

WE HAVE COME  
TO WORSHIP HIM.



Matthew 2:2

# Hope Lutheran Church

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



MISSOURI SYNOD • January 5 & 6, 2019

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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.

# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.; January 6, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.



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

Altar Assistants:

Loretta Miller, Michelle Mengert, Garv & Carol Shields, Tom Bartelme, Joanne Greisch

1 <sup>st</sup> Week 5:30 PM		1 <sup>st</sup> Week 8:00 AM		1 <sup>st</sup> Week 10:40 AM	
Captain	Garv Shields	Captain	Tom Carlson	Captain	Kurt Petik
Ushers	Bob Gust	Ushers	Tommy Chitwood	Ushers	Greg Lohse
	Doug Hoffmann		Bob Cornejo		Mike Scharf
	Jerry Mattefs		John Gleason	Acolyte	Jacob Wightman
	Aaron Zulauf		Steve Sager	Audio Tech	Jacob Demoske
Lector	Matt Schelk	Lector	Kim Ross	PowerPoint	Liz VanNocker
Acolytes	Isaac Wuest	Greeters	Glenn & Ruth Lutze	Elder	Dean Retzlaff
	Mason Schnell		Bonnie Schultz		
PowerPoint	Logan Schmitz	Acolyte	Kole Karweick		
Elder	Aaron Zulauf	DVD Recording	Josh Harmsen		
		PowerPoint	Andy Schultz		
		Elders	Ed Semlor		
			Bob Mengert		
			Tom Bartelme		

## 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 30: 8:00 a.m. – 143; 10:40 a.m. – 118; New Year's Eve: 6:00 p.m. – 41.

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

**Our Café Corner** – will serve coffee and treats from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and is sponsored this week by our Board of Elders. Next week it will be sponsored by our Board of Early Childhood Education and Hope Preschool/4K.

**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.

**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 God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

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### Sermon Series – Mountains, Gardens and the Sea

Date:	Location:	Text:
January 6	The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:8, 9, 15, 16, 17; 3:1-19
January 13	The New Eden and Gethsemane	Matthew 26:36, 37, 38, 39; Revelation 22:1-5
January 20	Mount Moriah	Genesis 22:1-19
January 27	Mount Horeb	I Kings 19:1-18
February 3	Mount Sinai and Mount Zion	Hebrews 12:18-24
February 10	Jonah and the Sea	The Book of Jonah
February 17	The Mount of Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
February 24	Jesus Walks on Water	Matthew 14:22-32
March 3	The Mount of Transfiguration	Luke 9:28-36

### 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 11:00 a.m. In January we will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Past members are encouraged to return and new members are welcome!

**Full-Time Youth Director** – Watch for updates as this exciting time at Hope unfolds!

**Ladies Guild** – will meet this **Thursday, January 10**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

**Women on Their Own** – will meet for lunch at Schreiners at 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, January 17**. Join our lively conversation and fellowship. We have a great group! Call Sylvia at 921-2237.

**Intergenerational Game Night** – Remember to sign up. We'll have ice cream and toppings. The Board of Youth has acquired new games for everyone of all ages. Bring your friends and check it out. Intergenerational Game Night on **Friday, January 25**, from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Free for Hope and the community. 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).



**The Hope Mongers Fantasy Football Super Bowl** – has been played and this year the trophy goes to Team Olig, owned by Mike and Bryan Olig. The Olig's took down Won't Take A Knee (owner, Mike Scharf), 202.50 to 157.80. Coming in third place was Erica Scharf and her team Pain and Torture. And coming in fourth was last year's champ, Year of the Dak, owned by Barb Gray. It was a fun and challenging season and we hope more members of Hope will consider joining next season. Thanks for all the great fun and fellowship everyone and we'll see you all again next year! Barb Gray – The Commish

**The Board of Youth** – would like to bless the congregation a little differently this year by giving the youth an opportunity to set up and serve at three lent suppers. This will be a youth fundraiser, with a freewill offering to cover expenses and any extra being dispersed into youth accounts. The youth will not have a spaghetti dinner or silent auction this year.

**A Special Thank You** – for everyone who played a part in making the “Blessing Baskets” at Christmas for our parishioner’s in need. The families were so grateful. There were many tears of happiness. Thank you to the people who donated food, cookies and to those who delivered baskets.

