

Hope's Happenings

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From Pastor Shawn:

A few weeks ago, sunlight hit the altar of Hope Lutheran Church for the first time since 1986. And let me tell you, no one was more excited about that than me. Don't get me wrong, the renovation in the mid 80s that flipped the sanctuary and sealed the windows behind the cross was exactly what needed to be done, but I still miss the natural lighting. Which is what makes the new sun tubes so great. Gone are the dark days of ages past. It's a brand new morn.

But what is most amazing about the new windows isn't the way they shine on Sunday morning, but the way they light up the sanctuary all week. Now you have to understand, my office is just off the east side of the sanctuary. That means every day I go to work I navigate the dark sanctuary to find my desk and get to work. Very often that trek includes banging my knee on a pew or stubbing my toe on a kneeler. For 6+ years I've entered church with arms waving fully extended to feel for the path to safety. But now, I can see! And not just a little. I can see the whole church. And all from these six 14-inch portals we installed to the outside world.

And I see now that what the Evangelist John said is true: ***The light does shine in the darkness, and darkness definitely cannot overcome it*** (John 1:5). No matter how much darkness, even the smallest amount of light wins. Every time.

You've noticed by now that days are growing shorter. Early in November

you, like me, will be setting your clocks back and entering Day Light Savings Time—what a joke by the way, but that's a reflection for another day. Try as we might, darkness is growing, and messing with our clocks won't change that. So what are we to do? Well, the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. And for the record I'm not just talking about clocks or light bulbs anymore.

As we enter this time where darkness grows, may we each see it as an opportunity to usher a little more light into the world. Maybe you can do it through a kind word or unexpected favor. Maybe it means reaching out to an old friend or making a new one. Maybe it's time to forgive an old hurt. Maybe it's time to give a little extra to someone in need. Whatever it is, may you become a light bearer shining in the darkness.

And when you do remember no amount of light is too small. That's the thing about light. Even when it's little and the darkness seems like a lot, the light always wins. Things will always get brighter when the two meet. And it's especially important for those of us who claim to be followers of Jesus to remember that, and as we do so too we must remember the lesson from the new sanctuary windows at church. Sure they make a big difference on Sunday, but the biggest impact they make actually happens all week. May you let your light and faith shine in all you do as well.

Keep shining,



Worship Notes

Sunday, November 6

All Saints Worship, 8am & 10:30am
We remember the faithfully departed.

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King Sunday, 8am & 10:30am

Sunday, November 20

Community Thanksgiving Service, 7pm
Arcade United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent
Worship at 8am & 10:30am

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent
Worship at 8am & 10:30am

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent
Worship at 8am & 10:30am

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent
*Worship at 8am & 10:30am**

Sunday School Christmas Pageant at 10:30am



Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24

4:30 & 10:00pm

Sunday, January 1

One Worship Service at 9:30am

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT 10:30 CHURCH

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Prayer List

Matthew Nourse, Carmon Becker, Roger Day, Sharlie Mullin, Hyland Day, Curt Emery, Laura Bley, Matthew McGuinness, Irene Gick, Irv Dell, Abbie Aldrich, Myrtle Rammacher, Barb Macholz, Betty Olin, Chris Sanders, Pr Bob Zimmerman, Dave, Marilyn Bley, Irene Eichinger, Shirley Spencer, Bricen Thall, Isabelle Wagner, Frank Ott, Rick Lipka, Roger Roper, Rev. John Fehringer, Jennette Bouquin, Jennifer Howard, Betty Doedema, and Linda Vaughan.

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.



Announcements

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drives will take place on Tuesday, November 15 from 11:30am-5:30pm and Friday, December 23 from 12-5pm.



Care Givers Support Group

Stay tuned for upcoming Care Giver Support Group meeting times. We will not meet on our scheduled Thursdays due to the holidays.



Committee Coffee House

The next Committee Coffee House will take place on Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:30pm prior to the evening Advent Service. In addition to regular meeting work, we will also be tying up loose ends from the year.



