

Hope's Happenings

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From Pastor Shawn

Burnout. It's cool when it's a car. It's expected when it's a candle. But, boy, is it a bummer when it happens to us. We all know what leads to it. It comes from a significant amount of work with very little reward. It comes when we feel like we are all alone, and we are not in control of our situation. It comes when monotony is relentless, when work seems to never end, and when progress is difficult to measure.

And it can happen in any aspect of our lives, even in our faith life.

I know it has happened to me. I've gotten into the grind of church work so much that I go to pray or to pick up the Bible and can't remember the last time I did either of those things for personal use. And suddenly what used to be the most life giving part of my life operates like an appendix. It's just there, but not really essential anymore. It's in those times that I recognize my personal need for renewal.

Perhaps it's because the weather is threatening to turn toward spring (yes, I know I'm being optimistic), but I compare it to rotating crops. Farmers long ago realized that growing the same crop on the same piece of land year after year after year resulted in diminishing harvests. They realized two things were happening. First, they were sucking the nutrients out of the soil without giving them an opportunity to replenish themselves. Second, they were giving insects and disease opportunity to inhabit the same ground with an endless food source.

At times, that is what we do with our faith. We repeat the same motions over and over again until they've lost their intentionality. Additionally, like insects looking for their next meal, our faith becomes susceptible to bad habits. We don't lose our faith all at once, but slowly watch it diminish over time.

We risk spiritual burnout, and we need spiritual renewal. Enter Lent.

This March we will all again be entering a season of the church year called Lent. For many this season is about discipline. For others, about sacrifice. But for those of us who are feeling tired or maybe even bored (if you'll allow me to say that) with our faith, may this season be about renewal. May we trade in the relentless monotony for a reLENTless faith that again brings us life.

The prophet Isaiah promises renewal. He wrote, "Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not fall" (40:30-1).

This Lent may that promise be ours. May that renewal of strength manifest itself in us. But may we remember, the ground won't replenish its nutrients until the crops are rotated. Enter this Lent intentionally. Look for God in new places. Practice your faith in new ways. And as you do, may you experience what it's like to mount up with wings like eagles.

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Worship Notes

Sundays, 8am & 10:30am

8am: Worship Band led Liturgy
10:30am: Piano/Organ led Liturgy

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday
11am—Worship followed by lunch
7pm — Evening prayer

Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29

Mid- Week Lenten Worship
11am—Worship followed by lunch
7pm — Evening prayer

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, April 2

First Communion Instruction Celebration
10:30am
Reception Following

Wednesday, April 5

Mid- Week Lenten Worship
11am—Worship followed by lunch
7pm — Evening prayer

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday
Worship at 8am & 10:30am
Community Cantata at St. Mary's 3:00pm

Holy Week:

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday
7pm Worship at Hope

Friday, April 14

12-3pm Good Friday Worship at Arcade UCC
Come When you Can, Leave when you must
7pm Good Friday Service of Darkness at Hope

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday
Worship at 8am & 10:30am
Sunday Brunch— between services

Lent



Sunday, April 23

Camp Sunday
Special Music & Message at 8am & 10:30am

We Remember In Our Prayers



Matthew Nourse,
 Carmon Becker,
 Roger Day, Sharlie
 Mullin, Hyland
 Day, Curt Emery,
 Laura Bley, Mat-
 thew McGuinness,
 Irene Gick, Myrtle

Rammacher, Pastor
 Bob Zimmerman,
 Dave, Irene
 Eichinger, Shirley
 Spencer, Bricen
 Thall, Isabelle Wag-
 ner, Linda
 Vaughan, Luke

Fries, Barb Evans,
 John Rung, Bill
 Strobele, Marilyn
 Bley, Karen Beiers-
 dorf, Becky Smith,
 Kathy Washburn,
 and Margie Webster

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 continue to keep our Servicemen and women who are serving at home and overseas in our prayers.

Thanks Be to God for YOU!

