

Hope Lutheran Chapel
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Service Schedule

8:30 a.m. Fellowship

8:45 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

10 a.m. Communion Worship Service

**Special COME AS YOU ARE Drive In Worship
Services for Easter, Memorial Day, Independence
Day, and Labor Day**

**Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.
Cup)**

Communion 5th Sunday (Common Cup only)

January 2017

FROM OUR PASTOR



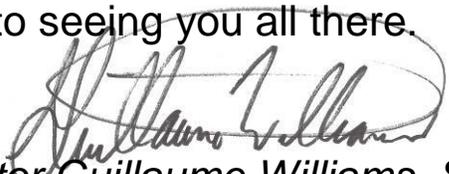
Isaiah 65:17-19 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ⁽¹⁸⁾But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ⁽¹⁹⁾I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

So we enter into a new year in exile as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to usher in a new heavens and a new earth. We hear the voice of the prophet Isaiah and we look with hope. For what God has promised will come to pass. We can even now be glad and rejoice in this new creation God has prepared for us in Christ Jesus.

But what else shall we do in this new year of the old earth? St. Peter reminds us, 2 Peter 3:11-13 "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ⁽¹²⁾waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ⁽¹³⁾But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." We are to be living lives of holiness and godliness. Holiness, in that our lives should be distinct from that of people who do not have our hope. We have not been saved to engage in the wickedness of the world. We have been called to live upright lives, particularly in light of the sermon on the mount. If the people around us don't think we're crazy for living the way we do, perhaps we need to examine ourselves and our lives and see if we don't need to make some readjustments. And godliness, holding a pure confession of faith. It's not enough that we look good to the outside world. Our faith, our teaching should be in accordance with God's Word. We examine our faith according to the Small Catechism and other confessional documents, the Creeds and the like. While we must believe these things and confess these things for ourselves, it is not our personal faith but the faith of the Apostolic Church. Indeed the two should be the same thing.

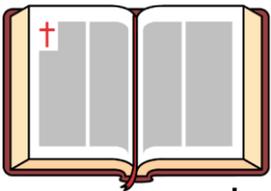
Finally, as we live out this new year, let us again remember the promise of a new creation. Rev 21:3-7 "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell

with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁽⁴⁾He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' ⁽⁵⁾And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁽⁶⁾And he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁽⁷⁾The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.'" If all we are looking for is a new creation where everything works out right, we are missing out on the biggest, most important thing of all. Here God shall dwell with us! We shall see Jesus, face to face. Immanuel, God with us will be our greatest joy that all the things of the past and present that bothered us will melt away and we shall no longer call them to remembrance. The new creation and our life with God there will simply be that marvelous. And the good news is that Jesus gives us to us without payment. He has made all the payments necessary. We simply have to trust that he has done it. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

BIBLE STUDIES



Monday's Bible Study Classes meet at 10 am in the church meeting room. Ambassadors of Reconciliation called "Go and Be Reconciled: What does this mean" When we finish the AoR we will go back to A Longer Look at the Lessons by Ken Behnken.

SEMIMONTHLY MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ~ Men will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10 am in the meeting room at church. Women will meet in the meeting room at church on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at noon.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, we will not meet if the Camdenton RIII classes are cancelled for the day.

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

As we enter the real time of winter, I have the pleasure of telling you how much I have enjoyed performing the role of Congregational President during the last two years. As I leave the office, I wish to express my deep gratitude to all who have performed duties in all the offices of the church for the last two years. Even though we have had a number of issues arise, through prayer the Lord has kept us going to fulfill his purposes for our congregation. There are many who I would like to individually publicly thank for your wonderful time and service, but I choose not to name names because I would probably forget someone and they might feel left out - so I thank you all. Besides, we do not perform our duties for our own recognition, but because we are using the talents the Lord has given us for the good of His will and for the benefit of all of our people of the church. I pray He will continue to bless us, and please pray for His guidance to those who are in for the coming year.

God bless you all.

Gene Scheiter,

Outgoing Congregation President

MISSIONARY MAHLBERG

Secretary's Note: Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for his family Christmas card.

GIFTS OF LOVE

Once again our shut-ins enjoyed a Christmas from their church family. They received snow globes for the ladies, socks, lotion, a box of chocolates, poinsettia, and a fruit basket. Our one man shut-in was given candy, a flannel shirt, a jigsaw puzzle and a fruit basket.

They appreciate being remembered by fellow members of Hope. If you desire to help our shut-in program "Gift of Love", please put your gift in an envelope marked with Gifts of Love and place it in the offering plate. Thank you in advance.

MUSICAL NOTES



Choir is on break for January.

THANK YOU!

Thank you very much to my church family for the beautiful Christmas gifts. Thank you and God Bless to you all and have a happy New Year.

