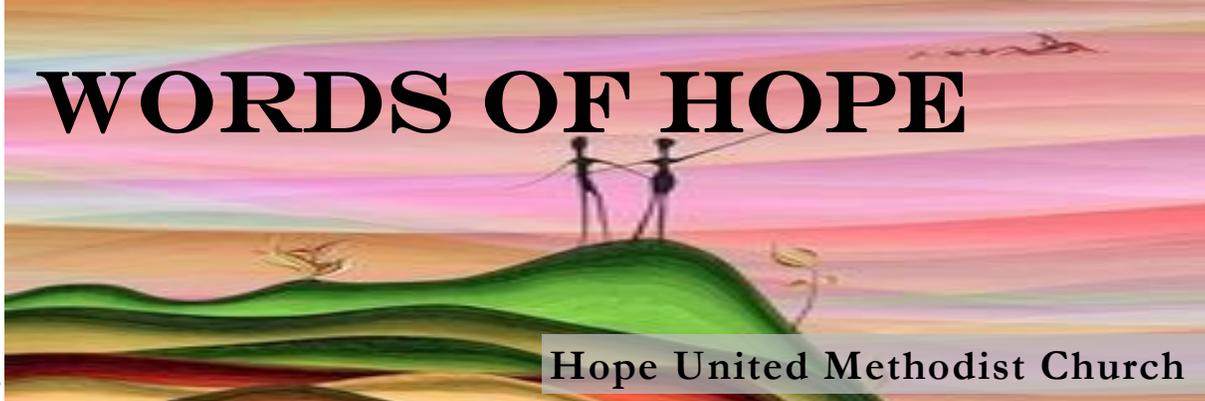




MARCH  
2018

# WORDS OF HOPE



Hope United Methodist Church

## *Traveling Through Lent to Easter*

Jesus was a face-to-face person. He didn't send letters or scrolls to people. Instead, if he could not be there in person, he sent his disciples so they could meet face-to-face with others. Over 2000 years later Jesus is still asking his disciples to be his face-to-face contact in the world – and those disciples are us!

We live in an age where we can get so much done by email, telephone, and even snail mail. I love my Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram accounts! Technology provides wonderful tools to continue to build community and to strengthen ties. But I know that even in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the way to really get to know a person, to connect on a deeper level, is to meet face to face and to tell our stories in our own way.

During this Lenten season we are in spiritual rehab and part of rehab is sitting down in small groups with others to talk about how we live and how we can enrich our lives. We can study on our own, but we need to be face to face people in this Lenten rehab to stretch ourselves spiritually. I encourage you to do just that –connect with people in small groups, talk to people face to face, let them get to know what it means to

you to be a Christian and how it impacts your life. That way we help one another to grow in our love of God, of our neighbor and even ourselves.

At the end of March we will walk with Jesus through the week leading up to Easter, together! You are invited to finish your Lenten journey with small group opportunities including the Lenten study, prayer group, special group meals on Maundy Thursday that remembers Jesus' last supper together with his disciples, and finishing with worship reliving his last days and death on the cross. In this newsletter you will find information about all of these opportunities.



As we finish our Lenten rehab we come together again on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> to rejoice in the hope and joy of

resurrection on Easter morning. **Easter worship** will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. These services will both celebrate the risen Christ with music, scripture and a few surprises! Between the services will be the **Easter Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall that will begin at 8:45 a.m. Just prior to the second service there will also be an **Story Time** for the children in the sanctuary.

Lent has helped us continue to grow as members of God's community and on Easter morning we are filled with hope and with awe at the sacrifice God has made for us. But are we ready to rise up as Jesus did? To rethink our way of being Christ's church? To rise up from our comfortable lives and make a difference? To rise up and declare our faith in Christ Jesus to those in need?

Look into the faces of those around you and at the world God has created and know that Easter gives us the courage, strength and love and to continue Jesus' mission in our world today.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

~ Pastor Laurie

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## March Worship Schedule

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*United Campus Ministry Sunday*  
Ruth 1

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Rehab: Program*  
Exodus 20:1-17

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
*One Great Hour of Sharing*  
*Rehab: Recovery*  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
John 3:14-18

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Rehab: Promise*  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Palm Sunday*  
Mark 11:1-11  
Philippians 2:5-11

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*Good Friday*  
Hebrews 10:16-25

Check out our website at:  
[HopeMethodistChurch.com](http://HopeMethodistChurch.com)

**Office Hours**  
**Monday~ Friday**  
**9:00 am ~ 2:00 pm**

## Events and Small Groups

**Men's Breakfast: Wednesdays, 8:00 am,** Mt. Royal Caribou Coffee.

**Worship at Pines III: Cynthia Coffin-Langdon will host a worship service at Pines III on Tuesday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Laurie Boche will host a worship service on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 pm.**

**April Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, March 22nd.**

**Hope's prayer group** usually meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month and we are always delighted to have more "prayer power!" (The more the prayerier!) In addition to praying through the Upper Room prayer requests, we pray for those in our circles of influence, our church family, and beyond.

