



**HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

JUNE 2023

**MISSION
MOMENTS**

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JESUS'
LIGHT**

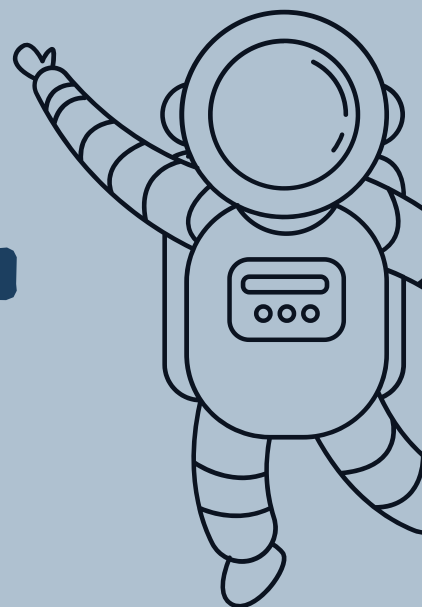
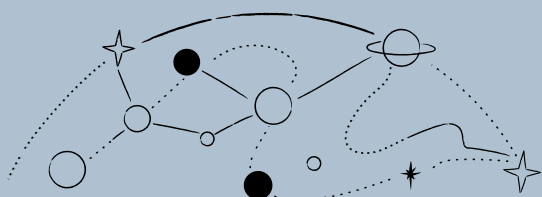
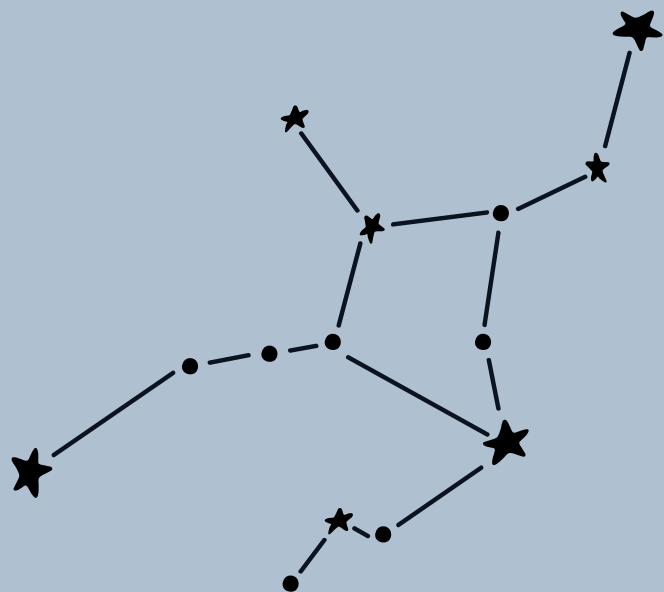
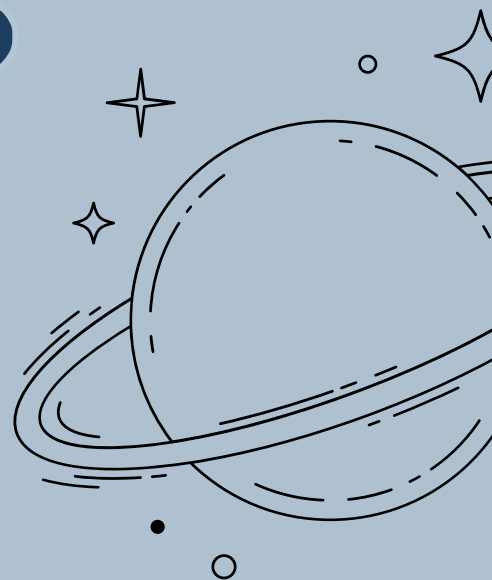




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PERFECT DAY

What would you describe as a 'perfect day?' What activities would be included? Which people would be present? If you could arrange everything to be just the way you wanted it, for one 'perfect day,' what would that day be like?