Church Council

Church Council will meet on the Second Tuesday of November (11/8) at 6:30pm and December (12/13). If you have anything you'd like Church Council to be aware of or discuss, please let PS or Bob Vossler know.

Wednesdays in Advent



Wednesdays are jammed packed in Advent with opportunities to worship, come together for fellowship, and serve our neighbor. Each week during Advent (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21) we will gather for worship at 11am with our entire community. Lunch will immediately follow at no cost. At 5:30pm our youth will take over church as they begin to prepare for their Christmas Pageant (set for 12/18). At 7pm we will gather for worship yet again with Evening Prayers.



Advent/Christmas Decorating

Stick around after church on Sunday, November 20th for an afternoon of bringing in the Advent season by decorating the sanctuary and church. Many hands are needed to transform our building and grounds. Thank you for your help making this happen!



Nativity Scenes

As we center our hearts on God's son and remember the reason for the season, we invite you to bring any old Nativity Scenes you may have lying around to church. We hope to surround ourselves with the Christmas story as Christ is born again in our hearts. Write your name on your set and pick it up after the Christmas season, or leave it at church with our growing collection.



Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 20 at the United Church of Christ in Arcade at 7:00pm. An offering of food and monetary donations for the food pantry will be received.



From Chris LiPuma, Youth and Family Ministries

November is that magical time of the year for me. Many people love summer vacation and shorts and sunshine but for me, Fall, especially the end of October/November time is my favorite. Let's just say, if there was an area of the country that was eternally fall, I would be living there. Come on! The season ends with Thanksgiving.

As a kid I would be so excited for Thanksgiving. My family typically hosted, and having all of the family (from both sides) made my house the place to be. I still remember being a kid and running around the house with my cousins playing all types of tag games, while all my aunts, grandmothers, and my mom were putting the final touches on the dinner that lay ahead. All of the men would be in the family room watching football and talking shop. When everything was ready, we would sit down in our living room and eat the best food of the best time of the year. As a kid it seemed that day would never end.

But, now that I'm older, things don't feel the same. Sure all of the family comes over, we still prepare an amazing dinner, and there is still football on, but something is different. My cousins and I were discussing what the reason could be over the summer. Each said, "Yeah! It just doesn't feel the same." Maybe you know

what I am talking about. The magic of the holidays you felt as a child, you may have lost now as an adult. The more I thought on it an answer finally came to me. When I was a child that day seemed it would never end. As a child I was fully present in the moment of that day. Now as an adult I am thinking what other dinners do I have to go to (it's been a tough sell convincing my girl friend her family should just do dinner at my parent's house—for my girlfriend and my mother!). Am I going shopping the next morning? Conversations between family members shifted from just being with each other to "well what are you up to now-a-days?" It seems I am so busy with life that I forget to just slow down and be present with the gift that is put before me.

Life goes by and we forget all of the gifts that God has put before us every single day. As we gather with our families this Thanksgiving let's slow down and be present. Be present and appreciate those blessings God has given us and live in those blessings right there in that moment.

Peace,

Chris

Matthew says: *"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 'Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.'" (6: 31-34)*

Youth Announcements

Holland Boys and Girls Club | Friday, November 11 | All Ages

Friday we will gather together from 7pm-10pm at the Holland Boys and Girls club. A night of fun including basketball, volleyball, ping pong and fellowship. Bring the whole family out for a night of fun. Pizza and drinks will be provided. RSVP with Chris



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Thanksgiving Meal Packaging | Thursday, November 17 | All Ages

We will be gathering at the Delevan food pantry to help package Thanksgiving meals for needy families around the community. The fun kicks off at 6 and everyone is welcome to come lend a hand.

Thanksgiving Youth Night | Tuesday, November 22 | 6th-12th Grades

We've got a special holiday treat in store for this week's youth group. To get us ready for Thanksgiving we will gathering together as a youth group to prepare our own Thanksgiving feast and count our many blessings here at Hope. The fun kicks off at 6:30!

Youth Group | November 30 - December 21 | All Ages

Through the season of Advent there will be no youth group on Tuesdays. Instead everyone is welcome to come to our Wednesday Advent worship services at 7pm.



