

Words from Pastor Sandra Jones

Alleluia!

We have observed his star at its rising and have come to worship him.

Alleluia!

-Matthew 2:2



Epiphany Reflections

The feast of the Epiphany is January 6, twelve days after Christmas. "Epiphany" means "manifestation" and the festival day concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ also reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism.

We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people. In and through our relationships, our words, actions, service to our neighbors, attitudes, hopes, and dreams, we reveal the Christ whose cross we bear on our brows.

Prayer:

O God, the source of all insight, whose coming was revealed to the nations not among men of power but on a woman's lap: give us grace to seek you where you may be found, that the wisdom of this world may be humbled and discover your unexpected joy, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Janet Morley, All Desires Known (London: SPCK, 1992)



Dear Friends in Christ at Good Hope and Zion,

My thanks to those who helped make the mid-week services, *Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth,* available online during Advent: Kristen Criado, Pastor Mike, Douglas Suhr, Linda Vogt, Chuck Schultz, Allison McNamara, Joyce Frenz, Beth Orris, and the Good Hope Choir.

Everyone did their part so well and Kristen put it all together beautifully for us to tell the stories of Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem as we prepared for the celebration of Christmas. I also appreciate those who listened and watched online! We gladly did it for you!

I am sincerely grateful for the Christmas cards, warm greetings, candies, treats, and the generous monetary gifts this Christmas. It was all so thoughtful and is appreciated very much.

It is a privilege and a joy to be your pastor and I look forward to the ways that God will continue to guide us in the new year.

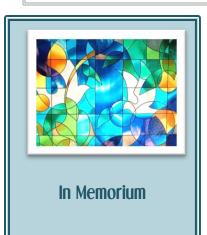
To the staff of the Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry of Oil City: Pastor Mike Parsh, Joyce Frenz, Kristen Criado, Beth Orris, Bruce Dodd, Jan Ruditis, Marcy Amero & preschool staff, Cheryl Bailey, Jesse Gibson, Alex Dulaney, Jaimee Cohen, and Dustin Harrison,

Please accept my sincere thanks for who you are and all that you do for the ministry we share at Good Hope and Zion. Together we do so much more than any of us can do alone and together we make a difference in the lives of many people. Together we reach out to our community, serving all in the manner of Jesus.

I am thankful to God and to you for the ways that you have used your creativity, administrative skills (administration is a spiritual gift, you know!), patience and compassion to do your jobs. Each of you have gone *above* and beyond the job description to serve the congregations and our community, especially during these full and meaningful months of fall and winter.

I wish you and your families a healthy and happy New Year!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Sandra Jones



Our sister in Christ, Joanne M. Strickland, died on Monday, November 28, 2022, at her home. She was devoted to her companion of 47 years, the late Louis R. Kraft. She was a 1964 honor graduate of Oil City High School and attended the University of Buffalo before transferring to the University of Houston. She received her MBA from Clarion University. She was an active member of Good Hope Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her sisters, Elaine Everett, Diane Wilson, and Elizabeth Pearce of Columbia, MD, as well as many other close relatives and friends across the country. It was Joanne's wishes to have no viewing or funeral service, but a Celebration of Life will be planned in the spring of 2023.



Thank You

You blessed me as well as my family this Thanksgiving holiday. I got sick and could not get home to prepare a meal for my dad. Thank you to all the hands that prepared the food and those who delivered the meal. Thank you! Thank you!

Lynn McClelland

Dear Women of Good Hope, the special people God has brough into my life to love.

Thank you for my beautiful warm blanket. It will keep me warm and toasty and it warms my heart as I think of all of you. You have sent me Christmas joy.

My Love, Millie Grandelis

Thank you!

Thanks so much for bringing me a meal on Thanksgiving. It really brightened my day.

God Bless!! Laura Burris

Thank you to Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry Staff,

In a year where we have begun to settle into a regular pattern of ministry, our shared ministry staff has gone above and beyond the call of duty. I am grateful to share the work of ministry with such talented and dedicated sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for your faithful work this past year.

Pastor Mike

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ of Zion and Good Hope,

Thank you for the many cards, seasons greetings, and gifts that you sent to me and my family. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated! It has been a joy serving alongside you in ministry this past year and I look forward to the year to come. With God all things are possible!

Blessings, Pastor Mike

Good Hope Congregation,

Thank you for the privilege of serving you. We also thank you for the cards and Christmas gift.

