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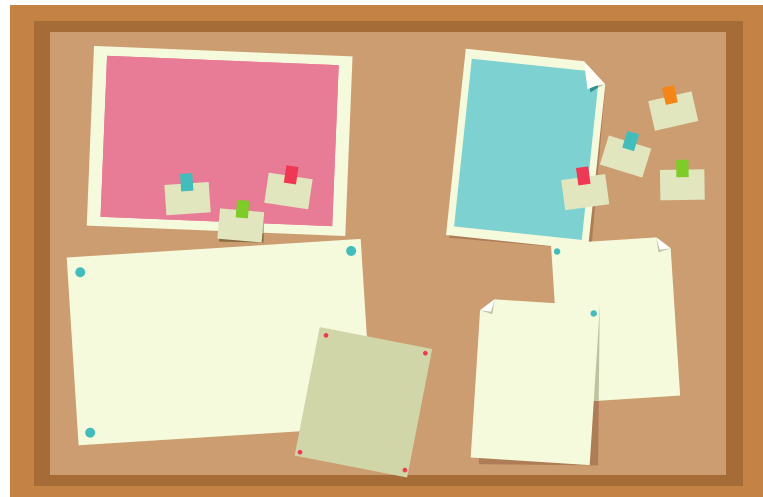


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READY FOR DISASTERS?

In late January, I participated in a Disaster Response Conference & Training event, sponsored by the Southeastern District of our national church body. Several Hope members participated in the conference, as well. It was a great opportunity to talk over plans for management of Lutheran volunteers in disaster settings, and for specialized hands-on training. Thankfully, we haven't had local or regional natural disasters to which to respond in recent years; but our Southeastern District team is trying to help our congregations and volunteers to be more and more ready for disasters, if and when they come.

Truth be told, there is only so much that we can do to be prepared for the big storms. It's wise to train volunteers for muck-out, chainsaw, and spiritual care work, and to build up our response capacity. Advance preparation is wise. At the same time, though, we realize that there are so many variables, and unpredictable circumstances, involved in every major disaster. So we prepare proactively as much as we can, and then we do our best to react responsibly when the time comes.

What about preparing for other kinds of storms? We all face personal disasters and tragedies. Sickness, grief, job loss, broken relationships, community events, and many other disasters are a common part of our lives as Christians. Are you ready for the next disaster that comes your way? I pray that, when it comes to your spiritual standing with the Lord, you are more than ready!

What does that mean? Put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus, in every circumstance. Know that you can never make yourself right with God on your own, but believe in the work Jesus Christ has done for you. By his death and resurrection, Christ has accomplished your forgiveness and salvation. Look to him with faith, no matter what is going on around you in this world. No storm, nor any disaster, can ever break the connection you have with your God, thanks to Jesus Christ. We never look forward to the next disaster, but Jesus makes us ready to face whatever comes our way.

Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

(Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God")

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

January 10 - February 7
www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna

Dinner

5:30 - 6:15 PM

The cost is \$6 for adults & youth, \$3 for children ages 5-10, and kids 5 and under are free. There is a \$22 family maximum.

Kids & Youth

6:30-7:30 PM

- 3 -5 years - Nursery
- K1 Crew- Preschool Room 1
- Level 23- Children's Center
- Club 45- Club 45 Room
- Middle School - Youth Center

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, fellowship, and fun!

Adult Ed.

6:30-7:30 PM Room 301
JOHN: THE WORD MADE FLESH.

Come join us as we continue a congregational study on the Gospel of John that will extend through the Epiphany season in February. Our WNA studies will pick up our verse-by-verse coverage of John that coordinates with our sermons, Sunday morning Bible studies, and home studies. Listen in as we explore the beautiful vistas of John's Gospel and learn more about Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Music

- 5:00PM Children's Choir
- 5:45PM Children's Handbells
- 6:15PM Adult Handbells
- 7:30PM Senior Choir Practice

NEWS & EVENTS

SUPER BOWL CHILI SALE

The Men of Hope are back again with their famous Chili Sale. Come by February 10-11 before and after services. The group will be selling three types of chili: a mild beef, vegetable, and white chicken. The cost is \$8 a quart. The Men of Hope prepare and cook the chili Saturday morning using the freshest ingredients, yielding a hearty and healthy meal. Please plan to buy a couple of quarts and have something great for your Super Bowl viewing (or freeze for a later meal). All proceeds go to support various church and community needs.

