

Hope's Happenings

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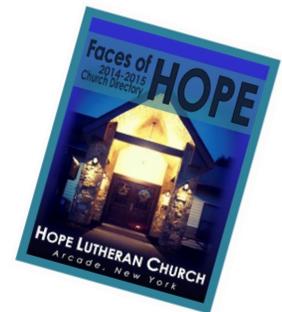
Chris LiPuma

A few Sundays ago I walked by a group of people gathered in our fellowship hall standing over the pages of a weathered book. They were studying it with great reverence. As they looked from page to page something would often cause a collective sigh or chuckle to ring through the air. When I got close enough, I noticed it was someone's yearbook. Although it was from another time and a completely different town, it somehow held the secret history of 4 different people in church that day.

This newsletter is the second publication Hope has printed this week. The first was our 2014-2015 directory, and as I reflect on that moment in the parish hall I cannot help but feel like our directory is sort of like that yearbook. It too holds a history. The stapled pages tell a story. They tell our story. As we look from face to face we see some of the most faithful people on the planet. We see couples who have driven countless miles for nearly 6 decades through wind, snow, and rain to worship here week after week. We see servants who without compensation or sometimes even gratitude have volunteered their time and gifts to teach or cook or sit and listen or wipe the grease out of a frying pan. With them we also get to see people who are newest to the journey of faith. We see children and infants that are still dripping from passing through the baptismal font. We see adults who spent too many years wandering through a wilderness before being embraced once again in the loving arms of God. And together we see the story of a people who refuse to believe that Christianity or the church is dead, because our God already tried death on once. It didn't suit him, and it doesn't suit us either. The story of a people who genuinely care not just for each other, but for all our neighbors... A people who long to grow faith in ourselves and nurture faith in others... A people who love God and will give him the glory and praise he deserves.

But our story is not the only story we encounter within. We also see the story of a very active God who is at work in this place showering us with forgiveness and grace, and building us up as the body of Christ. If you are reading this newsletter you are likely pictured within that directory. I hope you always know that you are an important part of the story God is writing here at Hope. It would not be the same without you. And if you are reading this because you are interested in Hope, please know that we cannot wait to watch God weave your story into His here as well.

The directory captures a very special history of God and his people here at Hope, but at the start of another Sunday School and Church Year here at Hope let me say that I am just as excited about the history that God has yet to write. I used to write "Have a good summer" in every yearbook I signed, and I hope you had a good summer. But now is the time to get to work and continue to build up the body!



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Worship Notes

Sunday, September 7

Return to Two Services at 8am & 10:30am

Kick Off Sunday School, 9:15am

Sunday, September 27

Regular Sunday School Resumes 9-10am

Sunday, October 26

Reformation Sunday

3rd Grade Walk Through the Bible Recognition

Sunday, November 2

All Saints Worship

We remember the faithfully departed with special worship

Worship
the Lord
in the
Beauty
of Holiness

We Remember in Our Prayers

We pray for:

Connie Madison,
Barbara Fehringer,
Matthew Nourse,
Kimberly Cordz,
Nichole,
Ervin Niles,
Carmon Becker,
Kirk Crandall,
Roger Day,
Emily Richards,
Brennon McCormick,
Betty Babbitt,

Diana Hoffman,
Catriona,
Mary Maines,
Bill Strobele,
Judy Young,
Dennis Rung,
R.D. Knight,
Bob Pleace,
Jeffrey Gellner,
Darlene Armstrong,
Christine Alpin,
Dennis Haas,

Don Day,
Sharlie Mullin,
Doug Nichols,
Dick Rogers,
Dave Dutton,
Martha (Marty) Marble,
Brenda Herman,
John Schwartz,
Pat Strobele,
Hyland Day,
Hannah Hopkins,
Kathy Dievendorf,

Glen Mueller,
Patti Zeller,
Anita McCaffrey,
Rox Eaton,
Doris Ann Fehringer,
and the families of
Elaine Semlisch,
Mary Ellen Davies,
Paul Allan,
and Ardean Day
at the passing
of their loved ones.

