

# Voice of Hope

Hope Lutheran Church  
Milton, WI  
December, 2022



*Serving All Through Jesus Christ In Thought, Word and Deed  
Use whatever gift you've received for the good of one another so that you  
can show yourselves to be good stewards of God's grace in all its varieties.  
1 Peter 4:10*

## Lefse/Christmas Bake Sale

### Lefse Making Day

Anyone interested in learning a new Norwegian tradition or making an old recipe of your own please join us Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00am in Hope's kitchen. Lefse made will be used for our Christmas Lefse and Bake Sale being held on Saturday, December 17th. If possible bring potatoes cooked, riced and possibly made up ready to cook. If new to this feel free to come and watch, learn and get your hands deep in lefse making. If you have lefse making grills, rolling pins and boards please bring them. Sounds like fun!!! Questions feel free to call Marilyn Krause at 608-751-2264.

### Lefse and Bake Sale

Do not forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for Hope's Lefse and Bake Sale from 9:30am to 2:00pm or until sold out. Hopefully we will have lefse, krumkake, Christmas cookies, candies and breads all to purchase for your holiday needs. Please consider donating baked goods. I know Hope has some wonderful bakers!! (We will have a sign up sheet in narthex.)

### Budget Meeting Announcement

Please join us for Hope's annual Budget meeting, on Sunday, January 8th at **10:00am** in the sanctuary after **one worship service at 9:00am**. We will present our mission spending plan for 2023 and what we will need to call a new Pastor.



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## Worship Schedule

### *Sunday*

8:00 & 10:30 am Worship, with Facebook Live at 8:00 am  
Education Hour (PreK-6th gr) 9:15 am

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Hope Lutheran Church Milton, Wisconsin

Website:  
[hopemilton.org](http://hopemilton.org)

## Church Council

### President

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## CHURCH STAFF 608-868-3680

### **Interim Pastor**

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### **Director of Music**

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### **Sextons**

John Schultz, Deb Iatonna

## Pastor Carol

Please see the insert entitled “Make Ready for Holy Disruption” for my contribution to this month’s newsletter.



Dear member of Hope Lutheran Church,

This is a follow up to our “Seeds of Hope” Generosity Appeal. We’ve had a great response so far.

Ministry expenses will increase in 2023 which includes supporting our new pastor.

Returning your commitment is vital in finalizing our 2023 Mission and Ministry plans. We appreciate your participation in our growing ministry.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your financial support for the coming year. Please return your commitment card soon, if you have not done so already.

We will celebrate the results of the Appeal on Celebration Sunday on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your Generosity!

If you do not have the packet, please contact the office and one will be sent to you.

	<u>Christmas Eve</u>
	2:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm
<u>Christmas Day (Sunday)</u>	9:00 am
<u>New Year’s Day (Sunday)</u>	9:00 am

## **Email Reminder**

Please be aware of email scams that ask you to send money or buy gift cards for various reasons. Please know that neither Pastor Carol nor any Hope Lutheran staff member would send emails like this.

To protect yourself from phishing scams such as this, please always check the full email address, not just the name that is displayed.

Emails from Hope Lutheran will ALWAYS use the hopemilton.org address and NEVER gmail.com or yahoo.com.

If you are ever in doubt about a communication, please call our office directly, or email [pastor@hopemilton.org](mailto:pastor@hopemilton.org) or [office@hopemilton.org](mailto:office@hopemilton.org).

Above all, please do not engage with the senders of these emails. Do not click on any links within such emails. The best practice is to delete them immediately.

## **Church Directory**

In order to welcome a new pastor, we are in the process of producing a new, up to date church directory. This directory will be online and accessible by any member who has an email address on file. If you do not have an email address, printed copies will be available. Please update any email, address or phone changes that have occurred in the last few years by contacting the office, 608-868-3680 or [office@hopemilton.org](mailto:office@hopemilton.org).

After the first of the year you will be asked to submit a photo (preferably on line) for use in the directory. If you do not have an up to date photo we will have a few Sundays set aside to take photos at church. After photos have been collected the information on how to access the directory will be sent out. Once the directory is up and running, families will have access on mobile phones and the ability to make changes to their own information. If you do not have a access from a computer, changes can be made through the church office.

## **Christmas Poinsettias**

We will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias on Christmas Eve. Those wishing to donate a flower in memory or honor someone can do so by filling out a form and returning it to the office. The cost per flower is \$14.00. All flowers may be taken after our Christmas Day service. Flowers not picked up after January 1st will be donated.

