

December 31, 2023

Hope Lutheran Church

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

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Rick Mackie, Director of Social Media
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Marci Scharf, Office Manager

Joan Farrell, Parish Nurse

Lynn Schnell, Preschool Director

Ashley Carus, 4K Teacher

Stephanie Neff, Preschool Teacher

Weekly Worship Services

Traditional:

Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m.

PRAISE 1041:

Sunday 10:41 a.m.

Bible Class (September to May)

Sunday Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

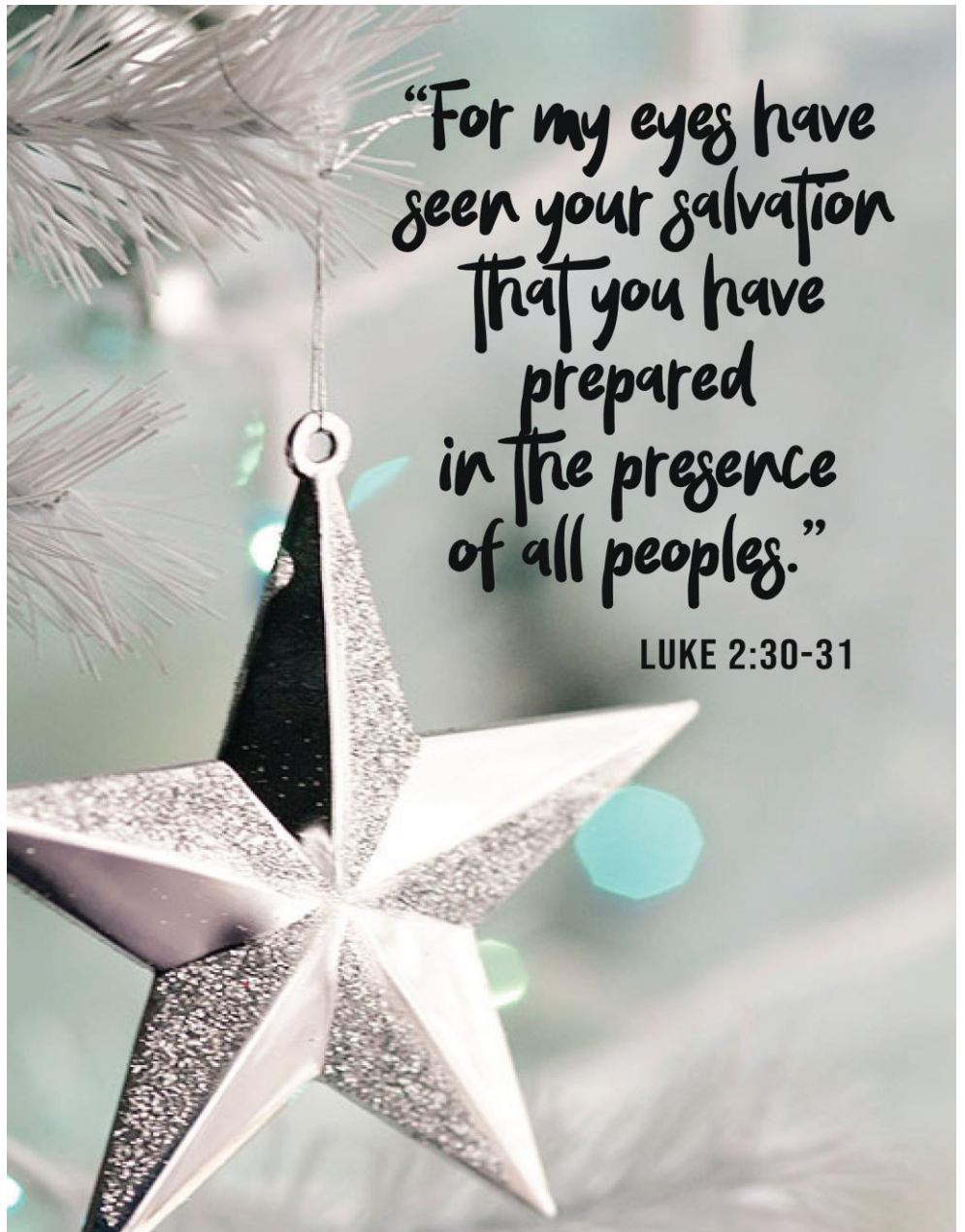
Tuesday Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (September to May)

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Catechism (Grade 6-8) 9:15 a.m.

