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A Letter to the Church called Hope...

A Reflection from our Confirmands

At this month's confirmation class, we discussed the letters to churches in the New Testament. From Rome to Thessalonica, communities of Christians were gathering, and Paul (or someone in his name) had words of wisdom from God for each of them. That got us thinking: What does God want the Saints at Hope to hear? Our confirmands put their heads together and came up with this list.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Hope, grace and peace to you from God our Father, and from our Savior, Jesus Christ. We remember you often, and we thank you for all the ways you have supported us and nurtured us in faith. In turn, we hope that these words find you well, and that you are able to embody them, lean on them, and live them out in your own walk in the way of Jesus.



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WORSHIP NOTES

Sundays in March

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

Sunday, March 3- Transfiguration of our Lord

Reading: Exodus 34:29-35 & 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

Gospel: 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Sunday, March 10- First Sunday in Lent

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 17- Second Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 & Philippians 3:17--4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, March 24- Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9 & 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 31- Fourth Sunday in Lent

Communion Celebration

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



March Weekday Worship:

Ash Wednesday:

March 6:

11am- Community Luncheon

7pm- Evening Worship

Wednesdays:

March 6, 13, 20, 27:

11am- Community Lenten
Worship & Luncheon

We pray for Matthew Nourse, Carmon Becker, Sharlie Mullin, Curt Emery, Myrtle Rammacher, Luke Fries, Ben, Jeannette, Greg Kent, Chris Winkleman, Jaysen Bray, Kyler Limburg, Dave Carr, Paul Sanders, Betty Offhaus, Traci, Harold Staffehl, Joan Taylor, Amber Kilmer, John Kossow, Norma Siegel, Roger Day, Ron Martin, Dakota Miller, Fred Lee, Bob Vossler, Maria, Brooke Offhaus, Linda, Irene Lander, Matt Weaver, Darlene Cummings, Erin Hammell, Brian Smith, Mary Ann, Joy Ross, Cathy Washburn, Jerry Webster.

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.

In Our Prayers

A Letter to the Church cont...

- All have sinned, but God's love and forgiveness are bigger.
- Though we are forgiven and saved by God, discipleship is important.
- When we learn about God and let God's plan for us play out, we find true joy and peace. Don't give up. Not everything will be perfect, but God will work it all out.
- Let go of your fear and spread love; even when you are in the fire of the world's judgement.
- Respect each other equally. Always remember to help others. Nobody is left out of God's kingdom.
- Do not be ashamed to be a Christian. Be proud of what God has done in you.
- You are enough, yet God is always at work in you making you even better.
- Be proud of who you are. Don't try to be a person you are not. No matter who you are, God loves you. Love yourself.
- There's always hope.

We, the 2018-2019 Confirmation Class of Hope Lutheran Church write this with our own hand. The grace of Jesus be with you. The love of God overwhelm you. The Spirit of God bring you peace.

Yours in Christ,

Tyler, Ashley, Tyler, Evan, Nick, & Madisen (9th graders)

Sydney, Anna, & Alyssa (8th graders)

Catherine, Riley, Cole, Timmy, & Zach (7th graders)

**BRENT, CAROL, MADDIE,
HELENA, MIKE, MIKE,
TIM, TIM AND SCOTT**

*for sharing their gift of music
with us at our 8:30am services.*

**BETSEY CRAFT-HARRISON
& JEN BLACKWELL**

*for sharing their talents with the con-
gregation through the recent card
making night that they hosted.*

**THANKS
BE TO
GOD!**

**JD & STEPHEN
STRUCKMANN**

*for sharing their gift of music with
us at our 10:30am services.*

JOHN SCHENNE

*for turning around a set of
drawings for the new build-
ing in record time.*

EVENTS at a GLANCE

March 3

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

March 4

Ale House Church: 7pm

March 5

Quilting: 10am-2p
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm



March 6

Ash Wednesday Services:
11am & 7pm
Committee Coffee House:
6:30pm

March 10

Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am
Empty Bowls Committee Meeting: 9:30am
Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Bob: 9:30am
Communion Class: 11:30am