**Page Turners** will meet on March 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathison Room. The book is "*Letters from Skye*" by Jessica Brockmole. The book for April is TBA. ***New members welcome.*** Contact Anna Allison at 724-5715.

**Thank you to everyone who brought flowers in February!**

**EASTER FLOWER REMINDER** Orders for Easter Flowers will be taken in church on Sunday, March 4th, and Sunday, March 11th or in the office. **The deadline is March 12th.** Help us celebrate Easter with beautiful flower on the alter. Thank you!

**Want to know what's happening at Hope?** There are church use calendars by the parking lot door and on the Mathison Room door. They are there to help you plan your event time and to see how our building is serving as a community center.

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### Thought for the month from the Hope Prayer Group:

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.

## *Administrative Council*

The Ad Council met on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and discussed the following:

- Catharine Larsen served as Ad Council chair this month and ran an orderly and effective meeting. Thank you, Catharine!
- Update on Lester Park UMC. Both LP and First UMC have voted to merge. The last service at Lester Park will be Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited to this celebration of the ministry and people.
- Marcia Bowker indicated that our District Superintendent is working hard on Pastor Laurie's replacement. Hopefully there will be news in the next month.
- There was a discussion about the pastoral transition and how Hope would like to celebrate these past 9 years with Pastor Laurie. Anyone with transition issues or celebration ideas contact the church office.
- Worship & Music announced there is a new computer to run the Sunday morning visual displays. It has a larger capacity and is up and running, thanks to Memorials.
- Trustees reported they are working on the boiler system. A new compressor is needed and they are looking into upgrading the system to electronic controls.

## **FIRST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

Join us on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for First Wed. Worship.

This is a casual 30 minute service to help slow the pace of our busy week and connect with God. The worship service is followed by a supper at 6:00 p.m. and ALL are welcome!



## **One Great Hour of Sharing March 11th**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is able to be onsite for many of the disasters throughout the world because of YOU! The generosity you show each year on the fourth Sunday in Lent, which we call One Great Hour of Sharing, ensures that every dollar given to a specific need goes directly there and not to administrative costs. UMCOR helps people who are victims of floods, famine, tsunamis, earthquakes, and so much more. Your gift on One Great Hour of sharing helps cover administrative costs, shows our continued commitment to helping those in need, and truly makes a difference in so many lives. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing.

## *Finance*

DIDJA KNOW that winter weather impacts our church in many ways, just it does for our everyday family life. Snow and cold keeps folks home.. from church as well as from other activities. We tend to wrap up and stay warm home. And when we stay home Sunday mornings, we may miss getting our pledge in the offering plate. We usually catch up when this happens, but there is an easy way to assure your pledge gets to church on time every month, no matter what.

DIDJA KNOW that the Methodist church has a service, **VANCO**, that allows your gifts to be taken from your bank account or other source each and every month. By filling out a simple form, this service can be set up so you don't have to worry about having paid or not having paid each month. It gets done automatically. If you are interested in using this service, contact our Church Financial Secretary, Lori Amundson, or check with the office staff for information.

*For your Finance Team  
Pete Bergman, Chair*

## *Hospitality*

Fellowship is an important part of our Sunday Worship. We have ladies who have signed up to make our coffee each week, serve and clean up. But we need your help! I have put some plastic containers in the kitchen, on top of freezer, marked 'fellowship'. If you know that you are going to do some baking think about making a little extra for church. Just bring it to church and put it in the freezer. It doesn't have to be a lot, we like a variety but we must keep in mind that we do have about 75 people who stay for coffee each week. Please be a fellowship provider and fill a container once in awhile. It is all used and greatly appreciated.



