

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" December 29, 2024

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Regular Wednesday Services at 6PM resume on
January 8, 2025



Happy
NEW YEAR

Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks: for
this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus concerning you.

1 THESS 5:16-18

This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY	December 29, 2024
10AM	Holy Communion
MONDAY	HL Office & HLECC Closed
TUESDAY	HL Office & HLECC Closed
WEDNESDAY	New Years Day
	HL Office & HLECC Closed
THURSDAY	
10AM	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY	January 5, 2025
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School
	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: December 22, 2024

Gifts to do His Work— General Fund: \$18,697.82

Worshipped: 392


Birthdays

December 30th	Connie Payne
December 31st	Elizabeth Benson
December 31st	Chase Cochran
December 31st	Kevin Lewis
December 31st	Donald Roth
January 2nd	Ed Bachmann
January 2nd	Mary Clubb
January 4th	Trayton Schroeder

Anniversaries

December 31st	Jay & Becky Long
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Altar Flowers
Todays Altar Pieces are given by
Jay & Becky Long
in Celebration of their
19th Wedding Anniversary



Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

We are looking for a few new ushers to help out during worship in the coming year. All confirmed members of the congregation are able to serve in this simple way.

For the coming year, ushers are needed:

- 1st Sunday of each month, Late Service-1 usher needed
- 2nd Sunday of ea. month, Early Service-1 usher needed
- 2nd Sunday of ea. month, Late Service-1 usher needed
- 5th Sunday, Early Service-1 usher needed (only 4 months of the year)

Just during February & March:

- 1st Sunday of each month, Late Service-1 "fill-in" usher

Contact Alice Lindsey at (314) 420-4602 if you are interested in serving!



Thank you to all the musicians who shared their special music during Advent and Christmas!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
IN FILLING A CHRISTMAS TIN WITH
HOMEMADE GOODIES FOR OUR
2024 “SHUT-IN” FRIENDS!**

The note below, included in the baskets that were delivered last week (by Pastor and the Elders), really says it all:

Life’s blessings seem to come into a little better focus during the holidays!

As we surround ourselves with reminders of all our treasured memories of Christmas’ true meaning, we take time for the things that matter most.

I hope you know how much you matter to us, and how thankful we are to share this basket of goodies PREPARED JUST FOR YOU!

When you think of all those at Hope you have touched, know that our congregation misses seeing you very much!!!

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!!!

As we remember, God is the Giver of the very best gift, OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!!!

It is always a blessing to see their happy faces, hear their stories, and words of appreciation! All monies for the baskets were made possible by a Thrivent Grant.

Wishing you a Blessed New Year!

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!!!

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory
of our beloved
Imogene Doll
a gift has been given by
Jim & Carole Myers

Life thought in the Church Year

The Old Testament ritual of redeeming firstborns clearly declares that the Lord lends us our children, but they belong to Him (Exodus 13:11-12). Little ones are gifts and privileges, not property, preferences, accessories, or rights. The coming of Christ extends this designation to every neighbor, including those of advanced age (Luke 2:25-26, 36-38). Let us not neglect to teach and admonish one another about it (Colossians 3:16)!



The Hope Lutheran Altar Guild is looking for help in taking down the Hope Christmas decorations, **Saturday, January 11, at 9AM**. If you can help, please contact Karen Schlegel at (636) 671-0080.

During the week, prepare for worship by considering the Scriptures for Sunday, January 5, 2025:

**1 Kings 3:4–15
Ephesians 1:3–14
Luke 2:40–52**

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.