

Flimsy Plastic The Confirmation youth are 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 park bench which the congregation will receive. Please keep bringing 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.

Bench in Memory Of Peter Alan Christenson

When the weather turns warm and the flowers bloom, you’ll have a bench to sit on while enjoying the beautiful pollinator gardens. The bench, located between the two gardens was given in memory of Peter Christenson by his sister, Mary (Christenson) Crosby. Their parents, Helen and Gordy were active in many aspects of our church community including teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. Peter was born in 1961 and passed in 2024 at the age of 63. He was confirmed in 1975, attended North High then joined Laborer’s Local Union No. 268. Many thanks to Mary for sharing Peter’s memory with Hope where his faith foundation was built.

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 memory of:
Thomas House.....Mary Beth and Steven Hartwig
Jeffrey Maske.....Mary Beth and Steven Hartwig
In honor of:
Our 73 Wedding Anniversary.....Gordy and Donna Lee

**Join us for Christmas Eve
Worship on Wednesday,
December 24th at 4:00pm!**



PARISH PAPER

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 30
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Connections
10:00am Christmas Program Rehearsal
Monday, December 1
8:30am Monday Morning Coffee
Tuesday, December 2
9:00am Quilting
7:00pm Dartball at Hope
Wednesday, December 3
3:00pm After School Hours
4:30pm Youth Group
5:15pm Soup and Song
5:30pm Bells
6:00pm Confirmation and JAM
6:30pm Choir
7:00pm High School Bible Study
Thursday, December 4
9:30am Feed My People
10:00am The Chosen
1:00pm HOPEful Hands
6:30pm The Chosen
Friday, December 5
Saturday, December 6
Sunday, December 7
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Connections
10:00am Christmas Program
Dress Rehearsal
5:00pm Advent Concert

This week we pray for:

Leona Fuerbringer, Jeanette Perry, Sue Carlson, Clay Matthew Clemmans, Richard Brownell, Lee McMullen, Marlene Schultz, Allison Price, Briella Mares

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Enjoy the special music from the Singers of Hope. Diane House will lead our worship service

Worship Stats at Hope
Nov. 2—200—\$7,193.00
Nov. 9—156—\$13,231.00
Nov. 16—182—\$4,527.00

College Boxes - Each year we send our young adults care packages for the holidays. If you'd like to sponsor a college box, please sign up and pick one up in the gathering area. College boxes should be returned to church by December 7th to be mailed out.

Puzzle Drive for Northwoods Elementary!

The Board of Outreach is collecting **new or gently used puzzles** for **Northwoods Elementary School**. During indoor recess time, the kids could really use some fresh puzzles to keep things fun and engaging. We’re looking for **standard or wooden peg puzzles (24–300 pieces)**. Drop them in the collection box in the Gathering Area—thank you for helping bring a little more fun and learning to their day!



Hats & Mittens Needed! Hope is collecting hats and mittens for the kids at Sam Davey Elementary and adults at Community Table! We have started the collection now so they are prepared for the upcoming winter months. Many kids and adults will need these items as the weather changes. For the kiddos: waterproof gloves/ mittens are appreciated for playing in the snow. If you happen to see hats and mittens/gloves on sale, would you please be so kind as to donate a pair or two? Please place them in the box labeled "Hats & Mittens" in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Advent Concert—Enjoy bells, choir, special music, String Connection, and readings as we kick off the Advent Season with a concert. Fellowship and treats will be served after the concert. On December 7th at 5:00pm.

Noisy Offering Update: Hope has collected \$200.00 recently in our Noisy Offering. We have sent a \$200.00 donation to cover the lunch debt at Sam Davey Schools. The money collected through the end of the year will also go to the Eau Claire Schools to cover more lunch debt for our kids. Hope is an amazing place that does such great things for our community! THANK YOU, for your continued generosity to this project.

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 ones are in memory of loved ones and white ones are in honor of special people in our lives. The bulbs will go on sale for \$5 in the Gathering Area, November 30th and continue until December 14th. Funds raised through this endeavor support Hope’s commitment to the Community Table and other Outreach projects.

HOPE FRIENDSHIP GROUP POTLUCK (Over 55) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 10:30am (note time change) This will be a potluck in Olson Hall at Hope and we will have a gift exchange of no more than \$10 (if you wish to join). A short program will start at 11:00am with lunch to follow at 11:30am.Music and gift exchange will follow lunch. A Signup sheet for the potluck is posted in Olson Hall. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Advent and Christmas Schedule:

- Advent Concert — December 7th, 5:00pm
- Children’s Christmas Program— Sunday, December 14th
- Christmas Eve Worship— Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00pm
- Lessons and Carols — Sunday, December 28th

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!

Christmas Program - Join us in worship on December 14th for the children and youth Christmas program entitled "God's Christmas Gifts". Thank you to all the participants and volunteers for their preparations.

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.

November 30, 2025
Advent 1
Order of Service

- Welcome & Announcements
- Mission Statement
- Confession and Forgiveness
- Opening Hymn: #438
- Greeting
- Lighting of Advent Wreath
- Prayer of the Day
- Special Music—Voices of Hope
- First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
- Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
- Children’s Time
- Gospel Acclamation — Page 142
- Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44
- Sermon—Pastor Diane House
- Hymn of the Day: #436
- Apostles’ Creed
- Prayers for the People
- Sharing God’s Peace & Noisy Offering
- Offertory: #186
- Offering Prayer
- Communion Dialogue & Lord’s Prayer
- Distribution Hymn: #252
- Post Communion Prayer
- Benediction
- Sending Hymn: #244
- Dismissal