March 11

Church Council: 6:30pm

March 12

Quilting: 10am-2pm
YG at Holland Boys & Girls Club: 6:30-8pm

March 13

Hope Respite: 10:30am-2:30pm
Community Lenten Worship & Luncheon: 11am

March 14

Fish Fry Meal Prep: 9am-12pm
Respite Volunteer Training: 10am- 1pm
Ladies Book Club #1 at Lisa Deahn's: 7pm

March 15

Fish Fry: 4:30-Sold Out

March 15- 17

Youth Winter Retreat



March 17

Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am
Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Bob: 9:30am
Communion Class: 11:30am

March 19

Quilting: 10am-2pm
**American Red Cross
Blood Drive:**
11:30am-5:30pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm



March 20

Community Lenten Worship & Luncheon: 11am

March 21

Life Line Screening
Ladies Book Club #2 at Carol Boldt's: 7pm

March 22

Family Fun Night at Holland Boys & Girls Club:
6:30-8:30pm

March 24

Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am
Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Bob: 9:30am
Communion Class: 11:30am

March 25

Ale House Church: 7pm

March 26

Quilting: 10am-2pm
Ladies Book Club #3 at Hope: 2:30pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

March 27

Community Lenten Worship & Luncheon: 11am

March 28

Make & Take Essential Oil Project Night with Tracey Wood: 6:30pm

March 31

Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am
Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Bob: 9:30am
Communion Celebration
Confirmation: 5pm



MINISTRIES

ADULT

ALE HOUSE CHURCH

Ale House Church will take place at Main Street Grille on **March 4 & 25 at 7:00pm**. Come raise a glass, no experience necessary.

COMMITTEE COFFEE HOUSE

Church committees will have their next meeting on **Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30pm**.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION NIGHT MAKE & TAKE ESSENTIAL OILS

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30pm

Join Tracey Wood and friend as they share their experience with Essential Oils. For \$15 you will be able to make-and-take 4 items made from popular essential oils including: foaming hand soap, linen spray, stress away roller and sugar scrub. RSVP is requested: Sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office.

SINGERS WELCOME

The Annual Pioneer Association of Churches (PAC) Palm Sunday Cantata will take place on Sunday, April 14 at 3pm at St. Mary's Church in Arcade. If you would like to sing in this special event during the Lenten Season

you are welcome to attend rehearsals. They will take place every Sunday starting March 3 until April 7 from 2-4pm at St. Mary's, Arcade. All are welcome to join this ecumenical offering to our community

LIFE LINE SCREEING

Life Line Screening will be offering a preventative health event at Hope on **March 21**. Five types of scans will be offered. \$10 discounts are available. To register call 1-888-653-6441. Contact Carol Boldt for more information.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS

Tuesdays

6:30-8:00pm

Special Youth Group Night on March 12 at the Holland Boys & Girls Club for all Middle and High Schoolers. Meet at 6pm for a ride at Hope, otherwise meet there.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, March 31

5-7pm

Confirmation Sunday: May 5

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Our 7th- 12th graders are invited to attend a winter retreat March 15-17 at Camp Pioneer in Angola, NY. Pastor Shawn and our college students will lead the retreat. Cost: \$75 per youth. If your family needs financial assistance with this trip, please see Pastor.

Participants **MUST** fill out the online registration [HERE](#).

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, March 22

6:30-8:30pm at Holland Boys & Girls Club
ALL ages are welcome, bring your friends!
Pizza is included and there is no charge to attend.

family **FUN** night

COMMUNION CELEBRATION:

Sunday, March 31

Come surround our 5 kids taking part in communion celebration with your prayers as we celebrate them while being fed ourselves.

HOPE GIVES: *Lenten Discipline*

Hope's Outreach Committee would like you to consider adding Almsgiving this year to your Lenten journey. We are asking you to support the below local and regional charities in March.

