



Mission **MOMENTS**

Hope Lutheran Church
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One Hope

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” -Ephesians 4:1-6

I’ve often reflected on the wonder that God calls so many people from numerous backgrounds to confess and believe a shared faith in Christ. Pulling any group of Christians into a room will reveal that so many of the superficial ways people come together are not really what brings us together as Christians. We like different music, we watch and root for different sports teams, we enjoy different movies, we wear different clothing, we talk in different patterns and sometimes speak different languages, just to name a few.

If that were not enough, real people are needy, hurting, rough around the edges, difficult, and many times, simply disappointing. Even the person we once trusted or relied on will sometimes hurt us and will inevitably prove a truth about all of us: we are sinners and we desperately need the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. This is as true for me as it is for you. As a pastor I don’t just preach forgiveness in Jesus, I personally need it. I need it from Christ, from you as God’s beloved sheep, from my family, from everyone around me.

Paul’s words here in Ephesians gives us a certain perspective on what ultimately unites us. The people we worship with in this congregation are bonded together with us in one hope. We have together one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. We are together in Jesus one body; we are together the temple of the one Spirit. This unity we have is built on the strong foundation of our one Lord Jesus Christ.

If I could only utter a single prayer for our congregation today, it would be that we would honor our calling to walk with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We can foster that unity by meeting hurt with forgiveness, by speaking blessing over bitterness, by believing the best instead of assuming the worst. We can foster that unity by choosing to love one another in spite of our misgivings, choosing to love in spite of our disappointments, choosing to love in spite of our weaknesses and sins against one another.

It is fitting that we are named Hope, for we will need our one hope often in the days and years ahead. We will need hope for healing, hope for forgiveness, hope for fruitful mission, hope for our families, hope for our community, and hope for our world. Knowing the one hope we have in our Triune God, I am incredibly hopeful for our lives and future together in this congregation. I truly believe we can continue to build on a strong foundation and grow together for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Wake Forest.

I leave you with some words that have begun to resonate more and more in my heart and mind:

We are one hope,

We have one hope,

We build one hope.

Sincerely,
Pastor Devin

Wednesday Night Alive

September 4 - October 30

Music Opportunities

Children's Choir- (grades K-5)
5-5:40PM (begins 9/11)

Children's Bell Choir- (grades
2-6) 5:45-6:15PM (begins 9/11)

Adult Handbell Choir-
6:15-7:30PM (begins 9/11)

Adult Choir- 7:30-9PM (begins
9/4)

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

GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD: JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS. Come throughout September and October during Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for a series of studies looking at the stories of Joseph and his brothers in Genesis 37-50. Each study will consider sequentially how Joseph and his brothers were used by God to save his people and work good out of evil. Learn how God continues this work in our lives today. Questions? dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org

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.

9/4

Bingo Night
Cook Out

9/11

Patriotic Day
Fried Chicken

9/18

Veggie Tales Day
Cheese Burgers

9/25

Game Day
Spaghetti and Meatballs,
Salad, Dessert

10/2

Smarties Day
Pulled Pork

10/9

Teddy Bear Day
Mac & Cheese

News & Events

NEW MEMBER CLASS

NEW MEMBER CLASS. If you have been worshipping at Hope, it might be 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 six-week Fall New Member Class. The next session meets in the Fall, class meets on Sunday mornings, September 15 – October 20, 9:45-10:45AM, Room 300. Contact Pastor Devin for details, dmurphy@hopeluthernwf.org

VOLUNTEERING FOR COFFEE HOUR

Volunteering for coffee hour after the 11 AM service is a wonderful way to connect with our church community. The role involves preparing and cleaning up coffee to be served immediately following the service, offering a warm and welcoming environment for fellowship. While providing nut-free snacks is appreciated, it is not a requirement. This commitment is scheduled just once a month, making it an easy way to contribute without overwhelming your schedule. Join us in this simple but meaningful ministry that helps bring our congregation together. Questions? bevans@hopelutheranwf.org.

VOLUNTEERING FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Volunteering for children's church at any of our three services is a rewarding opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of our young members. The role includes guiding children to the conference room, teaching a preplanned lesson, and engaging with kids aged 4 years through 3rd grade. This monthly commitment allows you to share your faith and creativity with our next generation in a supportive environment. With all lesson materials provided, you can focus on building connections and fostering a love for God's word. Join us in nurturing our children's spiritual growth and making a lasting difference in their lives. Questions? bevans@hopelutheranwf.org.



