

# HOPE

## *happenings*

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## Jackpots

### A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

The hype at the end of October was palpable. The buzz was in the air. The feeling was electric. The Mega Millions lottery was \$1.6 billion! I confess, I almost bought a ticket. I mean, come on. It's only \$2, right? Then you have the chance of being a billionaire!

I didn't buy a ticket, however, and not because I do not want to be a billionaire. I didn't buy a ticket because the lottery tax is voluntary, and in a world where death and taxes are certain I choose to avoid all the taxes the government lets me.

In the wake of the South Carolina buzz kill winning the pot and ending all of our fun and hype, I did a little research. If you divide the money spent on the lottery evenly, the average American spends \$206/year playing the lottery. It gets worse. The average New Yorker spends \$398/year (<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/the-states-where-people-spend-the-most-on-lotto-tickets-2017-07-24>). The problem, of course, isn't what is spent, but rather what is earned. The chances of winning are microscopic for those who play while the game-makers are the ones cashing the checks. Yet we play nevertheless because we dream of a better life.

Throughout this month's Newsletter you will see a reoccurring theme: Giving. From giving thanks for the year we've had to giving thanks for the food blessing our tables at the end of the month to giving coats and jackets to the poor to giving quarters

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# NOV. WORSHIP NOTES

*Service Times:*

*8:30am (Band Led Service)*

*10:30am (Organ/Piano Led Service)*

**Sunday, November 4– 24th Sunday after Pentecost**

*All Saints Sunday*

*Turkey Dinner & Youth Apple Pie Fundraiser*

*Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9 & Revelation 21:1-6a*

*Gospel: John 11:32-44*

**Sunday, November 11– 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Annual Meeting Luncheon at 11:30am– Bring a Dish to Pass*

*Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-16 & Hebrews 9:24-28*

*Gospel: Mark 12:38-44*

**Sunday, November 18– 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Readings: Daniel 12:1-3 & Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25*

*Gospel: Mark 13:1-8*

**Sunday, November 25— Christ the King Sunday**

*Deck the Halls at 11:30am*

*Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 & Revelation 1:4b-8*

*Gospel: John 18:33-37*

## IN OUR PRAYERS



*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, Bill Washburn, Betty Offhaus, Dale Poole, Traci, Harold Staffehl, Adrene, Joan Taylor, Amber Kilmer, John Kossow, Tom Beiersdorf, Sr., Doug Blankenship, Norma Siegel, Roger Day, Katie Bennett, Ron Martin, Kris Kramer and the victims and families of the Tree of Life Shooting.*

*We 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.*

# Jackpots cont...

to package meals for the hungry to giving coloring books to kids at Children's Hospital, you will notice there are lot of ways to give.

And here's a guarantee the lottery, with its "The Possibilities Are Endless" false advertising, cannot make. When you give those ways—whether it is your thanks or your talents or your time—you will actually be making a better life. A better life for those in need.

I'm not saying it's either or. You can play the lottery and be very generous. What I am saying is when we buy lottery tickets and think of all of the ways we would be wise and generous with the money, we have almost a 0% chance of winning, perhaps we should spend just as much time thinking of ways we can be wise and generous with the money we already have. Perhaps we can make a world where we are just as eager to spend \$2 definitely making a family's life better as we are spending \$2 on a lottery dream.



God calls us to give, and this month there are lots of ways to do so. When we each do what we can, our gifts will come together and can make a jackpot difference.



