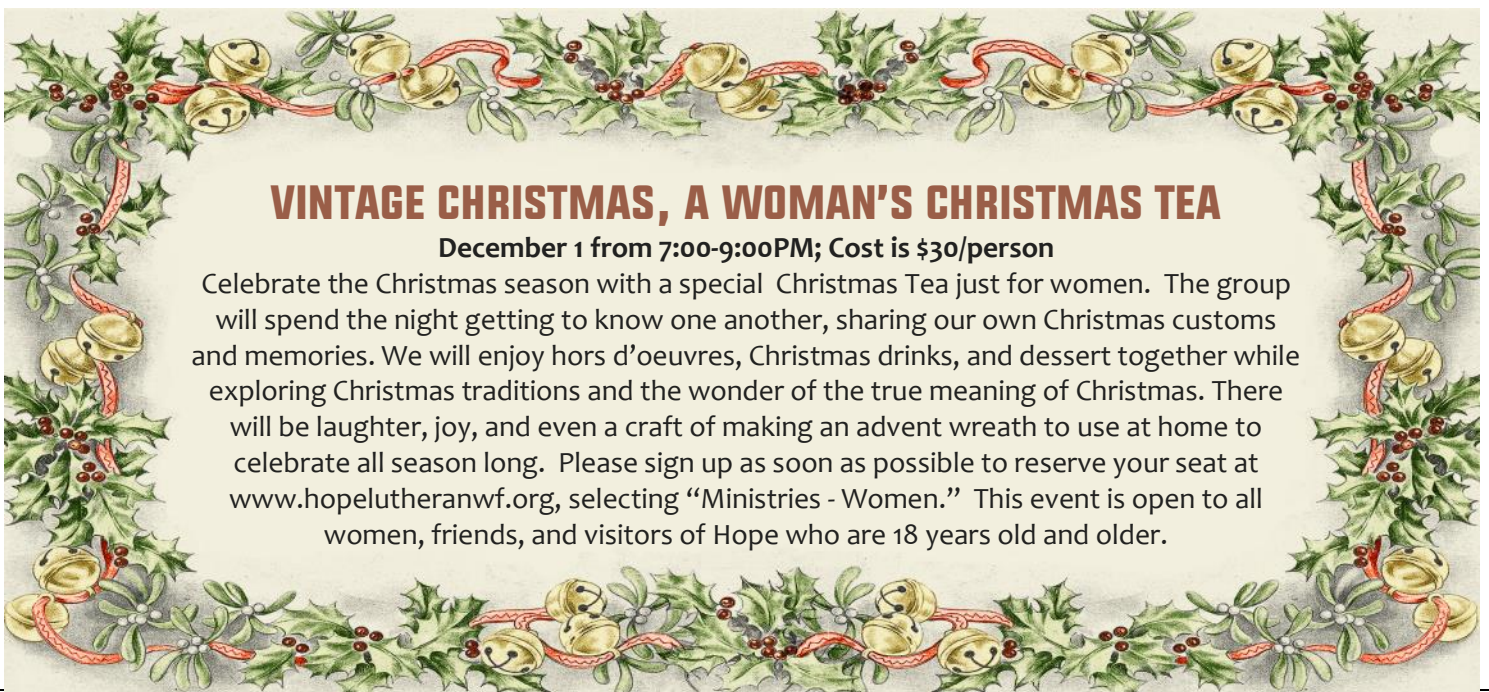
As I reflect on Thanksgiving, it reminds me of weekends here, at Hope. This might seem odd, but really, we celebrate Thanksgiving at Hope every single week. We gather together as a family of Christians, and we greet one another. We talk, laugh, and enter into each other's lives. This all leads to the feast. This feast is not one that has turkey, cranberries, or stuffing, but instead, it is a feast of forgiveness. It is a taste of the even greater feast that is to come. It is a feast of Christ's body and blood, for the forgiveness of sins, shared with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Every weekend we are reminded about God's grace as we receive it, and we respond with thanksgiving.

As we look toward Thanksgiving this November, let's also look towards every Sunday. Look towards the fellowship that takes place here. Towards worship, and the feast with your Hope Lutheran Church family. So we give thanksgiving for Hope Lutheran Church this month, for proclaiming Christ, and sharing in this meal together every single week. Thanks be to God.