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 keep our Servicemen and women who are serving at home and overseas in our prayers,

We pray for all our Synod, Local, State and National leaders and all those elected into office.

Meet Chris LiPuma

**Project Connect Pastoral Intern, 2014-2015
& Hope's New Youth Director!**

I would like to thank the entire congregation at Hope Lutheran Church for having the trust to accept me into their family. Working as a program coordinator this summer at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center I had the pleasure of meeting many of you as well as your kids, although I don't like to judge a book by its cover, I cannot contain the excitement I have based on those meetings alone. I was very impressed by all of your kids this summer as they not just inspired me but also inspired all of my staff. If the youth at Hope is just the tip of the iceberg I cannot wait to get started and look forward to meeting all of you.

I have been a bit of a journey man since graduating from Williamsville East in 2007 attending many community colleges along the way. Currently I am taking classes at Empire State college with a major in Psychology. After the completion of my under-grad I hope to attend Seminary. Attending Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center as a camper and as staff, I have a passion in surrounding myself with people who are inspired with the Love of God and who enjoy spreading that Love. Which is why I was led to Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Shawn has been a very inspirational person in my life and seeing the way he has and shares his passion for God's love is contagious. While I have been discerning my call he has been a constant voice pointing me in the right direction.

I cannot wait to get this year underway and again I am very thankful you are willing to accept me into your family at Hope. I look forward to meeting all of you and growing together in our faith.



Good Bye from Eric Madsen, Project Connect Pastoral Immersion Intern, Summer 2014

Hey! I would like to thank everyone at Hope Lutheran for making my summer internship a great experience. We did some great projects like VBS, and landscaping around the portico, and the Dinner church together and the not so big events like my Tuesday lunch date with the quilters. Every experience and memory I will cherish for many years to come. I also cannot convey the help you have giving me in understanding my call, you have all been so supportive and I couldn't think of a better place to wet my feet in field of pastoral ministry.

So just to give you an update on what I'm doing between leaving Hope and rushing off to seminary next fall. I have currently accepted two part-time positions in the Lutheran church, One being a Youth Director at several Lutheran churches in the Amherst and Tonawanda areas, and the second being the Logistics Manager for a music afterschool program based Holy Trinity in Buffalo. Both these positions will challenge me in completely different ways and I am more than excited to get into the thick of it. But despite the time demands these new positions will place on me, I promise I will be no stranger to you all throughout the year.

Again I would like to thank you all and especially Pastor Shawn and Rev Dr. Bob for all you have given me. There is a reason they keep sending interns to you guys.

From Pastor Bob:

Using your Artistic Self To Become a More Spiritual Christian.

We are all prone to glance at the Church bulletin or Newsletter and immediately forget what we have read. In this case, what appeared in the Newsletter a couple months back was the announcement about an Arts and Spirituality workshop for those wishing to find a way of becoming more spiritual. The theme of the workshop was based on the injunction of St. Paul reminding us that in whatever we choose to do – we should do it to the greater glory of God. Well, the work shop took place and seven people took part. For three weeks, the results of that workshop were on display in a mini-art show in the gathering place outside the sanctuary. The works of the artists' hands were rather remarkable.

Therese Osborn, a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul R.C. Church, contributed her painting of a house. The house was trimmed with found materials such as fake snow, pieces of old wall paper and pieces of tree bark. Even the frame which also was made of found materials added a certain aging to this work of art.

Lyne Boris, a member of the Quilting Guild completed a beautiful crib cover with a theme suggested by the nursery rhyme that begins: "The owl and the pussy cat went to sea in a beautiful pea green boat..."

Patricia and Michael Cady chose colored pencils as their medium. Pat produced a study of the "Burning Bush" from the Old Testament while Mike added color to rendition prints of songbirds and eagles.

