

Arms Wide Open

Hope's Happenings

Sunday's in February

February 1: Thank you Janelle Harrison for sharing the good news with us today. Singers of Hope will share the special music.

February 8: Dave Whelan will be here today to share the message. Bells of Hope will be our special music today.

February 15: WELCOME PASTOR JUDY! We are excited to have our new Pastor here today. Please stay for coffee connections today as we welcome Judy and her family to Hope.

February 22: It is the First Sunday of Lent. The Wagner family will share coffee connections today as they collect donations for Love for Luther Park, this money will help support our kids for camp at Luther Park this summer. Camp is coming fast!



It is time to sign your group up to serve a Lent Meal. Our first meal will be Wednesday, February 25. Meals will be from 5:00-6:15. Holden Evening prayer services will follow at 6:30pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area!



Ash Wednesday and Lenten Worship

Please join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30pm.

Starting the following week, February 25th, Lenten meals will be served from 5:00 - 6:15pm and our Lenten worship with Holden evening Prayer will begin at 6:30.

All are welcome!



Welcome to Hope Pastor Judy!

Rev. Dr. Judy Kincaid loves serving as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Hope will be her third call since she was ordained in 2009. Pastor Judy received her bachelor's degree in psychology from

Temple University in Philadelphia and her Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She earned her doctorate in Biblical Preaching from Luther in 2016. She is featured on the website, "A Sermon for Every Sunday" and a writer for BarnRaiser Media.

She grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, and later moved to Chicago. Pastor Judy has a son, two daughters, a step-daughter, and three grandchildren. Her husband, Kenny Mullins, teaches accounting at U.W. Stout. He is currently chair of the business department. Her daughter, Madeline Mai, recently graduated from Stout and lives at home. She is looking forward to being a member of Hope and singing in the choir. Pastor Judy, Kenny, and Maddie are excited to meet all of you and start this new adventure that God has called them to begin with Hope.

They have too many pets but cannot bear to part with any of them. They live with their collie (Lassie), two cats (Marcy and Wendy), a turtle (Michelangelo), two parakeets (Sonny and Cher) and three pygmy goats (Andrew, James, and John.)



**Please join us on Sunday,
February 15th as we welcome
pastor Judy to Hope! Cake and
coffee will be served in Olson
Hall following worship!**

Beacon House/Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley

Our next opportunity for Hope members to provide groceries and evening meals for the guests staying at Beacon House is coming up in early March. Our dates will be Sunday, March 8th, through Wednesday, March 11th. Watch the Gathering Area in February for sign-up sheets for volunteers to provide a main dish, side dish, or dessert each evening, as well as donations of fruit, bread, and milk. If you have any questions, please reach out to Bridgit Mazuk 715-225-4496. or bmazuk@gmail.com



Streaming Sunday Worship

We continue to stream our Sunday worship services over Facebook or through our website for those that can't make it in-person with us. It is amazing how many people we can reach with our streaming worship services. Hope's worship is streamed live on Sunday's via our Facebook page or through our website, hopechurche.com.



Collecting Plastic Film

Our Confirmation youth will continue collecting flimsy plastic. This is a service project to help our environment. After 1000 pounds of plastic film have been collected, the plastic will be converted into a neat park bench which the congregation will receive. Currently we are at 751 pounds.

Continue to bring your plastic materials and deposit them in the recycling containers in the welcome area. Thanks for your help on this project and for helping us make the world a little cleaner place. The plan is to place the bench in the area of one of our pollinator gardens.



Love for Luther Park

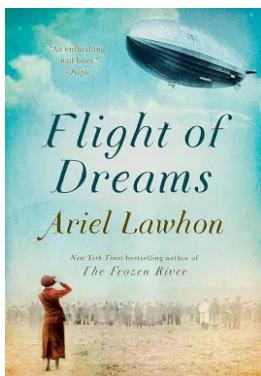
Did you go to Luther Park as a child? If so, you undoubtedly have carried good memories with you into adulthood. Luther Park Bible Camp offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages.

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

Book Club

The book club will meet on Monday, February 16 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing the book *Fight of Dreams*.

We invite everyone to join us.



Snow Policy

If the Eau Claire schools close due to snowy/bad weather, activities scheduled that day at Hope Lutheran will also be cancelled.

This is the policy for Hope activities and does not include Rachel's Place.



Days for Girls Underwear Drive

The Eau Claire Days for Girls Team will be packing the products we have made since September in early March. We are requesting your help in supplying the underwear needed to complete the

kits. The underwear can be the classic brief, high cut brief, full brief, hipster or bikini. No boy cut underwear. The sizes can range from Girls 12 – 16. We can also use women's underwear sizes M -XL. Avoid white colored underwear. We will have a box in the Gathering space from January 18 – February 15 for the collection. Thank you for your support.

