

# HOPE *happenings*

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## Waiting...

### A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

The Generational Study at the last Ale House Church convicted me yet again. As a millennial I desire instant results. I came of age in the age of processing. While we were not yet in a Wikipedia world, when I wrote term papers in college encyclopedias gave way to Yahoo. Search engines put answers at our fingertips, and made results seem just moments away.

I still desire results. I long to see the fruit of my labor. Freshly mowed lawns and newly painted walls are among my favorite things. Perhaps that's why I haven't had a moment without a significant home project in nearly a decade.

Here's the problem. This summer I encountered a project that did not produce the immediate results I hope for when I planted 140 trees. Carol and I planted them for the shade, for the privacy, and, perhaps most important, for their natural beauty. Only here's the thing: I still get sunburned every time I sit outside! What gives? I suppose the Chinese proverb is true: the best time to plant a tree really is 20 years ago.

I must acknowledge, while a certain degree of my affinity for results comes from my age, I'm certain that's not the only place. The other reason I love to see results is because so many things in life—trees included—make us wait. So much of our work and our longing require patience from us. When we hit our knees and pray at night, only rarely is the response to our prayer waiting bedside in the morning. More often, God responds in God's time and in God's way. More often what we long for requires time and work, and from my experience while the waiting is difficult, it is always worth it. Children... jobs... love... healing... God always seems to deliver exactly when God means to, and we are rarely prepared with the season of anticipation.

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# AUG. WORSHIP NOTES

## *Service Times:*

*8:30am (Indoor Band Led)*

*10:30am (Outdoor Piano Service, weather permitting)*

**Sunday, August 5– 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 & Ephesians 4:1-16*

*Gospel: John 6:24-35*

**Sunday, August 12– 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8 & Ephesians 4:25--5:2*

*Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51*

**Sunday, August 19– 13th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6 & Ephesians 5:15-20*

*Gospel: John 6:51-58*

**Sunday, August 26— 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 & Ephesians 6:10-20*

*Gospel: John 6:56-69*



# Waiting cont....

But that does not mean the waiting and, perhaps, the work are not difficult. In fact, waiting is almost always accompanied by some challenges. And while Millennials started loathing waiting in 1981, we all must admit a certain frustration with waiting has existed long before. Even Paul, who wrote to the church in Rome in the first century, lifted up the importance of perseverance in prayer and waiting. He acknowledged, "In hope we are saved... but if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" (Romans 8:25).

We wait for the hope we cannot yet see with patience.

The second half of the Chinese proverb above is, "the second-best time to plant is today." It's a reminder that long-awaited results are not the reason to give up on something, but the reason to start. And it is faith and hope that set us free to do so.

I'm waiting on trees. Some days it feels like I may never see the shade I hope for. Other days I'm reminded that the eternity it feels like it will take these trees to grow will feel like a moment in another couple of years. But no matter how I feel, I wait. And trees are actually at the bottom of things I hope for. I hope for peace. I hope for healthy and happy children who grow into confident and caring adults. I hope for our church and the church universal. I hope for you; that you grow deeper in your love for God as God's love becomes made known ever more in your life, in your words, and in your deeds.

Reinhold Niebuhr once said, "Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in a lifetime, therefore we must be saved by hope." We may long for instant results, but often life calls upon us to plant and wait trading our strong desire for satisfaction for hope. But here's the good news: earlier in Romans Paul reminds us, "hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:5).

Hope will not disappoint us. Live presently, act urgently, and wait patiently. Hope abides.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*We pray for Matthew Nourse, Carmon Becker, Sharlie Mullin, Curt Emery, Myrtle Rammacher, Pastor Bob Zimmerman, Luke Fries, Ben, Roger Day, Jeannette, Nicole Gremmel, Greg Kent, Chris Winkleman, Jaysen Bray, Kyler Limburg, Sharon King, Dawn Fiegl, Pat Szustakowski, Dave Carr, Joyann Faircloth, Paul Sanders, Bill Washburn, Betty Offhaus, Rod Lons, Dale Poole, Keith Stromsoe, Traci, Lindsey, Gail Palmerton, Jeff Slocum, Bob Vossler, Harold Staffehl, Adrene and Joan Taylor, Sandy Ashworth and the Family of Barry Ashworth.*

