

# HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 2022

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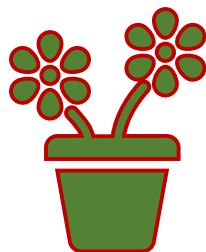
## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cameron Weitnauer
- 3 Zoey Kaegbein
- 4 Diane Hunt
- 10 Shane Dyson, Holly Sieck
- 15 Cody Techau
- 16 Lyle Long
- 18 Richard Hartgrave
- 19 Lincoln Burge-Fay, Chris Kaegbein
- 21 Emma Schmidt
- 29 Larry Benge, Pam Evans
- 30 Judith Torson
- 31 Mary Richeson, Kris Kessell

## DECEMBER AT HOPE

- 2 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 4 9:00 am Sunday Worship\*  
**Second Sunday of Advent**
- 6 11:30 am 55+ Lunch at Whiskey Joe's (\$5 gift exchange optional)
- 7 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors  
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 9 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 10 8:30 am Men of Hope  
9:00 am Women of Hope (with Cookie Exchange)
- 11 9:00 am Sunday Worship\*  
**Third Sunday of Advent**
- 14 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors  
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 16 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 18 9:00 am Sunday Worship\*  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- 19 6:00 pm Hope Council Meeting
- 20 1:00 pm Quilters
- 21 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors  
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 22 4:00 pm Soup Supper
- 23 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 24 **4:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 25 **9:00 am CHRISTMAS DAY  
WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 28 12:00 pm Spirited Seniors  
3:30 pm Choir Practice
- 30 7:00 pm AA Meeting

\* Please join us for Fellowship/Coffee Time after Sunday Worship.  
(The sign-up sheet to "Host" and/or Bring Treats is on the bulletin board across from Kris' office.)



## POINTSETTIAS

If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas, please fill out an order form (found on the table in the back of church). You may choose Red, White or Pink. You are welcome to bring your own plant or we will order one from Pierson's for you. The cost is \$13.00 (6" plant) and \$25.75 (8" plant). **The deadline to order is December 1, 2022** (If you are bringing your own plant, please do not bring them too early as we cannot be responsible for keeping them alive. Also, please let the church office know so that we may acknowledge it in the bulletin.)

## CHRISTIAN ACTION

The mitten tree is up and ready for donations! New and gently used hats, mittens and scarves will be given to those in need in our community!

## ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

In the narthex there is a Christmas tree with gift tags for dollar amounts for gift cards and the name of the store. The tree will be up until December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please place the ornament with the gift card in Kris's mailbox, Debra Walderbach's mailbox or in the box on the tree table. Questions? Contact Betty Nelson at the church or Debra Walderbach.

## 55+

On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am everybody is welcome to join us at Whiskey Joe's on J Street SW. We will be having a gift exchange, please bring a \$5 gift for the exchange, if you'd like to participate!

## SPIRITED SENIORS

Dec 7 – Sack Lunch & Games  
Dec 14 – Catered Lunch, Cookie Exchange & Bingo  
Dec 21 – Catered Lunch & \$5 Gift Exchange  
Dec 28 – Sack Lunch & Games

## MEN OF HOPE

The Men of Hope will meet December 10<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast starts at 8:30 am, followed by the monthly meeting. Please join us!

## SOUP SUPPER

Come join us Thursday  
December 22nd at 4:00 pm!  
Wonderfully delicious food  
will be available for sale  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.  
Sponsored by the Men of Hope!

## WOMEN OF HOPE

The Women of Hope will meet  
Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.  
**\*\*\*Join us for our COOKIE EXCHANGE!\*\*\***  
Each member please bring 3 dozen cookies  
for shut-ins and for the exchange.

## CHOIR

The choir is singing at Worship services each Sunday. Wednesday practice has resumed - join us at 3:30 pm!

## QUILTERS

Quilters will meet Tuesday  
December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Come help cut, pin, and layout squares...  
***ALL skill levels welcome and appreciated!!!***

## A word from our CALL COMMITTEE...

The call committee has completed our initial work: Our Ministry Site Profile was submitted to the Synod on 9/29/2022. It was reviewed by the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Dan Kuckuck on 10/20/2022. The person selected for Reference Recommendation submitted their confidential reference on 10/19/2022. So, what is next?

We pray for a candidate who wants to love our congregation and will love and shepherd our flock. A pastor who will teach us about God's love and show us how we can share God's love in our daily lives in a world with angst and conflict. A pastor who provides spiritual direction, leadership, education and guidance.

We practice patience as this process could take a while.

We pray in gratitude that we are blessed to have Pastor Anna as our shepherd!

Karen Pahl – Donna Fugate – Co-Chairs  
Clete Moser – Council Liaison  
Sharon Boardman  
Pat Casner  
Jan Dyson

**Please keep all who serve in your prayers!!!**

## CEDAR RAPIDS NATIVITY CELEBRATION

December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> a display of numerous nativities from all over the world, plus Armstrong-Smulekoff life size Nativity will be free to view at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 4150 Blue Jay Drive NE. See the information flier in the back of church or visit [crnativity.info](http://crnativity.info) to learn more.



### Looking ahead:

**2023 Giving Envelopes...**

Are available at the back of church.

**2023 Communion Assistant  
And Usher signups...**

Are also available at the back of church!

## HOPE COUNCIL

Sue Williams - President  
Clete Moser - Vice President  
Betty Nelson - Financial Secretary  
Linda Jones - Treasurer  
David Adams - Secretary  
Cal Burchland - Member  
Jeanne Dahm - Member  
Leon (Codge) Jones - Member  
Andy Kuehl - Member