

Cast:

Narrator #1: Melissa Mangen
Narrator #2: Kristene King
Narrator #3: Sue Block

Little Star: Nova Dulas
First Star: Karen Bents
Second Star: Sarah Sampson
Third Star: Carol Sampson

Scientist: Jason Windingstad
Sailor: Matt Haglund

Shepherd #1: Eli Twernbold
Shepherd #2: George Appleby

Angel Michael: Jack Cronen
Head Angel: Brooklyn Johnson
Little Angels: Riley & Emma Johnson, Audrey & Charlotte Salvatora

Mary: Brooklyn Johnson
Joseph: Eli Twernbold
Inn Keeper: Jerry Bents

Wiseman #1: George Appleby
Wiseman #2: Don Heath
Wiseman #3: Eli Twernbold

Director: Jonelle Foreman

Music: Maggie Harp

Sound Booth: Stephanie Bents

Christmas Program Committee:

Maggie Harp, Tyann Jones, Joni Lamphere, Pam Sigafos

Costumes & Props: Tyann Jones, Liz & Jason Windingstad

Costume & Prop Assistant: Zach Fischer

WOW student guides: Savannah Appleby, Shayla Sampson, Madelyn Titus

Handing our treat bags: Evelyn Titus

**A huge thank you to Tim & Sue Block and Amanda & Wally Titus
for the treat bags!**

**Thank you for coming! We wish you a
contemplative Advent and a Merry Christmas!**

Hope Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
(On Facebook Live & KGLH Radio 96.9)



As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God's love, grace and hope.

- *We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.*
- *Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.*

God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God's love in Christ, and we invite you to join us.

Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, which is aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:15 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 3:00 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

*(Please stand as you are able)

Prelude Maggie Harp

Welcome Blake Sampson

Lighting of Advent Candle Savannah Appleby & Madelyn Titus
One: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For the shall purify his people like Gold and silver, until they shine forth in his righteousness.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Response “Advent Song” Verse 2 (Sing the Faith #2090/Screen)

Call to Worship Blake Sampson
One: Christ, the one who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.
ALL: As one body with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge, and joy.
One: Let us worship God.

Morning Prayer Isaac Taatjes
One: Loving God, you sent your prophet John the Baptist to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah’s return, so that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule.
ALL: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Blue #376/Screen)

Call to Confession Isaac Taatjes

Prayer of Confession
ALL: Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not always believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Isaac Taatjes

***Gloria Patri** (Screen)

***Passing of the Peace** (Let us share Christ’s peace by greeting each other)

Announcements/Prayer Concerns/Joys Isaac Taatjes

Prayers for the People/The Lord’s Prayer Isaac Taatjes

Offering/Offertory

***Doxology** (Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication** Isaac Taatjes

Christmas Program: The Little Star of Bethlehem

Songs: (Congregational songs on Screen)
“Twas on a Night Like This” Youth and Congregation
“Twinkle Little Star” (vs 1) Youth
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Congregation
“Away in a Manger” Youth (vs 1), Congregation (vs 2 & 3)
“Twinkle Little Star” (vs 2) Youth
“Twinkle Little Star” (vs 3) Youth
“Light of the Stable” Youth
“Go Tell it on the Mountain” Youth (first refrain), Congregation (remaining)

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

December 7th: Bob & Wendy Barr

December 14th: Sarah & Barry Sampson

Ushers

December 7th: Savannah Appleby, Shayla Sampson, Evelyn & Madelyn Titus

December 14th: Jody & Jerry Leason

Greeters

Jill & Grace Gau, Zach Fischer,
Blake Sampson, Isaac Taatjes

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

December 7th: Isaac Taatjes, Blake Sampson

December 14th: Sue Block

Acolytes

(not needed)

(open)

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Wally Titus

Video Operators: Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes,
& Barry Sampson

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Isaac Taatjes

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes

****Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library)
to usher or lay read. Thank You!****

FINANCE REPORT

	Month of Oct 2025	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date Jan – Oct 2025	Prior Year to Date Jan – Oct 2024
Income	\$20,289.98	\$21,063.10	\$210,631.10	\$223,349.34
Expenses	\$22,672.19	\$22,923.61	\$229,236.11	\$233,254.90
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$2,382.21)		(\$18,605.10)	(\$9,905.56)
Income Needed to Cover Monthly Budgeted Expenses				\$26,748.96
Per Capita Assessment for 2025				\$7,500.00
Per Capita Paid by Members Through 10/31/2025				\$4,534.00

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

HOPE’S HAPPENINGS!

