

September, 2016 | Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church | Wake Forest, NC

# **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR** PULS...WHAT'S YOUR **CHURCH LIKE?**

Every so often I'm asked, by an old friend or colleague, to describe the church where I'm serving. "What's your church like?" Have you ever been asked that question? If someone asked you to describe Hope, what kind of an answer would you give?

Here's my answer. I focus on four wonderful things that I love about our church.

# VISITOR-FRIENDLY

Everybody's welcome at our church. We're blessed with visitors from our community every week, and we take time to welcome them. As a pastor, I love the fact that our congregation members go out of their way to greet and be like?" I'd love to hear your answers! friendly to newcomers. There's no arm-twisting at Hope, and no pressure. No question is too weird, and no one's story is too wacky!

# CHRIST-CENTERED

In our church, the central teaching that pervades our worship life, our fellowship activities, our classes, and our ministry programs is simple and clear. We believe that salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ alone. Hope is a gracebased church, and we hold fast to the teachings of the Bible. Our non-legalistic worship services celebrate God's grace in our lives!

# **COMMUNITY-MINDED**

Our church isn't obsessed with itself. We're very much an outward-facing congregation. Hope has seventeen ministries aimed at community needs, including an annual special needs prom, annual medical/dental clinic, quarterly clothing/houseware giveaways, mission trips, community service and more. We have a church that's deeply-rooted and actively participating in the life of our community!

# FAMILY – FOCUSED

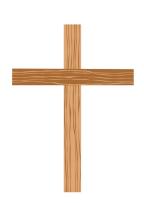
National trends reveal that most Christian churches are primarily comprised of older-generation members. Our church is bucking these trends. We are a young church, and the average age of our total membership is only 37. Hope has a huge focus on children and youth. We're committed to reaching and serving families in our community!

So that's how I answer that question. "What's your church

See you in church!

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# WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM Sunday at 8:30AM & 11:00AM Nursery and Children's Church provided at all services

# SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School for ages 3 – grade 4 Youth Bible Classes for grades 5 – 12 Adult Bible Studies

Nursery and beginning Sunday School provided for ages 2 and under.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

#### Begins September 14, 2016 5:30 – 6:15: Dinner 5:30 – 6:30: Youth Praise Team 5:30 – 6:00: Beg. Handbells 5:50 – 6:25: Children's Choir 6:00 – 6:30: Youth Handbells 6:30-7:45: Adult Handbell Choir 6:30 – 7:30: Children, Youth, and Adult Education 7:45 – 9:15: Senior Choir

# LABOR DAY CLOSINGS

The Church Office, Preschool, Little Blessings, and Xplore Track Out Camp will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

# **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?**

#### New Member Classes begin September 11 from 9:45 - 10:45AM

There have been a lot of new guests at Hope over the summer and we're excited about your presence! If you would like to know more about the mission and vision of Hope, we invite you to attend the next New Member Class entitled "Connecting to Hope!"

Activities for children and youth of all ages are available through Sunday School during the class time. All persons interested in becoming members of Hope or transferring their membership from another Lutheran church are invited. There is no obligation to join by attending the class!

# **MEN'S BOWLING NIGHT**

Men, you are invited to Brook Street Bowling on Tuesday, September 13 from 7:00-9:00PM for a night of fellowship and of course, bowling! Cost is \$7.00 for shoes and two games plus food and drinks. Plan to meet at Brook Street at 7:00. Bowling begins at 7:30. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

# GRIEFSHARE

#### September 15 - December 15 from 7:00-8:30PM

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. To register, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org.

# **PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to take specific photos to be used in Hope's publications, social media, and website. Photos are needed of certain ministries, Wednesday Night Alive, during the daytime, exterior shots, and more. If you have some time and are interested, please contact Amy Elder, Communications Coordinator, at

aelder@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109. She'll work with your schedule and interests.

You do not need to be a professional, just an eye for a great shot!





Kick-off a new season of Wednesday Night Alive at Hope with hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, and watermelon!

Register in the Narthex, online, or by calling the Church office at 919-554-8109.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

Beginning September 14, WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, Confirmation, fellowship, and fun.

#### **SEPTEMBER DINNER MENU**

**Homemade, high-quality** dinners will be served Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:15PM. Sign up in the Narthex, online, or by calling the Church office at 919-554-8109. Cost is \$6/adults & youth 11 and older, \$3/children ages 5-10, children under 5 free (\$22 family max).

