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WE VALUE

Bible-centered
Preaching &
Teaching

Dynamic Praise &
Worship

The Sacraments

Prayer

Evangelism

Christian Education
for All Ages

Loving Relationships

Strong Christian
Families

OUR VISION

By the love of Christ,
our vision is to work together,
reaching out to all people,
through the Gospel,
in our various activities and events.
As we encourage each other to worship
and grow in God's Word,
we will be a Christian influence
in our community.

OUR MISSION

BUILDING TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY
FOLLOWING THE TRIUNE GOD

OUR PURPOSE

- Glorifying** God through *WORSHIP*
- Reaching** out to all with the Good News of
salvation in Christ through *EVANGELISM*
- Actively** caring for God's people in Christ
through *FELLOWSHIP*
- Creating** a family of God by Word and Sacrament
through *MINISTRY*
- Equipping** people of all ages for life in Christ
through *DISCIPLESHIP*

Notes and Announcements

Family Fare Receipts

There is a basket on the table in the narthex for these receipts. We are collecting them for the Day Care. If you have questions, please talk to Terry Tody.

Reminder: Noisy offering will be taken on second Sundays!

Noisy Offering for October-December will be going to Shawono Center.

Thank you for your donations.

Altar

4th-

11th-

18th-

24th-

25th

LWML is looking for used sheets to use as middles in quilts. If you are cleaning out & find any, please donate them for quilts.

Thank you!

Elders

4th-Frank Moore

11th-Dave Jansen

18th-Jack Owens

24th-

25th-



MT. HOPE'S WEBSITE

Did you know that Mt. Hope has a website? If you go to <http://www.mthopelcmsgrayling.org/> our website will come up. It is a multi page site with much information about our church, our congregation, our Pastor, what programs we are involved with and much more! Although there is a "member log-in" area, this is just for those who work on the site. Nancy Hatfield is our webmaster who keeps our website updated and makes any necessary changes. Anyone who goes to our site can access all pages. So...check it out!



Mt. Hope Financial Report	
Mary Heinlein, Bookkeeper	
GENERAL FUND	OCT 2022
Income	7,547.00
Expense	-6052.42
Net	1,494.58
TOTAL ALL EARMARKED FUNDS	72,828.77
	OCT 2022
Together in Missions	115.00
Christian Help Center	45.00
Noisy Offering	70.75
	OCT 2022
Church Extension Fund (CEF) Mortgage	
Mortgage Principal Payment	1227.27
Earmarked Principal Payment	20,705.00
Mortgage Interest Payment	1,157.73
CURRENT MORTGAGE BALANCE	

Attendance		
October	2	58
	9	59
	16	53
	23	43
	30	54



Attention: People need to sign up to host coffee hour or there will not be one.



We will be going out to Shawono on Sunday, December 11th, to go Christmas Caroling. We will go out right after our potluck (as it is the second Sunday). The boys enjoy having us come to carol and some even sing along with us!

TO PLACE SOMEONE ON PRAYER CHAIN:

Call Lynn Richmond at 989-390-8632 or lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com

Jamie Wohn will be handling the **sign changes**. Please email him with any necessary info for the sign at jackwohn3@gmail.com or jackwohn3@aol.com. If urgent, text him at **(810) 965-1891**

**Council Approved Minutes
Council Meeting October 18, 2022
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church-LCMS**

Meeting Called to Order by Jeff Pregler at 3:00pm.

Opening Devotion was given by Sharon Hopkins, based on Mark 9:33-37, **“Servant’s Heart”** from *“Our Daily Bread, August 23, 2019.”*

Opening Prayer was given by Jeff Pregler.

Attendance:

Pastor: Paul Schneider P	Chairman: Jeff Pregler P
Vice Chairman: Salena Laskowski A	Secretary: Sharon Hopkins P
Treasurer: Steve Koch P	CADC Liaison: Steve Koch P
Elders: Jack Owens P	
Education: Paul Mesack P	Evangelism: Terry Tody P
Stewardship: Shirley Koch P	Trustees: Mike Shields A
CADC: Salena Laskowski A	Youth: Salena Laskowski A

Guest:
-----Steve Koch moved the approval of the September 20, 2022 Minutes, seconded by Jack Owens, approved.