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Thrivent Choice Dollars

Don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2025. Additional Thrivent Choice Dollars build in your account each quarter and you have until March of 2026 to donate everything that accumulated during the 2025 calendar year. By directing your Choice Dollars, Thrivent members can recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds each year. Hope Lutheran Church is one of the many places that can receive your donation.

Just a reminder that the money you designate is Thrivent's money and you are telling Thrivent where you would like them to put those dollars.

If you have any questions, you can call Jason Miloszewicz at 715-461-0540.

Hello Hope Family,

I hope you are doing well this cold day! February is here, and this month we lift up the celebrations of Black History Month, and Valentine's Day, and we get to welcome Pastor Judy!

At Hope this month, we have some special events. First, on February 4th you're invited to join us for Soup & Song. The following week on February

12th, all children and youth are invited to hang out at church for Parent's Night Out! You are welcome to drop off your children or grandchildren in the education wing. We'll have snacks, games, activities, and a valentines craft, while parents can enjoy a couple hours to themselves! Email me if your children plan to attend. Older kids are also welcome as helpers.

High School Lunch Bunch will be on the 11th this month, and all other programming will continue as normal. In Confirmation our students will continue learning about the letters of the New Testament. In JAM our students will be learning through the stories of the Good Samaritan, and the life of Jesus.

In the month of February, we're collecting donations for our "Love for Luther Park" initiative to support Hope's children and youth to attend Luther Park Bible Camp this Summer. If you'd like to prayerfully consider helping a family send a child on a fulfilling faith journey, you may find an envelope on the tree in the gathering space! All funds collected will be distributed to Hope families sending their children to Luther Park this Summer.

Luther Park registration is also now open! You may register for camp at lutherpark.org, and be sure to use Hope's discount code "HLEC" at check out for half off the camp registration fee. Finally, this month we welcome Pastor Judy. I pray that we all continue to bring our open hearts and spirit of generosity to welcome her, and move through this transition together. Wishing you all a lovely month ahead.

In Peace,
Grace Lenhart

Youth & Family Ministry February 2026 Schedule:

February 1st - Worship 9:00am, Joyful Noise 10:00am JAM 10:15am

February 4th - Afterschool Hours 3:00pm, Youth Group 4:30pm, Soup & Song 5:15pm

- Confirmation 6:00pm, JAM 6:00pm,

February 8th - Worship 9:00am, Joyful Noise, JAM 10:00am

February 11th - High School Lunch Bunch @ North, Afterschool Hours 3:00pm , Youth Group 4:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm

- Confirmation 6:00pm, JAM 6:00pm

February 12th - Parent's Night Out 5:30 - 7:30pm

February 15th - Worship 9:00am, Joyful Noise, JAM 10:00am

February 18th - Afterschool Hours 3:00pm , Youth Group 4:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm

- Confirmation 6:00pm, JAM 6:00pm, HS Bible Study 7:00pm

February 22nd - Worship 9:00am, Joyful Noise, JAM 10:00am





Luther Park Bible Camp

Luther Park Spring Work Day - April 18

Join fellow volunteers, families, and church groups as we prepare Luther Park for the winter/summer seasons! Spend time getting to know camp, connecting with our staff, and meeting other dedicated volunteers. You'll leave feeling rejuvenated and inspired by your time in this special part of God's Kingdom. Each season we plan a range of projects suitable for all ages and abilities, so there's something for everyone. Please dress for the weather, as most tasks will be outdoors. If you can't make it for the weekend, we always have plenty of volunteer opportunities available year-round. Just call ahead to let us know when you'd like to help! You also can stay overnight the night before or after to enjoy a little extra time at camp. Breakfast is always provided for those staying overnight before the work day. Call 715-859-2215 with questions.

Ways to Give

Our congregation offers a variety of means by which you may make a offering. Besides bringing your offering in person or mailing it, Hope has several ways you can give electronically:

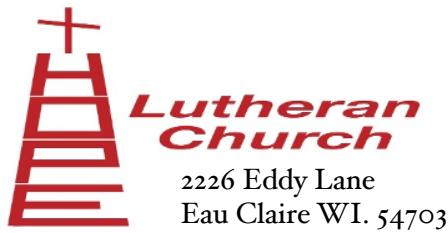
Through our Website- Hope's website address is www.hopechurchec.com. Once there, click on the "Give" tab. Then click on the icon "Fast and Easy Giving." That will take you to our Subsplash site.

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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