



Hope Happenings

Hope Lutheran Church

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How you can help with just \$5...

Joanne Offers, Chair of Hope's Finance Committee

Stewardship is a way of living that acknowledges God's ownership of everything and God's abundant blessings to us. Practically, Stewardship is lived out in the decisions we make as we manage resources given into our care – money, time, possessions, physical health, the environment, talents, energies and attention, relationships and responsibilities at work or home or in the community.

Let me first say thank you to everyone who assists during our worship services. We have more people than ever serving in various capacities. Who would have thought, 2 years ago, that we would have a band led service with so many amazingly, talented musicians participating. Our outreach into the community has grown steadily over the years and our benevolent giving has increased by 133%. Our building is being used weekly by our many ministries and by many local organizations. This use has inspired Hope to establish a Capital Campaign "A Future with Hope" to build a community building that will serve our church and our community.

In an attempt to keep you informed as to our financial situation, I will tell you that even though we finished 2017 in the black, we are barely meeting our expenses now and that our expenses in 2018 will only be going up. In the last 8 years our membership has increased significantly due to Pastor Shawn and the awesome job he does both here and outside the church, bringing people to Hope because of the message he shares.

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March Worship Notes

8:30am: Band Led Worship

10:30am: Piano & Organ Led Worship

Sunday, March 4–
Third Sunday in Lent
Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Gospel: John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 18–
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Empty Bowls Luncheon: 11:30am
Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Gospel: John 12:20-33

Sunday, March 11–
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Communion Celebration: 10:30am

Sunday, March 25–
Palm Sunday
Youth Pancake Breakfast: 9:30am
Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Weekday Lenten Worship:

Community Services & Luncheons: 11:00am : Feb. 28, March 7, 14 , 21

Maundy Thursday: March 29 at 7:00pm

Good Friday: March 30 at 7:00pm

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EASTER

at

HOPE

**8:30AM
BAND LED
WORSHIP**

**9:30AM
EASTER
BRUNCH**

**10:30AM
ORGAN/PIANO LED
WORSHIP**

Thanks Be to God!

Cora Blackwell-

Sharing a great sermon with us on
January 28

*Al Noble, Mike, Tim & Timmy
Sonner, Paul Fehringer, Missy
Pleace & Zach Wiedemann*
Making the sanctuary renovation
happen



Tracey Wood-

For going above and beyond,
especially at the Spaghetti Dinner

*Zach Wiedemann, Kaitie Wood
& Megan Sonner-*

For helping to staff and lead the
Youth's Winter Retreat



PRAYER

In our Prayers...

*In peace, let us pray for those in our hearts
and those on our prayer list...*

*We pray for Matthew Nourse, Carmon
Becker, Sharlie Mullin, Hyland Day, Curt
Emery, Laura Bley, Myrtle Rammacher,
Pastor Bob Zimmerman, Luke Fries,
Ben, Roger Day, Dave Carr, Jeannette,
Nicole Gremmel, Paul Hammond, Greg
Kent, Shirley Doolittle, Chris
Winkleman, Jaysen Bray, , Kyler
Limburg, Trevor Collins, the Bragg
family, Sharon King, Dawn Fiegl, Howard
Wuerther, Ed Strobele, Ruth
VanSplunder, Alberta Stevenson,
Kathryn Landahl, the Slocum family, Bob
Haskins, Pat Szustakowski, Bruce
Scheider and Julie Tinguie.*

**We pray for all those who are struggling
with drug and alcohol additions 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.**

*If you know of someone that could use our
prayers, please contact the church office.*

March Events

March 1— Ladies Bible Study: 6:30pm— All ladies of Hope are invited to come for fellowship, learning and reflection.

March 4— Communion Instruction: 9:30am

March 6— Youth Group- All 6th—12th graders are welcome!

March 7— Lenten Service & Luncheon: 11:00am

March 9— Fish Fry— Join us for Hope's Famous Fish Fry from 4:30pm until sold out. See next page for opportunities to assist this event.