Advent Retreat at LCLC | December 2-4 | 4-8th grade

Join us for this great way of combining all you love about LCLC with this special time of year. Reconnect with all of your old camp friends and make new ones! Bring your camp gear and winter clothes and a sled! RSVP with Chris to get signed up!



Christmas Celebration | Sunday, December 11 | All Ages

On Sunday, December 11 immediately following the 10:30am worship service our youth will gather for a Christmas party in the fellowship hall. We will be decorating ginger bread houses, so please bring a bag of candy to share, and we will be playing loads of holiday games. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas party | Tuesday, December 20 | 6-12 Grades

We will be gathering to celebrate the Holidays the Tuesday before Christmas. Please wear a Christmas sweater or any festive clothing and bring a snack to share. There will be plenty of Holiday treats, caroling and Holiday games! The fun kicks off at 6:30!



Senior High Winter Retreat | January 6-8 | 9th-12th Grades

Fun in the snow at LCLC. Get re-acquainted with your friends from summer and make new friends for next year. Come and see what LCLC is all about. Don't forget you winter clothes, a sled and all the necessary LCLC camp gear. RSVP with Chris to get signed up!

Announcements Continued

Celebration Sunday & Annual Meeting

On Sunday, November 13, we will pause as a congregation to give thanks for God's activity among us in this past year, as well as look ahead to the next. Many of you have been hard at work making Hope a happening place where God's grace is available and God's presence is real. It is important for us to stop and acknowledge his work through your hands. We also know that we cannot know where we are going unless we look ahead. This is an invaluable time as a congregation to come together to reflect on our life as a church.



*Please bring a dish to share for the event and a thankful heart.
We will gather immediately following the 10:30am service.*

McCluskey Scholarship

Application forms are available in the Church office for the Martha McCloskey Scholarship. You may apply to receive this scholarship if you are attending college and have not already received this assistance in the past.

Deep Fried Turkey Dinner

Sunday, November 6th from noon-sold out. Please check The Shelf for the sign-up sheets and see how you may be able to help out. Thanks. The proceeds from the dinner will support the work of our project ministry: Brother's Keeper, InC.

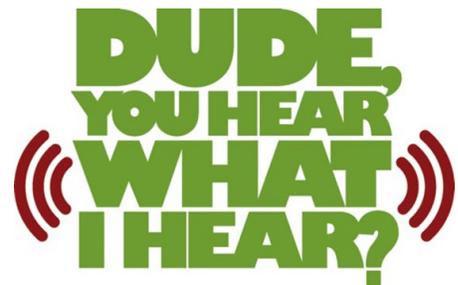


Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 18, 10:30am

Christmas time is filled with sound! Sometimes, so much sound and noise that we can hardly hear the real message of Christmas.

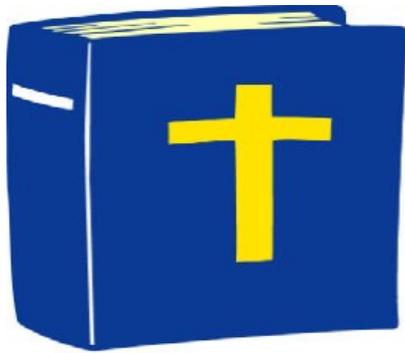
In the hustle & bustle at a crowded "Mondo-Mart" filled with shoppers, shy Taylor and the rest of her youth group have stopped for some last-minute snacks on their way to a fun Christmas camp. Taylor—not much for talking, but a great hide & seek player—has found the perfect hiding place. So perfect, in fact, that she doesn't notice when the rest of the group boards the bus and the store is closed for the night! Hard to tell who is more surprised—Taylor, when she emerges from her hiding place, or the fun-loving store mannequins who break their silence assuming that once again, the store is theirs for the night.

Taylor quickly discovers that everything store mannequins know about Christmas is what they've heard over the PA system during the Christmas season, and boy, are they misinformed! And, the not-so-high-tech night watchmen listening in from outside the store are nearly as confused as the mannequins.

