



# The Hope Herald

Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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February 2019

## CALLING ALL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS!

A workshop is planned for February 3 at 10 am, during our Welcome Hour between services, to discuss the duties of Hope's worship assistants at both services. All worship assistants are asked to attend to remind them or explain to them what their duties are to be and thank them for being volunteers that enhance our worship services.



## PR. CHRISTIE'S INSTALLATION

Don't forget that **February 24** is a very important day for Pr. Christie and Hope Lutheran Church. She will be officially installed as our minister. We have patiently waited for God's plan for our new shepherd, and she has arrived! **We will have one service at 10 am** with Assistant Bishop, **Pastor Robert Abrams** presiding.



A light luncheon will follow the service provided by Hope's Council and Fellowship Team. Everyone is invited to attend and show your support for our new minister. Watch for more details!

## HOPE'S FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

- 2/3 **WORSHIP ASSTS. WORKSHOP @ 10 AM**
- 2/4 **STEPHEN MINISTRY 7 PM**
- 2/8 **LIFELINE SCREENING**
- 2/10 **COUNCIL MTG 7 PM**
- 2/17 **CONFIRMATION @ 12 PM**
- 2/17 **SPECIAL CHOIR PRACTICE @ 12 PM**
- 2/18 **STEPHEN MINISTRY 7 PM**
- 2/24 **PR. CHRISTIE'S INSTALLATION @ 10 AM**  
**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 2/28 **WHOO @ 6 PM**

## HOPE'S BLARNEY BLAST

### St. Patrick's Day Family Party

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

This is just a teaser!  
Mark your calendar.

There will be more information coming soon!  
Hosted by your Fellowship Team!



## MAY IS COMING

Since you are staying home more due to the snow and cold weather, this may be a good time to check your storage areas for items that might benefit our biennial **Hope Yard Sale** scheduled for **May 18th** sponsored by the **Worship and Music Committee**. The funds will help support our Hope music program.



## EMERGENCY CALL OFF PROCEDURE

*If for any reason (like the recent snow problem) it would be necessary to cancel our church worship services or any activity, check WCPO Channel 9 for our listing or your computer email. It worked very well on January 20. At least it is not known that anyone came to church on that Sunday. Check page 4 for one person who braved the weather to attend on January 13.*

**ATTENTION!**

*If you did not receive the google emails, please let us know @ [joyceivins@icloud.com](mailto:joyceivins@icloud.com).*

## CHURCH DOOR CODES

The codes have been changed for 2019. **See or call Mary Beth Taylor @702-3966** if you need the new codes.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9 am Contemporary Worship
- 10 am Sunday School
- 11 am Traditional Worship



## WORDS FROM PR. CHRISTIE

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." – Matthew 5:4*



A new year has begun! Perhaps you've started the new year with gusto, with resolutions firmly intact. Or perhaps you're struggling a bit – Many have entered the new year mourning a loss, experiencing grief, having health or family concerns, or struggling in some way. If this is you, there's no need to rush yourself through the period of mourning. The path to healing may be a long one, filled with roller coaster emotions, and every one of those emotions is valid and important.

However alone you may feel, remember that you are not alone. Jesus knows your suffering and is with you, right in the midst of it, always. Last year I came across a post on Pinterest, which helped me to remember this, and I have shared it with you below. It's wonderful to me that scripture addresses so many of our hurts and concerns; it helps to realize that someone else has felt this exact same way before. If you are struggling, I invite you to pray and meditate on these scriptures, and any others that are helpful to you in difficult times. And, I invite you to come and see me. I am happy to spend time in prayer, conversation, and discernment, and I look forward to these conversations. Peace be with you,

*Pastor Christie*

<i>You Say... God Says...</i>		
<i>You Say</i>	<i>God Says</i>	<i>Bible Verses</i>
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all your needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	II Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you.	Hebrews 13:5

BibleStudyTools.com

## ORDINATION DAY IN INDIANAPOLIS

The snow made traveling difficult to Resurrection Lutheran Church (Pr. Christie's home church) on January 12 for her ordination, but this beautiful worship service was filled with praise for our Lord in word and music. There are pictures posted on our



website and Facebook page, but here are a few pictures for those who are unable to see them by their computer.

It was a very special day for everyone who was involved or attended the service!!





