

Words from  
Pastor  
Mike Parsh

*Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,*

We live in a fast-paced world. Our days are filled with any number of things like work, school, appointments, doctors, meetings, and a whole host of other things. Often, we don't get a chance to slow down and see the blessings in our lives or God's presence at work in our lives.

The writer of Psalm 105 reminds us in verse 4 to, "Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works: be alert for signs of his presence."

In our fast-paced world we miss so much of what God wants us to see and to experience. We know and believe that God is present within us as well as all around us. We can find God at work everywhere we go. God is present in our neighbors, both near and far. God is present in the stranger we meet at the gas station. God is present in those who we would prefer to avoid. The challenge we have is to slow down and see the world through God's eyes, which is exactly what the gospel passages for this month invite us to do.

As November begins, we turn to the final month of the church year. The church year runs from the first Sunday of Advent to Christ the King Sunday. This means that the church/liturgical year does not follow the twelve month calendar that we have grown accustomed to over the centuries.

We begin this last month of the church year with All Saints Sunday. On this day we remember and give thanks to God for all of those who have gone before us in the Faith. The names of those who have died since the last All Saints Sunday will be read during worship and candles will be lit in their memory. Furthermore, we remember and celebrate that through our baptism we are joined together with all the saints.

The lectionary gospel lesson for All Saints Sunday is Matthew's Beatitudes. In this passage we hear that in God's kingdom those that the world excludes, are held in the highest regard. However, this is not some far off reality that will only be established when Christ comes again. The Beatitudes speak to us about the here and now. We are called, as were the saints before us, to live in the manner of Jesus and show God's love to all.

This theme of faithfully following Christ's call to action is a central part of the lectionary texts for the month of November. We will read Jesus' parables about bridesmaids being prepared, servants stewarding their master's wealth, and about how the sheep and the goats will be separated on the last day. These texts call us through the water of our baptism into faithful service of all of God's creation. We are called into the living out of the love of God.

by giving thanks for all material possessions, we as followers of Christ are called to give thanks for what we have and then put it into use for the betterment of all.

As the church year draws to a close, we are not to simply coast to the season of Advent. No, we are continually called forward into mission for the sake of the Gospel and to see God in all those that we encounter. We are to reflect the love of God, even when the world around us seems to be getting darker. As you move through this month, I invite you to take some time to slow down and be aware of God's presence all around you. Maybe God will surprise you with what you see.

*“Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works: be alert for signs of his presence.” - Psalm 105:4*

*Blessings,  
Pastor Mike*



**Thank You**

*Good Hope,*

Thank you for the scholarship opportunity you provided for me and others in the congregation.

*God Bless,  
Mike McFarland*



**Good Hope Semi-  
Annual Meeting**  
November 19 after  
worship

### **Semi-Annual Meeting**

Good Hope Lutheran Church will hold its November Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 19, after worship.

The meeting focus will be the 2024 budget and council and committee nominations.

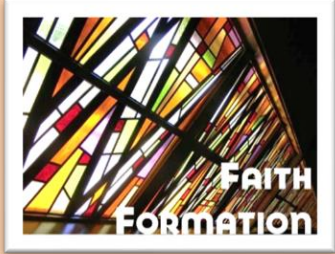
All active members are invited to attend!

### Sunday School

Youth and Adult Sunday School continues at 9:00!

**Adult Sunday School Class:** On November 5, at 9:00 a.m., the class will resume a discussion from early October about how to engage in caring conversation with the unchurched, de-churched, and "nones" in our world today. We'll consider active listening and compassionate responses to aid in our outreach with people of many, or no, religious backgrounds. Even if you weren't present for the session in October or haven't attended other classes this fall, you are welcome to join us on November 5, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a lively, helpful discussion!

Elementary aged youth will meet with Julie Kosker in the Sunday School room. Confirmation students will meet with Pastor Mike in the Conference Room.



Faith Formation

Sunday School

9:00am



### FOOD DONATION SCAVENGER HUNT

**Sunday, November 12**

**3:00pm to 5:00pm**

Help us fill the area food pantry by driving to the houses of our congregation members and friends and completing your scavenger hunt!



### CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

**Sunday, November 19**

**3:00pm to 5:00pm**

All ages LYO! After church, we will stay and have lunch then work on a craft that we will gift to others during our December Christmas Carolling.

### All Saints Sunday

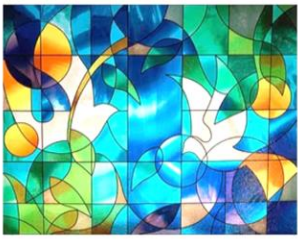
All Saints Sunday will be celebrated at Good Hope and Zion on November 5.

If you would like your family members or friends who have died since All Saints Sunday last year to be included in the remembrances of this festival day, please provide their name(s) to the pastors or the Good Hope church office by Wednesday, November 1.

