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

The R E A C H O U T

I have so much joy and hope and thankfulness in my heart. The people of Good Hope are such a blessing! We have so much Joy in our heart! No, I don't say that to all the churches I have served. Remember, I am a first-call Pastor. This means you are the only church I have served. It has been a pleasure! We have stuck together through all the ups and downs. We have not known a year without struggle whether it be financial or some type of building repair. You see that has been the greatest thing, we are able to replace things. We have been ministering and worshipping here so long that things are wearing out. We would not have to do any of this if we didn't have people here worshipping. I thank God we had to get our entrance doors fixed. Yes, it costs money, but we could have all the money in our accounts and not have people. We are so blessed with people coming to church and worshipping with us!

Please remember that not everybody feels joy and hope at this time of year. Some feel the pressures of not having enough money to give gifts or have decorations or even a special meal. Some have had someone close to them pass away or receive a bad diagnosis. We just have to be aware that it is not easy for everybody. What are the things you do to help others when they are struggling at getting through the holidays?

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YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

ARTICLES IS

December 22

I find myself making sure that I take the time to listen and understand the struggle. I don't always have all the answers. Sometimes it is just about being around a little more than normal and saying extra prayers. Sometimes it is a matter of inviting someone to spend time with you. Sometimes it is just working through my own struggles, so that I understand the blessings that I have, so I can talk about how God got me through. My mom died in April and I had time to process my grief before Christmas came, so it caught me completely off guard. When it hit me, I really needed time alone to catch my breath and to remember that she has the best pastor, Jesus, there ever was. That faith helped me. It still took some time to get through the pain. So, I think about how some people need space. We check on them and let them know we are here and check back with them during the season of Christmas and other holidays. My dad died just before Christmas and I was in the paces of Christmas. I was kept busy by the things I already had started and I needed to keep busy. This time my grief hit me hard right after the holidays. So, I try to be available and check on people right after the holidays. I know when my dad died, my friends were around me and helped me. My kids were older and they checked up on me. When I notice someone has a support network, I pay attention and offer help, but I try to allow the support they have work and care for them. It is just remembering them in my heart and prayers. We know what the church is doing for Christmas and we should invite them to come, knowing that this church has a special gift of not judging people if they cry or have a tough time. This church allows someone to come and work through feelings and sadness. I know and trust God's word to always be like water coming down and watering the earth. We have faith which brings us joy and hope!

Let us celebrate the new church year, the Advent of the Lord, the coming of the Savoir, and the Birth of baby Jesus the Christ. We have an Advent devotional book in the narthex **A Son Is Given** for your enjoyment. On the 24th we have Christmas Eve services at 7pm and 11pm. We keep the traditions of scriptures and Christmas carols during worship. We light candles and sing Silent Night. We also have a sending of Go Tell it on the Mountain, to encourage us to spread the news that a Savior is born. Then, because the 25th falls on a Sunday, we have Christmas Services this year at 8am and 10:30am. Wendy and I invite you to attend whatever services you can and know that Good Hope Lutheran Church on the corner of route 165 and route 7 will be open for worship and praise. Please enjoy the Christmas Season. We have the hope, and, we have the Good Hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Spread the news!

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
December 4th	2nd Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12	At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.
December 11th	3rd Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 5-10 James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11	A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.
December 18th	4th Sunday of Advent	blue	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25	Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.
December 25th	Christmas Day	white	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1-12 John 1: 1-14	As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE DECEMBER

Serving in God's house	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Sarah Ross	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Sarah Ross
Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Sarah Ross	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum	Rachel Hum
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	need

CAMP FREDERICK WINTER RETREAT 2023

We invite both youth groups and individual campers to come join us for a weekend filled with games, community and learning about Jesus.