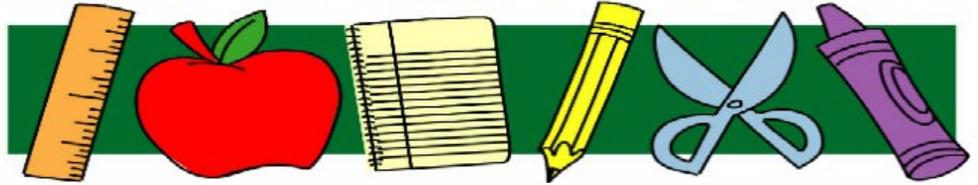


Practices:

To prepare for the pageant our youth will gather for practices on the three Wednesday nights prior. Those dates are Nov 30, Dec. 7, & 14. We will meet for pizza at 5:30pm and practice at 6pm. Our littlest youth (ages 3-2nd grades) only need plan on attending the practice on December 14, unless they'd like to attend more. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help coordinate kids and keep our practices running smoothly.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Confirmation

The next confirmation classes will take place on Wednesday, November 2 & 16 at 7pm to discuss the creeds as well as write our own. Please encourage your confirmand to keep up on their Sunday School attendance and Sermon Notes.

3rd Grade Bible Handout!

Congrats to our third graders who received their Bibles this fall especially to **Kyra Agen, Clara Gross, Gavin Hammel, Drake LeFort, Mallory Petri, Grace Tavernier, & Addison Woodruff.**

Advent Coloring Posters!

Keep your eyes peeled this Advent for coloring posters in the fellowship hall. We hope folks of all ages will add their colorful and unique twists to the posters. As each is complete, we will hang it on the wall and watch as the Christmas message comes to life.

A Look Ahead:

Hey 4th Graders! Don't forget that this January you will be spending your Sunday Morning Education time with Pastor Shawn as you learn all about the church year. You don't want to miss it!

No Sunday School December 25 or January 1

Sunday School will be taking a short recess during the holidays and will resume on Sunday, January 8th in the new year.



Preschool Tuition Assistance

In an effort to make sure every family and child that would like to attend Hope is able, we offer financial assistance on a need basis. This, however, dips into our operating costs. To help offset the cost, please consider making a donation to our tuition assistance program today.

Children's Church: Check Out What's New At 10:30 Church

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September 2016:

Len Dressel, For going above and beyond helping around the building
Sue Dressel, Tracey Wood, and Julie Tingué,
 For their work kicking off Sunday School

October 2014

Kate King, Holly Nowak, and Bill Thomson,
 For sacrificing sleep and miles so our kids could have a great time at Lasertron
Rev. Dr. Bob Zimmerman, For his "That so ____" Class this Fall
Mike and Tim Sonner, For doing all the site work for our parking lot project

