



# 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:*

<b>Sunday 12/31</b>	<b><i>New Year's Eve</i></b>
9:15	Worship w/Communion
10:30	New Year's Eve Brunch— <i>please bring a breakfast dish to share!</i>
4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
8:00	Youth New Year's Eve Party & Lock-in
<b>Monday 1/1</b>	<b><i>New Year's Day</i></b> <b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 1/2</b>	5:30 Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 Missions & Outreach Ministry Team Meeting
<b>Wednesday 1/3</b>	5:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Living Hope Worship 6:30 Hope Studies
<b>Thursday 1/4</b>	6:30 Elders Ministry Team Meeting
<b>Saturday 1/6</b>	8:00 Trustees workday 4:00 Youth Ministry Forum 5:00 Youth Bowling @ Family Bowl
<b>Sunday 1/7</b>	8:00 Worship w/Communion 9:15 Family Bible Hour ( <i>snacks: open</i> ) 10:30 Worship w/Communion 11:45 Un-decorating @ Hope 11:45 Christian Growth Ministry Team Meeting 11:45 Youth Ministry Team Meeting 4:00 Spanish Worship w/Communion 4:30 Circuit Pastors' Epiphany Party

*Worship Attendance / Communion:*

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

**Christmas Program: 6:30: 125**

**Offerings—General Fund: \$35,702.00**

**Sunday, December 24, 2017:**

**Worship: 9:15: 88 6:30: 153 10:30: 110/92**

**Spanish Worship: 4:00: 21/12**

**Christmas Day, December 25, 2017**

**Worship: 10:30: 27/27**

*Stewardship Perspective:*

**Luke 2:39** "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . ." The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

# First Sunday After Christmas



December 31, 2017

## **AS WE GATHER**

*Not only has the Lord come to a manger in Bethlehem, but now He has also come to His own temple in Jerusalem. The building that itself was to be a sign of God's presence among His people now becomes the very place where Jesus is presented to the Lord. Promised for centuries, salvation has come, and all nations shall see the glory of the Lord. As Simeon beholds this glory in the face of Jesus Christ, he embraces redemption in his arms. Through the Word you will hear and the Supper you will receive today, you, too, will embrace Christ and His saving work. Sing of His glory! God has come to you!*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **PRELUDE AND MEDITATION "Joy to the World"**

*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**

*"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"*

*LSB 386*

## **INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** According to the Lord's own Word, let us come before Him.

**C:** **Our eyes shall see the salvation He has prepared for us.**

P: If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

**C: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Let us join together and confess our sins to God, our Father:

**C: Lord God, heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we have not walked according to Your commands. Our words and actions have not reflected the light of Your presence in our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in the darkness. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Cleanse our hearts and minds with His mercy, and scatter the darkness of our sin with the brightness of His righteousness. Amen.**

P: Our merciful Father has sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who are under the law, so that we might be adopted into His family and freed by His forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"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)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You have given us the sign of Your presence in the coming of our Savior.

**C: Grant that we may recognize this sign and embrace Him in our lives, always reflecting the light of Your glory;**

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

**C: now and forever. Amen.**



## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (p.621)*

*(The nations shall see the Lord's righteousness.)*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Galatians 4:4-7 (p.974)*

*(God sent forth His Son to redeem us.)*

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

*"Light of the World"*

*SS 18*

**You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are the light of the world.**

**You are a city on a hill. You are a city on a hill,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are a city on a hill.**

**You are a candle in the dark. You are a candle in the dark,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are a candle in the dark.**

**You are a star in the night. You are a star in the night,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are a star in the night.**

**You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world,  
So shine, shine, shine where you are. You are the light of the world.**

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:25-40 (p.857)*

*(Jesus is presented to the Lord at the temple.)*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of

the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' w/'King of Heaven" LSB 380/SS*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**King of heaven, come down; King of heaven, come now;  
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven, come.  
King of heaven, rise up; Who can stand against us;  
You are strong to save, in Your mighty name, King of heaven, come.**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
 Mild He lays His glory by, Born to give them second birth.  
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

