

# Hope's Happenings

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## From Pastor Shawn

In physics, tension describes a pulling force that is accompanied by an action-reaction force acting in the opposite direction. Think: Tug of war. Two parties grab hold of the same rope and pull in different directions. As they pull, the rope stretches and becomes tight.

This Lent I've allowed myself to be stretched a little bit, and I've done it by embracing some of faith's natural tensions. You see, faith is full of action-reaction forces pulling against each other in the heart of each believer and in the lives of communities of faith.

- We hear Paul remind us that we are saved by grace through faith. We hear James remind us that faith without works is dead.
- We hear Martin Luther remind us that the Christian is utterly free—doesn't owe a thing to anyone. Yet at the exact same time, the same Christian is utterly dutiful—a servant to everyone he meets.
- We long for faith, while wrestling with doubt.
- We long for strength, while struggling with our weakness.
- We hear Jesus' command to live in the world, while we also heed Jesus' reminder that we are not of the world.
- God tells us we are saints. Our mirrors tell us we are sinner.

Tension. There are forces, concepts, notions, and questions that stand in stark contrast to one another, while leaving us in the middle stretched like a rope. Which is right?

Now you may be thinking to yourself, why would anyone intentionally try to struggle with these things? Because let's face it, we don't like tension. So often in life we long for simple answers. We long for black and white scenarios. We're like kids in algebra. We want the teacher to just tell us the answer already without having to show any of the work. But we forget, it's the work that teaches us. Not the simple answers. We want quick fixes, but forget that it's the struggle that forms us. We want a set of beliefs that makes perfect sense and always makes us feel better, but forget that the Lenten journey we are on ends with our Messiah on a cross—a reality that neither makes sense, nor should feel good.

But what if I told you that while tension in physics resembles a tug of war, tension in spirituality resembles a tug of peace? It's true. Tension happens when there is dialogue and conversation. Tension happens when opposite notions engage instead of avoid. Tension allows us to be comforted and confronted at the same time. It allows us to see whole truths instead of easy answers. And in a messy world like ours, tension is the only way to make any sense.

Tension is stretching, and who doesn't need to be stretched every now and then? As we approach a blessed Easter season, I pray that you might struggle—which I'm sure is the last thing you thought you'd hear a pastor say. But I pray that you might allow yourself to struggle with questions of faith, because in that struggle, I know that you will see God.



# Worship Notes

## *Sundays, 8am & 10:30am*

*8am: Worship Band led Liturgy*

*10:30am: Piano/Organ led Liturgy*

**April:**

**Wednesday, April 5**

Mid- Week Lenten Worship  
*11am—Worship followed by lunch*  
*7pm — Evening prayer*

**Sunday, April 23**

Camp Sunday  
*Special Music & Message at 8am & 10:30am*

**Sunday, April 9**

Palm Sunday  
*Worship at 8am & 10:30am*

**Sunday, April 30**

Baptism of Noah Czesak  
*10:30am Service*

**Holy Week:**

**Thursday, April 13**

Maundy Thursday  
*7pm Worship at Hope*

**Looking Ahead:**

**Sunday, May 21**

Confirmation Sunday  
*10:30am Service*

**Friday, April 14**

12-3pm Good Friday Worship at Arcade UCC  
*Come When you Can, Leave when you must*  
 7pm Good Friday Service of Darkness at Hope

**Sunday, June 4**

Youth Sunday  
*One Service— 9:30am*  
 Followed by Family BBQ and Bounce House Bonanza

**Sunday, April 16**

Easter Sunday  
*Worship at 8am & 10:30am*  
 9:15-10:15 Easter Brunch



## 1st Quarter Giving

	2017	2016
January	\$ 2,081.98	\$2,500.17
February	\$2,473.45	\$ 2,570.44
March	\$2,353	\$2,642.45

# We Remember In Our Prayers



*Matthew Nourse, Carmon Becker, Sharlie Mullin, Hyland Day, Curt Emery, Laura Bley, Matthew McGuinness, Irene Gick, Myrtle Rammacher, Pastor Bob Zimmerman, Dave, Irene Eichinger, Shirley Spencer, Bricen Thall, Isabelle Wagner, Luke Fries, John Rung, Bill Strobele, Marilyn Bley, Karen Beiersdorf, Becky Smith, Kathy Washburn, Ben, Jerry Nutt, Roger Day, Carol Colon, Dave Carr*