WHEN
January 13-16
Arrival: 5-6pm
Departure 10-11am

WHERE
Camp Frederick
6996 Millrock Road, Rodgers Oh 44455

AGES
6th-12th grade

PRICING
\$90 per student

All meals and activities are included

Scholarships are available but limited

INFO
Speaker-TBD
Worship Band-TBD

ACTIVITIES
Zipline
Climbing Wall
Crafts
Playfield Games
Sledding
(if there is snow)



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Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler	Marie Sias	Darla Allen	In the military:
Brynn Peters	Kelly Sweeney	Chelsea Razo	Alyssa
Dave Sweeney	Debra Wrenn	Maime Felger	Bryce Liberty
Anthony Chipperro	Nikki Armes	Patty Cavanaugh	Jakeb Fry
Joyce Feder	Ruth Thompson	Nora Sabella	Lyndsey Miller
Irene Bentley	David Lantus	Harold Powell	
Terry Ward	Debbie Haines	Pastor Ralph	



29– Joe & Deb Dulovich

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

December 4

Kim Smith
Kyrie Sparks
Naomi Sparks
Jenn Stasiak

December 11

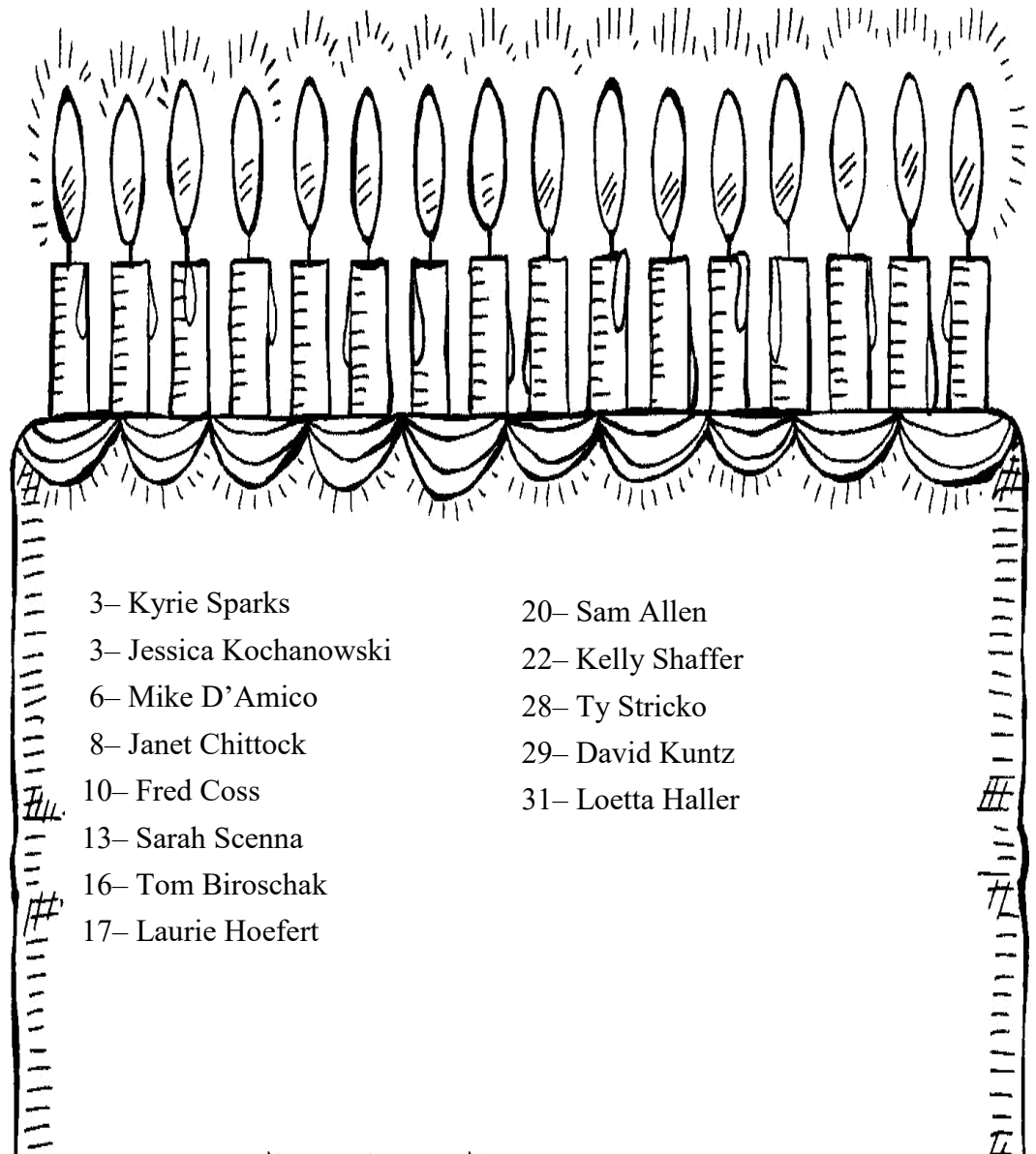
Joe Stasiak
Jennifer Strecansky
Jillian Strecansky
Richard Strecansky