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**SERMON**

*"At the Right Time"*  
 Rev. Shea Pennington

*Galatians 4:4-7*

**RESPONSE**

*"Love Has Come!"*

*CH 256*



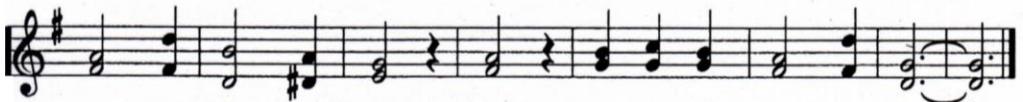
1. Love has come— a light in the dark-ness! Love ex- plodes in the  
 2. Love is born! Come share in the won- der; Love is God now a -  
 3. Love has come— He nev- er will leave us! Love is life ev- er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav- en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of His moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us;



Hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 What is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ- mas; Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

## **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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**

*"Love Came Down at Christmas"*

*Lani Smith*

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

P: The fullness of time has come, God has sent forth His Son to redeem us. Therefore, with confidence that He will hear us, let us pray to the Lord. For all those who have received God's adoption as sons, that they would continue to rejoice in all that He has done for them, grow in faith and bear witness to others, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all the congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that God would make them places where righteousness and praise sprout up, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our nation, that God would grant us wise leaders who would serve with wisdom and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick, especially *Diane Bates, Mark Stefanos, Rose Thomas, and Millie Wetz*, the suffering, the lonely and all who call upon God in their time of need. That He would answer their cries for mercy and, according to His will, grant them healing, relief, companionship and patience to endure in the face of trials, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who commune at this altar today, that they would depart from here in peace, knowing that they have seen and tasted salvation in the Lord's Supper, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the year that is almost over, in thanksgiving to God for all the good we were permitted to give and receive, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the year that is almost here, that God would continue to watch over us and bless us, and that He would give us opportunity to serve our neighbor and tell others the good news of His Son, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(tune: LSB 366)

**Our Father, Lord, on heav'ns high throne, Most holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done On earth—in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom; unto You In grateful love we bow;  
And Yours the pow'r, Lord, let us view Your mighty presence now.  
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung By angel hosts and men  
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue Forevermore! Amen.**



**+ HOLY COMMUNION +**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*We listen again to the very words spoken by Jesus Christ in the upper room, "take and eat, this is my body... take and drink, this is my blood." We prepare to receive what Jesus has promised to share with us, His very presence. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, Christ nourishes us, forgives us and strengthens us with His presence.*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

(tune: LSB 358)

**O Lamb of God, You take away, The sin of all; now hear us pray,  
And grant us from our sin release; Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!**

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## COMMUNION STATEMENT

*If you desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please remember that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to those who: <sup>1</sup>Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; <sup>2</sup>Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; <sup>3</sup>Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; <sup>4</sup>Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; <sup>5</sup>Accept their place of*

responsibility in the whole church on earth. If this is your sincere belief, then joyfully share this sacrament with us. If this is not your belief, please remain seated for a time of prayer on the many blessings God has given you. If you have any questions, please see a pastor or an elder. Please remember the words of St. Paul, "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:29) For those with dietary restrictions, a light-colored grape juice is also served in the center of the tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Note: During distribution, one of our pastors will be in the back of the church for a time of individual prayer with anyone desiring.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"All My Heart Again Rejoices"*

LSB 360

*"What Child Is This"*

LSB 370

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"*

LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told,  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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## 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 HYMN**

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

*LSB 733*

## **POSTLUDE**

*"For Unto Us"*

*G.F. Handel*



## Connecting Points

**TODAY:** we join together on this the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas. As a general rule, the church year will have either one or two Sundays after Christmas pending on the calendar. This is the day we mark Jesus' presentation in the Temple as we will hear in our Gospel for the day. You will notice the words of Simeon which are also the text for the "Nunc Dimittis" which is sung following Holy Communion. The color of the day is *WHITE*~ the color of purity of Him who is full of grace and truth.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Special family brunch hosted by our *Fellowship Ministry Team* to follow our morning worship **TODAY!** 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!).