- 9/14 Outdoor Picnic: Enjoy one of the last summer evenings at Hope with hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, and watermelon.
- 9/21 Chicken strips, rolls, vegetables, and salad. Served with a delicious sheet cake for dessert.
- 9/28 Breakfast for Dinner: Homemade pancakes and sausage, served with fruit and warm syrup.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

5:30pm-6:00pm; **Beginning Handbells** 5:30pm-6:00pm; **Youth Praise Team** 5:50pm-6:25pm; **Children's Choir** 6:00pm-6:30pm; **Youth Handbells** 6:30pm-7:45pm; **Adult Handbells** 7:45pm-9:15pm; **Senior Choir** (See page 6 to learn how to join a choir!)

#### **ADULT STUDIES**

**6:30-7:30PM** Big Questions, Biblical Answers (See page 7 for class descriptions)

#### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

6:30-7:30PM Nursery (0-2 yrs) in the Nursery Kids Connect (3-K yrs) in the Nursery Kingdom Kids (1&2 Grades) in the Preschool FLASH (3&4 Grades) in the Children's Center

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

6:30-7:30PM Confirmation Group on the Adult Ed. Floor Middle School Youth (7&8 Grades) in the Youth Cntr. High School Youth (9-12 Grades) meet Sunday Nights

# Sweet Life Café Women's Retreat

# Slow down & savor time with God November 11-13, 2016 Lifeway Ridgecrest Center @ Black Mtn. NC www.hopelutheranwf.org Hosted by Hope Lutheran Church's Women's Ministry

# WOMEN'S RETREAT 2016, SWEET LIFE CAFÉ

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The women's retreat experience allows women to slow down and savor time with God and each other. This year's theme, "Sweet Life Café" feels like a cozy day at your favorite coffee shop - where women can find rest, laugh, share their stories, and grow closer to each other and God.

Visit www.hopelutheranwf.org to learn about pricing, rooming options, and to register! Questions? Contact Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

## **CARDS AT HOPE**

#### **BRIDGE GROUP**

September 12 at 1:00PM & September 26 at 10:00AM

The group is returning after taking the summer off and meets the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month. If you plan to come, please notify Betty McAlear at bmcalear@nc.rr.com or call 919-554-9081. New Players are always welcome!

#### PINOCHLE GROUP

#### September 19 1:00PM

Contact Darlene McKenney at 919-389-5422 or darmckenney@embarqmail.com or Peggy Koehler if you plan to play. All skill levels welcome!

## **GOTTMAN COUPLES WORKSHOP**

#### October 8 & 9, 2016

Learn direct and research-based skills to enhance friendship, restore intimacy, and manage conflict. Join Hope member, Shelly Hummel and Carole Cullen, licensed marriage therapists, on October 8 & 9 at the Hampton Inn at Brier Creek in Raleigh, NC for "The Art & Science of Love." For more information and to register go to www.couplesworkshopsnc.com or call 919-263-4410. Enter code ASL100 for a \$100.00 discount!

# **UNITED MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

September 23-25 in Raleigh, NC Event Coordinators: Jim & Caralee Jolin UME.Jolin@gmail.com www.unitedmarriage.org

United Marriage Encounter is a worldwide non-profit organization dedicated to improving marriages by introducing practical, ongoing communication tools over the course of an entire weekend starting on Friday night and ending on Sunday night.

## PRIMETIMER EVENT

**Miniature Golf & Lunch.** September 17 at 10:00AM. A fun day of mini golf at Adventure Landing on Capital Boulevard followed by lunch at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant. The cost of golf is \$4/person. Interested in attending this popular outing? Contact Andy & Nancy Hoh at 919-562-9562 or nmhoh1943@yahoo.com by September 12.

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON DIVORCE

#### September 17 at 10:00AM

Led by Hope's Valerie Hoy, this event is for people who are contemplating divorce, in the process of getting a divorce, or have filed for divorce and feel overwhelmed by the process. The goal is to be a resource for people who are going through a separation or divorce by providing education, support, and guidance to help them move towards a brighter future. To register email Selina Arnold at Selina.arnold@edwardjones.com.





# MUSIC MINISTRY @ HOPE

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music." - Martin Luther

VOCAL CHOIRS INVITATION. You're invited to explore the vocal choirs open to children and adults. This is a wonderful way to share your musical gifts, meet new people, and fellowship together. Our mission is to share the love of Christ by engaging and inspiring all singers to come together and glorify God's prepare musical offerings for worship. The name as we bring meaningful music to the worshipping life of the congregation and the Hope Community.

