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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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Wendy and I say Thank You!! We appreciate your heartfelt gifts.

As I write this I can only dream of what vacation will be like, but I would like to suggest that we will have a great time no matter what happens. We really work up to the moment we leave for vacation. Then we go. We drive so we have time to talk and decide what our plans are for the trip, loose plans. Our biggest plan and desire for the trip is to take our time and relax and enjoy what comes next. I really just enjoy the sound of the ocean. Relaxing on the balcony watching and listening to waves come in and go out. I am telling you we are going to have a great time.

My mind is blown. I watch this church go from working with the 3C's and smaller organizations doing great things. We have done more and more each year. I watched as the world shut us down which led to us thriving. Right in the middle of the shutdown. We just got better and better at finding ways to help our neighbors. Each difficult time seems to help us become more creative. Every time we run into difficult times, God creates a new ministry or direction. When we think we can do no more, we dig down and do more. Now, I know that is difficult and sometimes calls us to step out of our comfort zone and sometimes wears us out. We need to spend some time away and pray. I hope during the Holiday season you get the time away. If you didn't then I hope you get some time this summer to get away.

I have been explaining to you the idea of being a vital church, a church with vitality. As we test that vitality here at Good Hope, we find that we have it. We have the vitality that is needed to minister and be the body of Christ to the neighborhood, community and the world!! I thank God for each and every one of you!!!

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**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**

ARTICLES IS

January 25

And there you go, mind blown! We have so much to negotiate. The cost of everything going so high has been the worst. We have seemed to keep just a second ahead of it. Can we sit comfortable? NO! It just is not going to be easy. I pray for God's strength and faith to keep going verses being paralyzed. Your faith has impressed me and has kept me going. Kelly kept us informed and flowing. I want to say to her in front of everyone that she was a huge help and strength in an uncertain time. God blessed us with her and I have appreciated everything she did for us. I know Erik and I am sure he will keep us flowing into the New Year and years to come.

I have been carried in the darkest times by the thoughts and memories of this church and its priorities and its need to help others verses helping itself. I have watched as we spent time with those from another church service, the people of God in the Lutheran Church across the community. First in a funeral for a brother in Christ. Harold has died and moved on with Christ. His wife Judy trusted us to have his funeral and provide for the care and encouragement through the time where she needed faith more than anything else. Faith that Christ does come and take us to himself. We believe that Harold is alive and well with Christ in heaven and we will see him again. We then helped the folks at Shepherd of the Valley assisted living as we gathered gifts to present to those who have no one to give them gifts or to visit them. As we sent gifts to meet the needs of those who are lonely. They now know that God is with them. They have us and we want them to know that we care. We are the body of Christ.

I have pondered the very question of do we have it in us to reach out to more? Can we, the people of God, on the corner of route 165 and route 7 keep being the actual body of Christ? The Church? I had to answer, yes, we are!! I watched as we saw bags and bags of presents go with the director of the Doris House. We had 21 bags of gifts. As well as stockings and little bags of personal hygiene packages. It was wonderful. The director was in tears with the largest smile on her face. She never knew what could have happened. It was wonderful. Now I have to ponder how did all that take place? I remembered way back in October touring the Doris house and seeing the lives that we can bring joy to. What I thought was going to be a couple of gifts turned out to be packages and packages. We have a God who serves us with abundance. We have a generous God who provides for us abundantly and gives us grace to cover all our sins. We then show our faith and belief in God by loving and showering our neighbor with abundance. Way to go Good Hope Lutheran church! You show me the light in the darkness.

We have fed many people fish this year and other wonderful dinners. I was sitting at a bar the other day while someone was trying to explain where my church was. I was laughing as they explained the dove in the window and the tent that serves the greatest fish you have ever eaten. I think it is wonderful that people know us by our food. Considering our motto is "Good Hope Lutheran Church A Place to feed the Body and Soul."

As I go on vacation I say to you Good Hope Lutheran Church, well done faithful Servants!! Well Done and Happy New Year!

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
January 1st	Name of Jesus	white	Numbers 6: 22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 15-21	From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are “Christ-ened” at the font. Bearing Christ’s name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.
January 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.
January 15th	2nd Sunday after 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.
January 22nd	3rd Sunday after 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.
January 29th	4th Sunday after 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, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo
Lector 10:30	Pam Nock	Kathy Kramer	Sarah Ross	Pam Nock	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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE FEBRUARY

Serving in God's house	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Lector 8:00	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo
Lector 10:30	Sarah Ross	Pam Nock	Kathy Kramer	Sarah Ross
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards



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.

