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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

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. Acts 2:17-18

Prepare the way of the Lord! This year I will practice not saying this is how we've done it before. You help me. Please let us all not say this is how we always have done things. Let's do something new. Let's do something different!! I am excited to say we have been having fun at our family style Sunday school. I have been able to reach out to new people and offer the time for them to join us. Let's keep trying new things. The lasagna was great!! The sauerkraut was very tasty and both dinners were a success. What else can we come up with??

We have to keep dreaming. How can we connect? How can we reach out? How can we be refreshing? What are ways we can help the community see Christ through our actions? I will be attempting Advent worship with singing Christmas carols and sandwiches afterwards. Please come and spend some time in worship and preparation for the Christ Child. Then stay for fellowship and get to know each other. I am going to hold a Blue Christmas on December 22nd. All these services will be at 6pm on Sundays with a snack afterwards.

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This season of Advent confronts many of our emotions.
 Sometimes we are terrified and overwhelmed with fear.
 “Do not be afraid. Your prayer has been heard.”
 Joy and gladness will come to us.
 The Holy Spirit will fill our hearts.
 And we will all share tidings of comfort and joy.

This season of Advent confronts many of our emotions.
 Sometimes we are confused and unsure of what is happening in our lives.
 “Do not be afraid. The child is from the Holy Spirit.”
 God is with us.
 The child shall be called Emmanuel.
 And we will all share tidings of comfort and joy.

This season of Advent confronts many of our emotions.
 Sometimes we doubt and fail to trust God.
 “Do not be afraid. You have found favor with God.”
 Nothing is impossible with God.
 Let it be with us according to your word.
 And we will all share tidings of comfort and joy.

This season of Advent confronts many of our emotions.
 Sometimes we are curious about what the future holds.
 “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy.”
 Let us go to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place.
 Let us make known what has been told to us about this child.
 And we will all share tidings of comfort and joy.
 (Sundays and Seasons Tidings of Comfort and Joy a Midweek Advent Series)

Wendy, Goose and I wish you all a Merry Christmas!
 We Pray a Blessing on you for the New Year.
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Pastor Ralph

A great big thank you to all who helped with the Krautfest Dinner!
Thank you for the delicious desserts!
Thank you for donating your time to serve!
Proceeds were \$2,200.

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
December 1st	First Sunday of Advent	blue	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36	Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.
December 8th	Second Sunday of Advent	blue	Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm: Luke 1: 68-79 Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6	Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer’s voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi’s prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the “salvation of God.”
December 15th	Third Sunday of Advent	blue	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18	Christ’s presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.
December 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Advent	blue	Micah 5: 2-5a Psalm: Luke 1: 46b-55 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Like 1: 39-55	Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary’s magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ’s advent is for “the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion, with high delight, “we proclaim the Lord’s death.”
December 29th	First Sunday of Christmas	white	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52	On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

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 Sandy Kuntz
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk Sandy Kuntz
Communion bread	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert	Charlie Scheffert
Altar Guild	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk	need

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE JANUARY

Serving in God's house	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Lector 8:00	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30 Liturgy	Kathy Kramer Pastor Ralph	Andy Tesyk	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk Pastor Ralph
Communion bread	Carol Craig	Carol Craig	Carol Craig	Carol Craig
Altar Guild	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk	Andy Tesyk
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Good Hope Lutheran Church

Advent 2024

This midweek worship series provides services of prayer, readings, and songs around the theme:
Tidings of Comfort and Joy



Worship is December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 6pm.
Fellowship is immediately following the worship.

Blue Christmas
Worship Service
December 22nd at 6pm
Follow the light.....Find your way



Our Prayer List

Ruth Thompson
 Maria Neopolitan
 Ava Viviano
 Debbie Haines
 Jeffrey Scheffert

Linda Lude
 Gary Elliot
 Owen Unkeffer
 Michael Smith
 Kerry Gumbs

Jeff Waldele
 Janet Chittock
 Bruce Holisky
 Family of
 Tiffany Joy

In the military:
 Alyssa
 Bryce Liberty
 Jakeb Fry
 Daniel McMurray



29- Joe & Deb Dulovich

Our weekly intercessory
 prayer for the people of our
 congregation :

