

# THE ANCHOR LINE

## DECEMBER, 2017

### HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ANGELS OF HOPE PRESCHOOL

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***Our Vision at Hope: that we would be a growing, vibrant, praying, caring congregation  
– boldly reaching out with Jesus Christ in word and deed.***

## Pastor's Message

As I write this, we are experiencing relatively pleasant weather for this time of year. But don't be deceived; December is coming! December is one of those months you can "feel in your bones." And though I hail from the Green Bay area like most of you, that doesn't mean that I particularly enjoy the cold weather. Snow is beautiful and a must-have for an authentic family Christmas celebration (at least, that's what all the songs say), but I don't mind enjoying the snow through a window as I sit inside our comfortably heated home with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa in my hands.

Celebrations of Advent and Christmas undoubtedly bring to your own mind comforting memories and feelings. One of those comforting memories for me includes singing the well-known children's hymn "God Loves Me Dearly." And yet, the words of this Christmas staple describe anything but a comfortable situation. ***"I was in slavery, sin, death, and darkness..."*** Locked out in the cold, with night falling quickly. Would God recognize our situation in time to save us?

God saw us in out in the cold. ***"He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus and set me free."*** To our rescue comes the Son of God, who takes on flesh – the same skin and bones we have – and feels the chilling cold of the human experience in a sin-filled world. He refuses to settle for life in

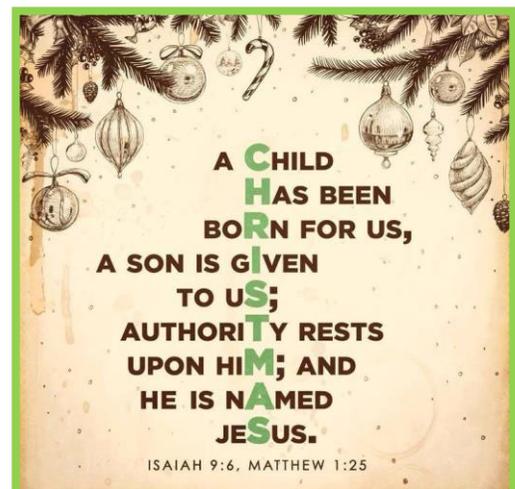
comfortable, climate-controlled places, because he knows that the people he came to save are trapped outside. He knows what it is like to be locked out in the cold – Christmas always has in mind a cross.

Because of Jesus, we hear the welcome of a heavenly Father, "Come inside! Know the warmth of my forgiving love." The feeling comes back into our extremities – His life enters our cold bodies. Then, by His Spirit, He bundles us up (properly this time) and sends us back outside. People are still out there, in the cold and the dark.

God bless your Advent journey as you bring the enlivening warmth of His love into cold places.

Christ's peace and joy,

*Pastor Baye*



# Church Assembly Results

**Vice Chair:** Phil James

**Elders:** Ben Cheslock

Willy Michel

Bill Miehe

**Trustees** Keith Carlson

Joe VandenLangenberg

**AOH Preschool Board:** Amanda Dombrowski

- The 2018 budget was approved. Carpet and technology upgrades were also approved.
- The proposal to call a full time DCE to Hope was also approved at the meeting.
- David Mellem was nominated to North Wisconsin Board of Directors.
- Rev. Dwayne Lueck was nominated for NWD President.
- Rev. Timothy Shoup was nominated for NWD Regional Vice President.

## Community Engagement Ministry

Submitted by Kim Thompson

*Mission of Community Engagement Ministry:  
To be Jesus' servants to meet physical, spiritual and relational needs.*

*"God calls all Christians to show compassion to people in need"*

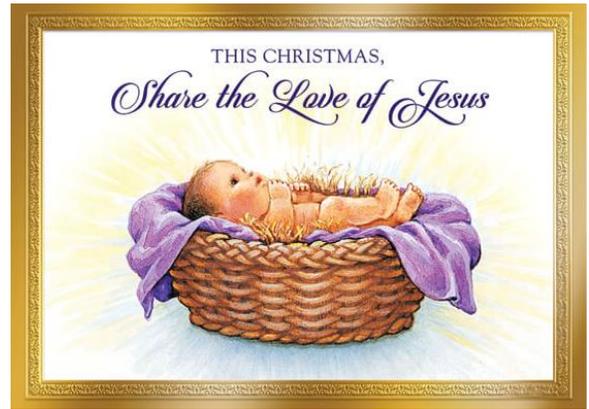


Hope will adopt multiple families to share the love of Jesus for Christmas. Please see the giving tree set up in the narthex to see if you can assist.