[officegoodhope@gmail.com](mailto:officegoodhope@gmail.com) or 814-676-9122. We will include the names of our members of both congregations as well as those provided to us.



All Saints Sunday



### In Memorium

Our brother in Christ, Henry B. Suhr Jr., died the morning of October 12, 2023, in his home. He was born on August 23, 1932, in Oil City, the son of Henry B. and Elizabeth Peters Suhr.

Henry is survived by his wife of 67 years Beverly Lauffer Suhr; his children, Douglas Henry Suhr and his wife Sarah of Oil City, Henry Benton Suhr III and his wife Renee of Beaver Falls, PA, and Elizabeth Suhr Heisey of Oil City; and four grandchildren, Douglas Henry Suhr Jr. of Oil City, Jacob Swanson, Simon Swanson and Henry Isaiah Suhr all of Beaver Falls. He leaves a legacy of generosity to family, friends, church, and community.

A memorial service was held at noon on Saturday, October 28, 2023, with the Rev. J. Michael Parsh officiating. Memorials are suggested in Henry's name to the Oil City YMCA, the Oil City YWCA, the Venango Museum, or a local organization of your choosing.

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On Thursday October 12th, 2023, our brother in Christ, William C. "Bill" Thureau 97, of Oil City passed away after a short stay at Clarion Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Born on March 12th, 1926, in Oil City Pennsylvania, Bill was the son of the late Arthur and Elsie Benson Thureau. Bill married Cheryl Hummer Thureau of Oil City on January 3rd, 1981, who survives.

Bill is survived by his son Alec Thureau and wife Lauren of Pittsburgh; his brother-in-law Lance Hummer and wife Sherry; three sisters-in-law Jody Bruckner and husband Charlie; Trudy Carlson and husband Steve; Judy Lundberg and husband Brad; numerous nieces and nephews & great-nieces and nephews and his beloved dog Bella.

Interment was at Union Cemetery on Saturday October 21st at noon. Full military rites were observed with a short service with Pastor Mike Parsh following. Memorial Contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Zion Lutheran Church 207 State Street, Oil City PA 16301.

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Our sister in Christ, Hilda G. Kaufman, 97, of Oil City, died at home, surrounded by family, Monday, October 16, 2023. Born August 25, 1926, in Oil City, she was the daughter of the late Gotthilf and Marta Kreicker Kuehner.

Mrs. Kaufman was a life-long member of the Good Hope Lutheran Church.

On May 14, 1949, she was married in Good Hope Lutheran Church to Arthur M. Kaufman, who preceded her in death on August 9, 2002. Surviving are four children, two grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be made to the Venango VNA Foundation, 491 Allegheny Blvd, Franklin, PA 16323.



## Loss, Grief, and the Holidays

***Four brief sessions for learning, sharing, and praying during the holiday season facilitated by Pastor Sandra Jones.***

**November 15 and 29, December 6 and 13**

**7:00-8:15 p.m.**

**Good Hope Conference Room**

**7:00-7:15**

**Introductions and opening prayer**

**7:15-7:35**

**Exploring concepts and thoughts about grief and the holidays using resources from CareNotes™ from Saint Meinrad Archabbey.**

**1) *Getting Through the Holidays When You've Lost a Loved One***

**2) *Your First Christmas After a Loved One Dies***

**3) *Ten Ways to Honor a Deceased Loved One at Christmas***

**4) *How Christmas Memories Can Bring Healing to Your Grief***

**7:35-8:00**

**Sharing experiences, questions, and ideas**

**8:00-8:15**

**Silent and corporate prayer**

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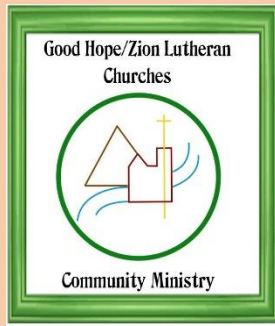
### Good Hope Work Day

Good Hope will hold a work day on Saturday, November 4. Start time will be 8:30am with a light breakfast.

Lunch will be provided. There will be many different projects to work on and we appreciate any time you can give!