## NEWS FROM KATHI

Hello, Hope Lutheran Church! I feel like I should be saying, "Put your seat belts on, because here we go!" This is what God has in store for this church with our Pastor Christie. So many good things lie ahead for us. Lord, help us to be ready for all these new times You have prepared for us!



For school this semester, I have only one class (thank You, Jesus!) instead of two which I was enrolled in, in the fall. This class will be held at Trinity for an entire week in April. It is entitled "Political and Ethical Teachings of Jesus," and then in the summer I will return to Trinity for another week in June for a preaching class. That is as far as I know for schooling!

I look forward each month to reading the Newsletter and hearing about life at Hope! God's peace to all of you.

**Vicar Kathi**

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## FANTASTIC FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Tavia Pennington	20	Sam Kless
7	Khalil Small	21	Jaelyn Reid
8	Ben Gundrum	23	Gabrielle Buccino
	Ruth Oehler	25	Donny Swiecki
10	Emma Sheppard		Lois Hollingsworth
11	Sue Millard	28	Bill Hart
14	Raegan Beneker		Katelyn Hunt
	Mary Bryant		James Thompson
15	Marilyn Davey		
16	Saige Sparks		
17	Judy Royse		
18	Hannah Gabbard		
19	Karen Schneider		



## WHOO NEWS

Their next meeting on February 21 @ 6 pm these women are seeking info regarding charities who help women and their children. If you would like to suggest a charity, please contact **Kathy Mushaben @ 385-8497** or [kmushaben@gmail.com](mailto:kmushaben@gmail.com)



Come and join in the fellowship of women and become acquainted with others you may not know because they attend a different service. All women are welcome!

## THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The giving envelopes for 2019 are in your mailboxes. If you have any questions about them please see Tim Beagle or Karen Schneider. Thank you for being faithful servants of your financial treasures.



This year the children of Hope also received their own financial giving envelopes. It is our responsibility to teach our children the meaning of stewardship and the importance of sharing personal gifts with God, His church and those who are less fortunate. Parents and grandparents, please take time to talk and pray with your children about giving part of their financial gifts (allowance, earnings, birthday and special occasion gifts) to God. Everything we have is from God and He wants us to give back.

This year at Hope, all of the money that is given by the children will be used to purchase items for people who live in impoverished countries. The children will be involved in the decision making to determine where their gifts will be used. It could be used to purchase clean water filters for people in Africa, chicks, piglets, cows, goats and other animals to give families in other countries the opportunity to provide for themselves. There are 50 different gift giving options thru the ELCA Good Gifts program that grown the church by fighting hunger. Together, our children will determine where their gifts will be sent. What an amazing way to share God's love.

To the children of Hope, if you have not received your personal box of giving envelopes, please see Karen Schneider. Together we will "do Stewardship" thru giving. God is good – all the time.

**Karen Schneider**

## FEBRUARY CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes continue with Pr. Christie leading the way for our youth on February 17 at 12:15 pm. Spirit Friends are asked to attend this session to have lunch with them and talk with them about their faith individual journeys.



## FEBRUARY NEWS AND THANK YOU'S

**Congratulations to Su York and Mark Ray** who were married on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018. Su is a member of Hope and on numerous occasions, has blessed us with her beautiful photography. Her award winning photography can be found throughout the Tri State. Mark is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the US as a Wildlife Artist and his artwork is popular in the Tri State as well. They met in 2017 and their common interests in art and family were the perfect sparks for a loving marriage. Su and Mark, we pray for God's richest blessings upon your marriage.

**Karen Schneider**

After the January 6<sup>th</sup> Traditional service I had a great crew to take down the Christmas decorations. **Thank you to the following: Pastor Christie, Tim Beagle, Brad Byrne, Brian Byrne, Olivia Byrne, Susan Cowan, Ray & Nan Davis, Anita Ficke, Joy & Jerry Ivins, Judy Royse, and Mike & Karen Schweinfest. Ruth Oehler, Altar Guild**

**Congratulations to David and Lori Schneider** on the birth of their first child, **Cora Sue**, born on January 3, 2019. Cora is the **granddaughter of Don and Karen Schneider and niece of Valerie Schneider.** She has brought unimaginable joy and love into their lives as only a new born, gift from God can do. If you would like to see pictures, Karen, Don and Val might have one or two to share!



