

HOPE *happenings*

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Shortcuts & Sidewalks

A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

I grew up in a pretty tight neighborhood. And tight is the perfect adjective because it describes both the relationships and our distance (each house only had 50' or 60' of frontage). We had block parties in the summer where the city would shut the street down and we would set up tables in the middle of the road. The parents would socialize into the night as the kids played incredible games of hide and seek with virtually no boundaries. My brother and I were best buds with our neighbor Jeff Drake. We'd play basketball in his driveway and 'hot box' in the "side yard" (his house had 60' of frontage!) Even the occasional baseball through the neighbor's window didn't keep us away from playing there again and again. In the summer, we lived outside, and when it was time to go back to school, we walked. And when I say we walked to school, I don't mean we skipped the bus. I mean there was no bus.

I started walking to school in Kindergarten. My elementary school was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away from my house and for the most part a straight shot. After showing us how the first couple of days, my mother (and many others) started letting us walk ourselves before our new school kicks were even worn in. It was in the days after the moms commissioned us, however, when the real education began. The older kids whispered for us to follow and opened our eyes to every walking kid's favorite find: a short cut.

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OCT. WORSHIP NOTES

Service Times:

8:30am (Band Led Service)

10:30am (Organ/Piano Led Service)

Sunday, October 7– 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 2:18-24 & Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 14– 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 & Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

**CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER FOLLOWING SERVICES
TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH PLAYGROUND**

Sunday, October 21– 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12 & Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE FOR ALL AGES OF CHILDREN AT 9:30AM

Sunday, October 28— Reformation Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9 & Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

REFORMATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION AT 9:30AM

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, Pat Szustakowski, Dave Carr, Paul Sanders, Bill Washburn, Betty Offhaus, Dale Poole, Traci, Gail Palmerton, Jeff Slocum, Harold Staffehl, Adrene, Joan Taylor, Amber Kilmer, John Kossow, Tom Beiersdorf, Sr., Kristina Hopkins, Hunter Dunlap, Doug Blankenship, Roger Day-who is in the hospital, Destiny Campbell and family at the passing of baby Chase, family of Joyann Faircloth- Jake Offhaus' grandmother, the family of John Craft, Betsey Craft's Uncle, who passed away and the family and friends of Pastor Bob Zimmerman who passed away September 27.

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.

Shortcuts & Sidewalks cont...

Almost immediately adjacent to my house alone there were two shortcuts. The first was through my neighbor Floralynn Anderson's yard. She lived immediately behind us. If you walked down her driveway and along her garage you'd end up right in the corner of our backyard and shave at least 30 yards of walking and 7 seconds. The other shortcut was at the corner. The house on the corner had a big yard—all grass. You could walk to the corner I suppose, ooooooor you could cut the corner and save 60' of walking! (And for the record, that's exact. I did the math.)

We school kids have places to be, so you know what we did. In fact, kids cut that corner so often the grass died. There was just a straight strip where nothing could grow for 148' right through some guy's lawn because kids couldn't be troubled to walk an extra 60'.

Sometimes I think about that lawn. I think about the people who lived there who I never knew even though our neighborhoods were so friendly. I think about what I would do if kids kept cutting through my lawn killing my grass. I think about how they say fences make good neighbors, or at least how a fence might have kept a bunch of pesky kids off his lawn.

I think about all of that, and then I marvel. I marvel at what it actually became. The man never stood outside his house shooing kids away. He never posted a no trespassing sign on either side of the unwanted track. He never built that fence. But do you know what did happen? One time when they were pouring new sidewalks on the corner—you know, the sidewalks no one used—they decided to pour a little sidewalk over the path through the man's lawn at the corner too.

We were trespassing and ruining a person's lawn doing it, so he built us a sidewalk. In our little neighborhood, that corner was his and at the same time he made it ours.



Thanks Be To God!

