

Hope's Happenings

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“Living Water. Moving Church.”

From Pastor Shawn

This summer our intern, Jim Vitale, and I are reading a book called *Open Secrets*. *Open Secrets* is Richard Lischer's memoir of his first pastoring job in New Cana, Illinois. As we finish the chapters, Jim and I make a little time to talk about the book. We talk about what resonates. We talk about what surprised us. **But mostly we talk about how the church Pastor Lischer describes isn't much different today.** In fact, it's pretty much exactly the same. How is it that a church 800 miles and 40 years away, can resemble so closely the church we know today?

As I thought about how the church has remained the same, I've also thought about how the world has changed. 40 years ago it was still a novelty to have color TV. Today, our church has two plasmas. We've seen telephones transform from "land lines" to personal computers, and personal computers transform from huge calculators to lap-top lifelines. We watched communism fall and terrorism rise. We've seen walls in Germany tumble while we erect walls on our own borders. 50 years ago we were talking about civil rights. Today we have a black president.

There's tension there. The church exists in the middle of this rapidly changing world with a timeless message and unchanging God. Because of that, we tell ourselves that change may be okay for the world, but not for us. We keep things the same...

...and when that means our preaching always says, Jesus is Lord, the church is constant.

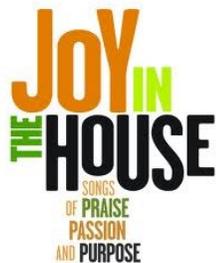
...but when that means we can't change the parish hall drapes, the church is stagnate.

You see, sometimes the church gets confused. God said, "For I the Lord do not change" (Malachi 3:6), but we accidentally hear, "For we the Church should not change." But unfortunately God never said that. It is not a matter of whether or not we should, but rather how we must. God does not change, but God does do new things, and one of his favorite places to do them is in the church.

You can see that in our hymnal. The oldest songs in our hymnal were written about 500 years ago, but that's not even a quarter as old as the oldest Christian hymns or a sixteenth as old as the oldest Jewish ones. It's not a matter of *if* our hymns will change, it's a matter of *when*. Remember even "Beautiful Savior" was new noise once upon a time.

Without change we'd never have had the pious thoughts of fifteen hundred years of monks. Without changed we'd still be paying for forgiveness and in anguish at our sin. Without change we'd still be translating the Bible from Latin.

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Worship Notes

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:15
Through September 1

We Remember In Our Prayers

We pray for:

*Carolyn Fiegl,
Connie Madison,
Barbara Fehringer,
Walter Wesche,
Alice,
Darlene Armstrong,
Matthew Nourse,
Lois Smith,
Kimberly Cordz,*

*Nichole,
Anita McCaffery,
Peggy Cordz-Brown,
Ardean Day,
Laura Bley,
Ervin Niles,
Shelli,
Donna Redden,
Lisa,
Sylvia Bradford,*

*Carmon Becker,
Kirk Crandall,
Hyland Day,
Melissa Ackerman,
Howard Armstrong,
Roger Day,
Emily Richards,
Sharlie Mullin,
Phyllis Wienk,*

*Brenda Schmidt,
Brennon McCormick,
Melanie Cole,
Rev. John Fehringer,
Betty Babbitt,
Pam Lane,
Rev. Doug Spencer,
Virginia Fritz
and Ken Fisher ...*

We continue to keep our Servicemen and women who are serving at home and overseas in our prayers. Especially Jon Winfield, grandson of Ellie and Buzz Winfield who is in Afghanistan. Matthew and Amy Baab have now safely returned from Afghanistan; as well as Regan Lons, Sean Babbitt, Jason Hopkins, Dylan Smoot and Andy Deahn.

We pray for all the people struggling with drug and alcohol addictions, the victims of all forms of abuse, the poor in wealth and spirit and all those who suffer at the hands of injustice.

We pray for all our Synod, Local, State and National leaders and all those elected into office.



...Pastor's piece continued...

Without change we wouldn't have the church we are so afraid to change.

