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*November 2024*

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

# The R E A C H O U T

<sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:6-7)

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5: 13-26)

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I spent a lot of time in other churches during my years at Seminary. I went to a different church each Sunday during my second year and my senior year. I was the visitor looking for what made the church. I wanted to see what made the church tick. Was it a desire to self-serve; to just survive, or did they truly care about each other and want to be a part of that love? You could feel as they spoke to us, or didn't speak to us, whether they wanted to get to know us or not. We truly had a great time visiting and learning about churches. But in some cases we were disappointed and let down by the church. Many did not preach the gospel. They preached about Lutheran history and other historical pastors and preachers. I wanted to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. I wanted to hear how I could serve God and thank God for the grace given to me. I wanted to hear stories of those who struggle with sin and faith. How did they get through those things? What is truly needed is not the building project, but how the building project could help the Gospel get to that one person who is struggling and hurting. How can Christ be real today? I want to know about the history of this church's ministry and what can we do next? What are our gifts, and how can we use them to spread the good news of Christ in our life?

It is not how pretty our building is or how pretty we can dress up. But how true is our worship to real life? How does Good Hope share joy, peace, and kindness? Where is our generosity? How do we show our faith or our struggle with faith? Where is the love? Laugh out loud. There is joy in this place. I have seen it. We laugh and we joke as we serve. It was when someone didn't have enough money for a fish dinner, or they only had a credit card to pay for lasagna, and we said no worry, just take the meal, it will be okay and they were surprised. That is how it is with the gospel. We come knowing we can't pay for our sins and Jesus says no worries, I got this for you. We struggle with what to say. Jesus says no problem, we will settle up. You can deliver the news to others. Forgive them. Feed them and nurture the least of these little ones as I have you.

My prayer for Good Hope is that each of us get caught saying to our neighbors: <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

***Pastor Ralph***

**A great big thank you to all who helped with the Lasagna Dinner!  
Thank you for the lasagna and desserts!  
Thank you for donating your time to serve!  
Proceeds were \$2,500.**

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
November 3rd	All Saints Sunday	white	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.
November 10th	25th Sunday after Pentecost	green	1 Kings 17: 8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44	Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.
November 17th	26th Sunday after Pentecost	green	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8	November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.
November 24th	Christ the King	white	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37	Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### NOVEMBER

Serving in God's house	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Lector 8:00 Liturgy	Nancy Crouse Pastor Ralph	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo Pastor Ralph
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph
Communion bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich
Altar Guild	Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk	Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### DECEMBER

Serving in God's house	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Lector 8:00 Liturgy	Nancy Crouse Pastor Ralph	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo Pastor Ralph	Nancy Crouse Pastor Ralph
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph
Communion bread	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert
Altar Guild	Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk	Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk	Pastor Ralph
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk	need



**Whether At Home Or Abroad**  
**Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired**  
**All Americans Say:**  
**THANK YOU!**

Bryan Allan

Robert Allan

Alyssa

Brian Bauman

John Bauman

Charles E. Baun

Elbert Baun

Paul Elmer Baun

James R. Beilhart

Leon Casity

Robert Conklin

Jason Crumbacher

Melvin Culp

Daniel A. Dorazio

Arthur Edwards

Jakeb Fry

William Glenn Fuller

Arthur Gray

Bruce Hartsock

Dennis Hartsock

Walter Hartsock

Robert Haviland

Ike Heasley

Theodore Hoffmeister

Ed Holisky

Charles Horst

Dane Horst

Bill Hum

William Keaggy

Bob Koehler

Emil Karl Kramer

Robert Kramer

Joseph Kreidler

William Kuntz

Bryce Liberty

Don Manning

Bette Mathews

Danna Mathews

Robert Mathews

Dan McDorman

Larry McFall

Daniel McMurray

Jeffery McMurray

John McMurray

Michael McMurray

Lyndsey Miller

Gus Nemenz

Ed Ohlin

Jean Ohlin

Harold Oliver

Andre (Lee) Panneton

Jordan Razo

Morgan Rhinehart

Arden Sauerwein

Jack Schneider

Roy Schneider

Fred Schuster

Frank Smith

George T. Smith

Andrew Tesyk

Ralph Waldron

William Wise

# Our Prayer List

Ruth Thompson  
 Maria Neopolitan  
 Ava Viviano  
 Debbie Haines  
 Jeffrey Scheffert

Linda Lude  
 Gary Elliot  
 Owen Unkeffer  
 Michael Smith  
 Kerry Gumbs

Tiffany Joy  
 Jeff Waldele  
 Janet Chittock  
 Bruce Holisky

In the military:  
 Alyssa  
 Bryce Liberty  
 Jakeb Fry  
 Lyndsey Miller  
 Daniel McMurray



Our weekly intercessory  
 prayer for the people of our  
 congregation :