Merry Christmas, Bruce and Bonnie Dodd

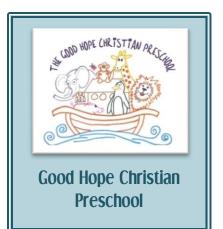
To the People of Good Hope,

Thank you so much for all of the cards and gifts that appear like magic on my desk. They are much appreciated. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kristen Criado

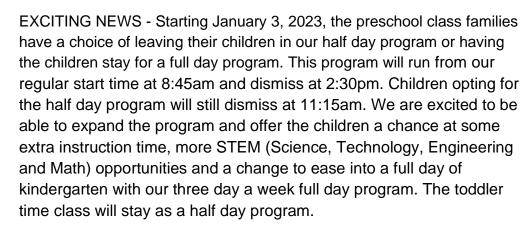
To our Good Hope family, we send thanks and so much gratitude for your prayers and expressions of concern for our grandson, Brendan during his recent health scare. We're happy to report that his PICC line has been removed, he's not on any medications, and back to being a healthy, active teenager. It's been a tough month, but the assurance of your prayers gave us courage to stay positive in the face of some frightening possibilities.

With love and thanks....
Tom and Mel Neely



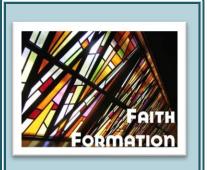
It is hard to believe it is January already. The preschool class has been working hard on the alphabet, learning Bible stories, manners, and kindergarten readiness. We've made lots of crafts plus apple sauce, butter, and salt dough ornaments.

The toddler time class has been working on socialization, Bible stories, listening skills, and language skills. They also have been making many crafts and singing with the preschool class at music time each Wednesday. Both classes enjoyed learning about the birth of Jesus. We will be talking about the Wise Men's visit and the miracles Jesus performed when we return.



We will be enrolling next month for the 2023-2024 school year. If you know of anyone that would like to enroll their child in toddler time or preschool, please have them contact the church office or email me at ghpdirector2@gmail.com.

As always, we would like to thank you, the congregation, for the continued support of our program.



Faith Formation

No Sunday School January 1, 2023 **Sunday School:** every Sunday 9:15-10:15am:

Elementary Sunday School will continue with Margie Hart as the teacher and meet in the classroom across from the nursery. Confirmation is off to a great start as the three confirmands continue to study the Old Testament. Adult Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Groups: The schedule is set for the rest of the school year! If you know of a school-aged youth who might be interested, please share our schedule with them! Copies can be obtained from the church office.

Jr/Sr High Faith & Fellowship (meets twice a month):

January 6-7, 6pm- 10am: LOCK-IN @ Margie's. Please contact Margie (814-657-7432) or Julie (814-657-4046) for details and to RSVP.

January 22, 3-5 pm: Gaga Ball at the church

Elementary LYO (meets once a month):

January 22, 3-5pm: Gaga Ball at the church

Lutherlyn: Winter Retreat for grades 4-12, January 20-22. More details & registration at www.lutherlyn.com



January 20 5:30pm to 7:30pm Burgers & BINGO!

Join your pastors and their spouses as they host an all ages family event with burgers and BINGO. Join us for fun and prizes!

January 22 3:00pm 5:00pm Gaga Ball is back! Gaga Ball Pit at Good

Hope

February 26 1:00pm

Ice Skating! Meet at Good Hope to carpool to Meadville. March 4



Maple Sugaring Saturday Safari

This Lutherlyn Safari features winter tree identification, tapping a maple tree, collecting sap, and observing the evaporation process. (Registration Required)

April 8

10:00am to 12:00pm

Easter Party

There will be an Easter Party at Good Hope in the Fellowship Hall

May 13

Lutherlyn Camp Blast



Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. The best part... EVERYTHING IS FREE!



Youth Group for Junior and Senior High Students

January 6-7 6:00pm to 10:00am Lock-In @ Margie's

Fun and Fellowship with Margie. 574 Mill Run Road, Franklin

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burgers and BINGO.

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February 12 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Baking with Margie

Join Margie in the Good Hope Kitchen for baking

fun!

Ice Skating! February 26

1:00pm

Meet at Good Hope to carpool

to Meadville.

March 12

Crafts with Margie

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Fun and fellowship and creating

at Good Hope!

March 24-25

Lock-In e Lutherlyn

Come for fun and fellowship at a <u>Lutherlyn</u> Lock-In! More

info to come!