## Thanks Be To God!

**Tracey Wood**

*for representing Hope at Arcade's Main & More*

**Missy Pleace & Mike Sonner**

*for their labor and drive in finishing off the new sidewalks*

**Jim Fleischman**

*for helping our church become "smart" by guiding us through the purchase and installation of smart locks and light switches*



# EVENTS at a GLANCE

**November 2– 3** Youth Group Apple Pie Making & Lock-In  
Starts at 3pm on Friday/ Pick up at 8am Saturday morning

**November 3-** Ladies Trip to Ronald McDonald House: 3pm

**November 4-** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am: **All Saints Sunday**  
Church Council: 9:30am  
**Turkey Dinner & Apple Pie Fundraiser: 12noon– sold out**

**November 5-** Pub with a Purpose @ Buffalo Brew-Pub: 11am-4pm

**November 6-** Quilting: 10am-2pm  
Youth Group Trip to Children's Hospital: 3:30-8pm

**November 8-** Ladies Book Club #1: 7pm at Carol Hannon's Home

**November 11-** Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am  
**Hope's Annual Meeting & Luncheon: Bring a Dish to Pass**

**November 13-** Quilting:10am-2pm  
American Red Cross Blood Drive: 11:30am-5:30pm  
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm

**November 14-** Volunteer Training for Hope's Respite Program: 10am

**November 15-** Ladies Book Club #2: 7pm at Carol Boldt's Home

**November 18-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am

**November 20-** Quilting:10am-2pm  
Youth Group– Thanksgiving Dinner: 6:30-8:00pm

**November 25-** Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am: **Christ the King Sunday**  
**Deck the Halls Immediately Following Late Service**

**November 26-** Ale House Church:7pm

**November 27-** Quilting:10am-2pm  
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm  
Ladies Book Club #3 at Hope: 2:30pm



# THANKS—GIVING

## *Opportunities to Give & Serve*

### OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:

- **COLD WEATHER CLOTHING DRIVE:** looking for gently used coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves. Before Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, please drop your donations into the bin next to the Pantry food cart. They will be distributed during the month of November.
- **PUB WITH A PURPOSE:** Join Pastor Shawn for lunch at the Buffalo Brew-Pub on Monday, November 5 from 11am-4pm! 15% of your bill and 100% of your tips go to support Lutheran Charities of Western New York!
- **COLORING BOOKS:** Our youth group is collecting new coloring books, activity books and crayons for children at Children's Hospital. Donations will be accepted until November 6.
- **TURKEY DRIVE:** looking for donations or money towards the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need in the community. Collection will be now— November 11.
- **GIVING TREE:** Hope will be hosting a giving tree again for this Christmas Season. Please let the committee know of any families that could use some extra holiday cheer. The tree will be put up toward the end of November and donations will be accepted through December 16.
- **MEAL PACKAGING:** On December 2 we will be packaging 10,000 meals in-between church services for food banks in WNY. A collection container for spare change to fund the project is located in the entry way. This year we will be preparing Minestrone Soup.
- **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** The need for blood 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. Hope's next blood drive is November 13 from 11:30am-5:30pm. Please call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment today!

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

- **RESPIRE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY:** Starting January 9th, Hope will be offering a once-a-month respite program for caregivers of memory impairment individuals. We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in volunteering for a 4-hour program where we provide activities, lunch and music. What ever your talents may be— playing the piano, preparing a meal, crafts, etc and however often you can help (every month or once a year) you can provide support of the program. All volunteers must go through a training program. The first training will be November 14 at 10am at Hope. Please see Julie Tingue for more information or to sign up for the training.
- **SPROUTING HOPE TEACHERS:** We are looking for adult leaders to serve our Sprouting Hope Faith Formation Ministry to our littlest Hopes for the coming months. The curriculum is provided in advance and involves teaching lessons and leading activities for children ages 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade, during one or both Sunday morning services. Please see Julie Tingue to volunteer.
- **MISSION PROJECTS:** We continue to look into options for local and abroad opportunities to share the good news of Jesus and make a positive impact in an area that needs assistance. Both Pastor Shawn and Julie Tingue can give you more information should you be interested.

# YOUTH STUFF

## YOUTH GROUP IN NOVEMBER

Nov 6th– Trip to Oishei Hospital to Deliver Coloring Books & Crayon Donations. Leaving at 3:30pm from Hope. RSVP required.

Nov 13th– 6:30-8pm

Nov 20th– Youth Thanksgiving Dinner– 6:30pm!