*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*

# Thanks Be to God for YOU!



## March 2017

**Doris Smith**, *being a faithful volunteer at fish fries*  
**Marcia Davies and Bob Vossler**, *doing Hope's annual congregational audit*  
**Monica and Terry Reding**, *Hosting winter archery events at their home*  
**Doug Spencer**, *leading worship and preaching while Pastor Shawn was on vacation in February*

# Blast From the Past



Our blast from the past this month remembers the life of Hope member, Linda Vaughan, who passed away in March. Here, she dresses up as a clown for Vacation Bible School at Hope. Her fun-loving personality and willingness to serve others at a moments notice were qualities most admired about her.

*If you have an old photo or memory that you'd like to share in the next Hope's Happenings please email Julie: [Julie@hopearcade.org](mailto:Julie@hopearcade.org)*



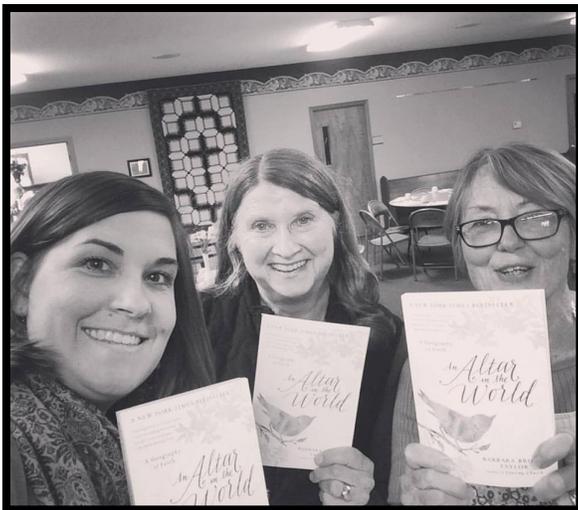
# From Julie Tingue

## *Interim Ministry Coordinator*

It was such a gift that I was able to be a stay-at-home-mom for my daughter, Bailey, for the last three years. It was also such a blessing when, recently, opportunity came knocking for me to go back to work-- splitting my workweek between both Hope and the Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce. While it has taken adjustment for everyone in our home, it has really made us all appreciate our together time as a family just a little bit more.

After a long workday on Monday, Bailey and I enjoyed some much-needed together time. While Eric tended to the springtime yard work, Bailey and I enjoyed a night outside. We dusted off just about every toy in our garage that hadn't been touched since fall. It was fun to watch Bailey gallop around the yard, ride her bike and use every single color chalk (in her 40 piece set) to create a rainbow. Several time throughout the night Bailey would pause, admire her surroundings and say, "Mom, It is just such a beautiful day!"

As I sometimes struggle to find this new work-life balance, keep up with the cooking, cleaning and busy schedule of a working mom, maybe I ought to model my three-year-old a little more. I need to spend more time pausing and reflecting on the beauty of the moment and rejoicing in the day the Lord has made.



Last week our Ladies of Hope Book Club & Bible Study had its first gathering. Our first book is called, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. The book is written by a retired Episcopal priest who challenges readers to find spiritual meaning in all things, especially beyond the walls of the Church. Throughout the book she shares meaningful practices to discover ordinary things in the world where God might be revealing his divine truth and teachings. Examples of the lessons include practicing paying attention, waking up to God, living with a purpose, being present, and saying no.

It was a joy to meet with 20 women of Hope at our first get together last week- all of whom took a leap of faith in deciding to get involved in this new ministry. We truly enjoyed getting to know each other on a deeper level and mapping out our plan for the group. Throughout the next 5 months we will be reading and discussing the book in small groups. It is great to see how an idea that started amongst a few individuals in the church has come to fruition. Hope IS Happening. I still have copies of the book available and would be happy to catch any interested ladies up to speed.

As this Lenten season draws to an end and we celebrate God's promise for eternal life through Jesus Christ, I will be making a promise to myself. It is one that I hope you can too. A promise to find altars in the world where God is speaking. You might find them in a morning sunrise on the way to work, a quiet evening walk, or something as special as your daughter drawing a rainbow. It is also a promise to pause, admire your surroundings and say, "Thank you God, It is just such a beautiful day!"

