

**BEAR WITH
EACH OTHER**

AND

**FORGIVE ONE
ANOTHER...**

Colossians 3:13, NIV

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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.



~ Those Serving in God's House Today ~

Worship Team: 10:40 AM Cindy Cook, Melissa Schrot, Kathy Keifenheim, Mike Scharf, Cole Schrot
Altar Assistants: Mert & Bonnie Harmsen, Garv & Carol Shields, Josh & Jill Harmsen, Diane Kaczmarczyk

<u>5th Week 8:00 AM</u>		<u>5th Week 10:40 AM</u>	
Captain	Mark Barber	Captain	Brian Orvis
Ushers	Steve Kohlman Ron Nieman Jeff Ruhnke Rollie Schumacher	Ushers	Marcus Carus Jill Harmsen Josh Harmsen Mert Harmsen
Lector	Mark Barber		Joe Rens
Greeters	Joanne Greisch John & Pam Kollmann Lorraine Schultz	Acolytes	Dan Schneider Owen Lawson Summer Belongia
Acolytes	Jamie Reilly Brady Roberts	PowerPoint	Andy Schultz
PowerPoint	Logan Schmitz	Audio Tech	Jacob Demoske
DVD Recording	Manfred Reinbacher	Elders	Dean Retzlaff Gary St. Mary
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 23: 8:00 a.m. – 160; 10:40 a.m. – 150; Christmas Eve: 1:30 p.m. – 123; 3:30 p.m. – 237; 5:30 p.m. – 201; 7:30 p.m. – 182. Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m. – 87.

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

Our Café Corner – is closed Sunday, December 30. Happy New Year! Next Sunday our Café Corner will serve coffee and treats from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and will be sponsored by our Board of Elders.

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.

New Year's Eve Service – with Holy Communion will be held on **Monday, December 31**, at 6:00 p.m.

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

The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “the redemption of Jerusalem” and “the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we join Simeon and Anna in “giving thanks to God the Father through him,” “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.”

Congratulations – to Kelsey Schultz and Ty Rebedew who were united in marriage here at Hope on Saturday, December 29.

Make It a Priority in 2019 to Be Involved in Bible Study:

Sunday Senior High Bible Study (*resumes January 6*) – 9:00-10:30 a.m. – Youth Room

Sunday Adult Bible Study (*resumes January 6*) – 9:15 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

Monday Women's Bible Study (*resumes January 14*) – 10:00 a.m. – Office Conference Room

Tuesday Adult Bible Study (*resumes January 15*) – 10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

Thursday Women's Bible Study – 6:30 p.m. – Holm's Home – This group meets every other week.

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!

Taking Down Decorations – Volunteers are needed to take down the Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 6**, starting at noon. We'll finish up Monday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m.

Sweet Hour of Prayer – will meet in the Office Conference Room at Hope on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 11:00 a.m. In January we will meet on the 14th and 28th. Past members are encouraged to return and new members are welcome!

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

Ladies Guild – will meet on **Thursday, January 10**, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Enderle will lead the Bible study. Mites will be collected, a lite snack served, followed by a short business meeting. Please join us for a time of fellowship.

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!

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).

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.

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.

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 – 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 50th Anniversary – You are invited to attend Good Shepherd's 50th Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. (2450 West 9th 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.

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.

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)

- Registration is closed. **Camp Luther Deep Freeze January 18-20, 2019** – It's a Northwoods adventure, laughter, and some amazing hot chocolate. 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. 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 after discussion by the Board of Education, 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.

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, Suzanne Thompson, Roberta Thompson, Christine Scott and Howard Schleif.

For Your Family and Friends

† Birthdays:

30-Ava Espy	31-Becky Gruenstern	31-Denise Knueppel	31-Greg Konen
31-Kaylin Lemke	31-Savannah Riske	31-Samantha Schaff	31-Holly Seibel
31-Scott Steffens	1-Jerome DeMille	1-Jerry Engle	1-Tom Federman
1-Jolayne Ingebritson	1-Kyle Kirchoff	1-Doug Miller	1-Debbie Schmitz
1-Dana Streblov	1-Kirsten Stuck	1-Kristine Taivalmaa	2-Bob Cornejo
2-Karen Langjahr	2-Bob Mengert	2-Kaden Schneider	3-Jesse Kettner
3-Joe Nitz	3-Angie Roberts	3-Chuck Schuette	3-Aaron Zulauf
4-Dave Horton	4-Terry Schleif	4-Larissa Schmitz	5-Linda Kranig

† Wedding Anniversaries:

30-Tony & Cheyenne Fazzinga (1)	30-Mike & Judy Jaber (23)
30-Jon & Jayne Kaufman (51)	1-Tom & Rita Federman (63)
1-Max & Janet Kirchhoff (44)	1-Terry & Cathi Schneider (23)
1-Chris & Lisa Walljasper (21)	

*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 30	Monday – December 31
8:00 AM – Traditional Service 10:40 AM – Blended Service 11:45 AM – Junior Worship Team (Music Studio)	Church Office Closed 6:00 PM – New Year's Eve Service w/HC
Tuesday – January 1	Wednesday – January 2
Church Office Closed 12:00 PM – February Newsletter Deadline	8:30 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102)
Thursday – January 3	Friday – January 4
9:00 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102)	
Saturday – January 5	Sunday – January 6
5:30 PM – Traditional Service w/HC	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 – Blended Service w/HC 12:00 PM – SYLF Gathering (Youth Room) 12:00 PM – Take Down Decorations

***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)***