*The many VBS Helpers: Especially our ecumenical partners:
Wyn Roll, Deb Wood & Pastor Bob Dievendorf*

***Carol Hannon, Julie Tingue, Zach Wiedemann, Dale Deahn & Lisa Deahn**
for serving our youth and the 30,000 other youth in Houston*

***Sarah Best, Bliss Machine, Matt Buck, Scott Bley & Pete Boldt**
for the maximum sponsorship of the golf tournament*

***Dr. Ken & Shirley Doolittle**
for unprecedented support of our building, youth seminarians and ministries*

EVENTS at a GLANCE

October 2- NO Quilting
Pastor Bob Zimmerman's Visitation: 2-4pm & 6-8pm
Youth Group 6:30-8:00pm

October 3- Pastor Bob Zimmerman's Funeral: 11am

October 8- Church Council: 6:30pm

October 9- Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm

October 11- Ladies Book Club #1: 7pm at Mary Alpin's Home

October 12- **Preschool Bulb Orders Due**

October 14- Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am
Chicken & Biscuit Dinner: 12noon- sold out

October 16- Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm

October 18- Ladies Book Club #2: 7pm at Carol Boldt's Home

October 21- Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am
Christmas Play Practice: 9:30am
Confirmation: 5pm

October 23- Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm
Ladies Book Club #3: 2:30pm at Hope

October 24- Committee Coffee House: 6:30pm

October 28- Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am
Reformation Sunday Celebration: 9:30am

October 29- Ale House Church: 7pm

October 30- Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8:00pm



Save the Dates:

Nov. 2: Youth Lock-In & Apple Pie Baking
Nov. 4: Turkey Dinner
Nov. 11: Annual Meeting

Nov. 3: Ladies of Hope at Ronald McDonald House
Nov. 5: Pub with a Purpose
Nov. 20: Blood Drive

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE AND SERVE

MISSION PROJECT IN SUMMER OF 2019: Are you interested in traveling in the US or abroad to serve those in need? We are currently looking into ideas for the summer of 2019 and value your input and interest in the process.

RESPIRE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY: Hope will soon 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 once a month for a 4-hour program where we provide activities, lunch and music. Volunteers will be provided training by the Alzheimer's Association. Please see Julie if you are interested.

Hope's Outreach committee is holding a few Fall and Winter service projects:

- **COLD WEATHER CLOTHING DRIVE:** looking for gently used coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves. Before Nov. 4th, please drop your donations into the bin next to the Pantry food cart. They will be distributed during the month of November.
- **TURKEY DRIVE:** looking for donations or money towards the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need in the community. Collection will be October 7– 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 towards the end of November and donations will be accepted through December 16.
- **MEAL PACKAGING:** In December we will be packaging 10,000 meals for food banks in WNY. A collection container for spare change to fund the project is located in the entry way.

HOPE PRESCHOOL



We are off to a great start with our class of 16 students. We're enjoying getting to know our new group of kiddos & parents. We've made applesauce, taken a tour of the grounds around the church & have been enjoying our newly placed playground. This month we will decorate pumpkins & celebrate Halloween with a pajama party. We also hope to get a visit from the Arcade Fire Department.

You can help support our Preschool with our Fall Bulbs fundraiser! There is a very wide variety to choose from. Preschool receives 50% of EACH item sold! There are flyers & payment envelopes available in the church office. All orders & payments must be turned in to the preschool no later than October 12th. Orders will arrive about 2 weeks after that.

On page 9 can you see some of our photos from the first few weeks of school!

YOUTH STUFF

YOUTH GROUP

for middle and high schoolers will take place the entire month of October. Youth are invited to bring friends and a couple of bucks to help offset the cost of the meal (usually pizza).

CONFIRMATION

7th-9th graders and older interested youth not yet confirmed, will meet on Sunday, October 21 from 5-7pm for their second confirmation class of the year.

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.

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Our youth group is collecting new coloring books, activity books and crayons for children at Children's Hospital. They will be going there later this fall to donate them.



