

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH- LCMS

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:00 am - Traditionnal Worship Service

10:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

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Letter of Hope
December 2024

From the Desk of Pastor Richard

Advent Awaits: Embracing the Season of Anticipation

As the days grow shorter and the air turns cooler, we find ourselves at the beginning of Advent. In the Lutheran tradition, Advent is more than just a countdown to Christmas; it is a time to pause, reflect, and prepare. Advent serves as a reminder of the hope and promise that come to us through the birth of Jesus Christ and His anticipated return.

The word "Advent" originates from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming" or "arrival." For Lutherans, this season marks the beginning of the liturgical year and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ—both as a newborn baby in Bethlehem and as the returning King at the end of days.

Advent spans four weeks, with each Sunday offering a unique focus and theme:

- 1. Hope: The first candle on the Advent wreath is often called the "Prophecy Candle" and signifies hope. It is a reminder of the prophecies that foretold the birth of Christ and the hope that comes from the fulfillment of God's promises.
- 2. Peace: The second candle, known as the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizes peace. It reflects the serene, humble setting of Christ's birth and the peace He brings to us and the world.
- 3. Joy: The third candle, the "Shepherd's Candle," is pink and represents joy. It reminds us of the joy the shepherds felt when the angels announced the birth of Jesus, urging us to embrace the joy of the season.
- 4. Love: The fourth candle, the "Angel's Candle," stands for love. It highlights the love God showed by sending His only Son to be with us, and it calls us to share that love with others.

During Advent, Lutherans often observe various traditions and practices meant to deepen their spiritual journey. These may include lighting the Advent wreath, daily devotions, and special worship services. Hymns such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" are sung to prepare us for Christ's arrival.

Advent is also a time to pause amidst the hustle and bustle, to be still and listen for the whisper of God's presence in our lives.

As we journey through Advent, I encourage you to embrace the hope, peace, joy, and love that this season brings. May our hearts be open to the coming of Christ, both in the humble manger and in the glory of His second coming.

Blessings to you and your family during this Season of Advent!

Pastor Richard

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Weekly Prayers December 2024



Sunday – Lord help me to continue in the faith, steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel by praying in the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name. Amen.

Psalm 13:5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Monday – Dear Jesus, retain me in the most holy faith by keeping me close to your preached word and your sacraments, that I may show mercy toward those who doubt. In Jesus name. Amen.

Jude 22 And have mercy on those who doubt.

Tuesday – Help me, heavenly Father, to abhor those things that expose me and my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to temptation, and guard me against my own desires. In Jesus name. Amen

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Wednesday – Draw me to you, O Holy Trinity and undivided unity- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – that I may live in your glory forever. Amen.

Acts 7:55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Thursday – O Lord, I need your reminder every day that your love is forever, and your forgiveness is true. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Friday – O Lord, come and repeat your promise of providence into our fearful hearts, that we may be filled with confident faith. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Hebrews 13:6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Saturday – O God, teach us by life's adversities to humble ourselves before you and see you daily in humble prayer. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Psalm 149:4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Join Us for Christmas Worship! 🎄🌟

Celebrate the joy of the season with us at Hope Lutheran Church!
We invite you and your loved ones to our special Christmas services:

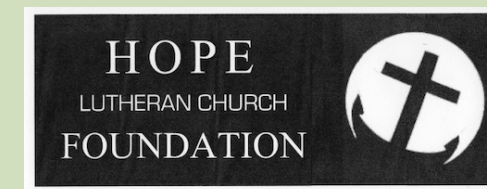
Preschool Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 4th 5:00 PM

Advent Services
Wednesday, December 11th & 18th at 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Services (Tuesday, December 24th)
4:00 PM – Traditional Service
6:00 PM – Contemporary Service

Christmas Day Service (Wednesday, December 25th)
10:00 AM

Come and experience the wonder of Christ's birth with beautiful music, meaningful worship, and a welcoming community. We can't wait to celebrate with you! 🎵🌟



It would not be possible to help any of these organizations doing God's work without your help and the contributions you give to the Hope Foundation. If you are not contributing to the Hope Foundation, we would ask you to prayerfully consider it.

This year, we are privileged to contribute to Advance the Faith. This organization provides for financial, literacy and personal success training from a Christian viewpoint to current and former residents of children's homes in Florida and the Bahamas. This is especially useful as they transition out of social service residential homes and into adulthood.

The content is rooted in biblical stewardship and Christian teachings, while integrating teachings from "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens" and "The Traveler's Gift". The program is often led by Christian College interns who get the opportunity to integrate their faith with their education, as they are taught to share the Gospel through their actions and words.

