



November 2016

Thanksgiving Worship Services:

There will be two opportunities for you to join with other Christians in a service of thanksgiving to our God:



Community Thanksgiving Worship –
Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, 7:00 p.m.
at Grace Episcopal Church
(1617 McClellan Drive)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
At Hope - Wednesday,
Nov. 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Youth Group Sunday, November 13th @ Noon.

We are looking for a hostso watch your email and Facebook for the location!



Please also note the letter that went out this week about the proposed **Mission Trip 2017!** The consensus from the youth is to take a hike to Milwaukee to work in the inner city with Next Step Ministries, leaving on June 10th and returning on June 17th. Please get your deposit money to Pastor Tom by the 13th so we can reserve our slots.



THANK YOU for the cards and greetings to us in observance of "Clergy Appreciation" month. Your words of support and encouragement as well as your generous gifts are a blessing.

Pastor Tom & Janet, Paul, Mark & Sarah.



Special Music Welcomed! On almost any Sunday, we would welcome Special Music to

enhance our worship of God. If you are a vocalist or instrumentalist that can share your God-given talents, please sign up at the Welcome Center or talk to Pastor Tom about when you would like to share your talents. Beginner musicians and young singers welcome to also "make a joyful noise"!!

Mission Partner Visit to St. Dymas Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 10th. The carpool will leave Hope at 4:00 pm so we can be with the members of St. Dymas for some visiting time both before and after worship. Following the service, we go out to a late "Dutch treat" supper with the St. Dymas pastor to hear more about the ministry. Please pray for the group as they travel and minister to the men of St. Dymas.



Coborn's Receipts for August, September and October are due at the church by **Sunday, November 6th**. Please place them in the drawer of the corner table in the narthex. Proceeds are provided to the Women of Hope for their ministries.

Church Women United will meet Friday, November 4th @ 1:30 at Hope Lutheran to celebrate Word Community Day. The theme is "Sharing Gifts at the Table". All are welcome!



Abbott House



Two groups from Hope Lutheran have recently toured and received presentations on the ministry of the Abbott House in Mitchell. If there is anyone who would like more information about this ministry or would like to tour the facilities, please contact Mary Fuchs.

Financial Update



Here is a summary on Hope Lutheran's finances for the first nine months of 2016.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Ruedebusch.

Hope Lutheran Church Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2016

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

General Fund	\$44,503.14
Building Fund	\$76,271.59
Contingency Fund	\$37,218.93
Memorial Fund	\$17,454.30
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$175,447.96

FIXED ASSETS

Equipment/Furnishings	\$41,784.18
Land and Buildings	\$294,972.08
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$336,756.26

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$512,204.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$512,204.22

Hope Lutheran Church General Fund Budget vs. Actuals January 1 – September 30, 2016

	2016 Budget	Actual thru 09/30/2016
INCOME		
General Fund Offering	\$165,900.00	\$122,550.66
Miscellaneous Revenue	100.00	199.42
TOTAL INCOME	\$159,860.00	\$122,750.08

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses	\$142,000.00	\$86,723.37
Transfers to Building Fund	\$24,000.00	\$16,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$159,860.00	\$102,723.37

Please bring items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes to Fellowship Hall prior to worship on Sunday, November 6th.



The Sunday School Children will assemble the boxes following worship.



On Sunday, October 16th we welcomed the following as new members of Hope Lutheran.

Please introduce yourselves!

Emily Brown

Rich & Peggy Hiles

Brandon & Emily Holevoet

Matthew Ruedebusch and Cody

Erik & Lona Simon,

Kenleigh, Chapel, Declan & Ledger

ALL SAINTS
DAY



Sunday, November 6th is All Saints Day.

During worship, we will remember those from our congregation and our lives that have gone on before us this past year.

From our congregation, Connie Sproull will be remembered.



The Preacher's Ponderings

"You will say in that day: 'I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation". Isaiah 12:1-2

Do we truly give thanks to God?

Are we a people whose hearts are filled with thanksgiving for all that God has been for us and has done for us?

These are good questions for each of us to ask every day, but they are especially poignant, as we now have turned the calendar to the month that bears our national day of Thanksgiving. This proclaimed day to giving thanks to God, traces its roots back to 1621, and the first harvest for the pilgrims since arriving in the "new world". Despite many hardships of the journey across the seas, and then a harsh winter, and then preparing the land for crops, the pilgrims at Plymouth Plantation declared a three-day festival of giving thanks to God at their first harvest.

Of course, proclamations about giving thanks to God goes back much further than that. In the passage from Isaiah 12, the prophet foretells a day when God's people will truly give thanks to God for the greatest gift He was to give. This proclamation of thanksgiving follows the prophecy in chapter 11, of the day that God would send forth from the "stump of Jesse" a righteous branch (11:1), who would come to the world as a little child (11:6), and this child would become our means of salvation (12:2).

Of course, we will gather with family or friends on the day of Thanksgiving. Of course, we will give thanks to God for the gift of family, for the harvest, for the material blessings we have received.....but let us also remember on that day, and every day, to give thanks for the one that God gave to the world! The one whose perfect sacrifice, tempered his anger against us (12:1), and has become our salvation.....Jesus the Christ!

May God, so fill us with a renewed sense of the Spirit's power that we might ever give thanks for this gift, above all gifts. AMEN

In His Exciting Service, Pastor Tom

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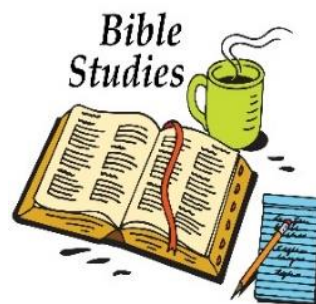
Education—Michelle Chase

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Fellowship/Family Life—Jim White

Properties—Erv Huber

Worship—Kurt Dickson



A new Bible Study will be offered in January. If you have suggestions as to topics, times to meet, etc. please contact Pastor Tom.

Mark your calendar!

November 2nd – Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
8:00 pm Sr. High/Adult Study

November 3rd – Thursday

10:30 am Huron Ministerial at Hope

November 4th – Friday

1:30 pm Church Women United at Hope

November 6th – “All Saints” Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School

November 9th – Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
8:00 pm Sr. High/Adult Study

November 10th - Thursday

4:00 pm Carpool to St. Dymas

November 13th - Sunday

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School
12:00 pm Sr. High Youth – host family TBA

November 15th – Tuesday

8:00-3:00 pm ESD Pastor’s Mtg. in Wtn.

November 16th – Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)
7:00 pm Church Council
8:00 pm Sr. High/Adult Study

November 20th – “Christ the King” Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Sunday School

November 22nd – Tuesday

7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship at
Grace Episcopal (1617 McClellan Drive)

November 23rd – Wednesday

7:00 pm Hope’s Thanksgiving Eve Worship

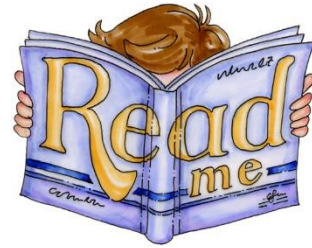
November 27th – 1st Sunday in Advent

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

November 30th – Wednesday

6:00 pm Confirmation (grades 6-8)

A printable calendar can also be
downloaded from our church website:
www.hopelutheranhuron.com



As we spend more time indoors, you might be looking for a good book to read. Please check out the **church library located just off the Narthex**. There are plenty of choices, both fiction and nonfiction, for both children and adults.

Looking Ahead:

The **Family Christmas Program**
will be held
Wednesday, December 21st @ 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship
will be held
Saturday, December 24th @ 5:30 pm