*We 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.*

# EVENTS at a GLANCE

**August 5-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am

**August 6-** Vacation Bible School– Night 1: 5:00pm-8:00pm  
Find Adventure on the River

**August 7-** Quilting– 10am-2pm  
Vacation Bible School– Night 2: 5:30pm-8:00pm  
Find Acceptance & Joy on the River  
\*No Youth Group or Archery this week\*

**August 8-** Vacation Bible School– Night 3: 5:30pm-8:00pm  
Find Rest on the River

**August 9-** Vacation Bible School– Night 4: 5:30pm-8:00pm  
Find Peace on the River

**August 12-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am

**August 14-** Guy Stuff: Breakfast at Theos– 9am  
Houston Youth Reunion at Rushford Lake– 12noon  
Quilting– 10am-2pm  
Archery 6:30-8:00pm

**August 15–** Book Club at Megan Titus'- 7pm

**August 16—** A Future with Hope Meeting– 6:30pm

**August 19-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am  
Hope FORE a Future Golf Tournament– 12noon

**August 21-** Quilting– 10am-2pm  
Tuesday Day Book Club Meeting at Hope– 2:30pm  
Youth Group 6:30-8:00pm  
Archery 6:30-8:00pm

**August 23-** Houston Stock Holder Dinner– 6pm

**August 26-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am

**August 27-** Ale House Church– 7pm

**August 28-** Quilting– 10am-2pm  
Youth Group 6:30-8:00pm  
Archery 6:30-8:00pm

**August 30-** Ladies Book Club Picnic– All Small Groups—6pm



# OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

**VBS:** Our VBS will be kicking off August 6-9. We are still looking for youth and adult volunteers, simply contact Julie or stop in and we will find a place to utilize your time and talents. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us:

All children ages 2-6th grade are invited on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of His amazing grace!

The fee is \$10/child to cover the cost of the t-shirt, programming, and nightly snacks. Scholarships available upon request.



**Golf Tournament:** “Hope FORE the Future” is Hope’s Annual golf tournament where all proceeds will directly support our “Future With Hope” initiative to meet community needs, create safe space for young people to learn and grow, and celebrate our shared life together. The 18-hole, 4-man scramble will be held August 19th at Turkey Run Golf Course at 12noon. There are several ways you can get involved:

**Sponsorships:**

- Tournament Sponsor — \$750
- Beverage Cart Sponsor — \$250
- Club House Sponsor — \$150
- Hole Sponsor — \$50

**Golf:**

- Individual Golfer — \$85
- Team of 4— \$340 (Register soon, as only a few team spots remain!)

**Volunteer:**

Keep Score, Sell Raffles, Register, Hole-in-One sponsors and more!

For more information, contact the office!



# YOUTH STUFF

## YOUTH GROUP

for middle and high schoolers will take place August 21 & 28! Youth are invited to bring friends and a couple of bucks to help offset the cost of the meal (usually pizza).

## HOUSTON REUNION

Hope & St. John Youth who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston are encouraged to spend a day at Rushford Lake together on Tuesday, August 14. Please bring a snack and your bathing suit.

## CONFIRMATION

7th-9th graders will be starting confirmation classes this fall. Parents— check your email for more information coming from Pastor Shawn this month.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the men of Hope for breakfast at Theo's on August 14th at 9am. We will enjoy fellowship and "guys talk" over a delicious

# Humbled in Houston

I am sure it comes as no shock to you, but I am a PLANNER. My entire life my organizational skills have been both a strength and a weakness for me, both professionally and personally. It still makes me giggle that Eric asks for a copy of the "itinerary" for our time together whenever we go to Maryland.

