

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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January/February 2019

From the Pastor:

Pastor's Reflections – Highlights: January – February 2019

As we begin a new calendar year and anticipate continued ministry together and the possibility of a new pastor coming soon, I find myself looking back to the past 4 months that we have spent together and letting that reflection influence what I believe God is calling forth in the future, especially as you anticipate calling a new pastor. There is much to celebrate and much to anticipate. Below are the areas of ministry and resources that I have discovered partnering with you in ministry at Hope. Where and how would you like to be involved?

YOUTH AND FAMILY: Hosting our first Children's Program in several years, we have discovered that the youth are among us!! I've listed the people I know and have met. Who do you know? Who are we missing? Who can we invite? Who is willing to help with each group? Please contact Pastor Franzenburg and/or Kris Kessell.

Cradle Roll: (1-5) Oliver, Matthew, Joann Wood; Jonathan Pahl, Elliana Moser, Carleigh and Collins Karkosh, Cameron Kaegbein, Lincoln Fay, Adelia Orr, Eva Nordberg-Blomme, Zoey, Tharp, Israel Moser, Titus Franks

Elementary Youth: (6-11) Travis and Kaylynn Rairden, Genevieve Kuehl, Sarah Eadie, friend Peyton Busse, Abbi Dyson, Urijah and Marley Fay, Chaunteya and C.J. Fay, Lucy and Zoey Kaegbein, Melody Orr, Rhyleigh Thomas, Jace Anderson, Dylan Tharp Gemma Franks, Sunday School is held for this age group September - May at 10:15 am.

Middle School: (12-14) Riley and Carson Mudd

H.S.: (15 - 19) Nina and Zach Rairden, Logan Kuehl, Dillon DeFord, Haley Ainesworth, Cassidy Mudd, Mia Moser.

Sunday School for Elementary Youth: We are grateful for Kylie Edmonds and Robyn DeFord for teaching our class this year. We have used curriculum from the Old Testament. Our special guest has been Bowie, the therapy dog.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: We have 3 different opportunities for worship at Hope. Sundays at 9:00am and Wednesdays at 12:15 and 6:00pm. It is worship that connects us in faith and love. When we worship together, pray together, sing together we grow in love and faith. Our choir continues to develop in its own unique way providing special music at Sunday worship. Many thanks to Cody and Marcey who have invited guest musicians to join us on special occasions. We will be re-instituting the contemporary service one Sunday per month beginning with the 4th Sunday in January.

Opportunities to Serve are many, how would you like to participate? Contact one of our worship committee members (Betty Nelson, Karen Franks, Marcey Luxa, Marlys Halberg, Cody Technau. **Greeters:** Welcome people as they arrive at worship. **Usher:** Greet people as they enter worship, distribute bulletins, receiving offering **Worship Asst.** Assist with readings and Holy communion **Choir** Rehearse on Thursday nights and at 8:30 on Sunday mornings. All are welcome. **Home Communion:** Take bread and wine from worship and share with home bound members **Worship Leader:** When pastor is gone, we invite laity to lead worship, sharing the message and leading in creed and/or prayers.

OUTREACH: This is an opportunity to gather in fellowship, to grow in faith, and to serve. When we meet in smaller groups, we get to know each other in a more personal way, share life's joys and challenges and grow in relationship and love.

Men's Group: Meets 1st Saturday of every month at 8:30am. **Women's Group:** Meets 1st Saturday of every month at 10:00 am **Spirited Seniors:** Light lunch served at 1:00 pm followed by games and activities. **Bible Study:** First Tuesday of every month - 10:30 am **55+ Potluck:** First Tuesday of every month at 12:00 noon **Quilting:** Third Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm **Community Supper:** Last Sunday of every month 5:00pm Supper open to anyone in the community. Serving time is 5 to 6 pm. Bingo played with prizes given.

Other Events: **Annual Chili Cook-Off** - Usually held in February. This year February 10th **Craft Fairs and Bazaars** - Usually both spring and fall. **Summer Sweet Corn Sale:** Congregation sells sweet corn from Knight's Farm during summer months. Home grown vegetables also available for a free-will donation. Corn and vegetables not sold given to shelters. **Car Cruise In:** Fourth Thursday of every month. Community event where owners of vehicle types gather for food and fellowship. Hope members prepare and sell food including homemade donuts.

ALPHA – We began Alpha classes at Hope Lutheran in the fall of 2018. It is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Two classes will be offered early in 2019. Wednesdays at 6 pm (starting January 23rd and Sundays at 10:15 beginning January 27th. Both classes will use the Alpha Series for Young Adults.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome people interested in membership at Hope Lutheran to join us for Alpha classes beginning in January. This is an opportunity for new people to meet other members of Hope and to experience the joy of sharing and growing in one's faith through small groups. We will receive new members at the Easter Vigil service on April 20th.

PASTORAL CARE: The called pastor of Hope Lutheran is available to visit people who are hospitalized and home bound for any given reason. Please notify the church office of your needs. If you would like to serve on the pastoral care team please notify Pastor and/or Kris Kessell. Volunteers are needed.