I leave you with this. The earliest church fathers (I'm talking 100 AD) said the best way to baptize was with "living water." They meant we should baptize in rivers and streams; baptize in water with a little movement. God is that saving water. Water, like God, will not change. But the church, we are that movement. We are the active and changing means by which God likes to share his timeless Word. It's not a matter of whether or not we should change. We already are, because God is changing us.

Hopeful,

From Jim Vitale

Project Connect Summer Intern

It is through the incredible grace of God that I came to Hope. Born in Worcester Massachusetts and a resident of Altamont, NY, just outside Albany, a summer job out in Arcade seemed impossible. Of course, God didn't let the small matter of a few hundred miles get in the way of his plans for my life. While studying Religion Houghton College, I decided to pursue ministry in the ELCA and so need a Lutheran church at which to worship. Hope Lutheran was recommended to me by a number of friends all of whom commended it with highest praise. And so my fiancée, Isabel, and I began to attend and were delighted with what we found. At the end of the spring semester, Isabel graduated and I finished my Junior year. We began to wonder what was in store for us over the summer. We both decided to return home, Isabel to Oklahoma and I to Albany. We started to prepare ourselves for a difficult summer apart from one another.

After applying to fifteen summer jobs and hearing back from none of them I felt disheartened. For years I wanted to spend my summers working for the church, but there was nothing there for a young man hoping to make a little money, too. And so I resigned myself to yet another summer spent unemployed. Don't get me wrong, the prospect of a summer at home with my family and friends seemed wonderful; but I knew it wouldn't feed my inner fire to experience the church from a different angle. On top of that, Isabel had recently decided to try to stay in the New York area to work the summer on a farm.

Seemingly out of nowhere, however, an opportunity fell right into my lap. Pastor Shawn texted me one day and told me about the Project Connect Immersion Intern experience. Ten weeks spent at the church shadowing Pastor Shawn and learning all about pastoring. Anxious though I was about a summer away from home, I was hooked. If such an opportunity is not the hand of God at work, then I don't know what is. To make matters better, Isabel had just accepted a job at Plato Dale Farm in Arcade. We were both looking forward to spending the summer together working in our dream jobs.

I am thrilled to be a part of Hope. I am starting my fourth week here and am simply blown away by strength of this community and the ways you love all those around you. I have never felt more welcome at a church. I could not have asked for a better congregation in which to learn, discern and minister. So far I have been with Pastor Shawn on a number of visitations, met with Lutheran clergy from the greater Buffalo area, helped prepare sermons, served communion, helped prepare a Baccalaureate service, had lunch with Quilters, and helped build a coffee shop in just two days! Talk about a holistic experience!

I am so blessed to be a part of this community. Thank you so much for your continued hospitality and the love you show. I am excited to continue my time as an intern, to get to know each and every one of you better, and to see all the ways God will use me this summer. Truly, in everything there is *hope!*



Jim Vitale, our new summer intern, and his fiancée Isabel Sanders. The couple is preparing for a May 24 wedding in Isabel's hometown in Oklahoma.



Lutheranism 101

Summer Sunday School Children's Sermons

Each week we will look at another piece of what it means to be a Lutheran. Topics include: 95 Theses, Bible Translations, the 10 commandments, the sacraments, and famous Lutherans.

SERVICE

*Our council thanks the following people
for going above and beyond in the last months.*

Thanks Be To God *for you!*

May 2013

Doug Lavery, *for his work caring for our building*

Len Dressel, *for his work caring for our grounds*

Laura Bernard, *in memory and thanksgiving for all her faithfulness and service*



June 2013

Dale and Lisa Deahn, *for representing Hope at Synod Assembly*
Ray and Phllis Wienk,

on their 65th Anniversary and for their weekly altar flowers

Tracey and Kaitie Wood, *for hosting Adam's goodbye party*

Linda Vaughn, *for sponsoring Youth Sunday*

A note about Jim's Internship:

Project Connect is an initiative of the three ELCA seminaries on the east coast (Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and Columbia, SC). Its mission is to help young adults discern God's call in their lives, particularly those interested in public ministry. We are grateful for Jim's opportunity to serve as a Project Connect Summer Intern.