March 11— Communion Celebration: 10:30am— Come surround our 7 kids taking part in communion celebration with your prayers as we celebrate them while being fed ourselves.

March 12— Church Council: 6:30pm

March 13— American Red Cross Blood Drive: 11:30am-5:30am— Come give the gift of life by donating your blood at Hope.

Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm— All 6th—12th graders are welcome!



March 14— Lenten Service & Luncheon: 11:00am

March 18— Pioneer Empty Bowls Soup & Bread Luncheon: 12:00-3:00pm Join us in raising funds and awareness for world hunger. Tickets available in the church office.



March 20— Youth Group- All 6th—12th graders are welcome!

March 21— Lenten Service & Luncheon: 11:00am

March 25— Palm Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am

Youth Pancake Breakfast: 9:30am— 12:00noon

March 26— Ale House Church: 7:00pm— Join Pastor Shawn at Main Street Grille in Arcade. Raise a glass while sharing your thoughts on a topic that helps us learn about our faith and the culture around us.



March 27— Youth Group- All 6th—12th graders are welcome!

March 29— Maundy Thursday Service: 7:00pm

March 30— Good Friday Service: 7:00pm

* *There will be no committee coffee house in March.*

* *There is no Wednesday EVENING Lenten services, only Wednesday morning services as noted above.*



PIONEER EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 18
Hope Lutheran Church
12noon-3:00PM



youth pancake breakfast



SUPPORT OUR
YOUTH HEADED
TO HOUSTON

SUNDAY,
MARCH 25
9:30AM
AT HOPE



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAMOUS FISH FRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 9
4:30PM-?
\$11.00/ADULT
\$4.50/CHILD

Youth Ministry

- **Youth Group-**

Youth group is on every Tuesday night for the month of March.

- **LCLC Summer Camp**– All 3rd– 12th graders start thinking about summer camp at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. Book early to save– Early Bird registration deadline is April 1! For more information click [HERE](#) or ask the church office for a brochure.
- **Houston Fundraisers**– All Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering should be aware of the upcoming fundraisers and be able to participate in them.
 - March 25– Pancake Breakfast
 - April– Rent-A-Youth Program– sign up to a job for a member of our church
 - May 5 & 6– Trade Fair Concession Stand
 - May/June– Car Wash at Advanced Auto Parts

Opportunities To Give & Serve

- **Fish Fry**— We can always use volunteers to make the dinners run smoothly. From helping prepare food the week of to serving the night of the fish fry all volunteers are welcome. Sign— up sheets for donations and volunteer requests are posted prior to the fish fry on the shelf in the parish hall. The final fish fry will be March 9 from 4:30pm— sold out.
- **Blood Drive**— The need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life. Simply show-up or call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit www.redcrossblood.org for an appointment.
- **Empty Bowls Project**— Hope is teaming up with Bev Fehringer and Black Raven Pottery to raise funds and awareness to fight hunger through the Empty Bowls Project. Tickets are now available for \$15 (presale) or \$20 (at the door) and include a soup and bread luncheon and a hand made pottery bowl . There will also be a basket raffle. To donate baskets, soup or your time please see the sign-up sheet on the shelf in the parish hall. For tickets contact the church office.
- **LCLC Camperships**— We are expecting many of our youngsters to attend LCLC this summer for faith formation, fun and discovery. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost for our Hope families, please contact the church office.
- **Children's Church**— We are in need of adult volunteers to lead Children's Church during April and May. If you would be interested in teaching please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall.
- **Pancake Breakfast**— Our Youth our headed to Houston in June and are holding another fundraiser to help them get there. Please join them for an all-you can eat pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 25 from 9:30am-12:00noon. A sign-up sheet is located on the shelf in the parish hall for meal supplies needed for the meal if you are able to make a donation.