I would like to thank these people who have provided goodies and helped serve last month: **Dick Scheibe, Helen Stellmaker, Linda Rolland, Barb Bergman, Deb & Art Hoff, Rosemary Tripp, Bev Merritt, Jack Carlson, Kim Hileman, Vince Nieves, & Marilyn Melhus.**

Questions? Please contact Bev Merritt at 724-8693.

## MISSIONS

### MARCH MISSION

February's CHUM dinner was a super success. Thank you all who prepared the meal, served, brought desserts and cleaned up. The people at CHUM were so appreciative not only of the meal but of the warm atmosphere of the dinner.

**March is Food Share Month.** We will be collecting for the CHUM food shelf. All food donations are needed, **especially canned soups; chicken noodle, tomato and vegetable beef, plus canned tuna and salmon.** Donations will be accepted through the month, there will be baskets set out to drop your food off. Cash donations will be matched through various programs so you can double or triple your assistance with this kind of donation. .

There is an opportunity for you and your family to attend upcoming Mission trips. One is in May to learn about UMCOR, the other one is in June to the Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. If you are interested in attending, please contact Robyn Christianson or Pastor Laurie.

Hope, Faith, Love,  
Robyn Christianson

### Easter Offering

This year's **Easter offering** will be divided between two organizations:

**Hurricane Relief through UMCOR** to continue to help those in the United States and Caribbean rebuild their lives and their communities. There is still much work to be done all of these months after the hurricanes.

**First Witness Child Advocacy Center** is a safe, child-friendly place for victims of child sexual and physical abuse to tell their story. The team protocol requires just one record, child-centered interview at the First Witness building in Duluth. Their goal is to make sure children are safe. The Services Include: Evaluation and Assessment, Family Services, Prevention & Training.

### Lester Park UMC

***Lester Park's final worship service will be on Sunday, April 8th at 9:00 am.*** This will be a celebration of their 128 years of ministry, a bittersweet time to celebrate God's grace throughout the years, and to say good-bye to this ministry. Please know that all are invited to attend. They are inviting former pastors, and anticipate a longer than usual service, of perhaps 1 1/2 hours.

If you would, please also keep these good people in your prayers, as they move towards this difficult day.

### PASTY BAKE! PASTY BAKE!

**March 19-24**

**We need orders  
and your help.**



Order forms and sign up sheets are in the Narthex. We especially need help March 22,23,24.

This is a good money making event for us!

### Kids Closet

Kids Closet wishes to thank the members of Hope for their colorful gifts of hats, mittens, socks, underwear and books. There were 102 items in all!

At the end of December we served 1003 children and they keep coming.

### Please Respect Our Renters

Our building is home to many activities, both for-profit and non-profit, throughout the week and sometimes on weekends. Please remember that these groups have reserved their space and paid a fee, and are our guests. As good hosts, let's not interrupt their events nor enter their space, and seek to be a welcoming and helpful presence. It's all a part of our outreach ministry here at Hope.

## HOPE ACTIVITIES

### Page Flippers Book Club

Page flippers is a book club for children and youth. We meet from 6-7 pm one Wednesday a month. Preschoolers through those entering Grade 2 and their accompanying adult will have a book read aloud to them and join in an craft project. Those entering Grades 3-7 will discuss a book they have read in advance. This month we will meet on March 14 at 6pm and discuss the book: "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle Please join us!

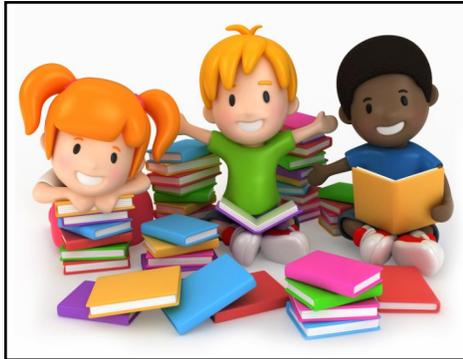
This event is open to the public, so come and invite your friends!

Check out our new facebook page for all current book listings and dates.

<https://www.facebook.com/duluthpageflippers/>

If you have any questions please contact Lori Amundson at [lamundson@hotmail.com](mailto:lamundson@hotmail.com) or call at 612-756-3077.

Plan ahead for April 11. The book is: "Fever 1793" by Laurie Halse Anderson.



### Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club usually meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Hope, 6:30pm. Please join us for some great reads! Make sure to check with the office before 2:00 to confirm that this hasn't changed.

**March 20:** *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman

**April 17:** *Skinny Legs and All* by Tom Robbins

**May - TBA**



### Hope Quilters

Hope Quilters: Due to the Pasty Bake we will meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Mach 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed for March and April.

