

# Hope's Happenings

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From Pastor Shawn

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When the Protestant Reformation resulted in the creation of new branches of thought in the Christian Church, something unexpected happened. Like political parties in the US who continue to polarize one another pushing each other to extremes few self-reflective Americans can actually see themselves in, so the church found itself arguing from the edges. For us, however, the issues aren't the economy or entitlements (though most Christians seem much more eager to talk about those things than anything having to do with Jesus), but instead works and grace. You see, the Catholic Church at the time argued that indulgences and a certain amount of Hail Marys and the appropriate types of works are what with Jesus' death saves us. The Reformers on the other hand argued that if a certain type of behavior was what saved us, than we are all in trouble. For them grace alone (and all alone) was what saved.

And so, as conflicts are wont to do, as the two parties argued they ended up preaching from positions outside where either of them would have been comfortable when they started. Some in the church argued Christians HAVE to DO SOMETHING to be saved. Say a prayer, 'find' Jesus & accept him, live in a manner worthy of the gospel, or anything else. Others argued, however, that since we were saved by grace there is nothing we have to do to be saved. But what that argument turned into was there is nothing we have to do.

See the problem? On the one hand Jesus might not have died since salvation is all on us, and on the other grace is cheap and we can be lazy.

Admittedly, I find myself in a church that tends to fall in the latter half of that argument. But I, and I think I'd be joined by Martin Luther and many other reformers, am not necessarily happy about it. Have we leaned so heavily on God's power to save that we forgot what that salvation looks like? Can we become so dependent on God's grace, that we forget how it compels us to live? And, finally, has the church become so set on not working for salvation, that we forgot that discipleship still (always) means effort and commitment?

I don't think it's an accident that the father of grace alone, the Apostle Paul, who wrote, "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift." (Romans 3:21) also used another set of words to describe the recipients of that graceful gift. In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul described Christians as "co-workers" (1 Cor. 3:9, not to mention also calling them, gardeners and builders in the same chapter). How can it be that someone so set on grace alone's power to save also continued to lift up our responsibility to work—and please forgive the intentionally ambiguous preposition—*for* that grace? Or maybe a better question is how do we get that back?

Thomas Edison once wrote, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work." I think the Christian version of that quote would say something like, "discipleship is missed by most people because it comes dressed with fishnets and looks like work." Or something like that. The point being, how often we miss out on following Jesus (not just being saved by him), because we think our faith life begins and ends with God's power to save.

You have been saved by God's grace. Alone. You are a sinner and you have fallen short. We all have. But God, through the amazing grace poured out through Christ Jesus our Lord, has saved you. So what are you going to do with that? It's easy to say nothing, and honestly, you don't have to. God saved you. But the Christian life has never been modeled on passive verbs, but active ones.

So may you go. May you show. May you tell. May you love. May you nurture. May you build. And above all, may you never forget to work. In Jesus name. Amen

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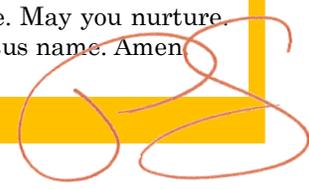
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## Worship Notes