-Julie

# From Mitch Marcin

## *Campus Ministry Intern*

The start of 2017 has been a good year for Hope's youth. As the Lutheran Campus Ministry of Western New York Intern at Hope Lutheran Church I attend and help run youth events. Recently, I went with the confirmation youth to splash lagoon and to Get Air with the youth group.

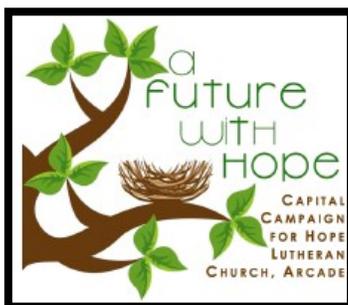
The most recent activity that the Youth has done was going to Get Air. Get Air is a trampoline park near the Galleria mall where the youth had the ability to play dodgeball on trampolines, archery tag with foam tip arrows, and rock wall climbing among other things. We met up with the youth of St. Johns there and took a little break to have some pizza. The youth had a great time while being active in a safe environment.



Coming from a church with no youth group, I know how important it is to have one. I am impressed with the number of kids we have attend not only our youth events but also Sunday morning services. It shows how important it is because the church I came from had to cancel Sunday school because we did not have enough youth. We thank you for trusting us with your kids. It is with parents trust and help that we can do what we do.

*- Mitch*

## A Future with Hope Update



Hope's Future with Hope Committee has been diligently working on fundraising efforts that will help us reach our goal of raising \$400,000. Tell your friends and mark your calendar for some upcoming fundraisers:

- **Food Booth at the Trade Fair**– Hope will be operating a food booth at the Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair & Home Show on May 6 and 7. If your schedule is free that weekend we invite you to sign up to help sell food at this community event.
- **Bounce House Bonanza Fundraiser**- Several bounce houses will be set up at Hope following church and the family BBQ on Sunday, June 4. For one price you can jump all afternoon. It will be open for the entire community. More details to come. Save the Date!

For more information speak to our committee members: Bob Vossler, Brian Tavernier, Scott Bley, Kim Boldt, Tracy Bliss, Margie Webster, John Kossow, Lee Rhodus, Anna Sonner, and Pastor Shawn.

# Opportunities to Give & Serve

## Fish Fry!

Come on out and enjoy the best fish fry in town on **April 7 at 4:30**. This fish fry will be supporting Hope Preschool. We can always use all hands on deck to make the dinners run smoothly.



## Cooks for Kids at the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo

**April 17** our youth be cooking dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald house in Buffalo. There are several ways you can help us with this event.

- **Donate Food Items**– Check out the sign– up sheet in the social hall requesting the food items we will need to prepare the meal.
- **Pop– Tabs**– The aluminum in the “pop” tab is the most valuable part of the can. You can recycle and give at the same time! The Ronald McDonald House take donations of pop tabs and uses the money to support their home in Buffalo.
- **Donate to the House Wish-List**– We would like to gift them with some items on their wish list. Some suggested items include: Paper towels, freezer bags, air fresheners, bottled water, K-cups, Saran Wrap & Foil, pot holders, unscented dryer sheets, Clorox liquid bleach, etc. We are starting a collection in the social hall.

## Men's Work Day at LCLC

Hope's Men and their sons are invited to Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) on **April 22** to work on service projects before summer campers arrive. Lodging at the camp will be available for both Friday and Saturday nights at no cost to volunteers. Interested individuals are asked to sign up on the Hope Happening bulletin board or contact Pastor Shawn.



## beCAUSE!

On **April 30th 2017 from 11am-3pm** join your friends and future friends at the Tavern at Windsor Park (located on Transit Rd. in Amherst) where 15% of your tab and 100% of your tips will support Lutheran Charities of WNY. This fun-filled charity event is a great opportunity to support God's ongoing mission in Western New York. Lutheran pastors from across WNY will leave their congregations to continue their service “on the floor” at the Tavern! Lutheran clergy will be waiting on tables, serving as the host/hostess, busing tables and running food!

## Spring Cleaning

**On Saturday, May 13 at 9:00am** we invite you to help with our annual spring-cleaning workday. From small projects and painting to organizing closets and more we could use your assistance. If there are any projects that you would like to see done, please reach out to us.



## Easter Flowers

With Easter right around the corner, it is time to order tulips and other spring plants to decorate our worship space and celebrate the new life that is ours in Christ Jesus! Orders need to be placed by April 11. Order forms are online and on the entry table at church.