In Christ,



Vicar Caleb  
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**VINTAGE CHRISTMAS, A WOMAN'S CHRISTMAS TEA**  
December 1 from 7:00-9:00PM; Cost is \$30/person

Celebrate the Christmas season with a special Christmas Tea just for women. The group will spend the night getting to know one another, sharing our own Christmas customs and memories. We will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, Christmas drinks, and dessert together while exploring Christmas traditions and the wonder of the true meaning of Christmas. There will be laughter, joy, and even a craft of making an advent wreath to use at home to celebrate all season long. Please sign up as soon as possible to reserve your seat at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Women." This event is open to all women, friends, and visitors of Hope who are 18 years old and older.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry at Hope Lutheran focuses on friendships, faith, and service for youth in grades 5-12.

## 5-6 GRADES

### HARD KNOCKS LASER TAG!

**November 17 from 6:45-9:00PM, Cost is \$25/person**

Get ready for an epic night of laser tag at Hard Knocks! We'll tuck, roll, shoot, and compete while completing missions together. \$25 will get you two hours of unlimited laser tag and access to every combat arena. Pick up and drop off are at Hard Knocks. Show up no later than 6:45 because our time begins right at 7:00PM. Sign up at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) so we know you are coming and directions!!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bring your kids by the youth center from 9:45-10:45AM to play games, create artistic masterpieces, make friends, and strengthen their relationship with God. It will be a fun combo of learning, playing, and creating!

## 7-8 GRADES

### THANKSGIVING YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

In November, Youth Ministry is continuing the tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals for 25 local families. Please consider signing up to donate food at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Youth." All youth and their families are invited to help distribute the bags to the families with Brown Bag Ministry on Saturday, November 18 at 11:00AM. If interested, please contact Brown Bag leader, Nancy Repak at [kapernan@gmail.com](mailto:kapernan@gmail.com).

### BOWL-O-RAMA AT BROOKS STREET BOWL

**November 12 from 12:30-2:30PM.** Do you have time to spare? Come to bowl-o-rama for a time of bowling, food, and fellowship. \$10 gets you 1 hour of bowling, shoes, plus pizza! Do not find yourself in the gutters by missing this event, sign up online today! Meet at Brooks Street Bowling (413 Brooks St., WF) at 12:30PM.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS from 6:30-7:30PM!

7 & 8 grade Youth Nights continue after Wednesday Night Alive stops! The November series, "Be A Leader" will happen on November 1, 8, and 15. Then join the group for a night of giving "Thanks" on November 29. Please note there is no youth group on November 22, Happy Thanksgiving!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets each week in the Youth Center from 9:45-10:45AM. In November, the class will focus on "Four Things." Come see what they are!

### CONFIRMATION

This November we are continuing the tradition of providing Thanksgiving meals for 25 families-in-need in our community. There is a detailed sign-up to help make sure everyone donates the right items to help out these 25 families. To register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Youth." The meals will be bagged by the 5-6 Confirmation class on Wednesday, November 15 from 6:30-7:30PM.

**Confirmation classes continue, visit** [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Youth - Confirmation" to see your child's confirmation schedule. Don't forget about the sermon summaries and memory work!

## 7-8 GRADE SUMMER MISSION TRIP

This year there's a new opportunity to serve! Hope has partnered with Youth Works in Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina. Join us June 24-June 29, 2018 as the team serves simple work projects and partner with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community. This week will be full of experiences as we not only serve together, but grow in friendship and community. The cost is \$375 which includes meals, transportation, lodging, and supplies.

All interested youths and parents should attend the informational meeting on Wednesday, November 1



# 9-12 GRADES

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## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

**Every Sunday from 6:30-8:00PM.** These evenings are a variety of small group meeting times, large group games, service projects, and outings. The group will cover topics such as, "How Can I Follow God If...", "Does God Endorse Violence," and "Does God Discriminate Against Women?" On November 26 will be the "Stuffed!" event.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets each week in the Youth Center from 9:45-10:45AM. The class will cover "The Struggle Is Real" topic November 5-19, and will learn about giving "Thanks" on November 26.

