

# Hope's Happenings

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From Pastor Shawn

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Dinnertime at the Hannon household is usually exciting. Quinn, you see, is a huge fan of early bird specials. By 4:30pm she's hungry, and by 5pm she's letting us know it. That means dinner hits the table exceptionally early. When you couple that with a schedule that keeps me running out in the evenings to head to meetings, confirmation, or counseling sessions you get a dinner table with a lot of moving parts, literally. With that said, no matter how crazy our dinner table can get we always make an effort to give thanks together. For Quinn's sake we keep it simple saying, "Dear God, thanks for the food. Amen."

But the problem with a dinner table that's as crazy as ours is that sometimes the prayer can get lost even when you make your best attempt. Quinn was the one who pointed this out to us. A few months ago about half way through our dinner Quinn looked at Carol and I and boldly exclaimed, "I forgot to pray!" She clasped her hands and said, "Thank you, food. Amen." Apparently we had made such a habit of forgetting to pray before we ate that, "We forgot to pray" actually became part of our grace in Quinn's mind. And apparently the one who needed to be thanked was the chicken nugget sitting on her plate.

That scene got me thinking about how we treat thankfulness in our adult lives as well. I wonder, what are all the other things I'm forgetting to pray for but don't have a 2 year old to remind me? How often do I take my vehicles for granted or even complain about them because they're a decade old when I should be thanking God that I can go anywhere I want? How often do we forget that our jobs, even when they eat our time and build our stress, are opportunities for us to provide for ourselves and our families? How often do we forget to thank God for our comfortable and warm homes, for the companionship of our family

and friends, and for the daily bread we receive each day? In our modern lives it's very easy to forget to pray.

And that's only the first half of the problem. The other thing Quinn showed me was how quick we are to misplace our gratitude. She prays, "Thank you, food. Amen." And why not? It must even look like we are talking right to it when we bow our heads to give thanks! But while I know that Quinn will catch on, I do worry that we do the same thing. We sit on our couches at night to unwind in front of our 42-inch LED TVs and think, "Thank you, cable." We treat ourselves to shopping sprees and think, "Thank you, money." We misplace our thanksgiving.

But Lent, this season we are beginning, is about looking more closely at God's love for us and his will for our lives. It's about recommitting ourselves to the practices of thankfulness, charity, prayer, and good works. And God, he does not simply want us to take these things on for his sake. God does not need our gratitude or our money. God wants us to take these things on for our sake. Because just like we will more fully enjoy our dinner when we take the time to give thanks to God for it, so too we will more fully experience the abundant life Jesus lived and died to give us when we pattern our lives in that same sacrifice and thanksgiving.

So this Lent may we learn from Quinn. May we not neglect to give thanks. May we give thanks for our food, for our family, for our homes, for our world, and above all for the love of a God who stops at nothing to bring us life. And when we do give thanks, may we remember where to send it.

Dear God, thanks for everything.  
Amen.



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# Worship Notes

## *Sunday Morning Worship at 8:00am & 10:30am*

### Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday  
Imposition of Ashes  
11am & 7pm\*  
\*Communion at 7pm

### Sunday, March 9

First Sunday in Lent

### Sunday, March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

### Sunday, March 23

Third Sunday in Lent  
Discover Hope Brunch, 9:30am

### Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Communion Instruction Celebration  
at 10:30am  
Communion Instruction Reception  
at 9:30am

### Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

### Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

### Sunday, April 27

LCLC Sunday @ Hope!



### Wednesdays in Lent

March 5-April 16

11am: Community Worship and Lunch  
7pm: Evening Prayer and Communion

### Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm  
Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar  
Good Friday, April 18, 7pm  
Service of Diminishing Light

# We Remember in Our Prayers

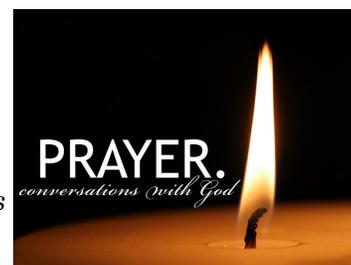
## We pray for:

Connie Madison,  
Barbara Fehringer,  
Walter Wesche,  
Darlene Armstrong,  
Matthew Nourse,  
Kimberly Cordz,  
Nichole,  
Peggy Cordz-Brown,  
Ardean Day,  
Ervin Niles,  
Shelli,  
Donna Redden,

