

HOPE

happenings

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A Letter to the Church

A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

I love cleaning. Always have. Even as a child, I never had to be asked twice to pick up my room (okay, maybe a couple times I had to be asked twice). But I love cleaning. Carol discovered this early in our marriage, and I am convinced it is one of the reasons she keeps me around. When we were newlyweds I kicked off my day off (it was Friday then) by completely cleaning our apartment. Through the years I have mostly kept that up (again, so she will keep me around), but much has changed. My days off are now moving targets. Our home now includes three kids who have not yet discovered the wonder and joy of a clean room. And the 1.5 bedroom apartment is now a 3 story house.

I should probably note, while the specific cleaning process doesn't bother me that is hardly the part I enjoy so much. Even more than cleaning of a room, I love a clean room. I love when everything is in its place. I love saying, 'bon voyage,' to things that need to go. I love the order, the tidiness, and the arrangement of a freshly cared for room. It brings me peace.

Perhaps that is why I also love the season of Lent. Because Lent is a season in the church year where we get to tidy up our spiritual lives a bit. It begins with an invitation to turn around, and it moves to the cross. Throughout the season we are invited to disciplines of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, sacrificial giving, and works of love. We're invited to tidy up our lives and our hearts. To let go of the clutter, to say, 'bon voyage,' to the things that try to separate us from God, and to put love and giving and prayer back in their place. And that reflection, repentance and renewal have the power to bring us peace.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Sundays in April

8:30am: Band Led

10:30am: Piano & Organ Led

Sunday, April 7- Transfiguration of our Lord

Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 & Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 14- Palm Sunday

Holy Baptism of Jesse Lambert

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a & Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14--23:56

Sunday, April 21- Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 & 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, April 28 - Second Sunday in Easter

Readings: Acts 5:27-32 & Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31



April Weekday Worship:

Wednesdays:

April 3, 10:

11am- Community Lenten
Worship & Luncheon

Holy Week:

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

Friday April 19

Good Friday Service 7pm

In Our Prayers



We pray for Matthew Nourse, Carmon Becker, Sharlie Mullin, Curt Emery, Myrtle Rammacher, Luke Fries, Ben, Jeannette, Greg Kent, Chris Winkleman, Jaysen Bray, Kyler Limburg, Dave Carr, Paul Sanders, Betty Offhaus, Traci, Harold Staffehl, Joan Taylor, Amber Kilmer, Roger Day, Ron Martin, Dakota Miller, Bob Vossler, Maria, Brooke Offhaus, Linda, Matt Weaver, Darlene Cummings, Mary Ann, Joy Ross, Cathy Washburn, Jerry Webster, Rose Reding,, Barb, Chris Boog, Andrew Colon, Dennis Rung, Pam Strobele Isch, Gary Felton, Mary Dell, Catherine Brown.

We also pray for all those who are struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and also pray for the victims of all forms of abuse. We continue to keep our Servicemen and women, who are serving at home and overseas, in our prayers.

A Letter to the Church cont...

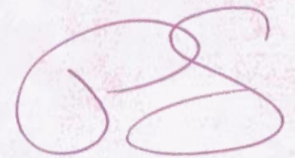
Lent also reminds us that like rooms which become dirty again the moment we finally have them clean (or maybe that is only me and my three kids), so too this practice of repentance, confession and forgiveness is hardly a one-time shot. It's something that we are invited to daily, and sometimes multiple times in one day. Yet no matter how often we need it, we find available to us at every moment.

There is a stanza that I have been singing to myself this Lent. It's from the Natalie Grant song "Clean," and it says:

**"There's nothing too dirty
That You can't make worthy
You wash me in mercy
I am clean."**

We are clean. We are worthy. We are washed in mercy.

