



Mission Moments

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45AM
Sunday School for ages 3 – grade 12
Adult Bible Studies 18+

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

September 6 – October 25
5:30-6:15: Dinner
5:00 : Children's Choir
5:45 : Children's Bell Choir
6:30-7:30: Adult Handbell

6:30-7:30: Classes
(3 years old - 5th grade, adult)
6:30-7:30: 6-8 Youth Group
7:30-9:15: Senior Choir

High School Youth Group is
Sunday Nights from
6:30-8:00PM.

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Keeping Kids Safe



On the street where I live, kids are out playing and riding bikes all the time. At the top of the street, a green sign in the shape of a turtle encourages drivers to be watchful, and to lower their driving speed. Have you seen signs like these? I appreciate the sign, and anything that helps keep kids safe.

We don't have green turtle signs here at Hope, but we work hard, in many ways, at keeping kids safe. You are probably aware that our church has a wide range of programs for kids and youth. Staff members and volunteers talk about safety procedures regularly, and go through appropriate trainings. The church has stringent policies for all staff and volunteers who work with kids and youth. In many ways, keeping kids safe is a high priority at Hope, and I'm sure you'll agree that's a very good thing.

We're not only concerned about the physical well-being of kids and youth, though. They're facing spiritual dangers daily, and they're growing up in a world that can do great damage to their souls. The real reason we focus on kids and youth in so many of our programs and ministries is to help them develop a solid, healthy relationship with their Divine Protector. Only God has the power and wisdom to shield and protect our kids and youth from spiritual harm.

So we work closely and intentionally with parents to help baptismal faith to grow and bear fruit in the lives of their children. Learning the Good News of the Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave his life for all of us, is so very important for kids and youth these days. Nurturing the faith of kids and youth in a healthy, safe, spiritual environment like Hope is helping to keep them safe for all eternity!

Keep praying for the safety and well-being of the kids and youth of our congregation and community, please!

In Christ,

Wayne Puls

Pastor Wayne Puls

Wednesday Night Alive

September 6-October 25

Music Opportunities

Children's Choir- (grades K-5)
5-5:40PM (begins 9/13)

Children's Bell Choir- (grades 2-6)
5:45-6:15PM (begins 9/13)

Adult Handbell Choir-
6:15-7:30PM (begins 9/6)

Senior Choir- 7:30-9PM
(begins 9/6)

Kid & Youth Groups

Kids 3 years old - Middle school will split up from 6:30-7:30PM. They will make friends, play games, and learn about Jesus in a way that is age-appropriate.

Adult Bible Study-

Biblical Landmarks

Come with us, on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30PM in Room 301, on an 8-week journey through the Bible studying key locations and events which act as important landmarks to guide us through the story of God and his people.

Dinners

Take a night off from cooking and join Hope for dinner. At WNA we will come together to eat and have a little fun. Each week will be themed. Dinner is served from 5:30-6:30PM. Cost: \$6/ adults, \$3/ Kids (5-10), under 5 free, \$22 family max.

9/6

Bingo Night

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Salad, Chips and Homemade Dessert

9/13

Smores Night

Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Applesauce, Dessert

9/20

Game Night

Beef and Chicken Tacos, Chips and Salsa, Salad, Dessert

9/27

Challenge Night

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Dessert

News & Events

COLLEGE OUTREACH MINISTRY

Do you have a student in college who would like to receive a gift? Hope's College Outreach Ministry is putting together a little gift and note of encouragement to send to current college students. Send Julie Bowling juliebowling@live.com an email with your students name, address, and a way for us to contact you if needed by 10/8. We will be sending out two during the year. juliebowling.com

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 or Pastor Devin for details.



OCTOBER 7, 11AM-2PM

Harvest Fest

KICK-OFF FALL WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY

Vendors, inflatables,
pony rides, and more!