If you would like to send a note or card of congratulations to the new parents, their address is: David and Lori Schneider, Unit 8500 Box 8001, DPO, AE 09642

**Postage is the normal US postal rates.**

## HALL RENTAL INFO

**Lucinda Hardin** handles the rentals for our Fellowship Hall. Rental forms are available on the Narthex counter and online at [hopeonbluerock.org](http://hopeonbluerock.org). There is now a special form for members only. **To contact Lucinda directly, telephone 513-225-0215, or email @ [manft99@gmail.com](mailto:manft99@gmail.com) for assistance.**

**Thank you to Judy Royse** for gracing the church



entrance with the Valentine theme near our parking lot! We hope it will scare the snow away!

**This is what you missed at church on January 13. Thanks to Anita Ficke's for the picture!**

So sorry to the 3 families we discovered that were not on the google list for Hope to know church was canceled. If anyone else is not receiving the google messages from HOPE, please let pastor or Joy know.



**Thank you to Mary Bryant** for updating our member mailboxes in the coatroom!

**To Hope Lutheran Church,**

Peace and Joy to you, the people of First Lutheran deeply appreciate the generosity exhibited by your recent gift of \$500. These funds will support our continued commitment to being the ECLA's representative congregation in the heart of Cincinnati. This means we will proclaim God's grace through worship and serve our neighbors with our hearts and hands.

We give thanks for the vital ministry you provide in your community. Our synod slogan is "Stronger and better together." This is most certainly true!

Your partner in the gospel,

**Pastor Brian Ferguson and the people of First**

## 2019 FLOWER CHART READY

The 2019 flower chart is on the counter in the Narthex. **The new cost is \$30.00.** Please fill in the form for the desired date and give **Ruth Oehler** a **separate** check from your giving for your flower request



**Ruth Oehler, Altar Guild**

## SON MINISTRIES

In December SON served 427 people for a grand total of 5749 persons during the year of 2018. What a wonderful way of serving those in need in our community!



Donations of any food items are welcome for February!

**ALWAYS NEEDED: BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS!**

## THE LATEST FROM FIRST LUTHERAN

Any donations for the First Lutheran Clothing Closet are greatly appreciated!

Men's jeans (all sizes especially 32 and 34)

Men's belts

Bath towels and washcloths

Disposable razors, Deodorant

Men's and Women's coats

Skull Caps

Hoodies (XL and up)

Long underwear

Women's panties and Bras (all sizes)

Blankets



**Any very large size clothing is always appreciated.**

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Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to

Hope Lutheran Church.

## "SHARING WITH HOPE"

If you have pictures from church and would like to share, you may add to Hope's Facebook page. For any questions, see Mary Bryant.

**Editor's Note:** If you use Hope's website address, [www.hopeonbluerock.org](http://www.hopeonbluerock.org), you will also find a link to Hope's Facebook page.

## KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

1. Visit [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com)
  2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account.
  3. Find and select Hope Lutheran and click "Enroll."
- Our 5 digit number is **80286**.



**Thank you to all who have joined this awards program!**

## YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

Yellow Brick Road Child Care still has space available! You may enroll your child - ages 6 weeks to 5th grade. Share the info with others.



Just telephone 513-601-2596 or send an email to this address:

[yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com)

## HOPE DIRECTORY APP

**FOR CELL PHONE** go to your apps and down load FREE instant church directory.



**FOR COMPUTER** In the address bar (URL)- type in [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com)

The screen will ask you to submit your email address as it appears in the church directory. You will be sent an email with a password or link embedded in it. When you create a new password, it must be 8 characters long and contain at least two of the following: capital letters or symbols.

*\*Changes are continuously made as the church is notified. If you have changed your email address, you will need to re-enroll. It will not recognize the new email address for confidentiality purposes.*

## JOIN IN HOPE'S RECYCLING

Our Narthex area bins are looking for your empty pill bottles for **Matthew 25**, religious materials for **Love Packages**, eye glasses for **Lens Crafters (for Lions Club)**, grocery items for **SON Ministry**, pop tabs for **Ronald McDonald House**, **Plastic Bottle Caps**, **Box Tops for Education**, plus clothes and shoes for the **First Lutheran Clothing Room**. Contributing these items is good stewardship, and the organizations are very thankful for our participation.





