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(one) Church  
From Pastor Shawn

I've become increasingly certain in recent days that one of the devil's favorite games to play with the church is to convince us that our similarities are actually differences, or, at the very least, to convince us that our subtle differences are church dividing. Consider the Lutheran and Catholic position on communion. Catholics believe that bread and wine become Jesus' presence. Lutherans believe that Jesus' presence is in bread and wine. If they sound remarkably similar, it's because they are. Even the Latin names for the teachings are just a little prefix apart (trans vs. consubstantiation). Yet, when Lutherans and Catholics get together they can't share the Lord's Supper.

I bet the devil gets a kick out of that.

Another place I see it is in the conversation around postures of worship and types of prayers. Truth be told, I lived out this debate. When Carol and I met she was the lead singer of the praise band on campus at Geneseo and worshiped at an Evangelical church in town. I, meanwhile, was already on my way to Lutheran seminary and worshipping weekly at the Episcopalian congregation around the corner from hers. On Sundays we alternated between worship spaces. The following would inevitably include some type of debate. One week she'd wonder why Episcopalians keep kneeling and standing and saying only printed prayers. The next week I'd wonder why the guy next to me kept raising his hands. Did he have a question or did he just really want everybody to look at him? And regarding the prayers... well... I'd simply ask if people really preferred prayers that repeated the stanza "Lord we just..." 15 times to eloquent ones that were written down. (Continued on page 3)

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# MAY WORSHIP NOTES

**Sunday Worship at  
8:30am (Band Led) & 10:30am (Piano/Organ Led)**

**Sunday, May 6– Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
Readings: Acts 10:44-48 & 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

**Sunday, May 13– Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Mother's Day  
Readings: Acts 1:15-17,21-26 & 1 John 5:9-13  
Gospel: John 17:6-19

**Sunday, May 20– Pentecost Sunday**  
Confirmation 10:30am  
Readings: Acts 12:1-21 & Romans 8:22-27  
Gospel: John 15:26-27; John 16 4b-15

**Sunday, May 27– The Holy Trinity**  
1st Sunday after Pentecost  
Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 & Romans 8:12-17  
Gospel: John 3: 1-17

Looking ahead:  
Youth Sunday, June 3, 10:00am



## THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Ellen McCarthy-*

Ellen has been instrumental in organizing and leading our Children's Church ministry throughout Lent and Easter. We are thankful for her dedication and leadership in ministering to our littlest hopsters.

*Bev Fehringer-*

We are grateful to Bev for creating and organizing the Pioneer Empty Bowls project. This will attended event was a great way to address hunger– both locally and globally.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
<b>Acolyte 8:30 am</b>	Eric Rautenstrauch Sydney Schrock	Cole Rhodus Catherine Brown	Garrett Milks Cody Smith	Cora Fleischman Connor Fleischman
<b>Acolyte 10:30am</b>	Zach Rimbey Nick Rimbey	Gavin Hammell Megan Boldt	Tyce Monin Trey Monin	Gavin Hammell Megan Boldt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl
<b>Assisting Minister 8:30 am 10:30 am</b>	Helena Blackwell Bob Vossler	Mary Alpin Sue Dressel	Margie Webster Victoria McCarthy	Tracey Wood Stephen Struckmann
<b>AV Tech 8:30 am 10:30 am</b>	Cora Blackwell Cindy Struckmann	Jim Alpin Scott Rimbey	Alyssa Boldt Stepehn Struckmann	Madelyn Tavernier Julie Tingué
<b>HC Assistant 8:30am 10:30am</b>	Jacob Offhaus Kathy LaScala	Ernie Floyd Bob Vossler	Diane Gibbs Sharlene Vossler	Anna Sonner Sue Dressel
<b>Council Rep 8:30am 10:30am</b>	Joanne Offers Bob Vossler	Tracey Wood Carol Boldt	Cora Blackwell Bob Vossler	Paul Fehringer Carol Boldt
<b>Greeters (10:30)</b>	Al & Carol Boldt	Bob & Jodie Buchhardt	Julie Tingué	Len & Sue Dressel
<b>Lector 8:30am 10:30am</b>	Monica Reding Jodie Buchhardt	Janet Campana Sue Dressel	Mary Alpin Paul Rigerman	Joanne Offers Carol Staffehl
<b>Prayers 8:30 am 10:30 am</b>	Mike Sonner Sr Chris Gross	Helena Blackwell Sharlene Vossler	Tracey Wood Jodie Buchhardt	Mike Campana Sandi Bennett
<b>Children's Church 8:30am 10:30am</b>	Julie Tingué Sandi Bennett	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Ushers 8:30am</b>	John & Missy Pleace	Margie Webster Diane Gibbs	Terry Reding Mike Sonner Sr	Jim & Mary Alpin
<b>Ushers 10:30 am</b>	Len & Sue Dressel	Kathy LaScala Carol Staffehl	Al Boldt Scott Rimbey	Kathy LaScala Carol Staffehl
<b>Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30am</b>	Margie Rung	Andy & Ashley Bartz	Pauline Brown	Diane Gibbs
<b>Counters</b>	Scott Bley Lisa Deahn	Mike Sonner, Jr. Anna Sonner	Joanne Offers Kelly Thomson	Brenda Schmidt John Kossow