6th -12th grade • \$90 per student

January 13-16

Arrival: 5-6pm • Departure: 10-11am

All meals and activities are included

Scholarships are available but limited

**Speaker-TBD
Worship Band-TBD**

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



Camp Frederick

Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler	Marie Sias	Maime Felger	In the military:
Brynn Peters	Kelly Sweeney	Patty Cavanaugh	Alyssa
Dave Sweeney	Debra Wrenn	Nora Sabella	Bryce Liberty
Anthony Chipperro	Nikki Armes	Josh Hostteter	Jakeb Fry
Joyce Feder	Ruth Thompson	Karen Winebolt	Lyndsey Miller
Irene Bentley	Darla Allen	Kevin	
Terry Ward	Chelsea Razo		

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

January 1

Andy Tesyk
Janet Thornton
Charlotte Tibbetts
Madison Tibbetts

January 8

Mason Tibbetts
Jane Toot
Marni Toot
Charlene Varga

January 15

Bill Varga
John Vavrus
Marlene Vavrus
Cadence Waldele

January 22

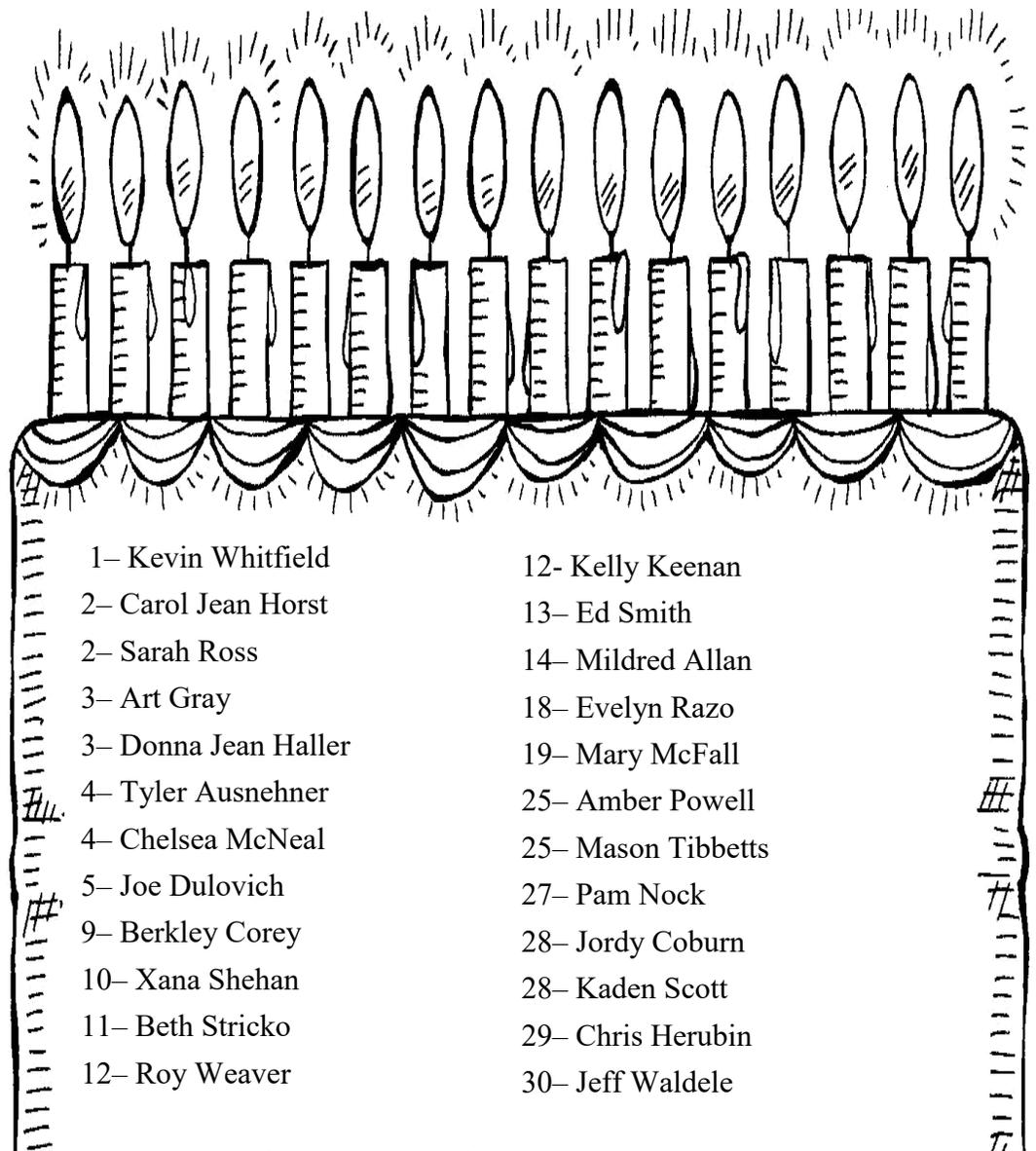
Jeff Waldele
Marsha Waldele
Richard Waldele
Khloe Warren

January 29

Leslie Warren
Michael Warren
Helga Wengler
Wolfgang Wengler



4- Ed and Jane Peachey





JANUARY 8 NOON- 4PM

Cherry smoked ham dinner served with buttered parsley baby potatoes, buttered green beans, and warm cinnamon apples. \$15

Drive through only.

Pre-orders to Michael at 330-727-0437.

