
December 28, 2014



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Sundays

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour
5:30PM—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."

Welcome!

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



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First Sunday After Christmas

Activities This Week at Hope:

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| Sunday 12/28 | 8:00 | Worship (<i>Blended</i>) |
| | 9:15 | Family Bible Hour (<i>Snacks: Bergner & Pfeffer</i>) |
| | 10:30 | Worship (<i>Blended</i>) |
| | 5:30 | Spanish Worship w/Communion |
| Wednesday 12/31 | <i>New Year's Eve</i> | |
| | <i>No Wednesday Activities</i> | |
| | 8:00 | Youth New Year's Eve Party |
| Thursday 1/1 | <i>New Year's Day</i> | |
| | <i>Church Office Closed</i> | |
| Saturday 1/3 | 8:00 | Trustees' Work Day |
| Sunday 1/4 | <i>Installation of 2015 BOD & Ministry Team Members</i> | |
| | 8:00 | Worship w/Communion |
| | 9:15 | Family Bible Hour (<i>Snacks: open</i>) |
| | 10:30 | Worship w/Communion |
| | 11:45 | Christian Growth Ministry Team Meeting |
| | 11:45 | Un-Decorating |
| | 5:00 | Circuit Pastors' Christmas Party |
| | 5:30 | Spanish Worship w/Communion |

Worship Attendance/Communion:

Wednesday, December 17, 2014:

Advent Worship:
4:30: 25 6:30: 68

Sunday, December 21, 2014:

Worship: 8:00: 83 10:30: 84
FBH: Adults: 44 Youth: 1 Children: 9
Spanish Worship: 28/13
Christmas Program: 115

Offerings—General Fund: \$1,0606.75

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.

P r e s e n t a t i o n



Lord in the Temple

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! Please be sure to return the binder to the ushers following the service.

First Sunday After Christmas



December 28, 2014

AS WE GATHER



Jesus Presented in the Temple

We gather in church on this First Sunday after Christmas just a few days removed from the crowds of Christmas Eve. Fewer seem to gather on this day than on Christmas Eve, yet our trip to church today still brings us the amazing gift of our Savior, born to redeem us and to adopt us into the Body of Christ. As many of us travel this time of year, so Mary, Joseph, and the newborn Jesus traveled. They went to Jerusalem, to present Jesus to the Lord, according to the traditional practice of their day. While in the temple, something amazing happened. Simeon took Jesus up in his arms and blessed God with words we now sing in worship, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace. Taking our cues from Simeon and Anna today, we gather here to bless, praise, and thank God for the gift of Jesus. And like them we are sent out to participate in fulfilling the covenant that goes all the way back to Abraham—that all nations will be blessed through his offspring, that is, through Jesus and through us as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" H.Rbt. James*
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 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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INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Gathered in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit, people of God, praise the LORD!

C: **I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.**

P: Great are the works of the LORD.

C: **Full of splendor and majesty is His work.**

P: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.

C: **He sent redemption to His people. Holy and awesome is His name!**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

P: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

C: **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

C: **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

P: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,



OLD TESTAMENT

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

("The nations shall see Your righteousness, and all kings Your glory.")

¹⁰I 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. ¹¹For 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. ¹For 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. ²The 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. ³You 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)

("When the time had fully come, God sent His Son.")

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

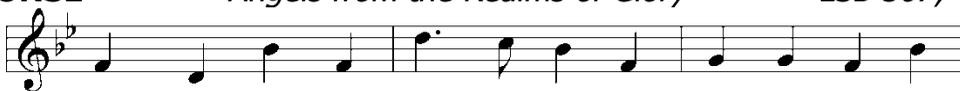
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RESPONSE*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

LSB 367; vs. 1,3,5



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40 (p.857)

*(Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the temple)***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.**C:** *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord!**

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now 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. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And 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, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And 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 ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And 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, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And 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. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And 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 *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* *LSB 384*

SERMON *"Adopted into God's Family"* *Galatians 4:4-7*

SONG OF RESPONSE *"Come to the Child"* *ABS (2) 75*

Come to the Child of Bethlehem. See Him, the Son of God and Man.