ADULT MINISTRY

LADIES MINISTRY

The ladies of Hope book clubs will be meeting throughout the fall months. We will be cooking dinner again for the Ronald McDonald House on November 3. We plan to also hold a Christmas Cookie Celebration in January for all the women of Hope.

ALE HOUSE CHURCH

Join Pastor Shawn Monday, October 29 at Main Street Grille at 7pm for a discussion on denominations and what makes them all different— both historically and what they believe. No experience necessary, come raise a glass and join the discussion.

SPROUTING HOPE TEACHERS

We are looking for adult leaders to serve our Sprouting Hope Faith Formation Ministry for our littlest Hopesters for the coming months. The curriculum is provided in advance and involves teaching lessons and leading activities for children ages 2-4th grade, during one or both Sunday morning services. Please see Julie Tingue to volunteer.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A look at the interns over the last 10 years and the path that God has taken them

Christopher McKinstry, 2005-2007

Houghton College, B.A. (2007) | United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia M.Div. (2011)
Immanuel, Meriden, CT Pastor (2011-2014) | St. James, Limerick, PA Pastor (2014-Present)



Phil Roushey, Youth Director, 2007-2008

Member of Hope 2007-2012 | Houghton College, B.A. (2008) | Luther Seminary M.Div. (2012) |
Good Shepherd, VT Pastor (2012-2015) | Zion, Frewsburg Pastor (2015-Present)

Josiah Armstrong, Pre-Seminary Intern & Youth Director, 2008-2011

Member of Hope 2009-2015 | Houghton College, B.A. (2011) | United Lutheran Seminary—Philadelphia M.Div. (2015) | Recovery Chaplain Minneapolis, MN (present)



Adam Reinhardt, Youth Director 2011-2013

Member of Hope 2011-present | Houghton College, B.A. (2011) | Princeton Seminary M.Div. (2016) | St. John, Honesdale, PA Pastor (present)

Jim Vitale, Pre-seminary Intern & Youth Director, 2012-2013

Member of Hope (2011-present) | Houghton College B.A. (2013) | Luther Seminary M.Div. (2017) | American Church in Berlin Intern Pastor (2017-2018)



Eric Madsen, Pre-Seminary Intern, Summer 2014

University at Buffalo B.A. (2014) | United Lutheran Seminary—Philadelphia, M.DIV. (2019) |
St. John, Williamsville Intern Pastor (2017-2018)

Chris LiPuma, Pre-Seminary Intern & Youth Director 2014-2016

Hope, Arcade Congregational Life & Youth and Family Minister (2016) | Zion, Clarence Ctr.
Youth Director (2017-Present)



Arin Liska, Pre-Seminary Intern, 2015-2016

St. Bonaventure B.S. (2015) | United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg M.A.R. (2018) | Young
Adult in Global Mission—Madagascar (present)

Zach Wiedemann, Pre-Seminary Intern & Youth Director Summer 2018

Member of Hope 2016-present | SUNY Fredonia, B.A. (2019) | Hope, Arcade, Discernment
Intern, Youth Director, (2018)