### Regular Worship Hours Returns:

**Sunday, September 13**

**8am** (*music led by worship band*)

**& 10:30am** (*music led by piano/organ*)

**Sunday, September 13**

8am & 10:30am

Sunday School Kick-Off

**Sunday, October 4**

8am & 10:30am

Quilt Show Sunday

**Sunday, October 25**

8am & 10:30am

Reformation Sunday

**Sunday, November 1**

8:am & 10:30am

All Saints' Sunday



# We Remember in Our Prayers

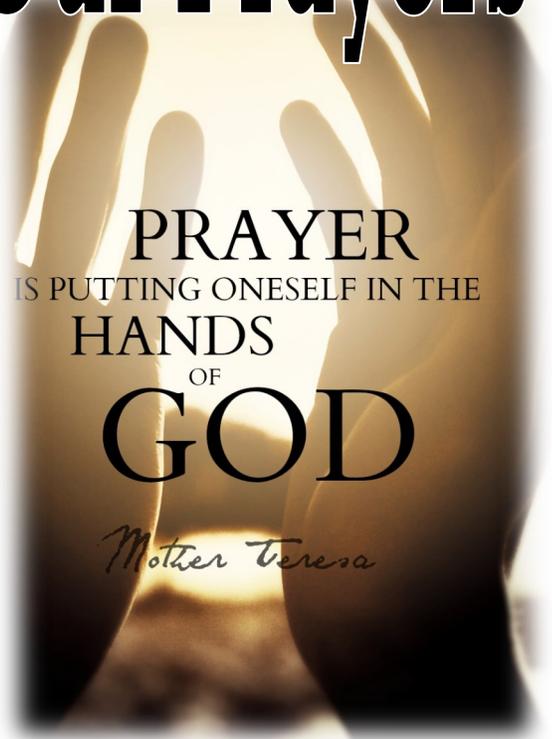
*We pray for:*

**Barbara Fehringer,  
Matthew Nourse,  
Carmon Becker,  
Kirk Crandall,  
Roger Day,  
Brennon McCormick,  
Mary Maines,  
Bill Strobele,  
R.D. Knight,  
Sharlie Mullin,  
Hyland Day,  
Anita McCaffrey,  
Don Day,**

**Curt Emery,  
Dennis Rung,  
Laura Bley,  
Isabelle Wagner,  
Dan Lee,  
Bob Brahaney,  
Michael McGuinness,  
Patti Zeller,  
Gary Antonio,  
Irene Gick,  
Irv Dell,  
Eileen Deahn,  
Kevin Jones,**

**Abby Aldrich,  
Gary Beiersdorf,  
Peggy Place,  
Lou Germann,  
Myrtle Rammacher,  
Kate Weir,  
Bradley Lons,  
Mary Angela, &  
The family of  
Ervin Niles**

***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.***





# Quilt Show

## Oct. 2-4, 2015

Quilts on Exhibit  
Quilting Demonstrations  
Craft & Bake Sale  
Door Prizes  
Chicken & Biscuit Lunch



**Admission: \$3.00**

**Times:**

Friday 10/2: 11am-8pm

Saturday 10/3: 10am-4pm

Sunday 10/4: 11:30am -4pm

*Hope's quilt (featured to the left) will be raffled off. Tickets can be bought during the show or presale.*

*\*\*See the "shelf" @ church for opportunities to volunteer/support the event.*

# Update from Eric Madsen

## 2014 Summer Intern & First Year Seminarian in Philadelphia

Greetings from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia!

I would like to thank you all for your support and prayers that have gotten me to get me to this point in my journey. At times it often seemed like to me like I may not get here and it was only through the helping hands that you all have extended to me that has gotten me here. I am at the end of my second day of classes and am absolutely blown away by what a loving and Christ filled community that I am now apart of. The classes are both challenging and exciting, and I am of course eager to learn. I just wanted to send a note and say that you all are in my prayer just as I know that I am of course in yours. I have joined the choir to (hopefully) improve my singing skills, fingers crossed, my current classes are Greek, Genesis to Esther, Introduction to Public Theology, Contemporary Lutheran Theology, and Preaching in the 21st Century. I hope you are all enjoying your New Intern Arin, I've known her for a while and you are all in for a treat. I am interning at Washington Memorial Chapel in the middle of Valley Forge National Park, if you happen be out this way come on by and say hi! But I would of course love to hear from you all if you have questions or just want to write me a letter, I would love to hear from you. my email is [emadsen@ltspp.edu](mailto:emadsen@ltspp.edu), or if you prefer the snail mail, My address is 7301 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19119, and make sure to write Eric Madsen right on top. I promise to write back and let you know how I am doing.



**Thank you all for the help and love!**

## Where Are They Now?

*Your comprehensive guide to tracking down former interns/seminarians.*



**Eric, first year  
@ Philly**



**Josiah (& Cari), graduated  
Chaplain Resident in MN**



**Jim (and Isabel)  
2nd Year in Minneapolis**



**Adam, 3rd year  
@ Princeton**

# Meet Arin!

## Hope's 2015-2016 Pre-Seminary Intern



I would like to start off by thanking the congregation for welcoming me so warmly already. I have met many of you the few times that I have been able to visit, and met many more of you during my last three summers working at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. I cannot believe how welcoming everyone has been and I am overwhelmed by the kindness that you all have shown me. I cannot wait to start this year getting to know more about pastoral ministry and more about my call to ministry, and I am truly blessed in being able to do all of this at Hope.