Think of the life that now has filled our flesh and bone.

**Come to the Child in wonder now. Think of our God— imagine how
Heaven could fill this simple Child of Bethlehem.**

Come and worship. Come and honor Him.

Come and bow, Now lay your pride and plans aside.

Come and praise Him. Lift your heart to Him.

He is your God! He is your hope, and He is love!

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**Come to the Child in wonder now. Think of our God— imagine how
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Worship your Lord, the simple Child of Bethlehem.

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THE CHRISTMAS PROFESSION OF FAITH

(tune: LSB 370)

**C: What child is this, who, Laid to rest,
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
 While shepherds watch are keeping?**

P: I believe that Jesus Christ—True God, Son of the Father from eternity and true man, born of the Virgin Mary is my Lord.

**C: This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring him laud,
 the babe, the son of Mary.**

P: At great cost He has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

**C: Why lies he in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
 the silent Word is pleading.**

P: Not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death.

**C: Nails, spear shall pierce him through
 The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 the babe, the son of Mary.**

P: All this He has done that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

**C: So bring him incense, gold and myrrh
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings;
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

P: Just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

P: Let us pray for those who are ill and for the homebound. Lord God, You are the hope of all who call on You in truth. Hear us as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering in body or spirit especially *James Benton, Ken Buschbacher, JoAnn Greatens, Maggi Hutto, Alison Reaume, Milton Schuett, Rose Thomas, Barbara Wagner and Bob Wagner*. Strengthen and encourage them; if it be Your will, restore them to full health. Be with our shut-ins, and let their time at home be rich with prayer and meditation on Your Word. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

P: Hear us now Heavenly Father as we sing:

(tune: LSB 365)

**C: Our Father in heaven, we pray in Your name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same.
By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone;
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, lead us to be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom, o'er all things You reign.
And Yours is the power, all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again;
From all of creation, forever! 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!'

"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU."

JOHN 20:21, NIV

CLOSING HYMN*"Cold December Flies Away"*

LBW 53



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way At the rose - red splen - dor.
 2 In the hope - less time of sin Shad - ows deep had fall - en.
 3 Now the bud has come to bloom, And the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks While the whole world won - ders
 All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
 In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r Dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



At the ho - ly un - seen pow'r Of the tree which bears the
 But, when all seemed lost in night, Came the sun whose gold - en
 And it spreads to all the earth From the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree Blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
 light Brings un - end - ing joy, Brings the end - less joy Of our hope, high - est
 birth; And its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, In the flow'r, and it



rose Here in love's own gar - den, Full and strong in glo - ry.
 hope, Of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - loved of heav - en.
 spreads In its heav'n - ly bright - ness Sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

POSTLUDE*"Lo Desembre Congelat"*

Donald Busarow



CONNECTING POINTS



TODAY: we continue to bask in the glow of Bethlehem's manger **this Sunday** after Christmas. The Christmas season will lead us **next Sunday** to our Lord's Epiphany. The color for today remains WHITE~ a reminder of the sinless nature of the One found lying in the manger.



POINSETTIA PLANTS: should be taken home **following worship TODAY.** Many THANKS to one and all who adorned our Lord's nativity bed with these beautiful plants.



WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE: that the "blue" weekly readings devotional is no longer available for us to insert in your bulletins each week. Sadly, the publisher has discontinued this resource. We are checking for a replacement, and should one be found that is in line with what we believe, teach, and confess, we will certainly pass it along for you.



IT'S IN THERE: Be sure to check your mailbox **TODAY** for YOUR January issue of "Hope's Anchor" if you requested a "hard copy." For those who requested an email version of our newsletter, it was mailed to your home **this past week.** Be sure to hit the FORWARD button and send it to your friends and family to *CONNECT THEM TO JESUS!* And in EVERY mailbox is the January calendar and servant schedule.