Pre-order pickup from noon- 1:30.



JANUARY 14TH Noon - 4PM

Homemade chili served with homemade cornbread. \$10

Several types of chili will be available.

All proceeds go to Good Hope.

Drive through only.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2022

present: Erik, Greg, Kevin, Nancy, Mike, Andy, Kim, Carl, Wendy

excused: Lauren, Stephanie, P. Ralph

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Council welcomes new council member Kim Ohlin and Erik Kochanowski who has agreed to take over the treasurer's duties. Andy motions to accept Erik Kochanowski as treasurer of Good Hope Lutheran, North Lima, as of January 1, 2023. Kevin seconds. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report November 2022

Area of Focus Last Month:

- I had 15 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- 4 Hospital Visits 3 Harold Powell, 1 Kevin Ward
- 1 Funeral Marilyn Wire
- Baptism 10/2- Kayden Coss
- I had 28 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 5 sermons.

- ◇ Nov 2nd, 9th, Bible Study
- ◇ Nov 5-6 Celebrating All Saint
- ◇ Nov 7 Law Enforcement Self-Care
- ◇ Nov 12 Veteran Memorial (I am Minister for the event held at Police and fire station)
- ◇ Nov 13 Kali Kerstetter Program Manager Doris Burdman Home Speak to Congregation
- ◇ Nov 13 9:15A.M. Congregational Meeting
- ◇ Nov 20 Harvest Sunday
- ◇ Nov 20 Hanging of the Greens
- ◇ Nov 23 Drive Through Communion
- ◇ Nov 27 1st Sunday in Advent

Secretary's Report:

Attended Christmas Festival meeting
 Took minutes for congregational meeting
 Helped with Krautfest and raffle
 Helped with Thanksgiving drive thru communion
 Participated in Harvest Festival and hanging of the greens
 Changed paraments
 Answered calls for 3 c's
 Worked fish fry
 Updated electronic sign
 Organized clothing shed
 Completed office duties
 Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes
 Prepared 4 bulletins and 8 power point services
 Prepared and distributed the Reachout
 Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

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Old Business:

- Greg is planning to hold a raffle in the Spring as a fundraiser for Good Hope.
- Erik suggests thinking about who we haven't seen in church and calling or visiting them to reconnect.
- Many repairs have been done around the church by Mark Powell. The toilets are all working now and so is the dishwasher. The lights in the Narthex and women's bathroom have been replaced. Chris Herubin also arranged for the leak in the library to be temporarily patched and to have the shingles that blew off replaced. The leak will be repaired in the Spring.

New Business:

- Greg and Kevin both agree to remain in their office positions. Andy motions for Greg Razo to be president and for Kevin Barret to be vice president for 2023. Mike seconds. Motion carried.
- Going off council this year are Andy, Sarah, Stephanie, and Kelly. Please thank them for their service when you see them.

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



Treasurer's Report Ending November 30, 2022

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual Budget remaining
Income	\$16,222.43	\$173,163.73	\$23,265.27
Expense	\$22,225.00	\$185,058.24	\$11,370.76
Net Total	(\$6,002.57)	(\$11,894.51)	\$11,894.51

Mark Your Calendar

January 8– Ham dinner served by Barber Drive Barbeque. Drive through only. Noon– 4pm.

January 14– Chili dinner drive through. Noon –4pm.

Special Notes

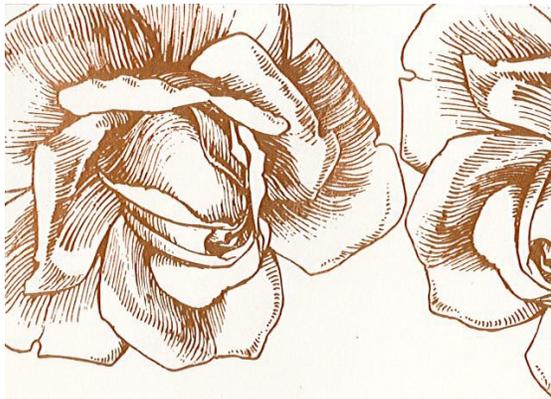
The office will be closed from December 27– January 4. You may still leave messages and emails and I will return them Thursday, January 5th. In case of an emergency, please call Pastor Kari Lankford at 330-831-0919.

We have 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. This works all year long.

Thank You

Pastor Ralph and I thank you all for the cards, New Year's blessings, and staff gifts!

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to Shepherd of the Valley and the Doris Burdman home. We filled 3 cars and a pickup truck because you were so generous. You are much appreciated by both places!



thank you

Thank you for donating your collection of canned goods and financial contributions to our organization. With your donation we can purchase food and paper products for our clients.

*South Range Council of
Church and Community*

This card is from the Mom and son that we, the church, helped move to Cleveland to escape an abusive home several years ago.



To all of the angels at Good Hope,

WARM WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY
AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.

We are forever grateful for meeting you
and experiencing all of your support & love.

Merry Christmas!

Love

Stephanie & Ezekiel

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Return Services Requested

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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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