



January 4, 2017

### Annual Meeting – January 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Annual Meeting of Hope Lutheran Church will be Sunday, January 22, 2016 @ 10:45 am. Annual Report Letters from Committee Chairs were due to Steve Sprecher or Kathy Chase on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Elections will be held as part of the annual meeting. The positions up for election this year are Vice-President, Secretary, One-Year unexpired term of Treasurer, Mission & Evangelism Liaison and Family Life Liaison.

Annual Meeting Report Booklets will be distributed to each member family unit following worship on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The booklets will be mailed to those who are absent.

***Please bring your report booklet with you to the annual meeting Sunday!***



**The next Journey event is scheduled for Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

*Join with teens from all area churches!*

- We will have bowling available at Fair City Lanes from 5:30-6:30 for \$3!

Then worship will happen at the Fine Arts Center starting at 7:00 pm!

### **Coborn's Receipts**



Please bring Coborn's Receipts for **November, December and January** to the church no later than Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please place the receipts in the drawer in the corner table in the Narthex. The Women of Hope receive the proceeds from these receipts.

### **Community Soup Supper**

**January 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 pm**  
**First Assembly of God Church**  
9<sup>th</sup> St & Lincoln Ave SW



This fellowship meal is sponsored by the Huron Ministerial Association.

### **Proposed By-Law Changes**

**On October 15, 2016, during their regular monthly meeting, the Hope Lutheran Church Council proposed the following changes to the By-Laws:**

#### **Article 4 – Governing Board**

**B 4.04 – Each member of the Church Council will be elected for a two year term. The Council members' terms shall be staggered so that approximately one-half of the members are elected each year. No member shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive full terms in the same Council position.**

**B 4.11 – The Church Council shall meet as often as necessary, but not less than once a month but no less than 9 meetings per year.**

*Our Constitution requires approval of the Congregation as provided for in Section B 7.03: "Any proposed changes to these By-Laws may be approved at any legally called meeting of the Congregation by a simple majority vote of the voting members present at said meeting."*



You can find Hope Lutheran's Constitution and By-Laws on our website under "Publications"

## Pastor's Ponderings



### Hope for the New Year!

*“Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love”*  
Psalm 33:18

We have survived! The past few months have been a blur of activity, controversy and yet hope for our future! There is always hope!

From the presidential election scene, there was much mud-slinging, ½ truths as well as controversy for us all to endure. But, whether your candidate prevailed or not....there is always hope!

We hope that despite the rhetoric of the campaigns that our elected leaders will be able to work together to make our country a better, stronger and safer place to live. As they do so, we must pray that they will also give attention to where and how we can best work to extend the freedoms and blessings we have known to other parts of the world that may seek our help. This too, is the responsibility of those who have been blessed to be a blessing....so that there is always hope!

During these past two months as we celebrated the National Day of Thanksgiving and our own Christian celebration of Christmas, there has also been a blur of activity. From family gatherings to concerts to kid's programs; it all sure kept us running! But hopefully, in the midst of it, you were able to once again hear and embrace the hope that is ours in the coming into our world of the Christ...for in Him, there is always hope!

Now, on this side of the Christmas celebrations, we settle in for a bit. And as we do so, we come back to a more normal schedule and a chance to re-prioritize what is most important for us to do. So, as you enter this new year, I also ask that you consider your role in the fabric of our congregation.

We have a solid Church Council, dedicated teachers and leaders in many roles, but what

we all bring to the life and ministry of Hope Lutheran Church is going to continue to shape our future.

So, I ask that you may find your ways to be more active in our callings to be students of the Word, worshippers of the Christ, models of Christian living, workers of peace and justice, and ambassadors of Hope. These aspects of our lives will prove to be the determining factors in not only the health of our individual spiritual lives, but also in our community of faith....so that there will always be Hope!

In His Service,

*Pastor Tom*



### Missions Matter!

Your offerings through Hope Lutheran make an impact not only to our congregation, but to many others around our nation and world.

This month we highlight our partnership with the Tabor Congregation of Hawassa, Ethiopia. In 2016, we gave \$3,000 from our Missions budget to the support and training of Evangelists sent out from Tabor to remote parts of Ethiopia.

Our direct support of ½ of the Evangelist's salary reaches hundreds each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In addition, our special offering to the “4x4” project netted \$1,276 toward the purchase of a vehicle that will enable the staff of Tabor to get the evangelists to their points of service as well as staff oversight and training.

In December, the Missions and Evangelism Committee gave an added \$400 from their undesignated World Missions dollars toward the “4x4” fund. We thank you for your continued faithful giving so that the Hope we have in Christ Jesus can be spread to all people.

*(from your Missions & Evangelism Committee)*



The Worship Committee received donations for 39 poinsettias to help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. **Thank you!**

If you provided a poinsettia, you may take it home now.