Reports: Council and Boards:

Treasurer Steve Koch: Mary Heinlein emailed the report before the meeting.

September 2022 **Income: \$2,580.38** **Expenses: \$3,971.91**

Net loss \$1,391.53

2022-2023 YTD **Income: \$20,437.38** **Expenses: \$21,678.18**

Net loss \$1,240.80

Steve thanked Paul Mesack and David Jansen for auditing the books.

Counting church cash income will be performed by the elders after church each Sunday for better accountability.

An estimated cost for the future pastor was explained. We will need an additional \$4,000.00 monthly to cover this amount. Steve will let the congregation know.

Council Secretary Sharon Hopkins: Sharon passed a post card she received from a past member of the old church in Grayling.

Chairman Jeff Pregler: No report.

Vice Chairman Salena Laskowski: No report.

Board of Elders Jack Owens:

Elder’s new member forms have been prepared and given to Nicole.

A Call Committee update was given.

Nicole will be checking the answering machine from home each evening and emailing the contents to either the Elders or Pastor Paul. Elders are working on a better plan on doing this.

The TV in the fellowship hall has been mounted and ready for use. The smaller one needs to be mounted in the Sunday school room.

The removal of the pew next to the soundboard was discussed and needs to be addressed to the Trustees.

Kurt Nothstine has been contacted to assist with the audio service.

Discussion about the use of LFL pamphlet use in the church bulletin, Pastor Paul spoke about it and it will be brought to the next church council meeting.

Board of Education Paul Mesack: No report.

Board of Evangelism Terry Tody:

The Food Truck scheduled for October 14th served 192 cars.

Next year's trucks will be on Saturday, prayerfully.

Collection for Toys for Tots will begin October 1st.

Collection for the Shawono boys is being done. There are 26 boys to buy for.

December 24 Days of Advent donations will go to the Lion's Den.

December 11 Mt. Hope Choir will be going to the Shawono facility with Christmas gifts and singing for/with the boys.

Sherry Hanson will decorate a tree for Festival of Trees again this year.

The Noisy offering will go to the Shawono boys for Christmas gifts this quarter.

Terry Tody moved to have the attendance cards and offering plate be passed to the center aisle and to greet people in their immediate area as well as have the noisy offering each week, Paul Mesack seconded, approved.

Board of Stewardship Shirley Koch:

The Chewing Stewardship message was placed in the Anchor and bulletins each month upon receiving the information.

We are waiting for our Elders to give us a clarification of membership.

Still looking for space in the storage area for Adopt A Highway materials.

Adopt a Highway pick up was accomplished on September 25, 2022. We would like to find a few more participants next year.

Our advertising in the Anchor and Bulletins for a Facebook Co-Ordinator has possibly given us a volunteer. Still need Ushers and Greeters to sign up.

Our page to highlight happenings and service needs each month is really full for November.

We have started a page to highlight happenings and service needs each month.

Board of Trustee Mike Shields: Jeff Pregler gave the report.

Jim's Well Drilling – Jeff discussed the difficulties in obtaining their help. They're not sure who they can send and when someone can come out to do the fix.

Jeff approved, with council's approval, for D&K to clean the carpets and tiles throughout the church.

The riser needs to be put back on the toilet in the men's room.

Board of Youth Jason Hartman/Salena Laskowski/Sharon Hopkins:

We met on Zoom on October 7, 2022. The following items were discussed:

VBS 2023

Tentatively thinking of doing this during the Canoe Marathon week, July 25-29.

Want to start a committee or get members who are willing to help plan or teach.

See Salena if interested.

Sunday school was discussed:

Held during the sermon.

Looking for volunteers. See Salena if interested.

Christmas Program to consist of 3 songs to be sung during the church service. If you are interested in singing with the children see Salena. We will practice during our Sunday school time.

