

WELCOME - HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS
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"Sharing Hope In The Joy Of Christ"

Sundays - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.
1st Sunday in Advent December 3, 2023

HYMNS 331 – 332 – 338 – 672, 673, 696 – 729

ORDER OF SERVICE Hymnal page 203 then proceed to the Kyrie, p. 204

RESPONSE: sing after the 1st Reading at pg. 205 Psalm 80; ♪ tone C

Restore us, | O God;

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

O Lord | God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your | people prayers?

You have fed them with the | bread of tears

and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Altar Flowers — Millie Schubert – to the glory of God. *Reader* – Janette Barry. *Assisting* – Ken Halbe. *Crucifer* – Travis Pennekamp. *Altar Guild* — Anna Hollenbeck and Janette Barry. *Organ* – Jackie Tieman. *Last wk* – atndd, 42; offrg, \$1,938.

Greetings to our Guests. We are glad you have joined us in worship. We trust you will draw strength, peace, and hope as together we hear God's Word. It is truly our intent to welcome you and make you feel comfortable here in God's house. Since communion implies unity of faith *we do not practice open communion* but invite those not fully united with us to enter full membership in the Lutheran community first before receiving the Sacrament. Sit-down communion, front left. We are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Centered in Word and Sacrament, and receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we live the Christian life by faith.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Sundays – (children, teens, adults); 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; **Tuesdays** – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Bible Study; and Third **Saturday** – Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Bible study and Christian growth opportunities are for everyone all year.

OTHER WAYS WE ARE STAYING IN TOUCH. You can view live or any time later our church services and daily devotions by going to: **HopeLutheranChurch GraniteCity,IL-Posts/Facebook**. We also continue to keep our website current: www.hopelutherangc.org with information, upcoming events, and manuscripts of our sermons and bulletins. CD audio recordings of each of our services are also available. Arrangements can be made for private communion or a home visit by contacting Pastor.

BELL CHOIR HAS STARTED. It is not too late to join them. It is not necessary that you are able to read music. If interested, please see Jackie or Nichol Tieman.

CAROLING ANYONE? Our Social Ministry Committee will be baking and delivering cookies from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on December 11 at Century Drive Nursing and Rehab Center. Also, during that time we will be able to sing Christmas carols at the facility. We will meet at 3:45 p.m. at the church to go there. Please join in. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES. As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will have three services that day. We will have our regular 9:30 a.m. worship service and then Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Our Christmas Day Service will be at 9:30 a.m.

WE'VE BEEN THERE GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY will be December 18 here at church. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. for brunch followed by Christmas Games. Please plan to join us. Everyone is welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. Quite a transformation was made to our church yesterday. Your help is appreciated.

NEED HELP WITH THE HOLIDAYS? The holidays should be a joyous time; but, unfortunately they can be stressful. Please know that help is available as needed for either one time or recurring needs from our Care Committee; perhaps help getting to church, shopping, home decorating, or just someone to talk to. Please contact Wanda Wuehler (618-920-1929), Sandy Townzen (618-304-8692), or Pastor as needs arise.

THEME FOR THE DAY: On this first Sunday in Advent, we need to ask ourselves how do we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas during this Advent Season. We will call to God and He will most certainly come to us. But then we must allow Him to mold us into what He wants us to be. In our Old Testament reading today, we are given a perfect outline for this. Today we will look and learn from this in a message entitled, "The Potter Molding The Clay."



Keep Them In Your Prayers



Members Of Hope:

Janette Barry
Amy Beatty
Ethan & Isaac

Sister Congregation

Christ Lutheran Church
Rev. Randall Bell
Augusta, MO

Ill & Hospitalized

Qiana Bennet
Wendy Bloodworth
Kathy Daiber
Liz Dauble
Dannie Donaldson
Lynn Ernst
Nola Gorrell
Joyce Hahn
Ruth & Sonny Hochuli
Mark Hudson
Alex Paz
June Oberdieck
Ivy Redfield
Joe Renolds
Mark Robinson
Anita Selley
Kevin Shaffer
Sarah Shems
Jim & Pam Smith
Val Sumonia
Lee Trame
Vicki Vasileff

Shut-Ins

Joyce Bettorf
JoAnn Dillman
Ruth Hochuli
Sonny Hochuli
Bonita Santagato
Jimmy Taylor

THIS WEEK AT HOPE: Today, following the service is **Junior Confirmation** and at 2:00 p.m. Pastor will be leading the service at **Eden Retirement Village**. Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. is **Bible Study**, leaving from the church at 11:45 a.m. will be **Social Ministry Christmas Party** at Bella Milano's, and at 3:30 p.m. is **Alcoholics' Anonymous**. Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. is **Advent Service at Hope**, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Pastor will be in **Prison Ministry** and at 7:00 p.m. is **Advent Service at St. John**. Thursday Pastor will be in **Sidewalk Ministry** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pastor will continue to be posting a **daily devotion** on **Hope's Facebook page**.

LOOKING AHEAD: BUNKO and caroling (two separate events) are December 11. Hope's Christmas Dinner is December 17. We've Been There Group Christmas Party is December 18.

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS TODAY: The four-week semi-penitential season of Advent in Preparation for Christmas begins today. Within our services, this is marked by blue colors, the use of *Series B* lectionary, and the omission of the *Gloria in Excelsis*.

JOIN US FOR MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES. This Wednesday we will have our first mid-week Advent Service at 11:00 a.m. here at Hope and at 7:00 p.m. a joint service with the other two Granite City Lutheran Churches; this week at St. John.

TWO IDEAS FOR ADVENT SEASON. On the table near the rear church doors you will find a one-page sheet with suggested scripture readings for each day of Advent. These readings are coordinated with Pastor's daily devotion and our theme for our 11:00 a.m. Advent Services. Also - how about a "simple" in-home Advent wreath? These things can help us stay grounded in what the season is all about.

COLLECTION OF ITEMS continues for such things as new hats and mittens, new and gently used coats, and new toys; as well as also in the narthex a collection table for food items and monetary donations for the Christmas baskets for those members of Hope who could use a little help at Christmas.

SOCIAL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY is Tuesday at Bella Milano's. Carpooling from the church at 11:45 a.m. for a 12:00 p.m. reservation. Ordering and paying for lunch will be on an individual basis. All ladies are invited to this. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

OUR HOPE CHRISTMAS DINNER will be December 17 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to provide a covered dish for sharing; and turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes/gravy will be supplied (as of the writing of this bulletin, 2 turkey bakers and 1 dessert are still needed). A sign-up sheet is in the hallway bulletin board. Please make plans to join us. Good food, fellowship, and maybe even some singing of Christmas songs.

BUNKO IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 11. A sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.
