

Mission Moments

April, 2017 | **Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church** | Wake Forest, NC

PASTOR PULS' MESSAGE...TWENTY-ONE!

One of the unique features of our congregation is that Hope is very much **community-focused**. From its beginnings in 1996 as a mission church in Wake Forest, the people of Hope Lutheran Church have always been actively involved in the surrounding community. A strong community focus is still a hallmark of the church today. We have twenty-one different based ministries going on in our congregation that specifically focus on the community, and several other ministries (Vacation Bible School, Stephen Ministry, American Heritage Girls, small groups, etc.) are involved in the community, as well. In short, a huge number of our church members are joyfully involved in community service and outreach!

Why? Serving our neighbors in need is fulfilling, rewarding, and a source of gratification. It feels good to be a blessing to others. But there's more. Jesus tells us, clearly, to do this kind of work. The Gospels make it evident just how important it is for us, as Jesus-followers, to put the needs of others before our own. Just as he befriended and served the lowly and downtrodden people of his community, the Lord calls us to follow in his footsteps. If you have not read the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) recently, please take some time to do so today. Focus, especially, on Christ's words in verse 37: "You go, and do likewise." That's not exactly a suggestion, is it? More of an imperative!

Check out our website, this newsletter, or the weekly

worship bulletin for ways to get involved in Hope's twenty-one community-based ministries throughout the year. Sign up to participate, or cheerfully support these ministries by making donations or praying regularly for the people these ministries are touching. And if you have an idea for number twenty-two, let's hear it!

God bless you as you bless others in our community!

In Christ,



Pastor Wayne Puls

Hope's 21 Community-Focused Ministries

Hope Chest
Touched By Hope
Hope Friends
Adopt-a-Highway
Brown Bag
Tri-Area Ministry
Church Net
Angel Tree
Habitat for Humanity
(Wake Forest)
Recycling
Backpacks

School Supplies
Re-Gifting
Gleaning
Night to Shine
Joy Small Group
Guatemala Mission Trip
Habitat for Humanity
(Mitchell/Yancey)
7-8 Grade Youth Mission Trip
HS Youth Servant Event
Hurricane Matthew NC
Relief



HOLY WEEK & Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13, 7:00PM; Service of Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

As Jesus gathered with his disciples for a Last Supper before he was crucified, so we gather around the Lord's Table on this holy night.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 7:30PM; Tenebrae Service of Darkness

One of the most moving and eloquent worship hours of the whole year. We hear the seven "Words from the Cross" that Jesus spoke, and remember soberly the suffering and torments of Calvary.

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 15, 7:30PM; Easter Vigil Service

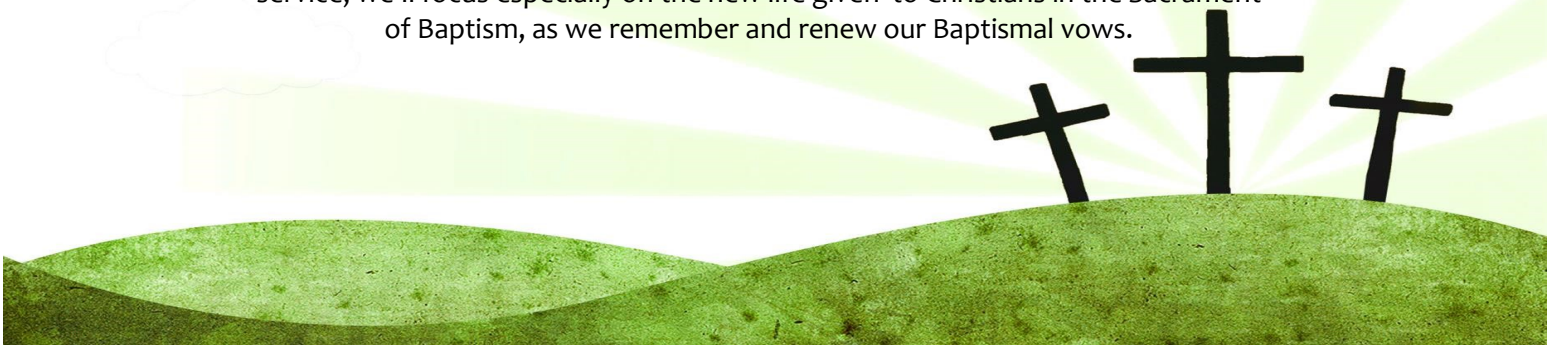
This ancient, traditional worship service provides a dramatic "bridge" between the pervasive gloom of Friday and the explosive joy of Easter Sunday. A brief service of Baptismal renewal precedes a joyful, no-holds-barred celebration of Easter victory.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:00AM

