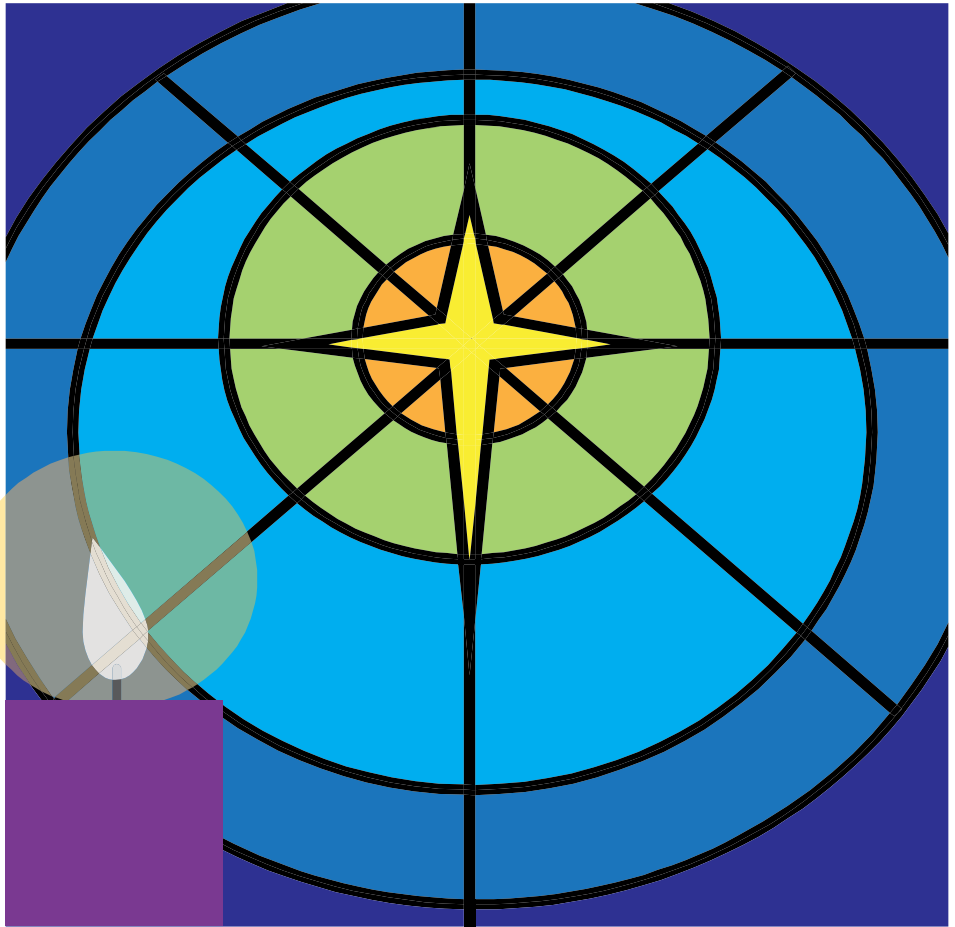


FIRST SUNDAY
OF

Advent



Hope Lutheran Church

a Community of Faith in the Heart of Fond du Lac



MISSOURI SYNOD • December 1 & 2, 2018

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Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:40 a.m.

Sunday School/Bible Classes (Sept-May)

Sunday School 9:10 a.m.

Confirmation (Grade 6-8) 9:10 a.m.

High School Bible Group 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.; December 2, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.



~ Those Serving in God's House Today ~

Altar Assistants:

Mert & Bonnie Harmsen, Garv & Carol Shields, Josh & Jill Harmsen, Diane Kaczmarczyk

<u>1st Week 5:30 PM</u>		<u>1st Week 8:00 AM</u>	
Captain	Garv Shields	Captain	Tom Carlson
Ushers	Bob Gust	Ushers	Tommy Chitwood
	Doug Hoffmann		Bob Cornejo
	Jerry Mattefs		John Gleason
	Aaron Zulauf		Steve Sager
Lector	Matt Schelk	Lector	Kim Ross
Acolytes	Max George	Greeters	Glenn & Ruth Lutze
	Makena Hanke		Bonnie Schultz
PowerPoint	Andy Schultz	Acolytes	Kaiden Ottery
Elder	Tom Bartelme		Brady Streblov
		DVD Recording	Josh Harmsen
		PowerPoint	Logan Schmitz
		Elders	Stewart Gough
			Dave Krahn