PINE STRAW SALE

Are your landscape beds in need of a freshening up? Hope youth attending the summer mission trip are selling bales of fresh, premium pine straw for \$6/bale, with free delivery for orders of more than 20 bales. You can order at the table after services February 4 and 11 or online on Hope's website. Bales will be delivered or available for pick-up Saturday, March 2. Questions? wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

New Member Classes

March 3 - April 28 (except Easter)

Sundays from 9:45 - 10:45AM

If you have been worshipping at Hope, it's time to consider officially joining our congregation! Making a commitment to become a church member is a big step, but it is a great way to solidify your spiritual beliefs and to invest in a spiritual home for your life. Learn more about Lutheran teachings and practices, and about the ministries and mission of Hope Lutheran Church, at our eight-week Spring New Member Class. The class meets on Sunday mornings Room 300. Contact Pastor Wayne or Pastor Devin for details.

BLOOD DRIVE

Hope will be hosting a blood drive on 2/17, from 11:30AM - 4:30PM. The Blood Connection bus will be parked outside the Youth Center. Along with the lifesaving gift of blood that your donation will provide, you will receive a \$25 gift card as well as a \$25 donation made to TWOLA, a mental health organization, in honor of Jeremy Moran. Please come out if you can and pass the word to your friends and family.

MULCH DAY

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 2 at 9AM (rain date March 16) to help spread mulch around the various planting areas at Hope. Bring a wheelbarrow, pitch fork/rake/flathead shovel if you have them, plus gloves and a water bottle. Your assistance in sprucing up the grounds before Easter is much appreciated, and youth are welcome to join! Please email Maintenance Tech Phil Phillips at pphillips@hopelutheranwf.org if you plan to join the workday, so that we can update you about any weather or schedule changes. Thank you!



Save the Dates

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00PM

2/14

MIDWEEK SERVICES
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00PM

2/21-3/20

PALM SUNDAY
5:30PM; 8:30 & 11:00AM

3/23-24

MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00PM

3/28

GOOD FRIDAY
7:30PM

3/29

EGGSTRAVAGANZA
10:00AM

3/30

EASTER SUNDAY
6:45, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM

3/31

What's Cooking

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Come on out on February 13, from 5:30-7PM, and get all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and bacon. Men of Hope will be cooking plain, chocolate chip, and blueberry pancakes. Gluten-free pancakes are available on request. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and youth, and children under 5 are free. There is a maximum charge of \$24 per family. All proceeds go to support various church and community needs.

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH

Beginning February 21, Men of Hope will be serving soup and sandwich before each of the midweek Lent services, from 5:30-6:15PM each Wednesday. A free-will donation supports Men of Hope's service projects.

Below is a list of the soup and sandwiches:

- February 22 The Lineberger: sausage, peppers, and onion sandwich served with pasta fagioli soup
- February 28 The Murphy: turkey, bacon, and tomato sandwich served with Italian wedding soup
- March 6 The Spottiswood: ham and Swiss cheese sandwich served with vegetable soup
- March 13 The Varner: egg salad and pimiento cheese sandwiches with ham and bean soup
- March 20 The Adamec: meatball parmigiana sandwich served with chicken and rice soup

NIGHT *to Shine*

SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**
FOUNDATION™

We are thrilled to announce that Hope will once again be hosting the Tim Tebow Foundation Night to Shine on Friday, February 9. If you've never experienced it, it's a magical night of celebration for our special needs community.

Contact Paula Reeves at nighttoshine@hopelutheranwf.org for more information.