EARLY DEADLINE: for **next Sunday's (January 4th)** bulletin announcements is **MONDAY, December 29th (that's TOMORROW!)** at **10:00AM.** Please, don't delay in getting your announcements to Jessica!



HUMAN CARE IS COLLECTING: gift cards to Walmart and Target to be used by the Missions and Outreach Ministry team—both to buy supplies for Feeding in the Park and to have on hand when help is needed in our community. If you have a gift card to donate, please tape it to the Gifts at the Manger poster on the nursery window in the Sanctuary. Collection will be **through the end of December.**



OFFICE HOURS TO NOTE: The Church Office will be *OPEN as usual* on **Monday and Tuesday,** but will *CLOSE* at **NOON on Wednesday, December 31st** and be *CLOSED* on **January 1st and 2nd.** In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact *Pastor Pfeffer* in the office or at home (813-752-1164) or *Vicar Shea* in the office or at 512-925-0180. During **this week** *Pastor* and *Vicar* will be in and out of the office enjoying family time.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH: we will follow our **USUAL Sunday** schedule with worship at **8:00 & 10:30am** and **5:30pm**, and Family Bible Hour at **9:15AM**. Please note that all of our Wednesday evening activities resume **January 7th**.

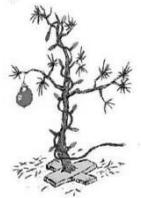
**Regular
Worship
Schedule**



INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS: The service of Installation for the new officers of our Board of Directors and members of our various ministry teams will take place on **Sunday, January 4th** at both the **8:00 & 10:30AM** worship services (You will be called forward following the Confession of Faith at whichever worship service you attend that day) AND on **Wednesday, January 7th** for those who are unable to be with us on Sunday morning. Please keep our 2015 leadership in your prayers as they undertake the task of moving us forward as we strive to *connect people to Jesus!* Many thanks to those who served **this past year** who now take rest from their labors...*"well done good and faithful servants!"* Your brothers and sisters in Christ truly thank God for you and your ministry!



WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN: Dare we say that as beautiful as our sanctuary is for the Advent and Christmas seasons, the time will come for us to take everything down until next Advent. Again, many thanks to those who assisted in November with all the wonderful decorating tasks. Now we ask for HELP again...we will "un-decorate" our sanctuary on: **Sunday, January 4th following our 10:30AM Worship Service**. Please, many hands are needed for this task and your help would be appreciated to have our sanctuary in order for our **5:30PM** Spanish worship service.



TREMENDOUS THANKS! to all those who gave so much of their time and talents over this past Advent Season and now for Christmas—our *musicians, singers, bell ringers, worship leaders, readers, dinner makers and cleaner uppers, craft leaders, and EVERYONE* who took the time and opportunities to **CONNECT PEOPLE TO JESUS!**

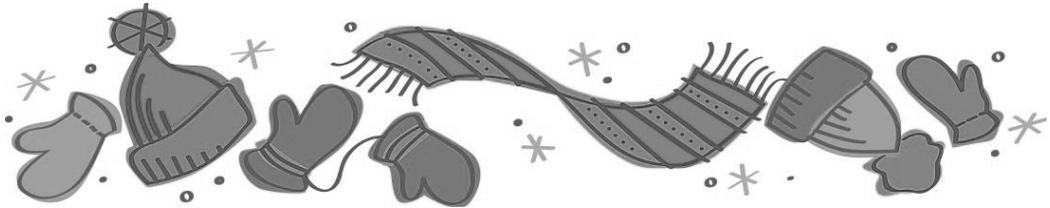


HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED: becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Michael Redeker from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you here at Hope on **February 2nd, 10:00AM-1:00PM**. Rev. Redeker is interested in in meeting prospective students of all ages—elementary school through adults. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact *Jessica* in the Church Office.





2015 FLOWER CHART: is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please PRINT your name on the Sunday you wish to place flowers. There is a LIMIT of 2 bouquets **per Sunday**. Cost for both sides is \$30.00 (or \$15.00 for one side). You can place your flower payment in one of the blue pew envelopes, mark it ALTAR FLOWERS, and place it in the offering.