Family night:

There were 29 adults and children at the October 10th movie, "I Can Only Imagine."

"Roe vs. Wade" will be showing October 24th at 6:00pm.

November 14th will be games.

December Christmas party 12th - rehearsal for Christmas pageant

These are the 2nd Monday of every month at 6pm with snacks not meals

Mt. Hope/Crawford Au Sable Day Care Liaison Salena Laskowski/Steve Koch:

Current enrollment:

8 infant & toddler

22 pre-school children

36 latch key – school age children

Staffing

Hired a part time employee

Mortgage

\$325 additional monthly payment is being made on the principle of the mortgage.

Upper cabinets: installed beginning in October.

Snowplow: we are contracted with A+ for the 2022-2023 season.

Vestibule: Electric Baseboard Heater was installed – working great!

Generator: was purchased with Grant monies and is almost installed.

LFL Life Team Sharon Hopkins:

29 adults, teens and youngsters attended the showing of *"I Can Only Imagine"* on October 10th. It was well received with lots of tears.

October 24th, *"Roe vs. Wade."*

Articles have been sent to Nicole for the Anchor

Steve Koch moved to accept all reports, seconded by Jack Owens, accepted.

Unfinished Business:

Mt. Hope Congregation: September Facility Housekeeping Project

Charlie Belt did a fabulous job in supervising and has agreed to head up the spring cleaning in 2023.

Comtronics Electronic Security System Proposal – Expand Services

Waiting for a new bid as requirements have changed. Still outstanding.

Mt. Hope Facility - Carpet and Tile Cleaning:

DK Carpet Cleaning quote approved with 10/20/22 schedule date for completion.

Face Book Page Editor/Administrator: a volunteer is required.

AV – Weekly Service Video: a volunteer is required.

Pastor James Travis – Call Update Jeff Pregler:

We had a Zoom meeting last night with Pastor Travis, Stacy (his wife) and son, Micah. It was very encouraging and informative. This lasted about an hour and 15 minutes.

Stacy's back surgery went well with good results.

Pastor Call: Proposed Salary & Benefits Review (Pastor Travis), see Treasurer's report.

New Business:

Proposition Three (3) discussion & LCMS Support:

A 3 minute film was shown from District Past President Dave Maier and District Present President Dave Davis speaking on No Vote for Proposal 3.

Pastor Paul gave a Christian – most churches – position/stance on abortion.

What can we do?

Advertise on outside sign to remind people to vote on November 8th.

Distribute and have available Roe vs. Wade materials in church.

Sharon Hopkins was challenged to have what the Bible says about conception available by Monday's movie.

Schedule Mt. Hope Congregation Meeting – Sunday, November 20, 2022.

2022-2023 Council Meeting Schedule:

Family Night Review:

October 24, 2022 **"Roe vs. Wade."**

Miscellaneous Outreach Requests: None.

The next meeting will be on November 15, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

The Devotion will be led by Sharon Hopkins.

We closed with a prayer prepared by Jeff Pregler.

Adjournment was at 5:18pm.

Respectively submitted by,

Sharon Hopkins, Congregation Secretary

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FAMILY NIGHT

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Beginning at 6:00 pm

Come One, Come All!

Bring your family and friends to our last Family Night in 2022! All are invited for a **TERRIFIC** time for Christian Fellowship fun!

The agenda is as follows:

Please bring your favorite Holiday Finger Food

The Sunday school children will be performing for us on their rehearsal Christmas Pageant

We'll have a White Elephant gift exchange for those who want to participate

Ending with Christmas Carols sung by all

We'll have a GREAT time!