## Hope Treasurer's Report

	Oct	2022 YTD	YTD Budget
General Mission Income	\$17,646.00	\$162,996.78	\$155,833.00
General Mission Expenses	\$19,105.61	\$177,393.85	\$1878,610.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$1,459.61)</b>	<b>(\$14,397.07)</b>	<b>(\$22,777.00)</b>
Benevolences Paid	\$522.16	\$6,593.71	\$6,233.32
	<b>Checkbook Balance</b>		
January 1,2022	\$30,518.16		
October 31, 2022	\$15,539.06		

## Euchre

Anyone interested in an evening of fellowship, good food and eight games of euchre, please join us at church on Friday, December 2 at 6:00 (Note the date change due to another activity using the Fellowship Hall on the second Friday- the Grinch Breakfast is December 3.). After a pot luck meal, we play eight games of cards. For details and to reserve your place contact Bill and Janet Arndt. Our phone number is (608) 868-5340 or e-mail [janetarndt42@gmail.com](mailto:janetarndt42@gmail.com).

## Prayer Shawl & Baptismal Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Its time for a little show and tell. Its always fun to see what everyone is working on. Anyone is welcome to join our little group. Questions please contact Marilyn Krause at 608-751-2264.

## Milton Food Pantry

Needs for **Milton Food Pantry**: Cereals, soups, flour, sugar, brown sugar, chocolate chips, crackers, coffee, canned fruits, men's/ women's deodorant, dish soap, and shampoo.

As always, money donations are welcome. Food or money donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry (36 Hilltop Dr) on Wednesday morning preferably from 9-11 or Wednesday afternoons from 2-4. You may also bring your donations to the church.

## BeFriender Ministry

BeFriender Ministry is a national, ecumenical non-profit organization that provides ongoing support for a listening ministry of care and support.

Hope's BeFriender Ministry Team offers **in-home visits, Homebound Communion, Prayer Chain Ministry, Card Ministry and meals** when requested.

The team meets the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 to noon and have room for many more volunteers. (The team will not meet in December, but will meetings will resume in January, 2023.)

If you, or any one you know would like any of the above mentioned ministries, please contact the church office at 608-868-3680.



## Carpet Cleaning Thank you!!

The carpet and hallway in Friendship Hall was professional cleaned on Monday, November 21, 2022. Thank you to those who helped move the furniture out of Friendship Hall and who put things back.

A huge thank you to Janet Parr who donated \$250 in Thrivent Dollars. She, also, designed a clever poster with a message to take a treat and make a free-will donation. She made different delicious treats three Sundays in a row.

Also, thank you to the congregation who supported Janet's mission as the entire cost (\$750.00) to clean those areas was fully paid through your generous donations. Hope is truly blessed!!

## New Pastor Fund

As the Call Committee continues its work, it has been requested that a special fund be set up for **Interview Travel/Moving expenses** for a new pastor so the General Fund won't be taxed by these expenses. If you would like to give to this special fund, please use a "Gift of Love" envelope and mark it "New Pastor".

## **Quilt Tying Ministry**

Would you like to help sew quilt squares together over the holidays?

The volunteer quilters have put together quilt-square kits with instructions as to the number of squares needed for the various square sizes. The different size squares are 7", 9", 10" 11" and 21" x 17". You do not need to be a seamstress to sew these basic squares together.

The kits will be available on the shelf underneath the nursery room window.

Your volunteering to sew a quilt-square kit will not only benefit the volunteer quilting ministry of Hope, but you will be supporting the mission of Lutheran World Relief so more quilts can be sent overseas to those in need.

Also, please consider donating any fabric you might have stashed away, such as, cotton, cotton blends, twill, flannel, and polyester. Fleece and fabric with religious and military symbols cannot be accepted to use in LWR quilts.

The volunteers will stop their quilt tying on December 13, 2022 to enjoy the holidays and will resume after the first of the year.

## **Donations Requested**


Hope Lutheran Church has had a "Good Samaritan Fund" in place for many years. This fund is to help parishioners and other community members who are facing financial hardships due to unforeseen circumstances.

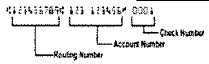
Currently, the fund is running low. If you would like to support this outreach ministry please place a donation in a "Gift of Love" envelope and turn it into the church. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.

## **Worship Volunteers**

We are always looking for a few more lectors, altar guild and ushers for each service. If you are interested in assisting please contact Evelyn Preston at 608-754-2475 or [office@hopemilton.org](mailto:office@hopemilton.org). Training is available for those who may be new to volunteering or who may need a refresher course. Thank you to those whose have been volunteering and helping services run smoothly.