MINISTRY TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, January 3 | 8:00AM | Trustees | Around Campus |
| Sunday, January 4 | 11:45AM | Christian Growth | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday, January 6 | 5:30PM 6:30PM | Fellowship Missions & Outreach | Pastor's Office Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday, January 8 | 6:30PM | Elders | Conference Room |
| Sunday, January 11 | 11:45AM | Human Care Youth | Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday, January 15 | 6:30PM | Board of Directors | Conference Room |

Ministry Team Leaders, please remember to email *Jessica* (hopepcsecretary@gmail.com) your meeting notes by **NOON** on the **Wednesday before** our Board of Directors' Meeting.



Real Help for Deep Hurt...

The finality of death is very hard to accept—losing a loved one is painful beyond description. A group called GriefShare is about helping the hurting, accepting the reality before you...so you can go on with life again. GriefShare is a series of 'helps and suggestions' for those who have lost someone through the process of death. We will begin the 13-week course on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30PM** in the Stephen Ministry classroom. Please join us—family, friends and neighbors are always welcome. May God bring you His peace...

STEPHEN MINISTRY



NEW STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING

Training to become a Stephen Minister will begin in January 2015. If you have a heart for Jesus and His people—then we invite you to join us. You will learn life skills, assertive communication of what to say during different life situations, and how to walk closer with our Lord Jesus Christ. You only need a heart of compassion to get started. All candidates will receive an information packet upon request.

Questions? Call Lyn Senkarik at 863-670-4866.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR SUNDAYS @ 9:15AM

ADULTS

GOD'S PLAN OUR CHOICE: Together we will launch into a study of Genesis 1-11. Genesis means beginning. This book gives the Biblical account of creation. You will delight in exploring the beginnings found here as it feeds into all you will learn whenever you study God's word. Leader: *Pastor Pfeffer*

MOSES AND THE BOOK OF EXODUS: The book of Exodus in the Old Testament details God's call to the people of Israel to get up and leave their position of slavery in Egypt. Join us on the journey as we study and learn of God's rescue and deliverance of His people under the leadership of Moses. Bring your Bibles and be prepared to discover and take note of practical applications for today's personal challenges through the example of Moses and the Israelites. Leader: *Gloria Warner*

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 12

GROWING IN CHRIST: This quarter we turn our attention to the birth of our Lord and His early ministry in the calling of His disciples along with some of Jesus' miracles. Together students and leaders will explore the life of our Lord and what it means for us today. Leaders: Various

**All Classes begin in Fellowship Hall
immediately following 8AM Worship**

Mid-Week WORSHIP

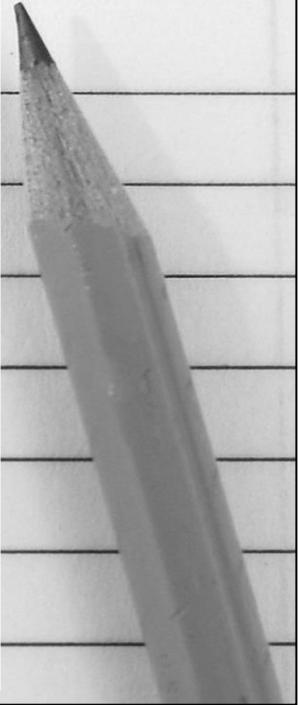
Wednesdays @ 6:30PM

LIVING HOPE WORSHIP

Our Wednesday evening worship continues this fall 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: GENESIS: "Who am I?" People seem to have lost their sense of belonging. They ask, "Who am I? What am I worth? Where am I going?" We have lost sight of our real roots. Because of sin people have forgotten who they are in relationship to God, and to one another. This study focuses on God's restoration through Jesus Christ, and our rootedness in Him. Leader: John Koren



Winter Worship

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour
5:30PM—Spanish Worship

WEDNESDAYS

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



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

Topics for this month:

January 4: "Gospel Power for Personal Patience"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus teaches us to be patient and wait with hope in God's promises. (Luke 2:40-52)

January 11: "Are You Qualified?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God qualifies us for eternal life through our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. (Romans 6:1-11)

January 18: "The Antidote"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus is the antidote for our cynicism and doubt. (John 1:43-51)

January 25: "Just the Facts"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

God's truth, as revealed in the Bible, remains true regardless of whether anyone believes it or not. (Isaiah 5:20-21)



Happy New Year!