My journey to Hope has not been what I expected, and I will be honest if you had asked me even just a year and half ago what I would be doing today this would not have even been on my radar. I would have told you that I would be in my first year at Georgetown Law School and on the path to become the president one day. However, that is not exactly how things had a way of working themselves out.

I met Pastor Shawn in my first summer working at LCLC 3 years ago but it was not until last summer that I really got to talk to him. After a couple moving worships and some talking with Pastor Shawn, I really began to sense a call to ministry. Since then I have been working through the discernment process to figure out where in ministry my call is. When this opportunity came up, I could not think of a better place to spend the year discerning God's call for me. It was a no brainer to spend the year here especially because Pastor Shawn has been such a big part in my discernment process so far and there was just something about Hope that I felt the first time I visited.

**I cannot wait to start the year and learn from you all. I thank you again for this wonderful opportunity that you have all given to me and for warmly welcoming me into this wonderful family at Hope!**

*- Arin*



*Arin will spend the next 40 weeks discerning her call to ministry by trying on the office of pastoring 10 hours a week. Please welcome continue to welcome Arin warmly, and help her know your story and how it intersects with God and God's family here at Hope.*



## Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Blood Drives will be Tuesday, September 15 from 11:30-5:30pm. We can always use extra volunteers to offer hospitality and keep things running smoothly. Contact Tracey Wood if available (716-867-4333)



## Care Givers Support Group

Care Givers Support Group will take a recess from meeting for the summer. They look forward to starting back up on the last Thursday of September. We gather to care for those who care for others, to listen, and to share both our experience and our support.



## Church Council

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00pm. 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. **COMMITTEE COFFEE HOUSES WILL RESUME IN OCTOBER.**

## Archery

The Archery Crew will take place on Tuesday nights here at Hope with a rain date of Wednesday starting at 6:30pm. Bring your own equipment or borrow from our stash. No experience is necessary.



## Preschool

Hope's preschool kicks off another great year here at Hope on Wednesday, September 9th with orientation. We are blessed with a particularly large class this year with 24 students, and (although we will certainly miss Ms. Karen) are excited about the addition of 2 new teachers. Please keep all the students and teachers in your prayers, especially in these first few weeks.



## Free Food

On Friday, September 11th from 10am-12pm, there will be a Free Food Pick-Up for all at the PAC Food Pantry in the Arcade United Methodist Church. There are no special requirements. Please help yourself or tell someone in need. Stay tuned for future free food dates.





### UN-Fish Fry

Because of the proximity of the Detroit Stockholders Dinner and the upcoming Quilt Show (10/2-4), our September Fish Fry originally scheduled for September 11th has been canceled. The proceeds of that Fish Fry were going to join a memorial made for Elaine Semlitch to update our audio and visual technology in the sanctuary. Those who feel so moved are invited to participate in an UN-fish fry here at Hope. In lieu of donating items, time, or eating the dinner, please consider making a free will offering on Sundays, 9/13 & 20. Thank you! All of the proceeds will support the Fish Fry's original cause.



**“Like the cows said,  
‘Eat more chicken.’”**

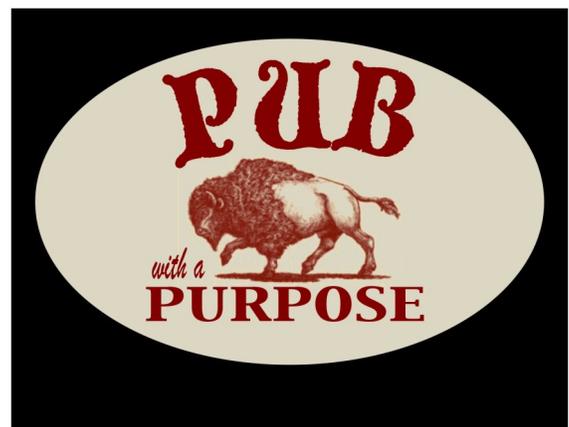


### Preschool Tuition Assistance

Hope's preschool is poised to have another great year. Not only did we fill our class in record time over the summer, but we exceeded our class size limit and were able to add another teacher for a class of 24 students. 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.

