

Hope's Happenings

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From Pastor Shawn

To this day my mother claims that she knew what she was doing and she had a really good reason for switching our family to First Lutheran Church in Jamestown when I was in middle school. I, however, know the real truth. She switched us to First because First, at the time, had a children's choir. She thought that was pretty cool. And there you have it, but it's crazy to think that one of the most important decisions in our family's history was decided over something so extracurricular.

But whatever the reason, I am grateful. I was baptized in a Catholic Church, I took my first communion as an Episcopal, I married a Baptist, but I am home in the Lutheran Church, and not because all Lutheran churches have children's choirs. I'm home because Lutheranism is the best way for me to live out my faith in Jesus and the best lens I've found yet to understand the love of God and how we are called to live with one another.

And I mention that because this month marks the 500th anniversary of the spark of the Protestant Reformation that inadvertently created the Lutheran Church. In 1517 Martin Luther, distressed about the bad theology and abuse of power at the time, wrote 95 Theses condemning the practices of the church and posted them for all to see. A revolution snowballed.

Protestantism forever changed the church and the world, and as we remember that transformation now 500 years later I'd like to quickly point out the 5 things I believe are the greatest gifts Luther gave the church.

1. **Salvation by grace through faith.** Luther insisted that good works and big offerings could never earn salvation. Instead he lifted up Romans 3 that reminds us all have sinned and fallen short, but are saved by grace as a gift.
2. **Personal relationship with God.** Although Luther never could have imagined a world without the church (ever!), he also noticed some practices of the church separated God's children from their maker. They weren't able to participate fully in the sacrament. They had to confess their sin and receive forgiveness through their priests. God was far away. Luther broke down the barriers that protected the power of the religious elite and granted people access to the divine. He restored the sacrament to the faithful, and began to eliminate the necessity of an intermediary for one of God's elect to pray.
3. **Accessibility of God's Word.** Along the same lines, Luther saw a world where the faithful could read their Bibles for study and reflection. He translated the Bible from Greek, Hebrew, and Latin into the common tongue of the people. With the help of the Gutenberg Printing Press and the increased literacy, God's word was alive once again.
4. **Priesthood of all believers.** Luther taught that we are all at the same time sinners and saints. We're in bondage to sin and can't free ourselves, yet also washed in the blood of the lamb. And so the work of the gospel wasn't limited to those preaching on Sunday, but to all the faithful. He taught that in whatever you do, you are to do it for the glory of God, and that all our work in our homes, communities, and work places should be honorable and good.

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Worship Notes

New Worship Hours

8:30am: Worship Band led Liturgy

9:30am: Coffee & Ministry Hour

10:30am: Piano/Organ led Liturgy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Ministry Hour: Family Quilt Making

In celebration of our Bi-Annual Quilt Show, every family will make a quilt square to add to our Hope Family Quilt.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Kelly William Hannon Baptism at the 10:30am service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Ministry Hour: Reformation Celebration & Pumpkin Carving

9:30am: It's been 500 years since Martin Luther sparked the

reformation of the church, and we're going to celebrate.

11:30am: Shining God's light in us OUT as we carve and light up some pumpkins.

We Remember In Our Prayers

We pray for Matthew Nourse, Carmon Becker, Sharlie Mullin, Hyland Day, Curt Emery, Laura Bley, Myrtle Rammacher, Pastor Bob Zimmerman, Shirley Spencer, Isabelle Wagner, Luke Fries, Kathy Washburn, Ben, Roger Day, Dave Carr, Jeannette, Nicole Gremmel, Paul Hammond, Greg Kent, Melissa Ackerman, Lorelei and Team Mandu, Shirley Doolittle, Daniel Stimson, Chris Winkleman, Brad, Shirley Spencer, Angel Hansen & Family, Jacob, The family of James King.



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.