Your Council Members

**Congregation Meeting Approved Minutes
June 26, 2022
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church-LCMS**

There were 37 members and 1 guest in attendance:

Members: Sharon Hopkins, Paul Mesack, Terry Tody, Dave Mauro, Dee Musselman, Gary Vedder, Roxie Chumack, Mike Shields, Judi Mesack, Martha Pregler, Jeff Pregler, Paul Musselman, Mike Nowak, Susie Moore, Frank Moore, Alberta Sperry, Kristie Wilkens, Mike Wilkens, Susie Dougherty, Lee Sperry, Ken Bendick, Pete Albright, Claudia Albright, Shirley Koch, Carol Shields, Judi Riske, Salena Laskowski, Kay Vedder, Louise Lazzarino, Dave Lauria, Chris Lauria, John Niemann, Lydia Welser, Jonathan Wilkens, Steve Koch, Marj Kelsey

Guest: Rev. Ken Bernthal

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman, Ken Bendick at 12:00 PM.

Ken Bendick led us in devotion based on Matthew 28, ***“The Great Commission.”***

Opening Prayer was offered by -----Rev. Ken Bernthal.

Paul Mesack moved to approve the July 25, 2021 and the December 5, 2021 Minutes as presented, seconded by Shirley Koch, approved.

Chris Lauria moved to accept the Council Board Minutes as written, seconded by Steve Koch, accepted.

Unfinished Business:

Update for CADC by Steve Koch

New Business:

Confirmation of Officers Paul Mesack:

Chairman – Jeff Pregler

Vice Chairman – Salena Laskowski

Treasurer – Steve Koch

Education – Paul & Judi Mesack

Evangelism – Sherry Hanson and Louise Lazzarino

Stewardship – Elaine Jansen

Trustees – Lee Sperry

Youth – Jason Hartman

Paul Mesack moved to confirm the above people as officers, Judi Riske seconded, accepted.

2022-2023 Budget – Steve Koch for Mary Heinlein:

The 2022-2023 Budget was presented.

Paul Mesack moved to accept the 2022-2023 Budget as presented, Jeff Pregler seconded, approved.

Discussion and many questions pertaining to the Call of a new Pastor.

Attendance Report: 37 members and 1 guest.

Next Meeting: November, 2022

Adjournment at 12:23 PM.

Rev. Ken Bernthal led us in a closing prayer.

Respectively submitted by:

Sharon Hopkins, Council Secretary

Whoopi Goldberg: Women Need Abortions to Get Rid of the “Toxic Thing” Inside Them
National | Micaiah Bilger | Oct 3, 2022 | 5:35PM | Washington, DC



Whoopi Goldberg referred to unborn babies as “toxic things” last week during an interview with former CNN host Chris Cuomo, who was fired last year.

[Live Action News reports](#) the two were discussing the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, when Goldberg made the derogatory comment.

“People make their decisions about why they hate your guts. People hate my guts. They say, ‘You’re always talking about the negative aspect of stuff,’” she said.

Goldberg said she believes the Supreme Court did a “negative” thing by overturning *Roe*, which she wrongly described as “a law.” The 1973 ruling forced states to legalize abortion on demand and led to the deaths of 63 million unborn babies and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of mothers.

“Well you know, I think it is negative that you changed a law that’s 50 years old that you didn’t do enough homework about to see what the consequences were gonna be for women — not Black women, or Asian women or Hispanic women, just women in general,” she said.

Goldberg continued: “You changed the law without even saying, without even having the information of what that means for someone who has a difficulty in the pregnancy that requires that they not keep this toxic thing in. And you think because there’s a heartbeat — you think there’s a heartbeat — you’re not thinking about, is the child viable? Does this child have a brain, and hands and arms? You’re not thinking about any of that.”

Babies in the womb are not “toxic things.” They are unique and irreplaceable living human beings who, by the time most abortions occur, already have beating hearts, fingers and toes. [Many even have detectable brain waves.](#)

In the cases where there are serious medical problems and the mother’s life is at risk, every pro-life law allows exceptions if the mother’s life is at risk. Abortion restrictions and abortion bans [allow care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies](#), too.

Goldberg frequently brings up her pro-abortion beliefs on “The View.” In August, [she claimed God supports a woman’s “choice”](#) to abort her unborn baby. And last December, [she launched into a bizarre rant against pro-life men](#), claiming men do not get to have an opinion about abortion because they have “no idea what a fetus wants.”