**PLEASE NOTE:** Our "normal" worship schedule resumes **NEXT SUNDAY** as we mark the *Baptism of our Lord* with Sunday morning worship services at **8:00 & 10:30** and Family Bible Hour at **9:15AM**. Be sure to join us AND invite a friend to join you!



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The church office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** for the New Year's holiday and will reopen at **9:00AM, Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact *Pastor Pfeffer* at home (813-752-1164) or cell (813-416-2373).



**JANUARY MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS:** Team members, please note your team's meeting:

- Fellowship—**Tuesday 1/2 @ 5:30PM**, Pastor Pfeffer's office
- Missions & Outreach—**Tuesday 1/2 @ 6:30PM**, Fellowship Hall
- Elders—**Thursday 1/4 @ 6:30PM**, Conference Room
- Trustees—**Saturday 1/6 @ 8:00AM**, around campus
- Christian Growth—**Sunday 1/7 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall
- Youth Ministry—**Sunday 1/7 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall
- All Ministry Teams Meeting—**Thursday 1/11 @ 6:30PM**, Fellowship Hall
- Human Care—**Sunday 1/14 @ 11:45AM**, Fellowship Hall



Remember, the Lord's work here at Hope is counting on you—and so are we!

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



**INSTALLATION:** of all members of our congregation's 2018 Ministry Teams and those serving as officers at Hope will take place **during both morning worship services next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** (you only need to be at one of the services, not both).



**HELP NEEDED:** on **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** 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!



**CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION:** resumes **next Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** as Hillsborough Schools remain closed **this week** for the Christmas break. Be sure to bring your workbooks, Bibles, and Catechisms!



**PLAN NOW:** for our *ALL MINISTRY TEAMS NIGHT* for all those serving on one of our elected Ministry Teams or as an officer of our congregation. This special time together to chart our work of 2018 will take place on **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00PM** in Fellowship Hall.



**COMING FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>:** A very special Cuban sandwich fundraiser to support our Spanish ministry. Order forms will be available for you to place your order for Super Bowl Sunday sandwich soon. Also, **that day**, Vicar Miguel Sanabria (son of Pastor Miguel) will assist in our **morning worship** as he is now completing his studies through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and will receive a Call into the Pastoral Ministry in **April**.

**2018 CALENDARS:** are available under the mailboxes **this morning**. Please help yourself as these calendars show scenes of Seminary life from our *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis*.

2018

*Thank  
You!* 

A special THANK YOU to our Hope family for your many expressions of love that were shown to our “growing” family for Christmas. Time and again your love shines through! Thank you and we truly praise God for you!

*Pastor & Liz Pfeffer*

Did you “lose” someone this past year or maybe even a couple of years ago? Losing a loved one is a suffocating experience—sometimes you wonder if you will ever start living again? Or maybe you’re not sure if you even care about life right now... If you need to get back on the “track” of life again—there is a way—we can help you find the right track again. GriefShare is beginning again on Tuesday, January 16th—it’s an “ok” place to be. You don’t have to talk if you don’t want to, just listen—have some coffee, watch the video and see what you think.

We’re already praying for you...