January 2017

Alasdair McCarthy & Family, for leading a winter clothing drive for the homeless
Joanne Offers, for four years of service as Church Council Vice President

February 2017

Tim Sonner, for Christmas woodwork in the sanctuary
Bob Buchhardt & Scott Rimbey, for securing pews in the sanctuary
Winterfest Crew (Outreach & Hospitality Committees, Mike Sonner, Pack 627, Emily Prior), for representing Hope during Arcade's Winterfest



From Julie Tingue *Interim Ministry Coordinator*

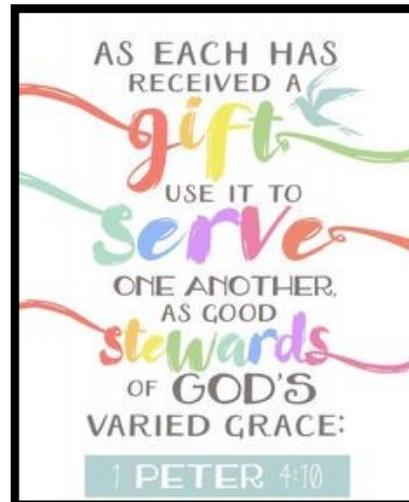
I can remember in my college communication class doing mock job interviews to prepare for a career after college. One of those questions that has stuck with me to this day is "What are your greatest strengths?" And every job interview I have ever had I was always prepared with that sales pitch answer that would help me land the job in question.

Have you ever thought about how this question can relate to your faith or your role at Hope? In First Peter, Chapter 4, the Apostle Peter talks about being good stewards of God's Grace. He tells the people of the church to serve one another as good stewards with the gifts they have been given.

What do you think are the gifts that God has given you that you can use to glorify him? Is it your vocal talents, your ability to teach, your ability to bake, volunteer? Do we utilize all your talents, strengths and gifts at Hope or can we do better? Are there programs we can be doing at Hope to develop your gifts or strengthen your faith? These are all questions I am pondering as the Interim Ministry Coordinator at Hope.

In my new role I have been tasked to coordinate the ministries of our church. This includes everything from youth outings to service projects. What things do YOU want to see us doing as a church to serve our community, strengthen our faith and develop our leaders? If there is a new ministry you want to start at Hope, let me know. We have some new and exciting events planned in the coming months that allow our members to share their special gifts. Make sure to check out all the announcements and upcoming events in this newsletter and get involved!

You can find me in my office at Hope on Tuesdays & Thursdays. I would be happy to sit down with you and ask, "What are your gifts? and How can we use them to serve each other?"



Blast From the Past



*Our featured throwback this month:
Back to the beginning: Sunday Morning Service while Hope is being constructed.*

If you have an old photo or memory that you'd like to share in the next Hope's Happenings please email Julie: Julie@hopearcade.org

A Future with Hope Update



"When we formed Hope in 1961, my wife and I were hoping to create a place where we could join our neighbors in living out our faith and raising our children to be capable, responsible and upright adults. As I consider this capital campaign and the prospect of adding on to our building, it occurs to me that as members of Hope, we are at the same place my fellow charter members and I were at so many years ago. A decision point. Do we build here in Arcade for our community and our families, or not? We heard God calling us to form Hope, and so we did. Thank God. And I hear God calling us in much the same way today for our community, for our families, for our children, and for our future."