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people. This glorious day begins with an outdoor Sunrise Service of Holy Communion, with special music led by the Praise Team. Three festival services will follow, in the worship Sanctuary, with special music led by the Handbell Choir, Senior Choir, and Brass Ensemble.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at three of the four Easter Sunday services (6:30, 8:00, and 11:00AM), and also at the Easter Vigil service (Saturday, 7:30PM). At the 9:30AM Easter Sunday service, we'll focus especially on the new life given to Christians in the Sacrament of Baptism, as we remember and renew our Baptismal vows.



EASTER EVENTS & NEWS

EASTER SUNDAY ENTRANCE/EXIT

Easter Sunday is a busy, lively day here at Hope! **Worshippers who arrive early (prior to 10:35AM) for the 11:00AM service** will enter the building through the Children's Center entrance. You'll be invited to enter the Sanctuary as soon as the 9:30AM service concludes. This will help to create a more worshipful atmosphere for those in the overflow narthex seats at the 9:30AM service. Thank you!

EASTER CROSS OF FLOWERS

The **Easter Cross of Flowers** will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (*any color, any style*) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service. It's a great spot for Easter Sunday family photos, a tradition for many families!



EASTER MORNING RECEPTION

The Fellowship Team will be hosting an **Easter Morning Reception** after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready-to-serve brunch goodies (baked goods, pastries, bagels, fruit, muffins, coffee cake, and lunch items after the 11:00AM service) and apple juice and come join in the fun!

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will adorn the chancel on Easter Sunday. You may sign up to purchase a lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The sign up sheet will be at the Welcome Center and the cost of lilies is \$11 each.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 15 from 10:30-11:30AM

You are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza filled with music, and egg hunt, and a devotional. Friends, family, and neighbors of all ages are welcome. Please bring 12 pre-filled eggs for each child participating in the egg hunt.

Questions? Contact Beth Agner at bagner@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Preschool

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www.hopelutheranwf.org

WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday at 5:30PM

Sunday at 8:30AM, 10:49AM,
& 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

Next Session: April 26-May 10

5:30 – 6:15: Dinner

5:30 – 6:30: Youth Praise Team

5:30 – 5:50: Chimers

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

Wednesday NIGHT ALIVE

April 26 - May 10

Beginning April 26, WNA is Hope's midweek ministry opportunity for all ages to gather for dinner, Bible study, Confirmation, fellowship, and fun.

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).

- **4/26 - Fried Chicken Board Game Night:** Fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, salad and ice cream.
- **5/3 - Italian Dinner Night:** Baked spaghetti with meat sauce, rolls, salad, and cookies for dessert.
- **5/10 - Spring Fling:** Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, watermelon, and Lumpy's ice cream! There will also be bounce houses, games, and a talent show starring the kids of Hope!

MUSIC MINISTRY

5:30pm-6:00pm; **Beginner Handbells**
5:30pm-6:00pm; **Youth Praise Team**
5:50pm-6:25pm; **Children's Choir**
6:30pm-7:30pm; **Adult Handbells**
7:45pm-9:15pm; **Senior Choir**

ADULT STUDIES

6:30-7:30PM
God's Justice, a study on Habakkuk and Nahum

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 varies each week
Middle School Youth (7&8 Grades) in the Youth Cntr.
High School Youth (9-12 Grades) meet Sunday Nights



OUTREACH & MISSION MINISTRIES

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

As a congregation, Hope is very active in the community, sharing resources and compassion in the name of our saving Lord Jesus. We're sending volunteer teams to Lumberton, NC to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew flooding. We're also partnering with other local churches on a Habitat for Humanity home building project in Wake Forest. The homeowner, Rubi Moran, will regularly be involved in the project, along with volunteers. All skill levels welcome and needed.