I considered serving as an adult leader in Houston as an exciting task for my organizational skills. Arranging meals, checking into flights, getting uber trips, labeling envelopes with our allocated meal money and packing everything under the sun—just in case. Having never been to a youth gathering, I just had no idea what to expect and I just wanted to be the most prepared I could be so that we got to and from Houston safely. My anxiousness got to be a little too much and I was encouraged just a few days before our trip to just "**Let Go and Let God!**"

It didn't take me long to realize once arriving at the Youth Gathering in Houston that God didn't put me in this situation for my organizational skills. Sure, it was important to make sure our youth were fed three times a day and got from point A to point B—but it was more important for me to be there to be present, to witness God's grace and most importantly build relationships with the AWESOME kids from Hope and St. John. I was humbled.

Building relationships with these youth changed EVERYTHING for me. While some of our bonding took place as I was taught the floss or how to start a snapchat streak, the most significant bonding took place in our small or individual discussions. From talking about what we learned from speakers, to sharing our faith and our understanding of God's Love, Grace and Hope, I was impressed. It was beautiful to watch our youth embrace and learn from one another on this trip. Again, I was humbled.

I am so blessed to have gone on this journey with these awesome teenagers. I can not wait until they get to share their stories with you at our stock dinner on August 23. Thank you for your prayers, financial assistance and confidence in our leadership of your kids. And please, be open to how God can change your perspective on opportunities. Sometimes there is great beauty in letting GO and letting God.

- Julie

# Expectations vs. Reality...

A Reflection from Zach Wiedemann on his Summer Internship

Many times, in my life I have had certain expectations for something and then when reality struck, my expectations proved to be skewed. Whether it was expecting to do well on a test in school and failing or even thinking I was going to fail a test and then I end up doing very well.

At the beginning of the summer I had set some expectations for what I thought being Hope's intern would be like. Well, let me tell you, my expectations were met and then some. My ideology of a Pastor was far from correct. It is way more than just showing up Sunday morning, preaching a sermon and handing out some bread and wine.

The amount of work behind the scenes was surprising to say the least. I would have never imagined that there would be some days where Pastor Shawn and myself would be getting up onto the Church roof to fix some missing shingles, cutting up trees with chainsaws, preparing for funerals, making events for the youth or working day in and day out to get ready for Sunday services.

The reality of it is, being a Pastor is anything but easy. The biggest lesson I learned this summer was, becoming a good Pastor takes long weeks and even longer weekends. There is more to it than most would expect, but it is extremely rewarding.

This summer opened my eyes in the best of ways. This internship exceeded all expectations and has made me fall in love with this journey God has called me to do. The congregation of Hope has changed my life in the best way possible. I am extremely grateful for everything that I have encountered this summer and even more grateful for the experience and lessons I have learned from everyone, especially Pastor Shawn. Thank you all for the unending support that all of you have given me.

– **ZACH**



## HOPE PRESCHOOL

The staff in the preschool is looking forward to another great year at the Preschool. Currently, there are 11 children signed up to start the school year in early September. If you know of any 3 or 4-year olds that would be interested in attending, have them contact the church office as soon as possible. It would be ideal to have a class of at least 18 students.



*Don't forget, you can always help a child by making a donation to our tuition assistance program. Contact the church office for more information on how you can do that.*

# HOPE *happenings*

## Youth Sunday & Chicken BBQ– June 3



## Bounce House Bonanza– June 9



## Ronald McDonald House– June 16



## Summer Archery





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## ELCA Youth Gathering– June 26-July 2



## Hidden Valley Animal Adventure Family Outing– July 22



# CELEBRATE

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2- DAMIN RAUTENSTRAUCH
- 3- GERRY NOWAK
- 8- MARY LOUMERLAU
- 8- EDWARD PIRDY
- 9- LYDIANOWAK
- 11- JORDANFEHRINGER
- 12- PATRICIA LINDBERG
- 13- RACHEL KITTLESON
- 14- TREYMONIN
- 15- DANIEL MCCARTHY
- 15- JULIE TINGUE
- 16- SOPHIA CORDZ
- 18- ANDREW BARTZ
- 19- SCOTT BLEY
- 20- ISAIAH CARTER
- 21- TYLER BLEY
- 22- KRISTIN BLEY
- 22- ERIN HAMMELL
- 22- MAKENNA SMITH
- 25- JUDITH STROBELE
- 26- ANDREW STRUCKMANN
- 27- LIAM MAUL
- 28- PAMELA BRADFORD
- 29- BOB BUCHHARDT
- 29- BRENT SCOINS
- 30- CAROL BOLDT
- 30- ZACHERY RIMBEY
- 31- ERIC RAUTENSTRAUCH

