

FOURTH SUNDAY

OF

*Advent*



# Hope Lutheran Church

*a Community of Faith in the Heart of Fond du Lac*



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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.

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 23, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.



## ~ Those Serving in God's House Today ~

Worship Team: 10:40 AM Debbie Schmitz, Diane Kaczmarczyk, Melissa Schrot, John Rosenfeldt, Joe Krahn, Wyatt Federman  
Altar Assistants: Mert & Bonnie Harmsen, Garv & Carol Shields, Josh & Jill Harmsen, Diane Kaczmarczyk

<u>4<sup>th</sup> Week 8:00 AM</u>		<u>4<sup>th</sup> Week 10:40 AM</u>	
Captain	Mark Barber	Captain	Brian Orvis
Ushers	Steve Kohlman	Ushers	Marcus Carus
	Ron Nieman		Jill Harmsen
	Jeff Ruhnke		Josh Harmsen
	Rollie Schumacher		Mert Harmsen
Greeters	Joanne Greisch		Joe Rens
	John & Pam Kollmann		Dan Schneider
	Lorraine Schultz	Acolytes	Cora Serwe
Lector	Darlene Zulauf		David Sievert
Acolytes	Colton Grinstead	PowerPoint	Logan Schmitz
	Owen Challoner	Audio Tech	Jacob Demoske
PowerPoint	Andy Schultz	Elder	Ed Semlor
DVD Recording	Sue Girard		
Elder	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 15: 5:30 p.m. – 100; December 16: 8:00 a.m. – 165; 10:40 a.m. – 151; Sunday School: 42; Confirmation: 41; Bible Classes – 125; Sunday School Program – 240

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

**Our Café Corner** – is closed Sundays, December 23 and 30. Merry Christmas!

**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.

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

### The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to “shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.” He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10).

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**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. Watch for updates as this exciting time at Hope unfolds!

**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](http://www.youtube.com/lifeathope)). Share with family and friends.

**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

**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.

**Newsletter Reminder** – All articles to be included in the February *Life @ Hope* newsletter should be in the church office no later than Tuesday, January 1. Thank you!

**Sunday Bible Classes, Confirmation and Sunday School** – will not meet on Sundays, December 23 or December 30. Classes will resume again on Sunday, January 6.

**New** – Look for Children’s Chapel starting soon. More information coming.

**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](mailto:childrensministries@lifeathope.org); phone: 920-642-3810 or sign up online at [www.lifeathope.org/groups/childrensministries](http://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](http://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.

**Martha Ministry** – Did you know Hope has a Martha Ministry? It is an opportunity to serve members of Hope who may need help with meals for a few days after being hospitalized. Hope members volunteer to make a meal and deliver it to the home. Are you interested in preparing a meal? Have you been released from the hospital and need help with meals? Please contact Joan Roberts at 923-0591 or Angie Roberts at 979-7496.

**Good Shepherd's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – You are invited to attend Good Shepherd's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. (2450 West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oshkosh). The service features Guest Preacher District President Rev. Wille with brunch and fellowship following the service. If you have any questions please call Good Shepherd at 920-231-0530.

**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](http://www.lwml-swd.org).

**Weekend to Remember** – FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember is a marriage getaway that has equipped over 1.5 million couples with practical tools and resources. Don't just survive, discover a marriage that thrives. Events in our area: February 22-24, 2019 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton and May 17-19, 2019 at the Madison Marriott West in Madison. More information can be found on the Literature Tables at the back of church or go to: [www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/](http://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember/).

# YOUTH MINISTRIES



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

- **No SLYF Bible Study or Gathering** – There is no SLYF Bible Study or Gathering this weekend. Both will start again on Sunday, January 6. Hope to see you there!

## Youth (Grades 6-12)

- **Camp Luther Deep Freeze January 18-20, 2019** – It's a Northwoods adventure, laughter, and some amazing hot chocolate. Registration is Closed. Please pray for safe transportation. Pray that the youth are touched by the spirit to grow strong and be filled with the fullness of God. We thank God for this opportunity to meet other believers and to have experiences creating new friendships.

## Youth (Grades 6-8)

- **The Acolyte Schedule** – is posted online at [www.lifeathope.org/confirmation](http://www.lifeathope.org/confirmation). The schedule will also be printed each month in the newsletter. The sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship hallway outside the Confirmation Classrooms. If you have a child in Confirmation, please sign your child up twice to serve as an Acolyte. Also, beginning in January, the Acolytes will not wear albs in the 10:40 a.m. Service. Please encourage your child to dress appropriately. A good guideline is "Business Casual".

Visit us online on the church website: [www.lifeathope.org/groups/childrensministries](http://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:

23-Carol Bera	23-Sarah Depies	23-Jeffery Liner	23-Sue Passow
24-Merry Arndt	24-Jennifer Torgersen	25-Jeanette Rinke	25-Brooke Wightman
25-Jean Wiley	26-Brian Steffens	27-Zack Gietzel	27-Jennique Klotz
28-Charlotte Collies	28-Sam Gantner	28-Ken Provot	28-Stacey Riske
29-Sheri Amidon			

### † Wedding Anniversaries:

27-David & Marsha Matthews (34)	27-Dennis & Elizabeth Wegner (32)
28-Bob & Michele Mengert (5)	28-Robert & Marianna Rennock (27)
29-Ron & Nancy Nieman (65)	29-Richard & Suzanne Rupp (13)

## For South Wisconsin District Missions

- † As we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, pray for the Muslim Outreach (POBLO) of missionary Ebou Faye in South Wisconsin. Ask for God's help in the conversion of hearts and minds so that many ethnic Muslims will be given new life in 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



<b>Sunday – December 23</b>	<b>Monday – December 24</b>
8:00 AM – Traditional Service 10:40 AM – Blended Service 11:40 AM – Junior Worship Team	Church Office Closed  1:30 PM – Christmas Eve Family Service 3:30 PM – Christmas Eve Family Service 5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service w/HC 7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>Tuesday – December 25</b>	<b>Wednesday – December 26</b>
Church Office Closed  9:00 AM – Christmas Day Service	8:30 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102)
<b>Thursday – December 27</b>	<b>Friday – December 28</b>
9:00 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102) 7:00 PM – Worship Team	6:00 PM – Schultz/Rebedew Rehearsal
<b>Saturday – December 29</b>	<b>Sunday – December 30</b>
2:00 PM – Schultz/Rebedew Wedding	8:00 AM – Traditional Service 10:40 AM – Blended Service 11:40 AM – Junior Worship Team

***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)***