Please let Pastor Wayne (wpuls@hopelutheranwf.org) or Pastor Lew (lupchurch@hopelutheranwf.org) know if you are able to serve on any of the following dates:

- Lumberton: 4/1, 4/21, 5/6, 5/18, 6/3, 6/15
- Wake Forest: 4/27, 5/11, 6/10

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – MITCHELL/YANCEY COUNTRY MISSION TRIP

On May 9-12, assist Habitat for Humanity of Mitchell/Yancy Counties in final phase of a home construction. No experience required, but be prepared to put in a good days work, share in the success of completing the daily goals, and experience the Christian fellowship of other Hope members. To learn more or join the team, contact either Bonnie Petersilge at bpetersilge@aol.com or Don Yakopcic at donaldyakopcic@earthlink.net.

HOPE FRIENDS

Thursday, April 20 at 6:30PM

Hope Friends is a Christ-centered ministry whose volunteers provide a listening ear, supportive presence, encouragement, and friendship through regular visits to residents of a local nursing home, senior care facilities, or shut-ins. No particular training is necessary, just the desire and ability to be a friend. Please consider joining this rewarding ministry, the next meeting is April 20 at 6:30PM. Questions? Contact Lois Nielsen at relenielsen@gmail.com or 919-435-7492.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have or know someone that is struggling with Alzheimer's or Dementia? Do you often feel lost, lonely, or that you can't hang on? Or just wish you had someone you could talk with?

Please join the Caregivers Support Group to get support, ideas, and comfort from others who are going through similar issues. We can learn as well as get the support and uplifting that is needed around these diagnoses. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at Hope Lutheran. Questions? Contact Ruth Lassiter at ruthlassiter@yahoo.com or 919-270-9824.

APRIL TRI-AREA FOOD COLLECTION

The Feeding the Faith Small Group is collecting cereal and peanut butter for the month of April. Please place items in the donation bins in the café area.

BROWN BAG MINISTRY

The Brown Bag Ministry Team meets year round to provide nutritious lunches and smiles to people in Wake Forest. Also included in each lunch is a Bible verse for spiritual health. Join us April 1 or April 15 outside the kitchen. We will make sandwiches and assemble lunch bags starting about 11:00AM. After praying over the lunches, we head out to two locations in Wake Forest about 11:45AM. Volunteers are welcome for either (or both) activities.

HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool celebrated **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** in March. The children learned all about “God’s Amazing Love.” They dressed in different ways each day and enjoyed daily chapel lessons and fun songs. They also really enjoyed the special snacks throughout the week that were provided by the parents. Thank you, parents!

SUMMER EXPRESSIONS

Registration is now in progress for Hope’s half day and full day summer program for rising 2 year olds through rising kindergarteners. Summer Expressions will be held each week from May 30 through August 11. Spaces are limited. Questions? Contact the preschool office 919-453-0388.

SPRING SING! The preschool will put on a Spring Sing on April 27 & 28 at 9:30AM. Please join us to hear what the children have been learning in Music Class! Refreshments will be served after the program in the classrooms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS AMANDA DECILLES! Miss Amanda was nominated by her class and awarded HIS Radio’s Teacher of the Month! She was presented with the award by HIS Radio staff during chapel on March 21.



APRIL ADULT EDUCATION

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

** Please note, there will be no Adult Education classes on Easter Sunday, April 16.*

ZECHARIAH: “THE PASSION WEEK PROPHET”

Class Dates: April 2 - April 30

Class Location: Adult Education floor, room 302

Leader: Pastor Bill Seaman

With visions of “a righteous king riding on a donkey,” a payoff of “thirty pieces of silver,” and one of whom “they have pierced,” no wonder Zechariah has been called the “Passion Week Prophet.”

