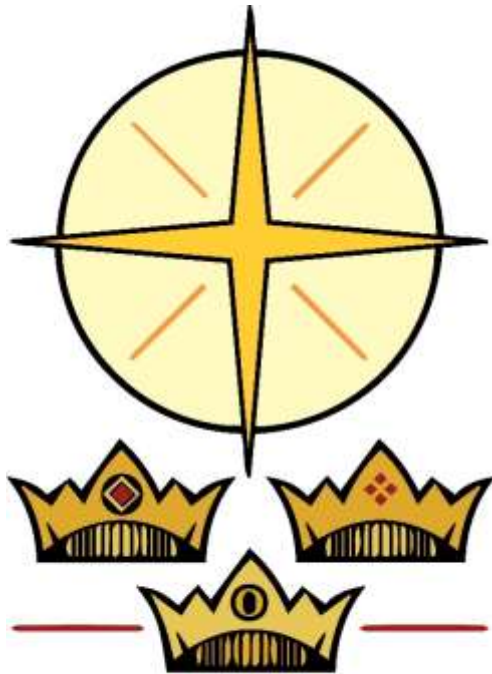


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Information & Inspiration

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## **Worship Service Times**

By Charlie Holtebeck, Council President

Some members have raised concerns that members of Hope Lutheran Church have very little opportunity for interaction with our Pastor following our worship service each Sunday. This was brought up in discussion at the annual Parish Board meeting in November with Glen Flora Lutheran Church and HLC, and at recent HLC council meetings.

Because this is a very significant issue, I wanted to make the entire congregation aware of the issue so everyone would have an opportunity to give thought to how this might be addressed. One possible way to address this issue would be to move our worship service time to 8:30 AM rather than 9:00 AM. This would increase the time between the HLC service and the Glen Flora service to one hour compared to the current 30 minutes. While this is only a one-half hour change, it would give our members a chance to have increased interaction with Pastor Martin, give Pastor Martin a greater chance to welcome visitors after our service, and would encourage greater familiarity between our members and our Pastor.

We know that reaching out to both members and potential members is an important part of our mission as a church. It is also very important for our members to develop a stronger bond with our pastoral leader.

I invite all of you to give thought to this or other possible changes to our worship schedule. Please be sure that a change to our worship time would be a decision to be made by our entire congregation. Please feel free to express your thoughts to me or other members of the church council.

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Hope Lutheran Church will take place on **Sunday, January 23** following the 9:00am worship service (approximately 10:15am). All confirmed members are considered voting members and are encouraged to attend.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will not meet on January 2, 9 or 30. Classes will be held on January 16 and 23. Sunday School is for children 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. It's never too late to join in.

Sunday Schoolers will be tested on their Bible memory verses on January 16. Each child who successfully memorizes their verses will receive a free pass to attend Open Gym at Offering Hope & Wellness. Parents may assist their child with memorization. For ages 5 and under, two verses need to be memorized, ages 6-7, three verses, ages 8-9 four verse, and ages 10+ five verses.

Memorization verses are:

"Is anything too hard for the Lord" Genesis 18:14

"Be kind, one to another" Ephesians 4:32

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it" John 1:5

"Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us' So Moses prayed for the people." Numbers 21:7

"The Lord said to Gideon, 'Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand.'" Judges 7:9

"Rahab let them down by a rope, through a window, for her house was built into the city wall." Joshua 2:15

"Every word of God proves true." Proverbs 30:5

"Do not be afraid for I am with you." Isaiah 43:5

# \*Youth Ministry\*

**Bowling:** Hope Lutheran Youth will be having a bowling event on Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00pm at West Cove Lanes. Bowling fees, pizza and soda will be provided by Youth Ministry. We will be done around 8:00pm. This event is open to both middle and high school youth. Confirmation will not meet this evening so that all youth can participate.

**Youth Breakfast:** Middle and high school youth will meet for breakfast and devotions following the worship service on Sunday, January 16. Youth should meet in the multi-purpose room and will head to the restaurant from there. The cost of the meal will be covered by Youth Ministry.

## Bible Sunday

Third graders and fourth graders received their Adventure Bibles during Vacation Bible School this year. We will have a blessing of the Bibles on Sunday, January 16 at the 9:00am worship service. Children are asked to bring their Bibles with them to worship that day. If you have a child in these grades who has not yet received an Adventure Bible, please contact the church office.

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas pageant a meaningful event. The Sunday School students and participating youth did a great job! Special thanks to Chris Holtebeck, Nancy Burmeister, Laurie Lemke, Julie Vollendorf, Cynthia Smith, Heidi Jo Sovacool, Don Bartig, Don Soyring, and parent volunteers.

### Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.

## Adult Education & Fellowship Opportunities

**Healing Study:** Are you seeking physical or emotional healing? Twyla Lund will be sharing an in-depth Bible-based healing study on Saturday, January 15 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Lunch will be served. Please see the Adult Education bulletin board for more information and to sign up for this event.

**Women's Bible Study:** Pastor Martin will be leading a new study entitled "The Spiritual Realms--A Bible Study on Heaven and Hell and Places Beyond This World" on Fridays, January 14 and 28 at 1:00pm. Please sign up on the Adult Education bulletin board. The cost for the participant's book is \$10.00.

**Men's Breakfast:** Men of Hope meet each Thursday at 7:00am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant for breakfast, a study of the week's scripture readings, and a time of fellowship.

**PAPA Prayer:** The Sunday morning study will meet on January 9 & 30 at 10:20am.

**Book Discussion:** The book group will meet on Sunday, January 16 at 10:20am. Please bring your reading suggestions for the upcoming year.

## January Worship Assistants

<b>2</b>	Ushers Lector Communion Asst.	Charlie Holtebeck, Irene Titera Rosemary Johnson Chris Holtebeck
<b>9</b>	Ushers Lector Communion Asst.	Don & Judy Soyring Bonnie Billings Linda Campbell
<b>16</b>	Ushers Lector Communion Asst.	Kathy Ducommun, Irene Titera Linda Campbell Rosemary Johnson
<b>23</b>	Ushers Lector Communion Asst.	Nick & Nicholas Sovacool Bonnie Billings Linda Campbell
<b>30</b>	Ushers Lector Communion Asst.	Kathy Ducommun, Charlie Holtebeck Rosemary Johnson Chris Holtebeck



## **Deadlines...**

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday. Items for the February newsletter are due in the church office by January 18.

The preferred method of submission is via email (hlcladysmith@gmail.com) or electronic file. Items may also be left in the office mailbox or dropped off at the office during office hours.

## **Change of Address and/or Phone Number?**

If you have had a change in address or phone number, please notify the church office of these changes. Also, in an effort to improve communication we are seeking email addresses for members of the congregation. If you would like to have your email address added to the list, please email the church office at hlcladysmith@gmail.com.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Christopher Martin
Church Secretary	Bonnie Billings
Maintenance	
Custodian	Rosemary Warwick
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# JANUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <b>1</b>  | Vicky Abing<br>Derek Hraban   | <b>21</b> | Bob Hoehn<br>David Redwine<br>Meghan Warwick  |
| <b>2</b>  | Brandyn Polak   | <b>22</b> | Kenneth Stock   |
| <b>4</b>  | Ken Molstad   | <b>23</b> | Violet Biller<br>Christian Borman<br>Adam Morgan  |
| <b>6</b>  | Caitlyn Jiskra  | <b>24</b> | Jerry McEathron<br>Bart Schultz   |
| <b>8</b>  | James MacArthur<br>Brayten Mallo<br>Cassie Martin                                       | <b>25</b> | Tara Nelson<br>Kathie Stewart<br>Al Warwick   |
| <b>10</b> | Danny Craker<br>Bob Langland  | <b>26</b> | Derek Abing<br>Riley Abing<br>Shane Abing<br>Julie Kammerud<br>Kate McMahon<br>Meghan McMahon |
| <b>12</b> | Allison Lacey<br>Phoenix Narvaez<br>Meghan Shultz                                       | <b>27</b> | Evan Moore  |
| <b>13</b> | Matt Bunton<br>Isabelle Solberg   | <b>28</b> | John Duzy<br>Judith Scheurer  |
| <b>14</b> | Morris Clark II<br>Capri Strom  | <b>29</b> | Susan MacArthur   |
| <b>15</b> | Brooke Hillman<br>Janet Uutala  | <b>30</b> | Bob Boller<br>Leslie Harmon   |
| <b>16</b> | Reese Barfknecht<br>Mark Bentley III<br>Lindsay Goerner<br>Mark Sokolowski<br>Kai Strom | <b>31</b> | Janet Keehn   |
| <b>18</b> | Kitzie Nelson   |           |   |
| <b>19</b> | Casey Abing<br>Jordan Schultz   |           |   |



- 2** Bert & Heidi Zielke
- 6** Breena & Michael Effertz
- 8** Greg & Michelle Stohr  
Shawn & Kelli Vetterkind
- 17** Rick & Cindy Molstad