Guests

This event is for people (ages 14+) with special needs. The goal of the evening is to celebrate our honored guests with corsages/boutonnieres, crowns, a red carpet walk, professional photos, a photo booth, karaoke, limo rides, appetizers, a DJ, and a dance floor. To register as a guest go to hopelutheranwf.org/NTS.

Volunteers

Volunteers will be needed to help with a myriad of fun tasks, such as:

Host/Hostess: Buddy with a guest (most needed)

Food Crew (7-8 Graders)

Special Projects (ahead of time)

Set Up/Decorate: February 8

Set Up/Decorate: February 9 (daytime)

Clean Up Crew (after the event)

Hosts/Hostesses and Food Crew volunteers should arrive by 5:45 PM, February 9.

Please sign up before February 1 at hopelutheranwf.org/NTS.

Please note a background check is required to be a volunteer for Night to Shine.

MISSIONS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY. The next cleanup will be Saturday, February 10, please arrive at 8:45AM. We will meet at the church, then go to the cleanup area. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and bright colors are encouraged. An orange vest and gloves will be provided. Youth 12 and older can participate if parents sign an NCDOT waiver form. Contact Andrew DiGiovanni at lizcitypirate@hotmail.com for more information.

TRI-AREA MINISTRY is the largest food pantry in the Wake Forest, Youngsville, and Rolesville area, serving 1200+ families monthly. Donations of cereal are especially requested at this time. Bring your donated items to Hope, and drop them in the collection bins in the Gallery area (near the red doors). Items needed are food, personal hygiene products, and paper products.

JOIN BROWN BAG to sow some seeds and spread God's love here in Wake Forest. We will meet 2/17 at 11AM in the area outside of the Children's Center. After the bags are packed and blessed, we will head out to distribute them at a local neighborhood. Please sign up on Hope's website. Question? Nancy Repak at kapernan@gmail.com

LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY. Have you wanted to get involved with disaster response, but are not quite sure where to start? Have you attended training in the past, but feel a bit rusty? In partnership with Jordan Lutheran Church, Lutheran Servants for Christ Disaster Response is offering a two-day training opportunity on April 5-6, 2024. The training will take place at Jordan Lutheran's property in Apex, NC. Planned training areas include muck-out, chainsaw operation and safety, tractor maintenance and operation, and mobile food ministry. Participants can sign up for one or more segments. Email Hilary Tew at treasurer@lutheranservantsforchrist.org to add your name to the event and receive updates!

UKRAINE SUPPORT. A refugee family affiliated with Hope is moving into their first independent housing in the U.S. next month, and could use our help with a few items. Please email Hilary Tew at htew@hopelutheranwf.org if you have any of the below items available to donate:

(Please do not drop these items off at the church at this time.)

- Two twin bed frames
- One twin mattress
- Pillows and blankets (for three twin beds)
- Twin bed sheets (three sets)
- Sofa
- Coffee table
- Cooking pots and pans
- Kettle
- Knives
- Coffee maker
- Tableware (bowls, plates, cups, glasses)
- Iron
- Hair dryer

To see more of Hope's Missions, please go to Hope's website for a full list. www.hopelutheranwf.org/missions

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kids & Youth

Preschool Jam - Discovering God's Amazing Bible Stories

K1 Crew - Animals of the Bible and how God used them

Level 23- Lutheranism 101 for kids

Club 45- Making our way through Exodus

Middle School- God's Love for Us in Room 101

High School- John in Room 102

Adults

JOHN: THE WORD MADE FLESH. Come join us as we finish a congregational study on the Gospel of John that wraps up in the second week of February. Our study will cover John's Gospel verse by verse from 1:1 through 12:9 in a combination of sermons, Sunday morning Bible studies, WNA evening classes, and home studies written by our called staff. Listen in as we explore the beautiful vistas of John's Gospel and learn more about Jesus, the Word made flesh. Questions? dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org.

