

February 24 & 25, 2024

## Hope Lutheran Church

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

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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### Information

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### Staff

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Lynn Schnell, Preschool Director

Ashley Carus, 4K Teacher

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### 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.

## Welcome

Welcome to Hope and to this day of Worship.  
I am glad you are here!

At Hope Lutheran Church, we believe:  
God's love embraces all people and is shown in Christ Jesus.  
Holy Scripture details God's love in action to us,  
as well as guidance in life.

Faith embraces the mind as well as the heart.  
We are never marked by our failures and faults, but by Christ.  
The church exists as a hospital for sinners, not a museum of saints.

I pray that you are strengthened and encouraged  
in your walk of faith through this time together.

Our God is the one we praise.  
He is our God and does awesome wonders. Deuteronomy 10:21

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### Guests are invited

to stop by the Welcome Center and take a welcome bag as our gift to you.

### Portable Amplifiers

(available in over the ear speaker or T-Coil hearing loop) are available from our ushers.

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

**By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God** – In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him *"the father of a multitude of nations."* It is *"an everlasting covenant"* in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed *"throughout their generations"* (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds *"on the things of God,"* and not *"on the things of man"* (Mark 8:33). *"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been *"reconciled to God by the death of his Son,"* much more *"shall we be saved by his life"* (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, *"we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"* and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

## Weekly News

**Attendance** – February 17: 5:30 p.m. – 67; February 18: 8:00 a.m. – 118; 10:41 a.m. – 122. Midweek Lent February 21: 12:00 p.m. – 74; 6:00 p.m. – 75.

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

**Café Corner** – will serve coffee and treats from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and is sponsored this Sunday by our Board of Music. Next Sunday it will be sponsored by our Board of Trustees.

**Newsletter Deadline** – All articles to be included in the April *Messenger of Hope* should be to the church office no later than noon this Friday, March 1. Thank you!

**Holy Baptisms** – Camden Dale Birschbach, son of Jarred and Cortney Birschbach and Shae Annmarie Kessler, daughter of Michael and Katie Kessler, received new life in Christ and were welcomed into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday afternoon. Camden's sponsors are Jessica Hoyt and Michael Kessler. Shae's sponsors are Ryan McCormick and Cortney Birschbach. Jaxson Dave Siedschlag, son of Cory and Megan Siedschlag, will receive new life in Christ and be welcomed into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday. Jaxson's sponsors are Jesse Bethke and Heather Bethke.

**Dear Hope Family** – since moving to Fond du Lac last year, the Finley family has experienced some financial hardship and humbly seeks your assistance. In the fall of 2023, Jon became sick and was unable to continue working. He has been undergoing a variety of medical tests over the past six months, but the cause of his illness is still unknown. The Finley family has accumulated over \$15,000 in medical bills since September, and the search for the cause of Jon's illness continues. If you would like to make a donation to help with their medical expenses, you can place a gift in the offering plate. Checks can be made out to Hope Lutheran Church with "Finley Medical Expenses" in the memo. The Finley's thank you for your love, support, and especially your prayers.

**Our Midweek Lenten Services** – continue on Wednesdays at Noon and 6:00 p.m. on February 28, March 6, 13, 20.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – with Pastor began Sunday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study of the Book of Amos will be taped and posted online. Study guides are available in the Fellowship Hall.

**2024-2025 Preschool/4K Enrollments** – are now being accepted. If you know someone interested, please contact Lynn Schnell at preschool@lifeathope.org. She can also be reached at 920-904-4230 or 920-922-5130 ext. 209.

**Parish Nurse Notes** – A wheeled Rollator walker with a seat is available at no cost to anyone in need of it. The Parish Nurse Station is a cupboard located in the Cafe Corner area and contains educational health information and information on other important topics. Prayer shawls are also located in this cupboard. Please feel free to take any of the information or a prayer shawl for someone in need of the added comfort it can provide. Contact Joan Farrell with questions or interest in the walker at 920-602-0912 or jfarrell@lifeathope.org.