Pastor Shawn's Reflection

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5. Rise of faith formation. And the last big thing I believe Luther gave the world is an understanding of the importance of faith formation as a life long endeavor. When he visited towns and churches he noticed common people had no clue about the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds, or the 10 commandments, and that their pastors were incompetent teachers. So he wrote what we call the Small Catechism which was a short instruction manual covering the basics of the Christian faith. God isn't interested in blind devotion and obligatory participation. For Luther faith was meant to be formed and nurtured, so that it could be lived.

Imagine a church without those things. A church where the rich get to heaven faster because they can afford it. A world where souls are crying out in purgatory while a pope teaches he can free them if you help him build his basilica. Imagine what it would be like if any time you needed to hear a word from God you had to come ask me to read it to you. Or a world where every time you made a mistake you had to individually confess in my office before receiving forgiveness.

Thank goodness we don't have to imagine a world like that. Thank goodness for grace, and the word of God that once released from captivity was able to re-shape the church. Thank goodness for change.

I'm proud to be a Lutheran. I know denominational identity matters less these days, and I'm all for that too. But no matter what the church sign says, I'm grateful I can follow a tradition that repeatedly lifts up the importance of grace, purpose, and our relationship with God—a tradition that reminds us that we are always reforming (although it would be neat to bring back the children's choirs. Who knows who we might bring in).



Thanks Be to God for YOU!

August 2017:



Diane Gibbs & Gayla Kossow— for volunteering to organize and cook the dinner at the golf tournament.

Golf Tournament Volunteers & Sponsors— for their dedication and assistance in making our golf tournament such a great success.

Advanced Auto Parts— for hosting our car wash for our youth group that raised \$500.

Sue Dressel— Who has stepped up in every way called upon, from worship leadership to hospitality.

Ken & Shirley Doolittle— for supporting our youth ministries and a Future with Hope

Ed & Ellen McCarthy— for the Darien Lake Tickets for the Youth Group

Opportunities to Give & Serve

Hope Quilt Show- There is a sign up sheet on the shelf where you can sign up to donate items and help volunteer at the Hope Quilt Show October 13-15.

Youth Group Pie Sale- Our youth will be making and selling pies to support their trip to Houston. Make sure to stop by the turkey dinner on November 5 to purchase one of their tasty pies.

Meal Packaging- Can you spare some change? Hope's annual meal packaging of 5,000 meals will take place on Sunday, December 3 after the service. Jesus has called us to care for those less fortunate than us. Jesus calls us to feed the hungry. All of the meals will be distributed to local pantries in Catt, Wyoming and Erie counties. \$0.25 = 1 meal.



Christian Education & Youth Ministry

Youth Group- Our middle and high schoolers are encouraged to come every **Tuesday from 6:30-8:00pm** for dinner, fellowship and further developing their faith.

Confirmation Classes— October Confirmation Class will be held **October 18 at 7:00pm.**

Children's Church- We are still seeking volunteers to help with teaching or assisting with this new ministry. A sign up sheet is located on Julie's white board in her office that lists every week and what bible story will need to be taught. We are encouraging our confirmands to be youth assistants.

- **ELCA Trip To Houston—** Youth in 8th-12th grade are able to attend this years ELCA's Youth Gathering that will be taking place this **June 26-July 1** in Houston, Texas. The absolute deadline to sign up for this is November 12. Please see Pastor Shawn with any questions you or your child may have about this experience. Our next fundraiser for this event will be making pies and selling them during the Turkey dinner on November 5.



Youth Lock-Ins- Mark your calendar and sign up on the bulletin board

- **Lasertron Lock-In: October 21: 12:30am– 7:30am.** For \$25 the youth get unlimited lasertron and cybersport, unlimited drinks, arcade tokens, and two food items. We will also have a large group devotion time to look at ourselves and how God shows up in our lives.
- **Lock-In at Hope: November 3-4:** Bring a friend and a pillow to our church lock-in where playing games, deepening our relationships and making apple pies are on the agenda.

Hope Preschool

Our new preschool year is off to a great start! We currently have 18 children, but would be willing to take a few more. We are enjoying getting to know our new families.

