

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016



We wait in HOPE.



“God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering.”

Welcome to Word of HOPE
Lutheran Church, ELCA !

*We are Saved by God's Grace
and
Called to Share the Love of Jesus with ALL.*

Please Visit our WELCOME Center...
We are glad you're here!

For Whom Shall We Pray

For those in need:

Julie McEwen, Richard Saunders, Dion Parker, Karl Knapp (Floro), Natalie Anderson, Makenzie Webb, Walter & Patricia Finger (Brown), Margaret and Michael DeCarlo (Campbell), Corrie Fosson (Whitehead), Carl Bowen (Black), Steven DeWitte, John Ege, Rose Cheney

For those serving our country:

Hunter Schultz, Matthew (Sorrell)

Do you have a need for Prayer?

Let us know of your concern. Contact the Care Team by calling Colleen Black 859-223-3877

Or call the Word of Hope office

859-272-8515

Or email: wordofhopeoffice@gmail.com

Holy Communion is God's gift to us and we're happy to share it with you. There are gluten free wafers available. White grape juice is available in the inner ring of the tray of individual cups if you prefer. We invite all who trust in Jesus' presence in the bread and wine to participate in this holy meal.



If you are a VISITOR, please sign our GUEST BOOK in the Welcome Center.

We want to get to know you better and help you get to know us! We have a warm, family-like congregation and we love welcoming others to it. Please write down the best way to get in touch with you.

THANKS AGAIN FOR JOINING US AND PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE ON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Following unanimous approval at our council meeting last week and Sunday's congregational meeting, it was decided that we should appoint Pastor Sandy Stone as our interim pastor with the opportunity to extend a call down the road. Therefore, we will not be proceeding with an official call process at this time. A letter from the council president, Julie McEwen is available in Welcome Center.

TODAY

Psalm 82:3 ministries. Starting TODAY, During our offering each Sunday, we will again be taking up a **Noisy can collection**. If you would like to hear more about this ministry, please see Jen Polnisch.

ONGOING

CARE AND CONVERSATION Meets at WOH on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm to share our thoughts and show concern for each other and the world around us. You are invited to join the group any Wednesday. All are welcome.

PRAISE BAND Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. New Members always welcome! Contact Dawn Webb.

COMING UP!!

FAIR TRADE FAIR, Mark your calendars! **NEXT Sunday, December 11**, from 9:15-11:15. Lucia's Boutique will be here again offering their beautiful fair trade items for sale. Bring your Christmas lists. Fair trade items provide artisans in poverty areas of the world livable wages to help support their families.

WOMEN OF HOPE The Women's Group will have a Christmas luncheon at the Friendship Tea Room at the Gift Box. The date is Dec. 3rd at 12:30 pm. This is located in the Keithshire Plaza at 3330 Partner Pl #120, Lexington 40503. You can check them out on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/friendship.tea/>. Please RSVP to Sue Cook (cookeezgirls@gmail.com or 421-9064) by 11/22. We've made reservations but plan on adjusting based on replies.

GLCW Christmas Auction Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Gethsemane Lutheran Church Women invite you to join us for our annual evening of fun and fellowship – and to benefit GLCW for projects in 2016. Enjoy appetizers, silent auction, dessert, a Christmas Sing-a-Long with Mario Felice, and culminating with the live auction. Child care will be available. Event is free. RSVP by Nov.30, including name, # attending, and # children.

[859.277.6096](tel:859.277.6096) or gethluth@windstream.net.

NEXT WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING will be Sunday, December 11 after worship. We will be putting together our Lessons and Carols celebration for January 1 as well as other worship tasks. Everyone is welcome.

ADVENT LESSON AND CAROLS with St. Martha's on December 18th. Afterwards, we will be joining them for their annual holiday celebration potluck.

POINSETTIAS TIME Please see the sheets in the entryway to order your poinsettia in honor of loved ones and to help decorate our worship area during the Christmas season. \$12 per plant per name. THANKS!!

WEEK AT A GLANCE November 27- December 4

TODAY

9:30 am Worship **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

10:30 am Coffee and Conversation

11:00 am St. Martha's Service

12:00 pm 6:00 pm Al Anon

7:30 pm AA

Monday

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

Wednesday

7:00 pm Care and Conversation

7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Thursday

Friday

6:30-9:30 pm **GLCW Christmas Auction Friday**

Saturday

12:30 pm **WOMEN OF HOPE Christmas Luncheon**

Next Sunday

9:15-11:15 am **FAIR TRADE FAIR**

9:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Coffee and Conversation

11:00 am St. Martha's Service

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 18 11:00 AM Advent Lessons and Carols with St. Martha's

December 21 6:30 PM Hanging of the Greens (decorating for Christmas)

December 24 7 PM Christmas Eve worship together with St. Martha's

December 25-NO services

January 1 9:30 AM Christmas Lesson and Carols with St. Martha's

CONTACT US!

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