**Work Day**



### Community Meals

November 14  
November 28

**Coffee Break**  
Thursdays @ 9:30am

**Thanksgiving  
Meal Delivery**  
November 23

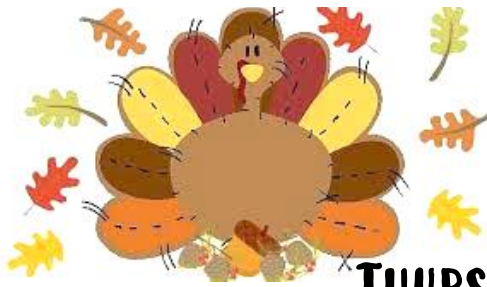


# GOOD HOPE / ZION LUTHERAN MINISTRY

## THANKSGIVING DAY

## MEAL DELIVERY

### THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 23RD



- \_\_\_\_\_ I/We can help cook turkeys on Monday, November 20th @ 9am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/We can help prepare (cut pies, cut bread, chop celery and onions, etc.) on Wednesday, November 22nd @ 11am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/We can help prepare and cook on Thursday, November 23rd @ 9am.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/We can help deliver Thanksgiving meals on Thursday, November 23rd from 11am-Noon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I/We can help clean up after the Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 23rd from 11:30am-12:30pm.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



***This year we are asking you to sponsor a pie (or two or more!). For \$5.00 you can sponsor a pie and have your name put on our "Pie Chart!" Please send or drop off your donation – if you are writing a check, please make it out to "CMC." Thank you for your support!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



*Please place this in the offering plate or mail/give to  
Joyce Frenz, DCM at Good Hope Lutheran Church.*



**Zion Worship**  
Indoors – 11:45am

**Zion Sunday School**  
November 5, 11am

**Zion Social Time & Lunch**  
November 19, 11am

**Worship Volunteers – October**

**Lectors:**

11/5 – David Mayer  
11/12 – Nancy Wigren  
11/19 – Allison McNamara  
11/26 – JoAnn Beary

**Ushers:**

Nancy Wigren  
Diane D'Olympio

**Altar Care:**

Susan Fisher  
Gretchen Gibbs

**Communion Assistant:**

Rick Sabousky

**Birthdays**

08/ Susan Fisher  
17/ Neil Johnson  
25/ Chris Gibson

**Financial Report - September**

<i>Actual receipts</i>	\$2,940.00
<i>Budgeted receipts</i>	\$6,752.09
<i>Actual expenditures</i>	\$5,547.75

**In Memorium**

Zion extends its Christian sympathy to the family of Bill Thureau. Bill passed away recently and was a long time member of Zion.



**PARKING NOTICE**



Eisenman Auto Service, located at the intersection of East Second Street and State Street, has been sold. We are no longer permitted to use the parking lot.

**Upcoming Schedule**

- Sunday School will be held Sunday, November 5, at 11:00am.
- Zion's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, November 12, after worship. All members are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided by the Council.
- Social Time and Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 11:00am.
- Zion will hold their Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 26, after worship. Lunch will be provided.
- Poinsettia orders will be taken until December 10. Cost is \$10 and they will be red in color. Please contact Yvonne with your orders.



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

### Circle Schedules

Ruth: November 7  
Hope: November 9

### Women of the Church Meeting

November 9, 12:00pm

### Thankoffering

November 19

### Mitten Tree

November 19 thru  
December 24

### Thankoffering

The annual Thankoffering will be collected on Sunday, November 19. Envelopes will be available on the narthex table during the month of November. They will also be distributed to members of the Hope Circle and Ruth Circle. The Thankofferings of Good Hope are used to support the work of the Good Hope Women's Association, the local Synodical Women's Organization, and the Women of the ELCA. If you wish to donate by check, please make it payable to "Good Hope Women's Association."

### 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 November 9, 10:00am, in the Fellowship Hall at Good Hope. Devotions: Maribeth, Hostess: Anna, Lesson: Jan; "When the storm strikes" pgs. 81-88.

### Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, November 7, 7:00pm at the Frenz residence. Study Leader: Beth Orris

### Save the Date

Just Cookies will host a coffee hour on December 10, 2023, after worship

### Women of the Church Meeting

The women of the Church will meet in the conference room on Thursday, November 9, at 12:00 pm. All women are invited to attend!

### The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be in the narthex from Sunday, November 19 through Sunday, December 24. The Women of the Church are requesting donations of the following NEW (including handmade) items for all ages:

- Winter gloves and mittens
- Winter hats
- Winter scarves
- Socks







**Good Hope  
Worship**  
10:15am

**REMINDER**

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

**November Birthdays / Anniversaries**

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 01/ Wade & Paula Altman    | 15/ Linda Vogt           |
| 02/ Suzanne Young          | 16/ Stephen Hart         |
| 05/ Andrea Altman          | 17/ Jeff & Judy Clark    |
| Chelsea Dehner             | 19/ Olivia Plummer       |
| 08/ Jillian Plummer        | Randall & Joyce Frenz    |
| Mikayla Wenmoth            | 22/ Ronald French        |
| Mackenzie Wenmoth          | 23/ Hilda Bailey         |
| Rev. Robert Rigg           | 26/ Debbie Wells         |
| 12/ Gregg & Kristy Felmlee | 27/ Robert & Ardyce Rigg |
| 14/ Chuck Schultz          |                          |