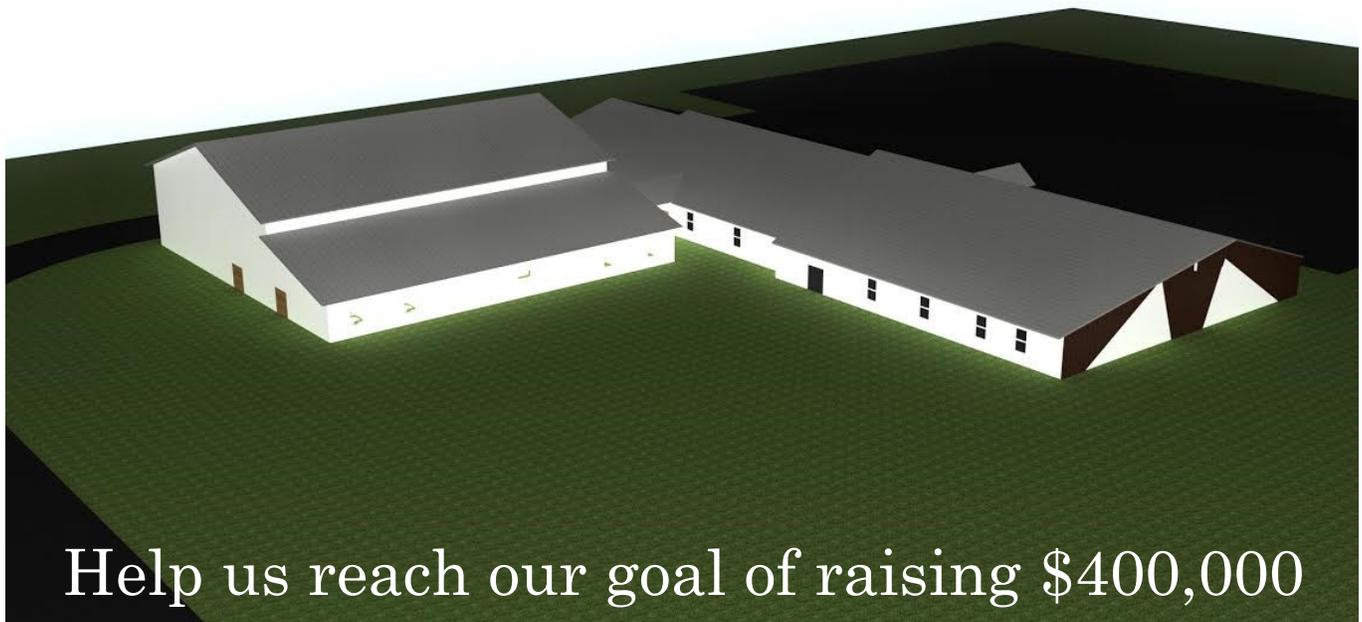
—Robert Vossler,

Hope Lutheran Charter Member, 1961

Hope Council President, 2016-present

Starting this month Hope's Future with Hope committee is beginning to meet with church and community members sharing information about how you can help build the A Future with Hope Community and Ministry Center. This spring we will have several fundraisers for the cause that you will not want to miss! As always, thank you for your help meeting needs, forming faith, and celebrating life.

For more information speak to our committee members: Bob Vossler, Brian Tavernier, Scott Bley, Kim Boldt, Tracy Bliss, Margie Webster, John Kossow, Lee Rhodus, Anna Sonner, and Pastor Shawn.



Help us reach our goal of raising \$400,000

Opportunities to Give & Serve

Worship Leader Training

On **Sunday, March 5th at 9:30am**, Hope's Church Council is hosting a special coffee hour regarding the Sunday morning worship roles. All current worship leaders (lectors, prayer leaders, ushers, etc.) and those interested in learning more are strongly encouraged to attend. Please don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn about worship leadership, and discover how you can get involved.



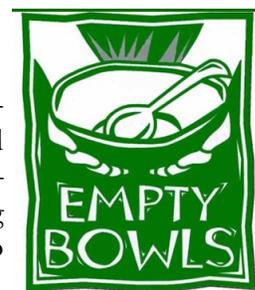
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fish Fry!

Come on out and enjoy the best fish fry in town on Fridays, **March 10 & April 7**. Each Fish Fry will support an important ministry of Hope, and there is no better way to enjoy a meal than by supporting a great cause. We can always use all hands on deck to make the dinners run smoothly. Sign up sheets for donation and volunteer requests are posted prior to the fish fry on the shelf in the parish hall.

Empty Bowls Project

Hope is teaming up with Bev Fehringer & Black Raven Pottery to raise funds and awareness to fight hunger through the Empty Bowls Project. Tickets include a soup and bread luncheon and a hand-crafted pottery bowl on Sat., **March 25th 11am-2pm** at Hope. Pre-sale tickets are \$15, at the door \$20. They will be having a Chinese Basket Auction during the luncheon. All donations of baskets would be greatly appreciated and may be brought to the church office at any time.