- **Pioneer SnackPak for Kids Program**— In Collaboration with community partners, Arcade & Delevan Elementary Schools are launching a



Snackpaks for Kids Program. Many children who receive free or reduced-price school meals are left without adequate nutrition on weekends and holiday breaks. The program is designed to fill this gap by providing healthy, kid-friendly, and easy to prepare foods to children at risk of weekend hunger. The hope in supplying food is not only to fill a hungry belly, but also to give children the focus to be ready to learn come Monday morning without the worry of hunger. To help:

- Make a cash or check donation made payable to the "Tri-County Kiwanis" and give to the church office.
- Donate suggested food items in the parish hall:

Peanut Butter (plastic jars) · Jelly (plastic jars)
Crackers · Mac-N-Cheese · Tuna Fish · Oatmeal Cereal ·
Pop Tarts · Granola Bars · Hot Chocolate Mix · Juice
Boxes (100% Juice) · Pudding Cups Ramen Noodles ·
Envelope Soup · Spaghetti-ohs Fruit Cups · Pretzels ·
Fruit Leathers (100% fruit)
Applesauce cups · Trail Mix · Raisins · Cereal Bars
Microwavable popcorn

- **Rent- A-Youth**—In April our youth be doing another fundraiser to get to Houston. If you have a project in mind that you would hire a youth for during the month of April (painting, babysitting, flowerbed clean-up, mowing, etc.) sign up on the bulletin board. Our youth will then sign-up to tackle the job. Please see PS for more info.



Rent-A-Youth

How you can help Hope with \$5

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We are being considered by National ECLA for a Vital Congregation status. That is huge in this day and age. We have had 6 men and women go onto seminary to become, or are in the process of becoming, Lutheran pastors. No other church our size can come close.

We see growth in all aspects of our church ministries as well, especially our youth. We began by sending 4 youth to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans and are sending 18 youth and 3 adults to Houston this year. More and more youth are attending LCLC each summer making life long memories. Our Vacation Bible Schools nearly tripled in attendance and volunteers last year. When my kids were growing up and were part of the youth here, they didn't have the opportunities that the kids have here today under Pastor Shawn's leadership.

We see growth in our adult ministries as well. Within in the last year and a half we have added Ale House Church, Ladies Bible Study, and Artistic Expression Classes. Our giving through new outreach programs in the last year is also growing through Ronald McDonald House, Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts and more. We are growing in such a positive way at Hope.

And while our membership and our ministries are increasing, our giving remains relatively stagnant. It costs approximately \$2800 a week to support this church and the people in it. We are averaging \$2600 a week in giving. Please remember just as your bills keep coming even when you're not home, they also keep coming here. We count on the pledges you make and the gifts you give to keep this place going.

Imagine if you will if each and every family added just \$5 a week to their giving. To our own personal budgets, that probably won't make much of an impact. That's the tip you leave at the table when you go out to dinner, the movie you rent for Saturday night, or the \$5 in gas you are currently saving at the pump. But collectively, if each and every family increased their giving by \$5, that \$5 a family could fill the gap in our budget. Some can do more, and God Bless you for that. Some can't afford even that \$5, and that's fine. But that \$5 would help to fund the ministries we are being called to do.

Our giving should be first fruit, not what's left over after you pay the bills. First fruit. You should feel it and know you are giving back to God. First fruit in thanks to God for the gifts he has bestowed on us in our talents, our families, our jobs, because we would have none of it without Him.

So think about that \$5 and what it means to you and what it could mean to the church and our future. What will you do with your \$5?



He Provides...

Julie Tingue, Ministry Coordinator

During last weeks' Ash Wednesday morning service I listened to Pastor Bob Dievendorf recount the story of God testing Abraham's faith unbeknownst to Abraham. In Genesis 22 Abraham is told to sacrifice his son, Isaac, as an offering. Just as he lifts his knife an angel appears and tells him not to lay a hand on Isaac and then a ram suddenly appears to be used as an offering in place of Isaac. Abraham called that place on the mountain top— The Lord will Provide.

When has God tested your faith? Did you know he was testing you? How did he show you that he will provide?

A little over 2 years ago my Dad, my daughter, Bailey, and I were diagnosed with a genetic condition called MEN2A— Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia. Within weeks of diagnosis my adrenal glands along with the tumors on them were removed as well as my thyroid because of cancer that was caused from MEN.

