

The R E A C H O U T

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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead. James 2:26

I am excited about this new year! I want to get started working with you on your journey in faith through your spiritual life. I want to help each member of this congregation develop their spirit and faith and have life. If you have life, then the congregation of Good Hope Lutheran Church will have life, and have it abundantly. We, through Christ, are connected. Our strength in troubled times is Christ. The Church, which is the body of Christ, is the witness to the world that we are not alone. All of this spiritual energy shines through us to the outside world through our works. We are not separated from the world. We understand this because we are in the world working in jobs that are away from our spiritual selves. However, if we are spiritual people alive in Christ, we bring that light to our jobs and into everything we do.

So, the first way to help, is to teach as I preach that way you can understand why this was important to say or

preach. I will try with every sermon to help you understand what the scripture of the day means for you. Then, I will move into what works we could do in response to the lessons we have heard that day. I hope to get the whole congregation back to the basics of scriptures and cultural understanding, so you can read ahead and think through what the scriptures are saying to you.

I plan to have Bible studies that are four to six meeting times, so we can work through the scriptures, or themes, that are things that are important to us as Lutherans. With this being the 500th anniversary of the reformation, we will get into the reformation, small catechism, and go through the worship and ask why do we do this or that? I hope to encourage Loetta Haller to help teach others by presenting the windows and their meaning to the congregation. So, we have more people who know and can teach what

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
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January 25

our windows represent.

Good Hope Lutheran Church: why are we here and what is God calling us to do? We know for a fact that faith without works is dead! If we want to be a living, growing congregation for future generations, we must have works, we must have spirit, and we must have a dream! This year we each must answer these questions. We as a church are planning on answering these questions because we are the church. We are the body of our Lord. Is Christ alive here? Are you alive here? The answer is, Christ is alive and shining a light in the darkness of this world. We are the ambassadors of Christ to the world. We reflect the light of Christ in the darkness of the world. We see it every day in our lives. We now need to find direction for our gifts to best shine the light in our community. We could say we need to be the beacon of hope in this community. As I like to say we are the beacon of Good Hope in this community!

I pray that each and every member of Good Hope grabs on to the spirit that they might have life, and I pray that we each find a way to strengthen our faith that we might do works. Not because we have to for salvation, but because we have been so freely loved and saved. We just want to work at making sure all hear and feel that love of God. Let us here at Good Hope Lutheran Church be God's work, our hands!! *Rev Ralph Edwards*

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to thank you all for the cards, gifts, and love this holiday season. We are so blessed to have a family and a community like this one.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas, and I wish you all a blessed New Year!

- Rev Ralph Edwards

Youth & Family

Happy New Year everyone! New year, new goals, and ways to achieve those goals. First thing I would like to say is thank you so much for the Christmas gifts I received! Through the New Year I will be trying out some different things with our family and youth programs. One thing that will be a change is having more Family events. This will give us more time to get together as one big family! This does not mean we will cut out youth events overall, but we should really focus on making people comfortable and seeing the church as a welcoming and loving family who accepts everyone! Keep an eye out for those events.

God Bless

Nathan Edwards

Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle

MONTHLY MEETINGS

HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 11:00 AM

DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle met at the church December 13th with 5 members present. Alice Ann opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Names were exchanged for our card outreach ministry. A special "thank you" goes out to Carol Jean, Loetta, Donna, and Alice Ann. For shopping for Christmas gifts and the Harvest Festival. Hannah Circle voted to send \$25 to Second Harvest Food Bank.

For every \$1 contributed \$11 worth of food can be purchased. Second Harvest greatly contributes to our local 3 C's organization. WE will not have meetings in January or February. Our next meeting will be March 14th. Please continue to save Aluminum cans and foil for Hannah Circle. Containers are located through the church.

DORCUS CIRCLE NEWS

We will be cancelling our meeting for the months of December, January, February.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. Ed and I are so grateful for the support and love we receive here. Without your support Transformation could not help those in need in the community and I feel blessed to be able to hand out your caring presence to all I come in contact with. Again thank you for your gift both to us and to the ministry.

With love,
Jane Peachey

If you have left over Christmas Cards please bring them in! Used or New Hannah Circle is collecting Christmas or Greeting Cards! Please bring them into the office!

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
Jan 1st	First Sunday Day of Christmas	White	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23	As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the "holy innocents" of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.
Jan 8th	Baptism of Our Lord	White	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.
Jan 15th	Second Sunday of Epiphany	Green	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	. Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.
Jan 22nd	Third Sunday of Epiphany	Green	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1,4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.
Jan 29th	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	Green	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Serving in God's House

