

Hope Lutheran Church | Friendswood, Texas

A Place of Hope for All People

Our Mission (*What we're doing*)

Sharing God's Word of Hope with All People

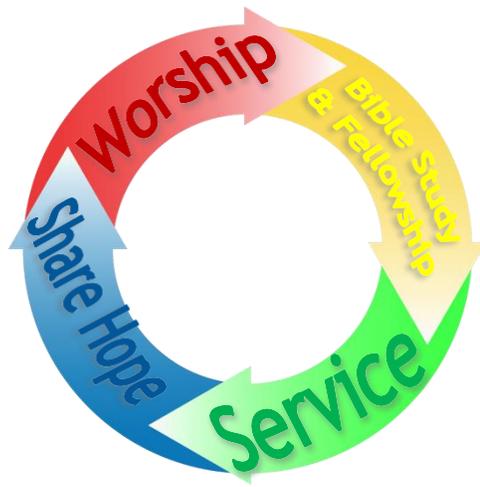
Our Values (*Why we do this*)

- God's Love is Unconditional
- Our Foundation is the Word of God
- We are Strengthened through Worship
- We are United in Joyful Fellowship
- We Serve Others in Love



Our Strategies (*How we're doing this*)

Our strategies are the steps we take to share God's word of hope with all people. They are steps along a path toward realizing our vision under God's grace and guidance.



Our Vision: (*What We're Becoming*)

As followers of Christ, we will serve our community and beyond out of love for our neighbor.

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Five Year Critical Targets
May be used as measures.

2022

- 1. Communicate and Formally Adopt the Strategic Missional Plan
- 2. Identify & Call an Intentional Interim Pastor
- 3. _____

2023

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2023-2024

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2024-2025

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2025-2026

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Hope Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

Sharing God's Word of Hope
with All People

A Suggested Slogan or Tag Line:
A Place of Hope for All People

Our Values: Why We Do What We Do

5 Values Expressed and Upheld at Hope Lutheran Church

-  **God's love is Unconditional**
-  **Our Foundation is the Word of God**
-  **We are Strengthened through Worship**
-  **We are United in Joyful Fellowship**
-  **We Serve Others in Love**

God's love is Unconditional

God's love is unconditional, and His saving grace is freely given to all mankind. We recognize that God's love can neither be destroyed by our sin, nor created by our faith, but is the very essence of His being. God's love flows to us through our union with Jesus Christ. Motivated by God's love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we joyfully respond by serving one another in love. As such, we welcome all individuals believing in Christ Jesus as the true Son of God and being led by the Holy Spirit to share in all the spiritual blessings bestowed upon the Body of Christ here.

This is evidenced at Hope Lutheran Church by...

- Welcoming newcomers
- Clear proclamation of the Gospel
- Stephen Ministries

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the

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world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 1:3-7

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

 **Our Foundation is the Word of God**

God's Word is what makes us who we are as followers of Jesus. His Word is the means by which the Holy Spirit creates, and then nurtures the faith we have in Christ. Through the Law of the Scriptures, we come to the knowledge of our sin. Through the Gospel of the Scriptures, we are given forgiveness, new life, and eternal salvation. What wondrous gifts! God's Word is the sole and supreme authority for our faith and practice and provides the norm and guide for our life of faith together as His people.

This is evidenced at Hope Lutheran Church by...

- Scripture based worship
- 3 year confirmation process
- Christian education for all age

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:14-17

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Peter 1:19-21

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Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

Luke 6:47-48

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

 **We are Strengthened through Worship**

Because God is worthy of adoration, we meet together regularly to confess our faith and joyfully praise Him. Christ is in our midst when we gather. He forgives our sins. He nourishes us with His Word and the gift of Himself in Holy Communion. By liturgy, song, sacrament, and preaching, we are refreshed and made strong to serve Him in this world and to live with Him forever.

This is evidenced at Hope Lutheran Church by...

- Commune frequently
- Close communion
- All ages worshiping together
- Strong music ministry

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Psalms 95:6

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 4:11

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Psalms 29:2

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Psalms 63: 2-5

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. . .

Matthew 18:20

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Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. *Romans 12:1-2*

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. *Acts 2:46-47*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:16-17

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:1-5

We are United in Joyful Fellowship

Joyfully gathering in God's name at Hope Lutheran Church links our hearts to one another, strengthens the bond that we and our children have to the church, and helps us welcome guests into our midst to become part of God's family.

This is evidenced at Hope Lutheran Church by...

- Fall festival
- Sunday Fellowship/Coffee Hour
- Social events
- Mosaic

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[Jesus says,] For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:20

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

That we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Romans 1:12

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:3-7

We Serve Others in Love

Service to others in love is an outgrowth of God's love to us and an expression of our love for God. Serving happens during worship, missions, and outreach. Service is an area of growth and an opportunity to be a vital part of our surrounding community.

This is evidenced at Hope Lutheran Church by...

- LWML
- Mission Quilts
- Altar Guild
- Mission Trips
- Family Promise

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Psalms 100:2

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,

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a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1-2*

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1Peter 4:10

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

Our Strategies: How we do what we do

The Vision Focus of Hope Lutheran Church: *What we are becoming:*



As followers of Christ, we will serve our community and beyond out of love for our neighbor.