Financial Update—2016 3rd Quarter

July 2016 Weekly Giving: **\$2,412**

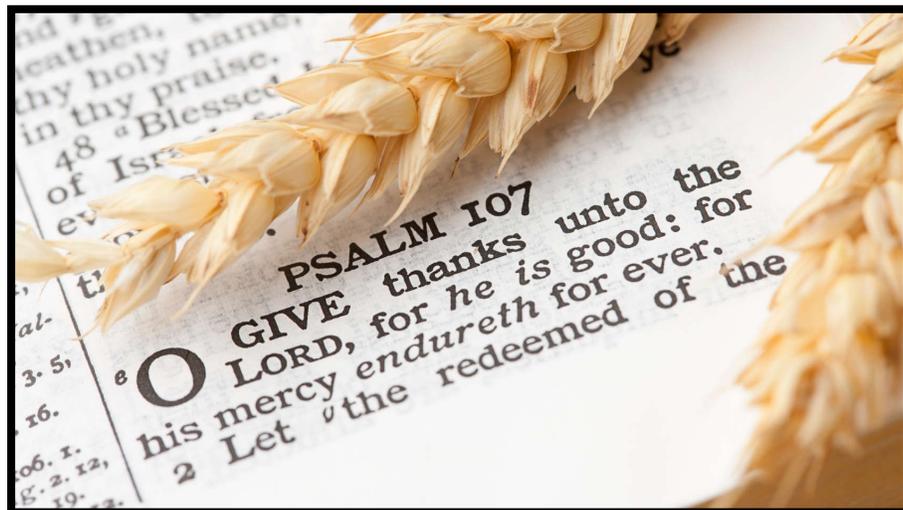
July 2015 Weekly Giving: **\$2,511**

August 2016 Weekly Giving: **\$2,004**

August 2015 Weekly Giving: **\$2,497**

September 2016 Weekly Giving: **\$2,255**

September 2015 Weekly Giving: **\$2,497.73**



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“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9.7 ESV

Pub With a Purpose

Thank you to all who attended this year's Pub with a Purpose. Through your participation we were able to raise over \$7,000 for Lutheran Charities of WNY and the Agencies they serve.

Pantry

November and December are very busy months for both (Arcade and Delevan) of our local pantries. Unfortunately, many families' tables will not be lavishly set this holiday season. But we can help. Here are three things you can do this Thanksgiving and Christmas to help those in need.

Give food to the pantries. Simply bring your donation to church, place it in the shopping cart, and we'll make sure it gets where it needs to go!

Donate money to the pantries. Did you realize that both of our pantries buy most of the food they give away? That money comes from the generosity of others. To give to the pantries simply identify your gift is for the pantry in the offering plate, and again, we will make sure 100% of it helps feed people in our area.

Give your time. Both of our pantries help feed hundreds of families a month, and that help is handed out entirely by volunteers. Maybe God is calling you to be one of them today? On Thursday, November 17 you can help prepare Thanksgiving Dinners at the Delevan Pantry, or contact PS for more information on when the pantries need help the most.



Turkey Drive

The Outreach committee is collecting Turkey Donation (10-12#) or money (\$20) to purchase a turkey for our local community. Our goal is to collect 25 turkeys as a congregation and you can track our progress with the turkey in the parish hall. Please have any donations to church by Sunday, November 13th.

One Day Collection For Our Veterans:

Our Outreach Committee is hosting a ONE Day collection of personal care/hygiene items to honor our female service members as well as a hat/gloves collection for the VA Hospital. Please bring any items you have to church on Sunday, Nov. 13th. Veterans Day is Nov. 11, and let's show them our support by our own giving.

Giving Tree

Keep watching for the 2016 Giving Tree in the parish hall. Once it is up, please find a tag. Each one has been filled out by an adult in one of SASi's local houses. Help make that person's holiday extra special by providing them a Christmas gift this season. Once your gifts are wrapped, simply bring them back to church and place them under the same tree.



HOPE'S HAPPENINGS!



On Sunday, October 23, Emily Prior led us in a special First Sunday Project. We carved pumpkins as a reminder to let God's light shine out for the world to see. Many thanks to Julie and Eric Tingue for donating the pumpkins to be carved.



The lighting at Hope keeps improving with another addition thanks to the family of Barb Fehringer. We look forward to the weekly use of the lights, but especially cannot wait to see how they work during Advent and Christmas.



On Friday, October 28 our youth gathered for a Halloween/All Saint's inspired lock-in. A good time was had by all!



Youth Group's been off to a hot start this fall! It happens each Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm. You don't want to miss it!



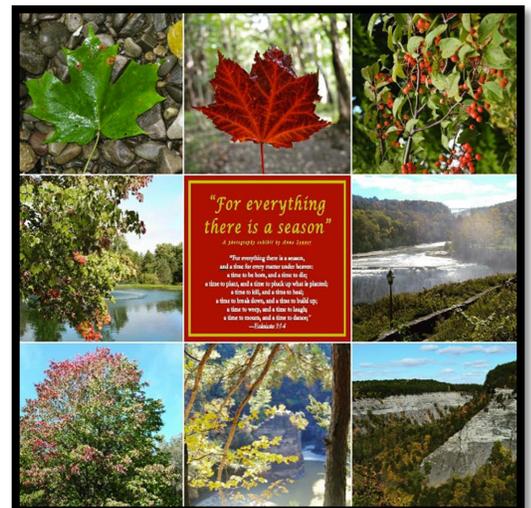


Many thanks to all the folks from Hope who attended the 6th Annual Pub With a Purpose. Thanks to your dining experience nearly \$7,000 was raised for Lutheran Charities and the Agencies across WNY they serve. Thank you!!!