Nov 27th-6:30-8pm

## CONFIRMATION

There will be no confirmation dates in November. The next Confirmation will take place on December 2.

## LOCK-IN & APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER FOR MINNEAPOLIS

7th-12th graders are invited to join us for a lock-in at church on November 2-3. We will also be making and baking several apple pies during the lock-in to sell at the Turkey Dinner to raise money for our 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis.

**YOUTH  
GROUP**



# MEET VICKI!



My name is Vicki Harrington and I am interning this fall as the Youth Director here at Hope! I am currently studying at Houghton College and am in my last semester in my quest for a degree in Inclusive Childhood Education. I am doing my student teaching experience right here in Arcade in a third grade classroom and it has been wonderful to learn more about the community I am teaching in through my involvement here at Hope!

For the past few weeks I have been hanging out with the Youth on Tuesday nights. We have had conversations, done some service projects, and eaten A LOT of pizza! I am excited for the weeks to come and the activities that we have planned to grow closer to these kids and learn from them as we journey together to learn more about our faith! I hope to grow my own faith through this experience and to form relationships with the youth so that they know they have a place to go where people care about them. I have loved being a part of this community so far and am very excited to keep learning and growing with the people here at Hope!

# HOPE PRESCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Bulbs fundraiser! You helped raise \$520 for the preschool! Orders are here & can be picked up in the church office. We appreciate your generous support of our program!

We would like to thank the Nelson family & Valley View Farm in West Valley for their pumpkin donation! The students had fun painting them & giving them faces. Thank you to the Bookmiller family for their donation of gourds, they were a hit too at arts and crafts time! In October we also enjoyed celebrating our pets! We had many dogs, a chicken, a cat & a pot-bellied pig!

In November we will be busy getting ready for our Stone Soup luncheon on Friday, November 16th. If you'd like to join us, please let the church office know so we can set a place for you.

As always we appreciate your generous support of our preschool— through prayer and financial giving. Stay tuned for our next fundraiser on December 1, where we will offer a 6-hour babysitting opportunity for families with small children.



# CHURCH KEYS:

Hope is transitioning into a coded entry system (see below) where individuals enter a 4-digit code to enter church outside of regular business and worship hours.

This week all doors will be re-keyed and all current keys will no longer work. The only people with church keys will be those who open the building to the public.

You are able to request temporary or long-term pin codes to enter the building when needed. Please contact the church office if you need a code.



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Confirmation classes have kicked off this school year on Sunday nights and they are a hit!



From decorating pumpkins to bowling and from collecting coloring book donations at Tops and conquering escape rooms with their Arcade UCC Youth Group friends the youth had an exciting month!





# HOPE happenings



Community Bank presented the PAC Food Pantry with a \$250 donation in October.



Volunteers learn more about hosting a Respite program at Hope.



After



Before

Our thanks to Barb Sonner who removed the old lettering on our church sign and to Shawn Agen for making a temporary sign listing our correct service information!



Tracey shares information and Live Generously shirts with Main & More attendees.



The Girl Scouts held a Trunk-or-Treat Celebration at Hope in October.

# CELEBRATIONS

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5- GEOFFREY MILKS
- 6- KERIANNE ALPIN
- 7- ASHLEY BLISS
- 7- EMILY PRIOR
- 7- ANGIE TAVERNIER
- 7- WYATT TITUS
- 8- DOROTHY RASMUSSEN
- 8- ETHAN WENDIG
- 9- REESE BARTZ
- 9- DIANA HOFFMAN
- 9- MYRTLE RAMMACHER
- 10- JOHN HOFMANN
- 11- JOANNE OFFERS
- 12- JOSEPH STROBELE
- 12- BAILEY TINGUE
- 13- DUSTIN SMITH
- 15- KAREN PRIOR
- 16- ROBERT PHAIR
- 18- KATHRYN ZIELONKA
- 19- TIMOTHY SONNER JR.
- 20- HARRY MONIN
- 21- BRIANNA CORDZ
- 22- PERRY HANNON
- 24- JAMES KITTLESON
- 24- GARY RUNG
- 26- MARISA SANDERS
- 27- COLE PLEACE
- 28- CARTER GATES
- 28- BEVERLY HALLOCK

