

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" January 5, 2025

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY	January 5, 2025
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School
	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
MONDAY	
5:30PM	Board of Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY	
11AM	Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
6PM	Worship & Holy Communion
7PM	Board of Evangelism & Assimilation Meeting
THURSDAY	
10AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY	
9AM	Take Down Christmas Decorations
SUNDAY	January 12, 2025
8AM	Holy Communion
9:30AM	Sunday School
	Adult Bible Study
10:45AM	Holy Communion
6:30PM	Confirmation Class

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of: December 29, 2024

Gifts to do His Work— General Fund: \$3,499.45

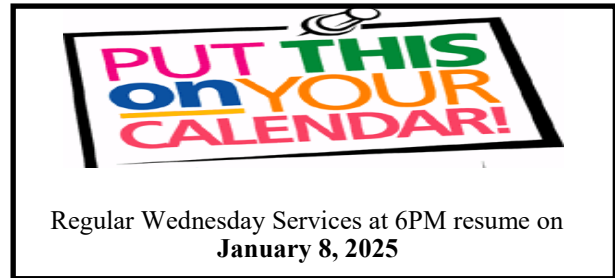
Worshipped: 98

Birthdays

January 5, 2025	Cheryl Woodruff
January 7, 2025	Tyler Johnson
January 7, 2025	Wayne Rainey
January 8, 2025	Joshua Nelson
January 10, 2025	Bonnie Rees
January 11, 2025	Phoenix Morris

Anniversaries

January 7, 2025 Harold & Linda Lindahl



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!

Altar Flowers

Just a reminder, please submit your request & payment for Altar flowers at least 2 weeks in advance to get the flowers desired.

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory
of our beloved
Imogene Doll
gifts have been given by
Chuck & Karen Benes
Ron & Marcie Gerhardt
Jeff, Beth, & Isaiah Nelson
Kim Sansegraw

Love Packages

Recycling with a purpose!

Love Packages is a program that creates an opportunity for all of us to participate in the work of **sharing the Gospel of Jesus**. Please donate your unused Bibles, tracts, reference books, Sunday school materials (for at least 10 students with a leader's guide, no crafts or busy papers), daily devotionals, Portals of Prayer, Daily Bread, CD's & DVD's, etc. to Love Packages. **Please drop your items in the Mail Room, the box designated Love Packages.**

For further information, please contact Marilyn or Ed Bachmann at (636) 938-4663 or (636) 288-7502.

When winter weather arrives at the same time as any Hope Lutheran activity, please check the following places for information:



Facebook
Channel 5 (KSDK) ksdk.com
www.hopehighridge.org

These are the only places that we will post weather information.

Life thought in the Church Year

No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians' first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven's household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!



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 12, 2025:

Isaiah 43:1–7
Romans 6:1–11
Luke 3:15–22

The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an "Epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. "When all the people were baptized," Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, "when you pass through the waters," He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you "might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.