Judy Strobele shared a print of a vastly larger landscape painting that was too big to get into the Narthex.

Ruth Zimmerman used her woodcarving talents to make a chip carving of modern design of the Nativity. There were other wood carvings of the medieval symbol of the Gospel writer St. John, and a Dove of Peace carved in relief.

The pictures, carvings and needlework were however not the most important part of the workshop. The most important outcome was recognition that the works of our hands can lead us into a more intimate relationship with God. Painting, carving, sewing — all of which can work toward using our strengths to move us through prayer, to a higher spiritual nature that leads to a more Christian way of life.



Opportunities to Give/Serve

Pub with a Purpose Sponsors

Pub with a Purpose is a great event for hundreds of Lutherans across WNY to come together and eat for a good cause. Last year \$6,300 was raised in support of Lutheran Charities. But we realize that some people are unable to attend the event due to the drive, or the timing, or your own schedules. Please consider making any donation to the event in lieu of your presence there that day. You may give your donations to Pastor Shawn or the church office.

Those who desire to give \$75 or more will be recognized as **EVENT SPONSORS** of Pub with a Purpose. Event Sponsors are thanked with their name on a sponsorship banner as well as at every table. Please talk with Pastor immediately if you desire to make such a gift.

Brother's Keeper, InC.

Brother's Keeper, InC.—Hope's newest outreach ministry—is getting ready to get our hands dirty once again as we embark on another project. We will be working to reroof a small roof on the back of one of our member's homes before another winter's snow falls. To donate your time, talent, or money for materials please speak with PS. We are also looking for one person with experience in the area to be the foreman for the job. The foreman would make a material list and manage the rest of us volunteers.

Direct Giving: Offertory Plate Cards

Hope's stewardship and finance committees are pleased to introduce the new Direct Giving Offertory Plate Cards. A series of these cards are available in the pew racks at church. During the offering those who give directly are invited to place the card in the basket in place of your electronic gift.

Direct Giving is not only convenient for you, but also allows our finance personnel the ability to better budget and manage your generous gifts. Please consider making your gift electronically today. Talk with Pastor Shawn for more information or see the church office for a direct giving form.

Direct Giving
Offertory Plate Card



My donation to the church is being given automatically this morning through the **Simply Giving Program.**

Thank you for your gift, and thanks be to God for your continued faithfulness & generosity.

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In everything there is hope.

Education

Confirmation

Confirmation will kick off for 7-9th graders on Wednesday September 17th with orientation. All new confirmands parents are encouraged to attend the session as well. This is an Old Testament Year so a majority of our focus will be on the story of God and his people from creation through the prophets. Confirmation Wednesdays include: 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 1/7, 1/14, 2/4, 4/8, 4/22, & 5/6. Please also mark your calendar for the Confirmation Camping trip in January (16-19).

3rd Graders: Walk Through the Bible!

On Sunday mornings this October the 3rd graders at Hope will walk all the way through the Bible from the creation of the world to the creation of the church. Upon completing their journey through the Bible, Hope will recognize the 3rd graders with their very own Bible on Sunday, October 26.

Knowing God?

Have you ever questioned the nature of God? What's God like? How well can we know him? How does God reveal himself to mere humans? For 6 Wednesday nights from Sept. 24 to Oct. 29 Pastor Shawn and Pastor Bob are going to co-teach a class asking just those questions. We will gather from 7-8pm each Wednesday in the conference room off the parish hall. No experience or materials needed!





Hope Preschool kicked off another great school year on September 8th with 16 new friends! We are so excited to get to know them & their families.



YOU are always welcome to come in and volunteer for a day, an hour, or maybe just to read a story! We'd love to have you!

If you feel called to help the Preschool, but are unable to volunteer, consider making a donation to our Scholarship Program. We often have families who can't quite make the \$90 monthly tuition payments (\$810 for the year). We have always made it work for those families, but it leaves us struggling financially. If you'd like to make a donation, please seal it in an envelope labeled "Preschool" and place it in the offering plate. You can also drop donations off in the church office or mail them.