The Senior Choir is a wonderful group of talented singers who come together from a diverse musical background and enhance our worship experience with their musical gifts. The choir is open to adults who are interested in sharing the joy of music and singing God's Praise! In addition to the choir's weekly anthems, the choir presents the annual "Cantata" during each Advent Season. The Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:45-9:15 pm in the balcony and offers music each Sunday alternating between the two worship services. Our kick-off rehearsal is Wednesday, August 31 at 7:00 PM.

The Children's Choir is open to all 2 – 6 graders who are excited about sharing the joys of singing with each other and our congregation. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:50-6:25PM where the children explore the world of music and choristers are also introduced to and learn how to read music and interpret musical notation. In addition to singing throughout the choir year, the choristers will also take part in this year's Cantata. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 14 at 5:50PM.

#### **Rehearsal Schedule:**

- Senior Choir: Wednesday evenings at 7:45-9:15 pm in the Balcony/Choir Loft. First rehearsal is August 31 at 7:00PM.
- Children's Choir: Wednesday evenings from 5:50-6:25 PMon the Adult Education floor, Room 300. First rehearsal is September 14.

Questions? Contact Rob Varner, Choir Director & Organist at rwv912@gmail.com or 908-644-8184.

## WELCOME TO FALL HANDBELLS AT HOPE

You, too, can be a ringer! See which of the three groups listed below you, or your children, fit into and plan to come. We meet in the "Bell Area" located on the left side of the Sanctuary.

#### **Beginning Bell Ringing**

Wednesdays at 5:30 -6PM beginning September 7 For any persons over 8 years old who have never rung Handbells.

#### **Youth Handbell Choir**

Wednesday at 6-6:30PM beginning September 7 For youth in grades 3 - 8 who have rung Handbells.

#### **Adult Handbell Choir**

Wednesday at 6:30 - 7:45PM beginning September 7 For adults and youth, grade 9 & up.

For more information contact Kathy Vockeroth, Handbell Director, at 919-876-4329 or kvock@bellsouth.net.

# **ADULT EDUCATION**

Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45am; Visitors welcome!

# **UNDER CONSTRUCTION (ELIJAH)**

#### September 4 (One Session Only); Adult Education Floor, room 301

#### Leaders: Pastor Lew

As one who suddenly appeared and then mysteriously vanished, he is one of the most fascinating figures among the Old Testament prophets. God used him to speak His words of warning to a rebellious people. It was a great task but not an easy one. In fact, Elijah was "under construction" through it all.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

#### September 11- October 30; Adult Education Floor, room 301

#### Leaders: Pastor Puls & Pastor Lew

All persons interested in learning more about Hope, or transferring their membership from another Lutheran church, are first invited to attend Hope's new member class. This class offers an opportunity to connect with new people and learn more about the mission and vision of Hope. There is no need to register, just attend the first class.

## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

#### September 11– October 2; Adult Education Floor, room 300

#### Leaders: Vicar Mark Moretz & Pastor Lineberger

During the month of September, as a supplement to the current sermon series, you are invited to take a more in depth look at the weekend's biblical character whose life is "under construction." You may find more in common with them than you think!

# **REGRETS, REALITY, AND RESTORATION**

#### September 11- October 2; Adult Education Floor, room 302

#### Leader: Dan Baker

The truth is life is full of regrets. What do we do when the condemning memory of past offenses wont be silenced? Is there a way out? Regrets, Reality, and Restoration shows there is, by sharing the life stories of those who have found resolution and victory over the heartache of their pasts.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, Confirmation, fellowship, and fun. Come for dinner, stay for a great class!

# **BIG QUESTIONS BIBLICAL ANSWERS**

#### September 14- September 28 Location: Adult Education Floor, room 300 Leaders: Pastor Lew Go from confusion to clarity with the help of God's Word as we tackle some of life's biggest questions.



# **OUTREACH & MISSION MINISTRIES**



## **TOUCHED BY HOPE**

#### 6th Annual Free Medical Clinic on November 5 from 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Touched By Hope is a free medical clinic at Hope open to anyone in need of medical, dental, or vision services. Mark your calendar now, hundreds of volunteers and donations are needed! Watch for upcoming details in newsletter, weekly bulletins, emails, and church website.

