

The Voice of Hope

Where Christ is Proclaimed and Souls are Nourished

February 2023



Christmas Program



The Pastor's Corner

LOSS

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.



This past year has been a rollercoaster for many of us at Hope. For me that certainly was true. There were tremendous peaks of joy, like getting married to the love of my life, and having a great party. But there were also some tremendous valleys. We at Hope, have buried 4 people under the age of twenty this past year, all tragic, all painful, and yet we did good ministry in the midst of great grief. Over the past year, I have also experienced tremendous personal loss. I lost my mentor, to cancer, the man who walked with me through life's greatest challenges and who led me to the feet of Jesus. I lost my best friend and my adventure buddy, in a tragic side-by-side accident. I lost my soul tender and my constant companion in my dog Brody.

I lost a stillborn granddaughter and walked with my daughter and son-in-law in some of the most painful grief I have ever experienced. I lost my stepmother after a long battle with cancer and the wife of my father for 35 years. Von and I also just recently just lost her father, who she loved dearly and was loved by him, the

two of them truly had a beautiful relationship. All of it heart breaking stuff.

We all know pain, and we have all experienced great loss. Where there is great love there is great pain. But we do have hope.

Hope that one day we again will see and get to feel the presence of our loved ones (even those with four legs ☺). Von received a great gift from her father. Her father was really struggling with his health a few months ago and we thought it was going to be the end. But he rallied and stabilized. He was able to share with Von that he had gone to heaven, unbelievable stuff, he told her what it was like. He said everyone was so happy, that the food was so good, and that it was incredibly beautiful. He also was fortunate to see loved ones. WHAT A GIFT THAT WAS! Looking back at what he shared, Von and I realized that the reason he came back was for Von. So that as the verse states above, she could grieve, not as one without hope, but as one filled with a hope that only God can give. Praise the Lord!

Fat Tuesday Supper!
Tuesday, February 21st
4:30-6:30 PM



Free
 Will
 Offering
 Proceeds to
 Benefit
 Bus
 Repairs

Hope Lutheran Church
204 Elm Avenue,
Moose Lake



ELEMENTARY CAMPER REJUEVE

Friday, February 24 – Saturday, February 25

Camp Hiawatha

3rd-6th Grade Students

Cost: \$65/camper

Camper Rejuves are a great way to get back to camp during the school year, or to check out camp for the upcoming summer!

You'll get your camp fix on this 23 hour overnight: games, campfire, songs, friends, learning, and of course, great camp food.

We will depart from Hope Friday evening at 4:30, and return home Saturday evening near the same time.



Space for these retreats is limited and on a first-come basis, so we encourage you to register early. Speak with Wendy or Sara to get your camper signed up!

More information will be sent to all registered campers.

Hi, my name is Pam and I am fundraising for my mom, Ione. My mom is 91 years old and is still independent to live in her own home. She was making plans for us to do some updates to her house to make things like doing laundry easier for herself and going out on her balcony and deck safe. We had figured out a plan but that got sidelined by some people claiming to be from PC. They convinced my mom she had won a major prize and would not have to worry about paying for the updates she wanted to do on her house. She would have more than enough money for all of that. But, before she could receive her prize she would have to pay for their fees and taxes. Now my mom thought she knew better and would never fall for such a scam but these people caught her at a low point. Her brother had passed away just a few weeks before these people contacted her.



They talked her into sending them four different large amounts of money to pay

the fees and taxes. She never saw any prize money. She is down to trying to live on just her Social Security and a small retirement savings. Unfortunately, this is not enough to pay for her monthly bills, personal needs and food. She doesn't want to have to sell her home but without the updates for her safety, we are not sure she can. These people scammed \$97,000. from her. She will never see that money again. Any money raised will be used to do the updates to her house and pay off a loan she has.

If you would like to help, you may bring a donation at church marked (Ione Johnson) or send it too.

Hope Lutheran, PO Box 422, Moose Lake, MN 55767

Women of Hope

Faith does not mean
trusting God to stop the storm.
It means trusting him
to strengthen us as we walk
through the storm.



Alfar Guild
February 2023

Dawn Schatz
Connie and Al
Overland

Communion
Bread
Connie Overland

*Please set out Communion
Sunday morning– Thank you!

Loving Memory



A Celebration of Life for
Carole Noelle

Friday, January 6, 3:00
Hope Lutheran Church
Moose Lake, MN



A Celebration of Life for
Pastor Jerry Nelson

If you would like to send a card this is the address
for Jerry's family:

Karla Cossa

209 Sweetbriar Rose Court, Holly Springs, NC 27540

YOUTH—WENDY HJELMBERG AND SARA NICHOLS

Winter/Spring Youth Schedule- Wednesday's Programming 2023



February 1st-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
February 8th-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
February 15th-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
February 22nd-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
March 1st -	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
March 8th -	No Programming Spring Break
March 15th-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
March 22rd-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
March 29th-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
April 5th-	No Programming Easter Week
April 12th	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
April 19th-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade
April 26th-	-3:30-5:30pm— Preschool— 6th grade -6:30-8:30pm— 7-12th grade



Joy to the World!



Save the Date!

June 19-24
Preschool-4th grade



Vacation Bible School

5th and 6th grade sign up to be student leaders!

ISH
WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22ND
6:30PM

Shout out to Sylvia!

SNOW!

It is a four letter word around here and said almost as such...