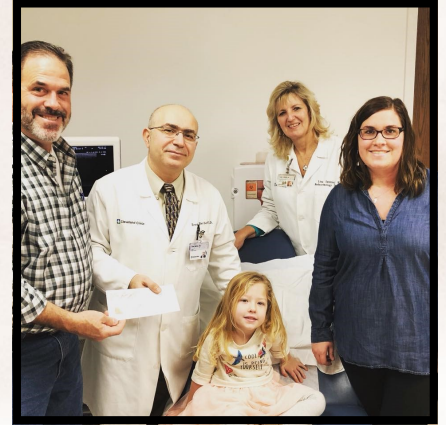
To say my faith was challenged would be an understatement. But those that walked that path with me two years ago, will tell you that the Lord blessed me in many ways during the most difficult time in my life. I would love to share with you sometime the many time's I felt God's embrace and could hear him say like Abraham did that day on the mountain top, "Here I am".

This past December during my annual MRI my medical team discovered a growth in my chest cavity that had grown since my last scan. Because of my health history and MEN diagnosis I have been advised to have the mass removed and tested to make sure tumors and cancer are not present. However my doctors and I are optimistic that the mass is just residue from my thymus gland, a gland we all have that typically shrinks and disappears as we age. *My surgery will be taking place on February 27 at Cleveland Clinic and will require 4-6 weeks of recovery at home, at which time I will be out of the office.*

Once again God has been calming my fears and providing for me in many ways leading up to this surgery. I was able to enjoy a Disney vacation in good health with my family, the people of Hope have offered in many ways to support me at home and in taking on some of my work responsibilities, my health team in New York has gone above and beyond to help me get insurance approval to go to Cleveland for my surgery and my very supportive family is ready to be my rock once again.

My sincere hope is to get back to work just as quickly as possible, while taking the right amount of time to recover and rest. My prayer is that if God tests your faith that you are able to see His hands at work to provide in your life and that you, like me, will come out stronger and have a story to share. See ya' real soon!

-Julie



Hope Preschool



We are holding an "Art in Bloom" fundraiser through March 5th. There are a variety of flower bulbs & roots, as well as seed mats, packs of seeds & hanging bag kits. Preschool receives 50% for each item sold! Please see the church office if you are interested.

On Valentines Day Pastor Shawn taught us about Ash Wednesday and we decorated cookies & enjoyed playing some Valentine games!

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.

- Mrs. Chris

Celebrating Hope

Congratulations to **Amanda Rautenstrauch** who received the honor of employee of the month in the Emergency Department at Wyoming County Community Hospital. Below is a picture of her and her fellow colleagues receiving similar honors at WCCHS's first employee awards breakfast.



Faces of Hope



Our 2nd graders get a little silly on their scavenger hunt through church during communion instruction class.

We have a talented group of performers at Hope. Plan on spending the first weekend in March celebrating the following Hopesters on the stage!

Pioneer Central High School presents...

Mary Poppins

Fri., Mar. 2 at 7pm
Sat., Mar. 3 at 7pm
Sun., Mar. 4 at 2pm

Featuring...

Helena Blackwell,
Mary Poppins
Cora Blackwell,
Miss. Andrews
Kara Boldt,
Bird Woman
Anna Sonner,
Ensemble/Dancer



A beautiful worship space and lesson during Hope's Ash Wednesday Service.

Holland Central High School presents...

Shrek the Musical

Fri., Mar. 2 at 7:30pm
Sat., Mar. 3 at 7:30pm
Sun., Mar. 4 at 2pm

Featuring...

Maddie Tavernier,
Dragon & Thelonus



Our youth enjoyed a Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner served by Arcade Girl Scouts.

Save the Date...

- April 1– Easter Sunday & Brunch:
- April 9– Church Council
- April 17– Youth Group
- April 18– Confirmation
- April 22– beCAUSE
- April 24– Youth Group
- April 25– Rend Collective Concert
Committee Coffee House
- April 29– Preschool BBQ
- April 30– Ale House Church

Thank You..