#### **Current Needs - Canned Food Drive**

A major benefit received by Touched By Hope guests is taking home a bag full of non-perishable food. Please consider donating canned or non-perishable food for the clinic. Items needed include: rice, pasta, cereal, veggies, & peanut butter. Please place donated items in the donation bins, located in the café area. Let's surpass last year's donations!

This is a great project idea for any service group (e.g., Scouts, card group, sports team, Bible study group, etc.) to consider. Questions? Please contact Sue & Chuck Joslyn at sajoslyn@earthlink.net or call the church office. Thank you for your support!



# **BROWN BAG CELEBRATES**

With the help of many faithful volunteers, Brown Bag Ministries has delivered over 27,000 nutritious lunches to local children and their families for the past seven years! On Saturday, October 15, come celebrate this milestone with us! At 11:00, we will be making and delivering 225 lunches to three local communities. After the distribution, we will be sharing fellowship, food, and facts with a potluck lunch back at the church. Whether you have volunteered many times or a few times, or want to find out more, you are invited. Questions? Contact Debbie Irgens at dlirgens@earthlink.net or 919-373-9181.

# **BACKPACK DONATIONS THANK YOU!**

Hope partnered for the 3rd year with Friendship Chapel Baptist Church to provide backpacks to local children on "Back to School Fun Day" on Saturday, August 20. The children gathered at Hope House for games and a hotdog lunch before receiving their backpacks - filled with school supplies. Thanks to all who donated a backpack. Over 225 children received a backpack!!

## **HOPECHEST THANK YOU!**

Thank you for supporting the August HopeChest event! The people of Hope generously donated their gently used clothing and housewares to help local families in need.

Although the crowd was lighter due to the bridge closure, guests attending were shopping for over 185 family members! Also, THANK YOU to all the volunteers who donated their time folding, sorting, organizing, and helping shoppers. A special thank you to God's Gofors and Men of Hope members who assisted with setup.

# LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

Hope has 17 outreach ministries that service our community in a variety of ways. To see a complete list, please visit www.hopelutheranwf.org or call the church office at 919-554-8109.

# HOPE LUTHERAN'S MISSION MINISTRY PRESENTS...

# 12TH ANNUAL Golf Tournament

Scramble Tournament or 'Best Ball' - Open To All Skill Levels

September 18, 2016 2:00pm Shotgun Start Registration 1:15-1:45 PRE-Start Fellowship 1:30

FALLS VILLAGE GOLF CLUB 115 FALLS VILLAGE LANE DURHAM, NC 27703

# **LIMITED TO 80 PLAYERS**

\$85/person includes fees, cart, Dinner, & prizes!!

HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES INCLUDE: 5 DAY/4 NIGHT TRIP FOR 2 TO PEBBLE BEACH, \$500 VISA GIFT CARD, SET OF NIKE VR-S CONVERT 2.0 IRONS, & A KINDLE FIRE!

Registration now open! www.hopelutheranwf.org



# YOUTH MINISTRY

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# HIGH\_SCHOOL EVENTS

# 7-8 GRADE EVENTS

#### LOCK-IN; Sept. 23-24; 7:00PM-8AM, \$5

The high school group is staying up all night (not in an airport this time)! Rest up and prepare for a night of madness as we play games, watch movies, and slowly go insane together. Bring a sleeping bag for your inevitable crash. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

#### MOVIE NIGHT MADNESS: THE SEQUEL September 17; 7PM

Last month we screened *The Force Awakens* at church, this month we're continuing our movie spree but switching locations! The Dussault's have generously agreed to host a movie night at their house with facilities far superior to our previous setup! Their address is 4009 Forgotten Pond Ave. WF. Drinks will be provided, but if your last name begins with A - N, bring a snack to share or O - Z, bring a dessert (no peanuts, please) to share.

#### SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT from

**6:30-8:00PM.** High School Youth Nights continue into the fall! It's a great opportunity to dig into God's Word and have blast playing games with friends. Join us! To get a preview of upcoming events follow us on Instagram.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM You're invited to the Youth Center, room 101, Bible study, prayer, and growth in his Word.

#### FRANKIE'S FUN PARK September 16; meet at 6:30PM, \$25/person.

The 7 & 8 grade crew will be going to Frankie's Fun Park for go-karts, mini golf, and laser tag! Get ready for some awesome competition and fun! We'll meet at Hope at 6:30PM and carpool over. Register & pay online.

#### WEDNESDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Get ready for fast paced adventure and fun! Every Wednesday at 6:30 the 7 & 8 grade group meets for games and Bible study. It's great opportunity to meet new friends and grow! To get a preview of upcoming events follow us on Instagram.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM You're invited to the Youth Center, room 116, for Bible lessons, fresh baked treats, & discussion with friends!

# 5-6 GRADE EVENTS

#### **BOWLING BINGO**

September 8; 6:30-8:30PM; \$11/person. Are you ready for bowling with a twist? Well then head on down to Brook Street Bowl in Wake Forest at 6:30PM for two hours of bowling bingo! Prizes will be awarded to B-I-N-G-O's. Don't forget your socks. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org.

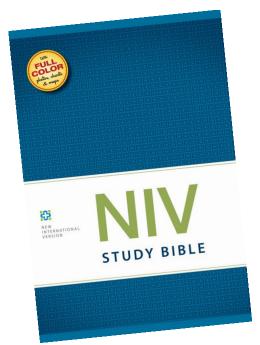
#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM You're invited to the Confirmation Center (take the stairs by the kitchen & nursery) for Bible lessons, discussion, and games!

#### LAST THURSDAY YOUTH NIGHT IN

**SEPTEMBER 1!** It's been a great summer of Thursday night fun. Join the 5 & 6 grade youth for the last Youth Night on September 1 from 6:30- 7:30PM.

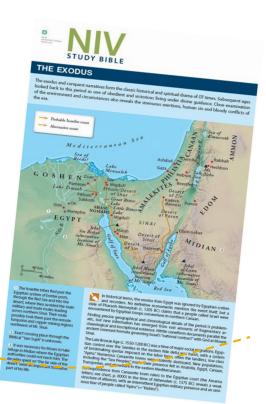




# **NEW YOUTH MINISTRY STUDY BIBLES!**

A special thank you to the Men of Hope for generously donating 50 NIV Study Bibles to Hope's Youth Ministry. These beautiful, full-color Bibles include maps, charts, illustrations, a Concordance, and additional notes.

Youth will be able to use these Bibles during Sunday School, Youth Nights, and other events. Thank you for supporting Hope's youth and their growth in the Word of God!



# CONFIRMATION

Hope's Confirmation is a two year program typically during 5 & 6 grades. However, each year we have 7-9 graders who go through the program as well.

# **ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS & PARENTS**

#### September 7 from 6:30-7:30PM

Orientation for new students and parents will be held in the Sanctuary and will give parents and students and overview of the program and time to ask questions.

All new Confirmation students must enroll by visiting www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved, Youth Confirmation" and completing the online form. This will secure your spot in the fall! Note: Second Year parents and students do not need to attend the orientation. See you at the kick off on September 14 at 6:30PM!

# **CONFIRMATION BEGINS – SEPTEMBER 14**

All Confirmation students will begin classes on September 14, from 6:30-7:30PM. The group will meet on the Adult Education floor, room 301 for a large group session. A draft of the calendar is available online at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved, Youth Confirmation."

If you have any questions about the Confirmation program, contact the church office at 919-554-8109.



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

**Regina Fisher** Preschool Director rfisher@hopelutheranwf.org 919-453-0388

The Preschool Staff returned for the Fall Program on August 15. Meetings were held to review policies and procedures and staff played games to get to know each other. Preschool and Church staff also had a Meet & Greet Breakfast one morning. **Thank You** to all the Teacher Appreciation Team parents who provided lunch for the entire preschool staff for six workdays as the teachers prepared for the first day of preschool on August 24. All of the meals were delicious, and such a big help as we all prepared for the new year!

We would like to welcome the newest members of the staff, Meredith Taylor, Katherine Neal, Ashley Font, Elizabeth Walker & Shari Gerhold. We also welcome back, after a year away, Suzanne Whiting. And we welcome back our returning staff from last year: Angela Baker, Deborah Burns, Denise Christopoulos, Tara Cook, Sara Cutler

Christopoulos, Tara Cook, Sara Cutler Amanda DeCilles, Robin DeSimone, Jill Dillow, Lisa Dotson, Regina Fisher Stephanie Fowler, Jean Futrell, Susan Kennedy, Christine Murphy, Amber Perry, Jannelle Pizzola, Jamie Pless, Stefanie Saba, & Fran Sowisdral.