**During worship  
on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Special Guest Musician!**

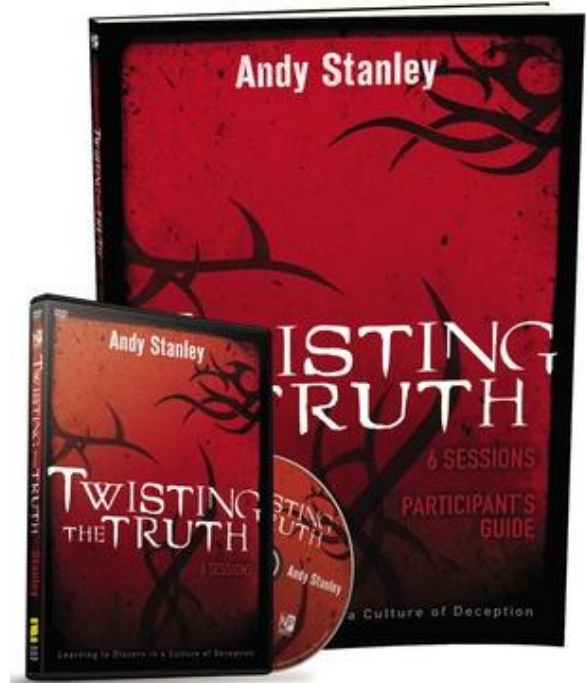
Our worship will be blessed with the music and reflections of **Jeff Shaffer**, a former member of the St. Dysmas congregation. St. Dysmas is a Lutheran Congregation behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary that we visit periodically.

Since his release, Jeff has been a member of St. John's Lutheran in Sioux Falls, but he loves to go out to supporting congregations and tell of the life changing work that is done with inmates who come to know Christ through St. Dysmas.

**December – January – February  
“Our Daily Bread” Devotionals  
are available at the Welcome Center  
and on the table in the Narthex**

**You may also access them online at  
[www.odp.org](http://www.odp.org)**

## **YOUTH/ADULT STUDY!!**



**Wednesdays**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**at 9:30 AM and 8:00 PM**

Join us for “*Twisting the Truth*”, a six-session Bible study developed to help you understand how truth can get twisted and distorted, and how that impacts your life.

There will be a 10 - 15 minute video introduction to our discussion each week.

Throughout the study, Stanley exposes four destructive and all-too-prevalent lies about authority, pain, sex, and sin. They're deceptions powerful enough to ruin our relationships, our lives, even our eternities—but only if we let them.

Sessions include:

1. The Sound of Deception
2. All Is Not as It Seems
3. Says Who?
4. Facing Forward
5. It's Only Physical
6. It's No Mistake

# January and February

dates to remember!

Sun, 1/1	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Wed, 1/4	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
Sun 1/8	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK-8th Grade
	5:30 PM	Journey Youth Bowling
	7:00 PM	Journey Youth Worship
Tue, 1/10		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Pastor at Pastor's Meeting
	9:00 AM	Global Health Bandage Rolling
Wed, 1/11	9:30 AM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
	7:00 PM	Church Council
	8:00 PM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
Sun, 1/15	9:30 AM	Worship - music by Jeff Shaffer - w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK - 8th Grade
Wed, 1/18	9:30 AM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
	8:00 PM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
Sun, 1/22	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK-8th Grade
	10:45 AM	ANNUAL MEETING
Wed, 1/25	9:30 AM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
	8:00 PM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
Sun, 1/29	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK-8th Grade
	3:00 PM	Pastor leads worship at Violet Tschetter Memorial Home
	4:00 PM	Pastor leads worship at Sunquest Healthcare Center
	5:00 PM	Ministerial Association Soup Supper at First Assembly of God Church – 9th St & Lincoln Ave SW
Wed, 2/1	9:30 AM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
	7:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
	8:00 PM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
Sun, 2/5	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK-8th Grade

Mon-Tue 2/6-7		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Pastor attending AD Conference
Wed, 2/8	9:30 AM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
	8:00 PM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
Sun, 2/12	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK - 8th Grade
Wed, 2/15	9:30 AM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
	8:00 PM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
Sun, 2/19	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK-8th Grade
Wed, 2/22	9:30 AM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Grades 6-8
	8:00 PM	Bible Study "Twisting the Truth"
Sun, 2/26	9:30 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School, PreK - 8th Grade
Wed, 3/1	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion

**For schedule changes and updates, please remember to check the online calendar at [www.hopelutheranhur.com](http://www.hopelutheranhur.com)**

## 2016 Hope Lutheran Church Council

President—Steve Sprecher  
 Vice Pres/Staff Relations—Jared Reno  
 Secretary/Stewardship – Kris Gohn  
 Treasurer/Finance—Jim Ruedebusch  
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