THE JOURNEY FROM UNBELIEF TO FAITH

Class Dates: April 2 - April 30

Class Location: Adult Education floor, room 300

Leader: Mike Featham

Regardless of our troubled pasts, entrenched beliefs, or pre-conceived notions, God can cut through our callous exteriors and self-deluding facades we erect to keep him out. In this video based study, follow the lives of four individuals who traveled from the outer edge of unbelief and apathy to the Christ-centered faith they now embrace.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Class Dates: March 5 - April 30

Class Location: Adult Education floor, room 301

Leader: Pastor Wayne Puls & Pastor Lew Upchurch

The current class concludes April 30. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Hope Lutheran Church, the next class is being held September 27 - October 29, 2017.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

CARDS AT HOPE

BRIDGE GROUP - April 10 & April 24, both at 1:00PM. 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 - April 3 & April 17 at 1:00PM at Hope

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

STRATEGY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Thursday, April 6 from 6:30-8:30PM

Everyone (including children 10 & older) are invited to join the Strategy Board Game Group that meets the first Thursday each month from 6:30-8:30PM in the Children's Center at Hope. Kevin Kirkendoll will introduce folks to fun strategy board games. Some of the games include: Istanbul, Settlers of Catan, RoboRally, 7 Wonders and much, much more!! Questions? Contact Kevin Kirkendoll at kevinkirkendoll@yahoo.com.

THE BOOK DIVAS

The Christian Book Club is for readers looking to participate in a monthly discussion of fiction books. The group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00AM at Hope Lutheran. It's open to anyone who loves to read! Questions? Contact Nancy Repak at kapernan@gmail.com.

MEN'S BOWLING NIGHT

Men, you are invited to Brooks Street Bowl on Tuesday, April 11 from 7:00-9:00PM for a night of fellowship and of course, bowling! Cost is only \$7, which includes shoes and two games. Fellowship begins at 7:00. Bowling begins at 7:30PM. Contact Mike Siderio at msiderio@fmrealty.com for more information.



MEN'S RECREATION CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Dust off your glove, and join men for spring softball! All members and visitors, over 18 years old, are eligible for Hope's softball team. Games are played in April, May, and early June. Sign-ups are in the Narthex now. Questions? Contact Joe Walters at Waltershonda@gmail.com.

OFFICE NOTES...

2017 FLOWER CHART

The 2017 Flower Chart is located on the wall in the church office hallway. You may sign up to donate flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to observe special occasions. Flowers are \$55.00 with checks earmarked "flowers."

MOVED? CHANGE EMAILS?

Have you moved? Changed your email? Please contact Amy Elder at aelder@hopelutheranwf.org or 919-554-8109 with any changes to your family's contact information.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are mailed to congregation members on a monthly basis. If you do not currently receive envelopes, and would like to begin, please contact Jan McCluskey at 919-554-8109 or jmcccluskey@hopelutheranwf.org.

Electronic giving options are available at Hope, as well. Please contact the church office if we can help you in any way.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry at Hope Lutheran focuses on friendships, faith, and service for youth in grades 5-12.

9-12 GRADES

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH – meets every Sunday from 6:30-8:00PM. Meet at Hope for food, games, devotions, & discussion. Sunday school meets every Sunday from 9:45-10:45AM in the Youth Center. *Please note, there will be no Sunday School or Youth Group on Easter Sunday.*

HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN – April 21 from 6:30-10:00PM; Cost is \$5/person

It's time for another all night adventure...Lock-in round 2! It'll be an awesome time of games, community, and sleep deprivation. Friends invited! Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved, Youth."

Confirmation Retreat 2017 was a huge success! The weekend focused on preparing for Confirmation, bonding, and growing together in faith. A special thank you to our chaperones for volunteering their time!

5-6 GRADES

GALAXY FUN PARK – April 8 from 6-9 (TIME CHANGE); \$25/person

It's the ultimate deal at Galaxy fun Park! Come have dinner (two slices of pizza and drink), an hour of jumping, and an hour of unlimited go-karts, bumper cars, rope courses, and laser tag. Register at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved, Youth."

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM in the Youth Center.