Lisa,  
Carmon Becker,  
Kirk Crandall,  
Melissa Ackerman,  
Roger Day,  
Emily Richards,  
Sharlie Mullin,  
Brennon McCormick,  
Melanie Cole,  
Betty Babbitt,  
Virginia Fritz,  
Charlene Burfield/Gross,  
Diana Hoffman,  
Bill Hannon,

Jessie Aldrich,  
Catriona,  
Bob Zimmerman,  
Betty Whiting,  
Mary Maines,  
Bill Strobele,  
Judy Young,  
Dennis Rung,  
Donald Day,  
R.D. Knight,  
Bob Pleace,  
Hyland Day,  
Jeffrey Gellner,  
Nya Rix,

Bob Sonner,  
Baylee Burfield-Gross,  
Caleb Estes-newborn with CF,  
Vincent Nourse,  
Rodney and Karen Lons-whose home burned,  
Dick Strobele-recovering from an aneurism,  
Grace Koepnick-who has gall bladder cancer,  
and the family of Otto LaScala, especially his  
wife, Kathy, at his death.



*We pray for all those who are struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and we also pray for the victims of all forms of abuse.*

*We keep our Servicemen and women who are serving at home and overseas in our prayers, Sean Babbitt, Jason Hopkins, and Jon Winfield. Dylan Smoot is out of the Marines and will be home to attend college. We continue to remember Andy Deahn in our prayers; Andy is no longer in the military service, however he will be working as a civilian in Afghanistan.*

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

## From Jim Vitale Youth Director

I have traveled through more airports in the last few months. I have been through Albany, Buffalo, Newark, Philadelphia, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Washington D.C., Chicago, and Oklahoma City. I have flown at least four different airlines and seen more acronyms than I can remember: ORD, MSP, DIA, BUF, ALB, OKC, EWR. Some of these airports are shopping malls with planes flying in and out of them (Minneapolis, Chicago O'Hare), and some of them are simply airports with a few humble coffee shops.

The only thing more diverse than airports, airlines, and restaurants is the people that they serve. Most of the airports I have been through have been international. But even the airports that only run domestic flights are intercultural. Flying out to St. Paul, I flew on a plane with a couple dozen French-speaking children. I have flown on planes where Spanish is more prevalent than English. I have flown on planes where I was the minority.

The diversity stems beyond cultures, though. I have seen all sorts of people. Old women, young men, babies, toddlers, old gentlemen, business women, single fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, pastors, Imams, priests, rabbis, and the list goes on and on. I have interacted with a great many people, all diverse, all unique.

One experience in particular comes to mind. I was on a five-hour layover in Philly. I had just finished my Chipotle burrito and was starting to do some homework on my Mac when an older woman, dressed in middle-eastern Hijab and Abaya, approached where I was sitting. She smiled at me and said, "Do you have a charging cord for your Mac? My flight has been delayed 24 hours and my computer is about to die. I just need it for fifteen minutes." Before I could think about what I was doing, I said yes and handed over my charging cord. Now, if you know me even a little, you know that I am not in the habit of giving anything to strangers. But I felt something take control of me and, luckily, before I could think, I had lent the chord (presumably so she could go skype home). I believe that force was the Holy Spirit.

Now I know what you are thinking. So you lent a Muslim woman a charging cord. Big deal, Jim. That doesn't mean it was divine intervention. Maybe so. Let's not over glorify a simple, little action. But hear me out. In the Gospels, Jesus speaks of love constantly. One time he said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." And after his resurrection, he stated, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Clearly, we are called to love one another and we are called to spread the gospel to the rest of the world. I believe these two things are inseparable. The best way to spread the gospel is not simply to go around telling everyone about it, with a megaphone on a street corner or some such. No, the best way to spread the good news and love of Christ is through our *actions*. By helping complete strangers with kind actions not of our own doing, but the Holy Spirit's.

Lending a charging cord to someone for an hour (yes, she gave it back), is a small action and by no means worthy of praise. I'm not advocating we go out and lend our valuables to just anyone. And yet I sort of am. I am suggesting that we take risks for the sake of love, for the sake of the gospel. We don't spread God's love by sitting in our houses where it is safe, by guarding our possessions like they are the most important things we have. We spread it by going out into the world and helping complete strangers in need, by giving them whatever we can give. That is where the love of God resides.