Hope's first ever Ale House Church is in the books and was a great success. Thank you to all who came out for the experience! Stay tuned for the next date!

Make sure to check out our new art gallery in the fellowship hall. Anna Sonner is our feature photographer and her exhibit shows us the beauty that can be found in change and transition. There is indeed a season for everything!





It's been a BUSY fall in preschool! We had a visit from the Arcade Fire Dept. & Miss Bev from Catt. County Public Health. We've celebrated birthdays, our pets, & Halloween. We even squeezed in a field trip to Miss Julie's little farm! We saw: pigs, chickens, turkeys, a bunny & learned about honey bees! We're looking forward to our upcoming Stone Soup Celebration & learning about Advent.

We're hoping to kickoff a combined Tastefully Simple & Pampered Chef fundraiser in a couple of weeks to raise money for a new computer for our office. We look forward to and appreciate your continued support!



Duty Roster

Date	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
<i>Acolyte 8am</i>	Garrett Milks Eric R	Catherine Brown Haley Celotto	Timmy Sonner Cole Rhodus	Riley Bliss Sydney Schrock
<i>10:30am</i>	Alyssa Boldt Drake Lefort	Anna Tavernier Grace Tavernier	Clara Gross Payeton Burfield	Alyssa Boldt Gavin Hammell
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt Barb Sonner	Jim and Mary Alpin
<i>AV Tech 8 am 10:30 am</i>	Trevor Bley Norman Rugg	Cora Blackwell Alyssa Boldt	Trevor Bley Norman Rugg	Cora Blackwell Bradley Schrock
<i>Communion 8am</i>	Joanne Offers	Kristin Bley	Scott Bley	Margie Webster
<i>10:30am</i>	Lisa Deahn	Bob Vossler	Marcia Davies	Sue Dressel
<i>Council 8am</i>	Jen Blackwell	Joanne Offers	Kaitie Wood	Paul Fehringer
<i>10:30am</i>	Bob Vossler	Rachel Kittleson	Carol Boldt	Bob Vossler
<i>Greeters (10:30)</i>	Cliff & Marcia Davies	Kim and Megan Boldt	Gary & Margie Rung	Kathy LaScala
<i>Lector 8am</i>	Kathryn Landahl	Mike Sonner, Sr.	Mary Alpin	Kim Offers
<i>10:30am</i>	Sue Dressel	SharleneVossler	Dale Deahn	Julie Tingué
<i>Prayers 8am</i>	Margie Webster	Kaitie Wood	Joanne Offers	Mike Sonner, Sr.
<i>10:30 am</i>	Sharlene Vossler	Al Boldt	Sue Dressel	Paul Rigerman
<i>Ushers (10:30)</i>	Al Boldt Dale Deahn	Len Dressel Sue Dressel	Kathy LaScala	Melissa Pleace Lauren Pleace
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Melissa Pleace	Kate & Holly King	Darla Schwab	Melissa Rhodus
	December 4	December 11	December 18	January 1
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<i>Prayers 8 am</i>	Carol Hannon	Kim Offers	Margie Webster	One Service 9:30
<i>10:30</i>	Sharlene Vossler	Sandi Bennett	Paul Rigerman	Kim Offers
<i>Ushers (10:30)</i>	Len & Sue Dressel	Scott Rimbeý & Sons	Al Boldt Dale Deahn	Kathy LaScala
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Victoria McCarthy	Kim Boldt	Diane Gibbs	Margie Rung

Celebrations!