WELCOME GUESTS



- ☺ **Guests are invited** to stop by the Welcome Center in the lobby and take a welcome bag as our gift to you.
- ☺ **Our Common Christian Faith.** In many ways, we at Hope Church are the same as all faithful Christians. We confess Jesus Christ and the faith of the Apostles as recorded in God's Word, the Bible, and as summarized in the Apostle's Creed. We fully and completely accept the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, as God's own inspired Word for all people. Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, is at the center of all that we do.
- ☺ **Our Distinctive Approach to Christian Faith.** The name "Lutheran" refers to our appreciation for and commitment to the biblical gospel that was articulated and reclaimed under the leadership of Martin Luther during the period of church renewal that is known as the Protestant Reformation. In the larger context of the whole Christian church, Hope has a unique flavor.
- ☺ **Portable Amplifiers** (available in over the ear speaker or T-Coil hearing loop) are available from our ushers.
- ☺ **Our Nursery** is not staffed during worship services but is available for parents to use.

HOPE'S WEEKLY NEWS



Attendance – Thanksgiving Eve November 21: 6:00 p.m. – 192; November 24: 5:30 p.m. – 69; November 25: 8:00 a.m.–171; 10:40 a.m.–182; Sunday School: 47; Confirmation: 40; Bible Classes: 70

Altar Flowers – are sponsored this week by the Decorating Committee.

Our Café Corner – is serving coffee and treats from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and is sponsored this Sunday by our 1st Grade Sunday School Class. Next Sunday our Café Corner will be sponsored by our 2nd Grade Sunday School Class.

If You Would Like Holy Communion Brought to You in Your Pew – please let one of our ushers know before the service begins. The ushers will then pass that information to the Elder assisting the pastor and they will be happy to bring the bread and the wine to you.

Overview of Today's Readings for Your Personal Walk of Faith

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, "a righteous Branch" descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts "blameless in holiness before our God and Father" (1 Thess. 3:13).

Our Sympathies – to Vivian Gorden and family at the death of her brother, Dennis Ehrenberg, on November 10.

Congratulations – to Heidi Ann Kelley and Joshua Keith Wolderich who were united in marriage here at Hope on Saturday, December 1.

2019 Offering Envelopes – are available in the Narthex. If envelopes have been issued to your family and some are no longer needed, if you are unable to locate your envelopes, or if you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Hope Lutheran Choirs – invite you to their 59th Annual Christmas Concert this **Sunday, December 2**, at 10:40 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Groups featured include: Adult Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Worship Team, Junior Worship Team, New Hope Ensemble and Brass Ensemble.

Midweek Advent Service – Join us for our Midweek Advent Service at 12:00 p.m. this Wednesday, December 5.

Full-Time Youth Director – As the congregation decided at the October 16 Voters' Meeting, we are moving forward to fill the position of full-time Youth Director. If you are interested in serving on this committee to flesh out the details of this new position and in the interviewing process, please contact congregational president Brian Orvis at 920.929.9511 or email him at borvis@charter.net. The deadline is Sunday, December 23.

Sunday School Practice – for 4 year old through 5th grade students will be Saturdays, December 8 and 15 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon and Sunday, December 9, from 9:15-10:25 a.m. The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m.

Something New – Look for Children's Chapel starting soon. More information coming. ☺

Taxi's For Christ – Are you or someone you know in need of a ride to Hope Lutheran Church to attend worship services at no cost to you? The Board of Outreach is offering cab fare to and from Hope for any of our worship services for those in need. Please contact Quality Cab at 920-929-8888 for a ride.