**Hope Loaves & Fishes 2023 Year in Review** – Our Hope volunteers served six Monday night meals in 2023, working approximately 185 hours and serving 593 takeout meals. For each of the six meals served over the year, we had 8-12 Hope volunteers, with 15 at our December meal, which includes packing up food gift bags. Our standard meal includes chicken, potato wedges, vegetable, two homemade cookies, bread and butter, milk, and a prayer card. The number of meals served through Loaves & Fishes went down from 2022 due to some changes made by the L&F local organization in the registration of participants and limiting the number of meals they can take. Hope offers a meal to everyone who comes in and offers extra meals after we have served everyone in need. Any extra meals not distributed at Loaves & Fishes are sent to the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter, or other listed shelters. In 2023, 71 meals, plus any extra food, were delivered to the shelter. The December food gift bags are always a very welcome surprise. A large, white lunch bag is decorated and filled with all kinds of goodies along with a Christmas prayer and Hope's Christmas service schedule. Each meal recipient received a food gift bag. Items included Christmas stickers, small candy canes, a couple pieces of chocolate, apple, orange, stick of beef jerky, Cheez-its, granola bar, fruit snacks, trail mix, hot chocolate packet, and Rice Krispie treat. The Pantry of Hope donated funds for the food gift bags in 2023. Hope's remaining dates to serve in 2024 are: April 15, June 17, August 19, October 14, and December 16 (meal + food gift bags).

**Comedy Show** – On Saturday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m., the Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life will host a free comedy show at the Performing Arts Center of Horace Mann High School, North Fond du Lac. Comedian, Andy Beningo, best known for his Drybar Comedy special, will perform his clean, family friendly, and hilarious "everyman" material that centers around his wife and kids, his short-lived career as a middle school teacher, and his aging parents dealing with technology. The show will feature opening act Des Mulrooney, a comedian from Chicago who made his big screen debut in the film "The Road Dog." The show is free to attend. Freewill donations will be accepted and appreciated.

## Hope Lutheran Kids!

- **Hope Lutheran Kids Worship** – Please join us as our Sunday School classes sing at the 10:41 a.m. service on:
  - Grades 2-5 | Sunday, March 3
  - Grades 4K-1 | Sunday, March 10
- **2024 Scuba VBS** – This June, we're taking 4K-5th graders deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God! At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about. Camp runs Monday, June 17-Thursday, June 20, from 4:30-7:00 pm. Registration coming soon.
- **2025 LCMS Youth Gathering** – We're diving into Hebrews 12:1-3 for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering, ENDURE! High school families, mark your calendars to join us in New Orleans, July 19-23, 2025. To learn more about the theme and the Gathering, visit [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com)!
- **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 Facebook: @hopelutherankids to view photos, announcements, and event information!

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM – Traditional Service  
9:15 AM – Catechism—Year 2  
9:15 AM – High School Ministry  
9:15 AM – Sunday School  
9:30 AM – Bible Study  
10:41 AM – PRAISE 1041

### Monday, February 26

10:00 AM – Women's Bible Class  
6:00 PM – Handbells  
7:00 PM – Worship Team

### Tuesday, February 27

10:00 AM – Adult Bible Class  
11:00 AM – Exercise  
11:15 AM – Adult Small Group Study  
5:30 PM – Boards of Youth & Education

### Wednesday, February 28

9:00 AM – Women of Hope (Sewing)  
10:00 AM – Staff  
12:00 PM – Lenten Service  
6:00 PM – Lenten Service  
6:30 PM – Catechism—Years 1 & 3  
6:45 PM – Choir

### Thursday, February 29

9:30 AM – Community Chime Choir  
10:00 AM – Exercise

### Friday, March 1

12:00 PM – April Newsletter Deadline

### Saturday, March 2

5:30 PM – Traditional Service w/HC

### Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM – Traditional Service w/HC  
9:15 AM – Catechism—Year 2  
9:15 AM – High School Ministry  
9:15 AM – Sunday School  
9:30 AM – Bible Study  
10:41 AM – PRAISE 1041 w/HC