LENTEN LESSONS. Listen in on February 18 and 25 for a two-week study to help us embrace the Lenten season. Our first study will consider the role of repentance in our lives and how essential this has been since Reformation in defining our Lutheran faith. Our second study will consider spiritual disciplines, like prayer, fasting, and giving things up for Lent to consider how they might strengthen our faith and give us a new appreciation of God's work in our lives.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL & CLUB 45: GALAXY FUN PARK

We are going to Galaxy Fun Park! Come join us on 2/23.

Drop-off is from 5:30-6:00PM at Galaxy Fun Park. Our jump time starts at 6:00PM. This will be a joint event with Club 45 and Middle School! Cost is \$25. Please fill out the waiver and pay with either cash or check at drop-off.

Sign up on the website.

Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org

K1 CREW: GROW WITH JESUS.

Spring into spring with K1 Crew! February 25, 12:15-2:00PM. We will paint pots and plant flowers to take home and watch grow. Fun games and lunch included as well! Sign up on Hope's website.

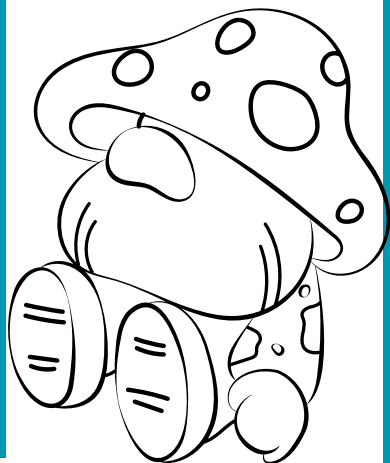
Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

WALK OF FAME: FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Get your kicks and fits on for Hope's Father-Daughter dance on 4/5. Mark your calendar for 3/1 to get tickets for this amazing night of family fun with dancing, photo booths, desserts, and refreshments. Open to all daughters who want to dance with their first love, their dad! Save the date to register.

Questions?

bagner@hopelutheranwf.org



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MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

You're invited to the 6-8 Grade Southeastern District Youth Gathering (DYG) on April 12-14 in Williamsburg, Virginia! What is the DYG? It's an incredible opportunity for Jr. High Youth to gather in the name of Jesus to worship, pray, play, serve, and learn together with youth from all over the East Coast! Cost is \$230 and includes transportation, SED registration fees, hotel accommodation, meals and a gathering T-Shirt. Last day to sign up is 2/26. Scholarships are available. Not included in the price is Friday dinner. Bring cash for this dinner on the drive to Williamsburg.

Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TREK MARCH

High School youth are invited for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth as we trek to Camp Willow Springs. We will do fun activities that the camp has to offer as well as other games and devotions throughout the weekend. Cost is \$125 per person and includes 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. We will depart from Hope on Friday, March 8 and return on Sunday, March 10. Last day to sign up is February 11. Scholarships are available upon request and need. All payments must be made via check or cash.

Questions? 818-642-7570

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE SUNDAY

High School Youth are invited to serve at Cadence Assisted Living Wake Forest on Sunday, February 25. Youth will meet in the parking lot at 1:50PM. We will then lead a group bingo and game event for the seniors who live on-site. We will end at 3:30PM. Text DCE Wesley Spottiswood to sign-up

(818-642-7570).

CHILD CARE AT HOPE

LITTLE BLESSINGS

Parent's Morning Out Program (ages 0-2) registration for church members and currently enrolled families is on Monday, February 19, 2024, and will be done online. Any church members interested in enrolling your child for the Little Blessings 2024-2025 session, please contact Tracy Zwickis at littleblessings@hopelutheranwf.org for instructions.

XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP

"Xplorers" spend their school breaks at a safe, local, Christ-centered camp, having fun with friends while playing games, enjoying outdoor sports, going on nature walks, and getting crafty with food, art, and science. We also have two short devotions daily, allowing campers to grow in their faith.