We are grateful that all of our staff received CPR and AED training in September from Kathy Landahl.

Last week we went to our teacher, Miss. Julie's, Farm for a field trip where we played games, helped wash a pig, collected eggs from her chickens and made crafts.



We will be holding a basket raffle during Hope's upcoming quilt show. If you'd like to make a donation, we'd gladly accept it! Please drop it off no later than Wed. Oct. 11th. Be sure to stop by the nursery room during the quilt show to see what we have (and of course purchase your raffle tickets).

On November 3rd we will be hosting another wood sign paint night! See the choices to the right for the choices we are offering for the personalized paint night. We invite you to come paint, eat, drink, laugh, and have fun! Only \$30 per person and includes all supplies!

1. Wine TAKES THE EDGE OFF ADULTING

2. BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

3. The Love of a FAMILY is Life's Greatest BLESSING

4. HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY little CHRISTMAS

5. THIS HOME IS FILLED WITH Kisses WAGGING TAILS WET NOSES AND Love

6. You had me at Coffee

7. Life is better in the COUNTRY

8. IN A world WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING be kind

9. IT ALL BEGAN WITH A family

10. FAMILY IS THE KEY TO everything

11. love you more than yesterday YESTERDAY YOU GOT ON my nerves

12. THERE IS always SOMETHING TO BE thankful FOR

13. WHEN life KNOCKS YOU TO YOUR KNEES, YOU'RE IN THE PERFECT POSITION TO Pray

14. Bless the food before us THE family beside us & THE love between us

15. HARVEST TIME AUTUMN HAY RIDES HARVEST LEAVES APPLES FARMER'S MARKET

16. MY FAVORITE PEOPLE CALL ME GRANDPA MY FAVORITE PEOPLE CALL ME PAPA

17. BEWARE OF CHICKENS THEY CAN BE REAL PECKERS

18. Gratitude Blessings than a lot of Thanksgivin Turkey Family

19. Some people are worth Melting for.

20. **Indicate: Last Name & Year Established



**Indicate: 16 Grandpa, Papa, Grandma, Nana, etc...

**Indicate: 20 Last Name & Year Established

October Events:

Ale House Church—The next Ale House Church will take place on **Monday, October 23 at 7:00pm**. Come raise a glass while you share your thoughts on a topic that helps us learn about our faith and the culture around us. All are welcome... no experience necessary!

Care Givers Support Group- Care Givers Support Group will meet on the last Thursday of the month, **Thursday, October 26 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

Committee Coffee House- The next Committee Coffee House will take place on **Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30pm**.

Church Council- Church Council will meet **Monday, October 16 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.

Future with Hope Committee Meeting- The Future with Hope Committee will meet on **Thursday, October 26 at 6:30pm**.

Ladies Bible Study – The Ladies of Hope Bible Study will be meeting monthly in the Fall and Winter. Any interested individuals are welcome to attend as we explore devotions and bible study related to the season. The next Bible Study will take place **Thursday, November at 6:30pm** at Hope.

Arcade Main & More: Enjoy a relaxing evening meandering through the shops that make up Arcade's Main Street & More! Explore what our Main Street businesses offer and the businesses that they partner with for this one night event! Over 46 businesses are participating including **Hope**. Our booth will be located at Main St. Grille where we will be holding a 50/50 to benefit the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund and giving away our *Live Generously* shirts. If you would like to help with this event contact, Julie Tingue or Tracey Wood.

Quilt Show— Hope's Bi-Annual Quilt Show is here! It will take place October 13-15 at Hope. It will feature a special raffle of a hand quilted duo— a queen size quilt and a 48x48 wall hanging. Tickets for the quilt raffle are \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.00. The Quilt Show will also include many quilts and quilted items on display, a chicken and biscuit dinner, a basket raffle to benefit Hope Preschool and more. It costs \$3/per person to visit the show. See the next page for more details.

Looking Ahead to November...