High School Ministry 9:15 a.m.



“For my eyes have
seen your salvation
that you have
prepared
in the presence
of all peoples.”

LUKE 2:30-31

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

The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord – “When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,” born of the woman, “to redeem those who were under the law” (Gal. 4:4–5). Therefore, “according to the Law of Moses,” Mary and Joseph “brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, “waiting for the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the cross for which this child was appointed. “At that very hour,” old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the temple for so long, came up and “began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem” (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes “righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations” (Is. 61:11). We also “greatly rejoice in the LORD,” because this child has clothed us “with the garments of salvation,” covered us “with the robe of righteousness” and called us “by a new name” (Is. 61:10; 62:2).

Weekly News

Attendance – Midweek Advent December 20: 6:30 p.m. – 46; December 24: 9:15 a.m. – 100; Christmas Eve: 1:30 p.m. – 135; 3:30 p.m. – 172; 5:30 p.m. – 154; 7:30 p.m. – 136. Christmas Day: 9:15 a.m. – 91.

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

Café Corner – No Café Corner this Sunday, December 31. Next Sunday Café Corner will be sponsored by our Board of Elders.

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

New Year's Eve Worship – Join us for worship this Sunday, December 31, at 5:30 p.m. for our New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion.

Women of Hope (Sewing) – Our weekly sewing group provides blankets for children in need as we work to glorify God. We resume Wednesday, January 3, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Linda Semlor at 636-233-2727 with any questions.

Women of Hope – will meet in Café Corner on Thursday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Enderle will do a Bible study, followed by Mite collection, fellowship and a brief business meeting. Guests are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities:

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

– meets at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall and will resume on January 7.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

– meets at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays in the Office Conference Room and will resume on January 8.

Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study

– meets on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. and will resume on January 2.

Tuesday Morning Small Group

– meets on Tuesdays in the Office Conference Room at 11:15 a.m. and will resume on January 2.

Tuesday Afternoon Small Group

– meets on Tuesdays in the Office Conference Room at 2:00 p.m. and will resume on January 9.

2023 Contributions – To ensure you receive credit for 2023 contributions, they must be received no later than December 31, 2023 or postmarked 12/31/23.

2024-2025 Preschool/4K Enrollment – During the month of January, Hope members and families with children currently enrolled in our 3-year-old or 4-year-old programs are given an "early bird" opportunity to register for the 2024-2025 school year. Open registration for the public in February.

Programs Offered:

3-year-old Preschool classes:

Monday/Wednesday/ Friday (9:00am-11:30am)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday (12:30pm-3:00pm)

3-year-old Preschool Before School Care:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday (8:15am-9:00am)

4-year-old Kindergarten classes:

Monday through Friday (9:20am-11:00am)

Monday through Friday (12:30am-3:10am)

Optional 4K Christian Education 15 minutes at the end of each class.

Hope's Child Enrollment Forms are available outside the Hope Church Office, at the Hope Preschool Office, or online at lifeathope.org. If you know someone interested in enrolling in Preschool yet this school year or next year, please contact Lynn Schnell at preschool@lifeathope.org. She can also be reached at 920-904-4230 or 920-922-5130 ext. 209.

2024 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.

Taxi's For Christ – Are you or someone you know in need of a ride to Hope Lutheran Church? The Board of Outreach is offering cab fare to and from Hope for any of our worship services, Bible study and Church activities for those in need. Please call Quality Cab the day before a ride is needed at 920-929-8888.

Pantry of Hope Thank You – We wish to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously responded to our Advent Food Drive. Your gifts of products and monetary donations will help many people in need who visit our pantry over the coming months. Remember that members of Hope can use our church pantry anytime the doors to the office building are open; nonmembers by appointment Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-2:00. Please don't hesitate to use this wonderful church resource located upstairs by Music Studio.

