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Victory over Death

A Reflection from Pastor Shawn

Earlier this week a young man I went to high school with died of cancer. He was 35. I won't pretend we were best friends; not even good friends. I will, however, admit I wish I knew him better. I think most people who knew him did. And the really shameful thing is I bet for his part he was willing. I don't think there are many people he wasn't willing to befriend. I got the impression the only people he did not suffer were the close-minded. He had a way of valuing time with people even before his time became short.

And it was too short.

There's a passage of scripture that usually brings me hope in times like this. It was written by Paul and it was meant to help people wrestling with the death of their loved ones. It ends with a confrontation with Death itself. Paul writes, "Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). It's a bold assertion, and worthy of our proclamation. I've said it (and meant it) standing over many graves, but as I wrestled with this death and considered all the people I know grieving untimely, out-of-order, senseless loss, I admit: death did sting.

But in the midst of that struggle, I watched the outpouring of support for our friend. I saw picture after picture flood my newsfeed of adventures and experiences and selfies. I heard the story again of a young man who was given 6 months to live who filled every minute of the year plus that followed not with mourning, grief or regret, but with life and relationships and joy. I won't say for him his death had no sting, but it definitely didn't get the victory. His life did. And if that's how he saw it, then I knew what I had to learn.

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WORSHIP NOTES

8:30am: Band Led

10:30am: Piano & Organ Led

Sunday, October 6—

17th Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10*

Sunday, October 13—

18th Sunday after Pentecost Hope Quilt Show Weekend

*Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19*

Sunday, October 20—

19th Sunday after Pentecost

*Readings: Genesis 32:22-31
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Gospel: Like 18:1-8*

Sunday, October 27—

Reformation Sunday

*Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-14
Romans 3:19-28
Gospel: John 8:31-36*



3RD QUARTER GIVING:

July 2019 Weekly Giving : \$2,869.25

July 2018 Weekly Giving: \$2,286.78

August 2019 Weekly Giving : \$3,082.54

August 2018 Weekly Giving: \$2,995.89

September 2019 Weekly Giving : \$2,821.79

September 2018 Weekly Giving: \$2,832.79



Victory over Death *cont.*

The same passage of scripture starts, "Let me tell you a mystery. We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality."

I know that because of God's victory over death, our friend is no more dead than the trees that are preparing to shed their leaves. He's merely changed. He's let go of one way of knowing life, only to realize another. And that doesn't sting.

Death is certain, and almost life is always too short, but as you wrestle with the loss of those you care about, I hope the same mystery comforts you. No matter how it feels, death doesn't get the "W" in. Our loved ones have changed. They've laid down mortality for immortality, and because of Christ's death and resurrection, the same will hold true for us.



Thanks be to God!

VBS Volunteers:

For the time and talents they shared with the over 70 children that attended our VBS programing this year in August.

Golf Tournament

Volunteers & Sponsors:

For helping us put on a fun and successful fundraiser for "A Future with Hope" Community & Ministry Center.

Ed & Ellen McCarthy:

For the kind donation of Darien Lake Tickets for the Youth Group to attend in August

Anna Tavernier:

For Volunteering all summer to plan and teach the Sprouting Hope program for the 8:30 service.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

*We pray for Matthew Nourse, Curt Emery, Ben, Kyler Limburg, Dave Carr, Paul Sanders, Betty Offhaus, Traci, Joan Taylor, Roger Day, Matt Weaver, Mary Ann, Jerry Webster, Mary Dell, Katie Offhaus, Sue Adams and family, Jackson Mason, Dolly Buchhardt, Sandy Harris, Doug Lavery, Carrie Ruffin, Suzanne & Otto Struckman, Gary Beiersdorf, Rev. John Fehringer, Ken Babbitt, Dr. Gordon Comstock, Catherine, Jay May, Ed Cole, Lois Millville, Theresa Swift, Charles Karnth, Wade, Betsey Koerner, Don Tober, Sandy Semans, John Harter, David Niver, Betty Howard, Ryley Green, Dick Rogers, Scott Strobele, Noah Brown, Roxanne, David Phair, Ally Conrad and the **family of Luke Fries, grandson of Mike & Pat Cady, son of Chad & Kathy Fries, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.***

Please consider sending a Sympathy Card to the Cady & Fries Family:

**Mike & Pat Cady
Chad & Kathy Fries
8587 Jackson Hill Road
Friendship, NY 14739**

We also 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.