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Pastor Pfeffer

Lyn

Joyce

Christine

*Vicar Shea
Jessica*

...your **Staff of Hope Lutheran Church**



As God's children we have a very special position.

Complete the description of jobs that a household servant might have to do. Use the letters to find a wonderful truth.

He or she might ...

1 __uy the 2 __roc__ries,
 3
 4 plan__ the g__rde__,
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 7 __i__k the __ow__,
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 11 pol__s__ the sil__e__,
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 15 and ir__n the la__n__r__.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Bev Dahlke
Dorothy Maltzahn
Milton & Emma Lou Schuett

Peg Stone
Ernest Taylor
Via Wenzel

PRAY FOR:

Pastor & Liz
Our Staff
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FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

NEW REQUESTS:

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| Charlie Comiskey | friend of Nora Trivunovich—recovering from back surgery & heart attack |
| Maria | friend of Paul & Lorie Barnhill—healing |
| Tresa Reynolds | friend of Nick & Nora Trivunovich—Aortic Aneurysm |
| Paul Winkler family | in-laws of Julie Gates—mourning his death |

CURRENT REQUESTS:

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| Alice | friend of Corrine Albano—pneumonia |
| Larry Baldwin | son of Jim & Lana—recovering from motorcycle accident |
| James Benton | recovering from brain tumor surgery |
| Bob Foreman | friend of Paul & Lorie Barnhill |
| Ken Hartmann & Family | mourning death of Ken's stepfather |
| David King & Family | mourning death of David's father |
| Alison Reaume | health concerns |
| Reggie | friend of Paul & Lorie Barnhill—healing |
| Milton Schuett | recovering at Health Center of Plant City |
| Ken Suttle | friend of John & Susan Burtz—Multiple Sclerosis |
| Jesse White | brother of Susan Burtz—loss of eye |

BATTLING CANCER:

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| Alice | Ken Buschbacher | Idele Green | Dovie Massaro | Al Simmons |
| Alex Almaguer | Chantal | Lynnie Green | Victor Miranda | Margarett Todd |
| Jennifer Barkley | Carol Chapman | Lori Heneka | Jim Moore | Mr. Wells |
| Tom Battling | Cassidy's friend | Jeanette Herndon | Joy Neely | Millie Wetz |
| Jim Berger | Marcus Elam | Maggi Hutto | Thomas Onderdonk | Donna Wigand |
| Kathleen Bosler | Ellen | Dale Jarvis | David Prentice | Laura Winkel |
| John Brom | Joy Fritzke | Kristin's student | Sara | Candy Wolfe |
| Laura Brom | Gail | Delores Lopresto | Abbey Sedlacek | Rick Ward |
| Bob Broshelle | | | | Heather Whitehurst |

RELATIVES SERVING IN THE MILITARY (R = Reserves)

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| | Rachael Clissold | | Kelly McNeil |
| Kevin Adams | Trevor Dahlke | Erika Grosskopf | Stephen Olliff—R |
| Zachary Allen | Triston Dahlke | George Grosskopf | Donnie Pittman |
| Joseph Apthorp | Lorrie Daniell—R | Ira Kinkead | Derek Quackenbush |
| Zachary Bennett | Stephen Daniell—R | Joshua Kinkead—R | Justin Rappa |
| Matt Bracken | McKenzie Griffin | Brad Landis | Ryan Sonnenberg |
| Matthew Clissold | Joshua Gross | Bobby Martin | Mike Szostkiewicz—R |