If you are interested in the preschool for your child, please call 919-453-0388. We have limited availability in our T/Th 3's or M-Th 4's classes.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

For children in ages birth through 4th grade

#### **Beth Agner**

Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry Bagner@hopelutheranwf.org 919-554-8109

# **BIBLE BLESSING & GAME DAY**

#### September 11 at 2:00PM

Parents of 3rd & 4th graders are invited to come learn about blessing and teaching the Bible to your child with Beth Agner. Fun activities available during this time for the kids. **Blessed Bibles will be presented to your child during the Children's Message of the September 17 & 18 services.** 

# **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AUDITIONS**

#### Sheep In Heavenly Peace

#### September 11 from 12:15-1:15PM

If your child is interested in a speaking/solo part in the this year's Christmas pageant, Sheep In Heavenly Peace, come to the audition. The annual Christmas pageant is "baa-aaaack," presenting a story of Jesus' birth from the point of view of the Woolton family. They are tasked with the assignment of controlling the abundance of sheep, as they come face-to-face with the angel Gabriel, a sky full of the Heavenly Host, and the Good Shepherd, Jesus!

# **FALL CELEBRATION**

#### Open to Kingdom Kids (1 & 2 graders) September 25 at 2:00PM

Come to church for a fun afternoon of fall themed crafts and activities. Register online at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved, Children."

# **MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS**

Saturday, September 24 at 6:30PM \$3/person, \$15/family max. FLASH (3 & 4 graders) families are invited for a fun night of watching the movie Angry Birds and pizza. Bring blankets and chairs for your whole family. This event is rain or shine.

# **XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP**

Fall into Xplore! This month will be filled with a variety of action packed activities stemming from a Fall Carnival Bash, to explosive science experiments, to daring food eating challenges. We would love to have you in camp to experience all that Xplore has to offer!! Below are the weekly themes and descriptions.

- Fall Carnival- Happy Fall! This week will be filled with Autumn themed crafts, snacks and activities. We will end the week with a FALL BASH which will include carnival games, face painting, a photo booth and much, much more!
- Fear Factor- Is Fear a Factor for You? This week campers will be participating in a baby food taste off as well as other fun but challenging games like balloon stomp, double mummy, Bean Boozled and iron toes, just to name a few!
- Mad Science Lab-If you like to try new things, get messy and have fun while you are learning, come and join us for some fun explosive science experiments and art projects!

For more information, discounts options, or to register, visit us online at www.hopelutheranwf.org. We look forward to seeing you in camp!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carrie Alvis, 9/1 Mark Gipner, 9/1 Michael Isaacson, 9/2 Kenneth Irgens, 9/3 Kim Schunke, 9/3 Jim Barker, 9/4 Diane Copeland, 9/4 Zachary Hubbell, 9/4 Ann Thompson, 9/4 Rebecca Beaman, 9/5 Joe Gonenc Jr., 9/5 Julia Kalas, 9/5 Ryan Lockhart, 9/5 Gregory Rom, 9/5 Job Sharpstene, 9/6 Dore' Bergfors, 9/7 Marilyn Bremer, 9/7 Sharon Gipner, 9/7 Brittany Hicks, 9/7 Shelly Hodsden, 9/7 Harper Lindberg, 9/7 Wendi Pallozzi, 9/7 Ben Strom, 9/7 Roxanne Gartland, 9/8 David Klemp, 9/8 David Rummel, 9/8 Phelisha Sujat, 9/8 Sandy Wawrzynek, 9/8 Mark Foil, 9/9

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Joe & Holly Bloomer, 9/1 John & Kim Nugent, 9/1 Miranda & Mike Bailey, 9/3 Jim & Henri Kelliher, 9/3 Gerald & Comilla Jomp, 9/4 Bob & Nancy Sakowski, 9/4 Kevin & Suzanne Brown, 9/5 Andy & Nancy Hoh, 9/6 Matthew & Heather Wrenn, 9/6 Ron & Carol Miksa, 9/7 Peter & Deborah Muller, 9/8 Kevin & Kate Smith, 9/9

