



**Words from Pastor  
Mike Parsh**

*Greetings in the name of Christ,*

It is good to be the Church! I am so thankful for all that you, the people of the Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry of Oil City, do to carry out our shared calling to spread the Gospel of Christ out into our community and world. It is a joy to serve alongside you in our shared ministry. I look forward to our continued partnership as we live into our calling to be fishers of people.

So, what does it look like to fish for people? What in the world are we supposed to do? Well, the simple, yet complex, answer is that we are to live out our baptismal calling to be children of God. From this starting point comes everything else in our lives, which become a daily proclaiming of God's grace and love. But often we don't think that we can actually be effective in caring out this calling. Questions like, "Will I have the right words?" or, "Can I do the right things?" often crop up in our minds. These questions and more can cause a great deal of stress. However, we have a way to calm those fears. That calming agent is the never-failing presence of God in our lives. I came across the following story about an amazing thing that reportedly happened once at one of Polish pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski's concerts that illustrates this point.

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that her son was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted, and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.

That's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. But with the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful.

Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Feel His loving arms around you. Know that His strong hands are playing the concerto of your life.

As we answer our baptismal calling to be fishers of people, remember that God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace.

Just... keep playing your piano, whatever that may be.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Mike*

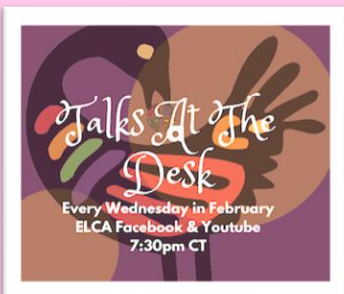
*Eternal and loving God, we come remembering that all of our days and years are gifts from you. As we center our thoughts upon your goodness, we are prompted to glorify you with our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Receive then, all expressions of our love and reverence. May we truly realize this day that we have been with you. In the name of our Master, Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

## ELCA – Black History Month

African Descent Ministries of the ELCA is celebrating Black History Month with Talks at the Desk, a new video series that will explore diverse expressions of the church. A new video will premiere each Wednesday in February at 7:30 pm Central time. Watch them live on [Facebook](#), stream them on [YouTube](#) or download them here. Join us to hear youth, young adults, rostered leaders, elders and friends of our communities share their own sacred stories.

For more updates, follow @ELCAADM on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or check out [facebook.com/elcaadm](https://facebook.com/elcaadm).

Visit the African Descent Lutheran Association website, [www.adlaelca.org](http://www.adlaelca.org), to learn more about our ELCA African Descent community and how to join this active, vital network and association.



**ELCA: Talks At The  
Desk**



### In Memorium

Our brother in Christ, William Baker, died on Dec. 25, 2022, at his home. Born Jan. 15, 1930 in Mt. Pleasant, PA., he was the son of the late Frank & Mary Roehrig Baker. Mr. Baker was a member of Good Hope Lutheran Church in Oil City for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife Dolores of 72 years and two sons: William Baker & his wife Julie of Cochran, Dr. Mark Baker & his wife Bonnie of Erie, PA. He is also survived by four grandchildren And 3 great grandchildren

A private service was held with Pastor Michael Parsh, Presiding. Memorials may be made to Good Hope Lutheran Church



### Thank You

I would like to thank Pastor Mike and Pastor Jones for their many visits and prayers during Bill's illness.

I would also like to thank my Good Hope family for their many cards, prayers, and notes. I feel truly blessed and grateful.

*Many thanks,  
Dolores Baker*

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*Dear WELCA Friends,*

Thank you for including Zion's shut-ins for your holiday gift giving. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*Sincerely,  
Zion Council*

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*Ladies of Ruth Circle,*

Thank you for your generous gift of \$300 to help Hope 21. We are walking in faith that God will provide to keep this ministry going. We so appreciate you being used by Him.