Actually, there is something better than a clean room. It is a clean heart. A clean spirit washed in the mercy, grace, and forgiveness of our God who himself is a master cleaner. In this season of preparation for the celebration of Easter, I pray that each of us may experience the joy and peace of being washed of our sin by the blood of the lamb, and that having been made clean we may be able to fully celebrate the resurrection life that is our in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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for helping with the redesigning of the Sprouting Hope Room

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for teaching one of the communion instruction classes and helping out with many things around the Church

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for preaching when Pastor was away and teaching the Lenten Bible Study class

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for making donations to the Youth Winter Retreat

THANK YOU

EVENTS at a GLANCE

- April 2 :** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm
- April 3:** Community Lenten Worship & Luncheon: 11am
Committee Coffee House: 6:30pm
- April 4:** Friends of Night People Volunteering: 4pm
- April 7:** Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am
Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Bob:9:30am
Easter Flower Orders Due
- April 9:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
NO YOUTH GROUP
- April 10:** Hope Respite: 10:30am-2:30pm
Community Lenten Worship & Luncheon: 11am
- April 11:** Ladies Book Club #1 at Lisa Deahn's: 7pm
- April 14:** **Palm Sunday Services-** 8:30am & 10:30am
Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Bob: 9:30am
Baptism of Jesse Lambert at 10:30am
Empty Bowls Soup & Bread Luncheon: 11:30am-2pm
Palm Sunday Cantata: 3pm @ St. Mary's in Arcade
- April 15:** Church Council: 6:30pm
- April 16:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
NO YOUTH GROUP
- April 18:** Maundy Thursday Service: 7pm
- April 19:** Good Friday Service: 7pm
- April 21:** **Easter Sunday Services-** 8:30am & 10:30am
Easter Brunch- 9:30am
- April 23:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Ladies Book Club #3 at Hope: 2:30pm
NO YOUTH GROUP
- April 25:** Book Club #2 at Carol Boldt's Home: 7pm
- April 28:** Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am
- April 29:** Ale House Church: 7pm
- April 30:** Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm



MINISTRIES

ADULT

YOUTH

COMMITTEE COFFEE HOUSE

Church committees will have their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30pm.**

FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE

On Thursday, April 4th Hope will be serving at Friends of Night People in Buffalo. If you are interested, please email Julie. (14 years and older).

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

With Easter right around the corner, it is time to order Easter Lilies and other spring plants to decorate our worship space. You can order online [here](#), fill out a form on Sunday or call the church office. Orders are due April 7.

EASTER BRUNCH

Be our guest at an Easter Morning Brunch between services on Easter Sunday. We will serve egg bakes, assorted pastries, and fruit. It is a

wonderful and joyful way to gather together as Christ's body as we celebrate the resurrection. All are welcome. The cost is free, but those who desire to make a donation are welcome to do so. Proceeds will support "A Future With Hope."



ALE HOUSE CHURCH

Ale House Church will take place at Main Street Grille on **April 29 at 7:00pm.** Come raise a glass, no experience necessary.

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS

for middle and high schoolers will take place on **Tuesdays, April 2 & 30 only!**

From 6:30-8pm

(Please note no YG on April 9, 16, & 23)

Youth are invited to bring friends and a couple of bucks to help offset the cost of the meal (usually pizza).

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 5 at 10:30am service
PLEASE SIGN A BIBLE!

As a sign of support and celebration we give our 9th graders a special Lutheran Study Bible as their Confirmation gift. Please take a moment to sign and leave a message in their new Bibles that are located on the table in the Parish Hall. You can highlight your favorite verse, share a memory or faith story or leave a prayer.



SPROUTING HOPE VOLUNTEER NEED:

We are looking for adult leaders to serve our Sprouting Hope Faith Formation Ministry for our littlest Hopes for the coming months. The curriculum is provided in advance and involves teaching lessons and leading activities for children ages 2-4th grade during one or both Sunday morning services.

OPPORTUNITIES

to Give & Serve

HOPE GIVES: Lenten Discipline: Hope's Outreach Committee thanks you for your many gifts in March as part of Almsgiving this Lent season. You have already been so generous in March and we look forward to your support of our final charities for April. Again each week we have suggested items that these charities are most in need of and we ask you to bring the e items on the corresponding Sunday.

Week #5: April 7:

Spaghetti O's & Small Cereal Boxes for Pioneer Backpack for Kids

Many children in the Pioneer School District are receiving free or reduced price meals during the school day. For many of these children, school meals may be the only meals they eat. What happens when they go home over the weekend? Backpack for Kids Program is a newer program in our school district that has been helping children get nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need to get enough to eat on the weekends. Children in need are identified and bags of food are assembled and sent home in their backpacks on a weekly basis. Currently the program needs cans of Spaghetti O's and smaller boxes of cereal.



Week #6: April 14:

Diapers for C.H.O.I.C.E.S & Harvest House

Donations of diapers of all sizes are needed for children in Western New York. C.H.O.I.C.E.S, is a pregnancy resource and counseling center located in Yorkshire. Harvest House is the largest provider of children's clothing and other necessity items in the Buffalo area, serving more than 5,000 children living in poverty every year.