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- GORDON & SANDI BENNETT
- 25- JERRY & JEANNE SCHULER

# LOOKING AHEAD

### Save the Dates:

- Dec 1: Hope Preschool Babysitting Fundraiser
- Dec. 2: Meal Packing & Confirmation
- Dec 5: Committee Coffee House
- Dec 5, 12, 19: (Wednesdays) Luncheon & Evening Advent Services
- Dec. 9& 16: Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
- Dec. 16: Beer and Hymns at Turkey Run Golf Course
- Dec. 23: Youth Christmas Play
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services

### Coming Soon...

- Adult Confirmation: For older youth (10th grade and above) and adults who wish to learn more about the Lutheran faith and our teachings. This is for anyone, regardless of experience. If you are interested, please let Pastor Shawn know.
- Friends of the Night Volunteering- Starting in January a group of Hope volunteers will be serving meals at the Friends of the Night Shelter. See Julie Tingue if you would like to volunteer.



# SERVING IN WORSHIP

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
<b>Acolyte 8:30 am</b>	Catherine Brown Connor Fleischmsn	Gerald Nowak Timmy Sonner	Eric Rautenstrauch Sydney Schrock	Garrett Milks Trey Monin
<b>Acolyte 10:30am</b>	Kole Hammell	Gavin Hammell	Sophia Cordz Kristofer Burfield	Ethan Wendig Gavin Hammell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele
<b>Assisting Minister</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	Mary Alpin Bob Vossler	Joanne Offers Julie Tingle	HelenaBlackwell Stephen Struckmann	Margie Webster Sue Dressel
<b>AV Tech</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	Madelyn Tavernier JulieTingle	Trevor Bley Cindy Struckmann	Alyssa Boldt Scott Rimbey	Jim Alpin Stephen Struckmann
<b>HC Assistant</b> 8:30am 10:30am	Mike Sonner Sr Pam Bradford	Jen Blackwell Dale Deahn	Lisa Deahn Sue Dressel	Mary Alpin Kathy LaScala
<b>Council Rep</b> 8:30am 10:30am	Joanne Offers Bob Vossler	Tracey Wood Carol Boldt	Cora Blackwell Bob Vossler	Paul Fehringer Carol Boldt
<b>Greeters (10:30)</b>	Sandi Bennett	Chuck & Pam Bradford	Cliff & Marcia Davies	Bob & Jodie Buchhardt
<b>Lector</b> 8:30am 10:30am	Tim Sonner Matt Rung	Monica Reding Carol Staffehl	Ashley Bartz Paul Rigerman	Cecelia Titus Bob Vossler
<b>Prayers</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	Kim Offers Chris Gross	Jake Offhaus Matt Rung	Joanne Offers Sandi Bennett	Carol Hannon Victoria McCarthy
<b>Children's Church</b> 8:30am 10:30am	Julie Tingle Tracey Wood	TBD Tracey Wood	Angie Tavernier Tracey Wood	Angie Tavernier TBD
<b>Ushers</b> 8:30am	Janet Campana Diane Gibbs	Mike Sonner Sr Margie Webster	Tim and Marcy Sonner	Kim Offers Terry Reding
<b>Ushers</b> 10:30 am	Kathy LaScala Carol Staffehl	Len & Sue Dressel	Kathy LaScala Jodie Buchhardt	Chuck & Pam Bradford
<b>Coffee Hour</b> 9:30-10:30am	Angie Tavernier	Marilyn Pirby Bev Hallock	Missy Rhodus	Julie Tingle
<b>Counters</b>	Scott Bley Lisa Deahn	Mike Sonner, Jr. Anna Sonner	Joanne Offers Kelly Thomson	Brenda Schmidt John Kossow

In everything there is hope.



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