It is not easy. Believe me I know. Some of us do not have possessions or money to give. That's just fine, because we all have time to spare and love to share. It is our actions toward one another that show how God loves us and how we love him. My prayer is that we all might have the strength to share what we have with the world. Because that is how we evangelize. Amen.

# Opportunities to Give

## Baskets of Promise

This Lent we are joining Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each week, we'll collect a different item that we will use to assemble Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Our goal is to assemble ***at least*** 25 kits this lent. To help assemble the kits please bring the following items on the designated Sundays.

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Bar of Soap (4-5oz.)  | March 9  |
| Bath Towel (~52"-27") | March 16 |
| Tooth Brushes         | March 23 |
| Combs                 | March 30 |
| Nail Clippers         | April 6  |
| More Bars of Soap     | April 13 |



## Direct Giving

*The finance and stewardship committees of Hope are pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular options. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. The new electronic giving program offers convenience for you in your spiritual practice of giving as it attempts to address the changing way we handle money today. Reoccurring debits can be tailored to your specific request in both amount and occurrence (weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, yearly, etc.)*

As Pastor mentioned in his article to open this newsletter, we have so much to be thankful for. God calls us to live lives of gratitude and thankfulness. Nowhere is that gratitude seen more clearly than in our gifts to God and our charity toward others. Everything we have is from God, and God calls us to a Biblical practice of returning it his glory and for his work in this world. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry God calls us to at Hope. Your gift allows us to worship devoutly, to pass on the faith to our children, and to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. Thank You!

## Thanks Be To God *for you!*

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

### January 2014

Kim Boldt, Scott Bley, Tim and Marcy Sonner, Vern Bliss, Lee Rhodus, & everyone who helped make the Christmas Pageant happen.

### February 2014

Mike and Tim Sonner, for their work with the Winterfest Parade  
Pastor Bob Zimmerman, for his pastoral ministry among us leading worship and caring for our homebound

# NetsFORNets—March Madness

Dear Hoops Enthusiasts at Hope:

Our church, along with other churches throughout WNY, are adding a new twist to an annual tradition. I want to invite you to add your bracket of basketball picks to the NetsForNets NCAA tournament challenge on ESPN.com. And it's all for a great cause: the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

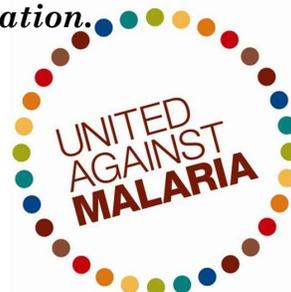
*Here is what you do:*

- 1. Go to [espn.com](http://espn.com) to the Fantasy and Games page and register yourself. You will have to set up a user name and password.*
- 2. Before Noon on March 20, you will have to submit your selections for the tournament. This can be done on the ESPN website using the username and password you registered. It might be helpful to name your bracket in a way that we might know who you are so that as the tournament unfolds we can no better who is at the top of the challenge.*
- 3. Once you have made selections you have the option of entering those picks into a "group". Our group name is NetsForNets. This will be an open group without a password.*
- 4. Finally, we are asking each person submitting a bracket to make a \$10 donation to the Malaria Campaign. Each entry equals one mosquito net. These nets will help protect people in developing countries from the mosquitos that carry this life threatening disease. In order to make your bracket "valid" in the competition, give the \$10 to Pastor or the church office and make sure they know your bracket name.*

Once the basketball tournament begins there will be lines of communication for commentary, words of encouragement, or even a bit of bragging directly on the site itself. A world with Malaria is madness – so let March Madness and NetsForNets begin.

Who wins? 1. The people who receive these nets! 2. The winner will receive the NetsForNets trophy which can be displayed at your home, office or church until next year's competition. *Invite as many from your church as you can, as it will give your church the best odds of winning.* 3. There will be another undisclosed mystery prize that might just change your life.

**Contact PS with questions or for more information.**



# Education

## Confirmation

The next confirmation class will take place on Wednesdays, May 7 & 14 from 7-8pm. Those will be the final confirmation classes of the 2013-2014 confirmation year. A make up class will be scheduled prior to those classes on a Sunday afternoon following worship in March or April. Stay tuned for more details. All sermon notes and make up assignments are do to Pastor Shawn by the Sunday before confirmation, May 11.