Pastor Franzenburg is also available for spiritual direction – an opportunity for 1:1 visit with the pastor to discover and discern how God is working in your life. Each of us through the Holy Spirit has inner wisdom, an inner teacher, a voice of truth that offers the guidance and power that we need to deal with life.

Wednesday Evening Worship & Fellowship
6:00 Worship
6:45-7:45 Youth and Family Educational Activities.

SPIRITED SENIORS

Our Wednesday group, Spirited Seniors meets every Wednesday. A light lunch is served followed by games and cards. If this is something you would like to help out with, please let the office know.

Elsie Patterson would like to thank everyone who sent cards for her birthday.



Just a reminder that the 1st weekend of each month is designated to bring non-perishable food for those less fortunate and fill the grocery cart. Food will be taken to the **Mission of Hope**. The Missions' food supply is constantly being depleted.



QUILTING – A reminder that we meet the third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 PM. All skill levels are welcome and appreciated.

TO ALL GROUPS USING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

When you use the Fellowship Hall you need to clean up. That means:
Put chairs back, Wipe down tables and vacuum.
White tables (in the square) have 4 chairs at each table. Round tables have 6 chairs at each table. All other chairs need to be put away in the middle closet. There is a red vacuum in the Fellowship Hall, by the back/side door that you can use.

January 27th
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

5-6:00 pm

Menu:
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
Salads
Desserts and cookies

We will be playing Bingo with prizes awarded to the winners. There is no charge for the meal, however, a free will offering will be taken.

Good Food, Good Fellowship

The Free Community Supper is funded by members of Hope Lutheran and a "free will offering". We are feeding from 120-125 average per month. If you'd like to help prepare, serve, set/clean up or assist with Bingo, please contact Nancy Coffman – 396-0387, Jan Dyson – 551-9204 or Diane Hunt – 573-1182. Monetary donations are also accepted.

WOMEN OF HOPE will meet next month on Saturday February 2. We will have a guest speaker talking about the benefits of Tai Chi. She will do a demonstration and answer questions. Tai Chi helps with Balance and helps prevent falls.

The Women are also collecting small size items for the homeless. Helping Hands will put the Blessing Bags together and distribute them. Items include:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hand soap, Combs etc.
There is a box in the narthex for your donations.



THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY

If you would like to sign up to have flowers for a special occasion, there are lots of spaces available! You can bring them yourself or have Kris order them for you from Pierson's. One bouquet is \$15 and two are \$25. That includes tax and delivery.

Happy Birthday



January Birthdays

- 1 Josh Draper
- 2 Dillon DeFord
- 3 Marlys Halberg
- 5 Matt Richeson
- 6 Leon Jones, Derek Barnes
- 10 Kylie DeFord
- 11 Doug Bramow
- 16 Gemma Franks
- 20 Jackie Norris
- 21 John Hoth
- 22 Kyle Dennis
- 23 Jerry Kilts
- 26 Kay Luther
- 29 Jocelyn Stastny, Addesyn Schmoll
- 30 Sharon Hursan
- 31 Bev Weitnauer, Marley Burge-Fay

Elsie Dlouhy
Summit Point
3505 English Glen Ave. #323
Marion, IA 52302
365-5333

Larry Bengel
Bickford Place
1100 Linden Dr.
Marion, IA 52302

Dorothy Klinsky
Northbrook Manor Care Center
6420 Council St. N. E., Rm B11
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
213-7544 (Harold)

Doug & Judy Torson
2717 Royal Oaks Dr. NW
Swisher, IA 52338
319-857-5300

Evelyn Andrews
5701 Briarwood St. S. W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

June Farmer
101S 11 St.
#209
Marion, IA 52302

Larry Luther
Heritage Care Center
200 Clive Dr. S. W.
#22
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
319.200.4304

Glenn Williams
Hiawatha Care Center
405 N 15 Ave
Room 64
Hiawatha, IA 52233
375-3464 ext. 464

February Birthdays

- 2 Dakota Moser
- Pat Vik, Tait Rentschler
- 4 Paul Ekman
- 5 Jessica Weitnauer
- 8 Alex Moser
- 13 Stacey Kell, Janelle Purdy
- 14 Carla Ekman
- 15 Hazel Schmoll
- 16 Kassidy Mudd, Vicki Oakley
- 18 Kaitlin Opal Greif
- 20 Merrilee Bedell, Daniel Walderbach
- 21 Dennis Purdy
- 23 Austin Moser
- 25 Doug Torson
- 26 Rylee Dennis
- 28 Scott Foizey
- 28 Genevieve Kuehl

If you have a January/February birthday and are not on the list, please call the office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR January and February

January

- 1st Assistant: Sun.: Dennis Purdy
- 2nd Assistant: Sun.: Doug Weitnauer
- Musicians: Marcey Luxa
- Choir Director: Cody Techau
- Greeters: Sun.: Monika Nordberg
- Ushers: Sun.: Betty Nelson

February

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- 2nd Assistant: Sun.: Donna Fugate
- Musicians: Marcey Luxa
- Choir Director: Cody Techau
- Greeters: Sun.: Jim & Sharon Boardman
- Ushers: Sun.: Clete Moser

Treasurer Report Week of 1/7-13, 2019

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| Receipts | \$1,302.00 |
| Expenditures | \$2,857.44 |
| Bills Due Next Week | \$ 126.46 |

The Receipts for this week include \$545.00 Simply Giving, Linn County Auditor \$75.00. (Average weekly needed \$3,341)

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Questions? Contact Lacinda Taplin – Treasurer.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make someone else's Christmas a little brighter. Thru your generosity, we helped 4 families this year.