# SAVE *the* DATE

- June 3—** Youth Sunday Service & Chicken BBQ Fundraiser for Houston
- June 9—** Bounce House Bonanza
- June 9—** Youth Car Wash
- June 10—** Mandatory Meeting for Youth Going to Houston
- June 10—** VBS Planning Meeting
- June 11—** Church Council
- June 16—** Ladies of Hope go to Ronald McDonald House
- June 17—** Father's Day
- June 26– July 2—** Youth in Houston at ELCA Youth Gathering
- June 28—** American Red Cross Blood Drive

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

*We pray for .....*

*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, Jeannette, Nicole Gremmel, Paul Hammond, Greg Kent, Shirley Doolittle, Chris Winkleman, Jaysen Bray, Kyler Limburg, the Bragg family, Sharon King, Dawn Fiegl, Ed Strobele, Alberta Stevenson, Pat Szustakowski, Bruce Schneider, Dave Carr, Melissa Cady-Simar, Mary Dell, Joyann Faircloth, Logan Portolesi, Paul Sanders, Bill Washburn and Sandy Brown.*

*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.*



## (one) Church *(continued)*

We went in circles. It didn't end our relationship (obviously), but neither was it easy. And, again, I'm certain the devil was quite amused.

I wish it were true that 13 years after Carol and I had these debates the church might have figured it out, but we know that is not true. The conversation lives on. In fact, these days, it's not merely a conversation between mainline and non-denominational churches. It's often a conversation within individual churches themselves.

But while the conversation lives on, you'll have to forgive me for no longer picking a side. (And that's not merely to keep the peace with my wife.) I now experience this conversation as a trap. When I hear people arguing for either side of the worship posture debate I hear them literally arguing the same points as each other.

As a traditional liturgical worshiper, let me say this: People who worship in services that incorporate bodily movement like procession, crossing yourself, dipping your hand in a font, bowing your head, kneeling to pray, and standing to honor and receive Jesus should be the last people to look at a worshiper choosing a posture of raised hands to praise Jesus and tell them that they are doing it wrong. How can a person not understand another's desire to raise their hands as they themselves bow and kneel and stand? And on the other side of that, how can a person who recognizes the power of their posture in worship (like raising their hands) not understand how another Christian might find similar strength and comfort in falling to their knees.

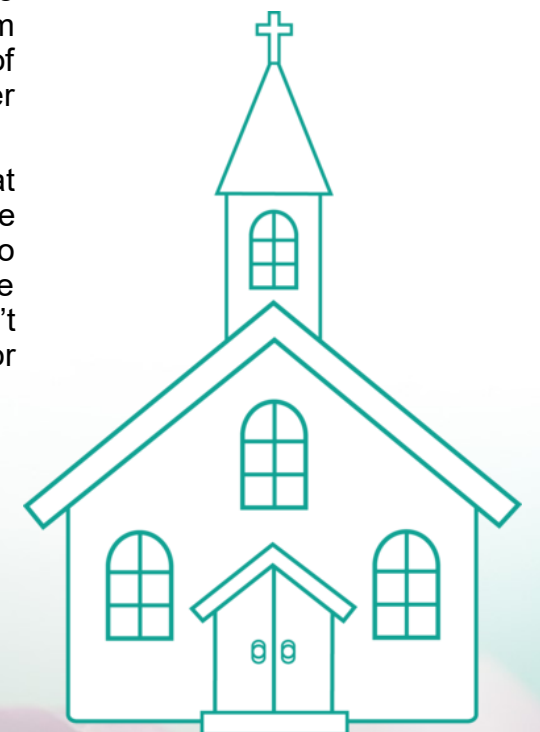
We do the same thing. One church just prints it in a rubric in a bulletin. Yet we fight and, worse than that, we judge each other. We claim not just to be different, but better than our brothers and sisters in Christ.