EVENTS at a GLANCE

October 1: Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

October 3: Men's Group at Friends of Night People: 3:30pm

October 6: Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am

October 7: *Last Hope Archery Night of the year: 6:30pm*

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

October 10: Hope Respite: 10:30am-2:30pm

October 13: Sunday Services: 8:30am & 10:30am

October 14: Church Council: 6:30pm

October 15: Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

October 17: Book Club #1 at Rachel Kittleson's Home: 7pm

October 18: **Hope Quilt Show: 11am-8pm**

(Featuring: Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Preschool Basket Raffle, Quilts on Exhibit, Demonstrations, Vendors, Craft and Bake Sale and Door Prizes)
1pm: Guest Speaker: Phyllis Fay "Piecing Techniques"
6pm: Guest Speaker: Linda Hunter, "All About Quilt Appraisals" and Dessert & Coffee

October 19: **Hope Quilt Show: 10am-4pm**

(Featuring: Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Preschool Basket Raffle, Quilts on Exhibit, Demonstrations, Vendors, Craft and Bake Sale and Door Prizes)
1pm: Guest Speaker: Linda Rault, Designer of Unique and Creative purses and tote bags

October 20: **Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am**

Hope Quilt Show: 11:30am-4pm

(Featuring: Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Preschool Basket Raffle, Quilts on Exhibit, Demonstrations, Vendors, Craft and Bake Sale and Door Prizes)
1pm: Guest Speaker: Sarah Ballinger "Hexies & More"

October 22: Quilting: 10am-2pm
Youth Group: 6:30-8pm

October 23: Committee Coffee House: 6:30pm

October 24: Book Club #2 at Carol Boldt's Home: 7pm

October 27: Reformation Sunday Services- 8:30am & 10:30am
Confirmation: 5-7pm

October 28: Ale House Church at Main Street Grille: 7pm

October 29: Quilting: 10am-2pm
Book Club #3 at Hope: 2:30pm

Youth Group Halloween Party: 6:30-8pm





HOPE PRESCHOOL

The school year is off to a great start at Hope Preschool. We have 19 students in our class of 3-4 year olds. We have spent the first few weeks in school getting to know each other, learning school rules and exploring our classroom. Highlights of our first month of school have included watching the concrete poured for the gym floor, playing outside EVERY day because of the awesome September weather, learning about all the awesome things God created, raising Monarch butterflies and celebrating four student birthdays!

We were excited to hire a third teacher for our classroom last month. Julie Weixlmann is excited to be back in the classroom with us every day. She was a previous substitute teacher for our program and worked for two years in the preschool prior to that.



Welcome back Mrs. Weixlmann

Wish List Item of the Month: Basket Raffle Donations

Later this month we will be hosting our Fall Fundraiser, a Basket Raffle, during the Hope Quilt Show October 18-20. We welcome donations of baskets, gift cards or other items. Funds from this fundraiser support the purchase of resources and materials for our classroom.

* We are also in need of a step stool for our storage room if you have one that you no longer need.*



YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP:

Middle & High School Youth

Middle and High School Students are invited every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8pm for fellowship, food and fun! Bring a friend and a few dollars for pizza.

YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY

Tuesday, October 29 from 6:30-8pm

Save the date and stay tuned for fun details regarding this party!

TURKEY DINNER & APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER FOR MINNEAPOLIS

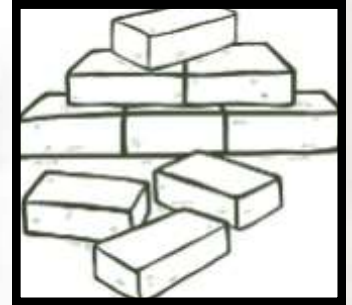
We will be making and baking several apple pies on Friday, November 15 to raise money for our 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis. We will also be seeking help and assistance from parents and youth for the Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 17. A sign-up sheet will be put out after the Quilt Show for donations and volunteers.