Abortions Drop 6% in Two Months After Dobbs, Over 10,000 Babies Saved From Abortions

National | Steven Ertelt | Oct 31, 2022 | 9:16AM | Washington, DC



A new report in the New York Times shows abortions quickly declined after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe*. In just the first two months after the *Dobbs* decision in late June, abortions had already dropped 6% as more than 10,000 babies were saved from abortion.

“Thirteen states [banned](#) or severely restricted abortion during those months, mostly in the South, and legal abortions in those states fell to close to zero, according to detailed estimates made by a consortium of academics and abortion providers,” [the report said](#). “Nine more states added major abortion restrictions, and legal abortions in those states fell by a third. In states with bans and restrictions, there were about 22,000 fewer abortions in July and August, compared with the baseline of April, before the decision.”

That 22,000 decline in the number of babies killed was more than enough to offset the increase of 12,000 abortions in blue states that advertised abortions to women in pro-life states that protect women and children.

While the CDC and state health departments are notoriously slow to report abortion data, the new statistics come from a pro-abortion group that gets its information directly from abortion businesses — which makes it quicker to compile and possibly more accurate. As the Times reports:

The data comes from a new organization called WeCount, which is led by the Society of Family Planning, a group that supports abortion rights. It is collecting abortion data from clinics, hospitals and telemedicine providers across the United States. It obtained detailed abortion counts from 79 percent of the nation’s abortion providers, which were responsible for 82 percent of all abortions before the court’s *Dobbs* decision. Researchers used adjustments based on state data and time trends to estimate the missing data.

Looking at the state by state data, the Times indicated: “North Carolina, Kansas, Colorado and Illinois had the largest increases by percent. But some women did travel outside of their region: New York, which does not border any states that banned abortion, had a substantial increase.”

Texas saved the most babies from abortions, with a massive decline from April to August, when only 10 babies were killed in abortions. In Texas alone, 5,470 babies were saved thanks to *Dobbs* and the new state abortion ban.

Illinois had the biggest increase in the number of babies killed as Planned Parenthood operates two abortion businesses near pro-life states in an attempt to maximize its income by selling abortions to women instead of providing them pregnancy help and support.

Number of Legal Abortions by State in 2022

Abortions declined nearly to zero in states that banned them, but they increased in many states where abortion remained legal.

Michigan	April 2,590	July 2,780
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Note: The change in each month was calculated by comparing the number of abortions in the months after the *Dobbs* decision with a baseline number from April. The total cumulative change includes the change from both of those months.

“We are celebrating the fact that at least 10,000 babies have a chance at life,” said Kristan Hawkins, the president of Students for Life of America. “It’s a sign of course correction and of ordinary Americans finally having a say in how many lives are tragically lost to the tragedy of abortion.”

As LifeNews reported, the [Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade](#), with a 6-3 majority ruling in the Dobbs case that “The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion” — allowing states to ban abortions and protect unborn babies. The high court also ruled 6-3 uphold the Mississippi 15-week abortion ban so states can further limit abortions and to get rid of the false viability standard.

Chief Justice John Roberts technically voted for the judgment but, in his concurring opinion, [disagreed with the reasoning and said he wanted to keep abortions legal but with a new standard](#).

Michigan, Wisconsin and West Virginia have old pro-life laws on the books but there is question about whether they are applicable and will be enforced.

Ultimately, [as many as 26 states could immediately or quickly ban abortions](#) and protect babies from certain death for the first time in nearly 50 years.

The 13 total states with trigger laws that would effectively ban all or most abortions are: Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

“Abortion presents a profound moral question. The Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion. Roe and Casey arrogated that authority. We now overrule those decisions and return that authority to the people and their elected representatives,” Alito wrote.

“Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences,” Alito wrote. “And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division.”

Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Stephen Breyer authored a joint dissent condemning the decision as enabling states to enact “draconian” restrictions on women.