**Worship Volunteers**

**Altar Guild:**

Linda Campbell  
Debbie Best  
Jennifer Friedhaber

**Ushers:**

Tom Neely  
Scott Graham

**Lectors:**

11/5 – Jen Godinich  
11/12 – Susie Hlawati  
11/19 – Marcia Hoffman  
11/26 – Judy Tarr

**Acolytes:**

11/5 – Hazel Kosker  
11/12 – Heidi Kosker  
11/19 – Raegan Milner  
11/26 – Ben Parsh

**Counters:**

11/7 – Sharon McDowell  
11/13 – Linda Campbell  
11/21 – Chérie Wessell  
11/28 – Linda Vogt

**Communion Assistants:**

11/5 & 11/12 – Jeff Clark AA, Andy Godinich, Linda Vogt  
11/19 & 11/26 – Jennifer Friedhaber AA, Todd Hart, Ralph Jones

# November

## Sunday



*Clocks move back 1 hour on Sunday the 5th*

**5 All Saints**  
 \* Sunday School @ GH-9am  
 \* Worship @GH-10:15am  
 \* Sunday School @Z-11am  
 \* Worship @Z-11:45am

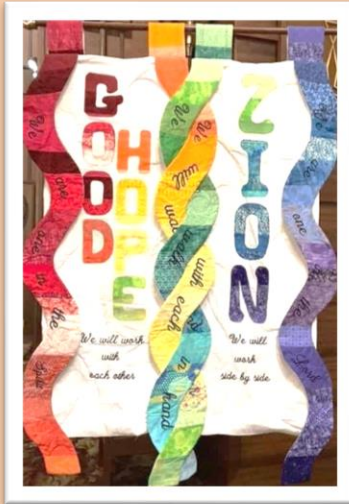
**12 Pentecost 24**  
 \* Sunday School @ GH-9am  
 \* Worship @GH-10:15am  
 \* Worship @Z-11:45am  
 \* Annual Meeting @Z

**19 Pentecost 25**  
 \* Sunday School @ GH-9am  
 \* Worship @GH-10:15am  
 \* Congregational Meeting @GH  
 \* Social Time/Lunch @Z-11am  
 \* Worship @Z-11:45am

**26 Christ the King**  
 \* Sunday School @ GH-9am  
 \* Worship @GH-10:15am  
 \* Worship @Z-11:45am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Staff Mtg. @GH-9:15am  Adult Class "Bonhoeffer" @GH-7pm  Property Mtg @GH-7pm	2 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am	3	4
6 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm  Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	7 Quilters @GH-10am  CMC @Z-10:30am  Ruth Circle @Clark-7pm	8 Adult Class "Bonhoeffer" @GH-7pm  Worship Mtg. @GH-4pm	9 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am  Hope Circle- @GH-10am  Women of the Church Meeting @GH-12pm	10	11
13 Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm  Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	14 Quilters @GH-10am  Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-5:30pm	15 "Loss, Grief, and the Holidays" @GH-7pm	16 Coffee Break @Z-9:30am  GH Council Mtg. @GH-7pm	17	18
20 Thanksgiving Prep @GH-9am  Venango Youth Choir @GH-3:45pm  Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	21 Preschool Thanksgiving @GH-9am  Quilters @GH-10am  Stay & Play Task @Z-6pm  Z Council Mtg. @Z-7pm	22 Thanksgiving Prep @GH-9am	23 <i>Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Meal Delivery</i>	24	25
27 Venango Chorus @GH-7pm  Venango Chorus @GH-7pm	28 Quilters @GH-10am  Community Meal @Z-4:30pm-5:30pm	29 "Loss, Grief, and the Holidays" @GH-7pm	30		

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



### Pastor

Pastor Mike Parsh

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Monday thru Thursday

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## Staff

### Good Hope

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Tom Neely

**Music Director**

Beth Orris

**GH Preschool Director**

Marcy Amero  
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**Grounds Super.**

Bruce Dodd

**Organist/Communications**

**Manager /Office Administrator**

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**Organist**

Cheryl Bailey

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[stayandplay3@gmail.com](mailto:stayandplay3@gmail.com)

**Stay & Play Asst. Mgr.**

Dustin Harrison

## Church Councils

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Tom Friedhaber

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Debbie Best

**GH Mission**

Charles Schultz

**GH Finance**

Ashlee Goodman

**GH Faith Formation**

Margie Hart

**GH Property**

Scott Graham

**GH Treasurer**

Tom Neely

**GH Secretary**

Linda Vogt

**Z President**

Yvonne Paranick

**Z Vice President**

Nancy Wigren

**Z Secretary**

Jan Ruditis

**Z Financial Sec.**

Nancy Wigren

**Z Treasurer**

Sue Fisher

**Z Council Members**

Allison McNamara  
Diane D'Olympio



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

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



**Worship Schedule**  
Sunday School @GH – 9:00am  
Good Hope – 10:15am  
Zion – 11:45am

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

### **Newsletter**

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