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May 26-27

Lock-OUT

600pm to 10:00am

A night in the Oil Creek open

shelters!



Save The Date

February 15 – Worship on Wednesday

February 21 - Shrove Tuesday All Day Pancake Meal @ GH

February 22 – Ash Wednesday



Zion Worship Indoors – 11:00am

Worship Volunteers – January

Lectors: Ushers:

1/1 Nancy WigrenDiane D'Olympio1/8 Allison McNamaraNancy Wigren

1/15 – Karen Horn 1/22 – JoAnn Beary

1/29 – Rick Sabousky

Altar Care: Communion Assistant:

Jan Ruditis, Edie Bickart Allison McNamara

Birthdays

04/ Gary Hollingsworth

15/ Justin Wigren

18/ Ed Mertz 24/ Pastor Sandra Jones

20/ Tammy Black23/ Sarah Fisher

25/ Elijah Pikna 31/ Ed Benson

Walter (Wade) Gibson

Yvonne Paranick

Financial Report - November

Actual receipts \$2,889.00 Budgeted receipts \$6,826.67 Actual expenditures \$4,962.03

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the community ministry Christmas giving. Items and/or donations were given to the Salvation Army, Community Services, The Pointe, and Bethesda Children's Home.

A memorial was given in memory of (Virginia) Joyce Gibson from Deborah Livengood.





The poinsettias that adorn the church are given by:

Yvonne and Ron Paranick in memory of their parents

Leigh Ann Pikna in memory of Jim Benson

Linda Benson in memory of Jim Benson

JoAnn Beary in memory of Gerald E. Beary and Rev. Donald D. Hake

Gretchen Gibbs in memory of Loved Ones

Contributions to the Cooperative Ministries Program are given by:

Yvonne and Ron Paranick in honor of our pastors and all who work and volunteer at Zion

Jan Ruditis to the Glory of God

David Mayer in honor of the CMC volunteers

Pastor Sandra Jones in honor of the Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Shared Ministry Staff

Diane D'Olympio in memory of Leonard, Barbara. Eric, and Diane D'Olympio (sister-in-law)

The Advent wreath and the front door wreaths are given in memory of Evelyn and Willard Bolton, Lorretta Bolton, and Jim Bolton from John Bolton, Robyn Bolton and Matt Jarman, and Diana, Adam Claire and Isaac Welmerink.



Poinsettias

In Honor of

Our beautiful children and grandchildren – Jim and Linda Black

Mary Jeanne Gavin – The Gavin Family

Our precious family – Tom and Mel Neely

Our children and grandchildren – Jerry and Suzette Nellis

Our beautiful children and grandchildren – Sam and Sharon McDowell

My children and grandchildren – Judy Blaine

The Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry Staff – Pastors Ralph and Sandra Jones

Anna Ausel – Bruce and Bonnie Dodd

In Honor and Memory of

Our parents – Jeff and Judy Clark and Tom and Jennifer Friedhaber

In Memory of

Grandparents Kay and Gavin – The Gavin Family

Ronald Miduszewski - Debbie Wells

Our parents Earl and Irene Keefer, Ronald and Rose French – Susan and Ronald French

Henrietta Neubauer Blum - Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Suhr Jr.

Ruth Neubauer Lauffer – Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Suhr Jr.

Mother and Father, Husband and Sister, and Daughters – Gloria Aughenbaugh

Our beloved parents and brothers – Tom and Mel Neely

John Orris – The Kosker Family

Our loved ones – Jerry and Suzette Nellis

Our wonderful parents – Sam and Sharon McDowell

My husband, Jack; sister, Donna; borther-in law, Dick, Dave, Fred, and Rich; and our parents – Judy Blaine

Hannah L. Myers – Pastors Ralph and Sandra Jones

Sandi Dehner: wife, mother, and grandma; Bob and Jean Dittman: parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents – Daryl Dehner and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krathge, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boyer – Scott and Janice Graham, Alysha and Emmy O'Neil

Ed Graham and Kelly O'Neil - Scott and Janice Graham

Wade and Ilene Barber – Vance Barber

Caroline Kirchner – Vance Barber



January 20, 2023 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm @ Good Hope Lutheran Church

All Ages, Friends, and Family Invited!

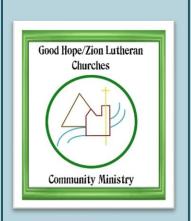
Join your pastors and their spouses as they host an evening of Burgers, Bingo, Fun, and Fellowship.

Burgers, buns, desserts, and drinks will be provided.