## Time & Talent Survey

We are always looking for volunteers to help lead Sunday morning worship in various roles. Please consider filling out a pink Time & Talent Survey located by the church office to let us know how you can be apart of our ministries at Hope.



# Announcements:

## In April...

**Archery-**Archery enthusiasts are invited to Terry and Monica Redings home on **Saturday, April 8 at 10:00am** for indoor shooting practice and fellowship.



**Church Council-** Church Council will meet **April 10 at 6:30pm**. If you have anything you'd like Church Council to be aware of or discuss, please let PS or Bob Vossler (716-496-8967) know.

**Directory Update-** We will be updating our Church Directory this month. We will be taking family photos on **April 16 and 23** in-between services. If you would like to add or change your picture for the directory sign up on the bulletin board!



**Easter Brunch-** Brunch will be served on Easter Sunday between church services. This is a wonderful and joyful way for us to gather with our church family in the good name of Jesus' resurrection. The cost is free and donations are gratefully accepted. Brunch will be served on **April 16 from 9:15-10:15am**.

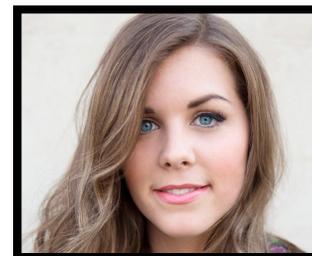
**Committee Coffee House-** The next Committee Coffee House will be **Wednesday, April 26 6:30pm**.



**Care Givers Support Group-** Care Givers Support Group will meet **April 27 at 6:30pm**. We gather to care for those who care for others, to listen, and to share both our experience and our support. If you know of anyone that could benefit from this group please reach out to Bob Vossler.

## **Local Christian Concert- Hannah Kerr**

On **Saturday, April 29 at 7:00pm**, Hannah Kerr, recently on tour with Casting Crowns, will be presenting a concert at Pioneer High School to benefit C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/students. For more information, see [www.choicesinfo.com/concert](http://www.choicesinfo.com/concert) or call 716-353-3686.



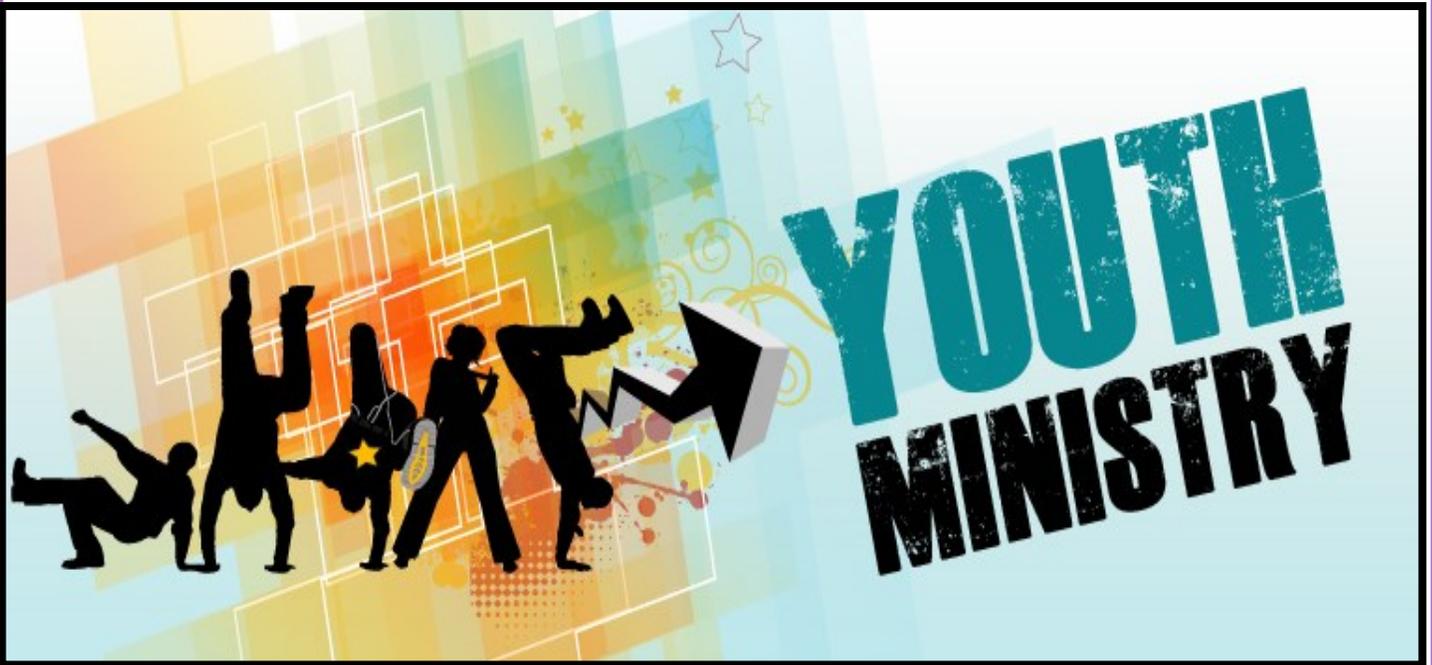
## Looking Ahead...