[Polls show Americans are pro-life on abortion](#) and a new national poll shows [75% of Americans essentially agree with the Supreme Court overturning Roe](#).

Despite false reports that abortion bans would prevent doctors from treating pregnant women for miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies, [pro-life doctors confirm that is not the case](#). Some [35 states have laws making it clear that miscarriage is not abortion](#) and [every state with an abortion ban allows treatment for both](#).

Anne Hathaway: Killing a Baby in an Abortion is an Act of “Mercy”
[National](#) | [Peter Pinedo](#) | Nov 2, 2022 | 9:41AM | [Washington, DC](#)



Actress and Hollywood celebrity Anne Hathaway claimed during an interview on “The View” that “abortion can be another word for mercy.”

Let that sink in.

The actress famed for her roles in *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Princess Diaries*, believes that brutally murdering innocent children in their mothers’ wombs is somehow equivalent to mercy.

Though extremist support for abortion is the expected norm in Hollywood, Hathaway’s take still boggles the mind. Anyone with even the slightest knowledge of the undeniable, scientifically proven humanity of preborn children and the savage cruelty of abortion, has to wonder, “does Anne Hathaway not know what the word ‘mercy’ means?”

Commenting on the historic *Dobbs v. Jackson* Supreme Court case that resulted in the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, Hathaway called for people to fight against Pro-Life laws and “radicalize” in support of killing unborn babies.

In voicing her support for abortion, Hathaway has never voiced support for any restrictions, which leaves open the door for especially cruel late-term partial birth abortions. In these outrageously barbaric “procedures” a well-developed baby is partially delivered, only to be ripped apart limb from limb.

That is what Hathaway calls “healthcare,” “reproductive justice,” and even “mercy.”

Hathaway went even further, claiming that “this is not a moral conversation about abortion, this is a practical conversation about women’s rights, and by the way human rights, because women’s rights are human rights.”

By equating abortion to women’s rights, Hathaway denies any moral implication involved in a practice that directly kills preborn women and greatly hurts pregnant women.

“We’re in the fight every day. We’re in the fight every minute,” Hathaway stated, “And you mentioned ‘The Devil Wears Prada’ turning sweet 16. Some 16-year-old’s life has been irrevocably changed because of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.”

Hathaway and many other Hollywood elites have become so blinded by their abortion extremism that they are incapable of realizing the sheer insanity of such statements. While Pro-Life laws protect the lives of preborn babies and the well-being of women and families, abortion does nothing but end one life and shatter another.

LifeNews Note: Peter Pinedo writes for Texas Right to Life, where this [originally appeared](#).

God Planned for Us

As we approach Christmas, many of us will be asked, "What do you want for Christmas?" We, in turn, should be thinking about what we're giving to others. Some joke that that's what December 24th is for. Unfortunately, some don't plan ahead in regard to their gift-giving. As a result, when they're ready to go shopping, they don't have enough money put aside to buy the gifts they want to give. Because of poor planning, they may give inappropriate gifts.

It's good to think back to that first Christmas, over two thousand years ago, when the world received its greatest gift. That, of course, is when God gave His Son to be born in a manger to fulfill the plan for our salvation.

There's that word again: PLAN. You see, God's gift to us was planned centuries before it was given. In Genesis when Adam and Eve sinned, God told us about the plan (Genesis 3:15), and the prophets continued to proclaim the plan (Isaiah 9:6). God didn't give His leftovers nor did He have a haphazard plan. His gift to us was in the

Person of His Son, Jesus. He was in on the plan from the beginning, and with joy He came to earth to be our Savior. God wasn't caught short of funds; He gave His Son Who gave His life for you. What gift could be more appropriate? Christ is exactly what each of us needs!