SUMMER EXPRESSIONS

This program is Hope Lutheran Preschool's half day and full day summer program. This year's fun-filled program will be held from May 28 through August 9 for rising 2 year olds through rising kindergarteners (all children must be 2-5 as of August 31, 2024). Class is from 8:30AM to 12:00PM. Early care is available from 7:00-8:15AM, and Extended Enrichment is available from 12:00-5:00PM. Classes are weekly, and you can sign up for as many or as few weeks as you would like. See our website, for more information. Registration begins on February 23, 2024. Spaces are on a first come, first serve basis and fill quickly, so register early!

B.R.E.W.

(AGES 18-35)

COLLEGE AGE

We will be meeting on 2/8 and 2/22 at 6:30PM. Both meetings will be at Margo's apartment. We will continue our series on the Sermon on the Mount.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

We will meet on 2/15 at 7:00PM at Norse Brewing to continue our series on Joseph.

Questions?

madamec@hopelutheranwf.org

MEN'S

2024 MEN'S RETREAT

Ready for a weekend of good food, relaxation, sports, bonding, and Christian brotherhood? All men, 18 years and older, are invited March 15-17, 2024 to Camp Cheerio's Mountain Lodge for the 2024 Men's Retreat.

Cost is \$210 a person and includes 2 nights' lodging and meals (Friday dinner - Sunday breakfast). The last day to register is March 5.

Questions? wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT

Come for some bunco fun on February 2, 2024 from 7:00-9:00PM in room 301-302 at Hope. Bring a snack to share as we enjoy a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.

Questions? Barb Newcomer

barb.fleagle.newcomer@gmail.com or Bonnie Smith
bonn0701@gmail.com.

WOMEN

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY PROGRAM

SPRING 2024

Hope Music Ministry Program invites you to come and explore the joy of music through singing, ringing, and instrumental playing as we begin our program this fall. Together, we glorify God through our music making and fellowship we share with one another. If you are a new family or a familiar face and would like to learn more about our music program, please speak with our director Rob Varner at 908-644-8184 or rwv912@gmail.com. Rob is also available before, after and between services on Sunday mornings in the balcony to meet and talk with you.

VOCAL CHOIRS

Hope's Senior Choir offers music for our worship services throughout the church year. We sing a variety of sacred musical styles and enhance our worship experiences through God's gift of music and song. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:15PM in the balcony.

Hope's Children's Choir shares the gift of singing together and offers their songs of praise in worship throughout the church year. The Children's Choir is under the direction of Mr. Rob and Ms. Kasie. The choristers have the opportunity each week learn how to use their voices to sing and are introduced to musical notation and reading. Children's Choir is open to children in k-5 grades and rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 -5:40PM. Please speak with Mr. Rob or Ms. Kasie if you have any questions.

HANDBELL CHOIRS

Hope's Handbell Choirs are made up of 4 1/2 octaves of Malmark English Handbells and 5 octaves of Choir Hand Chimes.

Hope's Adult Handbell Choir share the joyous sounds of ringing throughout the church year with our anthems and melodious hymn descants during our worship services. The Adult Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and is open to adults who enjoy the art of handbell ringing or wish to explore the joy of ringing. Please speak to director Rob Varner between services on Sunday mornings or contact him directly. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings starting 6:15-7:30PM in the sanctuary.

Hope's Children's Handbell Choir is a great way for your child to explore the art of handbell ringing. Mr. Rob and Ms. Kasie share the joy of introducing the fundamentals of ringing, reading and music making with your aspiring ringer. We ring during worship throughout the church year. Open to children in 2 - 6 grades, rehearsals are Wednesday from 5:45-6:15PM in the sanctuary. Please speak with Mr. Rob or Ms. Kasie and we look forward to seeing you in this new year.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

If you are a High School student or adult who plays a musical instrument you are encouraged and invited to contact Rob Varner at rwv912@gmail.com (or 908-644-8184) or speak to him between services on Sunday mornings. There are opportunities for you to share your musical gifts with us.

Instrumentalists have participated in worship services throughout the church year and have accompanied the choir and the congregation on festive Sunday Services. There is an opportunity for some ensemble playing this Spring. Please talk to Rob for more details.