

THIRD SUNDAY
OF



Hope Lutheran Church

a Community of Faith in the Heart of Fond du Lac



MISSOURI SYNOD • December 15 & 16, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.; December 16, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.



~ Those Serving in God's House Today ~

Worship Team: 10:40 AM Mike Scharf, Cindy Cook, John Rosenfeldt, Rick Mackie
 Woodwind Trio: 10:40 AM Becky Knoll, Kerry Winget, Dale Shipe
 Altar Assistants: Mert & Bonnie Harmsen, Garv & Carol Shields, Josh & Jill Harmsen, Diane Kaczmarczyk

<u>3rd Week 5:30 PM</u>		<u>3rd Week 8:00 AM</u>		<u>3rd Week 10:40 AM</u>	
Captain	Dean Birschbach	Captain	Tim Kelley	Captain	Gary Kuehl
Ushers	Tom Bartelme Jarred Birschbach Ken Provot Jeff Shell	Ushers	Clark Kelley Jerry Schneider Chuck Schuette Eric Seibel	Ushers	Daryl Dahl Phyllis Dahl Paul Rosenfeldt
Lector	Dan Joseph	Greeter	Sharon Lohmann	Acolytes	Elizabeth Moses Sierrah Riske
Acolytes	Wyatt Thompson Madison Miller	Lector	Chuck Schuette	Audio Tech	Jacob Demoske
PowerPoint	Andy Schultz	Acolytes	Riley Dietenberger Caleb Duwell	PowerPoint	Liz VanNocker
Elder	Ken Provot	DVD Recording	Tim Primeau	Elders	Dean Retzlaff Ed Semlor
		PowerPoint	Andy Schultz		
		Elders	Dave Krahn Bob Mengert		

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 – December 8: 5:30 p.m. – 106; December 9: 8:00 a.m. – 137; 10:40 a.m. – 147; Sunday School: 42; Confirmation: 39;

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 Board of Stewardship and Scholarship Committee. Café Corner will be closed Sundays, December 23 and 30.

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. If you are unable to take the cup out of the tray, please put your hand out and a cup will be handed to you.

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

The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the "Joy" Sunday. For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always," knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "the dead are raised up" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

Holy Baptism – Benjamin Scott Stalnaker, son of Drew and Kathryn (Smith) Stalnaker, received new life in Christ and was welcomed into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Wednesday.

Large Print *Portals of Prayer* – for January-March are available on the Literature Table.

No Saturday Night Worship Services – on December 22 or 29.

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, if you would like envelopes for a confirmed youth, or if you have any other questions, please contact the church office.

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.

Worship Services on DVD or Online – The 8:00 a.m. worship service is recorded on a DVD each weekend and is available to be checked out from the Church Office. You can also catch a Hope sermon or musical performance on YouTube. (www.youtube.com/lifeathope). Share with family and friends.

Sunday School Practice – remaining for 4 year old through 5th grade students will be Saturday, December 15, from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. **Christmas Program is Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m.**

Men's Club – will meet this **Tuesday, December 18**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After an evening meal, Steve Sager will be our speaker. There will also be a report on the results of the November Chili Supper. All men of the congregation are invited. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

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

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

Hope Preschool – invites you to celebrate Christmas and the birth of our Savior Jesus this **Tuesday, December 18**, at 6:00 p.m. The children have worked hard to prepare a special program that is sure to delight and inspire. They will be performing both traditional and classic children's Christmas songs.

Women On Their Own – will meet for lunch at Benvenuto's (Holiday Inn) at 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, December 20**. Take a break from your holiday preparations and relax. Please confirm your reservation with Sylvia at 921-2237 (email syl3@charter.net).

The Acolyte Schedule – for December and January is now posted online at www.lifeathope.org/confirmation. The schedule will also be printed each month in the newsletter.

Intergenerational Game Night – The Board of Youth is sponsoring a fun, Intergenerational Game Night on **Friday, January 25**, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Game Night is about connecting to the Family of Hope Lutheran. There will be a variety of games such as: Spoons, Charades, Apples to Apples, Pictionary, Uno, Cribbage and more. Games are a priceless way to interact with friends while creating lasting memories. Choose from the games we provide or make up your own. An alternative to playing a game could be putting together a puzzle. Ice cream and toppings provided. Please let Beth Kettner know if you plan to attend by email: childrensministries@lifeathope.org; phone: 920-642-3810 or sign up online at www.lifeathope.org/groups/childrensministries.