## Communion Instruction

On Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, their parents, and any other children interested in communion instruction will gather with Pastor Shawn from 6-6:45pm. Students will learn what communion is and why we do it. These students will celebrate their instruction and, in some cases their first communion, on Sunday, April 6 at 10:30am. Contact PS with questions.

## Animate Faith: Adult Discussion Around Matters of Faith

On the Sundays of Easter (yes, Easter is actually a season with 7 Sundays!) Pastor will be leading an adult class on matters of faith. With the help of short clips from leading theologians we will discuss God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, the Cross, the Bible, and the Church. Each topic will have a Sunday between Sunday, April 27 and Sunday, June 8. Each class will function independently, but *all* are encouraged to engage these conversations each week. (\*Classes may be shifted for congregational events including Confirmation Sunday. We will keep you posted in the church bulletin).



We have some very busy weeks coming up! In March we will have a visit from Miss Bev to talk about keeping our teeth healthy, celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and have a tea party to celebrate our grandparents. In April we will celebrate Easter, hold a Tryke-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude Children 's Hospital, and host a Krolick's barbecue to raise money for our school. We will also take time to celebrate our pets having them visit our classroom and hopefully some cold blooded critters as well. Our year will be ending before

we know it with graduation planned for May 21st!

We thank you for supporting our financial assistance program and encourage you to continue doing so. We hope that you will support the chicken barbecue as well!

**Blessings,**

Chris Kipfer, Director/ Teacher

# YOUTH activities

## Youth Group

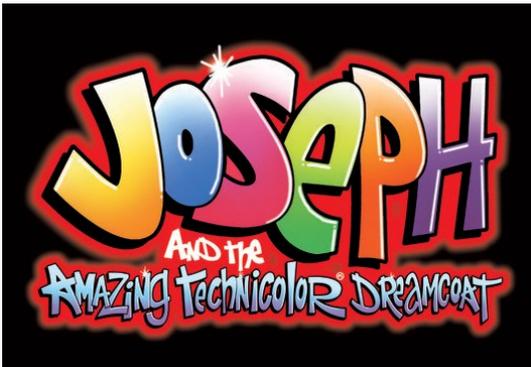
Our 6-12 grade youth will hang out after church on Sunday, March 30. Pizza will be served for lunch. Bring a buddy to worship and stick around for some fun in Jesus' name.

## Lock-In

Attention all youth grades 2-12! It's time for our annual Spring Lock-In. We will kick the night off at 6:00pm on Friday, April 25 with pizza. We will hang out at church all night with a reflection, games, and movie. Bring a snack to share, a friend, and sleeping stuff. Any parents interested in helping out for a couple hours or all night are strongly encouraged!

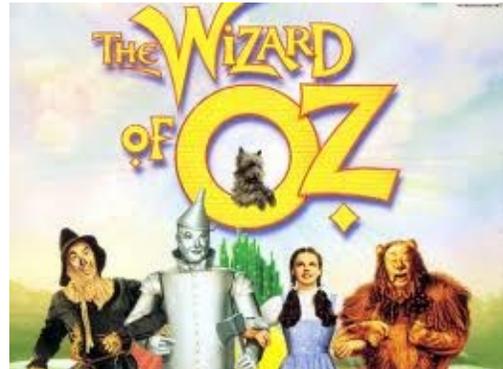
## Pioneer High School Musical

March 21st -23rd



## Pioneer Middle School Musical

May 15th & 16th



# Announcements

## Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be from 11:30-5:30pm.

## Care Givers Support Group

The next Care Givers Support Group will meet on Thursday, March 27 & Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm at Hope.

## Committee Coffee House

The next Committee Coffee House will take place on Wednesday, March 26 6:30pm. We will gather for 30 minutes before the Lenten Worship service. There will be no committee coffee house in April as we take a break for the celebration of Easter.

## Church Council

Our church council will meet at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Church Impossible

Representatives from Hope will attend the next Church Impossible session on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in East Aurora. We will gather to identify specific new areas of focus and ministry that God is calling us to.