December 18

Beth Stricko
Tanner Stricko
Ty Stricko
Jennis Takach

December 25

Neil Takach
Betty Taylor
Julie Taylor
William Taylor





 **Camp Frederick**
6996 Millrock Rd., Rogers, OH 44455

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 10th and 11th, 2022 5-8PM

Come to Camp for an evening of Christmas Festivities including:

- * Live Nativity * Santa's House * Games**
- * Cookie decorating for Kids * Live Carolers * Crafts for kids**
- * Thousands of Christmas lights on buildings and walking trails**
- * Dress for the weather, warmly including warm walking shoes/boots**

\$10.00 per car
(not a drive through event)

**Pork Barbeque dinner,
cookies and hot chocolate**
Available in Lodge.

**Call Camp office for
more information**
330-227-3633



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2022

present: Greg, Kevin, Nancy, P. Ralph, Andy, Mike, Lauren, Carl, Wendy
excused: Stephanie

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report –October– 2022

Area of Focus Last Month:

- I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
 - 1 Hospital Chelsea Razo
 - 1 Funeral Clarence Stevens
 - I had 22 contacts by phone for significant help.
 - We had our regular number of Saturday night, and Sunday morning Services
 - Over the past month, I have presided at 13 Worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
- * Sept 9 Fish Fry every other Friday in Sept.
 - * Sept 11 Sarah and Taye Ross Wedding
 - * Sept 13 Trustee Meeting New Police Chief Eric Dattilo
 - * Sept 17 Men of Faith Breakfast
 - * Sept 17 Funeral Clarence Stevens
 - * Sept 19 Months of Challenge of Change. 3 men and a lady
 - * Sept 21 Bible Study Starts (Proverbs)
 - * ~~Sept 28, 29 Pastor Is unavailable (Colonoscopy)~~
 - * Sept 30 Recovery Rally (Wick Park)

Secretary's Report:

Put out Fall decorations- Rolled coins from pop machine (\$61)

Changed light poles to Integrity Energy- Worked fish fry

Updated electronic sign-Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties- Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council—Prepared 4 bulletins and 8 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout- Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

Old Business:

- Greg suggests planning another raffle in the Spring. Council will ask Michael to hold a bbq at the same time to give the community a chance to buy tickets.
- P. Ralph will check with John Crouse about getting dirt to fill the old post holes.
- P. Ralph suggests asking for private donations for the outdoor lighting.
- Andy has signed us up on channels 21, 27, and 33 to advertise our church events. Because of this, Ed Runyan of the Vindicator attended the Krautfest and interviewed several volunteers. He then published an article about Good Hope and the Krautfest.
- In November 2023, Pastor's retirement account will be all caught up.