Christmas Open House at the Jones’

You are invited to Pastor Brian & Tyann’s Christmas Open House TODAY from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Address: 306 Miller Street, Spicer Hope you can come!

Congregational Meeting

Please plan on attending a short congregational meeting on Sunday, December 21st following the worship service. This meeting is to elect officers.

Sock Ministry for the CARE Pantry

The Sock Ministry continues! We had so many come in for the first CARE Pantry that we are almost out of socks for the next CARE Pantry day. Please bring in more new socks. We will be collecting these until Sunday, December 14th. Please place your donations in the sock drawers in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Fun Hour

Please join us on Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 pm for Advent Fun Hour! There will be 20 minutes of games, 20 minutes of singing, and 20 minutes of eating! Please bring an appetizer or snack to share. Hope you can join in on the fun!

Adult Bible Study

We will be taking the month of December off. Starting January 4th, we will be starting a new Bible Study called *Making Sense of Scripture* by David J. Lose. If you would like to participate in this Bible study, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall, so we can purchase enough materials for everyone.

Christmas Photo Corners Now Available

Haven’t taken your Christmas card photo yet? You are in luck! We have 2 areas set up for you to choose from to take a family Christmas photo.

CARE Pantry Challenge

December’s product of the month is.... Toilet paper. Please leave your donations in the box by the mailboxes or on the table in front of the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support of the CARE Pantry.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christmas Concert featuring our very own Maggie Harp!

Enjoy some music from the Porch Players TODAY at 2:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Belgrade. All are welcome!

Sounds of the Season

Come listen to the Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra perform “Sounds of the Season” on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 pm at the WEAC – Willmar. Cost: \$15

*Make sure to check out the bulletin board by the offices for more Community events!

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Christmas Program (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
	3 to 5 p.m.	No Bible Study Christmas Open House at Pastor Brian & Tyann’s house
December 8th (Monday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:45 p.m.	Deacons meeting
December 9th (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday’s Table – NL Evang. Covenant No CEYF meeting
December 10th (Wednesday)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	5:30 p.m.	Family Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Worship service
	6:20 p.m.	WOW
	6:30 p.m.	TAG
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
December 11th (Thursday)	12:00 p.m.	Monthly reports due to Steph
	7:00 p.m.	Circle II – Leader: Jonelle Foreman
December 12th (Friday)		
December 13th (Saturday)	All Day	AA Christmas Party
December 14th (Sunday)	9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Christmas Program (Also on Facebook Live and Radio)
		No Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Glen Oaks

October – November – December Devotionals – “These Days” devotionals are available on the information table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.

2025 Per Capita If you have not paid your Per Capita for this year yet, now is the time! It is \$46 per member.

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Denotes New**

Members with Health Issues:
*Arlos Jones, Don Knopps, Hilda Grosklags

Family and Friends with Health Issues:
Annette (Sherry Bratsch’s friend)
Renaë Illies (Eldy Williams’ daughter)
Stephanie (Ed & Cat Anderson’s daughter)

Grieving:
Family of Sue Anderson (NLS teacher), Family of Gertrude (Rev. Mark Kopaka’s mom), Family of baby Eshenbom (Friends of Brian & Tyann), Family of Rev. Bill Yueill, Family of Marian Cramer (Rev. Leanne Thompson’s mom), Family of Dorothy Jones, Family of Carrie Lowden (Brooke’s friend)

Care Facilities:
Donald Shaw (Bethesda – Willmar, Room #445)
Barb Morris (Copperleaf - Willmar)
Jeanette Gault (Glen Oaks - New London)
Arlos Jones (Glen Oaks Assisted Living – New London)
Betty Harder (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)
David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)
Mary Lou Swart (Bethesda North Pointe - New London)

Other Concerns:
For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war
For those affected by natural disasters, illnesses

****Please Note** If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian.

December Deacons of the Month: Gaylord Lind & Jackie Wahl