Each week includes a Bible lesson, discussions, activities and/or games. Come any time! *Please note, there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.*



7-8 GRADES

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM in the Youth Center

Youth Bible classes are focused on growing in knowledge of God's Word and how it applies to our lives. Classes include discussions and hands-on activities so all can participate. Everyone is invited, bring a friend! *Please note, there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.*

YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

In April, youth will meet on April 5 at 6:00PM, take a break over Holy Week/ Easter, then resume meeting at 6:30PM on April 26 for Wednesday Night Alive.

7-8 Grade Youth Event

Pharaoh's Tomb

ESCAPE ROOM

Register by
April 7

HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

ESCAPE ROOM – April 22 from 3:00-4:30PM; Cost is \$21/person*

An escape room is a time challenge to solve puzzles and riddles to accomplish a specific objective or "escape" a room. Hope's 7 & 8 grade youth are going on an archaeological quest to unlock the Pharaoh's Tomb. Other teams have attempted and vanished during the search. Work together with your team to find the tomb and escape. ***Register online by April 7, after ticket prices increase to \$25/person.** Spots are limited, so register today!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS & NEWS

Register for any of these events at www.hopelutheranwf.org, selecting "Get Involved - Children." Questions? Contact Beth Agner, Director of Christian Education and Children's Ministry at atbagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

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KINGDOM KIDS BROWN BAG PROJECT

April 1 from 11:00AM-12:30PM

All 1 & 2 graders and their parents are invited to participate in Brown Bag Ministry in April! You will see God working through each of you by feeding those in need, both nutritionally and spiritually.

FLASH DIY PAINTING EVENT

April 9, 1-3PM; Cost \$10/person

The 3 & 4 graders will be painting wood cut outs to hang on your door (see online registration for girl & boy samples). The cost will be \$10 and will include all supplies and a snack. In order to insure that we have enough supplies, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 5.

AHG FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

April 22 from 7-10PM; Cost: \$21/per father-daughter couple or \$26 family maximum OR \$30 at the door

All girls and their fathers are invited for a fun night of getting dressed up and dancing the night away! Register today at www.hopelutheranwf.org



VBS REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE APRIL 1 AT 9:00AM!

Daytime Session: June 19-23 from 9:00AM - Noon,

Evening Session: June 19-23 from 5:30-8:00PM

Must be 4 by 8/31/17 & potty trained

Join an imaginative, impacting adventure at Maker Fun Factory VBS where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. There is no cost for VBS; however, a free-will donation will be received during the closing program. T-Shirts are available for purchase (optional) during registration.

EXTEND THE FUN

If you are attending the daytime session, extend the fun at Hope until 5PM! After you register online for VBS, select either the Xplore Camp (K-5th grade for \$100) or Preschool Summer Expressions (3-4 year olds for \$90) link. Hours are from Noon-5:00PM with optional early & late care available.

XPLORE TRACK OUT CAMP

Spring into Xplore Track Out Camp for April!! We are planning a month full of exciting activities such as a special visit from the Traveling Tortoise, a Police K-9 demonstration, secret spy training as well as celebrating the Easter holiday. Below are the April camp themes and dates. To see descriptions or to register, visit www.hopelutheranwf.org.

- **Scales and Tails** (April, 3-7)
- **Hanging with my Peeps!** (April, 10-13; Closed Good Friday)
- **I Spy** (April, 17-19)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dennis Lemley, 4/1
Erin Tighe, 4/1
Kelly Blessing, 4/2
Landon Hubbell, 4/2
Bill Jasper, 4/2
Kathryn Mesner, 4/2
Marcie Rush, 4/2
Lee Backstrom, 4/3
Joe Beaman, 4/3
Trina Harrell, 4/3
Hannah Hortman, 4/3
Lee Hortman, 4/3
William Parsons, 4/3
Matt Slaybaugh, 4/3
Valerie Wilson, 4/3
Austen DeVerna, 4/4
Mary-Kate Moretz, 4/4
Christopher Reinhardt, 4/4
Jazmyn Tew, 4/4
Tony Dubiel, 4/5
Doug Hoy, 4/5
Sawyer Law, 4/5
Pepper Peterson, 4/5
Callan Roy, 4/5
Ken Davies III, 4/6
Taylor Friend, 4/6
Ben Koziel, 4/6
Claire O'Neill, 4/6
Beckie Randall, 4/6
Mandy D'Ugo, 4/7
Effie Draetta, 4/7
Crissie Hoelzle, 4/7
Ben Kris, 4/7

