

Hope Lutheran Church of Warren

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† CHILDREN'S BAPTISMAL INFORMATION FORM †

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(Note: Baptism date is not secured until form is completed, signed on back and returned to church office)

R.A.K.K. Baptism Class: Date Taken / watched: _____ Pastor's Initials: _____

BAPTISM: Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **Place:** _____

CHILD'S FULL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (Male ___ Female ___)

PLACE OF BIRTH: Hospital: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME (include maiden): _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

City & State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT'S CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: _____

SPONSORS: _____

(include church membership) _____

WITNESSES: _____

(include church membership)

The Apostle's Creed – Our Baptismal Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Once completed, please read and sign the reverse side. Thank you!)

+ PARENTS' BAPTISMAL PLEDGE +

Hope Lutheran Church, in its desire to fulfill the Great Commission, seeks to baptize all nations, and teach them the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Since this is a two-fold command, Hope Congregation seeks to insure that both parts of the command, baptizing and teaching, are carried out to the glory of God.

Therefore, when Hope Congregation baptizes a child, it automatically assumes the spiritual responsibility of continued nurture and growth for that child. That is why every child who is baptized in the church is entered into baptized membership. That membership insures that the church will actively look out for the spiritual well-being of the child. Baptized membership has nothing to do with the salvation of the child. It is the power of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism that grants faith and salvation. The baptized membership that the church grants is a responsibility that the church assumes for the child's continue nurture.

To assure the church that it will, indeed, have the opportunity to nurture the children that it baptizes, Hope asks that the parents of the child to be baptized be active members of the church. If the parents are active members, the church will have many opportunities to reach that little one as the years unfold. However, if the parents are not active in their church, there is a good chance they will not feel as obligated to bring the child regularly to God's House to learn of Him and grow in grace.

Therefore, Hope Congregation asks you to covenant with it in the task of raising up your child to know the Lord, by reading the following covenant, praying over it, and then signing it and returning it to the church office.

I understand the full importance of having my child baptized into the Christian faith. Namely, that it grants my child faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, that it forgives my child his/her sins, that it grants entrance into the Family of God, and that it opens the door of heaven to my child. In addition, I understand my responsibility to provide on-going nurture and growth for my child once he/she has been baptized. Therefore:

††† I solemnly promise to bring my child to God's House for regular worship and continuing education in God's Word.

††† I promise to be/become an active member of Hope Lutheran Church to set an example for my child of Christian dedication and godliness.

††† I promise to join with Hope Lutheran Church in raising my child to know the love that God has shown him/her in his/her baptism, that he/she may one day publicly make such a profession of faith for himself/herself.

††† I understand that if I do not allow Hope Congregation to nurture my child, through my willfully neglecting to bring him/her to God's House, I will be assuming the responsibility for his/her eternal welfare upon myself.

Father's Signature _____ Date _____

Mother's Signature _____ Date _____