

# Hope Lutheran Church

January 2025

## From the Pastor.....

Happy New Year!

I will be trying to implement some activities into your prayer and faith life that I learned from our involvement in Faith Forward. We were part of the First Cohort of a five year Cohort plan. The directors were leading us but also learning from us what works and doesn't work in their guidance of helping rural churches pass on their faith to the next generation.

I look forward to more fully sharing with you some things that excited me from the program. What I have found most helpful was occasional Zoom meetings that kept me from simply forgetting to think about implementing something from the program. Faith Forward has also helped me not to just glide through the next two years until retirement but to actively serve my two congregations and God.

What are your plans and goals for 2025? Not New Years' resolutions but plans and goals for 2025. Do you plan to live your life for Christ this year? What will that plan look like? Will others notice that you are living your life for Christ?

Happy New Year! Joyful Christian Living!

Pastor Jim

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## Church Festival Days

January 1.....Name of Jesus  
January 6.....The Epiphany of our Lord  
January 12.....The Baptism of our Lord  
January 18.....Confession of Peter  
January 25.....The Conversion of Paul  
January 26.....Timothy, Titus, Silas...Missionaries

## U. S. Holiday

January 20.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### Church Seasons

The time after Christmas ends with the Second Sunday after Christmas, January 5. The Epiphany of Our Lord is January 6 and the Time After the Epiphany continues through February. The Wise Men finally find the King of the Jews (Jesus) in Bethlehem 37 days after his birth. The church season is a time to search for God's light shining in our lives in ordinary things like stars, babies, family traditions and such.

### Cultivating Love

The January theme is "Cultivating Love Through Peace". We had Hope in December and that hope in God's Son breaking into the world invites us into God's peace. The peace of knowing your sins are forgiven and you can give up your sin, guilt, and shame to God. The peace of knowing the Holy Spirit can help me forgive others, myself, and maybe even God so I can live in God's peace. The peace of finding God in the little things when the big picture of life in the unknown can be scary. One place to find this peace is with our church family.

## **Cultivating Love Through Peace**

# Hope Lutheran Church-Burr January

# 2025

Pastor  
Jim Helgren

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service  
\*unless noted otherwise

### Church Council

Chairman: Dave Antholz  
Fin. Sec. Janice Beethe  
Treas. Mark Panko  
Sec. Sharon Carman  
Decons: Keith Moss  
David Lubben  
Trevor Pope

### Worship & Music

Alberta Block  
Sharon Carman  
Sherri Moss

### Organists

Alberta Block  
Sheri Moss  
Ruth Neeman

WELCA President  
Marilyn Moss

Bulletin/Newsletter  
Sharon Carman

### Cemetery

Dave Antholz  
Russel Moss  
Craig Straube

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy NEW YEAR!	2	3	4
5 10:00am Holy Communion Worship Comm. Asst. Ruth Hietbrink	6	7	8 4:00 pm Kids For Christ 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:30pm Church Council	9	10	11
12 10:00 am Worship	13	14	15 6:00 pm Confirmation	16 1:30 pm WELCA Bible Study	17	18
19 10:00 am Joint Worship at Grace Lutheran	20 Martin Luther King Jr. DAY	21	22 6:00 pm Confirmation	23	24	25
26 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Annual Meeting	27	28	29 6:00 pm Confirmation	30	31	

WELCA Meeting  
Bible Study: Marilyn  
Devotions:  
Hostess:

Altar Guild

Cathy - Vanessa

Visitation

Alberta