## HOPES BOTTOM LINE

December 2018



### General Fund

Total	MONTH	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$ 78,861.39	\$ 84,995.77
Revenues	\$ 15,238.86	\$179,347.67
Expenses	\$ 13,920.99	\$136,776.71
Transfers In	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,612.53
Transfers Out	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 80,179.26	\$ 80,179.26

### Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance	\$15,296.11	\$ 6,500.24
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$11,425.00
Interest	\$ .99	\$ 5.39
Disbursements	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,636.53
Total	\$15,294.10	\$15,294.10

### Mission Building Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 22,776.33	\$ 22,692.99
Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 7.76	\$ 91.10
Ending Balance	\$ 22,784.09	\$ 22,784.09

### Wilma Hoffman Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 24,908.59	\$ 24,818.06
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 8.41	\$ 98.94
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 24,917.00	\$ 24,917.00

### Capital One CD

Beginning Balance	\$ 50,384.61	\$ 0.00
Deposit	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 94.26	\$ 478.87
Disbursements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 50,478.87	\$ 50,478.87

Val Schneider, Treasurer

**Your 2019 giving envelopes have been placed in your Hope mailboxes. Tim Beagle, Financial Secretary**

### CONGREGATION HIGHLIGHTS

January 10, 2018



◆**Tim Beagle, Financial Secretary:**

Church Trac will now be used for his financial reports. It also has many other uses.

◆**Val Schneider, Treasurer:** Audit Committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

◆**Mike Schweinfest, Worship/Music:** The committee discussed the potential of one Christmas Eve service due to our low attendance this year. They are investigating new audio equipment and banners. The Lenten and Easter services are being planned with an Easter Breakfast as well as nursery for the first service.

◆**Jen, Byrne, Christian Education:** The teachers are using "Dig In" for classwork, and the youth are preparing songs for Pastor's installation and Easter or Palm Sunday. The current schedule for confirmation will remain the same with Pr. Christie leading the classwork.

◆**Karen Schneider, Stewardship:** LifeLine Screening is set for February 8. Karen will catch up with the youth who did not receive giving envelopes.

◆**Mary Beth Taylor, Property:** Three new bookcases and a chair were purchased for pastor's office.

◆**Thanks to Nan and Ray Davis** for assembling them.

◆**Thanks to Chuck Hasdorff** who will be changing the codes for the outside and office doors. **See Mary Beth if you need the new codes.**

◆**Thanks to Alita Simpson and Jen Byrne** for their work on the lease agreement for Yellow Brick Road Child Care. It is nearly completed.

◆**Judy Royse, Fellowship:** The committee met to schedule a brunch for Pastor's installation, Hope's Barney Blast on Friday, March 14, for a family party, and to help with the Easter Breakfast.

◆**Pastor Christie:** Being very new to Hope, she distributed the order of our installation during worship services.

◆The church rental form now has one for members and one for non members.

◆Next month the council will discuss 2019 goals.

◆The next council meeting will be February 14.

**FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE HOPE HERALD, ARTICLES ARE REQUESTED BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17. ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO [joyceivins@icloud.com](mailto:joyceivins@icloud.com) anytime on or before that date.**



## A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



### What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

### What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in

\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect







# February 2019

January 2019							February 2019							March 2019								
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Hope Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <b>Council Installation</b> 9:00 AM Contemporary Serv 10:00 AM Congregational Mtg 10:00 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Traditional Serv 12:15 PM Confirmation	28 9:30 AM First Lutheran - serve food 10:00 AM 10 to noon SON open 6:00 PM Praise Band/Sanctuary	29	30 10:00 AM SON 4:30 PM SON	31 1:00 PM Bible Study	1 Pastor's Day Off	2 12:00 PM Rental/Hasdorff
3 9:00 AM Contemporary Serv 10:00 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM Worship Assistants Training 11:00 AM Traditional Serv	4 10:00 AM 10 to noon SON open 6:00 PM Praise Band/Sanctuary 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry-Fellowship/Library	5	6 Pastor out of town 10:00 AM SON 4:30 PM SON	7 1:00 PM NO Bible Study	8 8:00 AM LifeLine Screening	9
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### **OUR MISSION**

**We are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ.**



Pastor:	Christie Beckmann
Choir Director:	Karen Schweinfest
Organist:	Dale Renner
Altar Care:	Ruth Oehler
Prayer Chain:	Barb Mack

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1 Corinthians 13:8,NRSV

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