Mark
Your
Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

*Details to come in the next
Hope Happenings Newsletter*

- Confirmation: **Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 15 & 29 at 7:00pm**
- Ladies of Hope Bible Study: **Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30pm**
- Hope Preschool Paint Night fundraiser: **Friday, Nov. 3 at 6:30pm**
- All Saints Sunday, Turkey Dinner & Apple Pie Sales: **Nov. 5**
- Basket Weaving Class by Ellen McCarthy: **Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6:00pm**
- Annual Meeting: **Nov. 12**
- Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 11:30-5:30pm**.
- Christmas Decorating: **Sunday, Nov. 19 at 11:30am**
- Ale House Church: **Monday, Nov. 27 at 7:00pm**
- Care Givers: **Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6:30pm**



Everyday the Show Features...

*Display of Quilts * Vendors*

** Quilting Demonstrations by Hope's Quilt Group **

*Chicken & Biscuit Luncheon * Sale of Craft Items & Baked Goods*

** Hope Preschool Basket Fundraiser **

<u>Friday, October 13:</u> 11am-8pm	<u>Saturday, October 14:</u> 10am-4pm	<u>Sunday, October 15:</u> 11:30am-4pm
<p>1:00pm "A New Spin on the Drunkard's Path" John Kubinieć, Big Rig Quilting <i>John is an author, long arm quilter, teacher and quilt judge from Rochester, NY.</i></p> <p>6:00pm Dessert and Coffee Demo: "Scrap Therapy & Management" Joan Ford, Author of "Vertical 9 Patch Book"</p> <p>8:00pm Door Prize Drawing</p>	<p>1:00pm Demonstration <i>Featuring Joan Ford from Syracuse, NY. Creator of Scrap Therapy and Scrap Management, she is also a teacher, designer and author.</i></p> <p>4:00pm Door Prize Drawing</p>	<p>1:00pm Demonstration <i>Featuring Mary Ann Fritz from Lime Lake. She is a Local Quilt and Fiber Artist. She has won awards and shows in many galleries.</i></p> <p>4:00pm: - Drawing for Quilted Duo: Queen Size "Rail Fence" Quilt and Floral Décor wall hanging made by the quilters of Hope. - Door Prize Drawing - Viewer's Choice Announcement</p>

Faces of Hope



Some gardening enthusiasts enjoyed a night of fairy garden planting with Events by Jess.



The youth of Hope received a special blessing of their bookbags and the school year ahead on Sunday, October 10. Each child made special keychains and received a special bag tag reading "This is a Blessed Backpack. And I am a Blessed Child of God." and Wishing all God's children a very blessed school year!



The Pub with a purpose Lutheran church staff serving crew. The event was well attended and raised a lot of money for a good cause. Thank you to the Hopesters that made the drive to the city and supported the event.

Faces of Hope



Huge shout out to our youth! They piled in cars after school and drove to the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo to make dinner for the families staying there.

We were instantly reminded how important that place is. When we walked into the kitchen a little girl was playing with a new toy. We learned it was her birthday. She spent it receiving radiation. It's crazy. But we are so grateful for places like the Ronald McDonald House where she was able to spend her 5th birthday night celebrating with her family and new friends.

Our kids got home 5 hours later. Most still had homework. Others missed practice and band. They sacrificed. And their church is very proud of them. Hopefully we are even learning from them.

Many thanks to our dinner sponsors who supported the event. And our continued prayers for the staff at the Ronald McDonald House. You guys do amazing, important work. Thanks for letting us partner with you in a small way.

Celebrations!