## HIGH SCHOOL SERVANT EVENT

On July 22-27, 2018 the High School group is returning to Lumberton to rebuild homes that were damaged during Hurricane Matthew. This will be a week of putting your faith into action. Learn more about the trip during the informational meeting on Sunday, November 12 at 5:45PM in the Youth Center. The cost is \$425 which includes meals, transportation, lodging, and supplies.

## 2017 CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDERS

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**Available for Pickup: December 2-3, before/after services**

To help off-set the cost of the High School Youth retreats/servant events, all 9-12 graders are encouraged to sell Christmas wreaths. Order forms are located at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Youth." The cost is \$15 for a 16" or \$25 for a 24" wreath. Bows are an extra \$3/wreath.

Questions? Contact Wesley Spottiswood at [wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org).

## SAVE THE DATES...

Youth Ministry Christmas Parties!! As the Christmas season approaches, calendars fill up quickly! Please mark these dates down and plan to join the fun at Hope celebrating Christmas with friends! More information will come after Thanksgiving.

- December 6: 7&8 Grade Christmas Party
- December 8-9: 5&6 Grade Christmas Party/Lock-In
- December 15: High School Kids Night Out Fundraiser & Christmas Party



## STUFFED!

**November 26 from 6:30-8:00PM**

Are you stuffed from the turkey and festivities of Thanksgiving? Come join in the fun. Ever have your parents say don't play with your food? Well tonight that is the whole point! This event is free, but please bring food for the games (baby food, pudding, small frozen turkey, etc.). Sign up at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org) so we know you are coming

# HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWS...

During November, all classes will focus on things for which they are thankful! God continues to bless us each and everyday in many ways. God is good in all things, all the time!

The Preschool's outreach program, Hope Kids Care, is going great! In September we were able to donate many school supplies to our local schools for children in need. For November we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Brown Bag Ministry and local food banks. Thank you for helping show kids they CAN make a difference!

Thank you to all those who continue to contribute to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. In order to continue to help the families currently needing assistance, please prayerfully consider making a donation.

*Everything is better with friends...*



## XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP

### XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP AT HOPE

Celebrate the holidays with Xplore! We have planned a wide range of themes ranging from traveling abroad to celebrating both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We hope to see you soon!! For more information or to register, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org).

November Themes:

- **Xplore Expedition** (November, 13-17) Make a passport and travel the world! Learn about other countries by preparing their local foods as well as making crafts and playing games that are popular in those countries.
- **Carving Memories** (November, 20-22; closed 23 & 24) In all things, give thanks! This week campers will be creating thankful trees, participating in a fun game of turkey tag, making scarecrows, and enjoying a Thanksgiving Feast!
- **Tis the Season** (November, 27-December, 1) Tis the Season to be Jolly! Campers will be making Popsicle stick ornaments, preparing healthy holiday treats, and playing Christmas minute-to-win-it games!



## FAMILY SERVICE CANNED GOOD COLLECTION

During the month of October, the Family Service collected canned goods to donate to Hope's Touched By Hope event. The items will be given to local area families that are in need of assistance. Thank you for your support!!

**The Family Service** is every Sunday at 10:49AM and is located in the Children's Center, featuring both familiar hymns and praise songs in an "unplugged" and informal style. The service is specially designed for families with children and youth. Visitors are always welcome.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT HOPE

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER NEEDED!** A volunteer is needed to lead Children's Church on the 3rd Sundays of the month during the 11:00AM service for 15 minutes during the sermon. Lessons are provided. Don't worry if you are gone for a weekend, there is a substitute list or other teachers can switch weekends. Please consider helping with this very important area of Children's Ministry! To get involved, email Erin Ames, Family Program Director, at [eames@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:eames@hopelutheranwf.org).

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

**November 19; 12:30PM-2:00PM; bring \$3 for pizza lunch**  
Join Children's Ministry as we work on a special mission project, Operation Christmas Child. We will be providing kids with an experience of packing Christmas gifts for kids in need. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children to help ensure that all boxes are packed correctly and to enjoy this family service event together.