New Business:

- P. Ralph has asked a couple of people to consider being the next treasurer.
- The roof above the library will be looked at this Wednesday.
- Lauren is updating the letter to the congregation concerning staff gifts. Lauren and Nancy will distribute the gifts this year.
- Nancy and P. Ralph have several people in mind to ask to be on the council They will ask and come back to the December meeting with nominees if any accept.
- The drain leaks in the kitchen of fellowship hall are to be repaired on Thursday.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Congregational Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2022

Greg opened with prayer and called the meeting to order.

Election of council nominees for 2023- 2026:

Greg thanks Sarah, Andy, and Stephanie for serving on council. Pastor Ralph nominates Carl Frost. Loetta motions that council be allowed to search for more council members and that the council has the authority to vote in new members of council. Second by Deb Dulovich. Motion carried.

Representatives of Good Hope for 2023:

Camp Frederick- Sandy Kuntz & Wendy Edwards

Shepherd of the Valley- Pastor Ralph Edwards & Pogo Bartell

3 C's- Art & Barb Gray, Andy Tesyk, Mike D'Amico, Eugene Hostetter & Carol Jean Horst

Synod Assembly- Pastor Ralph Edwards, Andy Tesyk & Sarah Ross

Community Day Camp- Nancy Crouse, P. Ralph Edwards & Wendy Edwards

Greg motions to approve the list of representatives. Second by Tammy Chuey. Motion carried.

Budget proposal:

Sarah motions to accept the budget proposal for 2023. Second by Kathy Kramer. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Church:

- Pastor Ralph suggests a fundraiser to be used to pay back Good Hope's savings account. He also said we need \$6,000 to break even for 2022.
- Pastor Ralph announces that Kelly Anzevino (the treasurer) has turned in her resignation letter. Her last day will be December 31, 2022. Kelly is willing to train our next treasure and to be available for questions.
- Greg thanks Kelly for her service as our treasurer and for making the financial reports much easier to understand.
- Pastor Ralph noticed a leak in the library roof during the last rain storm. He has put in a call for the roof to be looked at. He is also talking to someone to have the holes in the sidewalks fixed. One side of the electronic sign stopped working. It was repaired and the parts were under warranty. Good Hope paid for the labor.
- Loetta was told by a member of the community that our church is recognized by our electronic sign.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.



Treasurer's Report Ending October 31, 2022

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual Budget remaining
Income	\$25,250.84	\$156,941.30	\$39,487.70
Expense	\$17,494.70	\$162,833.24	\$33,595.76
Net Total	\$7,756.14	(\$5,891.94))	\$5,891.94

Mark Your Calendar

December 2– Friday night fish dinner prepared by Barber Drive Barbeque from 3-6:30. Fried or baked haddock served with coleslaw and your choice of two sides \$15. Homemade desserts \$4.

December 10 & 11– Christmas Festival at Camp Frederick from 5– 8pm.

December 15– Carols and Cocoa at Shepherd of the Valley at 2pm. 1501 Tibbetts-Wick Road, Girard. RSVP by Dec. 9 to Jennifer at 330-544-0771 ext. 2817.

December 18– Please bring your gifts for Doris Burdman Home and Shepherd of the Valley to the Narthex. They will be picked up after the 10:30 worship. Thank you!

December 24– Christmas Eve worship at 7pm and 11pm. No worship at 5pm.

December 25– Christmas Day worship at 8am and 10:30am.