## Discover Hope Brunch

A Discover Hope Brunch will be hosted by the Church Council and Committees of Hope on Sunday, March 23 at 9:30am. This is a wonderful way for us to celebrate God's work among us as we connect with one another. Those newer among us will be our special guests that morning as we discuss what Hope believes and how we live it out in the work of our ministry teams.

## New Website

If you haven't already, be sure to check out [www.hopearcade.org](http://www.hopearcade.org) to see Hope's new website. The website features audio of sermons, devotions, newsletters, and a great deal of information about our congregation. Contact PS if you are interested in helping manage the events and other information on the website into the future.

## Easter Brunch

Brunch will be served on Easter Sunday between both services. This is a wonderful and joyful way for us to gather with our families and church families in the good news of Jesus' resurrection. The cost is free, and donations are gratefully accepted. Brunch will be served from 9:15am-10:15am.

# Art and Spirituality Workshop Planned

*from Pastor Zimmerman*

Beginning Monday Evening, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, Hope Lutheran Church will offer a workshop to promote closer relationship to God through personal artistic endeavor. Are you artistic? Do you paint or sculpt or even just habitually doodle? Do you make things like quilts, bird houses, any thing that requires handwork? Do you want to more fully realize the relationship you have with your Christian Faith? This workshop might be just what you are looking for!

Beginning on Monday evening and continuing for a total of 6 weeks, the workshop will show how you can move closer to God through the work of your hands. Each session will offer time for instruction, and discussion. The time remaining will be dedicated to work on individual art works to be presented on the final evening. Participants who have previously taken this workshop have labeled it "Truly life changing."

We are looking for a total enrollment of 10 participants. There will be a \$10.00 fee to cover the cost of the books and materials. This workshop is for you, and it is an opportunity for you to put your spirituality first.

Pastor Bob will be on hand on Sunday mornings before the 10:30 service and afterwards to answer questions. He can be also contacted by phone at 1-716-496-5176 or by email: [hollandrev@gmail.com](mailto:hollandrev@gmail.com).



HOPE'S HAPPENINGS

Our youth packaging 10,000 meals at the WNY Lutheran Youth Organization's Annual Volleyball Marathon



Our youth with the Organic Faith Spirit Award. They received the recognition because of the Christian virtues they exemplified on and off the court.





*Hope's youth and preschool at the annual Winterfest Parade. It was a cold morning, but Hope's floats kept their love of God and neighbor RED HOT! Thanks to Mike and Tim Sonner for all their hard work.*





*Hope's youth, Helena, Kaitie & Megan enjoying downtown Arcade after the parade.*



*Hope had over 30 youth and adults jump at this year's annual trip to Sky Zone!  
Thanks to all who attended and made it such a fun event!*