Christen Moretz, 4/7
Christine Ames, 4/8
Emily Arner, 4/8
Olivia Baldwin, 4/8
Bill Brunkhorst, 4/8
Wolfgang Isaacson, 4/8
Graham Joyce, 4/8
Abbey Lockhart, 4/8
Anita Rutter, 4/8
Debra Desha, 4/9
Julia Mulnick-Arout, 4/9
Ryan Bloomer, 4/10
Richard Eisenhuth, 4/10
Jarrod Dunne, 4/11
Dan Johnson, 4/11
Karen Brevig, 4/12
Jamie Cressman, 4/12
Darren Dunne, 4/12
Jesse Garza, 4/12
Joseph Loomis, 4/12
Andrew Peacock, 4/12
Barry Agner, 4/13
Ben DeRose, 4/13
Connor Hughes, 4/13
Sara Allen, 4/14
Richard Emanuele, 4/14
Gretchen Hitchcock, 4/14
John Langsdorf, 4/14
Susan Roseman, 4/14
Luke Farlow, 4/15
Riley Moss, 4/15
Rebekah Scheuerle, 4/15
Zach Webb, 4/15
Nick Loeffler, 4/16
Conrad Watson, 4/16
Emilie Case, 4/17
Tracy Gentry, 4/17
Kennedy O'Donnell, 4/17

Rick Pfendler, 4/17
Carson Rogers, 4/17
Jenn Boney, 4/18
Nicholas Horsley, 4/18
Sue Joslyn, 4/18
Lori Kannan, 4/18
Emory Matthews, 4/18
Conor Murphy, 4/18
Kathy Trusch, 4/18
Nicholas Whitmer, 4/18
Amy Elder, 4/19
Erik Hasty, 4/19
Bryce Howard, 4/19
Ashleigh Verny, 4/19
Sean Wilson, 4/19
Bob Blessing, 4/20
Jeremy Dunne, 4/20
David Kramer, 4/20
Richard Scheuerle, 4/20
Vincent Schunke, 4/20
Jan Wilczynski, 4/20
David Wilkerson, 4/20
Kaden Gentry, 4/21
Janet Hubbard, 4/21
Jannelle Merritt-Pizzola, 4/21
Evan Moretz, 4/21
Anna O'Neill, 4/21
Mary Roberts, 4/21
Tracy Zwickis, 4/21
Alan Barker Jr., 4/22
Michael Case, 4/22
Jenny Farmer, 4/22
Nicolette Fritz, 4/22
Emma Kirkendoll, 4/22
Faith Moran, 4/22
Joe Rousseau, 4/22
Brayden Flanagan, 4/23
Amy McClain, 4/23

Rich Stitt, 4/23
Alissa Carroll, 4/24
Eamonn Duensing, 4/24
Heidi Howard, 4/24
Bruce Ohle, 4/24
Amy Wilkerson, 4/24
Susan Baker, 4/25
Andy Barrett, 4/25
Jenny Elkins, 4/25
Amy Lee, 4/25
Gary Long, 4/25
Colleen Puls, 4/25
Joelle Weltzin, 4/25
Kayla Hayes, 4/26
Olivia Holt, 4/26
Kayla Merrill, 4/26
Miriam Whitmer, 4/26
Hilary Tew, 4/27
Lynn Tighe, 4/27
Judy Cooke, 4/28
Heather Davies, 4/28
Frank Dreier, 4/28
Reid Johnson, 4/28
Emma Mittner, 4/28
Danielle Allen, 4/29
Amanda Bachand, 4/29
Blair Bowling, 4/29
Audrey Capps, 4/29
Dwight Collinson, 4/29
William Hunter, 4/29
Abby Krogh, 4/29
Caroline Murphy, 4/29
Jeff Rom, 4/29
Hunter Bowling, 4/30
Erin Markusen, 4/30
Carissa Rosonke, 4/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Ed & Jan McCluskey, 4/2
John & Jannelle Pizzola, 4/2
Jeff & Danielle Austin, 4/4
Richard & Claudia Lucic, 4/4
Nate & Kim Shope, 4/6
Bob & Kelly Blessing, 4/7
Marilyn & Kevin Marr, 4/7
Ed & Judith Spinola, 4/8
Jack & Molly Milani, 4/10
Larry & Debra Verny, 4/10
Michael & Jenny Case, 4/11
Bruce & Laurie Green, 4/11
Jerry & Liz Garlington, 4/12
Nick & Melanie Loeffler, 4/12