Parents and their children in **Kids Connect** (3yrs old-K, parents must attend), **Kingdom Kids** (1st-2nd graders), or **FLASH** (3-4 graders) are invited to attend. Visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Children" to sign up and select an item to bring for the boxes. Donations may be placed in the bins located in the café area.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children, in 4 year old Sunday School through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will learn pageant songs in Sunday School. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the pageant with their class on December 20. If interested, please sign your children up at [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Children."

There will be two practices for this age group on December 10 & 17 from 1:00-4:00PM. Classes wear the **NEW Children of Hope t-shirts**. If you would like to order shirts (\$10) or would like to order a CD (\$5) to practice at home, visit [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org), selecting "Ministries - Children."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jason Iafrate, 11/1  
Larry Lineberger, 11/1  
Ashley Allred, 11/2  
Cathy Rom, 11/2  
Cheryl Steinmiller, 11/2  
Mike Dennen, 11/3  
Nicholas Lanzilli, 11/3  
Wayne Puls, 11/3  
Michele Repak, 11/3  
Mark Dille, 11/4  
Kelly Faris, 11/4  
Lauren Iafrate, 11/4  
Jay Jolly III, 11/4  
Jennifer Vukovich, 11/4  
Joseph Croak, 11/5  
Paige Dussault, 11/5  
Molly Gill, 11/5  
Jacqueline Johnson, 11/5  
Rebecca Miller, 11/5  
Jennifer Price, 11/5  
Lisa Rummel, 11/5  
Nate Shope, 11/5  
Rachel Collinson, 11/6  
Sarah Hodsdon, 11/6  
Leta Massey, 11/6  
Rachel Murphy, 11/6  
Janet Stalder, 11/6  
Sandra Stokes, 11/6  
Andrew Zick, 11/6  
Lauren Zick, 11/6  
Karie Cook, 11/8  
Lily Ellis, 11/8  
Cooper Green, 11/8  
Maureen Schandert, 11/8  
Emma Vukovich, 11/8  
Nicholas Weidner, 11/8  
Megan Baldwin, 11/9  
Annabelle Carroll, 11/9  
Bryce Mercadante, 11/9  
Cyndy Bruce, 11/10  
Ariane Hamm, 11/10  
Beth Lasater, 11/10  
Rene Hieter, 11/11  
Kim Shope, 11/11  
Makenzie Woodard, 11/11  
Landon Frank, 11/12  
Angie Meyer, 11/12  
Ken Sutherland, 11/12  
Neil Turner, 11/12  
Michael Cook, 11/13  
Anna Davies, 11/13  
Anthony DeMicco-Bailey, 11/13  
Susann Ebberts, 11/13  
Warren Harrell, 11/13  
Gary O'Neill, 11/13  
Pam Schodt, 11/13  
Bailey Seaman, 11/13  
Molly Boney, 11/14  
Regina Fisher, 11/14  
Doug Whitmer, 11/14  
Katharine Winiewicz, 11/14  
Jack Ellis, 11/15  
John Janosko, 11/15  
Matt Mashburn, 11/15  
Alex Perez, 11/15  
John Vekovius, 11/15

Lauren Duignan, 11/16  
Mason Meyer, 11/16  
Claudia Van Hook, 11/16  
Dick Kruger, 11/17  
Maurice Samuels, 11/17  
Judy Tyson, 11/17  
Kristina Wilson, 11/17  
Michael Civis, 11/18  
Barbara Eiesland, 11/18  
Richard Eiesland, 11/18  
Riley O'Brien, 11/18  
Anita Duncan, 11/19  
Dominic Piacenti, 11/19  
Jill Schaefer, 11/19  
Joe York Jr., 11/19  
Alex Case, 11/20  
Mel Desha, 11/20  
Coleman Harris, 11/20  
Riley Webb, 11/20  
Kathy Bailey, 11/21  
Scott Hall, 11/21  
Frank Bunyard, 11/22  
Sophie Sharpstene, 11/22  
Chris Smith, 11/22  
Phoebe Upchurch, 11/22  
Shonna Frank, 11/23  
Steve Frank, 11/23  
Cheryl Lee, 11/23  
Matilda Scherrer, 11/23  
Pam Jay, 11/24  
Linda Rathgeber, 11/24  
Marilyn Marr, 11/25  
Melissa Replogle, 11/25  
Barbara Williams, 11/25  
Sean Vitrano, 11/26

