



This Sunday we welcome Bryan Willkom, who will deliver today's sermon. Bryan is the executive director of Get Jesus Fit, which is a parachurch ministry operating outside, but alongside the church. Its mission is to empower people to pursue spiritual fitness. What is spiritual fitness? Just like we can be physically or mentally fit, we can also be spiritually fit. A healthy faith rooted in the practices of Jesus helps us love well. Get Jesus Fit accomplishes its mission through challenges, conversations, partnerships, and events. Make sure to swing by the Jesus Fit table in the welcome area. Oh, yes, and Bryan is a neighbor of Brianna and Stacy Winsand!

Noisy Offering - Today "Noisy Offering" returns to worship! During sharing of the peace, children can collect coins and drop them in the metal bucket at the front of the sanctuary! This is a Hope tradition that was discontinued during the pandemic, and we're bringing it back. Funds collected through noisy offering will be donated to the Cholera relief efforts in Malawi.



This week we pray for: Arnie Rongstad, Jim Thompson, Dave Lendle, Gary Polden, Jon Cooper, Mary Krans, Sharon Hartl, Ken Anger, Rose Faanes, Marilyn Starin, Elaine Clark.



Epiphany Group Study

Join Roger Skatrud as he leads a Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings at 5:45pm. Please meet in the Gathering Area by the coffee machines. This group will continue to meet February 8 and 15. All are welcome!



February 19 – Celebrate Fastelavn!

Fastelavn is a Scandinavian tradition taking place right before Lent begins. Fastelavn is a festive occasion when children dress in costumes. It involves singing songs and eating sweet pastries. The tradition also involves *slå katten af tønden* ("hit the cat out of the barrel"). Centuries ago, a black cat from the village was caught and placed in a barrel. The cat represented the sins of the people. They took swings at the barrel until it busted open and then they chased the cat out of town. Nowadays no cats are harmed! A toy cat is placed in a pinata-barrel along with sweets. People take swings at it until it breaks open. Whoever breaks it open is declared royalty for the year. The festivities will also include traditional New Orleans style King Cake pastries with a Scandinavian twist.



Help Wanted at Rachel's Place

Rachel's Place is in need of a part time cook and also child care teachers (either full or part time). Please spread the word. If interested in learning more, please contact Leanne O'Bryan at rachelsplaceelc@gmail.com or 715-832-1414.



Volunteer! We are in need of communion servers and/or ushers. We would love to add you to either of these teams.....OR.... Become

a member of the Hope Tech team! We now have the new system up and running smoothly and would like to have some volunteers to do either Power point, Sound, Cameras or Screens for the Sunday Services. Contact Alice if you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas.



This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. We will

gather for our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The word "Lent" derives from a very old English word for the season of spring. Like spring, Lent is meant to revive new life in us. Where we've grown indifferent and numb in our faith, Lent calls us to rekindle the spiritual fires within. That's why we hold extra worship services during the season. At our Ash Wednesday service, you will have the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes. The ashes remind us that we are all mortal and will die one day. But these ashes are marked in the form of a cross. Our death is enveloped in the promise of Christ's reconciling act on the cross. Through his death comes life eternal!

For the following Wednesday evenings in Lent, we will use the beloved Holden Evening Prayer service. The theme for our Lenten Wednesday services will be Prayer.



"Discover Hope" is a one-session class designed to introduce new people to our congregation's mission and ministries. Our next "Discover Hope" will be held on Sunday, February 12 after the conclusion of the worship service (10:15-11:45). If you're interested in becoming a member of Hope, please contact Pastor Mary or the church office.



Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley. Hope Lutheran

will be serving the families staying at Beacon House on Thursday, March 16th, Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th. We provide the evening meal on those three evenings. Food should be dropped off at Beacon House between 5-5:15pm. Beacon House is on the corner of Lake and Barstow Street (309 E Lake Street). You will be notified of the number of guest staying at Beacon House before you serve. Sign up sheets are in the

Whoever gets a piece of cake with a whole almond in it wins a prize. Make sure to attend the fellowship hour after worship on Feb. 19.



Scholarship Opportunities

Our Scholarship application window is open! Scholarship applications can be found on our website under 'Faith Formation' or the kiosk in the gathering area.