Sandra & Charles Ollivier, 4/12
Richard & Myra Emanuele, 4/14
Kevin & Ann Bower, 4/17
Tim & Tammie Merrill, 4/17
Mike & Sylvia Dennen, 4/18
Mark & Sue Foster, 4/18
Dwayne & Judy Cooke, 4/19
Mike & Diane Copeland, 4/20
Michael & Karie Cook, 4/21
Mark & Cathy Foil, 4/21
Todd & Angie Meyer, 4/21
Jeff & Nicole Comer, 4/22
Rick & Lanette DeRose, 4/22
Bobby & Brenda Mullen Jr., 4/23

Conrad & Lynda Watson, 4/24
Jay & Renee Jolly III, 4/25
Rick & Bonnie Pierce, 4/25
Rik & Dee Rasmussen, 4/25
Gordon & Tonya Hunt, 4/26
Bryan & Erin Markusen, 4/26
Paula & David Reeves, 4/26
Debbie & Danny Gaynor, 4/28
Sue & Eric Hardee, 4/28
Mark & Brenda Berkland, 4/29
John & Kimber Mahoney, 4/29
Kristy & Spencer Rogers, 4/29
Gerry & Shannon Arner, 4/30
Jonathan & Lauren Habers, 4/30

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

Praise and Thanksgiving for... a daughter's 27 years of being clean and sober; Bob Hendrickson's clear heart catheterization; the engagement of Bud and Anita Wegner's daughter, Tracy Wegner to Andrew Hayes; **Comfort for...** a friend's mother, Monica, recently diagnosed with cancer; Melanie Barker's niece, Roseanne Kneisley, in hospice care; Valerie Hoy & family, grieving the loss of Valerie's grandmother; the family of Summer Eakes, Neil Turner's sister-in-law, whose father died last Thursday; **Strength and Healing for...** Jim Barker's aunt, Betty Grant, hospitalized with pneumonia; Brad Boney and good test results; Lisa Harris' friend, Jeremy Murfin, recovering from brain surgery; Tim Smith's sister, Patty, as she begins cancer treatments; Cori Crawford, Kathy Trusch's friend, undergoing chemotherapy today; Cara Donnelly, Kathy Trusch's friend, as doctors determine diagnosis of illness; Annette's friend, Butch, who is battling cardiac issues; Frank Henley, struggling with a bad cough; Carol Miksa; Norm Bell recovering from outpatient surgery; Jan Christner's friend, Felicia Mead, recovering from a serious car accident; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** husband and wife's reconciliation.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2017