| Date                    | March 2                            | March 9                         | March 16                       | March 23                          | March 30                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Acolyte 8am</i>      | Madisen Sonner<br>Anna Sonner      | Tyler Cockle<br>Evan Frazier    | Trevor Bley<br>Tyler Bley      | Emily Frazier<br>Ashley Bliss     | Damin & Eric<br>Rautenstrauch   |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Cora Blackwell<br>Payeton Burfield | Tomi Cordz<br>Anna Tavernier    | Amanda Prior<br>Kerianne Alpin | Kara Boldt<br>Evelyn Schrock      | Catherine Brown<br>Alyssa Boldt |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>      | Jim and Mary<br>Alpin              | Carol Staffehl<br>Margie Rung   | Carol Boldt<br>Barb Sonner     | Sue Dressel<br>Judy Strobele      | Jim and Mary<br>Alpin           |
| <i>HC Assistant 8am</i> | Mike Sonner, Sr.                   | Scott Bley                      | Kathryn Landahl                | Kristin Bley                      | Scott Bley                      |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Bob Vossler                        | Mark Cordz                      | Mary Songster-<br>Alpin        | Jim Vitale                        | Jen<br>Blackwell                |
| <i>Cong. Deacon 8am</i> | Joanne Offers                      | Margie Webster                  | Gary Rung                      | Margie Webster                    | Gary Rung                       |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Kathy Zielonka                     | Jerry Schuler                   | Bob Vossler                    | Sheri Landahl                     | Jim Vitale                      |
| <i>Greeters (10:30)</i> | Bob and Jodie<br>Buchhardt         | Chuck & Pam<br>Bradford         | Mike and Pat<br>Cady           | Andy and Ashley<br>Bartz          | Melissa<br>Pleace               |
| <i>Lector 8am</i>       | Kim Offers                         | Tim Sonner                      | Mike Sonner, Sr.               | Kathryn Landahl                   | Tim Sonner                      |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Sue Dressel                        | Gary Rung                       | Carol Staffehl                 | Sharlene Vossler                  | Al Boldt                        |
| <i>Prayers 8am</i>      | Scott Bley                         | Kathryn Landahl                 | Scott Bley                     | Mike Sonner, Sr.                  | Kathryn Landahl                 |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Ashley Bartz                       | Sharlene Vossler                | Kathy Zielonka                 | Mark Cordz                        | Bob Vossler                     |
| <i>Ushers (10:30)</i>   | Chuck Bradford<br>Jim Alpin        | Carol Staffehl<br>Kathy LaScala | Andy and Ashley<br>Bartz       | Missy Pleace<br>Sue Dressel       | Al Boldt<br>Dale Deahn          |
| <i>Coffee Hour</i>      | Melissa Pleace                     | Carol Boldt                     | Melissa Rhodus                 | Kacie Woodruff                    | Darla Schwab                    |
| <i>Nursery (10:30)</i>  | Jeanne Schuler                     | Diane Gibbs                     | Darla Schwab                   | Melissa Rhodus                    | Lauren Pleace                   |
|                         | <b>April 6</b>                     | <b>April 13</b>                 | <b>Easter</b>                  | <b>April 27</b>                   |                                 |
| <i>Acolyte 8am</i>      | James R.<br>Haley Celotto          | Madisen Sonner<br>Anna Sonner   | Tyler Cockle<br>Evan Frazier   | Trevor Bley<br>Tyler Bley         |                                 |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Tomi Cordz<br>Payeton Burfield     | Cora Blackwell<br>Nick Rimbey   | Kara Boldt<br>Alyssa Boldt     | Anna Tavernier<br>Catherine Brown |                                 |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>      | Carol Staffehl<br>Margie Rung      | Carol Boldt<br>Barb Sonner      | Sue Dressel<br>Judy Strobele   | Jim and Mary<br>Alpin             |                                 |
| <i>HC Assistant 8am</i> | Kathryn Landahl                    | Joanne Offers                   | Kristin Bley                   | Mike Sonner, Sr.                  |                                 |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Marcia Davies                      | Lisa Deahn                      | Jen Blackwell                  | Jeanne Schuler                    |                                 |
| <i>Cong. Deacon 8am</i> | Margie Webster                     | Gary Rung                       | Joanne Offers                  | Gary Rung                         |                                 |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Kathy Zielonka                     | Jerry Schuler                   | Bob Vossler                    | Sheri Landahl                     |                                 |
| <i>Greeters (10:30)</i> | Gary and Margie<br>Rung            | Al and Carol<br>Boldt           | Jim & Mary<br>Alpin            | Dale and Lisa<br>Deahn            |                                 |
| <i>Lector 8am</i>       | Mike Sonner, Sr.                   | Tim Sonner                      | Kathryn Landahl                | Kim Offers                        |                                 |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Jerry Schuler                      | Dale Deahn                      | Ashley Bartz                   | Carol Staffehl                    |                                 |
| <i>Prayers 8am</i>      | Judy Strobele                      | Kim Offers                      | Mike Sonner, Sr.               | Joanne Offers                     |                                 |
| <i>10:30am</i>          | Jim Vitale                         | Paul Rigerman                   | Karen Prior                    | Sandi Bennett                     |                                 |
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| <i>Coffee Hour</i>      | Kim Boldt                          | Judy Strobele                   | Easter Breakfast               | Jodie Buchhardt                   |                                 |
| <i>Nursery (10:30)</i>  | Karen Prior                        | Tracy Bliss                     | Jodie Buchhardt                | Kaitie Wood                       |                                 |



### March Birthdays!

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Ethen Warner       | 03/04 |
| Ellen Sisson       | 03/05 |
| Baylee Phetteplace | 03/06 |
| Pam Kattermann     | 03/07 |
| Linda Vaughn       | 03/07 |
| Dani VanTassel     | 03/09 |
| Hunter Tillinghast | 03/13 |
| Vern Bliss         | 03/14 |
| Jim Burns          | 03/15 |
| Adam Reinhardt     | 03/15 |
| Paul Fehringer     | 03/16 |
| Sarah Bennett      | 03/16 |
| Isabelle Wagner    | 03/18 |
| Tomi Cordz         | 03/18 |
| Leah Woodruff      | 03/18 |
| Mike Sonner        | 03/20 |
| Pat Wittenrich     | 03/20 |
| Tim Sonner         | 03/20 |
| Tyler Cockle       | 03/22 |
| Bob Landahl        | 03/23 |
| Bruce Nichols      | 03/23 |
| Luke King          | 03/24 |
| Jamie Kittleson    | 03/25 |
| Kathryn Landahl    | 03/26 |
| Ryan Merlau        | 03/27 |
| Chloe Phetteplace  | 03/27 |
| Mike Sonner, Jr.   | 03/30 |
| Anna Sonner        | 03/31 |

### March & April Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Pleace, John & Melissa   | 03/14 |
| Mattson, Margaret        | 03/17 |
| Sanders, Dennis & Marisa | 03/21 |
| Mike & Becky Sonner      | 04/08 |
| Matt & Beth Miller       | 04/23 |
| Jamie & Rachel Kittleson | 04/26 |

### April Birthdays

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Stephanie Deahn         | 4/3  |
| Quinn Hannon            | 4/3  |
| Carol Staffehl          | 4/3  |
| Brian Tavernier         | 4/3  |
| Junior Joslin           | 4/4  |
| Norman Rugg             | 4/6  |
| Madisen Sonner          | 4/8  |
| Baylee Gross            | 4/9  |
| Mike Cady               | 4/11 |
| Scott Lambert           | 4/11 |
| Tiffany Lambert         | 4/11 |
| George Winfield         | 4/13 |
| Charlene Burfield-Gross | 4/14 |
| Carol Hannon            | 4/15 |
| Peggy Place             | 4/16 |
| Dick Fuller             | 4/17 |
| Ethan Hoffman           | 4/19 |
| John Pleace             | 4/19 |
| James Rautenstrauch     | 4/19 |
| Cooper Rhodus           | 4/21 |
| Edla Reynolds           | 4/23 |
| Nick Rimbey             | 4/25 |
| Jeanne Holmes           | 4/26 |
| Barb Sonner             | 4/26 |
| Jim Vitale              | 4/26 |
| Pr. Bob Zimmerman       | 4/26 |
| Riley Bliss             | 4/27 |
| Brianna Holmes          | 4/27 |
| Barbara Maier           | 4/27 |
| Lucas Miller            | 4/27 |
| Laine Schwab            | 4/27 |
| Katelin Bennett         | 4/29 |
| Amy Burns               | 4/30 |

# ROILING THE WATERS

from Pastor Zimmerman

The title of the writing project we are preparing is “Roiling the Waters: A Caregivers to be a patient’s Guide for to being a Patients Advocate.” The word “roil” means “to stir up” or “to trouble”. You can find it in older bible translations especially in the Gospel of St. John where miracles happened when the waters of the pool at Bethsaida. To be healed however meant that the lame man in the biblical account had to make an effort to get in the pool and to that he needed an advocate to work on his behalf. The purpose of this guide book is to equip those who want to be part of a healing process. The purpose of this project is to provide direction to those who function as advocates.

Work has already begun on the draft copy but we need input from those in the care-giver’s field. Four care-givers have all ready added their contributions, but more input will be needed. It’s asked that if interested, nurses, E.M.T.s or those or who have acted on the behalf of loved ones get a copy of the outline from Pastor Bob and see what information is needed to fill the voids. Anyone who has had to deal with the intricacies of health care industry will know why it is important for friends and family to act as advocates for loved ones.

This preparation is meant to be a congregation-wide project so we need your help and encouragement. We need help especially in the field of graphic illustration. We will need help in the printing, collating and distribution of the finished project. Prayers for this project’s success are especially welcome. For more information, and a copy of what has been set down on paper thus far, contact Pastor Bob Zimmerman 716-496-5176 or [hollandrev@gmail.com](mailto:hollandrev@gmail.com)





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