Thank you Sylvia for moving our mountains of snow.

Thank you to Wayne and Pat for bringing in the skid steer and chainsaw to take care of the downed tree and more snow!



Hope Calendar of Events

February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany 9:00 AM Worship in Church 7:00 PM AA Meeting			1 3:30 PM Faith for the Future 5:30 PM Supper 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Peer Ministry/ Affirmation & Senior High	2 4:00 PM Choir Practice 4:30 PM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	3	4
12 Sixth Sunday of Epiphany 9:00 AM Worship in Church 7:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM AA Meeting	8 3:30 PM Faith for the Future 5:30 PM Supper 7:30 PM Peer Ministry/ Affirmation & Senior High	9 7:00 AM Gateway Clinic 4:00 PM Choir Practice 4:30 PM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	10 9:00 AM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	11
19 Transfiguration of our Lord 9:00 AM Worship in Church 7:00 PM AA Meeting	13	14 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	15 9:00 AM Priscilla Circle 3:30 PM Faith for the Future 5:30 PM Supper 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Peer Ministry/ Affirmation & Senior High	16 4:00 PM Choir Practice 4:30 PM Taking off Pounds Sensibly <i>Voice of Hope Deadline</i>	17 9:00 AM Taking off Pounds Sensibly Youth Retreat 17-19	18 Synod Council 10:00-2:00
26 First Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Worship in Church 7:00 PM AA Meeting	20 10:00 AM Memory Group	21 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting Fat Tuesday Dinner 4:30-6:30 7:00 PM AA Meeting	22 3:30 PM Faith for the Future 5:30 PM Supper 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Student and mentor time following worship	23 4:00 PM Choir Practice 4:30 PM Taking off Pounds Sensibly	24 9:00 AM Taking off Pounds Sensibly Elementary Rejuve	25
	27	28 9:30 AM Prayer Group 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	March 1	2	3	4

Prayer Concerns

Frank Skaff
Braxton Battaglia
Rory Butkiewicz
Joe Mogen
Audrey Springer
Andrew Peterson (Friend of Beth Lee)
Amy Crews
Marvin and Verna Schuerman
Pastor Matt's Family
Shirley Swenson
Imy Johnson
Frank Suchon (Patti Almquist's Brother in Law)
Angie Welch
Barbara Barnhart (Jason Rhodes' Mom)
Gary Benjamin (Kara Burn's Dad)
Pat Anderson
Marlys Schmidt
Dawn Marie Schatz
Jill Mach (Friend of the Stones)
Ray Graftaas
Leslie & Andy Dee
(Son and Daughter in Law of Dick and Pauline Dee)
Carol Liupakka
Parents of Ann and Lee Stephenson
Karen Anderson (Patti Almquist's -sister)

Deaths

Carol Noelle
Pr. Jerry Nelson
Stan Stephenson (Lee Stephenson father)

Remember those from our church family in assisted living or nursing homes, though not listed above unless health conditions deteriorate.

They are:

Patti Almquist, Bob Paulson, Imy and Rollie Johnson, Rene Svenstad, Eunice Olson, Ken Dahlberg, Annette Dahlmeier, Andi Carlson, Mary Lu Carlson, and Bette Weske.

Additionally, there are many who prefer not to be listed but have requested private prayers. We hold them in our hearts.



Barb Adams	1	Walt Lower	17
Noah Sharma	3	Brayden Davidson	18
Jacob Collier	4	Tyler Huso	19
Kynleigh Rodenburg	4	Anna Lattu	19
Peter Steen	5	Lillian Grimm	20
Dori Burginger	6	Joanna Engstrom	21
Roxe Peterson	7	Scott Danelski	22
Mary Sauerbrey	9	Remington Starck	22
Pam Nelson	10	Saralyn Andres	24
Ann Stephenson	10	Jeremy Grimm	24
Morris Gjessing	11	Max Kenney	24
Benjamin Deering	13	Dusty Rhoades	24
Avery Hall	13	Jaxsyn Kleszyk	25
Lauren Hall	13	Runo Larson	25
Kimberly Wagers	13	Tonya Benzie	26
Brooklyn Pease	14	Kaitlyn Jacobsen	26
Scott Gay	16	Jill Juntunen	28
Vivian Rhodes	16	Jim Eckman	29
Ray Arnold	17		



Bruce & Patricia Wagers

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*Happy Birthday
Marylo
We love you*

Hope Youth Retreat!



Join us for a weekend of laughter, play, Bible study, good food, and great worship as we learn about our *identity in Christ*.

February 17th–19th
7th-12th Grade Students
\$25 Suggested Donation

Friday:
Games
Worship
Snacks
Movie night

Saturday:
Laughter
Bible Studies
Mystery Event
Good Food
Worship Planning
Shenanigans
Field Trip

**Sign up with
Wendy or Sara
by February
12th**

Sunday:
Lead Worship
Brunch
Closing Bible Study



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Worship Schedule

Sundays 9:00 am at Hope

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Casual Service

In person, online, & access channel 7

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congregational
MEETING

***Annual meeting
date is
February 5 .***

Do not be dismayed
by the brokenness
in the world.
All things break.
And all things
can be mended.
Not with time,
as they say, but
with intention.
So go. Love
intentionally,
extravagantly,
unconditionally.
The broken
world waits
in darkness
for the light
that is you.

—L.R. Knost