### Pub With a Purpose

On Monday, October 5 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 \$7,000 was collected at the event! Enjoy a great meal and fun service—all for a great cause!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Confirmation

Confirmation classes for the 2015-2016 School Year will begin on Wednesday, September 16 with orientation. All 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are encouraged to attend with returning confirmands in grades 8 & 9. We will meet at 7pm in the sanctuary.



## Sunday School Welcome, Registration & Continental Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, September 13 for our annual Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast. We will meet our teachers, hear what the year has in store, and enjoy a delicious continental breakfast together.

## VBS Thank You

So many hands made this year's VBS another great success. While the list is definitely too long to name, we thought we'd give it a shot to express just how thankful we are to all of the volunteers who made it happen.

Thank you:

- Julie Tingue
- Sam & Mary Jane Roop
- Sue Dressel
- Kathy LaScala
- Ellen McCarthy
- Pr. Bob
- Tim Sonner
- Matt Rung
- Len Dressel
- Mr. Chris
- Paul Blackwell
- Jodie Buchhardt
- Bob Buchhardt
- Pam Bradford
- Kim Boldt
- Heather Petri
- Eric Madsen
- Arin Liszka
- Karen Prior

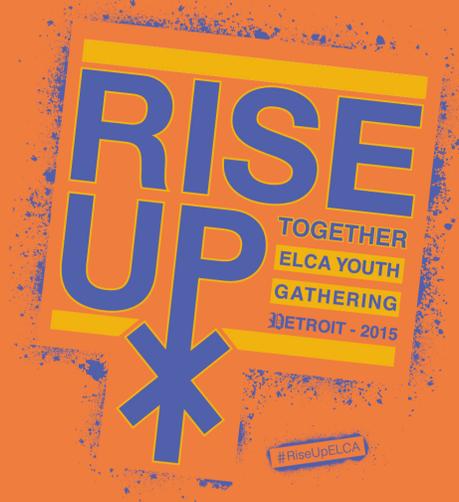
- All the folks who came out on Tuesday to help package meals
- All the folks who slip our minds at the moment (SO SORRY),
- And the best youth group of 7-12 graders in any church, any where.

# THANK YOU!!!!!!

# Youth Detroit

The Youth of Hope would like to take a special moment to thank each and everyone of you for your prayerful, financial, and personal support as they prepared for and carried out their trip to Detroit. Each of them had an amazing experience, grew closer to God, developed personally, and made lasting memories and friendships. **You (with God's blessing) made that happen. Thank you.**

*Here are some pictures from the Stockholders Dinner.*



**Detroit Highlight Video: <https://youtu.be/4vWRgFqdb6I>**

# From Mr. Chris



What a summer it has been! If you were like me this summer, I'm sure it was filled with hanging with friends, being outside as much as you could and maybe a few adventures. I was able to spend a week in Detroit with our youth and then ride on over to LCLC for senior high week. As this summer is winding down I can honestly say it was one of the best times in my life! See here's the funny thing, as summer was approaching I was anything but excited. I am one of those people who do not like change. I never did as a kid and not as much now as an adult. Before this summer began I was nervous for all of the responsibilities and adventures that were coming my way, Other than Detroit and LCLC I had a few weddings that I was in the wedding party for. There were even times where I could wish that I could fast forward time and skip to the end of summer and have all of these adventures and challenges behind me. Isn't it funny how looking back on it I can say that it was the best time of my life? Where only a few months ago I was worried about the change and the unfamiliarity that was upon me?