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- NICHOLAS & MEGAN TITUS
- 6- JOE & STEPHANIE CICERO
- 8- CAROL & AL BOLDT
- 16- STEPHANIE & GEOFFREY MILKS
- 16- BRANDON & ERIN CARTER
- 17- ERIN & VINCE HAMMELL
- 18- LISA & DALE DEAHN
- 21- MELISSA & LEE RHODUS
- 22- BARB & LOUIE BOYER
- 24- MONICA & TERRY REDING

## HOPE STARS



**CONGRATULATIONS CAROL STAFFEHL FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE EMS PERSON OF THE YEAR AT THE ANNUAL FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING**



# SERVING IN WORSHIP

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
<b><i>Acolyte 8:30 am</i></b>	Eric Rautenstrauch Sydney Schrock	Riley Bliss Cora Fleischman	Garrett Milks Timmy Sonner	Cole Rhodus Catherine Brown
<b><i>Acolyte 10:30am</i></b>	Zach Rimbey Nick Rimbey	Gavin Hammell Megan Boldt	Zach Rimbey Nick Rimbey	Gavin Hammell Megan Boldt
<b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner
<b><i>Assisting Minister 8:30 am 10:30 am</i></b>	Mary Alpin Bob Vossler	Helena Blackwell Stephen Struckmann	Margie Webster Sue Dressel	Tracey Wood VictoriaMcCarthy
<b><i>AV Tech 8:30 am 10:30 am</i></b>	Madelyn Tavernier Julie Tingue	Trevor Bley Stephen Struckmann	Cora Blackwell Cindy Struckmann	Jim Alpin Scott Rimbey
<b><i>HC Assistant 8:30am 10:30am</i></b>	Jacob Offhaus Sharlene Vossler	Ernie Floyd Kathy LaScala	Anna Sonner Stephen Struckmann	Margie Webster Bob Vossler
<b><i>Council Rep 8:30am 10:30am</i></b>	Joanne Offers Bob Vossler	Tracey Wood Carol Boldt	Cora Blackwell Bob Vossler	Paul Fehringer Carol Boldt
<b><i>Greeters (10:30)</i></b>	Kathy LaScala	Vince & Erin Hammell	Judy Strobele	Brenda Schmidt
<b><i>Lector 8:30am 10:30am</i></b>	Tim Sonner Sue Dressel	Mike Sonner, Sr. Chris Gross	Ernie Floyd Paul Rigerman	Jen Blackwell Jodie Buchardt
<b><i>Prayers 8:30 am 10:30 am</i></b>	Mike Sonner, Sr Sandi Bennett	Mike Campana Sue Dressel	Joanne Offers Sharlene Vossler	Cora Blackwell Al Boldt
<b><i>Children's Church 8:30am 10:30am</i></b>	Ashley Bartz Tracey Wood	Zach Wiedemann Megan Sonner	Ashley Bartz Sue Dressel	Anna & Maddie Sonner Tracey Wood
<b><i>Ushers 8:30am</i></b>	Diane Gibbs Margie Webster	Kim and Joanne Offers	Tim & Marcy Sonner	Janet Campana Missy Pleace
<b><i>Ushers 10:30 am</i></b>	Kathy LaScala Carol Staffehl	Al Boldt Scott Rimbey	Kathy LaScala Jodie Buchardt	Len and Sue Dressel
<b><i>Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30am</i></b>	Megan Titus	Jen Blackwell	Margie Rung	Diane Gibbs
<b><i>Counters</i></b>	Scott Bley Lisa Deahn	Mike Sonner, Jr. Anna Sonner	Kelly Thomson Joanne Offers	Brenda Schmidt John Kossow

In everything there is hope.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19  
12NOON  
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