Susan Woodard, 11/26  
Lindsay Wrenn, 11/26  
Eric Arner, 11/27  
Karen Johnson, 11/27  
Reeba Lambert, 11/27  
Jimmy O'Brien, 11/27  
Darlene Parsons, 11/27  
Michael DeMicco, 11/28  
Carrie Foster, 11/28  
Hope Habers, 11/28  
Gale Perez, 11/28  
Andrew Queen, 11/28  
Anita Reiss, 11/28  
Molly Sutherland, 11/28  
Tonya Watt, 11/28  
Heather Blalock, 11/29  
Theresa Fordham, 11/29  
Mike Loveless, 11/29  
David Lynn, 11/29  
Tayven Tew, 11/29  
Jose Ferraz, 11/30  
Debra Groves, 11/30  
Josh Lewis, 11/30  
Andrew Long, 11/30  
James Scherrer, 11/30  
Alex Ultis, 11/30

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Rachel & Matthew Sharpstene, 11/1  
Sandra & John Schwarz, 11/3  
Chris & Jena Hoh, 11/4  
Jim & Kara Lockhart, 11/4  
Mike & Sharon Long, 11/4  
Allen & Angela Moss, 11/5  
Ed & Linda Rathgeber, 11/6  
Herman & Connie Cole, 11/8  
David & Amy Wilkerson, 11/8  
Sharvin & Angela Whitted, 11/9  
Gordy & Peggy Koehler, 11/10  
Roger & Carol Fischer, 11/11

Rob & Lauren Loomis, 11/12  
Tom & Mary Jane Haske, 11/14  
Jeff & Cathy Rom, 11/15  
Coleman & Suzanne Harris, 11/16  
John & Kathy Trusch, 11/19  
Ewa & Craig Allen, 11/20  
Josh & Chrissy Hederick, 11/21  
Andy & Denean Garrity, 11/25  
Harry & Janice Hintz, 11/25  
Ray & Connie Sharpstene, 11/25  
Tom & Ann Thompson, 11/25  
David & Reeba Lambert, 11/26  
Nancy & Edward Hanna, 11/29

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1

**Comfort for...** Claudine Phetteplace and her family, as they mourn the loss of her mother, Genevieve Sasinowski; Karen Critchley's neighbor, Lynne Dolan, at the death of her mother; Diane Ryals and family at the loss of Diane's brother, Bobby Ray Lee; Linda Bennett's friend, Larry, receiving hospice care; Jodi Nicolai and her family, as they grieve the loss of her mother, Dorothy Hofacker; Terry Murphy and family at the death of his aunt, Oona Quigley; Cindy & Chris King, at the death of their mother, Lillian; **Strength and Healing for...** Janice Mlakar, hospitalized; Karen's brother, Michael, dealing with addiction and depression; Kim Nugent, recovering from foot surgery; the Kirkendoll's friend, Tom Tolman, having surgery for cancer; Barry Bowling, recovering from a snake bite; Rik & Dee Rasmussen's granddaughter-in-law, Alicia, who is hospitalized; Joe Pallozzi hospitalized with an infection; Selena for strength and healing; Mitch Winstead, friends of the Jomp's, recovering from surgery; the son of Melanie Barker's friend, Andrew; the Barker's son-in-law, Eric, dealing with esophagitis and feeding tubes; Melanie Barker's friend with issues and a house for sale; Pilar, Bea Martin's mother, hospitalized with electrolyte imbalance and kidney issues; Matt Noon's co-worker recovering from a kidney transplant; Mike Long's co-worker receiving mental health treatment; Rick Hall's mother, Joan Hall, struggling with Alzheimer-related issues; a successful out-patient surgery this week; two girls suffering from concussions; strength for those struggling; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** victims & rescue teams of the hurricanes; Major Baker and his unit as they prepare for deployment; all American service members, veterans, and the law enforcement community; A teenage son; good news and a job offer this week; Pastor Jose Ortega and family, whose home and office in Houston were flooded. He has been doing flood relief work in Lumberton NC since October, and is now back in our state helping those in need; the US forces, currently stationed in Afghanistan.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** a young couple celebrating their 1 year anniversary; the 13 years of dedicated service at Hope by Jan McCluskey; the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Pastor Sebastian on October 11; **Comfort for...** the family of Anne Hall's friend, Jessica Doehner, at her tragic death; Diane Parker's friend, Carolyn Isaacs, as she faces her final earthly days; all the people across our nation who are grieving the loss of a loved one, due to the tragic events in Las Vegas; **Strength and Healing for...** Hilary Tew's uncle, Tom Winkelman, slowly recovering after open-heart surgery; the 1-year-old son of Paul Hopkins, as he fights cancer. Friends of Joel Theiss; a friend's granddaughter, recovering from a car accident; Caitlin Heldermer, friend of the Arner family, hospitalized at Wake Med; Grandma Rosa, having surgery; Jeanette Haske, whose cancer has returned; Tom Haske, recovering from surgery; Sharon Gregory, recovering from back surgery; Kim Nugent, recovering from having surgery on each foot; Kelly Murphy, godchild of Nancy Hanna, having complications with her MS; Ewa Allen's friend, Kasia, fighting cancer and hospitalized with