Bring your favorite toppings, chips, or side dish to share. BINGO and PRIZES will follow the meal.

(Snow Date - January 27, 2023)

RSVP by calling the Good Hope office by January 16th, 2023



Community Meals
January 10
January 31
Coffee Break

Thursdays @ 9:30am



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Christmas

From the Community

Ministry Committee!!! We

thank you for all your support

throughout the year and hope you

have a very warm, safe, loving Holiday

Season





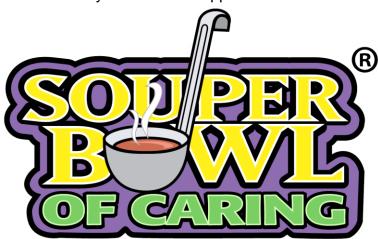


Mission Committee

Souper BowlJanuary 1 thru
February 12

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!



Support The Pointe!

Our friends over at The Pointe in Oil City's North Side provide important services to the community year round. During cold weather, they operate as a warming center for the overnight safety of those in need.

If you can help them out with any of the items on this list it would be a big help. Contributions can be dropped off at The Pointe or brought to Good Hope. Alternately, contact Chuck Schultz from the Mission Committee and he will pick things up and deliver them. The need is ongoing so this effort will be also. Please see the following page for items in need.

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



259 Seneca Street, Oil City, PA 16301 (814) 676-1009

WISH LIST

Helping the Warming Center can be as simple as going through your pantry to find extra items to donate!

**Canned Food — Ravioli Ramen Soup Packs & Soup Cups Snacks -- nonperishable pocket size, such as crackers & cheese, cookies, etc.

Hot Cocoa Packets Instant Oatmeal Packets Instant Coffee Packs for Travel Sugar & Cream Packs for Travel

**Juice

Flavor Packets for Water

Fruit Cups

**Bottled Water

Paper Bowls - suitable for hot soup

Paper Plates Styrofoam Cups

- **Ziplock Baggies
- Quart Size & Gallon Size

Garbage Bags

13 & 33 gallon bags

Plastic Tableware

Napkins

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

- **Air Freshener Spray
- Facial Tissue (not pocket size)

Gas Cards & Gift Cards

Clothing- Current Need - Adult Men's Clothing

**Sweat Suits Medium - 4x (Men & Women)

Underwear & Socks - New In Package - Adult Men & Women

Winter Coats & Boots, Hats, Gloves (Men & Women)

Deodorant - Men & ** Women's

- Laundry Soap
- **Dish Soap
- **Dishwasher Tablets

Travel Hand Sanitizer

Travel Tissue

Chapstick

Hand & Foot Warmers

Phone Chargers (iPhone, Android, etc)

New or Gently Used Backpacks with Working Zippers

If you would like to donate time or services, here are some other ways you can help:

- Local Business donate gift cards
- Choose the Warming Center as a beneficiary if you are participating in a charity walk or run.
- Shop at Amazon? Login in under Amazon Smiles and choose The Pointe 16301 as a non-profit beneficiary. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase to the Warming Center.
- ** These Are Items That We Are In Most In Need Of

Drop Off or Pick Up Can Be Arranged by Appointment

Angela Proper

The Pointe Executive Director (814) 676-1009

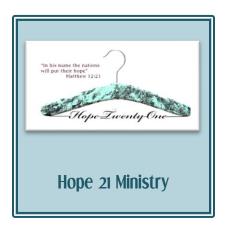
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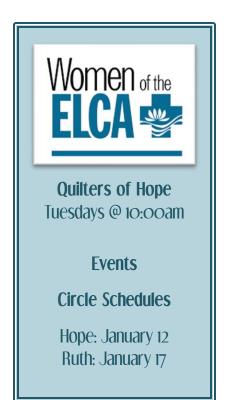
Many thanks to all who contributed holiday cards for migrant families in English and Spanish. Good Hope/Zion Ministry collected 55 cards and was able to make a \$100.00 donation.

This program was organized and sponsored by LIRS (the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). LIRS has been resettling and reuniting families for over 80 years. If you would like to learn more about LIRS, please visit their website at lirs.org.

Thank you again for your willingness to share the holiday spirit.



Hope 21 is a nonprofit organization that provides gently used clothing at no cost. At this time, we are in great need of your financial and/or volunteer support. Please see our @hope21ministry Facebook site for more info. We are currently looking for a new space that is accessible to all. Our mailing address is Hope 21, 202 Wilson Ave., Oil City, PA, 16301. You may also contact our director at swartzlisa24@yahoo.com for more information.