*Mary Thompson*

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*Dear Quilters of Hope*

Thank you for supporting the Veterans of the Fairweather Lodge. "your ministry is a tremendous blessing

*God Bless,  
Susanna & Suzanne*

*Dear Members of Hope Circle,*

The wonderful warm throw on a cold Christmas Day. How appropriate! What a thoughtful and welcome (though unexpected) gift! God bless you all and the work you do to fulfill your (God's) work in our midst. Thank you!

*Love and Blessings and wishes  
Mary Lee Lehman*

### Sunday School

*Sunday School is every Sunday 9:15-10:15am.* Elementary Sunday School will continue and meet in the classroom across from the nursery. Confirmation Class will continue to meet in the Conference Room. Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall.

### Lutherlyn

Check your mailboxes, the summer brochure will be arriving soon! Can't wait? The summer schedule is already posted on their website! Remember, after you pay your deposit, get a Lutherlyn form from the church office or Faith Formation committee. Good Hope pays the remainder of your camp fee up to the Classic Camp rate for campers who have attended at least 60% of Sunday School and have a parent or grandparent who is a member of Good Hope.

### Youth Group

**February 12, 3:00pm-5:00pm: Jr/Sr High CRAFTS with Margie.**

\*Topic change from the original schedule. Make Valentines as a service-oriented project.

**February 26, 1:00pm-5:00pm: All ages ICE SKATING.**

Meet at Good Hope at 1:00pm to carpool to Meadville, Skating from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. \$5 suggested donation per person towards the cost. Please RSVP to Julie (814-657-4046) by Wednesday, February 22.

**March 4, 11:30am-4:30pm: Elementary Lutherlyn Saturday Safari  
Maple Sugaring**

Meet at the church and carpool to Lutherlyn. Must RSVP to Julie by February 27 for program registration. No cost.



Faith Formation

Sunday School  
Sunday, 9:15am

# Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry

## Lent and Holy Week – 2023

### Ash Wednesday, February 22

Worship at Zion Lutheran	Noon	Worship at Good Hope Lutheran	6:30pm
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion		Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion	

### Lenten Midweek Schedule

#### Wednesday, March 1

ELW Morning Prayer at Good Hope Lutheran 10:30am  
Vespers Evening Prayer from ELW posted Online

#### Wednesday, March 15

ELW Morning Prayer at Good Hope Lutheran 10:30am  
Vespers Evening Prayer from ELW posted Online

#### Wednesday, March 29

ELW Morning Prayer at Good Hope Lutheran 10:30am  
Vespers Evening Prayer from ELW posted Online

#### Wednesday, March 8

ELW Morning Prayer at Good Hope Lutheran 10:30am  
Vespers Evening Prayer from ELW posted Online

#### Wednesday, March 22

ELW Morning Prayer at Good Hope Lutheran 10:30am  
Vespers Evening Prayer from ELW posted Online

### Holy Week Schedule

#### Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2

Worship at Good Hope Lutheran	10:30am	Worship at Zion Lutheran	11:00am
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#### Maundy Thursday, April 6 – Good Hope Lutheran

Soup and Bread Supper	6:30pm
Maundy Thursday Liturgy	7:00pm

#### Good Friday Service, April 7 – Zion Lutheran

Good Friday Tenebrae Service	Sundown 7:50pm
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#### Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast, Sunday, April 9 – Good Hope Lutheran

Service at Sunrise 6:50am, followed by breakfast

#### Easter Festival Worship, April 9

Good Hope Lutheran	10:30am	Zion Lutheran	11:00AM
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#### Good Hope Lutheran Church

800 Moran Street  
Oil City, PA 16301

814-676-9122 \* [www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org](http://www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org)

#### Zion Lutheran Church

207 State Street  
Oil City, PA 16301



**Zion Worship**  
Indoors – 11:00am

### Worship Volunteers – February

**Lectors:**

2/5 – Leigh Ann Pikna  
2/12 – David Mayer  
2/19 – Nancy Wigren  
2/26 – Allison McNamara

**Ushers:**

David Mayer  
Rick Sabousky

**Altar Care:**

Leigh Ann Pikna, Diane, D'Olympio

**Communion Assistant:**

Leigh Ann Pikna

### Birthdays

14/ Julie Morris  
18/ Amelia Gibson  
20/ Leigh Ann Pikna  
24/ Pastor Mike Parsh  
25/ James G. Benson