Lego Donation

The Arcade Elementary School Latch-Key program is looking for donations of new and used legos. Donations can be dropped off in the church office at any time. Kathy LaScala has already gotten our collection growing, please consider "building" on her gift!

Cooks for Kids at the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo

In April our youth be cooking dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald house in Buffalo. There are several ways you can help us with this event.

- **Donate Food Items**— Soon our youth will be deciding on a menu for their buffet style dinner that they will cook on site. Stay tuned for a sign-up sheet requesting the food items we will need to prepare the meal.
- **Pop-Tabs**— The aluminum in the "pop" tab is the most valuable part of the can. You can recycle and give at the same time! The Ronald McDonald House take donations of pop tabs and uses the money to support their home in Buffalo.
- **Donate to the House Wish-List**— When you donate items to the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo, you are helping to make families as comfortable as possible as they deal with the stress of having a sick child being treated far from home. When we visit the house we would like to also take donations for some of their most needed items. A full list of their needs can be found [HERE](#). Some suggested items include: Paper towels, freezer bags, air fresheners, bottled water, K-cups, Saran Wrap & Foil, pot holders, unscented dryer sheets, Clorox liquid bleach, etc.



Announcements:

Ale House Church

We will gather for discussion and cocktails at Main Street Grille on the last Monday of the month— **March 27 at 7:00pm**. Come raise a glass while you share your thoughts. All are welcome... no experience necessary!

Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, March 14** from **11:30-5:30pm**. Please drop by to donate or to volunteer!



Care Givers Support Group

Care Givers Support Group will meet on the last Thursday of the month, **March 30 at 6:30pm**. We gather to care for those who care for others, to listen, and to share both our experience and our support. If you know of anyone that could benefit from this group please reach out to Bob Vossler.

Church Council

Church Council will meet **March 13 & April 10 at 6:30pm**. If you have anything you'd like Church Council to be aware of or discuss, please let PS or Bob Vossler (716-496-8967) know.



Committee Coffee House

Upcoming Committee Coffee House meetings will take place on Wednesday, **March 29 & April 26 at 6:30pm**.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

Hope is hosting a CPR, AED & First Aid training for its staff. There are 5 open spots for others to join us for the training. The 2 year certification is through the American Heart Association and will be taught by Hope's very own Kathy Landahl. The cost is \$25 and will be held on a Saturday in March or April from 2-6pm. Stay tuned for details.



Fish Fry

Hope's next Fish Fry is set for Friday, **March 10**. We will begin serving at 4:30pm (until sold out). Meals are \$10.50 for adults and \$4.50 for kids and come with dessert and a drink. Come on out to eat, serve, or enjoy the company! Tell your neighbors!

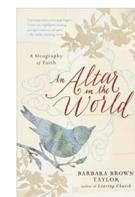


Indoor Archery Afternoon

Terry & Monica Reding have invited all archery enthusiasts to their home in Warsaw on Saturday, **March 11 at 2:00pm** for indoor target practice and fellowship.

Ladies Bible Study & Book Club

Calling all ladies of faith for a time of reflection and learning on a monthly basis. Our first get-together will be at Julie Tingué's home in Delevan on **March 30 at 6:30pm**. The cost will be \$10 and will cover the cost of the book "An Alter in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. The hope is to meet monthly and rotate homes amongst interested ladies in the group.



Paint Night

Judy Strobele will be leading a paint night on Thursday, **March 16** at Hope at **6:30pm**. Cost is \$10 to participate and covers the cost of materials. If you have your own brushes or paint bring them along!



To stay informed and involved visit our Hope Happenings bulletin board for more opportunities to serve, or to sign-up for our ministry activities.



Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on Tuesday nights in March from 6:30-8:30pm. We will gather for an evening of checking in, having fun, and digging into our faith.