**Blood Drive-** The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, May 16 from 11:30-5:30pm**. Please drop by to donate or to volunteer!

**Ale House Church-**We will gather for our next Ale House Church at Main Street Grille on **May 22 at 7:00pm**. Come raise a glass while you share your thoughts on a topic that helps us learn about our faith and the culture around us. All are welcome... no experience necessary!

**Adult Arts Night- Pottery Glazing-** On **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30pm**, Hope's very own Bev Fehringer, from Black Raven Pottery, will be teaching a class at Hope on pottery glazing. Each person will get one of her hand made platters and have the opportunity to glaze it to their liking. The cost is \$30 and limited to 12 participants. Sign-up on the Hope Happenings Bulletin Board. *It is our hope to have some sort of arts night every other month. Ideas for future events include basket making and a family paint night. If you have any ideas or talents to share, please let us know.*

To stay informed and involved visit our Hope Happenings bulletin board for more opportunities to serve, or to sign-up for our ministry activities.



### Youth Group

Dates for Youth Group for the month of April:

- Wednesday, April 5
- Tuesday, April 11
- Tuesday, April 18
- Tuesday, April 25

### 6th-12th Grade Movie Night!

Join us for a showing of "Jesus Christ Superstars" on Tuesday, **April 11 at 6:30pm**. This 1973 musical centers on the conflict between Jesus and Judas during the week before the crucifixion of Jesus.

### Cooks for Kids

Our youth ages 14 and up are invited to cook and serve dinner to families at the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo on Monday, **April 17**. We are limited to 8 youth, so please sign up on the Hope Happenings Bulletin

## Christian Education

### Confirmation Class

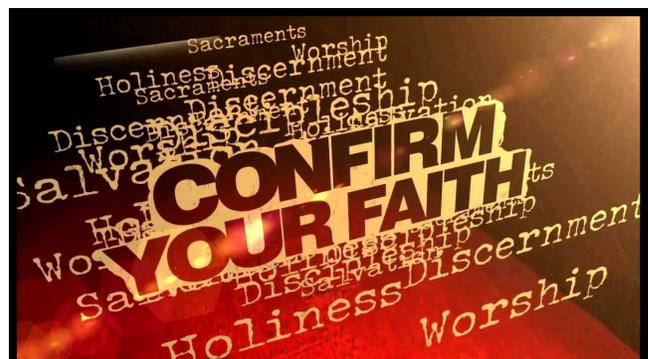
Upcoming Confirmation dates for your calendar include April 19, May 3, and May 17. Confirmation Sunday is May 21.

### First Sunday

Sue Dressel, Mary Songster Alpin & Jim Alpin will lead the first Sunday activity in May.

### Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00.



# LCLC– Summer 2017

It is time to start thinking about summer and Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) Camps available for your children completing 1st-12th grade. LCLC offers camps all summer long with a variety of focus and themes for different age groups.

Want More Information?