Acoustic Study – The firm of Scott R. Riedel & Associates, Ltd. of Milwaukee has completed an acoustic analysis of our sanctuary. This study gives suggestions on how the worship space can be modified to enhance congregational singing, the performance of choirs and music groups, and the organ as it leads the congregation in worship. Copies of this study are available on the tables in the back of church and on to the church website www.lifeathope.org (click on acoustic study).

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.

LWML Winter Getaway – All women are invited to attend this Christ-centered getaway at the Wintergreen Resort & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells on February 1 & 2, 2019. Come and find Courage, Wisdom and Strength through Christ for the Journey. For the Registration Form and more information go to www.lwml-swd.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



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

- **SLYF Bible Study** – Join us this **Sunday, December 16**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. This week we will be talking about Christmas. Friends are always welcome. Hope to see you there! This will be the last Bible Study in December. We will meet again on January 6.
- **SLYF Gathering** – We will meet this **Sunday, December 16**, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Youth Room to play Magic the Gathering! We'll have pizza, soda, and snacks. This will be the last SLYF Gathering until January 6. Friends are always welcome! Hope to see you there!

Youth (Grades 6-12)

- **Camp Luther Deep Freeze January 18-20, 2019**

DEADLINE TODAY: Turn in your permission slip and \$75 to Service Center Box.

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)

Visit us online on the church website: www.lifeathope.org/groups/childrensministries.

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 and Becky Isaacs.

For Your Family and Friends

† Birthdays:

16-Elijah Fuchs	16-Melanie Nickerson	16-Lindsey Schultz	17-Caroline Alyanak
17-Pam Demoske-Pfeiffer	17-Merri Smith	18-Jim Fellers	18-Diane Grohskopf
18-Bonnie Harmsen	18-Jack Rens	19-Ken Hill	19-Thomas Isaacs
19-Kaitlyn Primeau	19-Don Wolf	20-Jerrae DeLap	20-Avyn Harding
20-Irelyn Petik	20-Barb Sippel	20-Erin Steward	20-Dean Wolf
21-Max George	21-Mandi Hicks	22-Desmond Kisch	22-Hannah Sigafus

† Wedding Anniversaries:

16-Bob & Nicole Krahn (24)	18-James & Darlene Engle (53)
19-Jerry & Judi Mattefs (43)	21-Terry & Kris McEssy (44)

For South Wisconsin District Missions

- † In your prayers this week, please include the mission outreach to the Karenni ministry that has increased through the people of Trinity-Freistadt, Beautiful Savior-Mequon, Chapel of the Cross-Milwaukee, and Faith-Germantown. Boldly ask God to graciously open their hearts to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*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 16	Monday – December 17
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) 10:30 AM – Blue Moose (Classroom by Music Studio) 10:40 AM – Blended Service w/HC 11:40 AM – Junior Worship Team (Music Studio) 11:45 AM – Youth Organize Pews 12:00 PM – SYLF Gathering (Youth Room) 4:00 PM – Sunday School Christmas Program	8:30 AM – Retired Men’s Breakfast (Oasis Restaurant)
Tuesday – December 18	Wednesday – December 19
9:15 AM – Staff Meeting (Office Workroom) 10:00 AM – Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 PM – Exercise Class (H-102) 11:40 AM – Junior Worship Team (Music Studio) 3:45 PM – Junior Worship Team (Music Studio) 5:30 PM – Men’s Club (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM – Board of Youth (Office Conference Room) 6:00 PM – Preschool/4K Program (Church) 6:30 PM – Board of Education (Office Workroom)	8:30 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102)
Thursday – December 20	Friday – December 21
9:00 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102) 11:30 AM – Women on Their Own (Benvenutos)	
Saturday – December 22	Sunday – December 23
9:00 AM – Good Samaritan Boxing (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 AM – Traditional Service 10:40 AM – Blended Service

***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)***