Get Air

The youth are headed to Get Air in Buffalo, an indoor trampoline park on Tuesday, **March 28** from 5:30-7:30pm. The cost is \$20/person. Financial assistance is available upon request. Anyone is welcome to attend this evening of fun! We do request 4th graders and under bring a parent along. Transportation and supervision will be available for 5-12th graders. We will be leaving the Church at 4:15pm. Please sign up on the Hope Happenings Bulletin Board.

Looking Ahead...

Cooks for Kids

Our youth ages 14 and up are invited to cook and serve dinner to families at the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo on **Monday, April 17**. We are limited to 8 youth, so sign up soon! Stay tuned for more details.

6th-12th Grade Lock-In

On Friday, April 21 our 6th-12th grade youth are invited to spend the night at church for our Spring Lock-In. Bring a friend and a snack to share. We will start with pizza at 7pm. Pick-up time will be 8am on Saturday April 22.

Weekly Emails

Are you getting our weekly **Hope Happenings** emails? Email Julie Tingue at julie@hopearcade.org with your name and email address to make sure that you get the latest news and information about the ministries here at Hope.

Christian Education

First Sunday

On the first Sunday of the month Sandi Bennett will lead a special lesson and activity for all Sunday School aged children.

March Sunday School

For the month of March Sunday School will be hosted by Pastor Shawn and will include all ages. Get ready to get colorful and creative while learning about the Lenten season.

Communion Instruction

Attention 2nd graders and those interested in communion instruction. Classes are set for 6:00 on Wednesdays **March 15, 22, & 29**. We will paint chalices following 10:30am worship on Sunday, **March 19**. Communion Celebration will take place on Sunday, **April 2 at 10:30am**. All classes are for children and their parents. *This years second graders include: Connor Fleischman, Kristofer Burfield, Cooper Rhodus, Mason Miller, Trey Monin, Isaiah Carter, Camden Felber, Raelyn Tingue.*

Looking Ahead...

Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes will take place **April 19, May 3 and May 17**. Confirmation Sunday is **May 21**.

Hope Preschool



From Director, Ms. Chris

We have gotten out to play a few times this winter and look forward to more days if the snow comes back! We will be very busy over the next 3 months with our annual St. Patrick's Day & Easter celebrations, grandparents tea party, visits from Beaver Meadow with cold-blooded critters, and Cattaraugus County Public Health to talk about tooth brushing. All of these festivities will culminate with our graduation on Wednesday May 24th!

We anticipate your support at our Krolick's BBQ at the end of April. Please continue to help us keep our tuition costs down by supporting our fundraisers. You can also help a child less fortunate attend Hope by donating to our tuition assistance program.

← Our students enjoy weekly outdoor play time, especially when Ms. Julie lets them bury her in the snow!

Celebrating Valentines Day with games, treats and friends. →



Hope is Happening!!!



Valentine's Day Dinner sponsored by Holland Kiwanis, served by the Girl Scouts, and hosted at Hope!

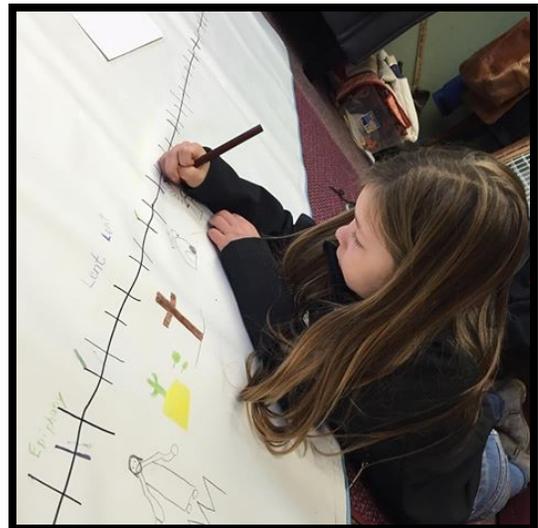
February's confirmation topic was "Daily Bread." Thanks to Black Raven Pottery we spent the class making bowls and discussing how we can make an impact helping God's daily bread get around. What a night!