OCTOBER 5, 11AM-2PM

Harvest Fest

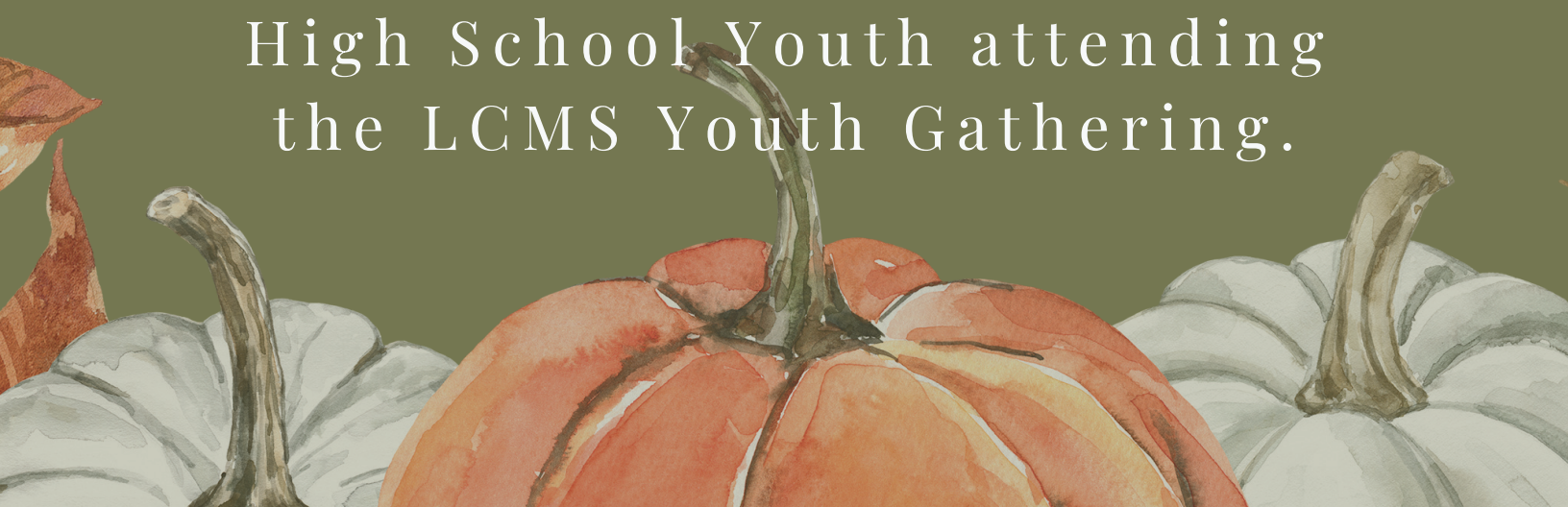
KICK-OFF FALL WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY

Join us for a fun-filled day at
Hope's annual Harvest Festival
on 10/5 from 11AM-2PM!

Vendors, inflatables,
food trucks,
and more!

\$10 for an unlimited game
wristband - or \$15 for two!

All proceeds support the
High School Youth attending
the LCMS Youth Gathering.



Missions

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BROWN BAG

Join us on 9/21 at 11AM outside the Fellowship Hall as we pack nutritious lunch bags for our neighbors in Wake Forest. To sign up, visit Hope's Missions page and secure your spot for this rewarding service opportunity. If you can't attend, please consider making a financial donation—add "Brown Bag Ministry" to the memo line on your check and place it in the offering plate. Your contributions, are greatly appreciated. Questions? 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.

MOBILE FOOD MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for food or a desire to serve those facing food insecurity? Since 2022, our Mobile Food Ministry has reached nearly 2,500 people, and we're eager to expand this vital outreach. We're looking for volunteers with a heart for service to help with event planning, purchasing food and supplies, cooking, serving, and clean-up. Your involvement will make a meaningful difference in our community. To learn more or volunteer, contact Melanie Barker at mrbarber@gmail.com.

HABITAT WAKE COUNTY

We need your hearts, hands, enthusiasm, and energy. Join Habitat as we all work to build safe and affordable homes in the Old Poole Place neighborhood in southeast Raleigh. Sign up for workdays using the Habitat Website (habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/vv2/). Contact Roger Madariaga (919-608-5273) with questions on how to get involved in loving your neighbors. All skill levels are welcome.