Thank you for your support!



Youth Activities!



Calling All 8th-12th Graders: Let's Rise Up in Detroit!

This summer our 8th through 12th graders will be heading to Detroit to join 40,000 other Lutheran youth for a week of worship, service, and fun! Our last trip to Detroit in 2012 was a huge success and we expect nothing else. An information session for youth and their parents will take place this Sunday at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

Lasertron

On Friday, October 10 our youth will be heading to Lasertron in Amherst, NY for an all night marathon of fun and games. We will be joined by over 100 other Lutheran youth from the area. The cost is \$20/child. Friends welcome. As the day approaches we will need parents to cart our youth up there on Friday evening as well as pick them up on Saturday am. Stay tuned for more information.

Fall Lock-In

Hope is looking forward to its own fall lock-in for all 3rd-12th graders. We will gather for pizza at 6:30pm. We will play games, share a devotional, and end our night with a movie and quiet time. Pick up is at 8am. The three optional dates are: 9/19, 9/26, or 10/24. Please contact PS or Chris LiPuma (text: 716-697-0672) with a preference.

Got An Idea or Two for the Youth? Talk to Chris.

Our new Youth Director, Chris LiPuma, cannot wait to meet you and talk to you about ideas for the youth group here at Hope. Please make every effort to introduce yourself to Chris when you see him, and let him know what you envision for the youth at Hope.



Announcements

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be Tuesday, September 16 from 11:30-5:30pm.

Care Givers Support Group

The next Care Givers Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 25 & Thursday, October 23 at 6:30pm at Hope.

Committee Coffee House

The next Committee Coffee House will take place on Wednesday, September 24 6:30pm. This committee coffee house will kick off our new year. Please make every effort to attend. If your committee cannot attend, please let Pastor Shawn and Bob Landahl know when you plan to meet and what you need from the rest of Hope's leadership.

Church Council

Church Council resumes it's regular meeting night on the Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. If you have anything you'd like Church Council to be aware of or discuss, please let PS or Bob Landahl know.

Archery!

The Archery group meets next to the BBQ shelter behind church every Tuesday night (weather permitting) beginning at 6:30pm. **All**, regardless of experience, skill level, or equipment, **are invited to attend**.

Muddy Viking

A 4-mile mud run through beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center will take place on Saturday, October 6. An unprecedented 70% of the registration fee supports Lutheran Charities of WNY and the agencies it serves. For more information find the Muddy Viking on Facebook or talk to PS.

Pictorial Directory

The new directory is out, but it is never too late to update your information or picture. Please speak with the main office to update your information or email your new picture to Pastor Shawn.

Pub With a Purpose

On Monday, October 6 Pastor Shawn and 5 other Lutheran pastors will take over for the wait staff at the Buffalo Brew Pub (Main near Transit). 20% of the bill and 100% of the tips goes to Lutheran Charities and the agencies they serve. Last year \$6,300 was collected at the event! Enjoy a great meal and fun service all for a good cause!

HOPE is happening!



Vacation Bible School was a huge hit this August with over 50 kids in attendance and 20 volunteers! Thanks to all who came and all who helped.





Family Camping at LCLC was a great success including a beautiful day on the water, and a Sunday morning worship on site with a local congregation.





The sun ushers in another Sunday morning this summer (July 6th) as the church bell called us to worship. May we always exercise the right as well as give thanks for the ability to worship freely.



Lap robes made by our Quilting Group decorate the sanctuary before heading to the Pines and to other homebound individuals.

Thanks Be To God *for you!*

*Our council thanks the following people
for going above and beyond in the last months.*

Summer 2014

Kim & Joanne Offers, Peggy Place, Dale & Lisa Deahn,
for their significant contributions to camperships

Eric Madsen,

for sharing his gifts with us during his very successful internship

VBS Volunteers,

the many volunteers who made our VBS this year so fun and faithful!