# AUTHORIZATION FORM

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## Project 16:49

### *Holiday Wish List*

#### **Gifts for our Youth**

Male & female, teen appropriate items please

- Gift cards: fast food, grocery, gas, retail
- Earbuds
- Phone charging blocks/cubes
- Cosmetics: mascara, eyeliner, lip gloss, nail polish, etc.
- Body spray/cologne
- Body lotion
- Boxed hygiene gift sets
- Socks and fuzzy socks
- Hats, scarves, gloves
- Journals, sketch pads, adult coloring books
- Microwave cups: noodles, mac & cheese, ravioli, soup
- Fruit cups, granola/protein bars, beef sticks, pudding cups, fruit snacks
- Sweets & treats for stocking stuffers

#### **Support for our Program**

- Gift cards: Walmart/Sam's Club, Target, Aldi's, Woodman's, Menards, Home Depot, Office Max, Netflix, sit-down restaurant (for group outings/celebrations)
- HP 962 ink cartridges
- Twin and Twin XL bedding
- Alarm clocks
- All-purpose cleaner, toilet cleaner, bleach, dish soap, hand soap
- Toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels
- Laundry detergent pods, dryer sheets

Financial donations to support our work are especially needed and appreciated.

Donate online: [project1649.org/donate](http://project1649.org/donate)

Or by mail: Project 16:49

2911 Carrousel Lane  
Janesville, WI 53545

#### **Thank you for making the holidays brighter for our unaccompanied homeless youth**

To allow time for preparation & distribution, we appreciate receiving youth gifts by December 12th. Donation bins are available at: 2911 Carrousel Lane in Janesville and 622 Broad Street in Beloit.

Please do not leave cash or gift cards in donation bins

For questions or to arrange delivery/pick-up of large items or collections, please call: 608.314.5501

## December 2022

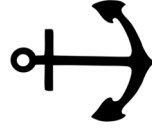
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4 Commitment Sunday</b> Lay Communion Distribution 8:00 am Worship w/Livestream 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship	<b>5</b> 1:00 pm Prayer Shaw/Baptismal	<b>6</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 3:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:05 pm Bell Choir 7:10 pm Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Set-Up	<b>10</b> Breakfast with the Grinch in Friendship Hall
<b>11</b> 8:00 am Worship w/Livestream 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Board of Ed	<b>13</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 3:30 pm Staff Meeting	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:05 pm Bell Choir 7:10 pm Choir	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm Grange Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 Bake Sale/ Luncheon
<b>18</b> 8:00 am Worship w/Livestream 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship Healing prayers during worship 11:30 Christmas Dinner	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Building Committee	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm Quilting 3:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Council	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:05 pm Bell Choir 7:10 pm Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Worship 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:30 pm
<b>25</b> 9:00 am Lessons & Carols w/ Livestream	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> Limited Office Hours	<b>28</b> Office Closed No Classes No Choirs	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Lessons & Carols w/ Livestream	<b>2</b> Office Closed					



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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Robb Sisson, Sophie Randall,   | 19 Donna Gohde, Holly Nelson,      |
| 2 Lois Turk                      | Markas Mory                        |
| 3 Frank McCulloch, Alyvia Janes  | 20 Terry Garber, Sydney Bilz,      |
| 7 Gerald Gentz                   | Sandy Randall, Inge Suchanek       |
| 10 Alan Fladhammer               | 21 Richard Krause, Luke Mickelson, |
| 11 Frank Maxwell, Devin Servin,  | Robyn Hanson                       |
| Ken Whitford                     | 22 Edith Fladhammer                |
| 12 Hannah Lebakken, Julie Mof-   | 24 Logan Peterson, Gary Hartman    |
| fett                             | 26 Ron Parsons, Brittany Rush      |
| 14 Jamie Westlund                | 27 Anna Hanson                     |
| 15 Eric Ellefson                 | 28 Jeanette Hornung, Heidi Berth-  |
| 17 Zach Woodcock, Oliver Swan-   | iaume                              |
| son                              | 30 Brent Anderson                  |
| 18 Holly Garber, Jeffrey Kersten | 31 Donald Grosenick                |


 IN OUR
   
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Dawn	Shelley	Lynette	Jeff
Sonja	Kay	Marilyn	Paul
Caleb	Karen	Ken	Maureen
Pastor Mary	Wendy	Jaime	Rachael
Fred	Marilyn	Shannon	Susanna

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