And the devil laughs.

And these arguments about our differences distract us from God's actual purpose for his *(one)* church.

I graduated to go to seminary 2 years before Carol from Geneseo. After I left campus Carol rejoiced at her opportunity to simply engage with one worshipping community for a change. And, surprisingly, she chose the Episcopalian Church. At first it didn't make sense to her, but as she worshipped more and we talked together she found that the rituals that seemed dead at first were full of ancient wisdom and life. And meanwhile, I had fallen in love with forms of worship that invited expressive praise. And we are both better for it.

So the next time you catch yourself thinking that something your brother in Christ thinks or does is "from the devil" remember: that's exactly what the devil wants you to think. Instead have a conversation. You may quickly realize your standing on common ground and those differences don't divide us, but build us up and widen the *(one)* church's door so that all can see that they are welcome here.



# MAY EVENTS

May 2 — Confirmation (7-8pm)

May 5/6 — Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair & Home Show (Sat. 9-5) (Sun. 10-3)

Our youth headed to Houston will be selling concessions at the Arcade Area Trade Fair & Home Show in the Tractor Supply Plaza. Stop by for a bite to eat and to see the over 50 vendors from around our community. Pastor Shawn and some of the youth will be singing worship songs at the event. You can catch them on Saturday at 10am and Sunday at 2pm.

May 6 — Electronic & AV Training (9:30am)-

One of our most important jobs on Sunday morning is working behind the scenes to make sure the sound is top notch and the slides are following along with the order of the service. We will be having a refresher course and training for all those that have helped in the past and those that would like to learn about this Sunday morning job.



May 8 — Youth Group (6:30-8:00pm)

May 10 — Brainstorming & Training Night for Children's Church (6:30pm)

*See Faith Formation on page 9 for more information*

May 14 — Church Council (6:30pm)

If you have any business for church council please find Bob Vossler (president) or Jim Alpin (vice president) prior to our meeting. Minutes from council meetings are available upon request in the church office.

May 15 — American Red Cross Blood Drive (11:30-5:30)

You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. Whatever your reason, 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. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment today!



Youth Trip to Ronald McDonald (3:00-8:00pm)

*See Youth Stuff on page 9 for more information*

May 16 — Confirmation (7-8pm)

# HOPE happenings



Holy Baptism of  
Cecelia, Everett &  
Wyatt Titus



beCAUSE  
Lutheran Charity  
Event at the  
Buffalo Brew Pub



# HOPE happenings



## EASTER CELEBRATION!!!



Above: Planning is underway for VBS :  
August 6-9

Right: Hope's Praise Band & Fans attend the Rend Collective Concert

# MAY EVENTS cont.

## May 17 — Ladies of Hope Book Club (6:30pm)

Hope Ladies Spring/Summer Book Club is kicking off this month with the book "Carry On Warrior: The Power of Embracing your Messy, Beautiful Life." By Glennon Doyle Melton. Her writing invites us to believe in ourselves, to be brave and kind, to let go of the idea of perfection, and to stop making motherhood, marriage, and friendship harder by pretending they're not hard. If you are interested in joining this group, let Julie know. The book costs \$12.

## May 19 — Spring Clean- Up Day (9am)

The Building & Grounds Committee has scheduled a Spring cleanup, including a clean out of the garage. They would appreciate many helping hands. If you have a question, please speak with Paul Fehringer.



## May 20 — Confirmation

## May 22 — Youth Group (6:30-8:00pm)

## May 23 — Committee Coffee House (6:30pm)

Hope will have its next ALL COMMITTEE MEETING night at 6:30pm. Committees are encouraged to discuss their upcoming agenda with their council representative prior.

## May 25/26 Hope Yard Sale

Our Outreach Committee will be holding their annual yard sale on Memorial Day weekend to benefit A Future with Hope Campaign. If you have items to donate for us to sell (no clothes, please) bring them in boxes marked for Hope Garage Sale. You can also sign-up on the shelf to volunteer your time to set-up and volunteer at the sale.



## May 28 — Memorial Day

Church office will be closed.