Special Notes

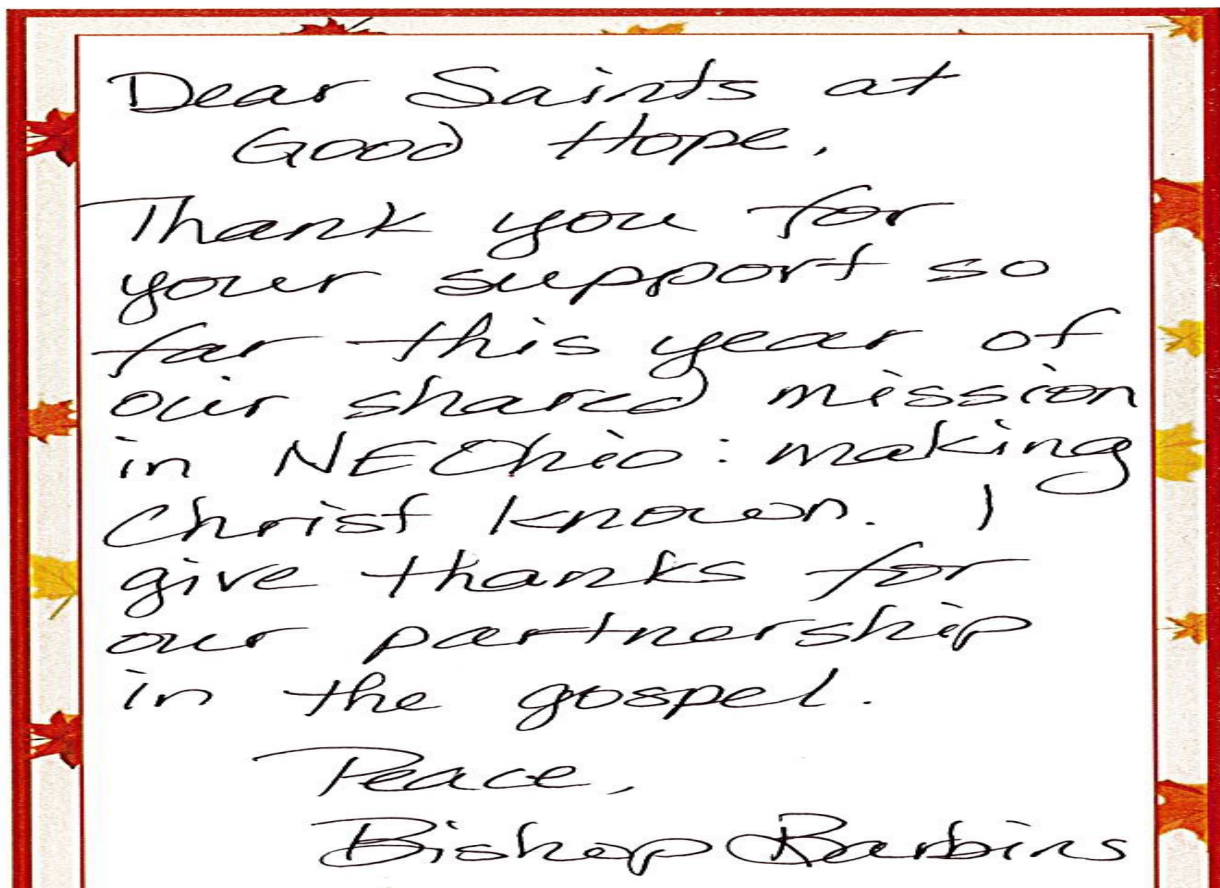
Our treasurer, Kelly, has created an account for Good Hope on smile.Amazon.com. First, type North Lima in the search, and then select Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran before you shop and the church will receive 0.5% of your purchase total automatically. Please check the location carefully while choosing Good Hope.

Krautfest proceeds were \$1,156. Thank you all for the delicious desserts!

The proceeds from the raffle were \$10. Thank you to those who donated and to those who purchased tickets.

The Harvest Sunday and Hanging of the Greens were a big success. Thank you to all who donated to the 3C's and who donated time to decorate the church!

Thank You



SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH
NOON- 4PM OR TILL SOLDOUT

Good Hope Lutheran Church
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Dinner provided by
BARBER DRIVE BARBEQUE

STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER

***Meal includes stuffed cabbage,
buttered mashed potatoes,
warm applesauce, and green beans.***

ALL FOR ONLY \$15

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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