With Father's Day coming up this month, I think back to some days that were pretty close to 'perfect' for me. For a number of years, I played on a church softball team when I was a pastor in New York. Often on Father's Day I'd preach and officiate at Sunday morning worship services, play a softball double-header in the afternoon, head home to watch the final holes of the US Open golf tournament, and enjoy a great meal with my wife and children. When the weather cooperated, those were memorable, enjoyable days. 'Perfect!'

God's Word tells us that, when we reach heaven, every single day will be perfect. Not just 'perfect,' but truly perfect in every possible way. That is an awesome promise, and we can joyfully look forward even now to those perfect days. We will be face-to-face with our God. We will bask in his loving care. We will be free from all sorrow and pain. We will enjoy the grand reunion of God's saints, every day for all eternity. Perfect!

The hard reality is that nothing in this life is quite perfect. Even our very best days are only 'perfect.' Sin corrupts and degrades every part of our human living, and we live in a fallen, imperfect world.

God's love for us, though, is perfect! God's forgiveness of our sins is perfect! God's grace for us in Christ Jesus is perfect! God's wisdom, revealed in the Bible, is perfect! God's care and compassion for his people are perfect! God's comfort, for those days in our lives that are far from 'perfect,' is perfect! God's spiritual gifts, which allow us to participate in the mission of the church, are perfect!

Do you want to have a day that is as close to 'perfect' as you can get in this life? Include God in every hour of your day. Invite God to direct and shape that day. Pray to God, and worship him, throughout that day. Listen to God's Word, and soak in his direction for your life by humbly turning to his Word, in each part of your day. Your perfect God provides for you and blesses you every single day, doesn't he? Have a 'perfect' day today with your loving, caring, all-sufficient God!

In Christ,



Pastor Wayne Puls

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School is around the corner and we need your help. As we get closer we will be holding work days to prepare. Anyone is welcome to help. Go to our VBS Page for upcoming dates.

We are still looking for about 5 elementary crew leaders for the morning VBS. In this volunteer role you will walk a group of 10-15 elementary school kids to each station, engage with children, and sharing the love of Jesus.



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NEWS & EVENTS

WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE. A manual wheelchair in good condition has been donated to Hope, and is available for anyone who has a need. Contact Pastor Wayne as soon as possible if interested.

YOU ARE INVITED to hear a presentation about the Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) program, and to learn more about ways to support refugees in our community. Join us on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30PM in Room 301 to hear a refugee's story, as well as an overview of U4U and the opportunity that it presents us as Christians. Following the presentation, there will be time for Q&A and fellowship with refugees and host sponsors. Questions? Hilary Tew at htew@hopelutheranwf.org.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY. Hope's spring Congregational Assembly will take place Sunday, June 25, 1:30PM, in the Children's Center. All members of the congregation (18+) are eligible to participate as voting members of this assembly. The agenda will include financial and ministry updates, and selection of the 2023-24 Ministry Leadership Team.

FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS. 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 Fall New Member Class. The class meets on Sunday mornings, September 10 -- October 29, 9:45-10:45AM, Room 300. Contact Pastor Wayne for details.

CELEBRATION OF CHURCH & PRESCHOOL MINISTRY STAFF MILESTONES.

At the worship service on June 3, we gave thanks to God for the following staff members who have reached milestone years of service. Their dedicated service is deeply appreciated by all of the Hope family.

Kelly Faris, Church Office Assistant (5 years)

Rita Kaess, Evening Receptionist (5 years)

Wesley Spottiswood, DCE (5 years)

Angela Baker, Preschool Receptionist (15 years)

Amanda DeCilles, Preschool Teacher (15 years)

Michael Case, Sat. PM Soundboard (15 years)

Ray Sharpstene, Praise Team (15 years)

WELCOME TO PASTOR DEVIN & DCE INTERN MARGO!

After months of patient prayer, we will soon be welcoming Hope's new Associate Pastor and DCE Intern. Pastor Devin Murphy will begin participating in the worship services on the weekend of June 24-25, and DCE Intern Margo Adamec will join us on the following weekend, July 1-2.



To welcome these new servants of Christ to our congregation, and to ease their transition into a new community, you're welcome to contribute to a Gift Card Basket. Drop off gift cards for your favorite establishments in the baskets on the café counter by June 18, and feel free to add a personal note.

A special Installation Service will be held for Pastor Devin, on Sunday, July 9, at 2:30PM. Local LCMS clergy will participate in the service, and a great turnout from the Hope family will be a big boost for Pastor Devin as he is formally installed into his first Call as a pastor. Immediately following the service, a reception will take place in the Children's Center. Your help in donating hors d'oeuvres and desserts would be appreciated. Please sign up ...

You are invited to
celebrate with us for an

Installation Service

Rev. Devin Murphy
Associate Pastor

Hope Lutheran Church
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Sunday, July 9, 2023
2:30PM

Hors d'oeuvres & dessert reception to follow

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:45-10:45AM, IN ROOM 301.

I AM

In the midst of peoples' troubles and grief, Jesus makes some interesting claims about himself and what he came to do. He said: "I am the bread of life." "I am the good shepherd." "I am the way, the truth, and the life." All of Jesus' claims are still true for us today in the midst of our troubles, and they still give us hope. Dive in with Vicar Ryan as we unpack more of Jesus' "I am..." statements on Sunday mornings through June 18.

GLORY OR CROSS?

? When disasters or tragedies come our way, it can be a real test of faith to try to sort out where God fits in. While many Christians base their view of God on a "theology of glory," our Lutheran understanding of God is founded on a "theology of the cross." Join in a Bible study and discussion about these diverging viewpoints, and about the comfort and hope God's Word offers for our times of trouble. Pastor Wayne leads this adult education class on Sunday, June 25.

MISSIONS - LOCAL & TRIPS

Adopt-A-Highway

The next Hope Lutheran Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will be Saturday, June 10, at 8:30AM. We will meet at the church, then go to the cleanup area. Please wear long pants and long sleeves, and bright colors are encouraged. An orange vest and gloves will be provided. Youth 12 and older can participate if parents sign a NCDOT waiver form. Contact Jeff Vukovich (jeff.vukovich@gmail.com) or Andrew DiGiovanni (lizcitypirate@hotmail.com) for more information.

TRI-AREA MINISTRY

This 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.



HOPE'S MISSIONARY FAMILY

As a congregation committed to mission work, Hope provides financial support to the Maita family, serving in Puerto Rico. Pastor Gustavo Maita, and his wife, Deaconess Ruth Maita, serve at Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz, in Mayaguez. They are active in bringing Christ to their community in a variety of ways, while raising their children, Mikhaela and Isaiah.



The Maita family will be on furlough this summer, and will visit Hope on Sunday, July 2. Pastor Gustavo and Deaconess Ruth make a presentation to the adult education class (9:45AM, Room 301), and all are invited to learn more about the mission work happening in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

SMALL GROUPS

Cork Sisters. This group is a bi-monthly group that brings women together in fellowship, wine tasting, and devotion and meets the third Thursday (bi-monthly) offsite. The next event is June 15. Questions? Teri O'Neill (terioneill@att.net) or Pam Jay (pjay0826@gmail.com).

Men Not at Work. Men, age 55+ who are retired or semi-retired, gather to share a meal, discuss what's on your mind, Bible study, and books of common interest on the third Tuesday of each month at the Forks Cafeteria. Questions? Andy Barrett (919-349-5599 or andy27609@yahoo.com).

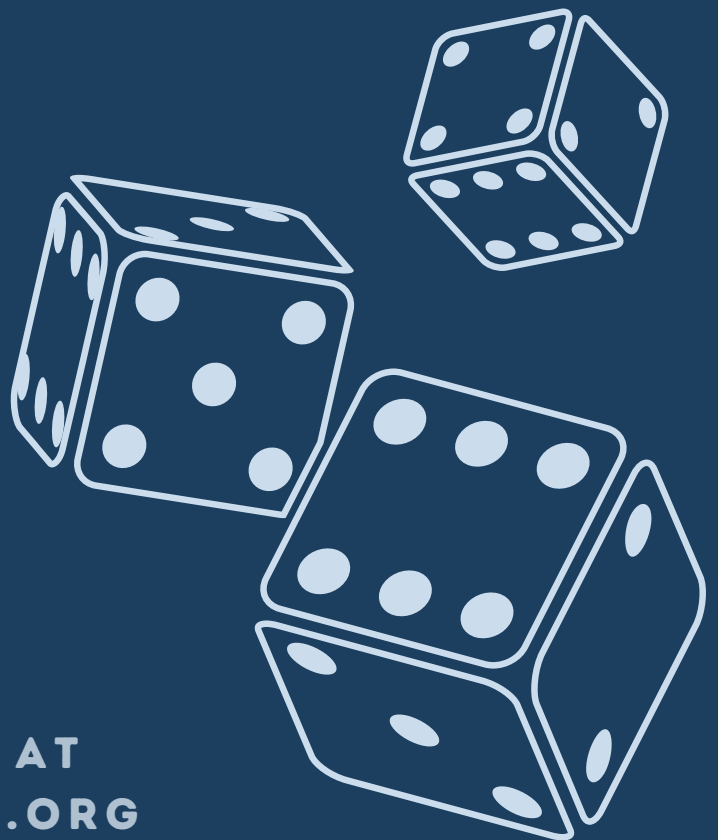
Pinochle Group. This group meets the 1& 3 Mondays from 1:00-4:00 PM for fellowship and Pinochle. T New players are welcome! Questions? Peggy Koehler at 919-231-9563 or Jan Hubbard at hjhubb@nc.rr.com.

Bridge Group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 1:00-4:00 PM. New players are welcome! Questions? Contact Pam Jay at 919-528-1011 or pjay0826@gmail.com.



WOMENS MINISTRY BUNCO NIGHT

The Women's Ministry team is hosting a Bunco Night on June 2, from 6-9. All ladies 18 and older are welcome to come and enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, and bunco! Please bring a snack to share and a friend! Sign up on the Women's Ministry page on Hope Lutheran's website.



**QUESTIONS? BETH AGNER AT
BAGNER@HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG**

STITCHES

of

HOPE

June's schedule!

- 6/6 Mission Quilts and do your own thing!
- 6/13 Mission Quilts and do your own thing
- 6/20 Mission Quilts and do your own thing -
learn a new quilt square!
- 6/27 NO Meeting due to VBS

VBS

DURHAM BULLS GAME.

Our Senior Choir is going to perform the National Anthem on Sunday, June 18 at the Durham Bulls game. Celebrate Father's Day and cheer on the Senior Choir as they kick off the game with the National Anthem! Questions? Rob Varner (rwv@912@gmail.com).





B.R.E.W.

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35

BROWN BAG & BRUNCH

Looking for an opportunity to serve the community?
Come join us as we help with Hope's Brown Bag ministry on Saturday, June 17 at 11AM. Then we'll be going for brunch afterward. Sign up for Brown Bag on the church website.

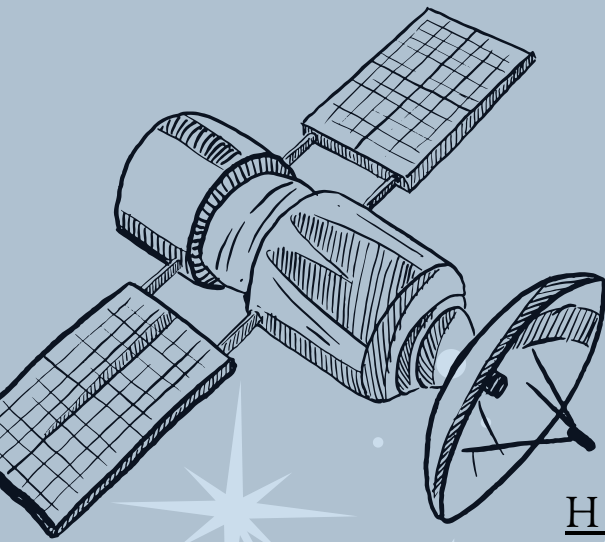
MUDCATS GAME

Come and join us for a fun night of fellowship, baseball and fireworks at the Mudcats baseball game on July 21. Cost: \$15. Meet at church at 6:15PM to carpool, the game starts at 7PM. RSVP to Conner by July 16.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT
CONNOR HELLMANN (919-426-9530)

YOUTH MINISTRY



BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR A POP-UP EVENT
TEXT THIS MONTH.

YOUTH GROUP

Highschool meets Sunday nights in the
Youth Center 6:30-7:30PM
5-8 Grade meets Wednesday nights in the
Youth Center 6:30-7:30PM.

No youth group June 18, 28.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meets weekly 9:45-10:45AM
in the Youth Center.

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

YOUTH WILL MOVE UP A
GRADE LEVEL THE FIRST
WEEK OF AUGUST.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING WEEKLY TEXT
REMINDERS, PLEASE EMAIL
DCE WESLEY SPOTTISWOOD AT
WSPOTTISWOOD@HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG.



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SPORTSMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL YOUTH OUTING (SHOOT & COOK OUT).

Calling all 5-12 grade families. Saturday, June 17 – 9:30AM-1:00PM come out to Mike Meehan's farm for a great day outdoors. The day will begin with prayer and a safety briefing by experienced shooting instructors before practice, then lunch will be served. We require every child to be accompanied by a parent, and everyone must sign a liability release.

Contact Ted Bachman at
tedbachman@mindspring.com or
919-606-3477 to make reservations
and get directions.

X P L O R E

Track Out Camp

EARLY CARE 7:30AM-8AM
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM-5PM
HALF-DAY OPTIONS AVAILABLE
LATE CARE 5PM -5:30PM

June 12-16 Animal Planet

June 19-23 Tiny Snack Attack

June 26-30 VBS

July 3-7 (Closed the 4th) Party in the USA

July 10-14 Summer Sweet Shop

July 17-21 Roughing it in the Great Outdoors

July 24-28 Xplore the Jungle

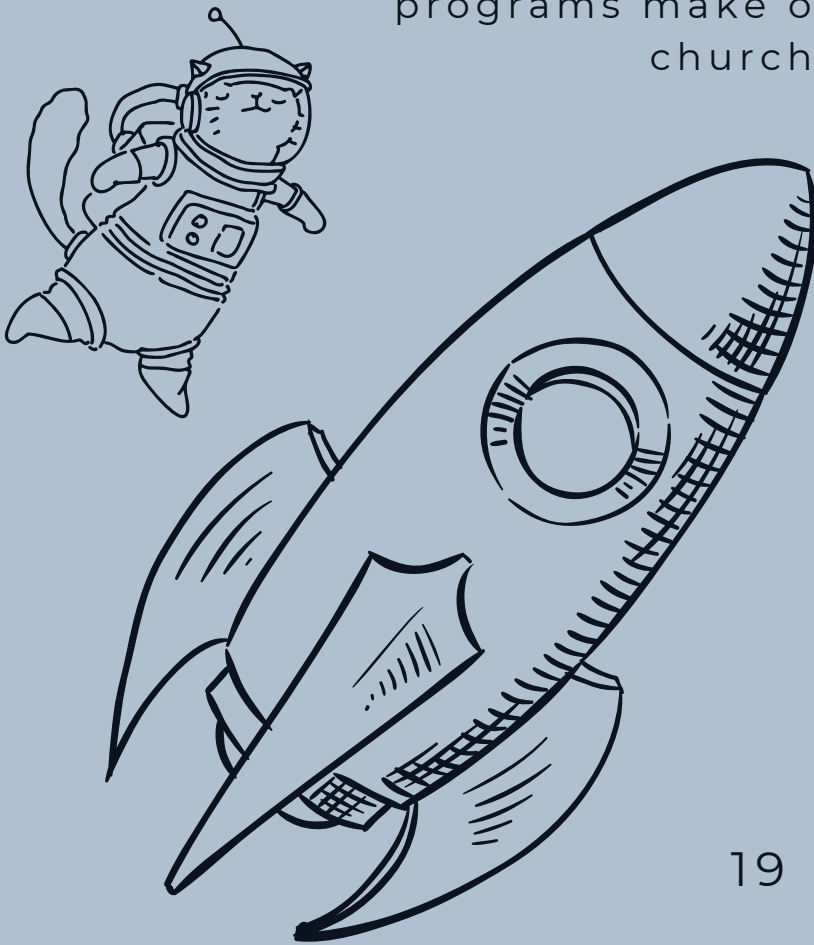
July 31- August 4 Hope's Depot

August 7-11 Magically Delicious

CHANGES COMING SOON

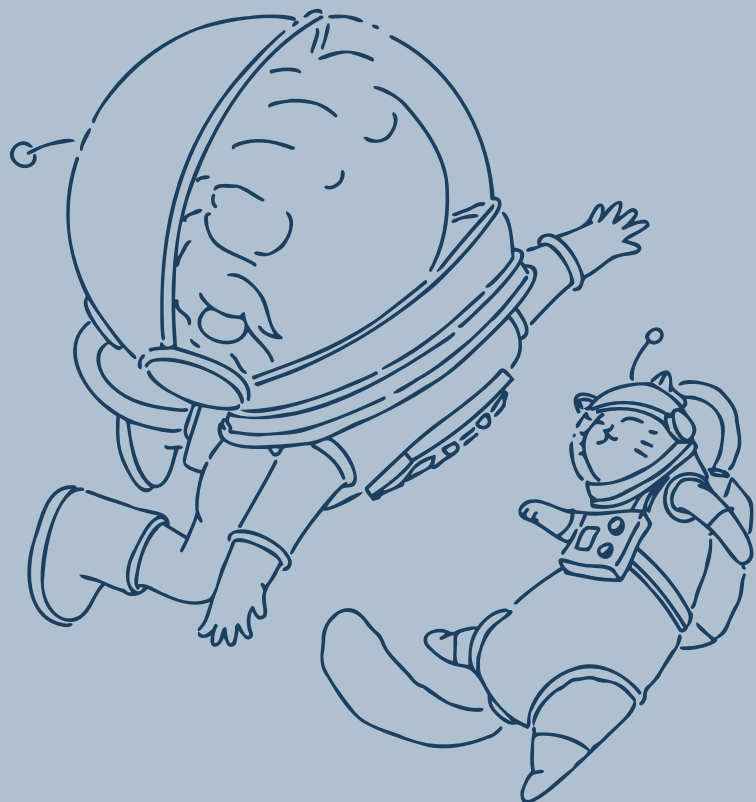
NEW PROGRAMMING FOR HOPE KIDS & YOUTH

This summer we are making programming changes to enhance the Christian education experience for Hope's kids and youth. For many years, the Kids Ministry program was for birth-grade 4, and the Youth Ministry program covered grades 5-12, with Confirmation classes normally held in grades 5-6. Starting this summer, we will be shifting the transition point between Kids and Youth Ministry, and the years for Confirmation. All Hope members and friends are asked to pray for the Kids Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Confirmation Ministry programs, and for the impact these programs make on the kids and youth of our church and community.



KIDS MINISTRY

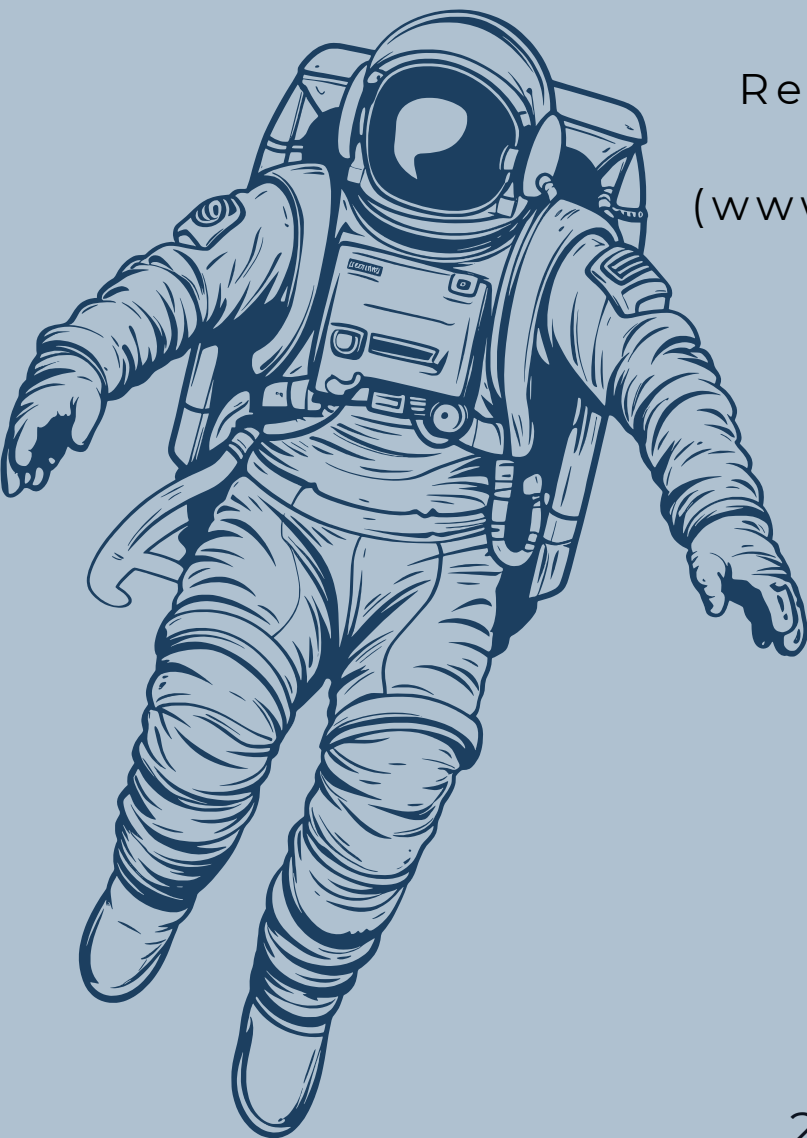
This program is now for birth-grade 5. A brand-new program for grades 4-5, Club 45, will feature age-appropriate Sunday School lessons focusing on a comprehensive two-year Bible overview, First Holy Communion classes and celebration (scheduled for grade 5 students/families in February), family activities and retreat, and more. A meeting on June 4 (12:15PM) for rising grades 4-5 students and parents/guardians will provide more exciting information about Club 45.



CONFIRMATION

The instruction classes will now be for rising grades 6-7 students. Classes meet on Sunday mornings, September-May. A two-year curriculum focuses on the chief parts of the Christian faith, making extensive use of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. Students in older grades, who have not yet been confirmed, are welcome to join.

Registration for the 2023-24 year is now open (www.hopelutheranwf.org/confirmation).