Now with summer winding down we are all entering a time of change. Maybe you are getting ready for school or getting ready to send your kids to school. I remember how crazy and hectic of a time that was. Kids, I bet you're already looking forward to next summer, and Parents, I'm sure you're thankful the kids are heading back so they can get out of the house finally. What I'm trying to say is embrace the challenges and adventures ahead. God does not take away challenges but guides us through them. This summer as a lead a workshop at camp I read a verse to the kids everyday, now this verse helped me get through the challenges in my life and maybe it can help you as you transition into the new season. here it is

## *1 Corinthians 7:17*

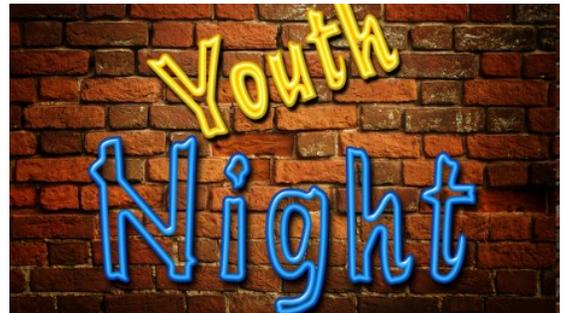
***" And don't be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are right now is Gods plan for you. Live and Obey Love and Believe right there"***

I love this verse so much because of what it is telling us. Living in this time we have the ability to hop on a computer or put on a movie and literally let our minds wander away. God doesn't want us wishing or hoping to be somewhere else. We are exactly where we need to be, even if that is enduring challenges, or getting ready for school or waking up early for church. Read this verse as much as you can as a reminder to just be, to just be and live in the moment and appreciate all of the joy and love God has placed before us.



### Youth Group—Tuesday, September 22

This fall, Hope is kicking off a bi-monthly youth night for 7th-12th graders. Bring worries, a friend, your homework, or anything else as we gather to check-in, hang out, and be church. Activities will vary week to week, but we plan to start with a campfire and cookout on Tuesday, September 22 from 6:30-8:30pm. Come for the entire time, after practice, or whatever else works for you. We will continue the youth nights on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The October dates are 10/13 & 27.



## LASERTRON®

On Friday, October 9 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 on travel times.

### 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.





**LEFT: Hope had another great year at LCLC. We sent campers to RATS, Horse Riding Camp, Youth Camp, Sailing Camp, Night Owls, & Senior High Week. 20 Campers in all for 24 AMAZING weeks at camp. Thank God for all the counselors and staff who worked so hard to make it another great year. All who went proudly profess: JESUS CHOOSES US! Already looking forward to next year!**

**BOTTOM: Pics from this year's VBS. We climbed Everest learning about God's mighty power. We even packaged 5,000 meals for local pantries. AWESOME!**



**St. Hope rose up in Detroit this summer. The 10 youth from Hope and 3 adults all had an amazing experience. Follow the link on the Detroit Page before for a ton more videos and pics.**





*Hope's Outreach, Brothers Keeper, InC., was at it again this month. We were called to Mike & Pat Cady's house to help them prepare for their big move to Cuba later this fall.*



"Goodbye always makes  
my throat hurt."

-Charlie Brown



*While we certainly aren't ready to say good bye to either family, Hope rejoices with both the Landahls and the Cadys at their new opportunities to enjoy their families and retirement. Over the past several decades few have contributed as much to the life of Hope as these two pillars. They will be sorely missed, and yet we know through Christ we are united forever. God Speed.*

# Celebrations!

## Birthdays

### September

2 -Anna Tavernier  
 2- Cora Fleischman  
 3—Beth Miller  
 7—Megan Sonner  
 7—Delaney Petri  
 8—Ruth Zimmerman  
 8—Tracey Wood  
 8— Carmen Petrillo  
 9—Bob Vossler  
 11—Stephanie Milks  
 12—Madelyn Tavernier  
 13—Eloise Lambert  
 13—Debbie Carr  
 15—Tracey Bliss  
 16—Mary Songster-Alpin  
 16—Melissa Brown  
 17—Kim Wittenrich  
 19—Anthony Petrillo  
 20—Kara Boldt  
 21—Jim Alpin  
 21—Jesse Polcz  
 23—Jennifer Blackwell  
 24—Kaitie Wood  
 27— Robin McCarthy  
 29—Ellie Winfield  
 29—Andy Deahn

### September cont'd

29—Tyler Burns

### October

1—Kim Merlau  
 2—Amanda Rautenstrauch  
 4—Tricia Schrock  
 5—Connor Fleischman  
 6—Pauline Brown  
 6—Stephanie Cicero  
 16—Marcia Davies  
 16—Patrick Hoffman  
 16—Matt Rung  
 17—Tyler Fanton  
 20—Drake Lefort  
 22—Catherine Brown  
 23—Paisley Smith  
 24—Jean Masman  
 24—Lee Rhodus  
 24—Emily Frazier  
 27—Lloyd Neamon  
 27—Kyler Felber  
 28—Bev Fehringer  
 28—Isabel Vitale