### Financial Report - December

*Actual receipts* \$3,072.00  
*Budgeted receipts* \$6,826.67  
*Actual expenditures* \$5,951.13

### Zion Notes

Zion’s Council was installed during worship on January 8. The officers are Yvonne Paranick, president; Nancy Wigren, vice-president, Jan Ruditis, secretary, Sue Fisher, treasurer, and Nancy Wigren, financial secretary. Other council members are Diane D’Olympio and Allison McNamara. We thank Karen Horn, who completed her term on Council, for her service.

Thrivent Choice Dollars have been received from Ron and Yvonne Paranick.





# WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2023

## Kids Today!\*

### Program:

The joys and challenges facing children in school and society. Plus: tips for homework help and digital safety!

Led by Julie Kosker, School Counselor and Kelli Earp, Instructional Support Teacher from Cranberry Elementary School

**Worship:** 11:30am

**Luncheon:** 12:15pm – Hosted by Jim & Maribeth Masquelier

**Program:** 12:50pm to 1:30pm

*\*This program is for adults of all ages, especially those who have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or youth in their lives who count on them for guidance and help...or adults who want to be a little more up to date with what's happening in our local schools.*

**Invite a friend and RSVP by calling the Good Hope office (814-676-9122) or email at [officegoodhope@gmail.com](mailto:officegoodhope@gmail.com)**

**Reservations Due: Monday, February 13**

# Good Hope Lutheran Church

## **FREE** Shrove Tuesday

## Pancake Breakfast

February 21, 2023

*Meal Times:*

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

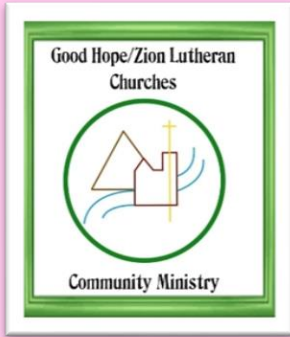
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM



*If you would like to volunteer to help serve the meals, please call Joyce Frenz – 724-699-0861*

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
800 MORAN STREET  
OIL CITY, PA





### Community Meals

February 7

February 28

### Shrove Tuesday

February 21

### Coffee Break

Thursdays @ 9:30am

## Shrove Tuesday

Fasting has long been a tradition of the Church's season of Lent and the day prior to it, Shrove Tuesday, became a 'feasting day'. What better way to celebrate than with pancakes, sausage, eggs and lots of syrup? It doesn't get much fatter than that!

Invite your family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers! All are invited and all are welcomed.

Shrove Tuesday will be held on February 21 at Good Hope Lutheran Church. Meals will be served from 7-9am, 11am-1pm, and 4-7pm. Please call the church office at (814)676-9122 to make your reservations now.

Volunteers are also needed to help during this time to prepare, cook, serve, and clean up. If you would like to volunteer your time please call the church office and let us know what shift you can be available. Shifts are: 6:30-9:30am, 10:30am-1:30pm, 3:30-7:00pm, and cleanup 7:00-8:00.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Joyce Frenz, DCM*  
724-699-0861



### Mission Committee

## Souper Bowl of Caring

OK, so your favorite team is not in the 2023 Souper Bowl; we can all participate in the slightly less hyped Souper Bowl food drive! Let's collect big assortment of non-perishables for Community Services of Venango County. Baskets will be out for your contributions. If you prefer, checks can be made out to Good Hope with "Souper Bowl" on the memo line. This effort will continue through Sunday February 12, 2023. We thank everyone for their support!

*Thanks for your Generous Support!*  
*Chuck Schultz & the Mission Committee*



### Music News

## Calling all women!

Some of the special music during the month of February will feature an all-women's choir. If you'd like to have short term commitment, and join your voice with other Good Hope women, please come and join us. No former experience needed. We will meet after church on January 29th to look at a few songs that we can sing during services in February.

When we sing, we pray twice!

