

Thanksgiving Offering—Thank you all who attended the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service! Between Hope and St. Olaf, 74 pounds of food and \$160 was collected for Feed My People!

Love your Neighbor is the Capital Campaign for the Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry The NWSWI synod council and assembly approved a 3 year, \$175,000 capital campaign. Deacon Lidixie Montoya has been instrumental in creating bridges between the English speaking congregations and Hispanic neighbors. Future goals:

1. To increase support for the Casa de Recursors, N2N Resource Center to include mental health resources in Spanish
2. Increase the number of health fairs
3. Expand the reach of Hispanic student scholarship program
4. Increase the impact of the Spanish Language Worship Service by Livestreaming

Please consider this vital ministry as you look at your end of year giving. There will be fund raising for this cause throughout the next 3 years.

At Hope Lutheran we acknowledge that we are on the ancestral homelands of indigenous peoples of the Council of Three Fires including the Ho-Chunk, Dakota, and the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe). Each of these Nations is unique and sovereign. We are grateful to their ancestors for their deep commitment to caring for the land.

As God’s people, abounding in HOPE and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your gifts to Hope.

In Honor of:

Nancy Kaeding’s Knitting Skills.....Ron and Nancy Kaeding



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 14

9:00am Worship + Christmas Program
10:00am Coffee Connections

Monday, December 15

Office Closed

8:30am Monday Morning Coffee
6:30pm Book Club

Tuesday, December 16

8:00am ROMEO
9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Dartball at Hope

Wednesday, December 17

3:00pm After School Hours
4:30pm Youth Group
5:30pm Bells/Dinner
6:00pm Youth and Children Party
6:30pm Choir

Thursday, December 18

9:30am Feed My People
1:00pm Days for Girls

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

Sunday, December 21

9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Connections
10:00am Christmas Bake Sale

This week we pray for:

Leona Fuerbringer, Jeanette Perry, Sue Carlson, Richard Brownell, Lee McMullen, Allison Price, The Family of Bob Adams

The Children will present their Christmas Program today. It’s the third Sunday in Advent and Pastor Melinda Halom will preside over communion with us today

Worship Stats at Hope

Nov. 16—182—\$4,527.00
Nov. 23—125—\$8,660.00
Nov. 30—134—\$4,503.00

A big thank you to all our participants and helpers who helped put on the **Children & Youth Christmas Program!** Congratulations to all our youth and children for their performance!

Holiday Bake Sale - We're getting ready for our Holiday Bake Sale on December 21st. The funds collected from the sale will support children and youth Summer 2026 programs including Vacation Bible School and Summer Stretch! If you would like to contribute baked goods or volunteer at the sale, please sign up in the gathering space. Thank you!

Advent and Christmas Schedule:

- Children’s Christmas Program— Sunday, December 14th
- Holiday Bake Sale—Sunday, December 21st, 10:00am
- Christmas Eve Worship— Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00pm
- Lessons and Carols — Sunday, December 28th

Beacon House Thank you, Beacon House Volunteers! We'd like to thank all the generous folks who helped provide food this past week: Carrie Novak, Heather DeLuka, Carol Mohr, Lynn Weber, Mary Sabin, Jessica O’Connor, and Allison Martinson. Without your support, we couldn't help provide food and shelter for these families in need! Thank you! Bridgit Mazuk

The Eau Claire Days For Girls Team will be hosting coffee connections on Sunday, December 14. Your donations will go for the wages, \$8 a day, for the women in Los Heroes that work making the Days for Girls kits in the Lutheran Church of Los Heroes. They’re wages are funded only by donations. Days for Girls has also updated their logo in memory of Pastor Sonia Hercilia who has led the team for many years.

Remembrance Tree The Board of Outreach will again be “Lighting Up” the Gathering Area by selling blue and white lights for your special remembrance. Blue bulbs are in memory of loved ones and white ones are in honor of special people in our lives. Today is the last day bulbs will be on sale for \$5 in the Gathering Area. Funds raised through this endeavor support Hope’s commitment to the Community Table and other Outreach projects.

Advent Resources - There are Advent calendars for children and Advent devotionals for all readers available in the gathering space! Take one home to support your journey through advent as we count down the days till Christmas! Happy Advent!

Quilting— The quilting group is in need of gently used and new sheets. If you wish to provide some, please drop them off in the office.

December 14, 2025
Advent 3
Order of Service

- Prelude
- Welcome & Announcements
- Mission Statement
- Confession and Forgiveness
- Opening Hymn: #264
- Greeting
- Lighting of Advent Wreath (Verse 3)
- Prayer of the Day
- Special Music—Bells of Hope
- First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10
- Second Reading: James 5:7-10
- Gospel Acclamation — Page 142
- Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11
- Christmas Program
- “God’s Christmas Gifts”
- Hymn of the Day: #267
- Apostles’ Creed
- Prayers for the People
- Sharing God’s Peace & Noisy Offering
- Offertory: #186
- Offering Prayer
- Communion Dialogue & Lord’s Prayer
- Distribution Hymn: #257
- Post Communion Prayer
- Blessing of Pastoral Partners
- Benediction
- Closing Hymn: #253
- Dismissal