Our gift needs to be just as meaningful as described below:

What can I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part.
Yet what I can, I give Him,
Give my heart. (Christina Rossetti)

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A Prayer for Christmas Day

Dear Heavenly Father, today all of Christendom sings with jubilation, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" How incomprehensible is the love You have for us that would cause You to send Your only Son to earth to bring us joy! Yet we confess that we often are mired in discouragement and grief. While looking at our present circumstances, we forget that You have gone before us on the roads we travel and You are with us to take us through all the difficult passages of life. Suffering with our various losses, we forget that You, in the Person of Your beloved Son, have come and are still with us today to bring us abundant joy. Forgive us for our lack of trust in You. Help us to keep in our hearts every day the joy of this holy day and to share that joy with all we meet. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ADVENT IS PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S COMING – HIS SECOND COMING! THE BABY OF BETHLEHEM WILL COME AGAIN, THIS TIME IN GLORY!

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father”
(Philippians 2:10).



LET US ADORE OUR SAVIOR LIKE THE SHEPHERDS DID—WITH OUR PRESENCE—AND LIKE THE MAGI DID—WITH OUR GIFTS.

“Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!”
(Psalm 95:2).



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE GREATEST GIFT EVER GIVEN—GOD COMING TO EARTH IN THE FLESH TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS.

“...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).



Reminder about inclement weather and church functions: Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying. Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!

DECEMBER MT HOPE HAPPENINGS

*"For even the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many".
(Mark 10:45)*

-Thanks musicians and choir! Your music truly makes our church services special!

-Our thanks to Mitch Linendoll for agreeing to be our Facebook Co-Ordinator!!! Thanks!!! !!!YEAH!!!

-Potluck Dinner on the 11th. Evangelism hosts

-Sign up to bring soup, sandwiches and salad on
Advent Wednesdays, 5pm Beginning November 30, Dec 7, 14 and 21

-24 DAYS OF ADVENT
FOOD COLLECTION FOR LIONS DEN.
SEE LIST ON BULLETIN BOARD

**-Noisy Offering goes to Shawono Center.
Collecting every Sunday in December**

-See list and examples for Items to fill our Shawono Boys stockings this Christmas

-Caroling with the boys at Shawono Center December 11, after church

-Family night Dec 12, 6pm. Christmas Party, please bring finger foods.

**-Mt Hope needs a volunteer to publish our church services on
U-Tube every Sunday-this may be done at home**

-Collecting TOYS for TOTS

-Family Fare Receipts
Place yours in the basket in the Narthex-Collection is for Day Care

-Handbell practice continues Dec 4, 11, 18, Sundays 9-10:30am



Jonathan Wilkens, Dec 3
 Ayla Wagner, Dec 6
 Lee Sperry, Dec 7
 Roxie Chumack, Dec 9
 Jeanne Bulmer, Dec 11
 Gary Vedder, Dec 20
 Nicholas Gilkerson, Dec 21

Healing Members

Healing- Members

Bill Richmond
 Judi Riske
 Ruth Stocker

Friends

Sue Pierce
 Kendra Daschner
 Devon Kacher
 Chris McMannamon
 Jerry Sandow
 Scot Ferguson
 Joan Reisch

Cancer

Lynn Richmond
 Paul Smith
 Barb Mauro
 Steve Koch

Friends

Sue Rebandt
 Richard Lovell
 Donna LaDuke
 Jim Dugdale
 Don Kernstock
 Barb Vidal



In Military Service

Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky,
 Darin Nicholas,, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak,
 Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough,
 Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster,
 Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

Anniversaries

Egon & Lilli Lund ~ 10th
 Don & Lydia Welser ~ 26th
 George & Marilyn Ferguson ~ 30th

	<p>Dollie Adolph Jean Wittig</p>
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PRAYER REQUESTS



Prayer request forms are available either in the Narthex on the podium by the guest book or in the office on the secretary's desk. If you need a prayer by

Pastor that day, you can give your completed prayer request form to one of the elders or ushers and ask that it be given to Pastor before worship. If your prayer request isn't needed until later in the week, you can place it in the offering plate or place it on the secretary's desk in the office.

Assisted Living & Nursing Home List

Michigan Veterans Homes - Grand Rapids

Kenneth Hopkins

The Lighthouse at Roscommon

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