- Camp Sunday is April 23! During both services you will learn all about camp and what it has to offer. We will take up a special offering at that time to help offset the cost of Hope youth attending LCLC this summer.
- Sign-Ups and more information can also be found on the Hope Happenings Bulletin Board.
- For more information and to register visit LCLC's website: <https://lclcenter.org/summer-programs>



## Week #1 (June 25-30)

- Classic Youth Camp (Completing Grades 3-8)
- Recruits in Advanced Training for Service (RATS): Week 1 of 2 (Completing Grades 9-11)
- Horse Camp (Completing Grades 3-8)

## Week #2 (July 2-7)

- Sailing I (Completing Grades 6-8)
- Recruits in Advanced Training for Service (RATS): Week 2 of 2 (Completing Grades 9-11)
- Leaders-In-Training (LIT): Week 1 of 3- (Completing Grades 11-12)

## Week #3 (July 9-14)

- Confirmation Camp (Completing Grades 6-8)- Pastor Shawn will be attending this camp with our interested Confirmation kids.
- Leaders-In-Training (LIT): Week 2 of 3- (Completing Grades 11-12)

## Week #4 (July 16-21)

- Classic Youth Camp (Completing Grades 3-8)
- Mini Camp (July 16-19) (Completing Grades 1-3)
- Sailing II (Completing Grades 9-12)
- Leaders-In-Training (LIT): Week 3 of 3- (Completing Grades 11-12)

## Week #5 (July 23-29)

- Senior High Week- (Completing Grades 9-12) Pastor Shawn will be helping to lead this week of camp

## Week #6 (July 30-August 4)

- Classic Youth (Completing Grades 3-8)
- Night Owls (Completing Grades 4-8)

# Hope Preschool



*From Director, Ms. Chris*

Thank you to all the guests who attended our recent tea party. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves!

Preschool will be hosting a Krolick's Chicken BBQ on Sun. Apr. 30th from 11:30-2pm. Dinners are \$11 & include: chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, roll w/ butter, & pie! Tickets will be available in the church office prior to the 30th & also at the door the day of.

Save-the-date: Fri. May 19th 7-9pm, Hope Preschool will be hosting a "Paint Night" with Jill Pettigrew of Queen of Arts. This is an adults only event; ladies night out or date night, your choice (see below)! More info will be available soon!



Enjoying a glimpse of Spring!



Students enjoying our tea party:



1 ALL because TWO PEOPLE FELL IN love

2 love IS A FOUR-LEGGED WORD

3 AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE we will serve the LORD

4 This HOUSE runs on STRONG COFFEE and CHEAP WINE

5 when someone YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY THE MEMORY BECOMES A treasure

6 Why fit in when you were born to stand OUT?

7 Faith DOES NOT make things EASY it makes THEM Possible

8 The MEANING of life is to find your gift The PURPOSE of life is to give it away

9 the BEST THINGS in life AREN'T THINGS

10 Welcome to our HOME

11 WELCOME to our FIREPIT where friends and marshmallows get TOASTED at the same time!

12 I SAVED SOME wine TODAY. IT WAS TRAPPED IN A BOTTLE

13 loves MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND FAMILY MAKES THE ride WORTHWHILE

14 MY FAVORITE PEOPLE CALL ME GRANDPA MY FAVORITE PEOPLE CALL ME PAPA MY FAVORITE PEOPLE CALL ME Nana MY FAVORITE PEOPLE CALL ME Grandma

15 LIFE is BETTER ON THE FARM

#14 PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR CHOICE OF: GRANDPA, PAPA, GRANDMA, OR NANA

#15 PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU'D LIKE A: CHICKEN, COW, OR PIG ADDED

# Empty Bowls Project



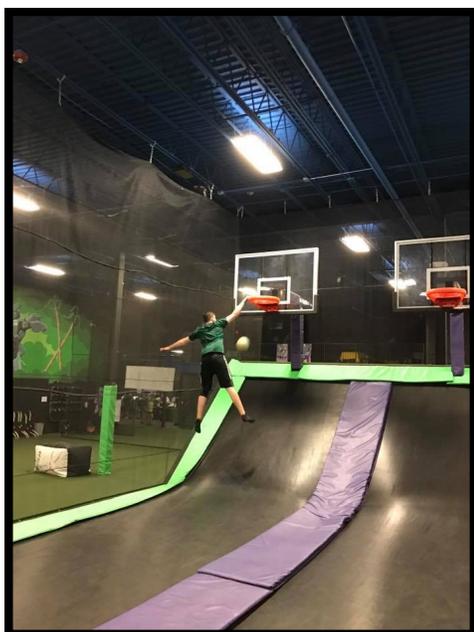
Many thanks to all who participated in any way with our 1st Annual Empty Bowls Project. We sold 170 lunches, had tons of delicious soups, and 50+ baskets! As of right now just under \$4,300 was raised with 100% of that going to fight hunger locally and around the world.