## November 3

Kevin Coss  
 Lauren Coss  
 Melinda Coss  
 Stephen Coss

## November 10

Carol Craig  
 Don Craig  
 Nancy Crouse  
 Ben Cutrona

## November 17

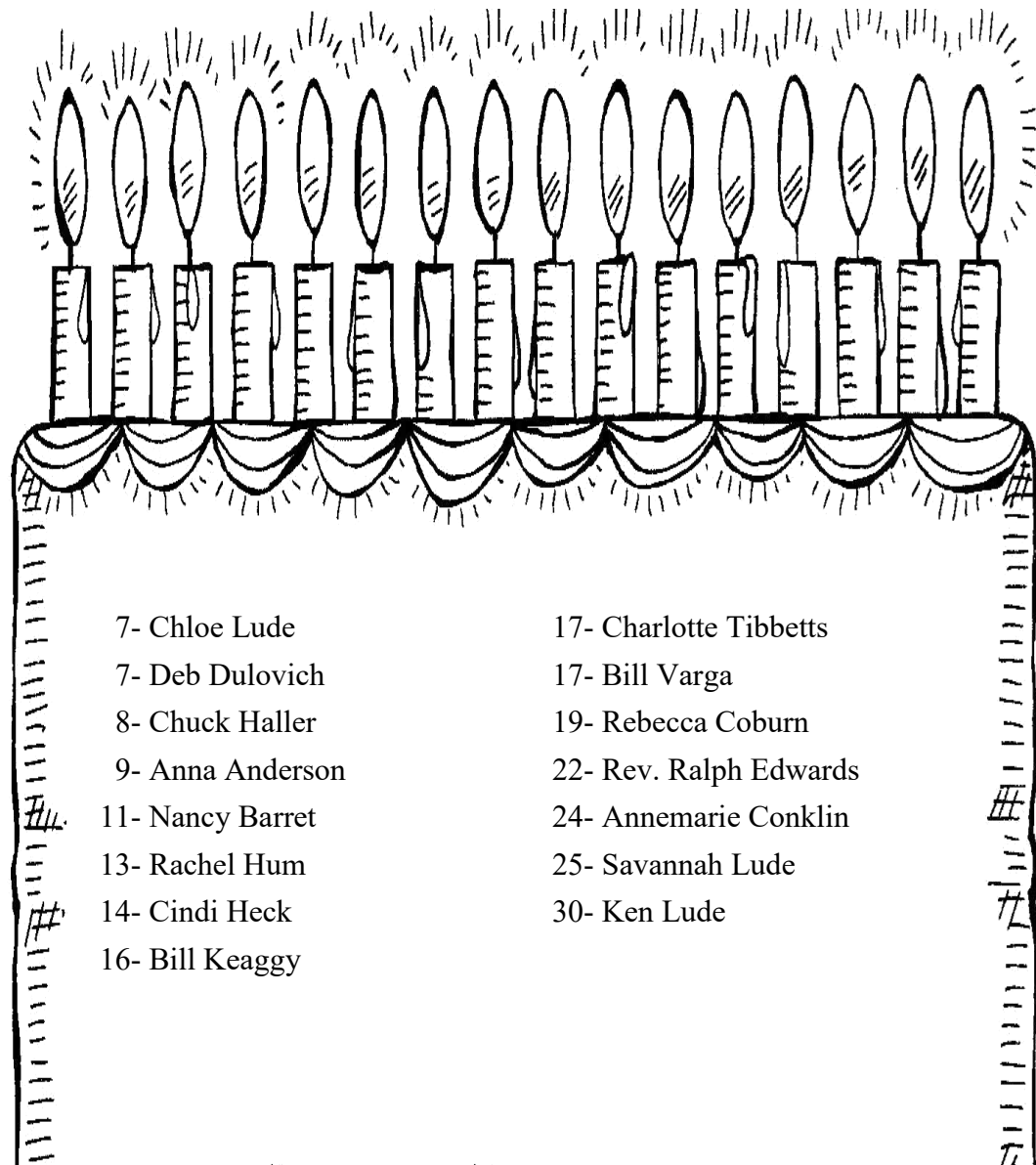
Diane D'Amico  
 Mike D'Amico  
 Nancy Deiger  
 Sarah Deiger