Hope Anderson Education Scholarship is an annual scholarship provided by the generosity of Ken and Linda Anderson to assist students within the Hope Community pursuing higher education. We are pleased to announce that the scholarship application window is now open. The 2022 scholarship will offer \$1,000 to one student currently enrolled in college, tech school, or other higher education.

Hope Community Senior Scholarship offers \$500 to one senior in high school who has shown active participation in their community and is pursuing higher education of any kind.



Women's Book Club.

It was very enjoyable to see the movie "Otto" last month with members of the group. If you haven't seen the movie, we would highly recommend it whether you have read the book or not.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February, 20th at 6:30pm in the Fireside Lounge at Hope. All are welcome.

Future Readings:

- February – "All Your Perfects" by Colleen Hoover
- March – "The Diamond Eye" by Kate Quinn
- April – "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan



Love for Luther Park. Did you go to

Luther Park as a child? If so, you undoubtedly have carried good memories with you into adulthood. Luther Park Bible Camp offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages.

This month we are running our Love for Luther Park Campaign! For the month of February, we're collecting donations to support Hope's children and youth to attend Luther Park this Summer. There are envelopes on the Love for Luther park tree in the gathering area to collect donations. Please prayerfully consider helping a family send a child to camp this Summer! Please make your

Gathering Area. Please contact Bridgit Mazuk 715-225-4496 with any questions.

check out to Hope Lutheran Church with Luther Park Camperships noted in the memo line. Thank you for supporting our campers!



Friendship Group for Retirees.

We're looking to start a "Friendship Group," a fellowship gathering for retired persons. Pastor Mary would like to meet with people interested in helping to organize this new group after worship services on February 26, during the fellowship hour in a corner of Olson Hall. What might this group do? Events could be as simple as gathering at Hope for a program, going to a special event in Eau Claire, or going as a group to a Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, or a sight-seeing tour. If you are a retired person, please consider helping to organize opportunities for this fellowship group.



Luther Park Bible Camp. Summer staff applications are being accepted now for Lutheran Park Bible Camp. Most staff are college

age or older. Please go to LPBC website for details. They need to hire about 30 staff people. Also their maintenance person of 25 years is now retiring. This is a full time salaried position with benefits. For more detailed information, please contact the camp. They definitely need and appreciate your help.



Upcoming Volunteers

February 5, 2023

Assisting Minister - Todd Johnson
Scripture Reader - Carol Mohr
Ushers -Jean Running, Don Rassbach
Greeters -Terrie Hanke, Sharon Hartl
Communion Servers - Jim and Jean Wold, Sally Burt

February 12, 2023

Assisting Minister - Joan Moe
Scripture Reader - Julie Petersen
Ushers -Jim and Jean Wold
Greeters -Bonnie and Steve Haug
Communion Servers - Roger and Sandy Churness, Linda Johnson, Rylee Winsand

February 19, 2023

Assisting Minister - Steve Olson
Scripture Reader -Roger Skatrud
Ushers - James Anderson and Velma Jean Elliott
Greeters - Karen Hauck and Jeanine Helwig
Communion Servers - Carol and John Hosmann, Sally Burt

Taking Faith Home: Week of
February 5, 2023, [Click Here](#)



Worship States at Hope:

January 8, 2023 - 154-6,552.00
January 15 - 149 - \$6,712.70
January 22 - 167 - \$3,687.00

Ways to Give

Our congregation offers a variety of means by which you may make an offering. Besides mailing in your offering or dropping it off in the church office, Hope has several ways you can give electronically:

Through Our Website – Hope's website address is www.hopechurch.com. Once there, hover over the "About Us" page. The drop-down menu will include "Give." Click on that. Then click on the icon "Fast and Easy Giving." That will take you to our Subsplash site.

Hope Phone App – Hope has a free phone app which will give you access to Subsplash where you can access information. From here you can click on the "Give" tab.

Text Your Gift – Text the message "give2hope" to the phone number 206-859-9409. Follow the steps to set up an account and you're on your way.

Simple Giving – You can set up an automatic, pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. Forms are available in the church office and also on the church website.

If you're looking on the App Store for our phone app, the icon looks like this:



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