1. Take a tag off the tree with a requested item.
2. Purchase the item.
3. Place the item under the tree with the gift tag (no wrapping needed as the families do enjoy doing this.)
4. Please return all gifts by December 17.
5. A box is also there for donated wrapping paper or hygiene items.
6. Pray for those in need that God may bless them and fill their hearts with His love.

Community Engagement Meeting: The next meeting is December 11 at 5:30 PM. Please join us if you wish to help plan events to serve Hope and our community.

**Thank You:** Thank you for the generous response to the donation request for De Pere High School students in need. The social worker at the school has been so grateful for Hope's generosity. Praise the Lord for all he gives.



**New Community Shelter:** Come be a part of serving and helping out as we serve a meal to the shelter residents. We will prepare and serve a meal to about 225 persons without a home or a place to eat on Wednesday, December 13. Everyone can help to make a difference. Please see the opportunities below and sign up on the narthex display:

Volunteers to pack up meals, transport to shelter and help to serve: Need 8 volunteers for 2:30 until 6:00 (meal is served 4:55 to 6:00)

Meal Plan Volunteers: Taco Casserole... take a recipe card from display and an aluminum pan. Make a double recipe of Taco Casserole and bring to church freezer by Tuesday, December 12.

Additional Food Needs (all food items due at church by December 12):

- Apples : Purchase bag of apples (need 18 bags).
- Corn: Sign up to purchase 32 ounce bag of frozen corn and put in freezer (need 22 bags).
- Cookies: Sign up to bake cookies. We need a total of 19 dozen cookies.
- Sign up to bring a bag of taco chips (10 bags needed).

Thank you for making a difference for someone else.

**College Students:** If you currently have a college student that will be taking exams in December, please leave a note in the church office to the attention of Kim Thompson with their current school name and address. Thank you. Final Exam Packages will be organized for our college students.

## Food Drive

**Support the Food Pantry During the Christmas Season**

What a great time to think about those who could do a little extra in their food pantry. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation for the De Pere Christian Food Pantry the last Sunday of the month, December 31. Thank you.

## Hope's Health Corner



*A message from your parish nurses...*

Exodus 20:8 reads, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." It's also one of the Ten Commandments. There is no doubt that keeping the Sabbath is something we should be doing, but why?

Remember when nothing much happened on Sundays? Or maybe more recently, can you recall a Sunday that has been more jam-packed with activities that you couldn't keep track of them all? An understanding of the Sabbath is more vital to our health than it has ever been. This day of rest extends to everyone who needs an opportunity to withdraw from our work and hectic lives and just rest!

The idea of setting aside significant chunks of time for no other purpose than resting our body and spirit produces benefits that medical science can track as well. Being able to reach a good quality of rest leads to benefits in better memory, healthier immune systems, relief of depression and stress, and improved energy. Getting enough sleep matters, but having downtime set aside is equally important.

If we allow our time to be consumed by work, activities and the hectic pace of life, we miss joyful opportunities all around us – a sunset, a kind word, a sweet gesture, the warmth of a fire, the sounds of a choir, among many other things. When we are busy, we may be tempted to go buy things that make us happy. These are only temporary and in the long run leave us wanting more.

Joy is here for all of us! Find time each week you can set aside to relax and unwind. When we commit to this, we will hear a voice that encourages us to slow down, be still, and wait to hear His will. You'll find joy, relief, and rest that will provide you the energy you need to pick up and keep going!

We challenge you to pause, and make time for joy this Advent and Christmas season.

Blessings,  
Bryan Carlson and Leighann Heling  
Hope's Parish Nurses

## ANGELS OF HOPE PRESCHOOL



We have been very busy at Angels of Hope Preschool. In addition to making our way through the alphabet, we focused on the season of fall and the holiday of Thanksgiving. We even enjoyed a class feast complete with food, games and craft projects. We also traveled to Brazil and Thailand in our passport to the world unit. We look forward to learning the story of the nativity in December.

We would like to invite the congregation to our preschool Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Our program is called "Hurray for Baby Jesus". Come and enjoy the story of Christmas shared by our 3 year-old and 4K classes.

*If you would like to see some of our daily happenings, "like" Angels of Hope Preschool on Facebook.*

Upcoming Dates:

January 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Early registration for Hope Lutheran Church Members and returning Angels of Hope Preschool families.

January 30<sup>th</sup> Open House and Registration Kick-off for the public.

If you would like information on our preschool, please contact Gail Thiel or Kim Thompson. We would be happy to share information with you and answer any questions you may have about our program.

As always, please feel free to stop in any time to see our ministry in action.

In His service,

*Gail Thiel and Kim Thompson*

**Angels of Hope Preschool presents**

**"Hooray for Baby Jesus"**

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

**HOORAY** for  
**BABY JESUS!**

Come join us as the children celebrate the gift of our Savior in this little mini musical.

## Youth News

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, youth will host the coffee bar.