Birthdays

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| 1- Kimberly Merlau | 17- Tyler Fanton |
| 2- Amanda Rautenstrauch | 17- Jeffrey Rigerman |
| 3- Abigail Wendig | 20- Drake Lefort |
| 4- Tricia Schrock | 22- Catharine Brown |
| 5- Connor Fleischman | 23- Paisley Smith |
| 6- Pauline Brown | 24- Emily Frazier |
| 6- Stephanie Cicero | 24- Lee Rhodus |
| 7- Dan Osgood | 27- Kyler Felber |
| 11- Coy Agen | 27- Lloyd Neamon |
| 16- Marcia Davies | 28- Beverly Fehringer |
| 16- Patrick Hoffman | 28- Isabel Vitale |
| 16- Matthew Rung | 31- Janet Campana |

Anniversaries

- 1- Jim and Shelley Fleischman
- 2- Brian and Angie Tavernier
- 6- Lee and Marilyn Pirdy
- 7- Scott and Kristin Bley
- 13- Dan and Pam Osgood
- 19- Vern and Tracy Bliss
- 21- Daniel and Victoria McCarthy
- 26- Geoffrey and Charlene Burfield Gross

3rd Quarter Financials

July 2017 Weekly Giving: **\$2,347**

July 2016 Weekly Giving: \$2,412

August 2017 Weekly Giving: **\$1,889**

August 2016 Weekly Giving: \$2,004

September 2017 Weekly Giving: **\$2,607**

September 2016 Weekly Giving: \$2,255



Blast from the Past

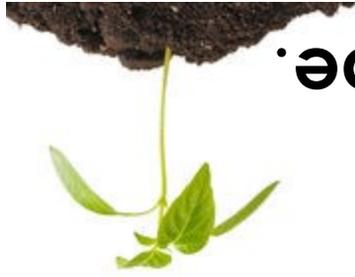


Some children of Hope with Pastor Ruhnke in the fall of 1966.

Duty Roster– October

	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
<i>Acolyte 8:30 am</i>	Anna Tavernier Grace Tavernier	Garrett Milks Alyssa Boldt	Cooper Rhodus Cole Rhodus	Anna Tavernier Grace Tavernier
<i>Acolyte 10:30am</i>	Gavin Hammell Clara Gross	Nick Rimbey Zach Rimbey	Gavin Hammell Clara Gross	Nick Rimbey Trey Monin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl
<i>Assisting Minister 8 :30 am 10:30 am</i>	Helena Blackwell Sue Dressell	Tracey Wood Julie Tingue	Margie Webster Victoria McCarthy	Joanne Offers Bob Vossler
<i>AV Tech 8:30 am 10:30 am</i>	Trevor Bley Jim Alpin	Cora Blackwell Scott Rimbey	Alyssa Boldt Jim Alpin	Madelyn Tavernier Julie Tingue
<i>HC Assistant 8:30am 10:30am</i>	Jen Blackwell Sharlene Vossler	Anna Sonner Dale Deahn	Helena Blackwell Missy Pleace	Tracey Wood Kathy LaScala
<i>Council Rep 8:30am 10:30am</i>	Jen Blackwell Rachel Kittleson	Jen Blackwell Carol Boldt	Jen Blackwell Bob Vossler	Jen Blackwell Jim Alpin
<i>Greeters (10:30)</i>	Pauline Brown	Missy Pleace	Vince & Erin Hammell	Sandi Bennett
<i>Lector 8:30am 10:30am</i>	Mike Sonner Sr. Chris Gross	Tim Sonner Judy Strobele	Paul Rigerman Dale Deahn	Monica Reding Jodie Buchhardt
<i>Prayers 8:30am 10:30am</i>	Margie Webster Al Boldt	Mike Sonner, Sr. Jodie Buchhardt	Monica Reding Sharlene Vossler	Tracey Wood Chris Gross
<i>Children's Church 8:30am 10:30am</i>	Tracey Wood Tracey Wood	Julie Tingue Tracey Wood	Ashley Bartz Tracey Wood	Julie Tingue Tracey Wood
<i>Ushers (10:30)</i>	Pleace Family	Al Boldt	Kathy LaScala Carol Staffehl	Len & Sue Dressel
<i>Coffee Hour 10:30</i>	Diane Gibbs	Pauline Brown	Janet Campana	Margie Rung

Please let the Church Office know if you desire to learn more about the above leadership roles for Sunday services. We would be happy to show you the ropes and help you get involved on Sundays.



In everything there is hope.

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