Open the eyes of my ♥ Lord!
What a fun first Sunday craft.
Thanks to Ms. Tracey Wood !!

Cora, a 4th grader, learned all about the church year in January. The church year begins 4 weeks before Christmas every year with the season of Advent and goes through the time after Pentecost.



How do you remember your baptism? Great youth retreat in January at Splash Lagoon. Many thanks to our sponsors.

March Celebrations!

Birthdays

6— Baylee Phetteplace

16—Paul Fehringer

23—Bob Landahl

7— Pamela Kattermann

18— Tomi Cordz

23—Bruce Nichols

7— Cathryn Kovacs

18— Isabelle Wagner

24—Luke King

7—Linda Vaughn

20—Ellie Edwards

25—Jamie Kittleson

8— Leah Woodruff

20— Michael Sonner, Sr.

26—Kathryn Landahl

13— Hunter Tillinghast

20— Timothy Sonner

27— Ryan Merlau

14— Vern Bliss

20— Pat Wittenrich

27— Chloe Phetteplace

15— James Burns

22— Tyler Cockle

30— Michael Sonner, Jr.

15— Adam Reinhardt

22— Jane Kruse

31— Anna Sonner

16— Sarah Bennett

Anniversaries

14— Melissa & John Pleace

21—Marisa & Dennis Sanders

Contact Information Update

We are working on updating Hope's Church Directory!
Help us to make sure your contact information is correct!

Here is how you can check your info:

- Stop by the office and view the current directory
- Download the Church Directory App on your smart phone!
You can view our current directory from your iPhone, iPad, Android or Kindle Fire by downloading the free Members App. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" in the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Amazon Appstore, or click here: <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app>. You sign-in using your email address that we have on file.



We are looking forward to taking updated pictures of our Hope family this Spring. Stay tuned for more details!

Contact Julie Tingue with edits or questions!

Duty Roster

Date	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Acolyte 8am	Catherine Brown Haley Celotto	Timmy Sonner Cole Rhodus	Riley Bliss Sydney Schrock	Garrett Milks Eric Rautenstrauch
10:30am	Anna Tavernier Grace Tavernier	Clara Gross Gavin Hammell	Alyssa Boldt	Anna Tavernier Zach Rimbey
Altar Guild	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Carol Boldt	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Jim and Mary Alpin
AV Tech 8 am	Cora Blackwell	Trevor Bley	Cora Blackwell	Trevor Bley
10:30 am	Norman Rugg	Alyssa Boldt	Brad Schrock	Norman Rugg
HC Assistant 8am	Margie Webster	Scott Bley	Kristin Bley	Margie Webster
10:30am	Marcia Davies	Bob Vossler	Sue Dressel	Lisa Deahn
Council Rep 8am	Jim Alpin	Kaitie Wood	Paul Fehringer	Jen Blackwell
10:30am	Bob Vossler	Rachel Kittleson	Carol Boldt	Bob Vossler
Greeters (10:30)	Melissa Pleace	Julie Tingue	Bob & Jodie Buchhardt	Kathy LaScala
Lector 8am	Mary Alpin	Monica Reding	Tim Sonner	Kaitie Wood
10:30am	Sharlene Vossler	Sue Dressel	Julie Tingue	Dale Deahn
Prayers 8am	Carol Hannon	Paul Rigerman	Margie Webster	Kaitie Wood
10:30 am	Sue Dressel	Al Boldt	Sandi Bennett	Bob Vossler
Ushers (10:30)	Al Boldt Dale Deahn	Len Dressel Sue Dressel	Kathy LaScala	Melissa Pleace Lauren Pleace
Coffee Hour	Margie Rung	Carol Boldt	Pam Bradford	Diane Gibbs

Worship Leaders Needed for April

Help us fill our duty roster for April by signing up to be a worship leader!

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Let Margie or Carol in the church office know if you would be interested in serving Hope in any capacity on Sunday mornings!



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SUNDAY
Christ Is Risen!



