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Hope Family Bulletin



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VISION STATEMENT

Through a foundation of faith in Jesus Christ, Hope Lutheran School will be a place that nurtures strong relationships within a community and demonstrates a love for learning with high academic expectations.

Upcoming Events

- ✓ **Dec. 14** ~ Christmas program, 7:00
- ✓ **Dec. 18- Jan. 1** ~ Christmas break
- ✓ **Dec. 24** ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00
- ✓ **Dec. 25** ~ Christmas Day Worship Service, 10:00
- ✓ **Jan. 2** ~ School resumes
- ✓ **Jan. 10** ~ Dixie's Diner Dine-out

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ Our students have been busy practicing songs and learning lines for next week's Christmas program, "My Dear Lord Gave to Me". The program is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, at 7:00. Children should meet in their classrooms by 6:45 so that we can begin on time. All children in preschool through the 6th grade are expected to participate, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

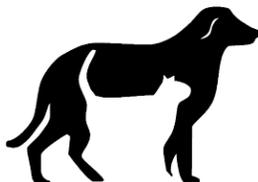


THANK YOU to everyone who supported our recent Barnes & Noble book fair. For customers who mentioned our school when they checked out, Barnes & Noble donated a percentage of those sales to our school. This week we received a gift card from Barnes & Noble in the amount of \$1172.09! These funds will be used to enhance our library collection and support the curriculum.

STUDENT MAKES SPECIAL DONATION TO CHAPEL OFFERING ~ Macie, a member of the Blue Team, has been busy crocheting slippers, hats and mittens. She would like to sell them at school and then give the proceeds to our chapel offering recipient this month, Coins for Critters. The items will be for sale the week of December 11th. This might be the Christmas gift idea for which you have been looking!



COINS FOR CRITTERS ~ The Snake River Animal Shelter is asking for donations of your spare change to help homeless critters in need this holiday season. Donations will help pay for immunizations, wellness exams and food at the shelter. A coin collection jar is located on the table near the school doors. The collection runs through our last day of school prior to Christmas break.



In addition - we are collecting clean, gently used towels to donate to the shelter. A collection box will be located in the school hallway near the red doors and in chapel on Wednesday mornings.

DIXIE'S DINER DAY ~ Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy '50s fun and flair at Dixie's Diner located at 2150 Channing Way. Dixie's Diner invites everyone to join them for breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner on "Hope Lutheran School Day" on *Wednesday, January 10th*. Dixie's Diner will contribute a percentage of all sales that day to Hope! So tell your family, friends, and neighbors and plan to meet at Dixie's for a meal or two or three!



CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES ~ You are invited to attend Christmas services at Hope Lutheran Church. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 7:00 p.m. The Christmas Day service is at 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL ~ Please join us for Wednesday Morning Praise at 7:50 followed by chapel at 8:10. In an effort to help our children understand that a personal offering is our response to God's blessings in our life, we use their weekly chapel offerings to help mission and other charitable organizations meet their goals. An offering collection jar will be located by the chapel doors during Chapel on Wednesday and next to the lockers in the main hallway on all other days.



Offerings collected before our Christmas break will go to the Snake River Animal Shelter. Following the Christmas break, we will collect food for the Idaho Falls Community Food Basket. We will have a friendly competition among the class teams. The team that collects the most items by the end of the trimester will be awarded the "Golden Can Trophy" and get to deliver Hope's donation to the food bank. Thank you for your participation as we share our blessings with those in our community who are in need.

IDAHO EDUCATION TAX CREDIT ~ Take advantage of the Idaho Education Tax Credit! Donations to Hope Lutheran School qualify for a tax credit of 50% of your donation. This is a reduction in the actual tax you owe! If you itemize your taxes, a donation to Hope Lutheran allows income tax deductions on both your state and federal returns, and qualifies for the Idaho education credit. In addition, Hope will be offering a "matching funds" incentive, meaning you can lower even further, or eliminate all together, the out-of-pocket cost of your donation. Matching funds availability is limited, so be sure to inquire for more information and take advantage of this opportunity today.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING ~ If you are giving gift cards this Christmas, please consider ordering them from Hope Lutheran's Scrip program – same gift cards, same price, but by using Scrip, a percentage of the gift card purchase will benefit our school. We have a variety of cards available in the office. For a wider selection, see the order form on the table outside the office, or shop online by going to www.shopwithscrip.com. Our enrollment number is: BF329B4D18433. Questions? Stop by the office – we'd be happy to help.

EASY WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL ~ Hope benefits by your participation in the following programs:

- ★ **Box Top\$ for Education** – Found on most General Mills products.
- ★ **Smith's Food and Drug**– Link your Smith's Rewards Card at smithscommunityrewards.com. If you do not have a Smith's card, they are available at Smith's customer service desk.
- ★ **Fred Meyer** – Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Hope Lutheran School at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by name, or by our non-profit number 81850
- ★ **Scrip** ~ Purchase Scrip gift cards and a percentage of your purchase supports our school. *Scrip orders are placed on the first and third Monday of each month. Orders need to be received in the office (or ordered online) by 11:00 Monday mornings. Scrip cards are usually received in a week.*

Worship Opportunities:

You are invited to attend Hope Lutheran Church
Bible Class/Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Advent Services this year are at St. John Lutheran,
located at 290 7th Street
Services are at 7:00 p.m., with a soup supper offered at 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 p.m.
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