

The Spirit

Henri Nouwen, a writer of many Christian spiritual books, wrote:

“Birthdays need to be celebrated. I think it is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion, or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone: “Thank you for being you.” Celebrating a birthday is exalting life and being glad for it. On a birthday we do not say: “Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.” No, we say: “Thank you for being born and being among us.” On birthdays we celebrate the present. We do not complain about what happened or speculate about what will happen, but we lift someone up and let everyone say: We love you.”



On our birthdays, we give thanks to God, for the gift of you and me to the world. We are a gift. This year, for my dad’s birthday, each family member shared a story of what we appreciated about him. It was awesome to hear what my niece and nephew said, about their “Papa”.

Often on Facebook, I see people ask friends to give to a cause they care about, donate in their name.

What if we tried this Birthday fund idea in reverse? Instead of receiving gifts from one another, what if we gave a money gift to one of Hope Lutheran Church’s ministries? A dollar or fifty cents for each year of life, for example, five dollars if you are five.

Another gift from the gift of you! Thank you, God, for being born and being among us! Happy Birthday!

Peace, Pastor Amy





Many Thanks

To all who stayed after church
On short/no notice
To get Christmas packed
Up till next year!!

Linda Eder

Beth and Rick Fauser

Jan Karibian

Susan and Tim Hinton

The Lutzeier Family

The Silvey Family

The Anthony Family

Shirley and Bob Stenberg

If we missed anyone, we surely apologize -
Each and every pair of helping hands is appreciated!

Thank you,
Mark and Nancy Koupal



Youth Group is for 6th-12th grade
Let's pack for Kids Against Hunger
Second shift, 10:30 am-12:30 pm.
We will follow up with pizza in the
youth room.

Sign up for a shift at the welcome
desk or by emailing Steve.

Email: sv_Tompkin@sbcglobal.net



Hope Kids/Secret
Service will meet on
Sunday, 2/9 for lunch
and a service project
after the second
service, @11:45 am.
Kids, from 3 - fifth
grade are welcome to
join us.



Super Bowl Kids Against Hunger Packing

It's Hope's Million Meal Year!

In 2025, we will cross the 1 million meals mark.

Let's serve!

Saturday, February 8

Two shifts: 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Bring a friend. Pack together.

Sign up by email sv_Tompkin@sbcglobal.net

20,000 meals for hungry neighbors.

Wear your favorite team's hat and/or jersey.



Chili Cook-off!

Join us on Sunday, February 23rd at
4:30 pm for chili! Even if you don't enter
the cook-off yourself, come and
enjoy good food and fellowship!

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Rich Carlson, Custodian

Worship Times:

In Person at 8:30 and 10:45

Online at 10:45 on YouTube at Hope Video Ministry or on Facebook

Our Mission:

We care, share, and prepare so that all experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision:

To be known as a Spirit-led welcoming community of diversity and service.

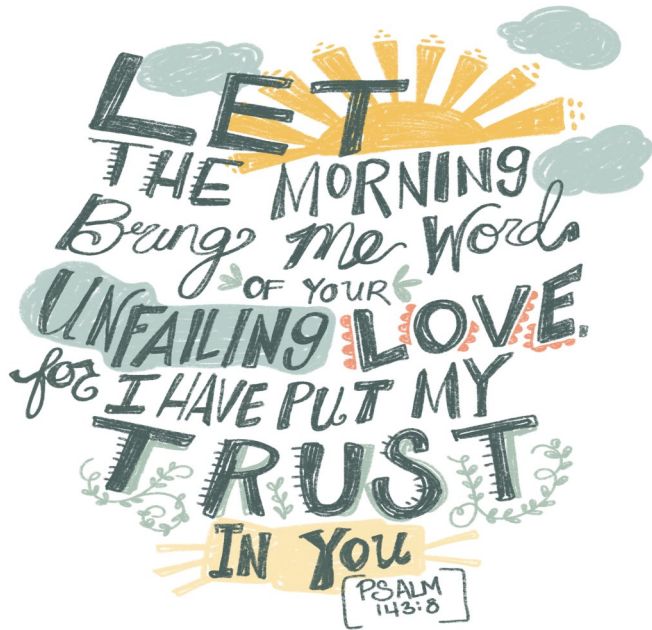


Birthdays

Anniversaries

DAVEY, John	02/01	FAUSER, JR, Rick & Beth	02/11
HANAN, Brad	02/01	ROUTH, Forrest & Pat	02/14
NIELSEN, Taylor	02/04		
MILLER, Julie	02/06		
LISARDI, Jim	02/07		
WEDEWER, Sandy	02/07		
AIELLO, Dakota	02/08		
FRIEDERICH, Ed	02/10		
OTTE, Judy	02/10		
CHRISTENSEN, John	02/11		
MOORE, Jan	02/11		
NIELSEN, Gianna	02/13		
OTTE, John	02/14		
TOMPKIN, Vicky	02/15		
GEILER, Jesse	02/17		
LARSEN, Ann	02/20		
LUTZEIER, Katherine	02/24		
MANION, Connie	02/24		
HEIDT, Kelly	02/26		
ROE, Jim	02/27		
SATTERTHWAITE, Gail	02/27		
KNIGHT, LESLIE	02/28		






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