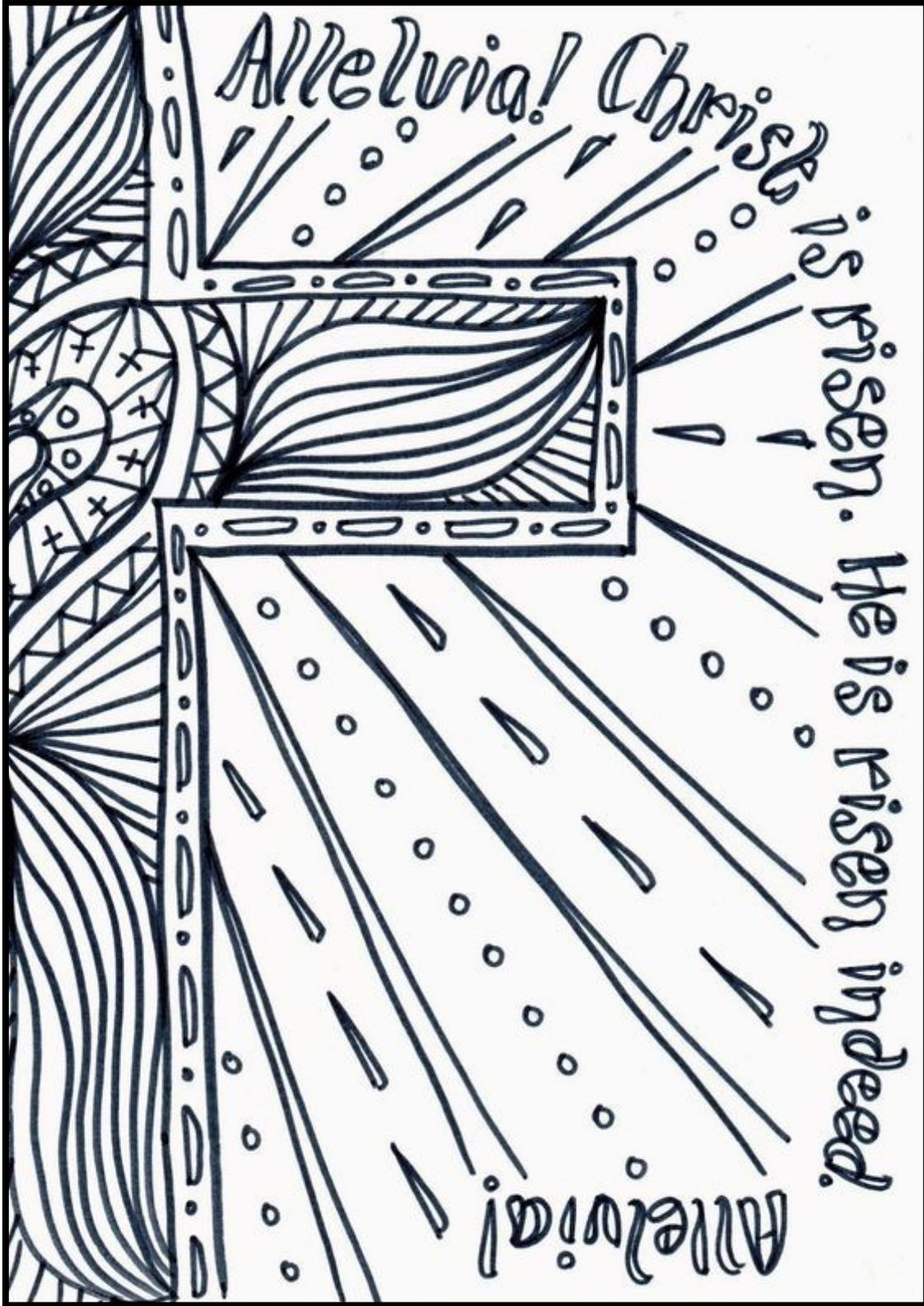
Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

Worship at 8am & 10:30am

Sunday Brunch 9:15am

Coloring Page



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Help us decorate for lent by coloring this page and bringing to church on Sunday.



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