

## Dec/Jan 24/25 Calendar

### Sunday, December 29

9:30am One Service Only

### Monday, December 30

Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 31

New Years Eve

Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year

Office Closed

### Thursday, January 2

Office Closed

## Pastors & Elders at Hope

Visit our staff page on our website for a full list and contact info.

### Mickey Klink

Senior Pastor

### Greg Lynas

Pastor of Worship & Implementation

### Casey Ehlers

Pastor of Discipleship & Hospitality

### Jonathan Mills

Pastor of Student Ministries

### Mark Tichgelaar

Elder Chairman

Ed Kipp, Olle Larson,  
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Bryan Ott

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



*"Building a community that loves Christ to reach a community that needs Christ."*

December 29, 2024

### **Sunday Worship 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM**

- Nursery & preschool care are provided during services for children ages 5 and under
- You can download or watch today's sermon on [hefc.net](http://hefc.net) or on our YouTube channel Hope Church Roscoe

### **Growth Hour 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM**

- No Growth Hour Classes

### **Download our app Church Center and have access to:**

- Upcoming events
- Prayer requests
- Ministry information
- Library catalog
- Church directory
- Previous sermons

### **Welcome Cart:**

Visit the cart in the lobby to pick up the following:

- Kids' activity bags
- Assisted listening devices
- Regular and Large Print Daily Bread booklets
- Printed song lyrics
- Connect Cards



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On our website  
[www.hefc.net](http://www.hefc.net)



On our app  
Church Center

### **Ways to Give:**

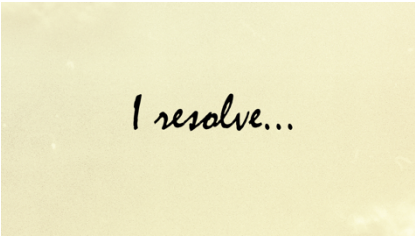
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Office Closed for the Holidays:** The physical church office will be closed from Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3, for the holidays. Most staff members can still be reached via email, and we will continue to have our on-call pastor via the church phone line.

**New Growth Hour Classes** will be starting on January 5. More information is on our app.

**High School Trip January 17-19:** This year, for our High School Winter Retreat, we will be heading down to Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center in Oregon, IL, for a fun weekend away to dive into God's Word together and enjoy building community among our High School students! Our theme this year will be "United in Christ." We will study Romans 12 as we ponder what it means to grow in love for one another, grounded in Christ's love for us. Register online, in the lobby, or through the Church Center app—email [pastorjonathan@hefc.net](mailto:pastorjonathan@hefc.net) with any questions.

**Women's Retreat 2025:** Women of Hope, join us for a two-night getaway Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 2, at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI. This retreat is open to women 16 years and up, as long as the minor is accompanied by a parent/guardian. Register by Feb 3, on the app or at the kiosks in the lobby. We look forward to learning more about the LORD's plan for being a disciple of Jesus and what that means in everyday life for us and others.



*I resolve...*

**Openness to God and One Another**  
#8 in the “I Resolve” series (circa 2017)  
December 29, 2024  
Pastor Casey Ehlers

**Topics we have covered in this sermon series:**

- The Gift of Resolutions (2017)
- Prayer (2018)
- Speech (2020)
- Suffering (2021)
- Self-Introspection (2022)
- Apathy (2023)
- Gluttony (2024)
- Transparency (2025)

**This Year’s (2025) Resolution(s):**

#65. Resolved, very much to exercise myself in this all my life long, viz. with the greatest openness I am capable of, to declare my ways to God, and lay open my soul to him: all my sins, temptations, difficulties, sorrows, fears, hopes, desires, and everything, and every circumstance; according to Dr. Manton’s 27th Sermon on Psalm 119. *July 26 and Aug. 10, 1723.*

**Casey’s rewording:**

#65. Resolved, to bring all my sins, temptations, difficulties, sorrows, fears, hopes, desires, and everything and every circumstance to the God who knows all, hears all, and loves his children deeply.

**Notes:**

**Response:**

*“I gave an account of my ways, and you answered me;  
teach me your decrees.” Psalm 119:26*

Lord, may this be us!!





## TOOLS FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Class Length: 8 weeks (Jan 5—Feb 23)

Teacher: Casey Ehlers

Location: Fellowship Hall

**Summary:** This Growth Hour aims to equip believers with a wide range of tools for their personal and private discipleship journeys. Utilizing both the head and the heart, discipleship is a full-body experience! Luckily, the historic church has left us with a variety of disciplines, or tools, for the Christian today to rediscover and employ. This Growth Hour will serve each Christian in unique ways, as we try new things and commit to what works best for our spiritual growth and God's glory.

### Growth Goals:

- To revisit the global call of discipleship – looking at our spiritual growth through a very practical lens.
- To remember the historical gifts of the church, including creeds, catechisms, and the church calendar. (bonus: how do we use them?!)
- To reclaim the heart's role in discipleship, creating families and communities of imaginative gospel growth.

### Topical Overview:

Week 1 (1/5): What does Christian growth look like?

Week 2 (1/12): Scripture Study – Joy or Burden?

Week 3 (1/19): Creed, Catechism, Calendar

Week 4 (1/26): Virtues – Moral Formation

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### Growth Goals:

- To learn God's purposes for marriage, divorce, and singleness.
- To grasp the multiplicity of ways the Bible explains and applies marriage, divorce, and singleness to the life of the Christian and the local church.
- To grow in understanding, compassion, and intentionality regarding the issues of marriage, divorce, and singleness.

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Week 1 (1/5): The Purpose of Marriage—Contract vs. Covenant

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Week 3 (1/19): Marriage is a Ministry not a Sacrament

Week 4 (1/26): The Purpose of Divorce—How We are the Reason for God's Allowance

Week 5 (2/2): The Bible's Prohibitions and Permissions regarding Divorce

Week 6 (2/9): Divorce is not a Disease—Rethinking the Church's Response to the Divorcee

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