December 1

Colson Derr
 Olivia Derr
 Damon Derr-Lockner
 Declan Derr-Lockner

December 8

Tara Detchon
 Sue Deutschlander
 Adalyn Drnak
 McKenna Drnak

December 15

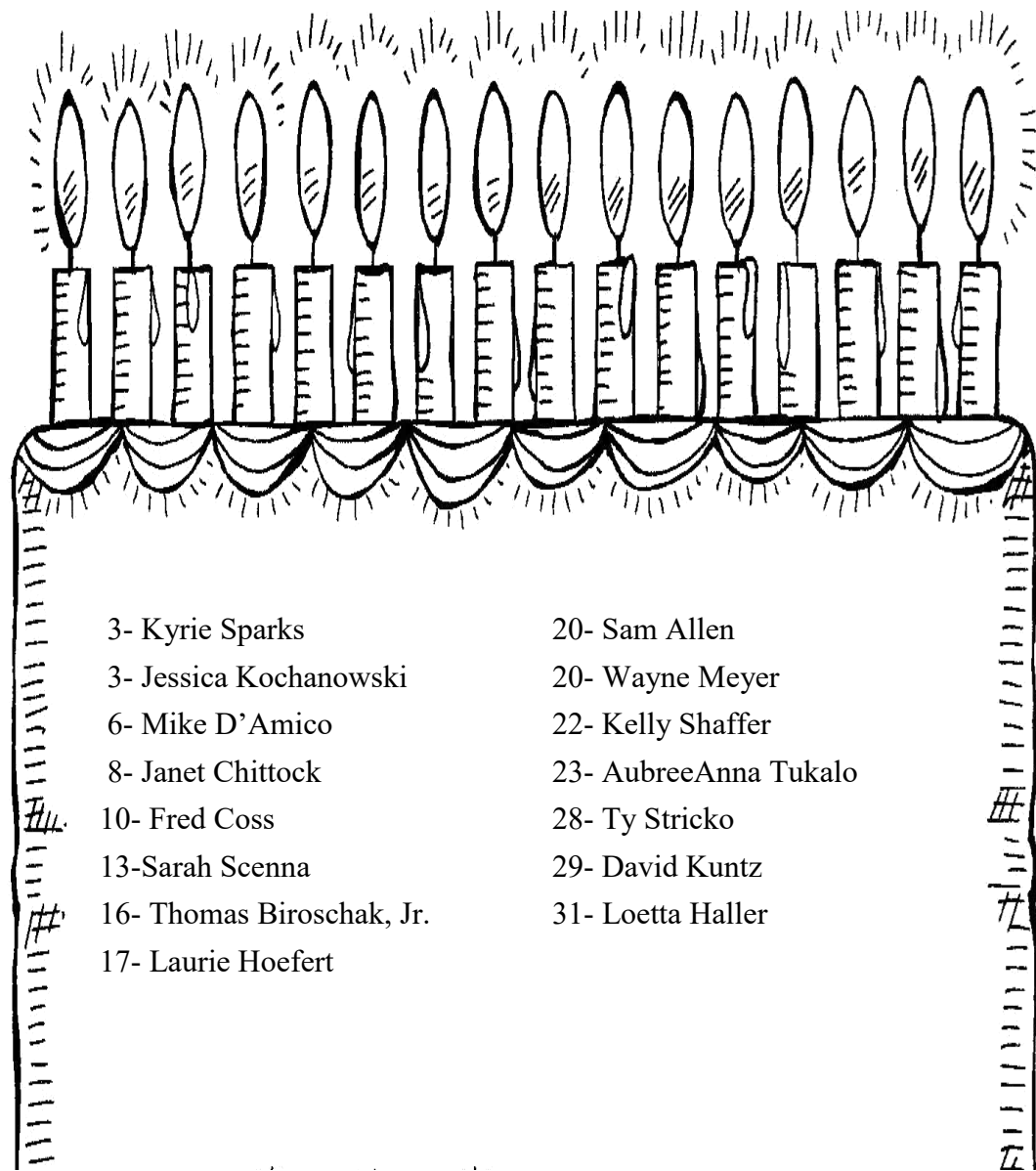
Deb Dulovich
 Joe Dulovich
 Ryan Dunnigan
 Sarah Dunnigan

December 22

Pastor Ralph Edwards
 Rebekah Edwards
 Wendy Edwards
 Ashlyn Elford

December 29

Cadence Elford
 Grant Elford
 Katie Elford
 Michael Elford



Family Sunday school has started off with a bang!

Thank you to all of the families who have come in so far! We have as many adults as kids!

The first week we made Advent wreaths and this week we are starting to make the nativity sets.

Come join in the fun! Sundays 9:15- 10:15.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2024

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

present: Andy Tesyk, Pastor Ralph, Wendy, Greg, Mark Shaffer, and Ken

excused: Kim, Carl, and Mike

Pastor's Report –November– 2024

Areas of Focus Last Month:

- * I had 23 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- * 1 Hospital Visit- Bruce Holisky
- * I had 12 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 12 worship services and prepared 4 sermons.
- Oct 1 Gathering of Eagles
- Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Bible Study
- Oct 4 Family Faith Breakfast
- Oct 10 Rural Ministry Café'
- Oct 19 Lasagna Dinner 4-7
- Oct 24 Human Trafficking Event
- Oct 26 Trunk or Treat
- Oct 26 Levites 9am at Mt. Olivet
- Oct 27 Bruce Holisky St. E's
- Oct 31 Northeastern Ohio Synod Continuing Ed

Secretary's Report:

Helped at Lasagna Dinner

Voting equipment dropped off 10/30

Changed paraments

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

Old Business:

a. The team for the 2024 audit of Good Hope's financial records will be Kevin and Nancy Barret and Amber Powell. The audit will be late January or early February.

b. Proceeds from the Krautfest were \$2, 171.