The 2019 National Youth Gathering's theme has been released: *REAL PRESENT REAL GOD*. It will be held July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

If you are age 14 or going to be a 9th grader the summer of 2019 you are eligible to attend. A meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:15 for interested students and parents. Watch for more information.

Check out the website at:

<https://blogs.lcms.org/2017/2019-youth-gathering-theme>

## It's A Jingle out There! Come Home to the Manger!



**Saturday, December 16 at 5:30pm**

**(Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall)**

*\*We ask the students to be there at 5:15 pm to get dressed in costumes.*

### Important Dates

**Sunday, November 26:** Practice during Sunday School

**Sunday, December 3:** Practice during Sunday School

**Saturday, December 9:** Practice 9:30-noon

- Nursery – kindergarten: Practice in the Preschool
- 1<sup>st</sup> - High School: Practice in the Church (dress rehearsal)

**Sunday, December 10:** Practice during Sunday School

**Saturday December 16 - 9:30-11:30am:** Dress rehearsal in the church, Have students report to their classroom

### More Information:

Nursery-Kindergarten – Dress in PJs for program.  
1<sup>st</sup> – High School – Costumes will be provided

## Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School

**Green Bay Trinity Fundraiser:** Each time you visit Texas Roadhouse on a Sunday, please mention Green Bay Trinity School and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your bill back to the school. This is every Sunday throughout the year, so just mention Green Bay Trinity!

## Camp Luther

**Youth Winter Retreats:** With summer camp finished, our staff is looking forward to winter fun and adventure at Camp Luther. Here are some of the great youth events we are planning for you!



- Jr. High Big Chill~January 12-14, 2018
- Jr./Sr. High Deep Freeze~January 19-21, 2018
- Sr. High Sub-Zero~January 26-28, 2018

We hope you can join us as we gather in the snowy northwoods of Wisconsin this coming January!

**Family Retreat Jan. 26-28, 2018:** Bundle up and bring the family for a weekend of winter activities and growing together in faith. Families can join in staff-led activities or do things on your own. There is something for all ages. Activities include tubing, broomball, snow shoeing, x-country skiing, Bible study and devotions. Housing will be in one of our cozy cottages.

**Cottage Get-a-Ways:** Families, couples, kids, and adults all love our retreat cottages! Located on the shores of Range Line Lake, our two and three bedroom housekeeping cottages provide the perfect retreat get-a-way for an individual retreat, romantic weekend, or reunion with family and friends.

**Camp Gift Certificates:** Searching for the perfect gift for your children or grandchildren? Consider a Camp Luther gift certificate. These certificates can be purchased in any amount and may be used for any Camp Luther summer camp. They can also be used to purchase items in canteen. Call 715-546-3647 for more information.

**Registration and more information on all activities available online at [www.cAMPLUTHER.COM](http://www.cAMPLUTHER.COM) or by calling camp at 1-877-264-CAMP.**

*Camp Luther is a ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.*

## Do You Have News to Share?

Any member is welcome to submit information for the monthly newsletter. If your group has an event, please get the word out to others via the newsletter. Did you "catch" someone doing something great? Just submit your article by the deadline and the message will get out.

## Thank You to Our Volunteers

To all those who served at Hope in November, we thank you for your gifts of time and talent. Whether you take care of church decorating, landscaping and maintenance, cleaning, usher, share the gift of music, serve on a board/ministry group, care for the plants, take care of communion needs or help teach our children and youth, reach out to other members I need...you are needed and appreciated.

## Thank You from the Ladies Guild

Thank you to all who contributed baked goods, for the ABC auction bake sale. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we were able to give \$450 to St. John's Homeless Shelter.

## New Altar Flower Procedure



To assure there are flowers on the altar every Sunday a new procedure will be implemented starting the week-end of Jan. 21, 2018. Buds and Blooms will deliver a vase of flowers to church every Friday. The cost for flowers and vase is \$30. We are asking members of the congregation to pick a

Sunday and place a check or cash in the collection plate in an envelope indicating "flowers". Also, indicate if choosing your Sunday for a specific reason: engagements, anniversaries, birthdays, or just because. This will be noted in the bulletin. You are welcome to take vase and flowers home after the late service. If you choose to leave them, that is fine too. Also, if you have a special flower you would like for your Sun. you can stop in at Buds and Blooms (on Chicago Street). They will try to accommodate you. If you have questions please contact Kathy Altergott at 351-3086.

## Do You Shop Online?

Then you need to **Goodshop** and Support Angels of Hope Preschool

- Visit [goodsearch.com](http://goodsearch.com).
- Register and create a user profile which will allow you to keep track of your individual amount raised. Choose Hope Lutheran Church – De Pere as your cause.
- Click through to your chosen store and shop as you normally would. Goodshop also lists all available coupons. You pay nothing extra, but a portion of all qualifying purchases will go to your Angels of Hope.
- 100% of the donation amount displayed on merchant's Goodshop page will go to the charity or school of your choice!