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	January 1st First Sunday of Christams	January 8th Baptism of Our Lord	January 15th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	January 22nd 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	January 29th 4th Sunday of Epiphany
Altar Guild	Donna Haller	Andy Tesyk	Jacki Makowski	Art & Barb Gray	Alice Haller
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10:30 am	Tyler Haskin	Zachary Braham	Jacob Braham	Tyler Haskin	Zachary Braham
Communion Assistant	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino
Lector 8:00 am	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Jane Peachey	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
10:30 am	Pam Nock	Kathy Kramer	Jean Saurwein	Walt Kyser	Andy Tesyk
Liturgy	Jane Peachey	Pam Nock	Kathy Kramer	Jean Saurwein	Walt Kyser
Ushers 10:30 am	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Kathy Kramer	Beth & Tim Lower	Andy Tesyk	Jean Saurwein	Ed & Jane Peachey
Chrema Head counter in bold print	Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost	Jeff Hum Donna Haller Ruth McMurray	Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger	Ruth McMurray Sarah Deiger
8:00 am Anointers	Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus				Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus
10:30 am	Nancy Barret Robin Marino				February 5th Nancy Barret Robin Marino
Flowers	Date Available	Date Available	Date Available	Date Available	Date Available
Communion Bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE **AFTER** you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Worship 5pm
8 Worship 8am 10:30am	9	10	11	12	13	14 Worship 5pm
15 TEEN CHALLENGE 8am 10:30am	16	17	18	19	20	21 Worship 5pm
22 Worship 8am 10:30am	23	24	25	26	27	28 Worship 5pm
29 Worship 8am 10:30am	30	31				

Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

Due to One Call we have a new system for the prayer chain. Call if you have a prayer that needs lifted up!

If you would like a One Call sent out just talk to:

Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Or

Church Office .. 330-549-2406



Michael Bartel
Shirly Cantwell
Mike & Judy Dickey
Eric Barret
Candi Peachey

Jerome Hoeferts
Joanna Galagher
Joanna Podolsky
Joe Kreidler
Debbie Stevenson
Leon Cassidy
Gail Jaji
James Webber
Jared Ausnheimer
Jimmie Hood
Barb Hartsock
Pam Fesenmyer

Michael Elford
Paul Gremlich
Noelle Dunlap
Paul A
Joann Mayberry
Liam & Olivia Meggitt
Nancy Musser Scowden
Gerald Hostetter
Rick Wadele
Debbie Frost
David & Abby Aussnheimer
Gwin Frost

Our weekly Intercessory Prayer for the people of our congregation:

JANUARY 1

Dana Wilson
Kay Wilson
Marsha Wilson
Paul Wilson

JANUARY 8

Robert Wilson
Marilyn Wire
Jessica Wirkner
Mike Wirkner

JANUARY 15

TJ Yerkey
Janice Yoakam
Elsie Yokley
Brandon Youngs

JANUARY 22

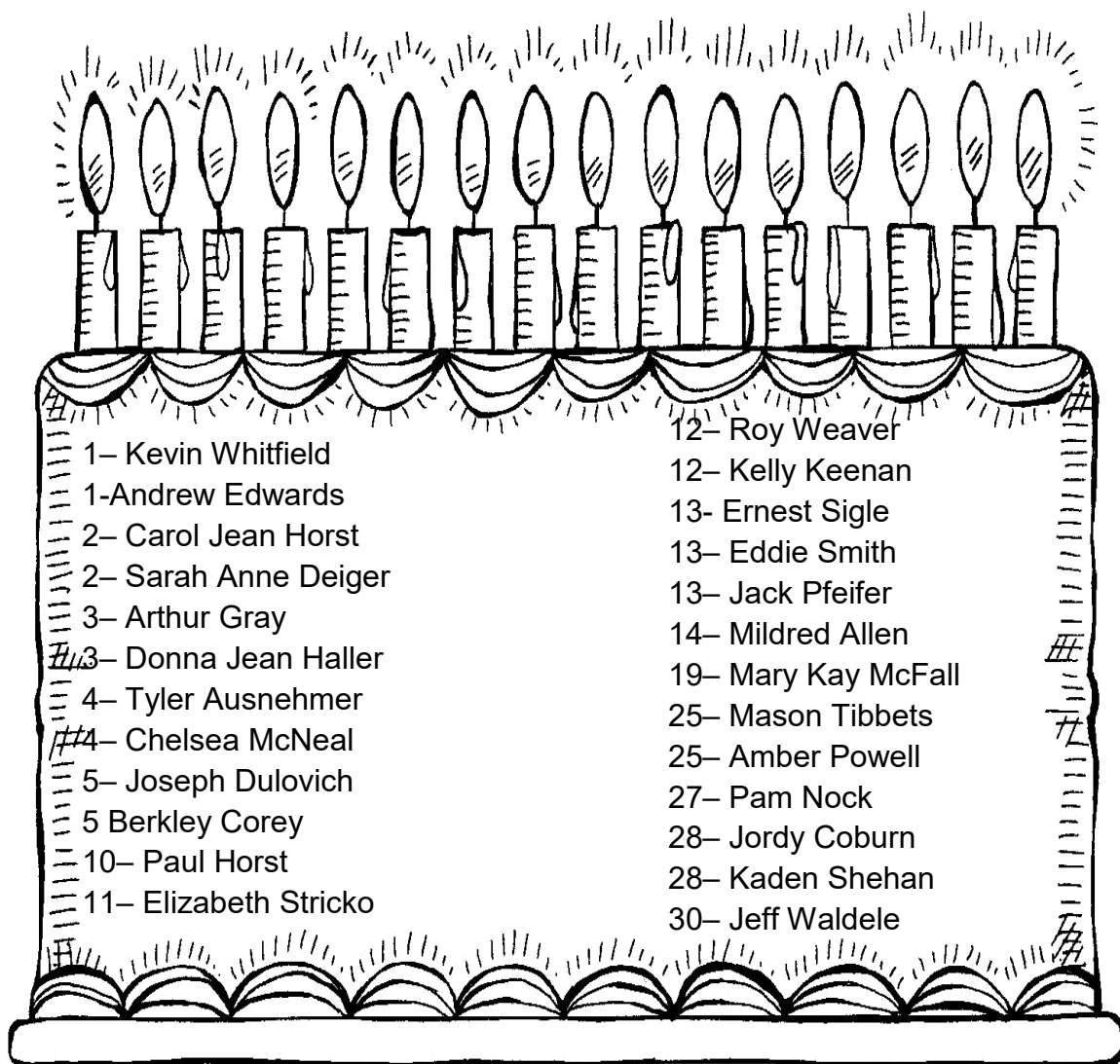
Jordan Youngs
Nicole Youngs
Scott Youngs
Robin Zoesch