## May 29 — Youth Group (6:30-8:00pm)

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE



**Cooks for Kids:** The next Cooks for Kids date is Tuesday, May 15 4th. Our youth will head to the Ronald McDonald House to prepare a meal for the families staying there. If you are able to make a donation for our meal, please contact Julie Tingue or the Church Office.

**Library Basket Raffle:** The annual Arcade Free Library Basket Raffle will take place at Hope on Saturday, May 12 10am-12pm. Please come and purchase tickets in support of the library... and hopefully you will even end up with something to show for it!

**Offering Envelopes:** These are convenient ways to give your offerings and help church track your gifts for your tax receipt and acknowledgement. Simply select a set of envelopes on the parish room table and fill out the contact sheet and include it in your first offering envelope. You can also have your contributions deducted from your bank accounts on a regular basis by filling out an Authorization Form in the church office or be clicking [HERE](#).

**Sign a Bible:** As a sign of support and celebration we give our 9th graders a special Lutheran Study Bible as their Confirmation gift. Please take a moment to sign and leave a message in their new Bibles that are located on the table in the Parish Hall. You can highlight your favorite verse, share a memory or faith story, leave a prayer

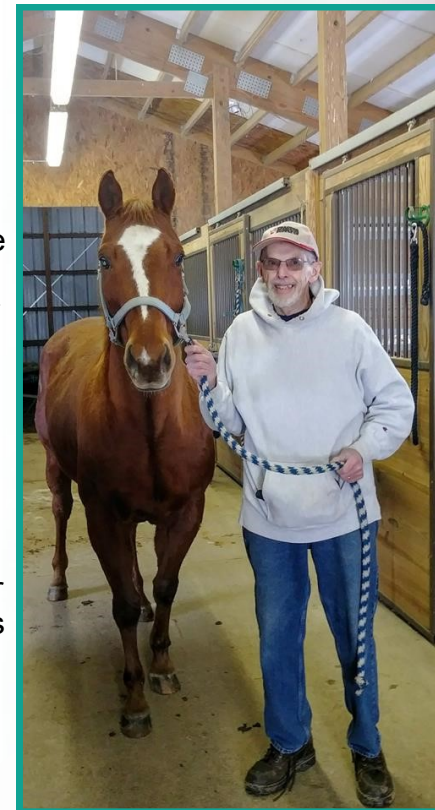
As listed on Page 4 & 5 here are a few others way to give in and around Hope in May:

- Blood Drive
- Yard Sale (Donations & Volunteer)
- Spring Clean-Up Day

## Hope-STARS!

*Members doing good & being recognized*

High Hurdles Therapeutic Riding Program recently recognized **Bob Vossler** as a very special volunteer. Since 2007 Bob has been helping there in various forms. He typically is there from March through November and is usually in the barn for one, or sometimes multiple, classes a week. Bob helps groom the horses before class and assists the riders with grooming. He also helps students with leading their horses from the ground as well as leading during class.



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Ruth & Robert Zimmerman
- 7- Marsha & Dave North
- 7- Karen & Harry Monin
- 17- Dustin & Jenni Smith
- 20- Emilie & Paul Rigerman
- 24- Barb & Mike Sonner
- 24- Carol & Shawn Hannon

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Scott Sonner
- 4- Diane Gibbs
- 4- David Holmes
- 4- Gayla Kossow
- 5- Dennis Finch
- 6- Ashley Bartz
- 6- Monica Reding
- 7- James Landahl
- 7- Paul Rigerman
- 7- Bradley Schrock
- 10- Emilie Rigerman
- 11- Erin Carter
- 11- Heather Petri
- 12- Noah Brown
- 12- Evan Frazier
- 13- Jodie Buchhardt
- 14- Kevin Deahn
- 15- Susan Metzger
- 15- Matt Miller
- 15- Mallory Petri
- 19- Andrew Smith
- 24- Barbara Newman
- 26- Amanda Prior
- 29- Nathan Osborn
- 30- Carol Schasel
- 30- Robert Webster
- 31- Ernest Floyd

# HOPE PRESCHOOL



We're so thankful to finally have some warm weather! We've been enjoying our play yard & the new play ground at the park. We had a great time at our tea party celebrating our grandparents.

Thank you to everyone that supported our chicken barbecue. You helped us raise \$1650 for the preschool. Our year will come to an end on May 23rd with graduation & an ice cream party.

*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.*

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

## Arin Liszka Mission Work

Arin Liszka served Hope as a summer intern in \_\_\_\_\_. Arin recently was called to serve as a Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer in Madagascar starting in August. She will be one of more than 85 young adults serving on behalf of the ELCA in 11 different country programs around the world!