Week #7: April 21:

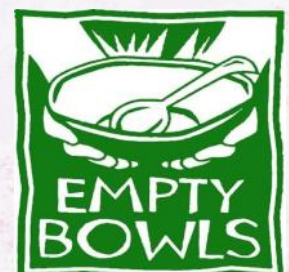
Men's Handkerchiefs & Ladies Lotion for The Pines

The Pines in Machias is a 24-hour nursing care facility that offers long-term care and short-term rehabilitation services for the tri-county area. Their activities program is looking for donations of Men's Handkerchiefs and Ladies Lotions to give to residents for comfort and joy.



EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER: The 3rd Annual Empty Bowls Soup & Bread Luncheon is on April 14 from 11:30am– 2pm. Here is how you can get involved:

- **Come eat soup:** Guests come to the event and purchase a hand-made pottery bowl of their choice (priced from \$15-20) and enjoy 2 servings of soup and then get to take home their bowl. 100% of funds raised support local, national and international hunger.
- ◆ **Make Soup, Donate Baskets or Volunteer!** Sign-up to bring your favorite soup, wash dishes, serve soup, donate a basket, etc. A volunteer and donation sign-up sheet is located on the shelf.



HOPE PRESCHOOL



We had a few opportunities to play outside in March! Now we are looking forward to some even warmer weather to take walks & explore the park. We enjoyed meeting in the church with Pastor Shawn & learning a bit about Ash Wednesday. We are starting to prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter.



Graduation is almost upon us! Our celebration and last day will be Wednesday May 22. We are now accepting registrations for next year, so please share that joy with anyone you know who has a preschooler!



Coming up: Annual Krolick's BBQ Fundraiser
Sunday May 5th | 11:30am - 2pm | \$12

Menu: chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, roll w/ butter, & a slice of pie! (beverages available for those dining in). Tickets will be available through any preschooler, teacher or the church office. Please pre-purchase so we have an accurate count of how many dinners we will need to order. We always sell out & would hate for you to miss out!

PRESCHOOL WISH LIST ITEM OF THE MONTH:

White Paper Gift Bags with handles & Small Easter Basket Goodies (bubbles, pencils, etc.)



1ST QUARTER GIVING

January 2019 Weekly Giving: \$ 2,513.24

January 2018 Weekly Giving: \$2,477.58

February 2019 Weekly Giving: \$ 2,690.03

February 2018 Weekly Giving: \$2,301.52

March 2019 Weekly Giving: \$ 2,811.76

March 2018 Weekly Giving: \$2,514.60



HOPE happenings



▲ Reflecting on turning towards God this Lenten season. This cloth was created at our Ash Wednesday Service and is being used on the Altar throughout Lent.

▼ Some of our Hopesters took advantage of Christian band **Big Daddy Weave** playing in Concert at Houghton College this month.



30 youth, Pastor Shawn & 4 college leaders traveled to Pioneer Camp in Angola for a Winter Retreat themed Hills & Valleys. Check out the mosaic they created at the coffee station in the parish hall.



Mary Dell enjoys some of the many cards from her Hope Family. She is so thankful!



The Holland Boys & Girls Club so graciously let us use their buildings for both a Youth Group Night and a Family Fun Night in March.



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Hope Respite welcomed 2 new guests and trained 8 new volunteers in March. The St. Patrick's Day Photo Booth was a lot of fun for the guests and then again at Church on Sunday March 17th.



Our thanks to Bev & Paul Fehringer for helping our communion class create such special pieces to use at their communion celebration! ▲
▼ Below Hope volunteers helped Bev with the glazing process of her donated bowls for the upcoming Empty Bowls Soup & Bread Luncheon.



Communion Celebration 2019

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays...

3- Stephanie Deahn	16- Carol Hannon	25- Nicholas Rimbey
3- Quinn Hannon	17- Kathy Bemb	25- Margie Webster
3- Carol Staffehl	17- Danny Osborn	26- Jeanne Holmes
3- Brian Tavernier	19- Ethan Hoffman	26- Barbara Sonner
6- Norman Rugg	19- John Pleave	27- Riley Bliss
8- Madisen Sonner	19- James Rautenstrauch	27- Barbara Maier
9- Baylee Burfield-Gross	20- Doris Smith	27- Lucas Miller
10- Timothy Smith	21- Victoria McCarthy	29- Katelin Bennett
11- Noah Lambert	21- Henry Rak	30- Amy Burns
11- Scott Lambert	21- Cooper Rhodus	
11- Tiffany Lambert	22- Chris Gross	
13- George Winfield	22- Nicholas Titus	
14- Charlene Burfield-Gross	23- Edla Reynolds	

Anniversaries...

8— Mike & Becky Sonner
15— Brent & Elaine Scoins
22— Ronald & Sandy Ashworth
23— Matt & Beth Miller
26— Rachel & Jamie Kittleson



SAVE the DATE...

May 4 & 5:	Visit Hope Booth at Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase
May 5:	Confirmation Sunday
May 5:	Preschool Chicken BBQ
May 8:	Respite
May 21:	Blood Drive
May 24 & 25	Hope for a Future Yard Sale
May 28:	Youth Group at Ronald McDonald House
May 31:	Almost Sleep-over for PreK-4th Graders

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Sunday Steward: 8:30 am	Paul Fehringer	Marjorie Webster	Tracey Wood	Joanne Offers
Sunday Steward: 10:30 am	Margie Rung	Bob Vossler	Carol Boldt	Sue Dressel
Acolyte: 8:30 am	Connor Fleischman	Garrett Milks	Makenna Smith	Cody Smith
Acolyte: 10:30am	Coy Agen	Trey Monin	Kole Hammell	Gavin Hammell
Assisting Minister: 8:30 am	Mary Songster-Alpin	Tracey Wood	Joanne Offers	Marjorie Webster
Assisting Minister: 10:30 am	Bob Vossler	Sue Farris	Sue Dressel	Stephen Struckmann
AV Tech: 8:30 am	Jacob Offhaus Ernest Floyd	Alyssa Boldt	Cora Blackwell	Jim Alpin
AV Tech:10:30 am	Stephen Struckmann	Carol Staffehl	Cindy Struckmann	Cindy Struckmann
HC Assistants: 8:30am	Jim Alpin Jenni Smith Margorie Webster	Missy Pleace Ernest Floyd Kristen Bley	Angie Tavernier Anna Sonner Diane Gibbs	Jacob Offhaus Jennifer Blackwell Lisa Deahn
HC Assistants: 10:30am	Carol Staffehl Jodie Buchhardt Sharlene Vossler	Rachel Kittleson Kathy LaScala Carol Boldt	Stephen Struckmann Ellen McCarthy Bob Vossler	Brenda Schmidt Carol Boldt Payeton Burfield
Greeters: 8:30am	Dustin & Jenni Smith	Beverly Hallock	Mike & Barb Sonner	Betsey Craft-Harrison
Greeters: 10:30am	Scott Rimbey	Sandy Ashworth	Margie Rung	Hammell Family
Lector: 8:30am	Dale Deahn	McKenna Krist Makenna Smith	Jennifer Blackwell	Ernest Floyd
Lector: 10:30am	Cindy Struckmann	Al Boldt	Sandi Bennett	Sue Farris
Prayers: 8:30 am	Mike Campana	Ashley Bartz	Brian Tavernier	Carol Hannon
Prayers:10:30 am	Paul Rigerman	Jodi Buchhardt	Carol Staffehl	Kim Offers
Children's Church: 8:30am	Julie Tingué	Anna & Angie Tavernier	TBD	Anna & Angie Tavernier
Children's Church:10:30am	Sue Dressel	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers: 8:30am	Tyler & Trevor Bley	Mary Songster & Jim Alpin	Ashley & Andy Bartz	Joanne Offers Amy Tompson
Ushers:10:30 am	Sandi Bennett Kathy LaScala	Len Dressel Sue Dressel	Kim Offers Al Boldt	Bob & Jodi Buchhardt
Altar Guilds:	Cindy Struckmann Sue Dressel	Tracey Wood Carol Boldt	Ellen McCarthy Margie Rung	Barb Sonner Carol Boldt
Coffee Hour:	Pauline Brown	Sharlene Vossler	Easter Brunch	Hammell Family
Counters:	Scott Bley	Mike Sonner Anna Sonner	Joanne Offers Kelly Thomson	John Kossow

In everything there is hope.

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*Bread & Soup
Luncheon*

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