undiagnosed pain; a family and their spouse/parent who is struggling with addiction; Teri Spottiswood, mother of Wesley Spottiswood, as she begins cancer treatments; Brenda Duensing, hospitalized at Rex in Raleigh; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** a job offer this week; a couple in the adoption process.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

**Comfort for...** Vicar Mark Moretz and family, at the death of Mark's father, Dennis Moretz; the family of Tommy Ellington, who was killed last week; Jeff & Beverly Miller, after the loss of Jeff's mother, Ruth Miller; Kelly Alvord, grieving the loss of her husband, Jim; all the people grieving loved ones from the tragedy in Las Vegas; the family of Ron Woodring, grieving his death. Friend of Brad Boney; Laura Phillips as she grieves the loss of her son, Kenneth, who died last year; **Strength and Healing for...** Chris Minor, having surgery today on his knee; Joe Hummel's friend, Lori Kesgen, diagnosed with cancer; Ann Jasper, recovering from spinal surgery; a three-year-old boy with brain cancer; Nancy Sakowski's mother, hospitalized with heart issues; Bob Hendrickson's friend, George Keustev, as he continues to recover from cancer; Liz Garlington's friend, Diane, hospitalized with an infection; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** a job offer this week, and guidance moving forward; a friend struggling with an addiction problem; those in drought areas; a new job.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** the birth of Olivia Marie Torres, daughter of Chris & Teri Torres, granddaughter to Steve & Janice Mortensen; **Comfort for...** Shannon Janosko and family as they grieve the loss of Brad, who died one year ago; Nancy Frost at the death of her husband, Ken Frost. Friends of the Watt family; all those suffering from addiction, those who have died from addiction, and the families who mourn them; Marilyn Featham and family at the death of her sister-in-law in Florida; all those suffering from loss due to the fires in California; **Strength and Healing for...** Sue Joslyn, recovering from hip surgery; Joe & Cherie Rousseau with complicated health issues; John, stepdad or Kim Nugent, preparing for cancer surgery; Tina, victim of Las Vegas shooting; Janet, having back surgery this week; Mike Kaess, recovering from surgery; Bruce Ohle, whose brother-in-law is in ICU in Tennessee; Jenny McAlear for good health & guidance; a friend struggling with an addiction; Diane Lynn to have a speedy recovery from mastoiditis; Brenda Duensing who is now in a rehab center to regain strength after a long hospitalization; for a brother who is struggling; Ed, brother of Marcia Hughes, dealing with health issues and tests; Otto to be done with cancer. From Conner & Tanner Mrazek; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** the mission team from Hope traveling to Florida to help with hurricane relief efforts; Jo & Mary Jo Isom's son to have a successful music audition.



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 Wesley Spottiswood.....**DCE Intern**  
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 Rev. Preston Wagner.....**Pastor Emeritus**  
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