**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).

**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.

**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, January 6**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. The topic for this week is new habits for the new year. Friends are always welcome and hope to see you there. Next Sunday our topic will be about why daily Bible reading is such a great thing! Hope to see you there!
- **SLYF Gathering** – We will meet this **Sunday, January 6**, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Youth Room to play *Dos*, the sequel to the card game *Uno*! We'll have pizza, soda and snacks. Join us next Sunday for Dungeons and Dragons. Friends are always welcome!
- **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 January we will meet on **Mondays, January 7 and 21**. 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)

- Please pray for us: **Camp Luther Deep Freeze January 18-20, 2019** – 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. Registration is closed. More information about Deep Freeze/Camp Luther in Three Lakes can be found at: [campluther.com](http://campluther.com).

## 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 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".

## Youth Fundraisers (Grades 6-12)

- **SCRIP** – refers to gift certificates or gift cards. Families are able to purchase gift cards from hundreds of retailers nationwide and earn money for youth accounts. Contact Hope SCRIP Coordinator Kare Hynek at [hopelyfscrip@gmail.com](mailto:hopenlyfscrip@gmail.com) for more information or to order.
- **Fundraiser Suppers March 6, 13 and 27** – Help will be needed from 4:00-6:30 p.m. This year the youth will have an opportunity to make money for their youth accounts by preparing and serving three of the lent suppers. This fundraiser is in place of the annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Parent help is also needed for meal planning (if this is your forte please contact Beth at 920-642-3810), preparation, setup, serving, clean up, etc.

# 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 and Bernice Wittig.

## For Your Family and Friends

### † Birthdays:

6-Addison Baumann	6-Leo Beesley	6-Nicholas Eggert	6-Judy Hoey
6-Cyrina Pedersen	7-George Bera	7-Bennett Johnson	7-Kelsey Nett
7-Jenny Rens	8-Bob Farrell	8-Nyssa Hiner	8-Jeremy Kranig
8-Alex Robinson	9-Grace Kiefer	10-Trevor Evans	10-Millie Leistikow
10-Deborah Macho	10-Tom Siewert	10-McKenna Thome	11-Sherri Fuchs
11-Brian Mand	11-Ken Waldschmidt	12-Laura Dow	12-John Hutter
12-Kevin Klotz	12-Pam Kollmann	12-Carol Shields	

### † Wedding Anniversaries:

7-Merle & Kendra Braun (32)	8-Jesse & Bonnie Federman (26)
11-Scott & Angela Dowidat (17)	12-Richard & Arlene Daly (62)
12-Andrew & Hannah Larson (6)	12-Gary & Janice Wojtalewicz (28)

## For South Wisconsin District Missions

- † This Epiphany, please remember in your prayers the multi-cultural missions serving the various ethnic communities in The South Wisconsin District. Ask that all would deliver the rich abundance of the Gospel to the people of all nations, so that they would know the Christ Child, the Savior of the world.

*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 – January 6</b>	<b>Monday – January 7</b>
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	8:30 AM – Retired Men’s Breakfast (Oasis Restaurant) 9:00 AM – Take Down Decorations 1:00 PM – Board of Outreach (Office Workroom) 6:00 PM – Adult Bells 6:15 PM – Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Fondy High) 7:15 PM – Worship Team (Church)
<b>Tuesday – January 8</b>	<b>Wednesday – January 9</b>
8:30 AM – Circuit Pastor Meeting (Trinity, Menasha) 3:00 PM – Exercise (H-102) 5:30 PM – Board of Elders (Office Conference Room) 5:30 PM – Board of Trustees (H-102) 6:00 PM – Board of Finance (Office Workroom) 7:00 PM – Church Council (H-102)	8:30 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102) 7:00 PM – Adult Choir (Music Studio)
<b>Thursday – January 10</b>	<b>Friday – January 11</b>
9:00 AM – TOPS Meeting (H-102) 10:00 AM – Ladies Guild (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 PM – Exercise (H-102)	Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday – January 12</b>	<b>Sunday – January 13</b>
9:00 AM – Demoske Family (Fellowship Hall) 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)***