



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship
6:30PM—Hope Studies

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“Anchored in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit, Connecting People to Jesus”

We are glad you are taking the time to worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this weekend! We pray God’s blessings on your worship and time spent among us at Hope Lutheran Church! We ask you to please take the time to fill in the Friendship pad (be sure to give us your name and address) and feel free to indicate any prayer concerns on the reverse side of the pad. We are a “Family-Friendly Church” and encourage the participation of children in our worship. However, we realize there are times when children can become disruptive to other worshipers, and for that reason there is a cry room located in the back of the church for your use. Children’s worship bags are available in the narthex for your use during the service (see an usher or elder). Please return the bag following the service to the “Worship Bag Tree.” We encourage you to join us for any and all activities at Hope in the week ahead!

IMPORTANT NOTES: *for the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you, please refrain from excessive talking in the narthex and sanctuary, and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Following our worship, please make every effort to leave God’s House just as you found it. Please do not bring coffee, cans of soda or bottled water into the sanctuary for your use before or even during the service. Also, please be sure to remove any “used” tissues from the pews or hymnal racks. Your help in keeping God’s house neat and clean will most certainly be appreciated! Thank you!*

Hope: Anchored in Christ



Please turn off or silence your cell phone and NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary.

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Activities This Week at Hope:

Sunday 12/24**Christmas Eve**

- 9:15 Worship
 4:00 Spanish Christmas Worship w/Communion
 6:30 Candlelight Worship
 10:30 Candlelight Worship w/Communion

Monday 12/25**Christmas****Church Office Closed**

- 10:30 Christmas Worship w/Communion

Tuesday 12/26**Church Office Closed****Wednesday 12/27****No Wednesday Evening Activities****Sunday 12/31****New Year's Eve**

- 9:15 Worship
 10:30 New Year's Eve Brunch—*please bring a breakfast dish to share!*
 4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion
 8:00 Youth New Year's Eve Party & Lock-in

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Wednesday, December 13, 2017**Advent Worship: 4:30: 15 6:30: 30****Sunday, December 17, 2017:**

Worship: 8:00: 65/64 10:30: 102/84
FBH: Adults: 45 Youth: 8 Children: 6
Spanish Worship: 4:00: 34/18

Offerings—General Fund: \$8,353.50

Stewardship Perspective:

2 Samuel 7:4 "But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan ..." Nathan thought David's idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord's name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God's Kingdom: not our own desires or whims.

Welcome to Worship

Large Print editions of our Sunday worship folders are available from the ushers. If you are in need of one, don't hesitate to ask!



Fourth Sunday In Advent

December 24, 2017

AS WE GATHER

What a letdown when people break their promises! A father tells his ten-year-old son, "I know I promised to be at your soccer game, but something has come up." Maybe we have been a victim of a broken promise like this, or perhaps we've been the one who's broken a promise. In today's Gospel, however, we see a promise kept. The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive and bear a Son. This pledge to Mary is part of the ongoing fulfillment of God's promises. When we see this promise kept in the coming of Jesus, we have the assurance that we can always trust God that He acts according to His Word. Our heavenly Father never breaks His promises!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION *"Creator of the Stars of Night"* Robert Lou
The sanctuary is a place of meditation and preparation for worship. Therefore, as the prelude begins, we cease our conversations and quiet our hearts to converse silently with God.

OPENING HYMN

"People, Look East"

WOV 626



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant-ed
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the
there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as
earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming with the



hearth and set the ta - ble.
course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look east, and sing to -
sun and moon to - geth - er.
word, the Lord is com - ing.



day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

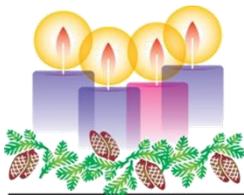
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.



† **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE** †

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Let Your light scatter the darkness

C: and illumine Your Church.

(All four candles are lit.)

RESPONSE

"We Light the Advent Candle"

(tune: LSB 343)

**We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!**

**We light the Advent candle And thank the Lord for rest.
With peace, we know our Jesus Has come to be our guest.
This peace beyond all knowing Within our hearts is glowing.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!**

**We light the Advent candle And sing with cheerful heart.
With joy, we spread the message That God would us impart.
Our joy is never ending; The Son to us is sending.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!**

**We light the Advent candle And share the wondrous Word.
With love, we tell of Jesus Till all around have heard.
God's love is for all nations Throughout His whole creation.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord, You fulfilled Your promise to Mary that she would conceive in her womb and bear the Son of the Most High,

C: **grant that we would hold fast to all Your promises in certain confidence of Your faithfulness;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

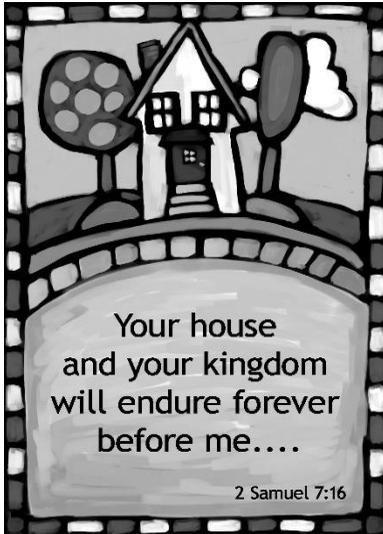


† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (p.259)

("Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever.")



¹Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"" ⁸Now, therefore, thus

you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 16:25-27 (p.951)

("To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ!")

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

LSB 359; vs. 1&2



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph-ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38 (p.855)

(The angel appears to Mary.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C: *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord!**

P: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and

said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel,

C: "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

P: And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said,

C: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

P: And the angel departed from her.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"* *LSB 356*

SERMON *"According to Your Word"* *Luke 1:26-38*
Rev. Shea Pennington

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* *LSB 357*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help me to grasp that all the blessings I think I have are really Yours. Help me to grasp that all the blessings our church has does not belong to the church, but to You. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these blessings according to Your purpose. In Your name I pray. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

As the offerings are received, please sign the register in the pews, whether you are a member of Hope Lutheran or a visitor. The person at the end of the pew should start and then pass it along. Thank you for making worship with us a priority this Lord's Day.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the gospel. Our offerings are our special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes.

VOLUNTARY *"How Brightly Shines the Morning Light" arr: Geoffrey Edwards*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, the time of preparation is almost over and Your visitation is near; keep us focused on the Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ. May it bring about the obedience of faith in us and all who hear Your Word this season. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, You continue to provide pastors for Your Church to proclaim the coming of Your Son. Be with all professional church workers as they work to serve Your people with the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Allow them to boldly speak the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we thank You for those who look out for our well-being and protect us from harm. Give Your blessing and protection to police, to firefighters, to medical workers, to the members of our armed forces and to all first

responders whose vocations put them on the front lines of danger, trouble and disaster. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, nothing is impossible with You. You sent Your Son into the world to be the great physician of body and soul. Give to *Andy Anderson, Cyrus Mercier, Mark Stefanos, Rose Thomas, Millie Wetz*, and all who are ill comfort and healing, if it be Your will, and patience and trust that come what may, You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, while we await the coming of Your Son, we remember with thanksgiving those who were before us in the faith and are now with You. Keep and preserve us in the one true faith to life everlasting until You bring us together with them into Your eternal Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, we commend to You all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, reignite the hearts of us all to have a passion for the Gospel. Teach our church to share the Gospel with others. Teach us to live as those who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose. In Jesus name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace

C: Amen.

P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: **'Here am I! Send me!'**

CLOSING SONG *"Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)"*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

(Bridge) **Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well; No tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.**

(Repeat Bridge)

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POSTLUDE

"Unspeakable Joy"





As we move closer to Christmas, this is truly one of those very special “God Moments” for you to take the opportunity to INVITE someone you know, to join us for our special Christmas worship opportunities! God is going to put lots of people in your path these next few weeks with the expectation that you will take that opportunity God will give you to Connect People to Jesus! When you think about it... Christmas is all around us, we see the commercials for what the world thinks of Christmas and now it's YOUR turn to share the REAL meaning of Christmas and what Jesus did for you! Studies upon studies have shown that after Christmas Eve...Holy Week and Easter are the services that un-churched people are most likely to attend. Please—use this to your advantage and make the effort to ask that friend, neighbor, or family member to come to one of our services with you. They don't need to “know” anything about the services as everything is printed in our bulletins. They don't need to bring money; they don't need to dress a certain fashion, AND...we guarantee the roof is very solid and will not fall in on them. So, show these people just how much you love them by asking them to come hear the true message and meaning of love in Jesus Christ. Did you also know that people will attend a church NOT because of the pastor or the music or its doctrine BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE INVITED BY A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER! While it is obviously important to Connect People to Jesus... let us not forget those who need to be “RECONNECTED TO JESUS!” So as you see, visit, or talk to some of our brothers and sisters in Christ that we have not seen for some time...take the opportunity to INVITE them to join us again!



CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm—Spanish Worship w/Communion

6:30PM—Candlelight Worship

10:30PM—Candlelight Worship w/Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30AM—Christmas Worship w/Communion

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Connecting Points

TODAY: We conclude the season of Advent which is comprised of the four consecutive Sundays leading up to Christmas. (This year the fourth Sunday in Advent is also Christmas Eve) The theme of the season is to 1) prepare us to celebrate the birth of our Lord once again and, 2) remind us that we must be ready for that Day when our Lord returns again. One of the symbols of the season is the Advent wreath with its four candles. Advent is a season of both hope and anticipation for the Christian. The color of the season is BLUE~ the color of both hope and anticipation.



PLEASE NOTE: While we have one morning service **today**, we encourage you to join us for one of our three Christmas Eve worship service opportunities **this evening—4:00PM** (Spanish), **6:30PM** Traditional Candlelight, and **10:30PM** Traditional Candlelight with Holy Communion; then on Christmas morning at **10:30AM**.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: will be reduced to give our staff a time to catch their breath following the Advent and Christmas season. The office will be CLOSED on **Monday, December 25th** and **Tuesday, December 26th** to celebrate our Lord's birth and will be open **limited hours Wednesday and Thursday**. Please call the office (813-752-4622) before you come by or call Pastor Pfeffer at 813-752-1164 (home) or 813-416-2373 (cell).



NEW YEAR'S EVE: Special family brunch **to follow our morning worship (9:15 only)** on **December 31st** hosted by our *Fellowship Ministry Team*. Please be sure to bring a "brunch" or breakfast-type dish to share as we bid farewell to 2017 and welcome 2018 (a bit early but it will be 12:00 someplace!).



HOPE STUDIES & LIVING HOPE WORSHIP: will resume on **Wednesday, January 3rd** at **6:30PM**. Be sure to join us as we begin the new year with Jesus!

HELP NEEDED: on **Sunday, January 7th** to take down all the beautiful Christmas decorations. It is hard to believe that they must come down, but many hands will be needed **following the 10:30 service that day** so our sanctuary is ready for our Spanish worship at **4:00PM**. Thanks in advance for your help!



FLOWER CHART: is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Either one or two families can sign up for a Sunday. Please write the occasion next to your name on the chart. \$15 per vase; \$30 for both. *Mark your special offering envelope: Flowers.*





NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

WHEN: December 31, 2017

WHERE: Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

TIME: 10:45AM—following our 9:15AM Worship

Complete with a 12:00 nonalcoholic toast to 2018
(after all, it's midnight someplace)

Please bring a BREAKFAST/ BRUNCH DISH
TO SHARE

Hosted by our
Fellowship Ministry Team



Losing a loved one is a devastating experience no matter how prepared we might be...it still 'rocks' us to our very core. There is help and support by professionals.

Coming soon—beginning on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, a support group called "GriefShare" will be offered at Hope Lutheran Church. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. If you would like more details now, please contact Lyn at dlsen46@msn.com.

Praying the Lord's peace for you...

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—Sundays @ 9:15am



TOGETHER IN ADVENT: During Advent & Christmas we love to buy and wrap presents, send Christmas cards and share cookies. Those are wonderful things to do but, we may become so busy with those things that we forget that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus. In this study we will see that in the holy Child of Bethlehem, God is present among us with His gifts of peace, joy and love, gift that can now share with others in His name. *Leader: Pastor Pfeffer*

ADULTS: WATCH THE LAMB, WALK IN VICTORY: The darkness-shattering light spoken into existence by God in Genesis explodes into glorious, unfiltered radiance in REVELATION. Here, God's story, revealed in His Word, draws to a stunning consummation. REVELATION unveils God's perfect justice and glorious design for those Jesus redeems from every tribe, language, people and nation. God's children find HOPE, PEACE AND REST in the unfailing purposes of God. Join us as we continue a verse-by-verse study of REVELATION. *Leader: Gloria Warner*

YOUNG ADULT SWHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY: Join us for this new series by Andy Stanley. "Everyone wants to be happy. But what makes us happy? And why is happiness easy to find, but hard to keep?" *Leader: Pastor Shea*

GRADES 7—12: GUYS: From the time they're born, boys are given a "code" to live by: don't cry, don't play with dolls, don't be a wimp...you get the picture. For a teenage guy, it's tough enough to figure out what it means to just be yourself—let alone how to become a man. This eight-week study that will help teenage guys discover what it really means to be a "man," to Become A Young Man of God. *Leader: Pastor Shea*

GRADES 7—12: GIRLS: Teenage girls are so caught up with how they look, who they are, and what others think of them. Through media, models, and even friends our society gives an 'ideal image' for girls—what the world calls a 'Perfect 10'. But God defines girls with a different image. Created in His image you are beautiful. Constructed as His temple His Spirit lives in you (1 Cor. 3:16). This book, Godly and Girly, emboldens young women with self-esteem, confidence about their body image, and secures their identity as God's beloved daughters. *Leader: Liz Pfeffer*

GRADES 1-6: CROSS EXPLORATIONS: The fall quarter begins with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings looking at Solomon to Queen Esther. *Leader: Yolanda Heipp*

PRE-SCHOOL—KINDERGARTEN: GROWING IN CHRIST: The fall quarter begins with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings looking at Solomon to Queen Esther. *Leaders: Ellen Whitehurst, Tracy MacDonald*

YOUTH DATES

Dec 31—New Year's Eve Party/Lock-In

Jan 6—Youth Ministry Forum @ 4:00PM

Jan 13—Winter Jam 2018 @ 5:00PM

Feb 2-4—High School Youth Gathering

Grades 6 through 12—friends are always welcome!

Contact Pastor Shea for more info: hopepcpastorshea@gmail.com



The
Lutheran
Hour

can be heard EVERY Sunday morning at 7:30 on 540AM

Topics for this month:

December 31: "Children of Promise"

Our identity as God's children encourages us to live in His grace, to embrace the freedom Jesus won, and to resist the ways of the world that strive to keep us captive.

(Galatians 4:4-7)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Diane Bates
Melva Dennison
Bonnie Genrich

Dorothy Maltzahn
Mark Stefanos
Tom & Rose Thomas

LEADERS:

Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer
Pastor Shea Pennington

Hope Staff
Hope's Ministries

LCMS Synod & District
Our Nation & Armed Forces

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Michael son of David & Lynn Stevens

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Andy Anderson health concerns
George Banning friend of Pastor Dean & Liz Pfeffer—recovering; knee replacement
Kayra Connell niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—health concerns; upcoming testing
Frank Dahlke health concerns
Cyrus Mercier health concerns
Kori Olsen niece of Ron & Tracy MacDonald—celebrating baby boy
Ed Proctor friend of Tim & Julie Gates—hospitalized; brain bleed
Mark Stefanos health concerns
Tammy sister of Susan Burtz—hospitalized; heart failure; pneumonia
Libby Voigtmann health concerns
Millie Wetz recovering from pneumonia

BATTLING CANCER:

Jennifer Barkley	Alice Correia	Idele Green	Lucille Luedke	Al Simmons
Tom Battling	Austin Dobbs	Lynnie Green	Pat Mailloux	Judy Strait
Herb Bayer	Ginnie Donaldson	JoAnne Hayashi	Victor Miranda	Chuck Sullivan
Laura Blake	Donna	Lori Heneka	Jim Moore	Theresa
CanDee Brandon	Casey Doyle	Jeanette Herndon	Thomas Onderdonk	Rose Thomas
John Brom	Jace Driggers	Delores Huseth	John Rademacher	Mr. Wells
Laura Brom	Kori Dunke	Maggi Hutto	Alan Rauner	Tom
Bob Broshelle	Marcus Elam	Jason	Andrea Reichard	Millie Wetz
Ken Buschbacher	Ellen	Dale Jarvis	Sara	Laura Winkel
Chantal	Joy Fritzke	Linda	Abbey Sedlacek	Candy Wolfe
Carol Chapman	Gail	Delores Lopresto	Sherrie	Rick Ward
Chrissie				Heather Whitehurst

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

Zachary Allen	Lorrie Daniell—R	Brad Landis	Derek Quackenbush
Alex Almaguer	Stephen Daniell—R	Bobby Martin	Justin Rappa
Zachary Bennett	Joshua Gross	Aaron Morley	Ryan Sonnenberg
Matt Bracken	Erika Grosskopf	Donnie Pittman	Caleb Strand
Trevor Dahlke	Joshua Kinkead—R	Stephen Olliff—R	Mike Szostkiewicz—R



"Think of us in this way as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (12/24/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 9:15/Jalyn Aigner; 6:30/Jade Burtz; 10:30/Kaylee Greatens
Crucifer 6:30/Kristin Reagin; 10:30/Kristin Reagin
Torch Bearers 6:30/Lana Hartmann & Yulia Hartmann;
10:30/Lana Hartmann & Yulia Hartmann
Acolyte 6:30/Tristin Mercier; 10:30/Keaira Griffin
Lector 9:15/Pat Bender; 6:30/Tena Matthews; 10:30/Gloria Warner
Elder on Duty 9:15/Lonnie Bertsch; 4:00/Pastor Pfeffer;
6:30/Brian Heipp; 10:30/Todd Warner
Communion Assistant 10:30/Todd Warner & Wayne Warner
Flowers Goethe family
Offerings Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers Team 2
8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson;
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mack & Sheila Goethe

SERVING OUR LORD THIS CHRISTMAS DAY (12/25/2017) ARE:

Lector 10:30/John Koren
Elder on Duty 6:30/Mike McMinn
Ushers Team 3

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (12/31/2017) ARE:

Bell Ringer 9:15/Isibea Daniell
Acolyte 9:15/Bryan Greatens
Lector 9:15/Carl Bergner
Elder on Duty 9:15/Brian Heipp
Communion Assistant 9:15/Brian Heipp
Flowers Edelman family
Offerings Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers Team 1
8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
10:30/ Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Wendell Lattz, Jim Szostkiewicz

SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Altar Guild Yolanda Heipp & Liz Pfeffer
Nurse/HMT Member Sally Kimbrell