

Happenings at Hope

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From the Pastor

Greetings, dear members and friends of Hope Lutheran Church. We are coming very close to the end of the church year and the beginning of the new one. For the sermons in this coming year, we will be doing something a little different. Instead of the sermon being based on one of the appointed readings for the day, the sermons will be based on many of



the most significant events in Old Testament history. There are two benefits of this. First of all, it will be a good refresher for all of us for what exactly happened in Old Testament times. A second benefit will be to see how Christianity is not a purely “New Testament” faith, but is firmly based on what God taught and promised His people through the Old Testament prophets. This series will begin on December 3rd.



On Sunday, November 19, at 7pm, we will be showing the new movie about Martin Luther and the Reformation. You may have seen a version of this film on PBS this fall, but that one was focused mainly on Luther's impact on society and politics. This version of the film is focused much more on Luther's theological reforms. Drinks and popcorn will be served for the “total movie experience.”

Advent Midweek Services

Advent and Lent are the two “penitential” seasons of the church year, which means that those are the two periods of time during which we are especially focused on our need for God's grace as we prepare to celebrate the two great Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter.

The Lutheran Church has always taught that, instead of giving up some thing that you enjoy during these times of year, you will be better off giving up some more of your time to hear God's Word and worship him. The focus for the Advent midweek services this year (December 6, 13, 20) will be the chief Old Testament prophecies about who Christ would be and where he would be from. In other words, the “checklist for the Messiah.”

As has been our usual practice, these services will start at 7pm, and will be preceded by a meal at 6pm. For more information on the meals, please see the sign-up sheets that will be posted in the Bible Class room soon.

We will be having a Thanksgiving-Eve service on November 22nd at 7pm. This will be followed by a time for desert and fellowship. Hopefully you can join us for this special service of thanksgiving.



November

11 – Kaylee Castro
22 – Denise Taylor

December

19 – Darrin Curtis
20 – Helen Webber