Hope's role in his internship is to provide a learning environment for him, as well as house him throughout the summer. Jim's room and board costs \$1,500 for the summer. If you are interested in contributing \$100 or another amount toward Jim's internship please call the church office. Thank you for your support!

Opportunities to Give

Mother's Portico

This summer we begin construction on Phase II of our 3 phase capital improvement centered on hospitality and welcome. With the addition of 20 new parking spaces, our next step is to build a portico (church entrance) in honor of our mothers and all the faithful women who have so richly impacted our lives. To contribute to the portico in honor of a faithful woman in your life please consider making a donation to this project. Thanks to the generous donation of one giver we are already well under way in our three phase plan, but we still need your help. Thank you for your gift and for all the faithful women!!!

Church Missions

God calls us as his people to have generous hearts. The Bible tells us that we should strive to give away 10% of our income in an act of faith that says, 1. This is comes from God. And 2. God will provide. As a church we strive to participate in this behavior by giving away 10% of our budget to those in need. We do this through community organizations (i.e. Arcade Fire Department), Church Charities (i.e. Campus Ministry of Buffalo, Lutheran Charities, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center), and by giving money to the greater church (i.e. in New York State, in America, around the world). This is often the last check we write. If you feel called to help make this first, we invite you to consider making a donation to our mission fund. This money will be used locally and internationally to further God's work while we boldly proclaim, "This came from God, and returns to his work." Thank you for your faithful support.

Summer Intern

Those interested in contributing to the \$1,500 cost of support our summer intern (read his article and note above) may do so by supporting one week (\$100) or another amount. We are thankful for those who have already supported Jim's internship and look forward to his energy and work among us.

Announcements



Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be **July 23** 11:30-5:30pm.

Archery Group

Every Tuesday throughout the summer members of Hope are gathering for Archery on the front lawn of the church from 6:30-8:00pm. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.



Care Givers Support Group

The Care Givers Support Group will resume on September 26 with a potluck dinner at 6:00pm.



Hope's Weekly Archery Group gathers every Tuesday on the church lawn! They aren't taking money from the rich to give to the poor, but they certainly are a merry group of men and women!



GIVING

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE:

April 2013 Weekly Giving: \$2,811.34

April 2012 Weekly Giving: \$2,511.40

May 2013 Weekly Giving: \$2,260.25

May 2012 Weekly Giving: \$2,619.63

June 2013 Weekly Giving: \$2,333.60

June 2012 Weekly Giving: \$2,375.92

****Missional Operating Costs: \$2,500/week**

*Thank
You*

Labor Day Weekend Church Camp

Hope has rented out Redeemer Lodge at LCLC for the second year to close out this summer with a congregational retreat. This is a wonderful weekend full of games, cook outs, local tourism, and more. Registration sheets will begin to surface soon, but mark your calendars today! You don't want to miss it. **Dates: Friday, August 30, Monday, September 2.**



The 40th, and final, Women's Interfaith Dinner was held this May at Hope. Over 40 women from local churches attended. Tracey Stiles, pictured far right, led the program on caring for heirloom jewelry.



Summer Camp at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

This summer Hope has 13 campers plus Pastor Shawn and Jim participating in every program the camp offers from minicamp through senior high week. Please pray for these young people this summer as they encounter God's grace on the shores of Lake Chautauqua. They include:

- Kerianne Alpin
- Emily Prior
- Amanda Prior
- Bradley Schrock
- Zach Rimbey
- Tomi Cordz
- Anna Sonner
- Megan Sonner
- Kaitie Wood
- Trevor Bley
- Tyler Bley
- Evan Frazier
- Emily Frazier
- Jim Vitale
- & Pastor Shawn

We can't wait to hear their stories and share in their experience when they return!