**Deadline for your signature to be included on the quilt we are making for Pastor Laurie is Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The quilters -  
Sue Beeman,  
Barb Bergman,  
Mary Bowker,  
Celeste Daw,  
Sally Herstad,  
Rosemary Tripp  
and Barb Vatalaro -



**Help us spread the word for our annual Fabric, Yarn, Scrapbooking, Stamping SALE on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>.** Applications for tables are in the church office. Sponsored by the Hope Quilters. For more information contact Sue Beeman 728-2406

### Age Well Memory Café

Hope UMC will be hosting a Memory Café here at Hope on Tuesday, March 13 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

A Memory Café is a group where those suffering from memory loss, as well as their care providers and family members, can find relaxation, fun, and the support of other people who are having similar experiences.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Kim Hileman, the Program Director of Age Well Arrowhead. 218-623-7805.



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Accompanist: Diane Nast  
Kid's Quest: Anita Rixe  
Nursery Attendants: Sara Schutt, Cassidy Kelley

## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Lock-in** at Forbes UMC on Saturday, 7 p.m. - Sunday, March 25 at 9 a.m. Area youth are invited to attend and bring friends! We will have a ton of fun playing games, eating, and learning more about the significance of Holy Week while developing friendships with youth from other congregations. All middle and high school youth are invited to register in the church office by **March 19th**.

**Looking for a fun concert to go to? April 14th *Mercy Me with Tenth Avenue North*** will be performing at the DECC at 7:00 p.m Tickets on sale now starting at \$40.

**Planning for summer?** Are Methodist churches are headed to Wisconsin Dells Mt. Olympus water and amusement part on June 13-14th. Leaving at 1pm on the 13th and returning to Duluth by midnight on the 14th. Let Pastor Laurie know if you are interested!

## CONFIRMATION

As we continue working through the tools of our faith such as the Bible, worship and meeting faith friends I hope you find blessings in building relationships within our confirmation circle! We have 3 more months and I look forward to all we will do together as we continue on this part of our faith journey.

\*This month confirmation meets on March 5, 12 and 19. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Coffin-Langdon will return to help work on the sermon part of our April service. **On the 5<sup>th</sup> confirmation will meet only from 6-7p.**

\*Don't forget your New Faith Friend interview! Hopefully you have connected with your Hope congregation member by now. The interview should be turned in by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*There are lots of opportunities this month for different worship experiences here at Hope. First Wednesday Worship on March 7<sup>th</sup> is a mid-week service at 5:30 p.m.

\*Then the last week of the month, Holy Week, there are many opportunities to be with the faith community as we look at the last week of Jesus' life. On Maundy Thursday there will be at dinner at 6 p.m. which will include Holy Communion. You and your family are invited to this dinner with me. On Good Friday there will be a worship service at 7p as we look at Jesus walking to the cross and dying there. Easter Sunday is April 1<sup>st</sup> and that is when we celebrate the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection with services at 8a and 10a with an Easter breakfast in between.

Blessings! *Pastor Laurie*

## Kid's Korner

Happy March, the month spring begins!

First of all, a big THANK YOU to all children and youth who took part in the worship service on February 4. What a wonderful morning! Each scripture reader, prayer leader, communion server and usher did an awesome job. Thanks to Ella and Riley for taking an extra part on such short notice. It is beautiful to hear God's Word from the mouths of our children.

February was a great month in Kids' Quest. We talked about miracles Jesus performed and decided there are still miracles today. In March we will be sharing lessons on Mary honoring Jesus, blind Bartimaeus's healing, Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper and how people welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday. We have no special projects for March but we will again be sharing the Easter story and distributing goodie bags to children on Easter morning.

We have really been enjoying the increase in attendance. The interaction is wonderful. Watching children as they learn and respond is such a blessing. Thanks to Sara and Cassidy and her friend for giving us a hand.

**Dates to remember: April 1 - Easter**

~ Anita

## Parents and Pals Playtime

Playtime for parents and toddlers in our FH will continue this month. This event will be offered on Tues and Weds from 9:30-11:30am in the church fellowship hall.

We provide coffee and treats for the parents.