The total cost for one young adult in the program is \$15,000. Each young adult is tasked with raising a minimum of \$5,000 to help support their year of service. The ELCA commits to raising the additional \$10,000 per volunteer through generous congregations and donors. To learn more and to donate visit Arin's blog post [HERE](#).



## Andrew Struckmann's SALT Project

Andrew Struckmann (son of JD & Cindy) is a student at Valparaiso University in Indiana. There he is a member of an the Social Action Leadership Team, or SALT, a ministry of the chapel focused on social justice. Every Spring, they partner with another organization and raise \$30,000 with them, called our World Relief Campaign. This year we are partnering with WAVES, the successor to our Engineers Without Borders chapter, to Launch Project Uncontain[able], with the goal of building a technical school at an orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti. This project will give 18-year old's leaving the orphanages, who often have no hope for higher education, skills such as carpentry, sewing, or 3D modeling and printing.

SALT is special to him because of how passionate the people in it are. Everyone, including Andrew, is pumped to be a part of this year's World Relief Campaign. To learn more reach out to Andrew at [struckmann@valpo.edu](mailto:struckmann@valpo.edu)

Gifts may be directed to: World Relief Campaign  
1600 Chapel Drive  
Valparaiso, IN 46383.

\*Check payable to the World Relief Campaign





In just a few weeks we will have 18 of our youth and 3 adults attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. The youth have been working hard to fundraise and are looking forward to the trip. They are so grateful for the ways in which this church has supported them thus far and moving forward.

Here is what a few of them are looking forward to...

*"I'm really looking forward to meeting new people and helping others out" - Payeton Burfield*

*"Looking forward to meeting new people and building my faith. And the hugs! :) - Helena Blackwell*

*"I'm most excited about meeting all of the kids from St. John we are going with, and all growing together as a group." -Amanda Prior*

*"I'm looking forward to being able to enjoy and live the moment, and be with everyone and meet new people and if we have the chance to hear some stories and learn about them." -Emily Frazier*

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### How Can You Help Them Get to Houston?

- **Trade Fair Concessions**  
(see page 4 more details)
- **Stocks-** Starting May 20, our Youth will begin selling stock in their trip to Houston. Shares are available for \$30/share. Investors may purchase one share or several. Particularly savvy investors may even attempt to purchase enough stock for a majority position! Following their experience in Houston this July, shareholders will be invited to a special shareholders dinner where they will be treated to a delicious meal after which they will be able to hear from each child about their experience in Houston. We hope you will strongly consider becoming a stockholder in this once in a lifetime trip.
- **Youth Sunday Chicken BBQ-** On June 3 after our Youth Sunday Service the youth will be selling Chicken BBQ dinners to support their trip to Houston. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Car Wash** – In June our youth will be holding a car wash at Advanced Auto Parts.

# YOUTH STUFF

**YOUTH GROUP**  
for middle and high schoolers will take place on **Tuesdays, May 8, 22, 29.**  
Youth are invited to bring friends and a couple of bucks to help offset the cost of the meal (usually pizza)

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**  
Our youth ages 14 and up are invited to cook and serve dinner to families at the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo on **Tuesday, May 8.** We are limited to 8 youth, so sign up soon! We will be leaving at 3:00pm.

**LCLC SUMMER CAMP**  
All 1st through 12th graders start thinking about summer camp at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. For more information check out [www.lclcenter.org](http://www.lclcenter.org) or ask the church office for a brochure.

As we get closer a list will be created with the weeks other Hopesters plan to attend camp.

Camperships to help offset the cost are available through both LCLC and Hope. We are committed to sending every child to camp to desires to attend.



# FAITH FORMATION

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is this month for 7-9 graders. We will meet on May 2 & May 16. These are the final confirmation weeks of 2018.

Confirmation Sunday for 9th Graders is Sunday, May 20th at 10:30am.

## BRAINSTORMING & TRAINING NIGHT FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Our new approach to raising our youngsters to know and love Jesus has taken off this year with great success through our Children's Church Ministry.

We are looking to further develop this program to make it even better by putting on a brainstorming and training night!

We invite any past, current and interested adults and older youth for desserts and coffee on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30pm at Hope. We will be reviewing lesson plans, songs, prayers and resources to prepare our adult leaders as we take this ministry to the next level.