Each week during lent we will be suggesting items that these charities are most in need of and will ask you to bring those items on the corresponding Sunday.

Whether you are fasting, giving something up or doing something extra for Lent in your attempts to re-focus yourself on God and his ways we pray that you will fully immerse yourselves in the season so that you will be better able to rejoice on Easter Sunday!

Week #1: March 10:

Deodorant, Adult Socks and Can Openers for Friends of Night People

Friends of Night People is a charitable organization that helps the poor, homeless and destitute in Buffalo. They provide food, clothing, medical care, counseling and hope to those experiencing homelessness and poverty in the community 365 days a year. Their clothing closet is always looking for donations of clothing (consider this the next time you clean out your closet) and toiletry items but is specifically in need of adult socks and men and women's deodorant. They are also in need of can openers to give out with canned food at their food pantry, as many of their patrons are without this simple kitchen gadget that we so often take for granted.



**Friends of
Night People**

Week #2: March 17:

Juice Boxes & Paper Products (plates, paper towels, napkins, cups etc.) for Boys & Girls Club of Holland

The Holland Boys & Girls Clubs provide kids and teens a safe place to develop essential skills, make lasting connections and have fun. Offering things like afterschool programs, sport leagues, leadership programs and life skills it is a great service for the Holland and surrounding communities. They are currently in need of markers and crayons for their programming.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF HOLLAND, NY**

Week #3: March 24:

New Book Bags for G.A. Family Services

G.A Family Services is a Lutheran based organization with locations in Holland, Jamestown and West Seneca that provides services for at-risk youth and their families including a residential and group home level of care, education programs, therapeutic foster care, traditional foster care, and preventative services. Book Bags are especially useful for children in the foster care program as they are used often when going to visit their parents.



G.A. FAMILY SERVICES

Week #4: March 31:

K-Cups for Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western New York (RMHC of WNY) keeps families with sick/injured children together and near the care and resources they need. The Buffalo Ronald McDonald House provides a home environment of comfort and support, keeping families of seriously ill or injured children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals, together. They are currently in need of K-Cups for the residents to enjoy coffee on the go while staying at the house.



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities***
of Western New York

OPPORTUNITIES

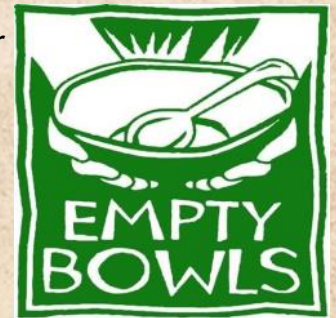
to Give & Serve

FISH FRY: Our final Fish Fry of the season will be held here on Friday, March 15th. Dine in or take out, 4:30pm- sold out. There are sign-up sheets on the SHELF for those who are able to help and for donations of food or the cost of food.

HOPE RESPITE TRAINING: Join the fun! Become a trained volunteer for Hope's popular Respite Program! The training involves an overview of dementia, a simulation training and, expectations and an understanding of what the respite program entails. The next training will be at Hope on Thursday, March 14 from 10am-1pm. Trained volunteers are welcome to attend Hope Respite as often/or as little as their schedule allows. Volunteers of all types are welcome- one-on-one buddies, cooks, activity helpers, etc.

EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER: Plans are in the making for the 3rd Annual Empty Bowls Soup & Bread Luncheon on April 14 at 11:30am. Guests come to the event and purchase a hand-made pottery bowl and enjoy soups of different kinds during the Luncheon and then get to take home their bowl. The event raises awareness of hunger with 100% of funds going to support local, national and international hunger efforts. There are several ways, in addition to attending, that you can offer assistance for this event:

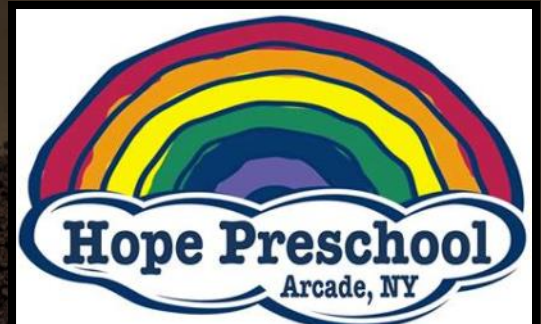
- ◆ **Make Soup:** Sign-up to bring your favorite Soup to the event. All kinds welcome, please sign-up on the shelf. *If your soup includes beans, lentils or split peas Jen Blackwell (716-361-8472) has several donations of these items she would be willing to give you.*
- ◆ **Basket Raffle Donation:** We have an exciting basket raffle in collaboration with this event that also benefits hunger efforts. Baskets can be dropped off in Julie's office any time from now until the event.
- ◆ **Volunteer:** Wash dishes, assist with the basket raffle, serve soup, serve drinks, etc. There will be lots to do and many hands needed for a successful event! A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the shelf.



HOPE PRESCHOOL

We welcomed a new friend to our class on February 27th, Luca. He had a great first day and fits right in! Our friends did a great job of welcoming him and helping him learn about our classroom. We are now accepting registrations for next year, so please share that joy with anyone you know who has a preschooler!

We are starting to prepare our kiddos for Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. Of course St. Patrick's Day is in that mix and we always hope for a visit from the leprechauns. Thank you to those who sent in chocolate gold! At the end of March we will celebrate our families with our annual Tea Party.



PRESCHOOL WISH LIST ITEM OF THE MONTH:
SPRING & SUMMER SILK FLOWERS, SILK BUTTERFLIES
and anything else you think would look pretty on our tea party hats!

HOPE happenings



Our Valentine cards turned out great! This was a creative evening planned and taught by Betsey & Jen!



Our Sprouting Hope kids learned a lot about love this month during their time together during worship!



Valentine's Day Cards, Bingo and Pictionary were hits during this month's Respite Program. A special thank you for the many stuffed animal donations we received for Bingo prizes.



Also a special thank you to Arcade McDonalds for their donation of lunch for this month's program.

HOPE *happenings*



Hope's first Fish Fry of the year raised \$1,450 to install high speed communications at Hope. Thank you to our volunteers and to those who made donations and came out to enjoy the fish fry!

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Youth Group Fun in February!

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A tasty meal was prepared by our Ladies of Hope Book Club for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in February.



Valentine's Day Games & Lessons with Mrs. Osgood during Preschool!



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays...

6- Brent Nowak
8- Leah Woodruff
14- Vern Bliss
15- James Burns
16- Sarah Bennett
16- Paul Fehring
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

Musicals...

Support our Youth in
upcoming theater
productions in the area...



**Holland Central Schools
Present:**

Mamma Mia!

Fri., March 1 @ 7:30pm

Sat., March 2 @ 7:30pm

Sun., March 3 @ 2:00pm

*Please note this is a PG-13
presentation.

**Pioneer Central Schools
Present:**

Curtains!

Fri., March 8 @ 7pm

Sat., March 9 @ 7pm

Sun., March 10 @ 2pm

SAVE the DATE...