JANUARY 29

Ronald Zoesch
Dianna Allen
Sam Allen
Anna Anderson



Ed & Jane Peachey



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

: Council Meeting:

Council did not vote due to lack of Quorum

Pastor Ralph: Opening Prayer

Treasurer's Report:: Discussed hiring oneone to coach Jane and Wendy Temporarily to help them settle . Pastor Motion to accept, Andy second.

Financial Sec. Report: Pastor Motioned, Andy Second

Transformation: Reported.

Pastor's Report: Reported.

Youth & Family: Reported

Old Business:

Renter Agreement

New Business:

-Website

-Dinner Committee

-Pastor made motion to deposit money from Kraut Fest into church account Andy Second.

-Officer Election to happen on Sunday.

Andy Made a motion to accept meeting minutes, Pastor Second.

Andy Made motion To adjourn, Pastor Second.

End with the Lords Prayer.

Council Meeting Continued on Sunday, Jan 8th

Present: Jane Peachey , Andy Tesyk, Paul Horst, Penny Felger, Brian Hum, Jeff Waldele, Kevin Barret, Amber Powell , And Pastor Ralph

Not Present: Ed Peachey, Tammy & John Chuey

Pastor Opened with Prayer

Pastor made a motion to pass actions from Dec. Meeting.

Andy Tesyk 2nd, Motion passes.

Pastor Made motion to accept Jeff Waldele as President, and Brian Hum as Vice President. Paul 2nd– Motion Passed

Amber made motion to bring Nathan back to full pay, Andy 2nd –Motion Passed

Andy made motion to Adjourn, Amber 2nd. Motion Passed.

A New Start

Happy New Year!!!! We are about to start a new year with an all new prospective! We want you the members of Good Hope to be informed and in the know about what is going on. This year we have a new volunteer treasurer Jane Peachey and she has the help of Wendy Stanley. The two will be breaking down the job so there is checks and balances. We also will be working with Gene Byler's accounting firm when needed to keep the system running smoothly. We are still looking for volunteers to be part of the treasurer team to keep the money in the right account and make sure we are spending and keeping the monies wisely.

We have Karen Hum up and running on the financial secretary position and she is very comfortable with the new accounting program. She has been learning this new system and we feel has now mastered it. The company is willing to work with us to keep it running smoothly. This will help keep you informed of the giving as well as your gifts. Our intent is to keep you informed of where our giving is compared to the budget we all approved at Novembers congregational meeting.

The budget we approved provides for our staff to be brought back up to their full pay packages. This also will get those staff who were cut back on their hours to be brought back up to the hours at their hire. We need to receive \$3,425.00 in offerings each week in order to maintain the budget that was accepted at Novembers congregational meeting. That only includes the unrestricted funds. If it is restricted to a fund, then it cannot be used for everyday operations of the church. We will try to keep you posted on the weekly attendance and the weekly offerings in the future. To better help our volunteers we have limited our funds to memorial, capital improvements, day camp, camperships, building maintenance and of course operating income.

The council wants three things for the up and coming year. 1. To run the business end of the church ethically and faithfully. 2. To keep you the members of the congregation in the loop and informed about what is happening. 3. We can only be church if we all are part of the ministry of Good Hope. Through Christ we put God first by teaching, reaching, and loving all This is our vision statement!! Are we ready to move forward in a new year of ministry?

Treasurers Report November 2016

	Current month		Current Year to date	Prior Year to Date
Income	\$ 15,549.61		\$ 145,031.36	
Expense	\$ 12,412.45		\$ 147,082.82	
Total	\$ 3,137.16		\$ (2,051.46)	

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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