OPPORTUNITIES

TO GIVE & SERVE

NEW!!! HELP BUILD “A FUTURE WITH HOPE” BRICK BY BRICK: We invite church families, local businesses, ministry partners and community members to support our Ministry and Community Center through the purchase of an engraved personalized brick to be used in the entrance of the new building. A donation of \$200 is being asked for each brick. Orders will be accepted until December 31. Order forms can be found near the shelf in the social hall. There is also an order form on the next page of the newsletter and a link online at www.hopearcde.org/future.



HOME COMMUNION OUTREACH: We are interested in starting a new ministry at Hope that will allow our brothers and sisters at Hope to serve communion to shut-in members of our congregation. If you would be interested in this ministry, please sign-up on the bulletin board. We will be in touch with interested individuals to set up a learning session later this fall.

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL: Our youth group is collecting new coloring books, activity books, colored pencils, markers and \$5 gift certificates for Tim Hortons or \$10 gift certificates to Tops for children at Children’s Hospital. The Youth will be delivering all donations in November.

QUILT SHOW: Hope’s Quilt Show will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **October 18, 19, and 20.** There are signup sheets on the Shelf for donation and volunteer requests. Please check and see how you may be able to help. The quilt, (“New Hope”) on display in the Parish Hall, was made by the ladies in our Quilt Group. A drawing for the quilt will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20th. If you wish to purchase tickets or would be willing to sell some for us, please get them in the church office.

PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: We have families that are looking for financial assistance for the upcoming school year at Hope Preschool. The cost of tuition is \$110/month. If your family would be interested in sponsoring a portion of the tuition for a family, please see the church office.

HOPE IS BUILDING: We are so grateful to our church members and families for their support of our building this far. With the exception of the roof and the concrete all work has been done 100% by volunteers. We are so proud of this accomplishment. There are always jobs to complete and if you are interested please call the church office to inquire.

DEEP FRYERS NEEDED: We need to borrow 5 deep fryers for our Turkey Dinner in November. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you have one that we can use for this fundraiser.



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

TURKEY DRIVE: looking for donations or money towards the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need in the community.

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 15.

MEAL PACKAGING: On December 8 we hope to package meals for food banks in WNY. We will need to raise at least \$2,000 to do this event. A collection container is located on the table.



Bricks purchased by churches, pastors, and ministry partners will be used to create a cross in the center of the wall.

ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Are you a church or ministry partner? ___ YES ___ NO

Each brick is allowed 3 lines of text with 20 characters per line. If you would like your brick engraved, please print clearly and legibly the information you would like on your brick below:

Line #1: _____

Line #2: _____

Line #3: _____

*Please Make Checks Payable to: **Hope Lutheran Church**
Mail Completed Form & Check to: **2 East Main Street, Arcade, NY 14009**
Questions? Contact **office@hopearcade.org** or **585.492.2530***

Through a **\$200** donation

*a personalized engraved brick - 4"x 8"-
will be used in the entrance of the new Ministry &
Community Center to show your support of the project.*

Deadline: December 31, 2019

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Sunday mornings are brightened by the younger youth that greet one another and play together !

Walls have been built recently in the addition. We are so thankful the many volunteers hours that have got us to this point.



This months' Ale House Church was a packed house!



One of the Ladies Groups put together care packages for the College students!



This Quilter's have been working hard to get ready for their Quilt Show this month!



Youth Group Nights!

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◀ September Respite involved lots of apples! Guests made apple trees and apple pie, did apple taste testing and enjoyed a visit from Paul



Preschoolers are learning about God's wonderful creation from Pastor Shawn during daily Jesus time.



Sunday Family Fun Day at the Bowling Alley was an enjoyable afternoon in September.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays...

- 1- KIMBERLY MERLAU
- 2- AMANDA RAUT-ENSTRAUCH
- 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
- 21- STEPHEN STRUCK-MANN
- 22- CATHARINE BROWN
- 23- PAISLEY SMITH
- 24- EMILY FRAZIER
- 24- LEE RHODUS
- 27- LLOYD NEAMON
- 28- BEVERLY FEHRINGER
- 28- ISABEL VITALE
- 31- JANET CAMPANA
- 31- KOLTON KRIST

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
- 22- DAN & VICTORA MCCARTHY
- 26- CHARLENE BURFIELD & GEOFFREY GROSS

Ordinations

Jim Vitale: Saturday, October 26 @3:30pm, at Beaver Lutheran Church, Beavertown, PA

Adam Reinhardt: Sunday, November 3 @ 4:00pm, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church,

Save the Date...