Prayer Chain – Hope has an active prayer chain. All prayers are confidential and may be submitted anonymously. Fill out a request card, found on the tables as you enter the Sanctuary, or call Darlene Engle at 920-923-5314.

Online Giving Available – One-time or reoccurring payments can be setup using either a checking/savings account or a credit card. Select "Give" on the church website (www.lifeathope.org) to get started.

Hope Lutheran Kids!

- **Generosity Challenge** – Generous acts are easier than you think and can look like: sharing kind words, sharing your resources, providing donations, sharing your abilities, providing your time to serve, and more. Use the Generosity Challenge to practice being generous as a family! Free worksheets can be picked up at the Welcome Center or outside the Hope Lutheran Kids supply office.
- **Cafe Corner** – Every class is scheduled to help at Cafe Corner one Sunday each school year as a way of giving back to the church. Families can serve by bringing treats to share such as doughnuts, fruit, cookies, bagels and cream cheese, etc. See below for the schedule. (9:00-9:30 am)
February 4: 3rd Grade February 18: 4th-5th Grade
- **Our First Look Nursery** – gives infants and toddlers (ages NB-4) their first impression of their loving Heavenly Father! The nursery room is available for all services. We are excited to embrace your child's physical needs so that they will remember God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever.
- **Connect With Us** – Follow us on Instagram: @hopexp3students (Catechism, High School Ministry) and Facebook: @hopelutherankids (Sunday School, Catechism, High School Ministry) to view photos, announcements, and event information!

Weekly Prayers

For the Sick and Hospitalized – *Prayer Requests are always welcome and encouraged. "The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective" (James 5:16). Names will remain on the list for one month. Please get in touch with Pastor or fill out a yellow prayer request if you would like your name or the name of a loved one added.*

Prayers for those who are sick and/or hospitalized: Kay Brunelli, Keegan Murphy, Sherry Schneider, Amy Blaine, Roger, Aria Palmer, Jane Brenner and Jon Finley.

For Your Family and Friends

31-Becky Gruenstern	31-Denise Knuth	31-Greg Konen
31-Kaylin Lemke	31-Savannah Riske	31-Holly Seibel
31-Scott Steffens	1-Jerry Engle	1-Tom Federman
1-Kyle Kirchoff	1-Doug Miller	1-Debbie Schmitz
1-Kirsten Stuck	1-Kris Taivalmaa	2-Bob Cornejo
2-Karen Langjahr	2-Bob Mengert	2-Kaden Schneider
3-Joe Nitz	3-Angie Roberts	3-Chuck Schuette
3-Aaron Zulauf	4-Dave Horton	4-Terry Schleif
4-Larissa Schmitz	5-Beau Gellings	5-Linda Kranig
6-Addy Baumann	6-Leo Beesley	6-Brooks Christenson
6-Nicholas Eggert	6-Judy Hoey	6-Cyrina Pedersen

Wedding Anniversaries:

1-Will and Amy Blaine (30)	1-Tom and Rita Federman (68)
1-Nick and Sarah Gustin (2)	1-Max and Janet Kirchhoff (49)
1-Chris and Lisa Walljasper (26)	

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 31

9:15 AM – Traditional Service
5:30 PM – New Year's Eve
Service w/HC

Monday, January 1

Church Office Closed
12:00 PM – February Newsletter
Deadline

Tuesday, January 2

10:00 AM – Adult Bible Study
5:30 PM – Board of Elders
6:00 PM – Board of Trustees

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 AM – Women of Hope
(Sewing)

Thursday, January 4

9:30 AM – Community Chime Choir

Friday, January 5

Saturday, January 6

5:30 PM – Traditional Service w/HC

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM – Traditional Service w/HC
9:15 AM – Adult Bible Class
9:15 AM – Catechism
9:15 AM – High School Ministry
9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:41 AM – PRAISE 1041 w/HC