Angel Tree Ministry – Thank you for your generosity in supporting this ministry! All of the gift tags have been taken. Monetary donations are still needed and can be put in an envelope marked “Angel Tree” and dropped off at the church office on or before December 9. Wrapped packages need to be returned to church by Sunday, December 9. Our Angel Tree Christmas Party for the families is scheduled on Saturday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help with the party and distribution of gifts, please call Coral at 920-238-9959 or Stacey at 920-929-4082.

Ladies Guild – will meet on **Thursday, December 13**, at 1:30 p.m. (note this is an afternoon event) for their annual Christmas Party. Guild members are asked to bring one dozen cookies for others to enjoy. Rather than purchasing products, the ingathering will be a special collection for Solution Center. The Senior Center Chime Choir will provide entertainment. All women of the congregation and guests are invited to attend.

Celebrate the Miracle of Christmas – the gift of God’s Son to be our Savior. Now is a great time to invite family, friends and acquaintances to worship with you.



- December 24 – 1:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service
- December 24 – 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service
- December 24 – 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Communion Service
- December 24 – 7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 25 – 9:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service

Blue Moose Caboose – It’s that time of year again for Blue Moose Caboose. What is Blue Moose Caboose? It is a chance for the Sunday School children to buy gifts for their family. We are looking for clean, used or new donation. Especially needed are gift items for men and boys. Drop off items by the Sunday School Office. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Boda at 920-960-0230.

Thank You – The Decorating Committee would like to thank all who worked so hard to decorate our church for Jesus’ Birthday. God sent just the right amount of people to get the job done!

Thank You – for all the donations and time people gave for the Family Fun Day. It was a wonderful fellowship afternoon with memories made, good food and lots of fun.

The Four Candles in our Advent Wreath – represent the four Sundays before Christmas. Lighting a new candle each week is one way to see firsthand how light overcomes darkness. Over the years, the candles have been given names. The first one that is lit is the Prophecy candle, followed by the Bethlehem candle, the Shepherd’s candle and finally the Angels’ candle. This season let your light shine, that others may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Worship Service DVD – The 8:00 a.m. worship service is recorded on a DVD each weekend. These DVD worship services are available to be checked out from the Church Office.

Prayer Chain – Hope has an active Prayer Chain. All prayers are confidential and may be submitted anonymously. Fill out a request card in the pew or call Darlene Engle at 923-5314.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



SLYF-Senior Lutheran Youth Fellowship (Grades 9-12)

- **SLYF Bible Study** – Join us this **Sunday, December 2**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. The topic for this week is taking a break. Friends are always welcome and hope to see you there. Next Sunday our topic will be Christmas in the Old Testament! Hope to see you there!
- **SLYF Gathering** – We will meet this **Sunday, December 2**, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Youth Room to play Magic the Gathering! We'll have pizza, soda, and snacks. Join us next Sunday to play Dungeons and Dragons. Friends are always welcome! Hope to see you there!
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** – FCA is not only for athletes, but also for anyone that would like to come, even those who do not go to Fondy High. We meet twice a month at Fondy High from 6:15-7:30 p.m. for free pizza and dessert and then have a short Bible study. In December we will only meet once, on **Monday, December 10**. We'd love to have you join us whenever it works out. If you have questions, contact Anola (Granola) Huck at 922-8746.

Youth (Grades 6-12)

**DEADLINE: Turn in your permission slip and \$75 to
Service Center Box no later than Sunday, December 16, 2018.**

- **Camp Luther Deep Freeze January 18-20, 2019** – Invite your friends (grades 6-12) and experience a weekend in the Northwoods that's filled with adventure, laughter, and some amazing hot chocolate. More than that, this weekend provides you with the opportunity to recharge and be reminded again of who you are in Jesus Christ. Even better, the entire weekend is led by incredible Camp Luther staff members. This allows you to focus on hanging out and building relationships. Prepare to experience: Broomball, Downhill Tubing, Cross-Country Skiing, Campfires, Group Building, Worship, Devotions and Bible Study. We'll leave Hope at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and return approx. 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Cost of \$75.00 includes four meals, two nights lodging and ALL program recreation costs. (Bring additional money for Friday supper and Sunday lunch. Canteen optional.) (\$125.00 per person with the Board of Youth sponsoring \$50.00 per student)

Confirmation Students

- **8th Grade Prayer Partner Appreciation Sunday, December 9** – Christmas is a wonderful time to tell your Prayer Partner how much you appreciate the prayers throughout the year. Show your appreciation with a card, letter or gift. Before Confirmation class on Sunday, December 9, there will be a cardboard box on the Service Center table by your classroom. Put your item there with your name on it. It will be given to your Prayer Partner on Thursday during the Ladies Guild Christmas Party. Email Beth Kettner at childrensministries@lifeathope.org with questions.