April 3 & 10: Lenten Community Worship & Luncheon

April 4: Friends of Night People Volunteering

April 7 & 14: Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Bob

April 8: Church Council

April 10: Respite

April 14: Empty Bowls Fundraiser

April 14: Holy Baptism of Jesse Lambert

April 14: Confirmation Class

April 14: Palm Sunday

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service

April 19: Good Friday Service

April 21: Easter Sunday

April 29: Ale House Church

May 5: Confirmation Sunday

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Acolyte 8:30 am	Cecilia Titus	Cody Smith	McKenna Smith	MaKenna Krist	Garrett Milks
Acolyte 10:30am	Kristofer Burfield	Gavin Hammell	Kole Hammell	Kristofer Burfield	Gavin Hammell
Altar Guild	Mary Songster-Alpin Carol Boldt	Tracey Wood Margie Rung	Cindy Struckmann Sue Dressel	Ellen McCarthy Carol Staffehl	Diane Gibbs Margie Rung
Assisting Minister 8:30 am 10:30 am	Mary Songster-Alpin Sue Farris	Maddie Tavernier Sue Dressel	Tracey Wood Stephen Struckmann	Bob Dievendorf Bob Vossler	Margie Webster Stephen Struckmann
AV Tech 8:30 am 10:30 am	Cora Blackwell Cindy Struckmann	Angie Tavernier Stephen Struckmann	Jim Alpin Cindy Struckmann	Alyssa Boldt Stephen Struckmann	Tyler Cockle Cindy Struckmann
HC Assistant 8:30am	Jim Alpin Jacob Offhaus Alyssa Boldt	Tyler Bley Trevor Bley Jenni Smith	Brian Tavernier Kristen Bley Paul Fehringer	Kara Boldt Lisa Deahn Anna Sonner	Diane Gibbs Megan Titus Mary Songster-Alpin
HC Assistant 10:30am	Rachel Kittleson Bob Vossler Carol Boldt	Kathy LaScala Gary Rung Brenda Schmidt	Carol Boldt Sue Farris Jodie Buchhardt	Sharlene Vossler Len Dressel Payeton Burfield	Bob Vossler Kathy LaScala Rachel Kittleson
Greeters 8:30am	Beverly Hallock	Jim & Mary Alpin	Amy Thomson	Brian Tavernier	Betsey Harrison
Greeters 10:30am	Bob & Sharlene Vossler	Brenda Schmidt	Sandy Ashworth	Bob & Jodie Buchhardt	Al & Carol Boldt
Lector 8:30am 10:30am	Tracey Wood Al Boldt	Ashley Bartz Paul Rigerman	Julie Tingue Carol Staffehl	Trevor Bley Cindy Struckmann	Brian Tavernier Sue Farris
Prayers 8:30 am 10:30 am	Jen Blackwell Jodie Buchhardt	Bob Dievendorf Al Boldt	Dale Deahn Sue Dressel	Angie Tavernier Paul Rigerman	Julie Tingue Sandi Bennett
Children's Church 8:30am 10:30am	Ashley Bartz Ellen McCarthy	Julie Tingue Julie Tingue	Jenni Smith Julie Tingue	Margie Webster Ellen McCarthy	Margie Webster Ellen McCarthy
Ushers 8:30am	Tyler & Trevor Bley	Margie Webster Betsey Harrison	Andy & Ashley Bartz	Dale Deahn Terry Reding	Janet Campana Missy Pleafce
Ushers 10:30 am	Len & Sue Dressel	Sandi Bennett Carol Staffehl	Al Boldt Bob Vossler	Kathy LaScala Sue Farris	Bob & Jodie Buchhardt
Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30am	Missy Pleafce	Jodie Buchhardt	Ellen McCarthy	Brenda Schmidt Sandy Ashworth Dorothy Rasmusson	Kim Boldt
Counters	Scott Bley	Mike Sonner Anna Sonner	Mike Sonner Anna Sonner	John Kossow	Rachel Kittleson Jamie Kittleson

In everything there is hope.

A graphic with a purple and blue background. On the left is a circular logo with a white cross and the text "Season of Lent" above it. To the right of the logo is a white box containing the text "@HopeArcade". The main text on the right is arranged in three sections, each separated by a horizontal line. The top section reads "Wednesday Services" in large white letters, with "March 6-April 10" and "11am followed by Community Luncheon" in smaller white letters above it. The middle section reads "Sunday Services" in large white letters, with "8:30am & 10:30am" in smaller white letters above it. The bottom section reads "Ash Wednesday" in large white letters, with "March 6 - Services at 11am & 7pm" in smaller white letters above it.

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