### Venango Chorus

Tired of the winter doldrums? Come and sing with the Venango Chorus - "Rebirth" - as we join our voices in song and hope.

- Chorus will begin on Monday, January 30, 2023, in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Rehearsals will be 7:00pm to 8:30pm, every Monday evening.
- The concert will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at First Presbyterian Church of Oil City.
- The cost is \$50.00/semester payable to **Commonwealth University**. Full and half scholarships are available.

Any questions? Please contact Beth Orris at 814-657-4194.

### Quilters of Hope

The Quilters of Hope will be meeting Tuesdays, 10:00am to 2:30pm. Please bring a lunch and join us! No sewing experience is needed.

### Hope Circle

Hope Circle meeting will be February 9, 10:00am, in the Conference Room at Good Hope. Devotions: Bev Suhr, Leader: Buffy Heisey. Hostess: Maribeth Masquelier. Lesson: "Focus on Faith," pgs. 8-17.

### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, February 7, 7:00pm via Zoom. The lesson leader will be Pastor Jones.

### Mitten Tree

The Women of the Church thank everyone who donated items for the mitten tree. There were 38 pairs of mittens and gloves, 21 hats, 8 scarves, and 11 pairs of socks. Children's items were delivered to 7th Street Elementary School. Adult apparel went to The Pointe, and baby hats and socks were given to the St Elizabeth Center.

### Coffee Hour

The Youth group will bake for and host the coffee hour on Sunday, March 23, 2023. Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship.

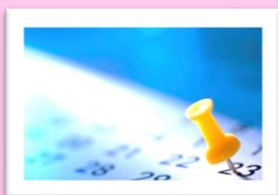


**Quilters of Hope**  
Tuesdays @ 10:00am

#### Events

#### Circle Schedules

Ruth: February 7  
Hope: February 9



**Save the Date**



**Good Hope Worship**  
Indoors – 10:30am

**REMINDER**

*If you cannot serve, you  
are responsible to find a  
replacement*



**Worship Leadership  
Instruction**

**February Birthdays / Anniversaries**

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 01/ Joshua Gavin    | 18/ Chad Clark       |
| John Wells          | Joe Boland           |
| 02/ Janet Switzer   | 21/ Wade Altman      |
| 06/ James Miller    | 23/ Raegan Milner    |
| Jacob Kosker        | Vance Barber         |
| 07/ Zaine Hickman   | 24/ Brian Friedhaber |
| 08/ Debra Best      | Pr. Mike Parsh       |
| 12/ David Weaver    | 27/ Carrie Biltz     |
| 16/ Tom & Mel Neely | 28/ Lois Bickel      |
| 17/ Donna Sheaffer  |                      |
| Daniel Vogan        |                      |

**Worship Volunteers**

**Ushers:**

Sam McDowell  
Doug Suhr

**Counters:**

2/7 – Sharon McDowell  
2/14 – Debbie Best  
2/21 – Chérie Wessell  
2/28 – Melodye Neely

**Communion Assistants:**

2/5 – Tom Friedhaber AA, Susie Hlawati, Judy Tarr  
2/12 & 2/19 – Margie Hart AA, Wade Altman, Debbie Best  
2/26 – Chérie Wessell AA, Joyce Frenz, Pat Gavin

**Lectors:**

2/5 – Jen Godinich  
2/12 – Ralph Jones  
2/19 – Judy Tarr  
2/26 – Chuck Schultz

**Altar Guild:**

Melodye Neely  
Sharon McDowell

**Worship Leadership Instruction**

***If you are currently OR if you would like to be a worship leader*** at Good Hope, we are offering some instruction times in February to go over changes and updates to the leadership duties and routines.

*January 29 during Sunday School: Acolytes*

*February 5 after worship: Ushers*

*February 12 after worship: Altar and Communion Assistants*

*February 19 after worship: Children's Sermon presenters*

For questions or more information, please contact one of the pastors.