Kristen Hayes, 9/9 Kaylee Mercer, 9/9 Ella Obiedzenski, 9/9 Connor Rummel, 9/9 Bob Stalder, 9/9 Graceann Tine, 9/9 Ashley Sargent, 9/10 Andrew Beaman, 9/11 Judy Compton, 9/11 Sharon DiMartino, 9/11 Tim Holt, 9/11 Gordon Hunt, 9/11 Crystal Rebollar, 9/11 Grace Boney, 9/12 Rachel Broughton, 9/12 Bonita Comer, 9/12 Matt Kuntz, 9/12 Steve Martin, 9/12 Cathy Palotta, 9/12 Keaton Brown, 9/13 Rodney Farlow, 9/14 Graham Harris, 9/14 Gail Hogshire, 9/14 Becky Parker, 9/14 James Roberts, 9/14 Weston Lane, 9/15 Carol Miksa, 9/15 Marilyn Featham, 9/16 Bonnie Pierce, 9/16 Abby Bierlein, 9/17 Blake Ellison, 9/17 John Hogshire, 9/17

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 7, 2016**

**Comfort for...** Diana Keane's sister-in-law, Eileen Blomquist, grieving the loss of her brother, Kevin; **Strength and Healing for...** A grandfather recovering from an accident; Barbara Holt, friend of Dennis Lemley, recovering from a knee replacement; a grandfather who is suffering from spinal stenosis; Max Mendez, 7 year-old cousin of Bob White, diagnosed with Leukemia; Diana Keane's friend, Shelby Temple, recovering from spinal surgery; a close friend of Lana and Pastor Wagner who is receiving treatment for Leukemia; George Bulah, extended acquaintance of Rita Kaess, is in need of prayer as he deals with liver problems; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** a healthy birth for Logan (from Rodger & Virginia Fullbright); a husband and father, looking for a job ASAP.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 14, 2016**

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the Young family arriving safely in Africa; a father/husband starting a new job; successful surgery and healing; Comfort for ... Gale Mills and family as the grieve the death of her son, Stephen Pollom; a grandson mourning 2 deaths and in need of comfort; Strength and Healing for... Micajah Owens, daughter of Mike & Jennifer Owens, recovering from surgery; Kaaren Kayser, for safe travels and upcoming surgery; a friend struggling with depression; the Dennen's neighbor receiving cancer treatments; a son to find peace; Mike Copeland dealing with a future medical procedure; Melissa, Madeline, Regan, Alyssa, Olivia, and their families to stay strong in their battles; Amy Elbert, daughter of Joel & Beth Theiss, recovering from major knee surgery; Guidance, Protection, and Safety for ... Pastor & Marlene Lineberger's son, Dick Lineberger's, safe return from Germany; college students going to school this week; Evan Nugent leaving for college; friends receiving test results this week; Aaron, son of Pam Jay's friend, who have been deployed.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 21, 2016

**Strength and Healing for...** Andre Chambers and all of those at the Crabtree Mall shooting and for the police & rescue who responded; Steve, husband of Debra Frary, that he will recover from an lung infection; a friend undergoing brain surgery; a friend whose cancer has returned; Frank Wells, friend of Lee Backstrom, recovering from an operation; a young, single mother diagnosed with cancer and who has a baby with spinal bifida; a daughter struggling with infertility issues; Jim DeHamer, recovering from a heart attack last week; Shirley Holzschuh preparing for surgery on August 29; Jan Christner, suffering from

severe back pain and receiving treatments; Jenny Case's father, Art Ridley, struggling with extreme fatigue and recovering from a heart catheterization; Michelle Yakopcic, sister-in-law to Don & Bonnie Yakopcic, fighting a severe infection resulting from surgery; *Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...* a decision about traveling to Thailand; college students starting a new year.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AUGUST 28, 2016

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** Ben Beaman's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday; a good report from Sue Seaman's orthopedic surgeon; **Comfort for...** Kathy Bailey and Pilar Long, grieving the loss of Pilar's mother; Strength and Healing for ... Brandi Hughes hospitalized with an infection, and also preparing for surgery on August 29; Julie Gundry's sister, Marci McCulloch, to get good test results; John & family for his continued recovery; Patsy, improving health; a friend recovering from surgery; Elmer Kramer, family of David Kramer, diagnosed with cancer; all who are struggling with addiction and have been lost to it; friends of Mitchell Lance, 16 year-old Liza Hasler and family, at her diagnosis of cancer; good test results for Beverly Page, friend of Jenn Boney; the significant other of the Rittmueller's son, facing cancer treatment; Lauren Zick, daughter of Dave & Kati Zick, recovering from surgery; Carol's surgery & recovery; John, healing and health; Rick Hall recently hospitalized, now resting at home; Guidance, Protection, and Safety for... safe travel; all college students leaving for school; Kayla Clark's friend searching for a job.



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