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 January 12, 10:00am, in the Fellowship Hall at Good Hope. Hostess: Buffy Heisey, Leader: Jan. Lesson: "Focus on Faith," pgs. 1-7.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, January 17, 7:00pm via Zoom.



Good Hope Worship Indoors - 10:30am

REMINDER

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

January Birthdays / Anniversaries

01/	Molly Gavin Revs. Ralph & Sandra Jones	23/	Thomas Bickel Nickolas Switzer	
04/	Carolyn Benninger	24/	Pr. Sandra Jones	
11/	Hank & Bev Suhr	25/	Clyde & Carolyn Benninger	
12/	Charlotte Donley		Russ Zacherl	
15/	William Baker	26/	Elizabeth Roth	
	Judy Clark		Margie Hart	
	Ron & Linda Campbell	27/	Anna Ausel	
			Deborah Biltz	

Worship Volunteers

Lectors:

Altar Guild:

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Tom Neely Scott Graham	1/1 – Katie Parsh 1/8 – Susie Hlawati 1/15 – Dennis Yarian 1/22 – Douglas Suhr 1/29 – Joyce Frenz

Counters:	Altar Guild:		
1/3 - Sharon McDowell	Judy Clark		
1/10 – Melodye Neely	Suzette Nellis		
1/17 – Suzette Nellis			

Communion Assistants:

1/24 – Debbie Best 1/31 – Linda Vogt

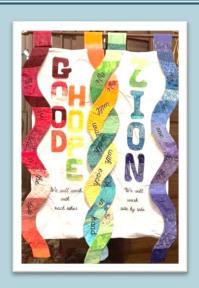
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1/1 & 1/8 – Jeff Clark AA, Debbie Best, Susie Hlawati 1/15 & 1/22 – Jennifer Friedhaber AA, Debbie Biltz, Beth Orris 1/29 - Tom Friedhaber AA, Linda Vogt, Judy Tarr

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January	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 1 Name of Jesus * Worship @GH- 10:30am	2	3 Quilters @GH- 10am	4 Staff Brunch/Mtg. @GH-9:0am Overview of the Bible @GH-7pm	5 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Ministerium- 11am Property Mtg @GH-7pm	6 Epiphany Faith & Fellowship @ Margie's-6pm- 10am Epiphany Meditation- Online	7
8 Baptism of Lord * Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am * Worship @GH- 10:30am * Sr. Choir @GH- after worship * Worship @Z-11am	9	10 Quilters @GH- 10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm Preschool Board @GH-6pm	11 Overview of the Bible @GH-7pm	12 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am Hope Circle @GH-10am	13	14 Staff, Council, Advisory Comm., Committees Retreat @ GH-9:30am- 12pm
* Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am * Worship @GH- 10:30am * Sr. Choir @GH- after worship * Worship @Z-11am	16 Worship Com. Mtg. @GH- <i>4:15pm</i>	17 Quilters @GH- 10am CMC Mtg. @Z- 10:30am Ruth Circle via Zoom-7pm	18 Overview of the Bible @GH-7pm	19 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	20 Burgers & Bingo @GH- 5:30pm- 7:30pm	21
22 Epiphany 3 * Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am * Worship @GH- 10:30am * Sr. Choir @GH- after worship * Worship @Z-11am Youth Gaga Ball @GH -3pm-5pm	23	24 Quilters @GH- 10am	25 Overview of the Bible @GH-7pm	26 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	27	28
29 Epiphany 4 * Sunday Sch. @GH 9:15am * Worship @GH- 10:30am * Sr. Choir @GH- after worship * Worship @Z-11am	30	31 Quilters @GH- 10am Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-6pm		HAF	PPY NEW YEAR	

 $^{^{\}ast}$ Stay & Play Schedule – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3pm to 8pm & the 3^{rd} Saturday of the month 11am to 3pm @ Zion

814-676-9122



Pastor On Call-January

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Kristen Criado

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Bruce Dodd

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Good Hope/Zion Lutheran Ministry 800 Moran Street Oil City, PA 16301

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

Deadline: the 15th of the month

Hard copies of the newsletter are available at the church.

To submit news or articles, please email to:

officegoodhope@gmail.com

Newsletter

Recorded service will be posted on Monday afternoon on our website.

Website.

Www.goodhopezionlutheranoilcity.org/worship-together

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