## November 24

Beth DeMaiolo  
 Roman DeMaiolo  
 Steven DeMaiolo  
 Kristin Demidovich



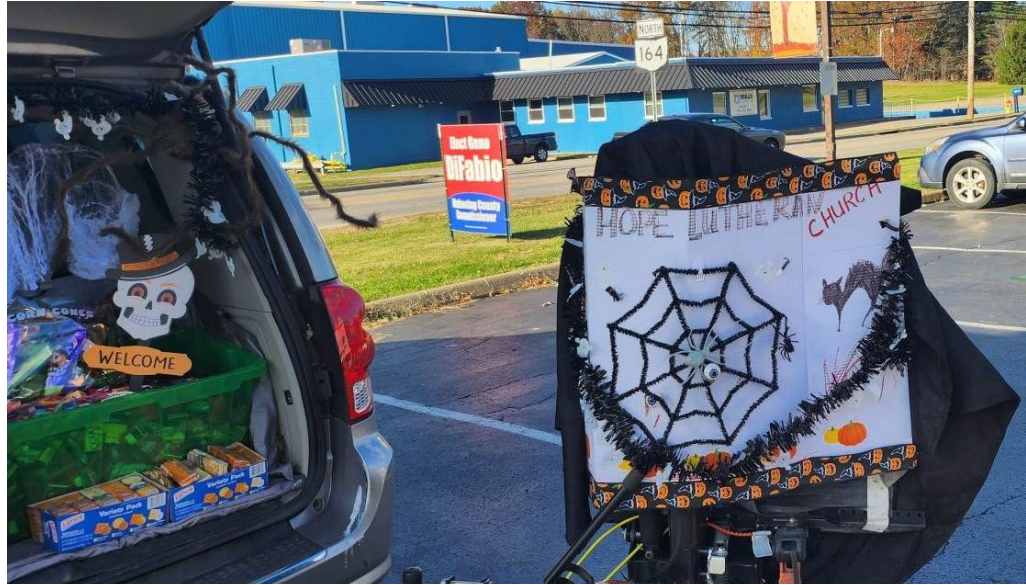
5- Mark & Kelly Shaffer  
 12- Justin & Lynn Coburn  
 15- Clare & Charlie Scheffert



# TRUNK AND TREAT FUN

Thank you to Naomi, Kyrie, Kaylee for providing our trunk and passing out treats!

Thank you to all who donated candy and chips!



# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2024

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Carl, Kim, Mike, Greg, Pastor Ralph, Wendy, and Ken

### Pastor's Report –October– 2024

Area of Focus Last Month:

I had 19 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

1 hospital visit- Janet Chittock

I had 16 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 14 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

- Sept 6 Family Faith Breakfast
- Sept 7 communion bread baking demo
- Sept 8 Anointers training
- Sept 11 Pastor's Symposium
- Sept 11, 18, 25, Bible Study
- Sept 14 6pm to 8pm Church Picnic
- Sept 20 communion bread demo
- Sept 28 Life with Christ Ministries 9-year Anniversary Celebration
- Sept 29, 30, Oct 1 Gathering of Eagles

### Secretary's Report:

Bell inspected 9/3- next inspection 5 years

Attended church picnic

Attended bread baking and anointing classes

Restocked supplies in pews

Answered calls for 3 c's

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Emailed reports and meeting minutes to council

Completed office duties

Prepared bulletins and power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

All bills and statements to Naomi

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**Old Business:**

- a. Council discussed several nominees for the November ballot.
- b. Mike McMurray has completed his term on council. Please thank him for his service when you see him.
- c. Council is asking for lasagnas and desserts to be brought to the church this Saturday 3- 3:30pm. Thank you for your donations.

**New Business:**

- a. Pastor Ralph motions to accept the 2025 budget proposal. Mike seconds. Motion carried. The congregation will vote at the November meeting. The proposal was prepared by Naomi.
- b. The next congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 10th, at 9am. On the agenda is the slate of council members, the budget proposal, and the state of Good Hope's finances.
- c. Several people were suggested to be on the audit team. Pastor Ralph would like to have a few new people trained by the experienced team.

**Dinners/Fundraisers:**

- a. So far about 125 tickets have been sold for the Lasagna Dinner. Donations include 17 lasagnas and several desserts.
- b. The Krautfest date has changed to November 16.
- c. You are encouraged to bring your ideas for ministry and fundraisers to council.

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

**Treasurer's Report September 1- September 30, 2024**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual September	Budget September	Actual Jan. 1- Sept. 30	Budget over/under Jan. 1- Sept. 30
Income	\$12,223.29	\$16,159.92	\$126,248.09	(\$19,191.19)
Expense	\$9,738.51	\$15,868.83	\$138,116.38	\$9,815.09
Net Total	\$2,484.78	\$291.09	(\$11,868.29)	(\$9,376.10)

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

July	August	September	October
7- 65	4- 61	1- 51	6- 68
14- 85	11- 79	8- 64	13- 52
21- 53	18- 58	15- 65	20- 48
28- 76	25- 59	22- 66	27- 55
		29- 76	

## \*Mark Your Calendar\*

November 6, 13, 20, 27- Bible study 6pm

November 7- Confirmation class 5pm

November 10- Congregational meeting 9am

November 16- Krautfest at Good Hope 4- 7pm

November 17- Family Sunday School 9:15am

November 19- Council meeting 6pm

November 24- Harvest Sunday and Hanging of the Greens

November 30- Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

## Harvest Sunday

## November 24th

Please bring your  
non-perishable food  
items and paper products  
to the sanctuary.



## GOOD HOPE'S ANNUAL KRAUTFEST NOVEMBER 16~~ 4-7PM

SAUERKRAUT & KIELBASA  
MASHED POTATOES, APPLESAUCE,  
BREAD AND DESSERT \$15

**DINE IN OR CARRY OUT**





Please join us for  
**Family**  
**Sunday School**  
Every Sunday beginning  
November 17th, 2024  
9:15AM - 10:15AM



**Hanging of the Greens**  
**November 24th at noon**

**Please join us to help decorate**  
**the church for the Advent and**  
**Christmas season.**

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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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