Sunday, November 3: All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 10: Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10th with brunch at 9:30am. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. At the annual meeting, we will be officially welcoming new members. If you are interested in formally joining Hope, please speak to someone in the church office for forms.

Thursday, November 14: Respite

Sunday, November 17: Turkey Dinner & Apple Pie Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 19: Blood Drive & Youth Trip to Ronald McDonald House



SERVING IN WORSHIP

| | October 6 | October 13 | October 20 | October 27 |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sunday Steward: 8:30 am | Angie Tavernier | Paul Fehringer | Cora Blackwell | Tracey Wood |
| Greeters: 8:30am | Bev Hallock | Janet Campana | Betsey Craft | Pauline Brown |
| AV Tech: 8:30 am | Cora Blackwell | Jacob & Ernie | Cora Blackwell | Jim Alpin |
| Acolyte: 8:30 am | Grace Tavernier | Cecelia Titus | Cody Smith | Cora Fleischman |
| Assisting Minister: 8:30 am | Margie Webster | Joanne Offers | Tracey Wood | Mary-Songster Alpin |
| Children's Church: 8:30am | Anna Tavernier | Amy Thomson | Anna Tavernier | Deb Wood |
| Lector: 8:30am | Monica Reding | Dale Deahn | Makenna Smith McKenna Krist | Cora Blackwell |
| Prayers: 8:30 am | Mike Sonner, Sr | Angie Tavernier | Ashley Bartz | Jen Blackwell |
| Ushers: 8:30am | Marcy & Maddie Sonner | Mike Sonner, Sr Jim Alpin | Terry Reding Andy Bartz | Amy Thomson Joanne Offers |
| HC Assistants: 8:30am | Kristin Bley Barb Sonner Jen Blackwell | Ashley Bartz Jenni Smith Missy Pleace | Lisa Deahn Megan Titus Ernie Floyd | Jacob Offhaus Tyler Bley Brian Tavernier |
| Sunday Steward: 10:30 am | Sue Dressel | Bob Vossler | Margie Rung | Carol Boldt |
| Greeters: 10:30 am | Margie Rung | Carol Boldt | Kathy LaScala | Brenda Schmidt |
| AV Tech: 10:30 am | Stephen Struckmann | Cindy Struckmann | Cindy Struckmann | Carol Staffehl |
| Acolyte: 10:30 am | Gavin Hammell | Kristopher Burfield | Clara Gross | Kole Hammell |
| Assisting Minister: 10:30 am | Bob Vossler | Sue Dressel | Stephen Struckmann | Sue Farris |
| Children's Church: 10:30 am | Sue Dressel | Ellen McCarthy | Ellen McCarthy | Jenni Smith |
| Lector: 10:30 am | Kim Offers | Sue Farris | Paul Rigerman | Bob Vossler |
| Prayers: 10:30 am | Paul Rigerman | Carol Staffehl | Sandi Bennett | Sharlene Vossler |
| Ushers: 10:30 am | Kathy LaScala Margie Rung | Jodie & Bob Buch- hardt | Al Boldt Len Dressel | Scott Rimbey & Boys |
| HC Assistants: 10:30 am | Ruth Zimmerman Kathy LaScala Jodie Buchhardt | Stephen Struckmann Brenda Schmidt Sue Farris | Sharlene Vossler Payeton Burfield Rachel Kittleson | Carol Boldt Ellen McCarthy Kathy LaScala |
| Altar Guilds: | Cindy Struckmann & Mary Songster Alpin | Margie Rung Barb Sonner | Diane Gibbs Tracey Wood | Carol Boldt Carol Staffehl |
| Coffee Hour: | Missy Pleace | Pauline Brown | Darla Schwab | Barb Sonner |
| Counters: | Scott Bley Tyler Bley | Mike Sonner Zach Wiedemann | Joanne Offers Kelly Thomson | John Kossow |

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