# Hope is Happening!!!



Great youth night at Get Air on March 28! Jesus just makes us want to JUMP for joy!



Ale House Church in March: A great discussion on God and Science at Main Street Grille.



Hope's Paint Night brought out the very creative side of our members. A sincere thanks to Judy Strobele for leading this event for over 20 attendees.

Our 2nd graders painted their own chalice and plates in preparation for their Communion Celebration.



# Celebrations!

## Birthdays

1— Joshua Pattridge

3— Stephanie Deahn

3— Quinn Hannon

3— Carol Steffehl

3— Brian Tavernier

4— Le Fern Joslin, Jr.

6— Norman Rugg

8— Avery Edwards

8— Madisen Sonner

9— Baylee Burfield- Gross

11— Michael Cady

11— Noah Lambert

11— Scott Lambert

11— Tiffany Lambert

13- Kelsey Landahl

13— George Winfield

14— Charlene Burfield- Gross

16— Carol Hannon

16— Peggy Place

17— Kathy Bemb

17— Richard Fuller

17— Danny Osborn

18— Camden Felber

19— Ethan Hoffman

19— John Pleace

19— James Rautenstrauch

21— Victoria McCarthy

21— Henry Rak

21— Cooper Rhodus

22— Mark Mattson

23— Edla Reynolds

25— Nicholas Rimbey

25— Margie Webster

26— Jeanne Holmes

26— Barbara Sonner

26— James Vitale

26— Robert Zimmerman

27— Riley Bliss

27— Brianna Holmes

27— Barbara Maier

27— Lucas Miller

27— Laine Schwab

29— Katelin Bennett

29— Marcella Tillinghast

30— Amy Burns

## Anniversaries

8— Mike & Becky Sonner

15— Brent & Elaine Scoins

23— Matt & Beth Miller

26— Rachel & Jamie Kittleson

# Duty Roster

	April 9 Pam Sunday	April 16 Easter Sunday	April 23	April 30
<b>Acolyte 8 am</b>	Catherine Brown Haley Celotto	Riley Bliss Sydney Schrock	Garrett Milks Eric Rautenstrauch	Timmy Sonner Cole Rhodus
<b>10:30am</b>	Clara Gross Payeton Burfield	Alyssa Boldt Anna Tavernier	Gavin Hammell Zach Rimbey	Anna Tavernier Clara Gross
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Boldt Diane Gibbs	Sue Dressel Judy Strobele	Margie Rung Carol Staffehl	Carol Boldt
<b>AV Tech 8 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Cora Blackwell Alyssa Boldt	Trevor Bley Brad Schrock	Cora Blackwell Norman Rugg	Trevor Bley Alyssa Boldt
<b>HC Assistant 8am</b>	Joanne Offers	Margie Webster	Kristin Bley	Diane Gibbs
<b>10:30am</b>	Pam Bradford	Bob Vossler	Lisa Deahn	Kathy LaScala
<b>Council Rep 8am</b>	Kaitie Wood	Paul Fehringer	Jen Blackwell	Jim Alpin
<b>10:30am</b>	Rachel Kittleson	Carol Boldt	Bob Vossler	Rachel Kittleson
<b>Greeters (10:30)</b>	Chuck & Pam Bradford	Al and Carol Boldt	Cliff and Marcia Davies	Gary and Margie Rung
<b>Lector 8am</b>	Monica Reding	Joanne Offers	Kim Offers	Michael Campana
<b>10:30am</b>	Jodie Buchhardt	Julie Tingué	Sue Dressel	Sharlene Vossler
<b>Prayers 8 am</b>	Kim Offers	Margie Webster	Kaitie Wood	Mitchell Marcin
<b>10:30</b>	Sandi Bennett	Paul Rigerman	Al Boldt	Chris Gross
<b>Ushers (10:30)</b>	Scott Rimbey & Sons	Al Boldt Dale Deahn	Kathy LaScala Pam Bradford	Bob Buchhardt Jodie Buchhardt
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Pauline Brown	Easter Breakfast	Jodie Buchhardt	Marilyn Pirdy

# Easter Candy

In search of candy for your Easter morning baskets? Look no farther than Hope. We have lots of great chocolate available for \$1 a bar! Give the gift of Chocolate this Easter while supporting a great cause! Available in the social hall or church office.





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