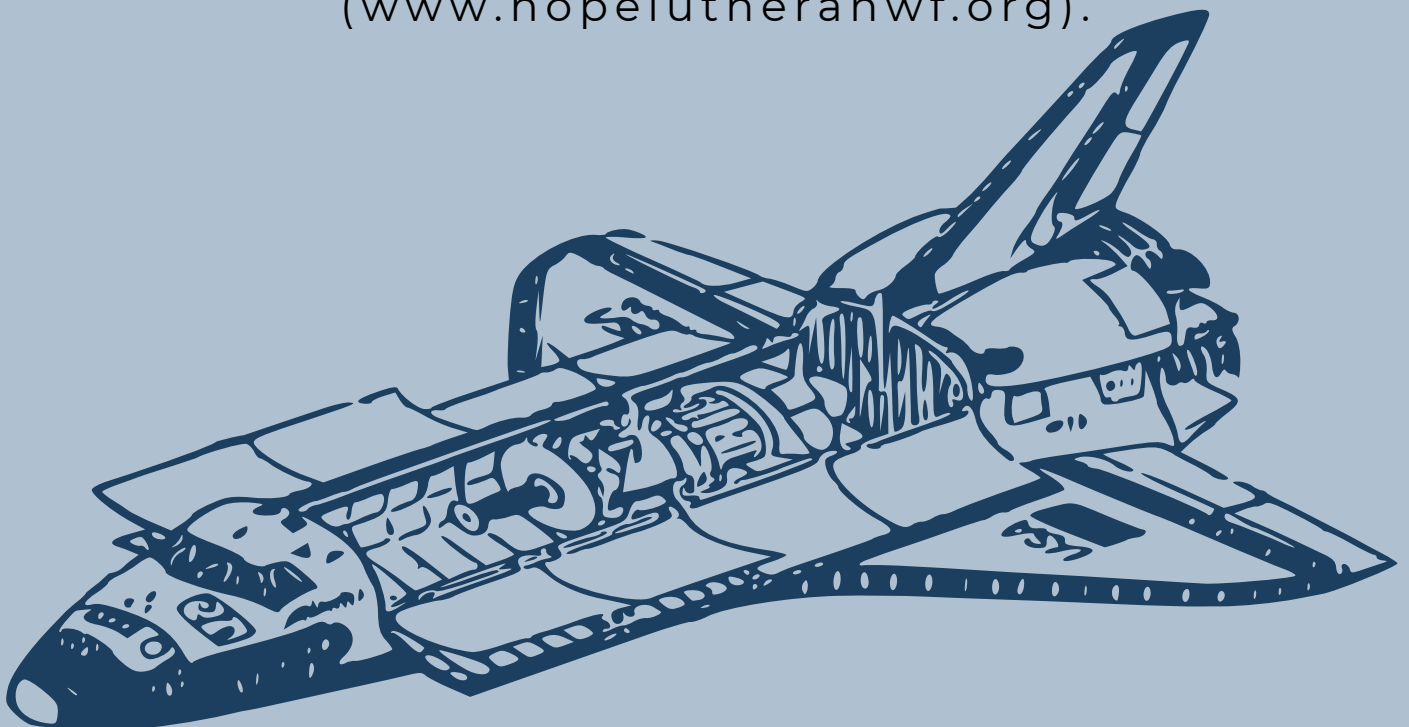
YOUTH MINISTRY

These programs, as of August 1, will be for rising grades 6-12 students.

A youth group for rising 9-12 graders meets on Sunday evenings (6:30-7:30PM), led by DCE Wesley Spottiswood, with Sunday School classes each week.

A youth group for rising 6-8 graders meets on Wednesdays (6:30-7:30PM), led by DCE Intern Margo Adamec, with weekly Sunday School classes, as well.

A detailed schedule of summer classes and events for each grade level is available on the website (www.hopelutheranwvf.org).



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

**WE ARE
HIRING**

Hope Lutheran Preschool is a Christ-Centered Preschool looking to hire teachers who love working with children ages 2-5 years. Experience working with children is required.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER ASSISTANT

Hours for this position are Monday through Friday (8:00am-12:45pm), or MWF (8:00am - 1:15pm). There are some paid holidays and one week of personal leave. The position would start in August 14, 2023.

EXTENDED CARE PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Hours for this position are Monday through Friday, 12:15pm to 5:15pm. There are 3 weeks of paid holidays. The position would be available July 24, 2023.



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