# February

## Sunday

### 5 Epiphany 5

- \* Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am
- \* Worship @GH-10:30am
- \* Sr. Choir @GH-after worship
- \* Worship @Z-11am

### 12 Epiphany 6

- \* Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am
- \* Worship @GH-10:30am
- \* Sr. Choir @GH-after worship
- \* Worship @Z-11am
- \* Faith & Fellowship @GH 3pm

### 19 Transfiguration

- \* Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am
- \* Worship @GH-10:30am
- \* Sr. Choir @GH-after worship
- \* Worship @Z-11am

### 26 Lent 1

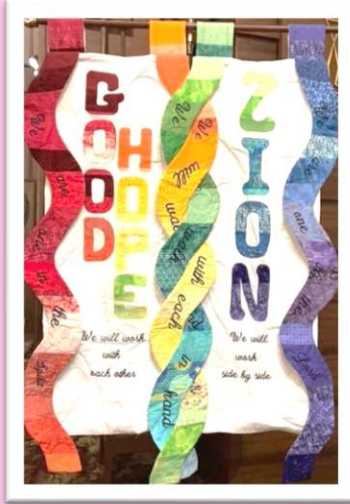
- \* Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am
- \* Worship @GH-10:30am
- \* Sr. Choir @GH-after worship
- \* Worship @Z-11am
- \* All Ages Ice Skating Trip-Meet @GH-1pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AED-CPR Course @GH-9am Overview of the Bible @GH-7pm	2 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Ministerium-11am Property Mtg. @GH-7pm	3	4
6 Spelling Bee @GH-5pm Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	7 Quilters @GH-10am Ruth Circle via Zoom-7pm	8 Overview of the Bible @GH-7pm	9 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Hope Circle-Conference Room @GH-10am	10	11
13 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	14 Quilters @GH-10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm	15 Worship on Wednesday @GH-11:30am Worship Com. Mtg. @GH-4pm Overview of the Bible @GH-7pm	16 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Council Mtg. @GH-7pm	17	18
20 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	21 Shrove Tuesday Shrove Tuesday-All Day Pancake Meals @GH Quilters @GH-10am	22 Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday @Z-12pm Ash Wednesday @GH-6:30pm	23 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	24	25
27 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	28 Quilters @GH-10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm Council Mtg. @Z-7pm				



\* Stay & Play Schedule – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3pm to 8pm & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 11am to 3pm @ Zion





**Pastor On Call-February**

Pastor Mike Parsh

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 pastormparsh@gmail.com

**Good Hope Office Hours**

Monday thru Thursday  
 8:30am-2:30pm

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**Staff**

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 814-516-4002

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 Beth Orris

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 Tom Neely

**GH Organist/Communications  
 Mgr. /Office Admin.**  
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**Grounds Super.**  
 Bruce Dodd

**Zion**

**Secretary**  
 Jan Ruditis  
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 Dustin Harrison

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 Sandra Zacherl

**GH Vice President**  
 Tom Friedhaber

**GH Worship**  
 Debbie Best

**GH Mission**  
 Charles Schultz

**GH Finance**  
 Ashlee Goodman

**GH Faith Formation**  
 Margie Hart

**GH Property**  
 Scott Graham

**GH Treasurer**  
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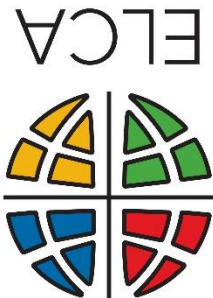
**Z Treasurer**  
 Sue Fisher

**Z Council Members**  
 Allison McNamara  
 Diane D'Olympio



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**Herald of**  
**Hope/Lutheran Light**  
**Good News Letter**  
**February 2023**  
*Serving all in the manner*  
*of Jesus*



Recorded service will be posted on Monday afternoon on our website.  
[www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org/worship-together](http://www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org/worship-together)

**Worship Schedule**  
**Good Hope – Indoors – 10:30am**  
**Zion – Indoors – 11:00am**

**Newsletter**  
 Hard copies of the newsletter are available at the church.  
 To submit news or articles, please email to:  
*officegoodhope@gmail.com*  
**Deadline: the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month**