They offer the participants an opportunity to accept Christ as Lord. They are all offered a Bible and the opportunity to join the free discipleship and mentoring program.

If you are not familiar with the Hope Foundation, or if you have questions about our endeavors, visit the church website or contact our Chairman Ron Anderson for more information.

Peace be with you-
Susan Schwinn
Secretary, Hope Lutheran Church Foundation

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Online Giving

When we enter the off-season, many of our members travel north, often leaving a gap in our local contributions. Additionally, October brought unexpected challenges with hurricanes Helene and Milton, leading to a significant drop in our attendance and offerings. Online giving provides a simple and consistent way to support our church year-round, no matter where you are.

By choosing online giving, you can help ensure that our church has the resources needed to continue our ministries and community outreach through every season. Thank you for your commitment to sustaining our faith community!



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DECEMBER

Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Center
 25999 Old 41 Rd., Bonita Springs, FL, 34135

Mon - Fri					
Hot Meal Program 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM					
8 Week Program					
Tai Chi Jan 8 - Feb 27		Chair Yoga Nov 26 - Jan 28		Gentle Yoga Nov 25 - Jan 27	
Stabilized Systems Exercise Nov 25 - Jan 29		Use MyActiveCenter to reserve your spot Weekly programs will continue as normal			
Mon 02	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Systems Exercise CANCELLED	FUNch Bunch 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Dominos/Cards/Games 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Tues 03	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Music Therapy: Drumming 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	
Weds 04	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized System Exercise 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Holiday Stress 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	
Thurs 05	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	My Active Senior Center 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM <i>myseniorcenter</i>	Mindfulness 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM BlueCross BlueShield	Craft Activity 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	
Fri 06	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Personal Fitness Training 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Groovy Movie 12:15 PM - 2:30 PM	
Mon 09	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized System Exercise 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Staying Social 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Humana.	Dominos/Cards/Games 12:15 PM - 3:00 PM
Tues 10	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Trivia 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	
Weds 11	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized System Exercise 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	GUIDE Dementia Resource 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ComForCare	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM WELLMED	
Thurs 12	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Memory Café 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM THE DUBIN CENTER	Mindfulness 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM BlueCross BlueShield		
Fri 13	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Personal Fitness Training 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Line Dancing 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Groovy Movie 12:15 PM - 2:30 PM	
Mon 16	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Gentle Yoga at Shangri-La 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized System Exercise 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Personal Fitness & Holidays 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Dominos/Cards/Games 12:15 PM - 3:00 PM
Tues 17	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Chair Yoga 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Music Therapy: Drumming 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Chair Volleyball 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	

Weds 18	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Stabilized Systems Exercise 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Phone Technology 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	BINGO 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM 
Thurs 19	Tai Chi 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Songbird Choir 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Mindfulness 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM 	Craft Activity 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Fri 20	Coffee Clutch 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Personal Fitness Training 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Art Therapy 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Groovy Movie 12:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Mon 23	CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL			
Tues 24	CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL			
Weds 25	CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL			
Thurs 26	CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL			
Fri 28	CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL			
Mon 30	CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL			
Tues 31	CLOSED - NO PROGRAMS OR HOT MEAL			

December Birthdays! Happy Birthday!

Lynne Crews Dec 1
Sally Denno Dec 1
Ivette Delucca Dec 2
Paul Stolzenfels Dec 2
Joyce Speakman Dec 3
Phil Jennings Dec 10
Barbara Kuhn Dec 10
Loretta Waechter Dec 11
Mary Eberhardt Dec 12
Anita Parker Dec 12
Craig Fields Dec 13

Bev Reno Dec 14
Linda Singstock Dec 14
Mari Buerkle Dec 15
John Kiesling Dec 15
Julie Rohrbach Dec 15
Betty Archer Dec 16
Bonnie Smith Dec 17
Robert Erber Dec 18
Michael Walsman Dec 20
Mark Greul Dec 21
Art Knueppel Dec 23

Debbie Foerster Dec 24
Andy Frech Dec 28
Dennis Berens Dec 30
Betty Dickerman Dec 30
Liam Murphy Dec 30
Sheri Tremain Dec 30
Timothy Hussey Dec 31
Janet Wiggins Dec 31
Sandy Wohler Dec 31

December Anniversaries

David & Helena Nesbit Dec 9
Timothy & Georgann Shaffer Dec 9
Tom & Patty Steen Dec 20
Dave & Betty Dickerman Dec 26
Mark & Leann Till Dec 28
John & Sharan Weickelt Dec 30

Happy Anniversary

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Questions? Call 239-399-4881 or sheila@hopebonita.org