The percentages vary but here are some examples: Barnes & Noble 3%, Best Buy .5%, Walgreens 4%, Younkers 2%, UnderArmour 4%, Penneys 1.5%, Clinique 5%, Kohls 1.5%, BedBath&Beyond 2%, Bath & BodyWorks 1%, Hanes 4%, Oriental Trading 2.5%, Lands End 3%, Target .87%, Shopko 3.5%, Shutterfly 1%, Apple 1%, Gap 2.5%, Walmart 2%

Where does the money come from? When you shop through Goodshop at one of our retail partners, Goodshop is paid a referral fee. 50% of this referral fee is donated to your selected cause. There is no cost and the experience of shopping through Goodshop is exactly the same as going to the retailer directly.... Just a few extra clicks!! Thanks for trying Goodshop and supporting Angels of Hope.

### Please Save These Items

Please Note: Do not bring 18 count egg cartons for DPCO. The 12 count cartons are still accepted. We no longer collect Campbell's soup labels or empty medication bottles. Plastic and paper bags may be contributed directly to Christian Outreach.

- General Mills Boxtops for Education go to Trinity Lutheran School. They are worth .10 each.
- Milk Moolah (Kwik Trip) caps and pouches are worth .05 each.
- Food items for St. Anne's food pantry.
- LWML collects used postage stamps – leave ½ inch around the stamp. There is a 3 drawer container in the coatroom.
- COMPUTER INK CARTRIDGES - Eligible brands are HP, Dell, Lexmark, Brother, Epson, Samsung, Kodak, Sharp or Canon ink/toner cartridges. Recycling rebates are used to offset church office supply expenses. Please put these in the middle drawer in the coatroom.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Jilot	12/3
Megan Kuehl	12/5
Al Radliff	12/5
Travis Gauthier	12/6
Adam Gosse	12/7
Sam Secor	12/8
Tom Magnant	12/9
Nikole Schwartz	12/10
Bradley Bishop	12/11
Renaë Maschke	12/11
Cordell Schingeck	12/12
Mariah Bongers	12/13
Ruth Timm	12/14
Tracy Kiefert	12/15
Jaxson Novitski	12/15
Lyn Raddant	12/15
Tammy Gossen	12/17
Damen Hillmann	12/18
Alivia Muniz	12/18
Jonathan Egen	12/19
Megan Baye	12/20
Joshua Bongers	12/23
Sue Haegele	12/23
Emily Kaufmann	12/23
John Pieper	12/24
Aaron Gosse	12/26
Emily McGuire	12/26
Lauren Krainik	12/27
Emily James	12/28
Nicole Klevesahl	12/28
Brenda Krainik	12/29
Caleb Vanderpoel	12/29
Rachel Cunningham	12/30
Lauren Osen	12/30
Alyssa Klatt	12/31



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Charles & Amanda Novitski	12/7
Jill & Tim LeMere	12/13
Michael & Rhonda Rusch	12/27

### Advent by Candlelight for Ladies Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

(If you have not signed up, but would like to attend, please contact Alice Loppnow to check availability)



## Ladies Guild Christmas Party

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us for our annual Christmas party at Ziggy's on Tuesday, December 12th...5:30 cocktails and 6:30 dinner.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.



### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**

Sunday School Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

AOH Preschool Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday Worship ~ 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30 and 6:00 PM

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship

(No worship service on Wednesday, December 27th)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:20 AM New Member Class, Bible Study & Sunday School (Christmas program practice during SS) 10:27 AM Worship	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM. AOH Board Meeting	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM Breakfast with the Bible @ Oak St. Caf�e 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 7:00 PM Advent by Candlelight	<b>6</b> 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Advent Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30-Noon Christmas Program Practice
Advent by Candlelight setup up in Fellowship Hall						
<b>10</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> 8:00 AM Worship Pancake/Porkie Breakfast between Services 9:20 AM New Member Class, Bible Study & Sunday School (Christmas program practice during SS) 10:27 AM Worship 3:00-7:00 Fellowship Hall Rented	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Church Council	<b>12</b> 7:30 AM Breakfast with the Bible @ Oak St. Caf�e 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due	<b>13</b> 4:30 PM Serve dinner at NEW Community Shelter 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Advent Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30-11:30 Christmas Program Practice 5:30 PM Christmas Program with reception to follow.
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AOH Preschool Christmas Break December 25-January 1						
<b>31</b> 8:00 AM Worship 10:27 AM Worship Food Drive						

Calendar is accurate as of 11/27/17.

Please check the online calendar or announcements for updates/changes.