



Ever- Growing

Means that we take the great commission seriously

Ever-Celebrating

Means that we always rejoice in our Savior

Ever-Sharing

Means that we are witnesses of God's Glory

Ever-Learning

Means that we are students of the Word

Ever-Serving

Means that we are to be like Christ and carry our Cross

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 8 am and 11 am

**Become Part of *Our*
Church Family**



**AT HOPE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**Look inside to
find out a little
more about who
we are and how
you can be part
of our Family**

Who we are:
Our Purpose Statement

TO BE A FAMILY
OF CHRIST

That is...

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- Ever-Serving

So for us at Hope, Family is paramount! If you have been able to join us for worship - you will sense the Family of Christ very quickly; a family that cares deeply for Jesus Christ but also each other.

This statement defines who we are, what we do and how we treat each other as Christians. It also allows you to know what is important to us, what makes us unique and what we stress as you are looking for a church home.



If you wish to join Hope,
please contact the church
office, any staff member, or
one of the Pastors.

Joining the Family of Christ at
Hope

For those who do not know Christ

If you visited Hope and want to be part of our Family but you do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ or you want to find out more about Christianity –we offer a course at least four times a year covering the core essentials of Christianity.

The Course Topics cover:

- Our Family Record: The Holy Bible
- The Heavenly Family: God, the Father
- The Heavenly Family: Jesus, the Son
- The Heavenly Family: The Holy Spirit
- What it means to have faith in Jesus
- Being washed into God’s Family - Baptism
- Dining with God’s Family- Communion
- The “Welcome Home” - Heaven

For those who are already Christian

If you already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and would like to be part of our Family at Hope, we offer frequent **membership seminars** that describe Hope’s desire for every member to be a disciple of Christ while also being an active part of our Family.

The **membership seminar** consists of

- A time of Fellowship
- Learning about Hope’s Purpose Statement
- Introduction to our Lutheran Heritage
- Fundamentals of Christian Discipleship
- Introduction to Spiritual Gifts
- Introduction to Sharing God’s Good News
- A personal discipleship inventory (see next panel)
- An opportunity to make a covenant with Hope

We Know that each of You is at a different place in your walk with Christ

- Some of you may be life long Christians and have been Lutheran your entire life
 - Some of you may have been life long Christians and have no idea about Lutheranism
 - Some of you may be new to Christianity
- And it’s wonderful to have brothers and sisters in different places in their walk– it is what makes you unique. So we created membership classes molded around you! Let me share with you how.

Near the end of the membership seminar, after we have talked about what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how to use the gifts God has given to you, you will be given a personal discipleship inventory. This will let us know which parts of your faith you feel strong in and what parts of the faith you would like to learn more about.

For those items that you feel strong in, you are exempt in taking the class on that one subject, but the items you feel you want to learn more about– We will have you attend a class specifically on that subject.

AN EXAMPLE:

You have been a Christian all your life and know about Lutheranism - yet through the seminar you realize that you don’t know about your spiritual gifts. So on the inventory you would mark that you would like to learn more about Spiritual Gifts. You would then be given the opportunity to attend the classes on that one subject.