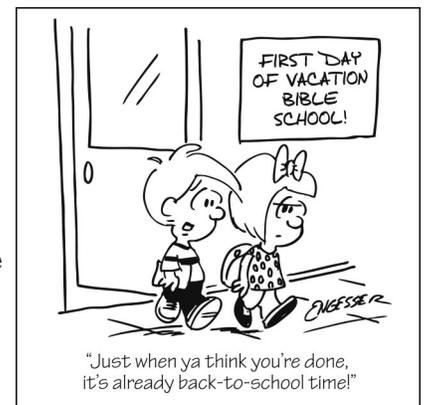


Vacation Bible School

Hope and the United Church of Christ are hosting Vacation Bible School this summer from Monday, August 12 through Thursday, August 15, from 5:30-8pm. We will gather with any child in our community during the evening. All are welcome and we hope our youth will be friends.

Stay tuned for more details, including how you can help lead this important ministry.

Registration Forms can be found at church or at the end of this newsletter.





Youth Activity Pages



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SNACKS

Bring joy to a friend by sharing a "peace" of this yummy dessert!

What you need:

- adult help
- two 8" cake pans
- cooking spray
- 9 cups mini marshmallows
- 6 tablespoons butter
- food coloring (green and red)
- 9 cups crisp rice cereal
- mini chocolate chips



What you do:

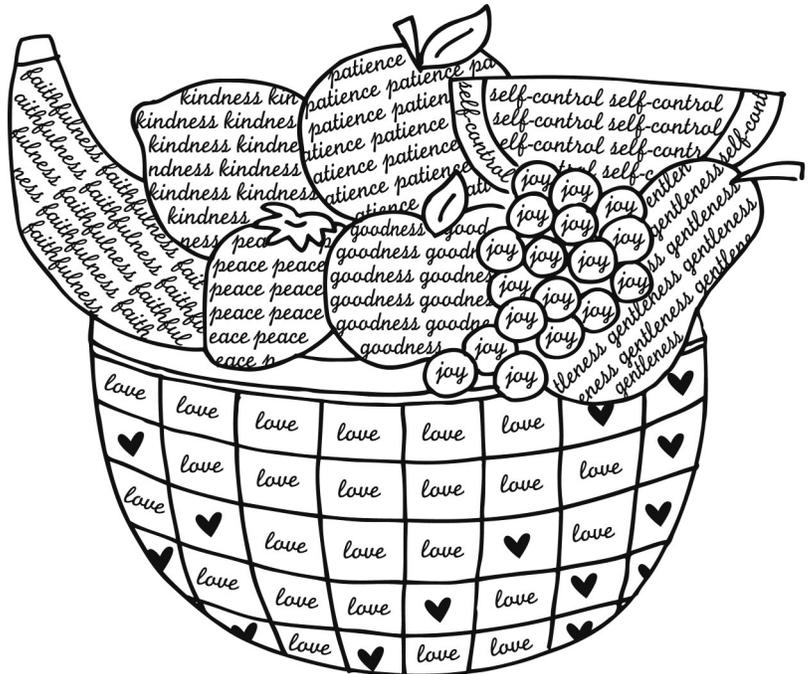
1. Spray cake pans.
2. Melt 4 cups marshmallows and 2 T. butter in microwave or on stove top. Add green food coloring. Stir.
3. Pour 4 cups cereal into bowl. Add green mixture. Stir with buttered spatula.
4. Put half into each pan and press along the sides with buttered hands.
5. Repeat using 5 cups marshmallows, 4 T. butter, 5 cups cereal and red food coloring.
6. Press half into the center of each pan, leaving a narrow outside border of green. Smooth the top.
7. Press mini chocolate chips into the red mixture.
8. Let cool. Then cut into wedges. Enjoy!



Seasonal Fruit

Although some fruit is seasonal, God encourages us to share the fruit of the Spirit with other people all year long. Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruits we should give away.

Directions: Count each fruit (full words only) and write the numbers below.



Love= ___ Joy= ___ Peace= ___ Patience= ___ Kindness= ___

Goodness= ___ Faithfulness= ___ Gentleness= ___ Self-control= ___

Answers: Love=24, Joy=18, Peace=7, Patience=7, Kindness=7, Goodness=6, Faithfulness=6, Gentleness=6, Self-control=5

HOPE'S THOROUGHNESS



Hidden Valley Animal Adventure Trip on May 19 was a blast for all involved. It was a beautiful day in God's glorious creation with our family at Hope.

See Facebook for more fantastic photos.





Our first Men's Service Retreat to LCLC was a huge success. We reroofed a cabin, built a fire pit, and chopped down trees. We look forward to doing more projects with more guys next year.



RENEW VBS

August 12-15 • 5:30-8:00pm • Hope Lutheran Church

REGISTRATION FORM

Get ready to be RENEWED this summer as the Pioneer community comes together to hear God's word and play in God's creation. Activities will include special music, large group games, water events, nightly snacks and more! The cost is \$5.00 a child, and includes the cost of snacks and a t-shirt.

Sign your child up for this fun and faithful week today!

*Registrations should be returned to Hope Lutheran Church, 2 East Main Street, Arcade, NY 14009
with the \$5.00 Registration Fee*

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Grade as of Sept. 2013 (circle one): Pre-K K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th Phone: _____
7th graders and up are invited to volunteer. Please find our volunteer application.

Parent/Guardian(s): _____ Evening Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number: _____

Home Church (if any): _____

Medical Conditions or Allergies: _____

Tee-Shirt Size (circle one): child S child M child L adult S adult M adult L adult XL adult XXL

VBS Notes:

*This VBS is for all the children of the greater pioneer community.

**This VBS is a joint ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and the Arcade United Church of Christ.

***Scholarships are available for those with financial need.

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Conveniently located by the Arcade Village Park

Date	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<i>Acolyte</i>	Emily Frazier Ashley Bliss	Tyler Cockle Evan Frazier	Kerianne Alpin Kara Boldt	Helena Blackwell Payeton Burfield
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Carol Staffehl Margie Rung	Jim and May Alpin	Carol Boldt
<i>Communion Assistant</i>	Paul Rigerman	Scott Bley	Jim Vitale	Mark Cordz
<i>Cong. Deacon</i>	Margie Webster	Gary Rung	Jerry Schuler	Jim Vitale
<i>Greeters</i>	Gary and Margie Rung	Judy Fiene	Mike and Pat Cady	Louie and Barb Boyer
<i>Lector</i>	Matt Rung	Jerry Schuler	Judy Feine	Sharlene Vossler
<i>Prayers</i>	Al Boldt	Matt Rung	Margie Webster	Kathryn Landahl
<i>Ushers</i>	Missy Pleace Sue Dressel	Scott Rimbey Jim Alpin	Carol Staffehl Kathy LaScala	Andy and Ashley Bartz
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Sandi Bennett	Melissa Rhodus	Mary Lou Merlau	Kim Boldt
	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
<i>Acolyte</i>	Evelyn Schrock Amanda Prior	Trevor Bley Tyler Bley	Cora Blackwell Tomi Cordz	Cole Pleace Nick Rimbey
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Carol Staffehl Margie Rung	Barb Sonner Carol Boldt	Margie Rung
<i>Communion Assistant</i>	Marcia Davies	Jeanne Schuler	Lisa Deahn	Kathryn Landahl
<i>Cong. Deacon</i>	Sheri Landahl	Joanne Offers	Bob Vossler	Kathy Zielonka
<i>Greeters</i>	Jim and Mary Alpin	Bob and Sharlene Vossler	Al and Carol Boldt	Bob and Jodie Buchhardt
<i>Lector</i>	Jerry Schuler	Tim Sonner	Dale Deahn	Mike Sonner, Sr.
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<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Margie Rung	Pat Cady	Kacie Woodruff	Darla Schwab

Interested in help lead us in worship? Contact Margie Rung in the church office, (585) 492-2530, and be sure to update your Time & Talent Survey (located on 'the Shelf' in the parish hall).

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