New Business:

a. Wendy will ask Nancy to collect and distribute the staff gifts this year.

b. Andy would like to talk to the congregation about the Good Gifts Catalog.

c. Pastor Ralph is meeting with Armstrong and Adam this week to try to increase the internet speed at the church.

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

October

November

6- 68

3- 59

13- 52

10- 67

20- 48

17- 70

27- 55

24- 70

Congregational Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2024

Greg opened with prayer and called the meeting to order.

Election of council nominees for 2025-2026

Thank you to Mike McMurray for his service on council.

Nominees are: Mark Shaffer, Andy Tesyk, and Ken Lude

Kathy moves the nomination be closed and all three be elected to council. Ken seconds. Motion carried.

Election of church representatives for 2024-2025

Thank you to Kathy Kramer for volunteering for Shepherd of the Valley and Synod Assembly. Pasto Ralph motions to accept the representatives. Ed Smith seconds. Motion carried.

Camp Frederick: Sandy Kuntz and Wendy Edwards

Shepherd of the Valley: Pastor Ralph and Kathy Kramer

South Range Council of Church and Community (3 C's): Art and Barb Gray, Andy Tesyk, Mike D'Amico, Eugene Hostetter, and Carol Jean Horst

Synod Assembly: Pastor Ralph and Kathy Kramer

Community Day Camp: Pastor Ralph and Wendy Edwards

Budget Proposal

Thank you to Naomi Sparks for preparing the proposal for 2025. Ed Smith motions to accept the 2025 budget proposal. Mark Powell seconds. Motion carried.

For the Good of the Church

Greg states that we borrowed \$10,000 from savings this year. This left our savings account low, but council has made a plan to pay this back. The money will come from dinners and rummage sales. He said we don't need a big bank account to do ministry. Greg said that this is his church and he comes here to worship and he realizes the church requires financial support. Pastor Ralph suggests maybe more of us could use Tithely to keep our offering more regular. He doesn't want to alarm anyone; however, Good Hope is looking at a \$16,000 shortfall this year. All Lutheran churches are in the same boat. He also said he is looking at new ways to get the Good Hope name and message out to the community. He will soon be on YouTube and is praying about a new worship service.

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

Treasurer's Report October 1- October 31, 2024

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual October	Budget October	Budget Jan. 1- Dec. 31	Budget over/under Oct. 1- Oct. 31
Income	\$12,929.05	\$16,159.92	\$193,919.00	(\$3,230.87)
Expense	\$16,485.93	\$16,485.93	\$196,279.00	\$102.90
Net Total	(\$3,556.88)	(\$428.91)	(\$2,360.00)	(\$3,127.97)

Mark Your Calendar

December 1, 8, 15- Advent worship 6pm

December 4, 11, 18- Bible study 6pm

December 5, 12, 19- Confirmation class 5pm

December 14- Santa drives through at Good Hope 11am- noon

December 17- Council meeting 6pm

December 22- Blue Christmas worship 6pm

December 24- Christmas Eve worship 7pm & 11pm

December 28- Levites at Mt. Olivet breakfast 9am

NL COMMUNITY DAY CAMP

WINTER

Soup Sale

DEC. 7, 2024

PICK UP 10 AM TO NOON

AT CALVARY UMC

**VEGETABLE BEEF, BAKED POTATO, CORN CHOWDER
STUFFED PEPPER, BROCCOLI CHEESE, CHICKEN NOODLE
FR. ONION. \$8 PER QUART**

PRESENTED BY :

**CALVARY UMC, GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN,
MT OLIVET UCC, NL MENNONITE,
PARADISE CHURCH**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





The Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship services will be held at 7pm and 11pm on December 24th.

The Sunday School team is asking for donations of gifts that are \$5 or under. We can even use things you have at home and no longer want.

The kids will be shopping for their parents and brothers and sisters December 22nd. The kids are excited to spend their Luther Bucks!

If you wish to donate items, please bring them to the Narthex. Thank you so much!

We are collecting hard candy for Teen Challenge. They are only allowed wrapped candy such as jolly ranchers and starlight mints.

Pastor Ralph and I will take the candy to them on Christmas day during the family visit time so we can meet their families too.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex by December 24th. Thank you!

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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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