**We are still looking for people to volunteer to make coffee/treats and be here during that timeframe to talk with parents and supervise.**



# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Music & Worship Mtg. 3:00 pm Grace Korean 6:30 pm Lenten Study	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Confirmation	<b>6</b> 9:30 am PPP 11:30 am Lenten Soup and Study 1-3 pm PEO Mtg. 2:00 pm Pines Worship	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Caribou Coffee) 9:30 am PPP 3-6 pm CSA 5:30 pm 1st Wednesday 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm Alanon	<b>8</b> 9-2pm Painters 12:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Qigong	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30 -12pm PEO Mtg.
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## *Members and Friends in our Hearts...*

**Benedictine:** Margaret Kline

**Key Stone Bluffs:** Ralph & Marge Anderson, Bette Nord, Shirley Swapinski, Pat Eng

**North Shore Estates:** Marj McKee

## *Hold in Prayer...*

Margaret Kline	Pat Eng	Doug Tripp	Bette Nord
Family of Lois Newman	Jenny Pattison-Lundeen		Shirley Swapinski
Lois Newell	Catharine Larsen	Fred Moen	Marj McKee

*All of our members and friends who travel south for the winter.*

## *Memorials*

In memory of Rilla Karki given by: Marilyn Melhus

## LENT & HOLY WEEK

### Hope United Methodist Church Lenten Opportunities

March 11, 25	Lenten Study: <i>Embracing the Uncertain</i> (Sunday evening sessions)	6:30 p.m.
March 6, 13, 20, 27	Lenten Study: <i>Embracing the Uncertain</i> (Tuesday midday sessions with soup lunch)	11:30 a.m.
March 14 & 28	Prayer Group	5:00 p.m.
March 7	Wednesday Worship and Meal	5:30 p.m.
March 14	Easter Social	3:00 p.m.
March 18	Sunday Worship at Pines III Sunday Worship at St. Ann's	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

### HOLY WEEK

March 25	Palm Sunday Worship at Hope	10:00 a.m.
March 26-28	Prayer Stations	Daily
March 27	Lenten Study & Soup Lunch	11:30 a.m.
March 28	Prayer Group	5:00 p.m.
March 29	Maundy Thursday Lunch w/communion Maundy Thursday Dinner w/communion	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
March 30	Good Friday Worship	7:00 p.m.
April 1	Contemporary Easter Service Easter Breakfast Children's Time Traditional Easter Service	8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.



## LENT & HOLY WEEK

### Holy Week Events

This year Holy Week will begin on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, **Palm Sunday** with an Easter musical entitled *Redeemer* to be sung by the Hope choir during worship. This is a special way to embrace the joy and the pain of Jesus' last week of his life. From Sunday through Friday there will be prayer stations in the sanctuary and narthex and you are invited to share in these experiences.

On Tuesday there will be the final Lenten study at 11:30 a.m. On **Maundy Thursday**, March 29<sup>th</sup> there will be two opportunities to participate in a meal with Pastor Laurie and Holy Communion. There will be a lunch served at 12:00 p.m. followed by Holy Communion and a simple supper served at 6:00 p.m. also including communion. Pastor Laurie will preside at both meals and you, your family and friends are invited to participate in the meals as we move closer to Easter. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Our **Good Friday service** will be a service Tenebrae, of darkness, as we walk with Jesus to the cross and witness his death. This service will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will end in the darkness of Jesus' death.

**Easter morning** brings with it the light and love of resurrection! Hope will have two services – the 8:00 a.m. early service and the 10:00 a.m. traditional service. Both will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with music, prayer, praise and word. Between the services, beginning at 8:45 a.m. there is a free Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and just prior to the second service there will be a children's time where the Easter story will be told and the children can celebrate together.

Easter is the heart of the Christian faith. As you continue to grow in your faith you are invited to take part in these special Holy Week events.



### EASTER SOCIAL

You are invited to an Easter Social! **On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** we will gather in the Mathison Room for a time of fellowship, food and fun! Grab your Easter hat (extras will be available) and come to celebrate spring, Easter and the fellowship of our faith community.

All are welcome and help with transportation is available. Just contact the church office. Also, if you would like to help with the event let Pastor Laurie know.

### LENTEN STUDY: *EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN*

Just a note that our Lenten studies are continuing in March and you are welcome to attend any time! Our Tuesday group is still meeting at 11:30 a.m. each week to have soup and discuss our study, *Embracing the Uncertain*. Copies of the book and devotional are still available in the church office.

The Sunday evening study group is meeting three times in March – 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We will be looking at larger parts of the study on those evenings and discussing just what it means to embrace the uncertainty of our lives.

Please join us!