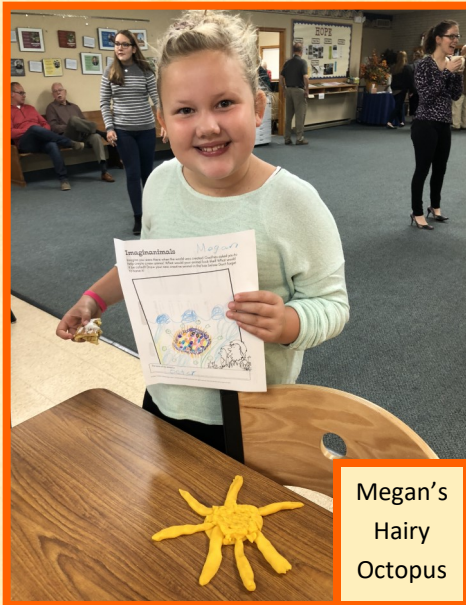


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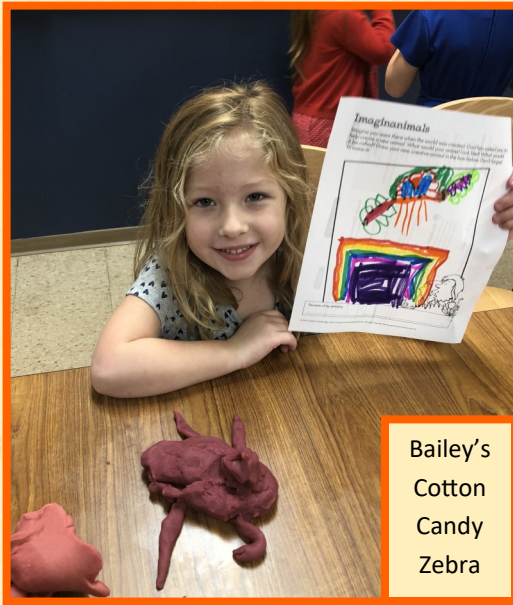


▲ Hope Youth spent a Tuesday evening in Buffalo preparing a meal for the families at the Ronald McDonald House. We admire them for their thoughtfulness and service.

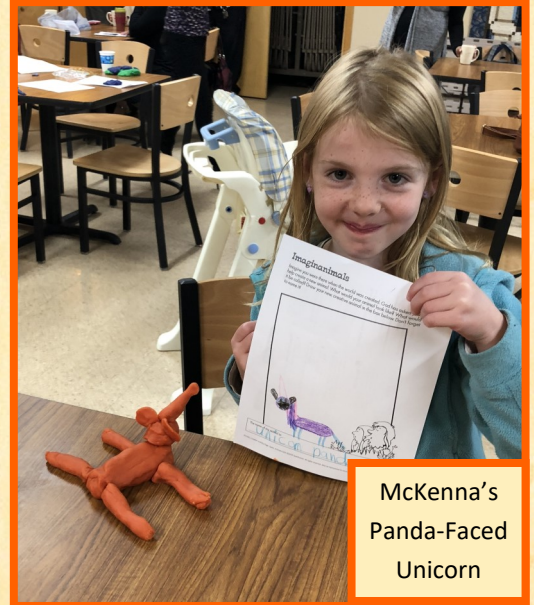
Hope ladies will be making a meal on Saturday, November 3 at Ronald McDonald House. Let Julie know if you would be interested in helping!



Megan's
Hairy
Octopus



Bailey's
Cotton
Candy
Zebra



McKenna's
Panda-Faced
Unicorn

Our Children's Church has kicked off a new curriculum walking our youngsters through the bible. In the first lesson they learned about God's creation and had the opportunity to imagine and then create their own animals.

We are always looking for volunteers to teach and lead these youngsters during 8:30 and 10:30 services. Please see Julie if you are interested.

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▲ Hope has been blessed over the last decade to have experienced the gifts of several young people as they discerned their call, including 5 of our own members.

Learn more about their time at Hope and where God has called them over the years in our new display in the parish hall.



▲ Our Ladies of Hope book clubs have started new books for the fall months and are enjoying fellowship, support and learning together!

◀ Our VBS kiddos painted over 100 rocks with messages of hope, joy and love that were then hidden all over Arcade, Holland and East Aurora by volunteers Jacob Offhaus and Ernie Floyd.



◀ Pastor Shawn plays the banjo with our preschoolers at Jesus time!

▼ Making applesauce in September with our class.

◀ One of our daily jobs is lighting a candle for Jesus time with Pastor Shawn.



CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1- KIMBERLY MERLAU
- 2- AMANDA RAUTENSTRAUCH
- 3- ABIGAIL WENDIG
- 4- TRICIA SCHROCK
- 5- CONNOR FLEISCHMAN
- 6- PAULINE BROWN
- 6- STEPHANIE CICERO
- 7- DAN OSGOOD
- 11- COY AGEN
- 13- JOHN STRUCKMANN
- 16- MARCIA DAVIES
- 16- PATRICK HOFFMAN
- 16- MATTHEW RUNG
- 17- TYLER FANTON
- 17- JEFFREY RIGERMAN
- 20- DRAKE LEFORT
- 21- STEPHEN STRUCKMANN
- 22- CATHARINE BROWN
- 23- PAISLEY SMITH
- 24- EMILY FRAZIER
- 24- LEE RHODUS
- 27- LLOYD NEAMON
- 28- BEVERLY FEHRINGER
- 28- ISABEL VITALE
- 31- JANET CAMPANA

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- SHELLEY & JIM FLEISCHMAN
- 2- ANGIE & BRIAN TAVERNIER
- 6- MARILYN & EDWARD PIRDY
- 7- KRISTIN & SCOTT BLEY
- 13- PAM & DAN OSGOOD
- 19- TRACY & VERN BLISS
- 26- CHARLENE BURFIELD & GEOFFREY GROSS

SEPTEMBER

- 6- DOUG & MARY LOU MERLAU*
- 21- STEVE & SUE METZGER*

**mistakenly omitted from the September newsletter*

CONGRATULATIONS!

**KOSSOWS ON THE BIRTH OF A
NEW GRANDDAUGHTER,
SOPHIA LEE KOSSOW!**



SERVING IN WORSHIP

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Acolyte 8:30 am	Eric Rautenstrauch Sydney Schrock	Garrett Milks Timmy Sonner	Megan Boldt Cora Fleischman	CodySmith Tyce Monin
Acolyte 10:30am	Gavin Hammell	Kole Hammell	Sophia Cordz Kristofer Burfield	Ethan Wendig Gavin Hammell
Altar Guild	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner
Assisting Minister 8:30 am 10:30 am	Joanne Offers Bob Vossler	Helena Blackwell Julie Tingue	Margie Webster Stephen Struckmann	Tracey Wood Victoria McCarthy
AV Tech 8:30 am 10:30 am	Madelyn Tavernier Stephen Struckmann	Alyssa Boldt Cindy Struckmann	Jim Alpin Julie Tingue	Cora Blackwell Scott Rimbey
HC Assistant 8:30am 10:30am	Anna Sonner Sue Dressel	Ernie Floyd Kathy LaScala	Missy Pleace Sharlene Vossler	Diane Gibbs Bob Vossler
Council Rep 8:30am 10:30am	Joanne Offers Bob Vossler	Tracey Wood Carol Boldt	Cora Blackwell Bob Vossler	Paul Fehringer Carol Boldt
Greeters (10:30)	The Hammells	Brenda Schmidt	Sandi Bennett	The Vosslers
Lector 8:30am 10:30am	Jen Blackwell Dale Deahn	Kim Offers Sue Dressel	Helena Blackwell Carol Staffehl	McKenna & Cody Smith Chris Gross
Prayers 8:30 am 10:30 am	Cora Blackwell Jodie Buchhardt	Ashley Bartz Sharlene Vossler	Mike Campana Paul Rigerman	Mary Alpin Sue Dressel
Children's Church 8:30am 10:30am	Ellen McCarthy Ellen McCarthy	Marsha North Ellen McCarthy	Marsha North Ellen McCarthy	TBD
Ushers 8:30am	Janet Campana Diane Gibbs	Dale Deahn Terry Redding	Tim and Marcy Sonner	Jim and Mary Alpin
Ushers 10:30 am	Kathy LaScala Carol Staffehl	Al Boldt Scott Rimbey	Kathy LaScala Jodie Buchhardt	Len and Sue Dressel
Coffee Hour 9:30-10:30am	Ashley Bartz	Melissa Pleace	Erin Hammell	Margie Webster
Counters	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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
12:00NOON - SOLD OUT

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

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