Sandra Gaffney

Thank you to our church family for the prayers, Christmas cards and gifts.

~Kathy and Eddie Heinemann

LWML NEWS



We had a wonderful lunch and gift exchange at Lil Rizzo's on December 4th. We were missing a few ladies, but know that they will be with us next year.

In November we voted on a few changes and because of my surgery we will wait to meet until February 14th at 12:30 in the meeting room. We will plan our activities for the new year and do any problem solving that arises at that time. As all members of Hope Chapel are considered missionaries, All ladies of the congregation are considered to be part of the Ladies Guild and may join us for any of our meetings and activities.

I hope to see you all there!

Your Sister in Christ,
Kathy Heinemann

BUDGET INFORMATION

2016 Budgeted weekly amount is \$2,989.25.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
November 6, 2016	Sunday	\$ 1,921.02	56
November 13, 2016	Sunday	\$ 2,104.16	60
November 20, 2016	Sunday	\$ 1,291.00	38
November 27, 2016	Sunday	\$ 1,616.00	45

SWADDLING CLOTHES



Our first year of helping families in the community with children needs ended the year with a blessing of success. Thanks to you, all of you, who shared your blessings with others whether with clothes, miscellaneous items, diapers or gifts of money, we truly appreciated you!

One of our members, Doris Meyer, held a Thrivent Action Team event and donated through Thrivent \$250.

We cannot be more grateful as we were able to give out 24 bags containing food, toys, a nativity ornament, a Happy Birthday Jesus puzzle, and an Arch storybook on Jesus' birth entitled "O Holy Night". It was a nice surprise for families to receive this gift bag. Some families only received the book on Jesus' birth as we ran out of bags, but the good news is we served 39 families in December. God blessed our mission!

We started out slow but ended the year with serving a total of 129 families, gave out 206 packages of diapers. 125 packages of wipes, and 27 cans of formula. These are items needed most by these mothers and fathers. We gave out numerous items such as bottles, thermometers, snacks, food, bibs, ointment, baby wash, blankets and so many, many clothes. All of these were needed.

Many of our families were new to us in November and December. Our client base is rapidly growing. Families come from the entire Lake area. Comments these parents make are, "Thank you so much, God bless you, you are a blessing to us" and it goes on.

Members who helped this year were Chuck Kiel, Jerol and Sandy Laughlin, Sonja Howard, Tina Cardin, Jackie Onstott, Joyce Trost, Marie Williams, Lois Grawe, Gary and Mary Staerkel, and of course, the late Jean Hunkeler.

As we begin a New Year we ask you to continue to support this mission with your gifts. Diapers, wipes and formula are costly but the most needed items for parents. We don't mind doing the shopping. If you feel moved to help please put your gift in an envelope marked "Swaddling Clothes" and put it in the collection tray. We appreciate anything you are able to give.

Continue to pray and thank you again for caring for others through Swaddling Clothes.

God Bless You!
Karen Kiel, Director

PRAYER CHAIN

To place a *Prayer Request* on the Prayer Chain, call the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Doris Meyer at 346-7681. If you CAN NOT reach Doris, call the church office, 348-2108.

ATTN PARENTS!



Please be mindful of your children (*and teenagers*) around some of our equipment. Especially the Chair Lift. It is older and temperamental and desperately needed by several of our older members. It can also cause a loss of a limb, or finger, and we really don't want anyone to lose anything 😊

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2017



Giving envelopes for 2017 are in the narthex if you haven't picked them up already. Be sure to pick yours up, but **DO NOT** use them until January 2017. *Please be aware that envelope numbers may have changed again this year.* If you don't find your name on a box of envelopes, please notify someone on the finance committee or the church office.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please help us by doing the following things to insure that you receive an accurate financial statement that lists all of your contributions at the end of the year.

1. Use one of the numbered envelopes assigned to you at the beginning of the year and also place the amount of your contribution in the blank on the envelope.
2. In case you forget one of your envelopes we ask that you use one of the small envelopes in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. If you remember your assigned number, place it in the upper left corner. If you can't remember your number, place your name on the envelope and the counters will look up your number. The Financial Secretary gets the empty envelopes and posts the amount to your envelope number in the computer.

If everyone does the above, it will make it much easier for the counters to do their job without having to look up envelope numbers or having to write the amount on envelopes not filled in.

Thank you in advance for all your help in making sure you receive an accurate financial statement at years end.

HELP WANTED!!

Sunday Morning Help:



Sunday School Team Teachers & Subs – Contact Debbie Thompson

Greeters – Sign up on the credenza

Fellowship Host(s) – Signup sheet is on the credenza

Candle Fillers – Call Debbie Thompson

Communion / Altar setup – Call Lois Grawe

Answer Phones in the mornings on Friday the 6th and 13rd .

