



HOPE *happenings*

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Appreciating all of God's Beauty A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

I came home from Scotland last week with new appreciation. I came home with new appreciation for the game of golf in its most basic and elemental forms. I came home with new appreciation for the 'oldness' of villages and towns that make my 200 year old town seem like just a baby. I came home with new appreciation for beauty of the sea, the power of the wind, and the majesty of God's creation. But that is not all I came home with. I also came home with a new appreciation of just how lucky I am to call where I live home.

As we drove through the Scottish Highlands and were greeted by rolling hills and fields covered with rapeseed or sheep, I had a moment of awakening. I had flown 11 hours across an ocean and up 16 degrees in latitude, only to look at a picture that looked quite like home. As my companions remarked on how beautiful it was, I agreed while quietly thanking God that I don't have to travel that far to behold such a sight again. I merely need to take a moment to appreciate the landscapes in my own backyard.

That's what proper travel does. It opens our eyes to new, radiant landscapes and surroundings, but at the same time it should make us grateful for the land we left behind. There's a hymn entitled, "This Is My Song." It is listed in the patriotic section of most hymnals, but that's a misnomer. "This Is My Song" is not merely a song celebrating A land. It's a song celebrating ALL lands. The song praises God for skies bluer than oceans and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine, but goes on to note that other lands have sunlight, clover, and just as lovely blue skies. It's a song of praise celebrating what God has done in this place while praising God for God's handiwork elsewhere as well.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, June 2— Youth Sunday

ONE Service at 10:00am

Readings: Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-5, John 11:17-27

8:30am: Band Led 10:30am: Piano & Organ Led:

Sunday, June 9—

Pentecost Sunday

Readings: Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: John 14:8-17

Sunday, June 16—

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Milestone Sunday

Readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 23—

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 30—

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

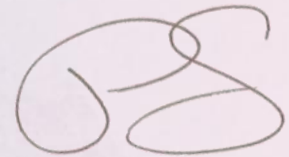


Appreciating all of God's Beauty cont...

I mention this in hopes that two realities will ground us. The first is that we will not take for granted our homes. God did not spend extra time crafting the land far off designating them as vacation destinations. God is the architect of OUR surroundings. Cherish them as you would cherish the scenes of a long-desired trip because they are no less wonderfully made. And second, remember that our God is God of all lands. Our home is great, but so are others, and God's hopes for this place is no less or more important than God's hopes for all others.

It was good to get away.

It feels just as good to be home Home or away, I am grateful.



*"This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine."*

—Llyod Stone, "This Is My Song"

In our Prayers:

We pray for Matthew Nourse, Sharlie Mullin, Curt Emery, Myrtle Rammacher, Luke Fries, Ben, Jeannette, Chris Winkleman, Jaysen Bray, Kyler Limburg, Dave Carr, Paul Sanders, Betty Offhaus, Traci, Harold Staffehl, Joan Taylor, Roger Day, Bob Vossler, Maria, Brooke Offhaus, Linda, Matt Weaver, Darlene Cummings, Mary Ann, Cathy Washburn, Jerry Webster, Barb, Chris Boog, Pam Strobele Isch,, Kenneth, Mary Dell, Angela, Katie Offhaus,, Sue Adams and family, Charlotte &Annette Bruce, Matt Stania, Carol Cole, Jackson Mason, Sharon Hartel, Dolly Buchhardt,, Sandy Harris-Jen Blackwell's mother, Josephine Hill, Doug Lavery, Bill Smith, Carrie Ruffin and Sheri, Otto & Suzanne Struckmann, Lindsey Willsey, Sarena Nourse, Brenda Schmidt, Gary Beiersdorf.



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.

EVENTS at a GLANCE

June 2: Youth Sunday Service– 10am

Youth Chicken BBQ Fundraiser (11:30am-1:30pm or sold out)

June 4: Quilting: 10am-2pm

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

Hope Archery: 6:30pm

June 6: Friends of Night People: Volunteers leave Hope at 3:30pm

June 9: Pentecost Sunday

Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am

VBS Planning Meeting– 9:30am

June 10: Church Council: 6:30pm

June 11: Quilting: 10am-2pm

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

Hope Archery: 6:30pm

June 12: Hope Respite: 10:30am-2:30pm

June 14: American Red Cross Blood Drive: 12:30-6:30pm

(CRITICAL NEED BLOOD DRIVE)

June 16: Father's Day

Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am

June 18: Quilting: 10am-2pm

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

Hope Archery: 6:30pm

June 20: Ladies Book Club #1 at Carol Hannon's Home: 7pm

Ladies Book Club #2 at Carol Boldt's Home:7pm

June 23: Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am

June 24: Ale House Church: 7pm

June 25: Quilting: 10am-2pm

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

Hope Archery: 6:30pm

June 26: Committee Coffee House: 6:30pm

June 30: Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am



MINISTRIES

YOUTH SUNDAY– JUNE 2: Our Youth and Children will be leading worship on Sunday, June 2 for one service at 10am.

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS: for middle and high schoolers will take place **Tuesdays in June from 6:30-8pm** Youth are invited to bring friends and a couple of bucks to help offset the cost of the meal (usually pizza).

HOPE'S ARCHERY GROUP: The Group will be meeting Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm, weather permitting. Any Questions please call Mike Cady at (716) 353-4665



MILESTONE SUNDAY: This celebration will be June 23 at both services. We are looking to recognize those in our congregation celebrating significant milestones in the last year, including High School and College Graduation and retirement. Please provide the following information to the church office so they can be recognized at this special service: Name, Achievement, Future Plans and a Photo.

ALE HOUSE CHURCH: Come raise a glass as we ponder a relevant topic for today's Christians. Join us at Main Street Grille on June 24 at 7pm.

COMMITTEE COFFEE HOUSE: If you serve on one of Hope's Committees please make every effort to attend the coffee house meetings on Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30pm.

HOPE STARS

Dan Osgood was recognized as the American Red Cross Real Heroes Blood Donor earlier this month at the Real Heroes breakfast.

Dan was a donor at the Hope blood drive up until he found out he was an exact match for a young man with a rare blood disorder. He now does directed donations at the Cheektowaga fixed site that goes directly to this young man. Dan has donated 150 times so far and continues to do so.



OPPORTUNITIES

to Give & Serve

HOPE IS BUILDING: The next step is constructing the walls. This job will be completed by the people of Hope and we will be working on this daily (weather depending) and encourage volunteers whenever possible. To get on the volunteer communication list (an email/and or text that will periodically update regarding the work ahead and the help needed) please sign up on the shelf or send an email to julie@hopearcade.org letting her know your interest.

To make a one time or reoccurring financial gift to the project, please use the envelopes in the pews or grab the folder and donation sheets by the Future with Hope banner in the fellowship hall.

FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE VOLUNTEERING: Sign-up on the bulletin board to help serve a meal and work in the clothing closet at Friends of Night People on Thursday, June 6 in Buffalo. We will be the only group volunteering this time and would like to secure 10-12 volunteers to attend. We will leave Hope at 3:30pm and will return between 9-9:30pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING: Our first planning meeting for VBS will take place Sunday, June 9th at 9:30am between services. We welcome anyone interested in helping to attend the meeting to learn more. Dates for Vacation Bible School this year will be: August 5th-8th. We will be looking for volunteers of all ages, donations of supplies and monetary donations. Stay tuned for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE: Please consider donating as the need is always consistent. A special blood drive is being held on Friday, June 14 from, 12:30-6:30pm. Call or go online to set up an appointment or simply swing by during the drive.

CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER FOR 2021 YOUTH GATHERING: This Sunday June 2 at 11:30am-1:30pm (or until sold out), a chicken BBQ will take place at Hope following the Youth Sunday Church Service. \$11 Includes: Hope's Famous Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Roll, Drink and Dessert (Dine-In or Take-Out). 100% of proceeds support our youth going to the Youth Gathering in 2021.

HOPE FORE the Future Golf Tournament

Hope FORE the Future" is the golf tournament of Hope Lutheran Church, Arcade. 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. Save the date and stay tuned for more details about sponsorship, golfing and volunteering!

Sunday, August 25, 2019
12:00noon Shotgun Start
18-hole, 4-man scramble
Turkey Run Golf Course
11836 Bixby Hill Road, Arcade, NY

HOPE PRESCHOOL

Another preschool year has come to a close. We had a great graduation day! We want to wish you all a safe and blessed summer vacation. Best of luck to all of our preschoolers wherever your journey takes you next year and always.



Registrations are being accepted now for the 2019-2020 school year. Please share this joy with anyone you know who has a preschooler.

PRESCHOOL WISHLIST ITEMS OF THE SUMMER:
Rectangle Plastic Table Clothes, Stickers, Seasonal Hand Stampers



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▲ May 5th we celebrated with six of our youth as they affirmed their baptism during a beautiful confirmation service!

◀ Our Youth cooked a meal for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in May.

▼ We enjoyed having all ages of youth at Youth Group in May in preparation for Youth Sunday.



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◀ We appreciate the volunteers who worked at Hope's booth at the Chamber's Community Showcase in May. We were able to share with the community all the ways in which God is calling us to serve our neighbors.



◀ We were thankful for another great Respite program in May that included working with 5 guests and fun involving the Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day, May Day and Cinco de Mayo. We were very grateful to Theo's Restaurant for donating lunch featuring their pizza and wings.



▲ The month of May brought a lot of excitement to our work site. Piles of dirt, delivery of gravel, pouring of concrete and the laying of our foundation. We will soon be starting to build the walls and encourage anyone interested to get involved whenever possible.

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays...

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| 1- Mason Miller | 17- John Kossow |
| 4- Dylan Smoot | 17- Betty Nichols |
| 7- Kimberly Boldt | 17- Margie Rung |
| 8- Cora Blackwell | 22- Garrett Milks |
| 8- Lauren Osborn | 23- William Landahl |
| 9- Alyssa Boldt | 25- Ellen McCarthy |
| 9- Payeton Burfield | 27- Joe Cicero |
| 10- Kyra Agen | 28- Marcy Sonner |
| 11- Cliff Davies | 29- Kristofer Burfield |
| 12- Everett Titus | 29- Michael Rigerman |
| 13- Pastor Shawn | |
| 15- Nicole Maul | |



Anniversaries...

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| 9- Dana & William Gates | 24- Marcia & Cliff Davies |
| 14- Beverly & Paul Fehringer | 24- Joanne & Kim Offers |
| 16- Amanda & Nathan Osborn | 30- Ted & Nicole Maul |
| 24- Eleanora & George Winfield | 30- Eric & Julie Tingue |

SAVE the DATE...

- July 10: Hope Respite
- July 16: American Red Cross Blood Drive
- July 20: Ronald McDonald House Visit
- July 25: All Church Picnic at the Hannon's Home
- August 5-8: Hope VBS
- August 25: Hope FORE a Future Golf Tournament



SERVING IN WORSHIP

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Sunday Steward: 8:30 am	Youth Sunday – ONE SERVICE 10am	Mary Songster-Alpin	Tracey Wood	Joanne Offers	Cora Blackwell
Greeters: 8:30am		Barb Sonner	Pauline Brown	Smith Family	Beverly Hallock
AV Tech: 8:30 am		Jim Alpin	Jacob & Ernie	Cora Blackwell	Anna Tavernier
Acolyte: 8:30 am		Cecelia Titus	Makenna Smith	Cody Smith	Grace Tavernier
Assisting Minister: 8:30 am		Marjorie Webster	Mary Songster-Alpin	Tracey Wood	Joanne Offers
Children's Church: 8:30am		Julie Tingué	Ashley Bartz	Julie Tingué	Megan Titus
Lector: 8:30am		Angie Tavernier	Trevor Bley	Ernie Floyd	Janet Campana
Prayers: 8:30 am		Mike Sonner Sr.	Marjorie Webster	Ashley Bartz	Jim Alpin
Ushers: 8:30am		Missy Pleace	Marcy & Maddie Sonner	Diane Gibbs & Anna Sonner	Brian & Angie Tavernier
HC Assistants: 8:30am		Brian Tavernier Kristen Bley Tracey Wood	Diane Gibbs Cora Blackwell Jen Blackwell	Missy Pleace Tyler Bley Megan Titus	Jacob Offhaus Jenni Smith Barb Sonner
Sunday Steward: 10:30 am		Sue Dressel	Margie Rung	Bob Vossler	Carol Boldt
Greeters: 10:30 am		Margie Rung	Kim Offers	Jodie & Bob Buchhardt	Bob & Sharlene Vossler
AV Tech: 8:10:30 am		Cindy Struckmann	Stephen Struckmann	Carol Staffehl	Cindy Struckmann
Acolyte: 10:30 am		Kristofer Burfield	Gavin Hammell	Cole Hammell	Kristofer Burfield
Assisting Minister: 10:30 am		Sue Farris	Bob Vossler	Sue Dressel	Stephen Struckmann
Children's Church: 10:30 am		Tracey Wood	Ellen McCarthy	Ellen McCarthy	Ellen McCarthy
Lector: 10:30 am		Carol Staffehl	Cindy Strickmann	Sharlene Vossler	Paul Rigerman
Prayers: 10:30 am		Al Boldt	Paul Rigerman	Kim Offers	Sue Dressel
Ushers: 10:30 am		Sandi Bennett Kathy LaScala	Scott Rimbey & Boys	Al Boldt & Len Dressel	Jodie & Bob Buchhardt
HC Assistants: 10:30 am		Sharlene Vossler Stephen Struckmann Carol Boldt	Bob Vossler Jodi Buchhardt Rachel Kittleson	Sue Farris Payeton Burfield Julie Tingué	Kathy LaScala Rachel Kittleson Carol Boldt
Altar Guilds:	Carol Boldt	Margie Rung	Barb Sonner	Carol Boldt	Diane Gibbs
Coffee Hour:	BBQ	Bartz Family	Megan Titus	Milestone Celebration	Margie Rung
Counters:	Scott Bley	Mike Sonner Anna Sonner	Joanne Offers Kelly Thomson	John Kossow	Jamie Kittleson Rachel Kittleson

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A dark blue rectangular graphic with a pattern of small, colorful triangles (orange, yellow, white) scattered across the background. In the center, there are three circular icons: a graduation cap in a yellow circle, a rolled diploma in an orange circle, and a diamond-shaped icon with the text "Happy Retirement" in a yellow circle. Below these icons, the text "MILESTONE SUNDAY" is written in white, followed by "JUNE 23" and "8:30AM & 10:30AM" in white.

MILESTONE SUNDAY
JUNE 23
8:30AM & 10:30AM

In everything there is **hope**.