### Anniversaries

#### September

4—Andy & Ashley Bartz  
 6—Doug & Mary Lou Merlau  
 8—Bob & Jodie Buchhardt  
 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—Brian & Angie Tavernier  
 7—Scott & Kristin Bley  
 17—Jason & Tarra Schwab  
 19—Vern & Tracy Bliss  
 26—Geoff & Charlene Gross

Date	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
<i>Acolyte 8am</i>	One Service 9:15	James and Eric Rautenstrauch	Ashley and Riley Bliss	Tyler Bley Evan Frazier
<i>10:30am</i>	CatherineBrown Madisen Sonner	Kyler Felber Alyssa Boldt	Brianna Cordz Payeton Burfield	Anna Tavernier Jesse Polcz
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Staffehl Margie Rung	Carol Boldt	Sue Dressel	Jim and Mary Alpin
<i>HC Assistant 8am</i>	<b>9:15</b>	Kathryn Landahl	Chris LiPuma	Kristin Bley
<i>10:30am</i>	Jen Blackwell	Mary Alpin	Lisa Deahn	Marcia Davies
<i>Cong. Deacon 8am</i>	<b>9:15</b>	Gary Rung	Msrgeie Webster	Joanne Offers
<i>10:30am</i>	Margie Webster	Bob Vossler	Jerry Schuler	Bob Vossler
<i>Greeters (10:30)</i>	Al and Carol Boldt	Mike and Pat Cady	Jim and Mary Alpin	Chuck and Pam Bradford
<i>Lector 8am</i>	<b>9:15</b>	Tim Sonner	Kathryn Landahl	Kaitie Wood
<i>10:30am</i>	Kim Offers	Katie Bennett	Julie Tingue	Carol Staffehl
<i>Prayers 10:30am</i>	<b>9:15</b>	Carol Staffehl	Sharlene Vossler	Ashley Bartz
<i>Ushers (10:30)</i>	Len Dressel Sue Dressel	Melissa Pleace Lauren Pleace	Carol Staffehl Kathy LaScala	Al Boldt Jim Alpin
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	J.Buchhardt	<b>SS Breakfast</b>	Ashley Bartz	Kim Boldt
	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
<i>Acolyte 8am</i>	Garrett Milks James Rautenstrauch	Cora Fleischman Madisen Sonner	Haley Celotto Timmy Sonner	Evan Frazier Cole Rhodus
<i>10:30am</i>	Ethan Hoffman Alyssa Boldt	Catherine Brown Kyler Felber	Brianna Cordz Payeton Burfield	Anna Tavernier Jesse Polcz
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Staffehl Margie Rung	Carol Boldt	Sue Dressel	Jim and Mary Alpin
<i>HC Assistant 8am</i>	Scott Bley	Kathryn Landahl	Joanne Offers	Kristin Bley
<i>10:30am</i>	Arin Liszka	Bob Vossler	Jen Blackwell	Mary Alpin
<i>Cong. Deacon 8am</i>	Gary Rung	Joanne Offers	Margie Webster	Chris LiPuma
<i>10:30am</i>	Bob Vossler	Arin Liszka	Bob Vossler	Arin Liszka
<i>Greeters (10:30)</i>	Jim and Mary Alpin	Cliff and Marcia Davies	Gary and Margie Rung	Judy Feine
<i>Lector 8am</i>	Tim Sonner	Kaitie Wood	Kathryn Landahl	Kim Offers
<i>10:30am</i>	Helena Blackwell	Mary Alpin	Sue Dressel	Sharlene Vossler
<i>Prayers 10:30am</i>	Carol Staffehl	Sandi Bennett	Al Boldt	Karen Prior
<i>Ushers (10:30)</i>	Scott Rimbey Dale Deahn	Jim Alpin Len Dressel	Carol Staffehl Kathy LaScala	Melissa Pleace Lauren Pleace
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Pam Bradford	Angie Tavernier	Julie Tingue	Diane Gibbs



In everything there is hope.

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