Thank you to all those who donated to our Snow Angel Coat Drive in the month of January! 7 Large Trash Bags full of coats and winter accessories were delivered to Springville's Trading Post to help keep our community members warm this winter.



We would like to extend our thanks to The Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod, John Stanley Macholz, and his wife Lin for joining us in worship on Sunday, February 18.

Birthdays...

- 6- Brent Nowak
- 8- Leah Woodruff
- 14- Vern Bliss
- 15- James Burns
- 16- Sarah Bennett
- 16- Paul Fehringer
- 18- Tomi Cordz
- 20- Michael Sonner, Sr.
- 20- Timothy Sonner
- 20- Pat Wittenrich
- 22- Tyler Cockle
- 22- Jane Kruse
- 23- Bruce Nichols
- 25- Jamie Kittleson
- 26- Kathryn Landahl
- 27- Ryan Merlau
- 30- Michael Sonner, Jr.
- 31- Anna Sonner

Anniversaries...

- 14– John & Melissa Pleace
- 21—Marisa & Dennis Sanders

Duty Roster– March

	March 4	March 11 Communion Celebration	March 18	March 25 Palm Sunday
Acolyte 8:30 am	Eric Rautenstrauch Sydney Schrock	Garrett Milks Timmy Sonner	Riley Bliss Cora Fleischman	Cole Rhodus Catherine Brown
Acolyte 10:30am	Clara Gross Gavin Hammell	Zach Rimbey Nick Rimbey	Clara Gross Gavin Hammell	Zach Rimbey Nick Rimbey
Altar Guild	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl
Assisting Minister 8 :30 am 10:30 am	Helena Blackwell Sue Dressel	Mary Alpin Pam Bradford	Margie Webster Stephen Struckmann	Tracey Wood Stephen Struckmann
AV Tech 8:30 am 10:30 am	Jim Alpin Stephen Struckmann	Cora Blackwell Stephen Struckmann	Alyssa Boldt Scott Rimbey	Madelyn Tavernier Scott Rimbey
HC Assistant 8:30am 10:30am	Jacob Offhaus Kathy LaScala	Helena Blackwell Sue Dressel	Lisa Deahn Pam Bradford	Diane Gibbs Judy Strobele
Council Rep 8:30am 10:30am	Paull Fehringer Carol Boldt	Tracey Wood Carol Boldt	Cora Blackwell Carol Boldt	Paul Fehringer Carol Boldt
Greeters (10:30)	Chuck & Pam Bradford	Bob & Jodie Buchhardt	Len & Sue Dressel	Sandi Bennett
Lector 8:30am 10:30am	Mary Alpin Paul Rigerman	Dale Deahn Al Boldt	Helena Blackwell Sue Dressel	Monica Reding Dale Deahn
Prayers 8:30 am 10:30am	Ashley Bartz Jodie Buchhardt	Jacob Offhaus Paul Rigerman	Mike Campana Sandi Bennett	Tim Sonner Chris Gross
Children's Church 8:30am 10:30am	Jenni Smith Ellen McCarthy	Ellen McCarthy Ellen McCarthy	Angie Tavernier Ellen McCarthy	Angie Tavernier Ellen McCarthy
Ushers 8:30am	Dale Deahn Terry Reding	Tim & Marcy Sonner	Janet Campana & Dale Deahn	Jim & Mary Alpin
Ushers 10:30am	Al Boldt Scott Rimbey	Kathy LaScala Carol Staffehl	Chuck & Pam Bradford	Len & Sue Dressel
Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30am	Janet Campana	Sandi Bennett	Titus Family	Youth Breakfast
Counters	Scott Bley Lisa Deahn	Mike Sonner, Jr. Anna Sonner	Mike Sonner, Jr. Anna Sonner	Brenda Schmidt John Kossow

In everything there is **hope**.

Youth Pancake Breakfast: *Sunday, March 25*

Empty Bowls Luncheon: *Sunday, March 18*

Fish Fry: *Friday, March 9*



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