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Sunday School offerings in January will benefit the Benevolence Fund. Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour.

Our November offerings raised \$100 for Christmas is Sharing. Thank you!



Date	Lesson
1	Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth (Luke 4:16–30)
8	Jesus Calls Disciples (Matthew 4:12–25)
15	Jesus Heals Many (Luke 4:31–44)
22	Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed (Mark 2:1–12)
29	Jesus Calls Matthew (Mark 2:13–17)



Christmas Program ~ Unfortunately, the weather was worrisome, so it was decided to cancel this year's Christmas program. We didn't want to take the chance of trying to drive home on very icy roads.

THRIVENT

There are still many opportunities for Thrivent members to form and lead Thrivent Action Teams for educational events, service activities or fundraising events. The team, when approved, will receive \$250 from Thrivent toward the stated purpose of the event. If you are a Thrivent member (or would like to become one), please contact Thrivent agent Paul (or Linda) Lekar at (573)374-1425) or Congregational Coordinators Jerol & Sandy Laughlin (573-873-3986) or Gene & Margaret Scheiter (573-346-2442).



ALTAR FLOWERS



There are still open slots on the Flower chart in the narthex. Find your special date to donate flowers for the Altar. Sign up early and often.

The cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday. Please be sure to put your payment in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Altar Flowers" and your number.

FELLOWSHIP

CORRECTED ~ SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS - 2017 Calendar

December 6	Voters' Budget and Election	After 6:00 pm Service
December 10	Installation of Officers	During Sunday Service

Jan. 2017 Planning and Pot Luck Dinner
 Hosts: Grawe's

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

I will be out of the office *starting on December 29th until January 13th*. I plan to have all the bulletin's finished and printed before I leave. I do need help with someone to babysit the office and answer the phones on Friday mornings. If you can help, please let me know.

*Kathy Heinemann
Church Secretary*

From our December Voter's Meeting:

Officers of the Congregation - 2017

President Don Hunkeler
Vice-President Roger Trost
Secretary Kathy Heinemann
Treasurer Karen Kiel
Financial Secretary Lois Grawe
Board of Finance Tina Cardin, Doris Meyer, Judi Owens
Board of Education.... Jan Loman, Mary Ellen Staerker, Debbie Thompson
Board of Trustees Len Grawe, Jerol Laughlin, Ed Cardin
Board of Elders Chuck Kiel, Gene Scheiter, Gary Staerker

Adopted 2017 Budget Total \$169,103

~ NEXT VOTER'S MEETING ~
Sunday, January 15th
Potluck following Service
Then Meeting ☺

SECRETARY'S NOTE - Please, if you put something on the desk in the office or on the credenza – put a note on it! Otherwise it will probably find a home where you did not intend for it to go. I have a bag of cookbooks and stickers on my desk that I need to know what to do with ☺

Bulletin Errors - If you find something in the bulletin you think is a mistake, please circle it in red, or with a sharpie, and leave on the secretary's desk with your name. You could win a prize for finding it!

Also, the secretary has developed a spotty memory. If you want something in the bulletin or newsletter, please write it down and email, text, or put it in her box on her desk. **Verbal requests could be lost in translation.** Your help is greatly appreciated!

Empty Ink jet cartridges are still accepted. A few are used at Staples to offset office supplies and the rest go to Habitat for Humanity. Next time you have an empty cartridge, **PLEASE DON'T THROW IT AWAY!** Just put it in a Ziploc bag or the original cartridge box, bring it to the church office. All proceeds go towards office supplies and to build more homes in the spirit of humanity.

Collections requested:

“infant items” – for Swaddling Clothes mission

“Cancelled stamps, no liberty bell or flag forever stamps” – for missions (LWML)

“Money-off coupons – no expiration date” - for Concordia Seminary Food Bank (LWML)

“Portals of Prayer” – Prison Ministries (LWML)

“Empty Inkjet Cartridges” – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity



Office Secretary Hours for January

January 1 – January 12 - Out

January 12th – 31st Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.

New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:

Newsletter Articles – 2nd to last Sunday of the Month

Bulletin Notes – Wednesdays at 9 am

WARNING: Articles not received by their deadline will not be included.

Articles for the church newsletter, “The Anchor”, or notices for the bulletins, may be put in the in-box on the church secretary’s desk or sent by e-mail to:

HopeChapelLCMS@att.net

Epiphany

COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, January 6th
6 pm



“Where is the Child Who was born King of the Jews?” they asked. “We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew 2:2

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OUR WORSHIP SERVICE can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis) from 8:30-9:00 am on KRMS 1150 AM and 97.5 FM Radio. If you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a designated gift offering envelope marked “Radio Broadcast”.

*You can also tune into 89.3 fm at any time to listen to one of our previous services.*



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