Small Groups

NEW PICKLE BALL GROUP

Are you ready to join the latest sports craze? We're starting two new pickle ball small groups at Hope—one for beginners and another for advanced players. Groups will meet after 5PM on weekdays and on weekends, offering flexible times for all skill levels. Pickle Ball is fun, social, and easy to learn, so don't miss out on the fun. Questions? wspottiswood@hopelutheranwf.org.

MEN OF HOPE

The Men of Hope group meets monthly, usually on the second Saturday of the month, with the next gathering on 9/14 at 8AM. Join us for fellowship, devotion, breakfast, and discussion on upcoming projects for the church and community. Recently, the MoH collaborated with Wesley Spottiswood and staff, funding the repainting of the youth center and providing a small tent and tablecloth for outreach. Your participation and support are what make these projects possible.

LITTLE STARS

Are you a mom of small children (ages 0-5) looking for a place of fellowship and friendship? A new mommy and me group will be starting at Hope Lutheran Church this fall. We will meet twice a month – once at church and once for a social outing at a playground, pumpkin patch, etc. – to encourage and support each other in our vocation as moms while our children play and build friendships, too. Please watch the church bulletin and newsletter in the coming months for more information about this group.

KINDRED HEARTS

This group for widows offers a supportive community where members can connect and find comfort. Meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month at Hope and the third Thursday at various local restaurants, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Room 300. Please note that Kindred Hearts will be taking a break for the summer. We look forward to resuming our gatherings soon!

Sunday Education

Adult Education

GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD: JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS. Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM in Room 301, for a series of studies looking at the stories of Joseph and his brothers in Genesis 37-50. Each study will consider sequentially how Joseph and his brothers were used by God to save his people and work good out of evil. Learn how God continues this work in our lives today. Questions?

dmurphy@hopelutheranwf.org

Youth Ministries

Group	Program	Location	Lessons
Middle School 6-8 Grade	Bible Class	Youth Center Room 102	Better Together
High School 9-12 Grade	Bible Class	Youth Center Room 101	Books of the Bible

Kid's Ministries

Group	Program	Location	Lessons
Birth - 2 Years	Nursery	Nursery	None
Preschool Jam Preschool Ages	Sunday School	Preschool Classroom 1	Praise Party
K1 Crew K-1 Grade	Sunday School	Children's Center Lower Level #1	Praise Party
Level 23 2-3 Grade	Sunday School	Children's Center Lower Level #2	Donuts and Disciples
Club 45 4-5 Grades	Sunday School	Club 45 Room Across from Nursery	Unexpected

Adult Events

Women's Ministry

Friday Night on White

Join the Women's Ministry as they host the Hope booth at Friday Night on White on 9/13. If you'd like to help out, please contact Bonnie Smith at (919)698-7966. Your participation will help make this event a success. Questions?
bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

Oktoberfest



OCTOBER 11 FROM 6-9PM
COST IS \$25/PERSON

Men's Ministry

Calling all men 21 and over! You are invited to Hope's 7th annual Oktoberfest social. Enjoy German-themed food, beer, and games. Join us under the big tent on Hope's north lawn. Prost!
REGISTER TODAY!



B.R.E.W.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, EXPLORE THE WORD

BIBLE STUDY

Staying local for school or heading straight into the workforce? B.R.E.W. College-Age has got your back. We meet to discuss God's word, encourage and pray for each other, and do life together. We'll meet on 9/12 and 9/26 at 6:30 PM in the youth center to continue our series on the fruits of the spirit.

BREW RETREAT "I AM".

Join us for the BREW "I AM" fall retreat and explore who God says He is and who He calls us to be. This retreat will take place from 10/11-10/13 in Tyron, NC, nestled in the beautiful NC mountains. The cost is \$100, and it's an amazing opportunity to connect with others and deepen your faith. Don't miss out on this chance for fellowship and spiritual growth. Questions? mmeyer@hopelutheranwf.org



Youth Ministries

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT.

All middle school students are invited to join us for a retreat at Camp Willow Springs from 9/13-9/15. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to bond, learn, and grow in faith together. The cost is \$150, but scholarships are available if needed—just sign up under the confirmation scholarship for help. We encourage all middle schoolers to take part in this enriching experience. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

HIGH SCHOOL

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING.

Attention rising High School families! Mark your calendars for 9/8 at 12:30PM for a parent and youth meeting about the LCMS Youth Gathering. This event, formerly known as the National Youth Gathering, takes place in New Orleans, LA, from 7/19-7/23, 2025. Meet in the Adult Center, Room 301, to learn more and find out how to register.

HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN.

Attention all High School youth—it's time for the event you've been waiting for! Bring your friends and join us for 12 hours of non-stop fun at our High School Lock-In on 9/20 from 8PM-8AM. Enjoy games, snacks, and breakfast in a night packed with excitement. The cost is \$10, which covers snacks and breakfast. Register today to secure your spot!

Kids Ministry Corner

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

ALL OF KID'S MINISTRY

Kids Ministry Sunday School is back! Join us on 9/8 from 9:45AM-10:45AM to meet your child's Sunday school teachers and enjoy a Sundae on Sunday morning. It's a sweet start to a new year of learning and growing in faith together. Your presence will make the kick-off even more special. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org

K1 CREW & LEVEL 23.

K-1 GRADES & 2-3 GRADES

DRESS FOR A MESS

Get ready for color wars on 9/21 from 1PM-2PM! K1 Crew and Level 23 are invited to dive into a fun-filled afternoon of messy, colorful activities. Make sure to wear an outfit you don't mind getting dirty as we'll be coloring outside the lines. This event is sure to be a blast, so sign up on the Kids Ministry page today.

LEVEL 23

2-3 GRADES

BIBLE BLESSING

As our 2nd and 3rd graders experience a special time of faith growth, they will receive a Bible from their parents to explore His Word. Join us on 9/18 at 5:30PM for a parent instruction class on the Bible blessing process. This class is an important step in guiding our young ones as they begin to study scripture more deeply. We're excited to support you and your children in this journey of faith.

CLUB 45

4-5 GRADES

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a fun evening watching "Despicable Me 4" on 9/20 from 6PM-8PM. The night includes a movie, scavenger hunt, dinner, and more for Club 45 members. Bonus points if you dress like a minion—it's all part of the fun! The cost is \$5, so sign up on the Kids Ministry page to secure your spot.

QUESTIONS?

BAGNER@HOPELUTHERANWF.ORG.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TRYOUTS

We all KNEAD a little Christmas, so come be part of the 2024 Christmas Pageant! All Kindergarten-6th graders are invited to try out for acting and/or singing roles on 9/22 at 12:30PM in the Children's Center. This year's theme brings us to Bethlehem's bakery, full of fresh-baked fun and festive cheer. We can't wait to see all the talented kids share their gifts.

Preschool & Little Blessings

HOPE'S LITTLE BLESSINGS PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that Hope's Little Blessings program is starting back for its 11th year! This wonderful program provides faith-based learning and activities for children ages 0-2. We look forward to another year of fun and growth with your little ones! Questions? littleblessings@hopelutheranwf.org

PRESCHOOL WELCOME

The preschool kicked off its first day of classes on 8/21 for the 2024-2025 school year, welcoming all preschoolers, their families, and our dedicated teachers and staff. We're excited to embark on a new year of learning, growth, and joyful experiences. The preschool community is a vibrant part of Hope, and we look forward to all the wonderful moments ahead. Let's make this year the best one yet for our young learners.

Music Ministry

Fall 2024

HCL Music Ministry Program kicks off its choir season on Wednesday, September 4th for the Adult Choir and September 11th for Children's Choir, Bell Choir, & Adult Bell Choir. The choirs rehearse and prepare music weekly for worship throughout the church year. If you are interested in learning more about the Hope's Music Ministry Program, please contact or see Rob Varner between services in the balcony or contact him 908 644 8184 rwv912@gmail.com.

VOCALS & BELL CHOIR

Hope's Adult Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. You do not need prior handbell experience to join the handbell choir. It is a great opportunity for those who play or have played a musical instrument that can read music and would like to share your gifts and enjoy the fellowship of the Adult Handbell Choir.

Hope's Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm. The choir is a great way to share the joy of music and fellowship with one another. If you are interested in learning more about the Adult Choir, please speak to Rob or a choir member.

Hope's Children's Choir and Children's Bell 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. Children's Choir is open to children in k- 5th grades and rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 -5:40 pm. Our Children's Handbell Choir is open to children in 3rd through 6th grades and rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

Music Ministry Cont.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Hope seeks to add instrumentalists to the Saturday PM contemporary service Praise Team and the Brass Ensemble. If you play guitar, bass, or keyboards and would be interested in sharing your musical gifts regularly or occasionally, please speak with Paul Taylor at the soundboard. If you play a brass instrument, please speak with Organist & Choir Director Rob Varner.

SUNDAY 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, participated in our annual Christmas Cantata and festive