Birthdays

November

5—Geoffrey Milks
 6—Kerianne Alpin
 7—Ashley Bliss
 7—Emily Prior
 7—Angie Tavernier
 8—Ethan Wendig
 9—Reese Bartz
 9—Diana Hoffman
 9—Myrtle Rammacher
 10—John Hofman
 11—Joanne Offers
 12—Joseph Strobele
 12—Bailey Tingué
 15—Karen Prior
 18—Kathy Zielonka
 19—Timothy Sonner Jr.
 21—Brainna Cordz
 22—Perry Hannon
 24—James Kittleson
 24—Gary Rung
 26—Marissa Sanders
 27—Cole Pleace
 28—Carter Gates

December

5—Lauren Pleace
 7—Irwin Dell (#98!!)
 7—Dakota Gates/Fanton
 7—Alana Hammell
 8—Dakota Cockle
 11—Jennifer Sanders
 13—Sean Hager
 14—Nicholas Petri
 19—Helena Blackwell
 21—Peter Boldt
 23—Marsha North
 24—Alfred Boldt
 27—Monica Metzger
 27—Kevin North
 27—Dennis Sanders
 31—Sydney Schrock

Anniversaries

November

1—Sandi & Gordon Bennett
 25—Jerry & Joanne Schuler

December

2—Peter & Kimberly Boldt
 12—John & Gayla Kossow
 17—Carol & Dick Schasel

Advent & Christmas at a Glance

Advent Worship Services

Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, & 21

11:00am Community Worship and Shared Lunch

7:00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 28, 10:30am

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24, 4:30pm* & 10:00pm

Both services will be candlelit services and highlight special music

**the 4:30pm service will include a special message for children.*

Nativity Scenes

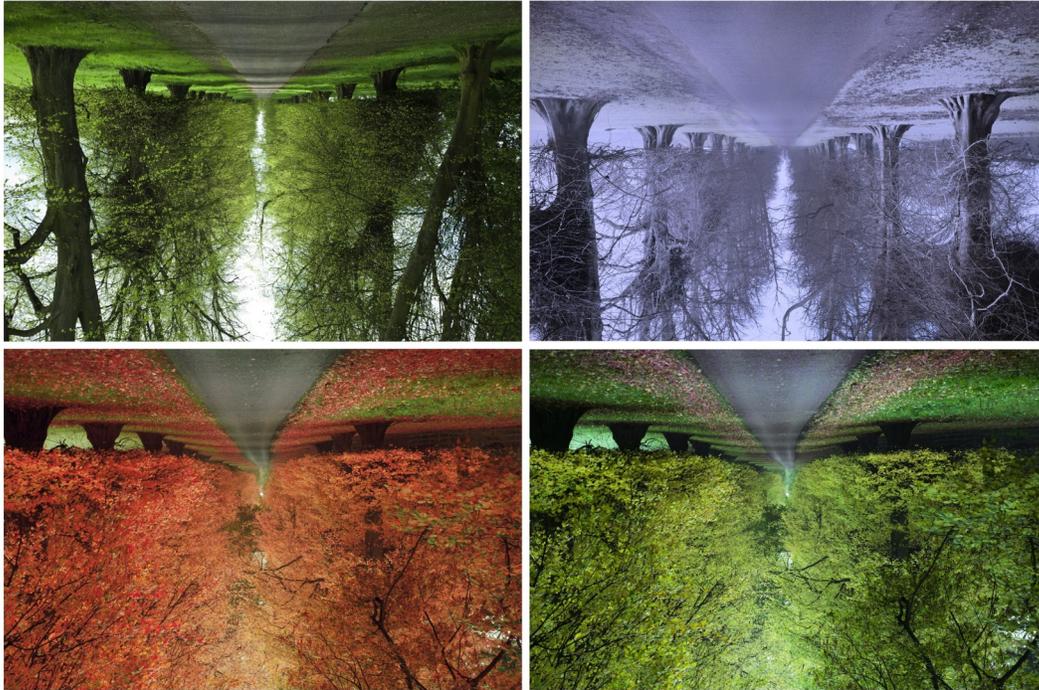
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Christmas Flowers

Christmas flowers can be ordered anytime as we approach the Christmas season. Poinsettias are available in various colors and sizes. Order forms will be in the bulletin or can be picked up on the shelf.



In everything there is hope.



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This newsletter was prepared especially for: