



Happy  
New Year

JANUARY

*Mission Moments*



2024



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM  
Sunday at 8:30AM & 11:00AM

# What's New?

What's new in your life, as we turn the calendar to 2024? I'm starting off the New Year with a new right knee joint, after a recent replacement surgery. That's not something particularly unique or unusual, as many members of our church have had similar surgeries (knees, hips, ankles, elbows – even transplanted hearts, lungs, and kidneys). As we age, some parts of our bodies wear out. It's pretty amazing, isn't it, that modern medicine enables us to have new joints and organs.

When we look at the state of the world around us, how we wish that the New Year could bring certain other new things. We long for a new era of peace and unity among the nations, with an end to warfare and fighting. We look for signs of new harmony and collegiality in the political realm of our country. We hope for new solutions to old problems. We're now living in a brand-new year; but so many of our struggles and challenges remain exactly the same.

In the Bible, the writer of the book of Lamentations reflects on the state of the world around him. He's part of the captive nation of Judah, living in exile, far from their conquered homeland. This man has a lot to lament, and no doubt wishes that many things in his life could be new.

*Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. (Lamentations 3:19-20)*

But then he turns his heart back to the Lord God. No matter how desperate his worldly circumstance might be, the writer realizes that it's really God who makes things new. Our lives in this world of sin and sorrows will never be perfect, and we'll never achieve a spotless, pure way of living. Yet, when we turn back to the Lord in faith, his love makes us new from the inside out. Not just new joints or organs; but new mercies are ours every day, new encounters with God's love, and new hope for daily living.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." (Lamentations 3:21-24)

So what's new, as we begin the year 2024? Find your answer with the Lord God!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Wayne Puls*

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# News & Events

## WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

If you, or someone you know, is in need of a basic wheelchair, please contact Pastor Wayne, or Briana Evans, in the church office.

## MISSION FAIR

Hope will be holding our Mission Fair on January 21. Everyone will get the chance to talk and ask questions to individual mission leaders about their missions, near and far. Come learn all the ways you can be involved in spreading the love of Jesus in our community and beyond. There are opportunities for all to serve!

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Hope members join us on Sunday, January 21 at 1:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Stay informed and vote on key issues.



## EXTENDED CARE PRESCHOOL TEACHER

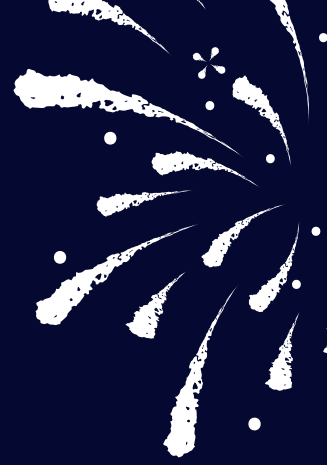
Hope Lutheran Preschool is a Christ-centered preschool looking for an enthusiastic, energetic Extended Care Teacher who loves working with children ages 2-3 years old. Experience working with children is required. Hours for this position are Monday through Friday, 11:30AM to 5:15PM. The position is available now. Please send your resume or inquiry to Regina Fisher, Preschool Director, at [rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org).



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE



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



January 10 – February 7  
[www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/wna)

## Dinner

5:30 – 6:15 PM

The Men of Hope provide a delicious meal, dessert, and drinks each week. 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

## 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 January. 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.

More information on page 7.

## Music

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

More information on page 15.

# Sunday School

## ADULT EDUCATION

**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 January. 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](mailto:dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org). More information on page 7.

**DISTRICT MISSION.** Listen in on January 21 as we have the special privilege of hearing from our Southeastern District President Bill Harmon. President Harmon will be sharing some of the vision, mission, and resources he and his team have planned for churches in the Southeastern District. Come learn how we can help support and participate in that mission and what resources are available to us here at Hope.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**HIGH SCHOOL** In January we will continue going through the book of John. Join us in Room 101 in the Youth Center.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL.** In January we will be going through the book of John with the whole congregation. Come join us in Room 102 in the Youth Center.

## KID'S MINISTRY

### PRESCHOOL JAM

Learning about the beginning of God's creation and how God loves the world.

### K1 CREW

Starting the series of 13 animals of the Bible and how God used them.

### LEVEL 23

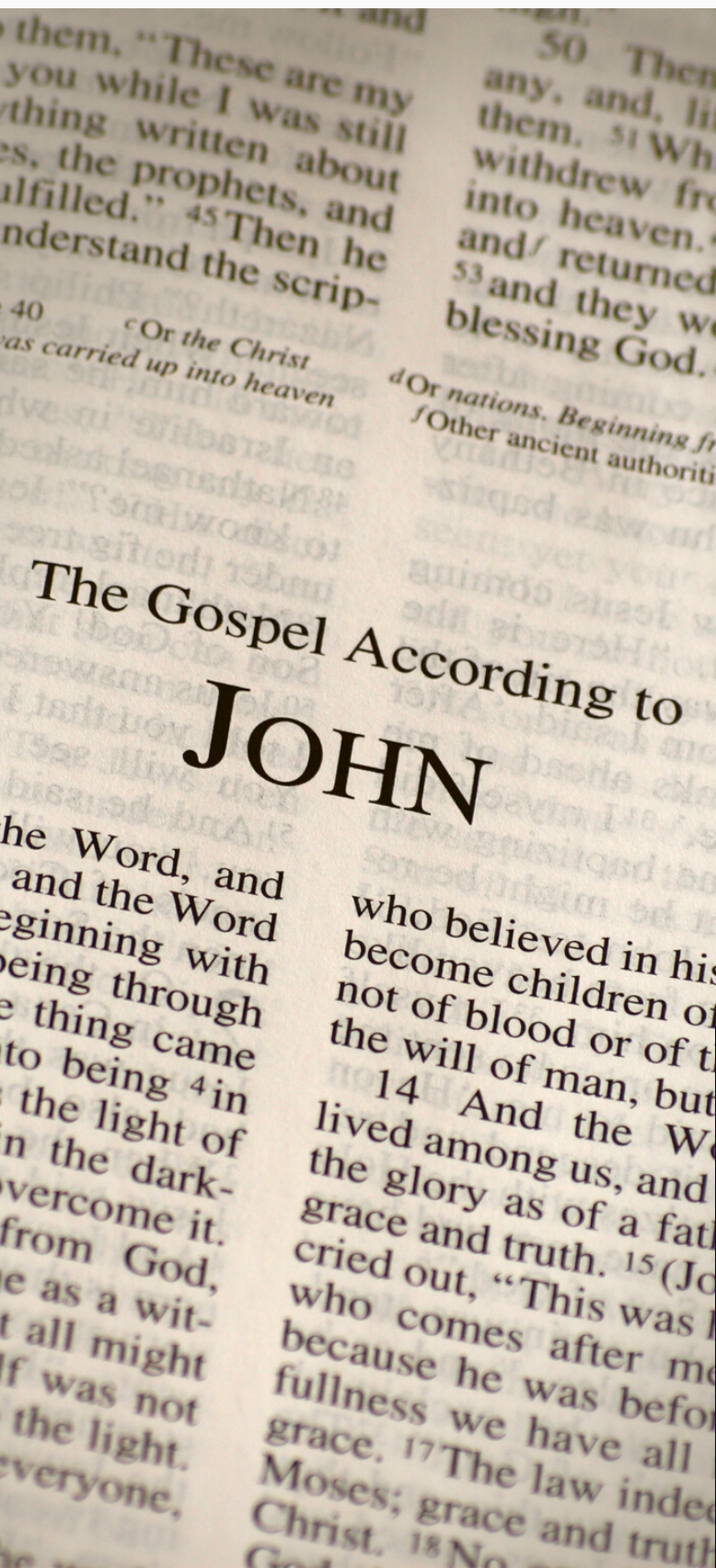
Lutheranism for Kids, the start of learning why we are Lutheran and what we believe in.

### CLUB 45

Picking up our journey through the Book of Exodus.

# Congregational Study

## JOHN: THE WORD MADE FLESH



Beginning in earnest on January 7th and continuing through February 7th the congregation is invited to explore the first 12 chapters of John's Gospel. Our sermons, Sunday morning Bible studies, WNA evening studies, and home studies will walk verse-by-verse to help us see how the Logos descended from heaven, became a human being named Jesus, and brought us true knowledge of his Father in heaven. Hear the last testimony of the last of the Apostles as he shares what we need to strengthen our faith in Christ. Home study materials will be available at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/adulted](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/adulted) each week. Don't miss this opportunity to dive into John's powerful Gospel of Jesus.



## START THE NEW YEAR WITH BROWN BAG!

Join in the fellowship and service on 1/20. We will meet in the Narthex/Cafe area at 11AM. Please enter through the Sanctuary doors. We will pack brown bags and then bless them before heading off-site for distribution, finishing around 1PM. If you are unable to attend but would like to help please contact Nancy Repak at [kapernan@gmail.com](mailto:kapernan@gmail.com).

## DISASTER RESPONSE CONFERENCE

Members and friends of Hope are invited to a Disaster Response Conference & Training, sponsored by the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Join others interested in disaster response ministry on January 25-26, 2024 for two exciting days (and an optional third half-day) of practical training sessions, reports from the field, enjoyable fellowship, inspiring first-hand ministry stories, and information on upcoming service opportunities. The conference will be held at Crown Reef Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. For further information and to register, visit Hope's website at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/missions-list](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/missions-list).

## TRI-AREA MINISTRY

This is the largest food pantry in the Wake Forest, Youngsville, and Rolesville area, serving 1200+ families monthly. They provide food and personal hygiene products to our community members in need. Their donation list always includes these basics: peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), canned tuna or chicken, chef Boyardee, cereal, grits, rice, dried beans, oatmeal, mac 'n cheese, pasta/noodles, crackers, canned soup, diapers, diaper wipes, and feminine hygiene products. Donations of cereal are especially requested at this time. They also accept paper products, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, dish detergent, etc. Bring your donated items to Hope, and drop them in the collection bins in the Gallery area (near the red doors).



# 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](mailto: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](http://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)

Please sign up before February 1 at [hopelutheranwf.org/NTS](http://hopelutheranwf.org/NTS).

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



# Adult Ministries

## B.R.E.W. Bible Studies (Ages 18-35)

COLLEGE (AGES 18-25.) we will be meeting on 1/11 and 1/25. Both meetings will take place at Village Deli in The Factory. We will be starting a series on the Sermon on the Mount this month. Questions? [madamec@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:madamec@hopelutheranwf.org) or 832-451-5441.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (AGES 23-35.) We will be meeting on 1/18 this month. Join us at Norse Brewing in downtown Wake Forest, NC at 7PM for a night of fellowship and Bible study. We will be starting a series on Jonah this month.

## Women's

Hope has a dedicated women's ministry that holds events most months of the year.

These include activities such as Pinterest Night, Bunco Night, Christmas Party, fellowship events, movie night, and our annual fall retreat. There is no event planned for January, as everyone settles from the holidays. Be on the look out for a fabulous February event.

## Men's

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WISE MAN. Calling all men 18 and over. Hope's Men's Ministry is excited to host a multi-congregational Men's Summit on 1/20, 10AM-Noon. The Southeastern District's President, Bill Harmon will present on "What it means to be a Wise Man," along with presenting amazing opportunities within our district, and highlighting how your church synod is serving the eastern states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C, Delaware, and both of the Carolinas. A brunch will be served during this presentation as well as opportunities for discussion, break out, and questions about our church district body. Sign up on Hope's website. The cost of this event is \$10 per person. Please bring cash or a check on the day of the event.

## Small Groups

THE 3 B'S (Bible, Beer, and Bourbon) Men's Small Group will be meeting 1/26 at 7PM at 1617 Heritage Linkis Drive, Wake Forest. This small group is a place where men 21 and over can gather for devotions, discussions, and drinks. If you are able to make it, please text (818)642-7570 to let us know.



# *Altar Flowers*

## 2024 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

The 2024 Flower Chart is now available. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$55.00 payable online via sign-up. You can find the registration page on Hope's Website at [hopelutheranwf.org/flowers](http://hopelutheranwf.org/flowers).

## FLORAL TEAM

Members of the floral team create the altar flower arrangements seen in the sanctuary every week, and in doing so, give back a gift of beauty to the One who created us. Flowers are just so refreshing and beautiful. To know God has given us so many varieties to choose from is simply divine.

The members of this team work in pairs who support each other with flower purchasing, arranging and substituting during scheduling challenges. If you feel called to join this ministry or are simply interested in learning more about the floral team, please contact Dottie Reading at [dottiereading@yahoo.com](mailto:dottiereading@yahoo.com). No prior experience or training required—veteran team members will show you everything you need to know about the process!

# Childcare at Hope

Hope is dedicated to a safe Christ-centered environment for all ages.

## LITTLE BLESSINGS

(AGES BIRTH TO 2 YEARS)

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](mailto:littleblessings@hopelutheranwf.org) for instructions. Registration for the community will open March 5.



## PRESCHOOL

(AGES 2 YEARS TO 5 YEARS)

Hope member registration begins Tuesday, January 16 and will be done online. If you are a member and are interested in enrolling your child for the 2024-2025 school year, please contact the Preschool office at 919-453-0388 or [preschool@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:preschool@hopelutheranwf.org) by January 5. Registration will be done through an email link, so we must have your email in our system before registration begins. More information can be found on our website at [www.hopelutheranwf.org/preschool](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org/preschool).

## XPLORE TRACK OUT

(PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE)

“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 fun-themed activities. We also have two short devotions daily, allowing campers to grow in their faith. Visit [hopelutheranwf.org/xplore](http://hopelutheranwf.org/xplore).



For more information on these groups please go to Hope's Website.

## ALL KID'S MINISTRY AGES

KID'S MINISTRY MADE WITH LOVE. Come to Hope's annual "Made with Love" cooking event. On 2/4 from 2-4PM. Cost is \$15 per family. It is important to make time for family always, but in the month of February we want to share the love and encourage families to come enjoy some homemade love. At this event, families will spend time together preparing a meal to bake at home. Register on the Kid's Ministry page on the Hope website. Questions? [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).

## PRESCHOOL JAM

SNOW PARTY. Mark your calendars for 1/19 from 10:00-11:30AM for Hope's second annual snow party! Come join the fun with all things snow-related. Snow sensory bins, snow crafts, and of course a snowball fight. Parents enjoy our coffee connection hour with a coffee bar as your kids are connecting with each other. Cost: \$5 Questions? [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).

## LEVEL 23

BALLOON BASH. Come to Level 23's Balloon Bash on 1/16 from 6:00-8:00PM. Join us for balloon activities and a fun-filled night of fellowship. Sign up on Hope's website. Cost: \$5 Questions? [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).





## MIDDLE SCHOOL

WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY. Come join us on 1/21 at 3:30PM for a fun afternoon of winter-themed snacks and games. We will have a snowball fight, build igloos, and have fun “walking in a winter wonderland.” Cost will be \$5. Sign up on the website. See y’all there. Questions? [madamec@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:madamec@hopelutheranwf.org).

## HIGH SCHOOL

NIGHT OF LIGHTS. High School Youth are taking a trip to the NC Chinese Lantern Festival. Come experience a night of lights like none other. On 1/14 meet at the youth center at 5:00PM. Cost is \$17. Sign-up on youth ministries page.

## YOUTH GROUPS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30PM. This is a time filled with games, fellowship with one another, and snacks, all while learning about God. We focus not just on having fun, but what God says about us and his love for us. No sign-up is required, come join us anytime. Questions? [madamec@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:madamec@hopelutheranwf.org).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on Sunday nights at 6:30PM. No sign-up is required, come join us anytime. Questions? [wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org).

# Music Ministry

We invite you to explore the joy of music with one or more of our choirs in the new year. If you enjoy singing, you are invited to explore one of the vocal choirs. If you have ever wondered what it's like to ring adult handbells and you have had some musical training and read music you are invited to come and see what handbells is all about. Beginner handbells for children is a time to explore the art of music making while learning and being introduced to musical notation. It is a great time to come together and enjoy fellowship and music with one another.

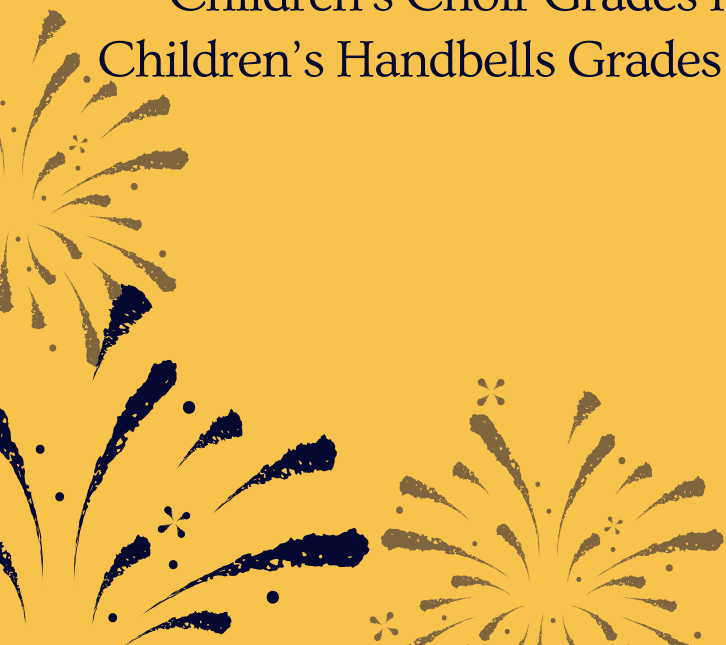
Parents, we encourage you to introduce your child to the joy of singing and ringing with Ms. Kasie and Mr. Rob. We make music fun and enjoyable as we focus on praising God with our musical gifts.

Feel free to contact Mr Rob at 908-644-8184 or [rww912@gmail.com](mailto:rww912@gmail.com). You can also introduce yourself at the beginning of rehearsals in January.

## SCHEDULE

Wednesdays starting January 3  
Adult Handbell Choir 6:15-7:30PM  
Senior Choir 7:30-9:15PM

Wednesdays starting January 10  
Children's Choir Grades K-5 5-5:40PM  
Children's Handbells Grades 2-5 5:45-6:15PM



# Just For Fun

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New Year

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