\$5 for unlimited game
wristband
and
\$5 per pony ride



Missions-Local & Trips

BROWN BAG

Brown Bag meets on 9/16 at 11AM. Enter through the white glass doors off the circle for lunch assembly. We will head out for distribution about noon. For easy sign up please go to <https://tinyurl.com/4beus65p>. Unable to attend? You can still help by donating individually packaged salty snacks. Donations in the Brown Bag bin in the Cafe area. Questions?

Nancy Repak at
kapernan@gmail.com.

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 non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, and paper products.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

This November, Hope is sending a short-term mission team comprised of nine volunteers to Puerto Rico. The team will help build an outdoor kitchen used for outreach at the Lutheran mission church located in Mayaguez. Please pray for God to bless this team, Pastor Gustavo Maita, Deaconess Ruth, Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz, as well as the work of the whole missionary team in Puerto Rico.

HABITAT WAKE COUNTY

Hope is part of a coalition of churches in Wake Forest that is working on home preservation projects in our town. Workdays will be 9/16 and 9/23, and work will include general maintenance, painting, ramp/deck repairs. Sign up at <http://vhub.at/northernwake>. Contact Roger Madariaga (919-608-5273) or Pastor Wayne Puls (wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org) with questions on how to get involved in loving your neighbors. All skill levels welcome.

Refugee Aid Notes

Ukrainian Support Initiative (USI)

We are excited to announce that Hope was recently awarded a grant for support of Ukrainian refugees in our community! The grant was given by our national church body, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. A team has been formed to review aid requests (examples are daycare assistance, rent assistance, cell phone or utility assistance).

Hope has been involved in refugee support for over a year and a half, helping recent arrivals from several areas of the world. To date, efforts have centered around areas such as:

- food security
- clothing donations
- home goods donations
- furniture moving
- daycare scholarships
- rent support
- transportation assistance
- cultural orientation/appointment support

If you are interested in supporting refugees in our community, please:

- pray about how you can help
- get in touch if you are able to offer rides or support at appointments, navigating U.S. documentation and cultural processes
- consider whether you could sponsor/host a Ukrainian in your home

Questions? Contact Hilary Tew at htew@hopelutheranwf.org.

Adult Education

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:45-10:45AM, IN ROOM 301

MOSES AND CHRIST

Join us on September 3, 10, and 24 for an ongoing 5-week study that will look at some of Moses' greatest miracles and ministry and how these events anticipated and find their meaning in Christ. Our studies will cover the institution of the Passover, the crossing of the Red Sea, God's giving of the manna, Israel's idolatry with the golden calf, and the building of the Tabernacle. We will explore these topics in their first setting in the Old Testament and see how they illuminate Jesus' life and ministry in the New Testament.

MISSION FOCUS

Listen in on September 17 as our former Hope DCE and current mission advancement officer for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Krista Young. We will explore a variety of mission opportunities available to Hope. Don't miss this opportunity to find out how we can get involved in local missions in our area and national/international missions sponsored by our church body.



A close-up photograph of a sunflower with bright yellow petals and a dark brown center, set against a warm yellow background.

Small Groups

70 FORWARD IS BACK

A Bible study for single women 70 and older (or even late 60's) who are interested in becoming more active spiritually, physically, and socially. The first meeting is Friday 9/8 at 10 AM in room 300.

Questions? Contact Shirley Holzschuh at shirleyholzschuh@gmail.com.

A CUT ABOVE

September 9 (Saturday 9:30-11AM) is the first meeting of "A CUT ABOVE": This is a new small group for experienced and amateur woodworkers. This group will meet monthly to learn new skills and create masterpiece wood work. Questions? Rick Hall at rwhall57@gmail.com.

3B'S

Friday, September 22, 7-9PM will be the first meeting of the 3 B's Small Group. Join the 3B's (Beer, Bourbon, Bible). This group will meet at different homes and restaurants for Bible study and drinks. All men 21 and over are invited. Email Wesley to get the address wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

KINDRED HEARTS

This small group meets Thursday, September 7, 11:30AM-1:00PM. This small group is for widows who want to connect in Bible study and community. Questions? Vicki Janzen at victoriajanzen@comcast.net

Adult Events

Women's Ministry

Friday Night on White

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 6 PM
BY THE PARKING LOT LEFT OF THE STAGE

Enjoy fellowship with Women's ministry (Ladies 18 and up) while enjoying all of the fun festivities of Friday Night on White.

Fall Women's Retreat

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10-12

All women are welcome to our 14th annual Women's Fall Retreat. This year, we will study how our desire to be the best version of ourselves often leads us to miss opportunities. During our weekend, we will find a rhythm in our relationships with God to be set free, to be the person he created us to be.

More information and register on Women's Page!



Calling all men 21 and over! You are invited to Hope's 6th annual Oktoberfest social. Enjoy German-themed food, beer, and games. It all happens under the tent. Prost!
REGISTER TODAY!



BREW.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS,
EXPLORE THE WORD

BOWLING NIGHT (18-35)

On 9/22 at 7PM meet us at Strike and Barrel for bowling and fellowship. Cost TBD. Register on the BREW website.

COLLEGE AGE (18-25)

We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for fellowship and Bible Study at 6:30PM. Our next meetings will be 9/14 at Margo's apartment & 9/28 at Village Deli.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (25-35)

Update! We are meeting bi-weekly now. The first and third Thursdays we will have Bible Study at Norse Brewing downtown. The next meetings are 9/7 & 9/21 at 7PM.

Questions? Margo Adamec
madamec@hopelutheranwf.org



Middle School Youth Ministries



EVENTS

WATER GAME DAY!

Join us on 9/10, 12:15-2PM, for Water Game Day! Right after church go to the back field for lunch and an afternoon of having fun while playing with water. Register on the youth page. Cost \$5. Bring cash with you to the event.

LOCK-IN

Save the date for October 27-28. More details to come later. Register on the youth page on Hope's website.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us in the youth center on Sundays at 9:45AM while we dive into Isaiah looking at what it means and how it relates to our lives today.

YOUTH GROUP

Join us Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30PM in the youth center for an hour of fun filled fellowship and games.

Questions? DCE Intern Margo Adamec
madamec@hopelutheranwf.org

High School Youth Ministries



CAROWINDS DAY TRIP. High School Youth are invited for a day trip to Carowinds 9/3. We will meet at the Youth Center at 8AM and arrive back at 9PM. Cost is \$50, which includes ticket & transportation. Register on youth page by 9/12.

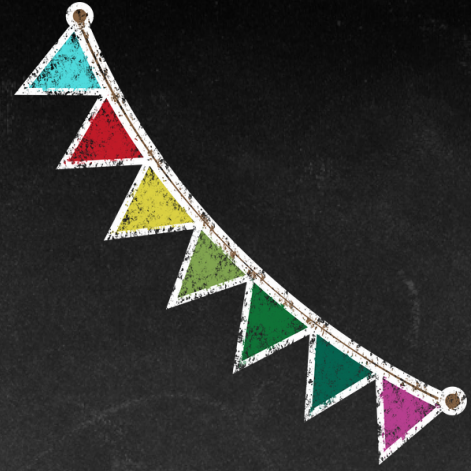
AFTER SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM. High school students are invited each Thursday starting 9/14 from 3-5PM in the Youth Center for open youth room. Youth will enter through the Youth Center doors. During this time youth are encouraged to hang out, complete homework, watch movies, play board games, and grow in fellowship. Snacks will be provided and friends are welcome. No sign-up is required.

PANIC POINT. Are you ready for a night of fright? On 10/8, meet at the main gate of Panic Point at 6:45PM and bring \$25 cash to purchase your tickets at the discounted rate. The group will enjoy 4 main attractions. Challenge your readiness for mayhem and fright and register today!

DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING. You're invited to the High School Southeastern District Youth Gathering (DYG) Nov. 3-5, 2023 at The Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, VA. What is DYG? It's an incredible opportunity for High School Youth to gather in the name of Jesus to worship, serve, and learn together with youth from all over the East Coast! Cost is \$200. Scholarships are available.

DCE WESLEY SPOTTISWOOD
WSPOTTISWOOD@HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG

Back to School Blessing



For many students and teachers, you have just started back to school, while some of you have been in since July. Either way, we want to dedicate a special time in our 11AM service on September 10 to have you come forward in the service for a special Back-To-School Blessing. We will have a small gift for each student and teacher. This is for all students in preschool-12 grade, as well as all teachers.



Kid's Ministry Corner

PRESCHOOL JAM PLAYGROUND MEETUP

Summer is coming to an end, but the fun keeps going on. Come meet up on 9/9 from 10-11AM for our preschool playground fun. Meet up at Hope's Playground to play with friends and get to know others around us. No sign-up needed.

LEVEL 23

2-3 GRADES

MINUTE TO WIN IT

Can you stack six Oreos on your head without them falling off? Can you move a ping pong ball without touching it? Can you do those in 60 seconds? Show off your skills at Level 23 Minute to Win it on 9/22 5:30-6:30PM.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITIONS

Ready to share the story of Jesus' birth?

Ready to be a movie star on the red carpet? This year's Christmas Pageant we are combining those two and putting on a red carpet production. Come to tryouts to show us your stuff on 9/24, 12:30-1:30PM. Sign-up on the Kids Ministry page on Hope's website.

K1 CREW

K-1 GRADES

GET SLIMED

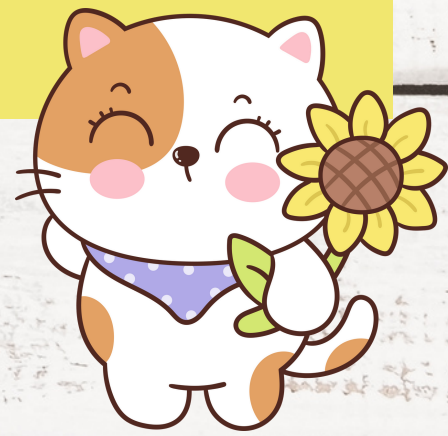
Our K1 Crew kids are getting messy on 9/10. Come, throw slime, roll around in slime, and get all slimed up! Parents, please bring an extra pair of clothes that they can change into and wear clothes they can get messy. Sign up on the Hope's website under kid's ministry. Cost: \$10. Pizza lunch included.

CLUB 45

4-5 GRADES

LOCK-IN

Come camp out at church on 9/22-23 with your friends and favorite leaders! A night full of games, snacks, and fellowship. Sign up on Hope's website under Kids Ministry. Cost: \$15.



QUESTIONS?

BAGNER@HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG.

Music Ministry

Fall 2023

Hope's 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 (908)644-8184 rwv912@gmail.com. Rob is 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. Each year, the choir shares the sounds of joy with their annual Christmas Cantata where they tell the story of Christ's birth and journey to the manger.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:15PM in the balcony and start on 9/6.

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 to 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- 5th grades and rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 -5:40PM in the sanctuary and start 9/13. The choir has the opportunity to participate in the Christmas Cantata and Children's Christmas Pageant this year. Please speak with Mr. Rob or Ms. Kasie if you have any questions.

Music Ministry Cont.

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 service and participate in the annual Christmas Cantata. 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 9/6 from 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 evenings starting 9/13 from 5:45-6:15PM in the sanctuary. Please speak with Mr. Rob or Ms. Kasie and we look forward to seeing you in September.

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 rww912@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, participated in our annual Christmas Cantata and festive Sunday Services.



Save the Dates

UPCOMING FALL/HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HARVEST FEST

10/7

OKTOBERFEST

10/13

TRUNK OR TREAT

10/21

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

11/5

WOMEN'S RETREAT
CHRISTMONT RETREAT CENTER

11/10-11/12

ADVENT SERVICES
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7PM

12/6 & 12/20

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

12/11

LIVE NATIVITY

12/10-11

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

12/14