HOPE'S HOUSE OF PRAYER THIS WEEK



For the Sick and Hospitalized

- † Prayers of healing for those who are sick and/or hospitalized: Anne Orvis, Erv Voigtschild, Rose Kirchner, Dan Walgenbach, Sonya Stevens, Becky Isaacs, Joshua M., Ian Marvuglio, Roberta Thompson, Suzanne Thompson and Christine Scott.

For Your Family and Friends

- † Prayers of comfort for Vivian Gorden and family at the death of her brother, Dennis Ehrenberg.

† Birthdays:

2-Lisa Birschbach	2-Mark Riske	2-Gage Starks	2-Lisa Walljasper
3-Daniel Marcoe	4-Trevor Massie	4-Emily Sigafus	5-Jennifer Crossman
5-Larry Dikeman	5-Sam Meyer	6-Nate Abel	6-Kelsey Knipple
6-Ally McDonald	6-Pamela Stobb	7-Jon Kaufman	7-Anna Miller
7-Dave Steffens	7-Ethyn Thome	8-Sheri Lund	8-Harley Miskov

† Wedding Anniversaries:

5-Larry & Linda Schwalenberg (48)	6-Robert & Ashley Steffes (10)
7-Tim & Karen Kelley (34)	8-Herman & Diane Grohskopf (40)

For South Wisconsin District Missions

- † Join with others this week in praying for God's blessings for the spread of the Gospel in the Latino/Hispanic communities of Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Racine and Beloit. Pray the continued efforts of Rev. Alfonso Prada, Rev. Germán Novelli, Jr., Rev. James Pemberton, Rev. Germán Novelli, Sr., Rev. David Blas, and Rev. Dennis Roser will yield much spiritual fruit and that many will know of the light of Christ this season.

*Please keep the pastor informed if the need for these special prayers has passed. Have we missed your birthday or wedding anniversary or would you like a prayer request included? Please call the church office (922-5130).
Deadline for information included in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at Noon.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday – December 2	Monday – December 3
8:00 AM – Traditional Service w/HC 9:00 AM – SLYF Bible Study (Youth Room) 9:10 AM – Confirmation (Classrooms) 9:10 AM – Sunday School (Classrooms) 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) 10:40 AM – Choir Christmas Concert 12:00 PM – SYLF Gathering (Youth Room) 4:00 PM – Choir Christmas Concert	8:30 AM – Retired Men’s Breakfast (Oasis Restaurant) 1:00 PM – Board of Outreach (Office Workroom)
Tuesday – December 4	Wednesday – December 5
9:15 AM – Staff Meeting (Office Workroom) 10:00 AM – Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 PM – Exercise Class (H-102) 5:30 PM – Board of Elders (Office Conference Room) 6:30 PM – Board of Education (Office Workroom)	8:30 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102) 12:00 PM – Advent Service
Thursday – December 6	Friday – December 7
9:00 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102) 3:00 PM – Exercise Class (H-102)	Church Office Closed
Saturday – December 8	Sunday – December 9
11:00 AM – Sunday School Practice 5:30 PM – Traditional Service	8:00 AM – Traditional Service 9:00 AM – SLYF Bible Study (Youth Room) 9:10 AM – Confirmation (Classrooms) 9:10 AM – Sunday School (Classrooms) 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) 10:40 AM – Blended Service 12:00 PM – SYLF Gathering (Youth Room)

***Our mission is to share the Gospel with the lost and the saved,
in fervent hope that all may live with Jesus now and in eternity. (Matthew 28:19-20)***