**GRIEF**  **SHARE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16  
10:30AM & 6:30PM**





# Winter Worship at Hope

## SUNDAYS

8:00AM—Worship

9:15AM—Family Bible Hour

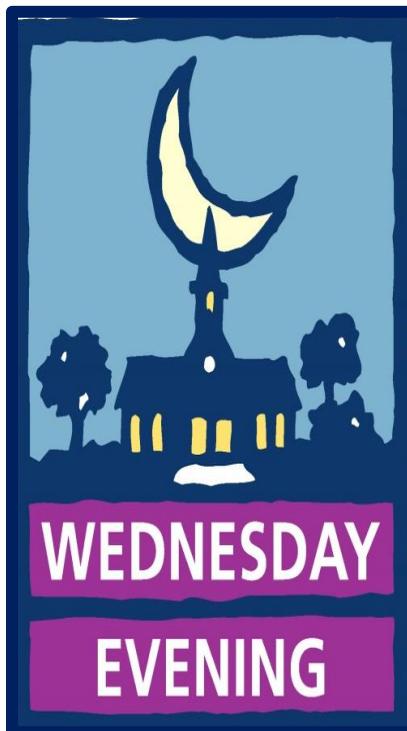
10:30AM—Worship

4:00PM—Spanish Worship

## WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship

6:30PM—Hope Studies



## **WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm**

### **LIVING HOPE WORSHIP**

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this winter as we celebrate the goodness and mercy of our God in an alternative worship format and style. Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday. Join us for a relaxed, celebrative worship alternative!

### **HOPE STUDIES**

**GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY:** This winter we will be studying the Book of Psalms (no, not all of them). But we will discuss several Psalms, focusing on identifying the message, using the message in our own pray, praise, and thanks conversations with the Lord, and see each psalm in the light of the Gospel of Jesus. Finally, we will discuss how the psalms can affect our lives today. Please join us on Wednesdays beginning January 3 until Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14). *Leader: John Koren*

# FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—Sundays @ 9:15am



**ADULTS: GODCONNECTS:** a Lutheran Hour Ministries video/discussion series explaining the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to invite a friend, family member, or church visitor. Plain language and helpful illustrations present God's work of salvation in a concise manner; ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. This class is also great for anyone interested in becoming a member of Hope who has not been part of a Lutheran Church. *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:** This winter quarter continues with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings throughout the Bible. *Leader: Yolanda Heipp*

**PRE-SCHOOL—KINDERGARTEN: GROWING IN CHRIST:** This winter quarter continues with an overview of how God works through prophets and kings throughout the Bible. *Leaders: Ellen Whitehurst, Tracy MacDonald*

# YOUTH DATES

Dec 31—New Year's Eve Party/Lock-In

Jan 6—Youth Ministry Forum @ 4:00PM

Jan 6—Bowling @ 5:00PM

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: [hopecpastorshea@gmail.com](mailto:hopecpastorshea@gmail.com)*



The  
Lutheran  
Hour

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

## Topics for this month:

### January 7: "Breaking News!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world. A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it!

(Isaiah 60:1-6 ("Arise, shine, for your light has come."))

### January 14: "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

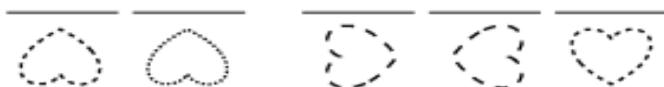
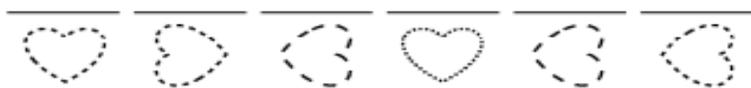
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1: 48-51)

Because we are God's children,  
He sent something into our hearts.



Use the heart code to find a message.



# *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:**

Diane Bates                      hospitalized

**CURRENT REQUESTS:**

Andy Anderson                      health concerns  
Kayra Connell                      niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—health concerns; upcoming testing  
Michael                                  son of David & Lynn Stevens  
Mark Stefanos                      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 (12/31/2017) 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

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Ernie & Jerrie Edelman in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (1/3/2018) ARE:**

Lector	10:30/Barbara Ahlers
Elder on Duty	6:30/Todd Warner

**SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (1/7/2018) ARE:**

Bell Ringer	8:00/Jerry Cockwell; 10:30/Wyatt Daniell
Acolyte	10:30/Thomas Goethe
Lector	8:00/John Koren; 10:30/Jim Drapp
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn & Ryan Reese 4:00/Jim Drapp & Ryan Reese
Communion Assistant	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Mike McMinn & Ryan Reese
Flowers	Howell family
Offerings	Dale & Jonie Wenzel
Ushers	Team 2

8:00/Tom Whitehurst,\* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, James Tennyson;  
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,\* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS MONTH OF JANUARY:**

Altar Guild	Liz Pfeffer
Nurse/HMT Member	Janet Reitzel