September 2014

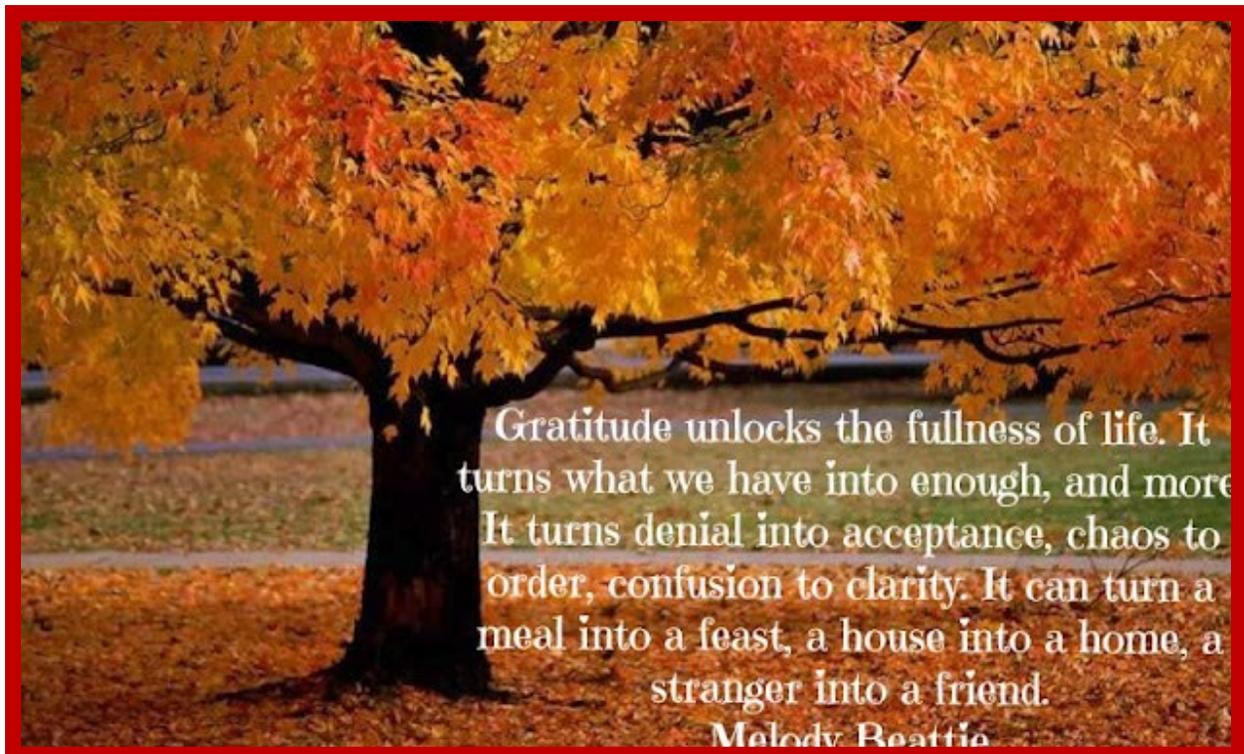
Jim Alpin, Mary Alpin, and Jessica Rung,

for accepting the call and becoming our new Sunday School teachers.

Scott Rimbey, Pam & Chuck Bradford,

*for going above and beyond to make the family camping trip
extra special.*

Bishop John Macholz, *in thanksgiving for his installation
and ministry as Bishop of our synod.*



Celebrations!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

September

2-Anna Tavernier
 3-Beth Miller
 7-Delaney Petri
 7-Megan Sonner
 8-Carmen Petrillo
 8-Tracey Wood
 8-Ruth Zimmerman
 9-Bob Vossler
 11-Stephanie Milks
 12-Madelyn Tavernier
 13: Eloise Lambert
 15-Tracy Bliss
 16-Missy Brown
 16-Mary Songster-Alpin
 17-Kim Wittenrich
 19-Anthony Petrillo
 20-Kara Boldt
 21-Jim Alpin
 23-Jen Blackwell
 24-Kaitie Wood
 27-Robin McCarthy
 29-Andy Deahn
 29-Tyler Burns
 29-Ellie Winfield