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the birth of Naveah Lynn Marr, born this week to Anna Marr; **Comfort for...** Robert & Betty Temple, aunt & uncle of Pastor Wagner, at the death of their son, Richard; the grandmother of Jordan & Juliana Lopez, fighting a terminal illness; Bob Hendrickson's co-worker, the Ruland Family, at the loss of their son due to an auto accident; Mary Jo, friend of Jan Wilczynski, in much pain with end-stage cancer; the Backstrom family, as they grieve the death of Jill's dad, Frank Wells; Jean Kile and family at the death of her aunt, Margie Boykin; Jean Kile's son-in-law and family at the death of his mother, Pirkko Fanelli; **Strength and Healing for...** Tammy Metz, recovering from surgery; PATS and all those facing challenges of chronic illness; Amy Ray's friends, the Shirk family, whose father was recently diagnosed with cancer; Pat Kramer's friend, David Zass, fighting Leukemia; Dennis DiMartino's uncle, Stanley Pawelko, hospitalized; Shelia Bishop's mother, Jeannette Trudell, hospitalized due to an infection; Kevin Kirkendoll, having bad back pain; Diane Ryals & Dick Faucher's friend, Joe Denning, who received a cancer diagnosis and not receiving treatment; Diane Ryals & Dick Faucher's neighbors whose child was born with heart problems and Down Syndrome; Dorothy Piekarski, friend of the Clark Family, hospitalized with pneumonia; Dina White's sister, Lisa, struggling after a painful divorce; Janelle Jackson, friend of Jill Ellison, facing a recent diagnosis and surgery for cancer; Abby Nugent's friend battling cancer and blood clots; Peace and God's will for John Sigmon and his family; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** all those who work with no days off, no vacations, all the time; a couple's relationship; Alexa to be safe in Australia; the State of Emergency in Ethiopia to be lifted, and for all Christian missionaries (including Krista Young and family) working in that country.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2017

Praise and Thanksgiving for... the birth of Ted Backman's granddaughter and prayers for Laura (Ted's daughter) having complications; a clean bill of health for Carol Miksa; **Comfort for...** Toni Malone, mother of Chris Malone, at the death of her sister, Elfie Maniatty; Pastor Locklear who is in the end-stage of cancer; Liz and Jerry Garlington, and their family, as they grieve the death of Liz's brother; **Strength and Healing for...** friends of the Monahan family, Ryan Thomas and daughters, in critical care after a car crash; Henny Hansen, John Nugent's grandmother, hospitalized with Sepsis; Mikayla, having a bone marrow test; those suffering from depression; Barbara's husband Rich, battling prostate cancer; Ruthe Markworth's friend recovering from heart surgery; Valerie Kennedy, family of Nicole Boriotti, to continue receiving much needed care; Darryl Barbella recovering from surgery; Bill & Rosie Miller as they deal with Bill's liver cancer; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** Landon Hubbell, leaving for Army Basic Training today; a struggling relationship.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2017

Praise and Thanksgiving for... a successful surgery for Erin Ames' sister-in-law; Linda Wellnitz's successful surgery and prayers for a quick recovery; the joyous reunion of the Hall family; **Comfort for...** Jerry & Liz Garlington, as they grieve the loss of Liz's brother and travel to the funeral; Peggy Koehler and the family of Joe Rhea as his death; the Wheeler family in the loss of the 18 year-old daughter in an RV accident; Munoz family as they celebrate Jennifer's life and grieve her loss; **Strength and Healing for...** Betty Upchurch, Pastor Lew's mother, hospitalized and going through testing; a friend recovering from eye surgery; a husband, awaiting test results; victims of terrorist attacks in London; Tonya Wagner, Pastor & Lana Wagner's daughter-in-law, recovering from surgery; Dan Baker's friend who was diagnosed with terminal cancer; Dan Baker's friend, Keith, who is in a nursing home and slipping into dementia; Donna, friend of Bonnie Smith, having foot surgery; Patty Rubin fighting cancer; Donna Hahm, mother of Melanie Scheuerle, having cancer surgery on Monday; Jean Livesay, friend of Dawn Kusy, diagnosed with cancer for a third time; Pam Harrell, recovering from knee replacement surgery; a daughter's difficult pregnancy; Diana Keane's friend, Roberta Keeler, hospitalized from a heart attack; Sandi Olivier's daughter, Anne Marie, having surgery in NY; David Huffine's co-worker recovering from a serious virus; Peter Collins, hospitalized in critical condition after heart surgery; Joe Rousseau, recovering from cancer surgery; Jonathan Haber's father, hospitalized with heart and kidney issues; **Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...** those who are seeking employment, that God would give them assurance and help open the right doors.





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5:30PM

Sunday Worship

8:30AM & 11:00AM

Sunday Christian Education Hour
9:45AM

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