Christmas Bags –

This year Hope did Christmas Bags for families at local agencies. We had 50+ bags of items donated to the kids. Thank you all who participated.



Decorating Christmas Cookies

The kids had a great time decorating Christmas cookies at our Youth and Family time. Kathys Pies donated 3 dozen cookies and icing so the kids could enjoy this special treat. They also delivered cookies to some of our shut-ins.



We want to send out a big THANK YOU to Storm Steel for their generous donation to our Outreach Committee for our Community Supper program. And another big THANK YOU to St Lukes Imaging Services for sharing their Christmas bonuses of ham, turkey and gift cards to our program. It is great to have such wonderful people support our program.



Baptized this month:

NEW LIFE IN BAPTISM: Joann Irene and Matthew Edward Wood are being baptized January 20th at the Sunday Service They are the infant children of Samantha Alisa (Sikrisamouth) and Eric Matthew Wood. Joann and Matthew were born on July 20, 2018. Joanns sponsors are Kory and Sara Heineman and Lindsay Cook. Matthews sponsors are John Gudac and Candace Mikel. We pray that they might always remain God's faithful and elect children.

Joann

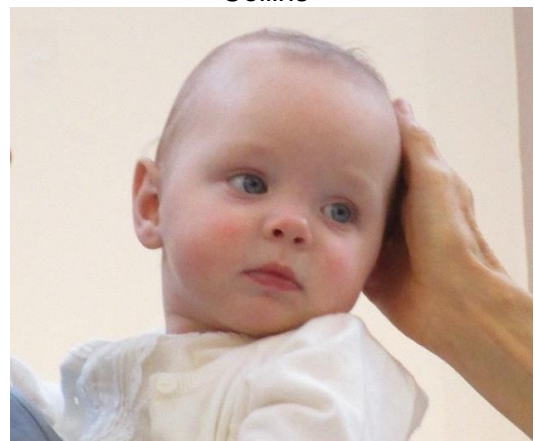
Ollie

Matthew

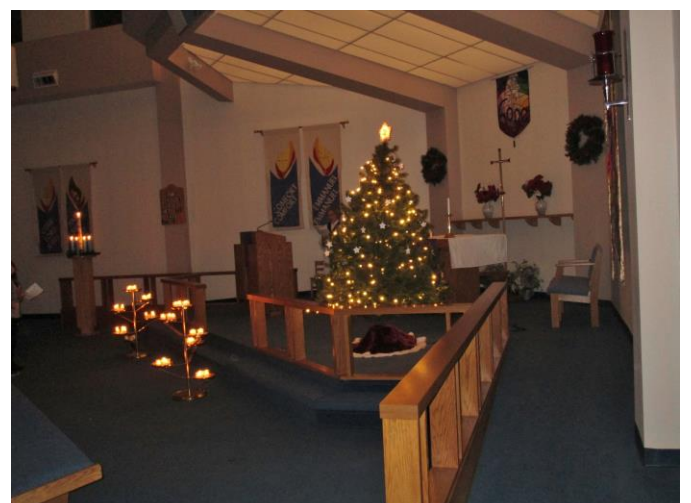


NEW LIFE IN BAPTISM: Collins Elizabeth Karkosh was baptized Sunday, January 13th. She is the infant daughter of Carrie Elizabeth and Brett Matthew Karkosh. Her new big sister is Carleigh Coe. Collins was born in Cedar Rapids at St. Lukes on May 16, 2018. Her sponsors are Darcey and Jacob Ehrmann and Amber and Scott Bolen. Proud grandparents are Deb & Carl Ehrmann and John & Jody Karkosh. We pray that she might always remain one of God's faithful and elect children.

Collins



Christmas Eve Worship



Children's Christmas Program



Thanks to all the kids and adults who helped to make this years Christmas Program so successful!

Community Supper Food Bags



Bags of groceries for some who attend the Free Community Supper



Charter member Lila Evans passed away January 7th. Bob and Lila joined Hope Lutheran in March of 1956. Although they have been out of the area for some time, they always connected with friends and church family when they returned to Iowa. They also kept their associate membership here at Hope. Please pray for the family as they travel thru this rough time.

If you would like to send a sympathy card to her daughter Cindy Rossman, her address is 51 29th Ave. Dr. S. W. #15, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

ALPHA

Wednesday - 6:45 - 7:45
Sundays - 10:15 - 11:30

- Is there more to life than this?
- Why and how do I pray?
- Who is Jesus really?

Alpha looks at these and other questions through a series of interactive sessions that provide an opportunity to discuss life and the Christian faith and to grow in one's relationship with God and with each other.