October

1-Kim Merlau
 2-Amanda Rautenstrauch
 3-Kevin Landahl
 4-Tricia Schrock
 6-Pauline Brown
 6-Stephanie Cicero
 16-Marcia Davies
 16-Patrick Hoffman
 16-Matt Rung
 17-Tyler Fanton
 17-Jeff Rigerman
 20-Drake Lefort
 22-Catherine Brown
 24-Emily Frazier
 24-Jean Masman
 24-Lee Rhodus
 25-Guy Sisson
 27-Kyler Felber
 27-Lloyd Neamon
 28- Bev Fehringer
 28-Isabel Vitale

September

4-Ashley & Andy Bartz
 6-Doug & Mary Lou Merlau
 8-Bob & Jodie Buchardt
 8-Gary & Margie Rung
 12-David & Jeanne Holmes
 21-Steve & Sue Metzger
 29-Tim & Marcy Sonner
 30-Joe & Judy Strobele
 30-Al & Judy Noble

October

2-Guy & Ellen Sisson
 2-Brian & Angie Tavernier
 7-Scott & Kristin Bley
 17-Jason & Tarra Schwab
 19-Vern & Tracy Bliss
 26-Geoff & Charlene Gross

Date	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
<i>Acolyte 8am</i>	Damin and Eric Rautenstrauch	Tyler Cockle Evan Frazier	Madisen Sonner Anna Sonner	Ashley Bliss Emily Frazier
<i>10:30am</i>	Kara Boldt Alyssa Boldt	Kerianne Alpin Payeton Burfield	Cora Blackwell Tomi Cordz	Anna Tavernier Amanda Prior
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Jim and Mary Alpin	Carol Staffehl Margie Rung
<i>HC Assistant 8am</i>	Kathryn Landahl	Scott Bley	Mike Sonner, Sr.	Margie Webster
<i>10:30am</i>	Jen Blackwell	Lisa Deahn	Jeanne Schuler	Marcia Davies
<i>Cong. Deacon 8</i>	Joanne Offers	Gary Rung	Margie Webster	Joanne Offers
<i>10:30am</i>	Sheri Landahl	Bob Vossler	Jerry Schuler	Brent Scoins
<i>Greeters (10:30)</i>	Bob and Jodie Buchhardt	Mike and Pat Cady	Gary and Margie Rung	Bob and Sharlene Vossler
<i>Lector 8am</i>	Mike Sonner, Sr.	Joanne Offers	Tim Sonner	Kim Offers
<i>10:30am</i>	Al Boldt	Carol Staffehl	Sharlene Vossler	Gary Rung
<i>Prayers 8am</i>	Kim Offers	Margie Webster	Kathryn Landahl	Judy Strobele
<i>10:30am</i>	Paul Rigerman	Sharlene Vossler	Mark Cordz	Carol Staffehl
<i>Ushers (10:30)</i>	Dale Deahn Jim Alpin	Andy and Ashley Bartz	Carol Staffehl Kathy LaScala	Melissa Pleace Sue Dressel
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	SS Breakfast	Margie Rung	Melissa Pleace	Kim Boldt
	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
<i>Acolyte 8am</i>	James Rautenstrauch Haley Celotto	Trevor Bley Tyler Bley	Ashley Bliss Riley Bliss	Anna Sonner Timmy Sonner
<i>10:30am</i>	Catherine Brown Sydney Schrock	Kara Boldt Cole Rhodus	Tomi Cordz Brianna Cordz	Cora Blackwell Chloe Phetteplace
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<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Jodie Buchhardt	Darla Schwab	Pam Bradford	Melissa Rhodus



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