

Hope Lutheran Church

Voice of Hope

March, 2018

Serving All Through Jesus Christ In Thought, Word and Deed.

Easter Egg Hunt

For all children through 6th Grade and their families
Sunday, March 25, 2018
9:15 – 10:15 am
Friendship Hall

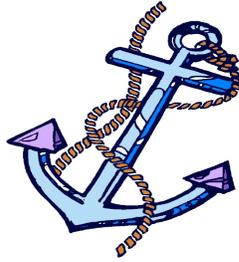


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Appreciation Brunch

We will be having an appreciation brunch for David Benson and Lester Hartzell on Sunday, March 18 at 11:45am. Egg bakes will be provided. Anyone wishing to bring muffins, breads or salads please contact Marilyn Bittner 868-7023 or Marilyn Krause 868-7939. Everyone is welcome. Thank-you.





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Worship Schedule

Thursday

6:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am

10:30 am

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Voice of Hope Deadline

15th of each month.

From the Pastor

“It’s not what you can control, if you only did, that is a threat to you, but it is what you can never control no matter what you do. It’s not what you know that often eats you up, but it is what you don’t know, what you will never know. It is not what bothers you to a great degree over a short time that is hardest for you, but that which nags at you and makes you anxious a little bit all of the time.”

These are some of the things that I learned and experienced at the clergy clinic in family emotional process at Lombard Mennonite Center in Illinois. For five years earlier this century I attended this basic seminary in what is called “Bowen family systems theory.” More than anything it helped me to understand the challenges of living in this period in which we live. We learned a very important teaching for living today: the difference between acute anxiety and chronic anxiety. When someone goes through a major loss or change in his or her life, anxiety over what might happen in the future goes up, but then subsides right after the presenting challenge goes away. An example of this might be a surgery that you, or one of your family members, needs to have. For a month or two your life is changed by the several hours of the surgery, the recovery period, and the time it takes to get back to normal. This situation is hard, but it is time-contained and afterwards you may be even less concerned about everyday life. But chronic anxiety is dealing with the day-to-day challenges in life. Examples of this kind of worry and concern is dealing with deteriorating relationships in your family or friends, someone failing just slightly each month or year, and those world or national events that effect each one of us by just living in the world.

In our Bowen Family Systems Theory (BFST) presentations, chronic anxiety is what is considered the biggest challenge for everyday health. It is that which does not go away, that which cannot be controlled at all, that which is in our environment that makes us all worry, that keeps us up at night, and that sends us to all of those things which bind our anxiety (keeping us afloat). Anxiety “binders” are those things which allow us to cope with or lessen our anxiety, like food and drink, drugs of all types (prescription or otherwise), and hopefully to sources of support and strength.

This kind of anxious situation is made far worse by several factors. Many of us do not have a life-long support system upon which we can rely. We do not have extended family to gather with on a regular basis. Second, the community and church resources upon which so many have relied no longer serve as a “chronic anxiety repellent” as it used to do. After all, our churches have changed with society and you can’t go to church and get an absolute answer (or antidote) to your anxiety. Third, we have news sources that, in a very consumer oriented society, value from presenting the world events to us in such a way that we are polarized from many of our friends and neighbors in our midst. It is hard to find a safe and secure environment to discuss what is happening in the world today.

Think about any issue in the recent past and how divisive it has been. The ban on immigration in certain countries, the discussion regarding D.A.C.A. (the dreamer children), and the shootings in Parkland, Florida are good examples of this. Were those not events that created anxiety for you? Was there a place for you to discuss these events? Was your church helpful in dealing with these events? Would you be able to hear news programming that approached these events in ways in which would lead to less anxiety?

Establishing how much anxiety that is always there whether you see it or not (like electrical current) is the easier part. The harder part is finding sources to reduce your anxiety, or at least hold it in line. First, I would maintain that we ought to find our primary support in our relationship to God. We ought to take seriously all that Scripture says about trusting in the Lord our God. The psalms are a very good source of preferred anxiety binding. Psalms of trust such as the twenty-third psalm (“The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.”) lead us to not be so anxious. Jesus’ words in Matthew 6 are words of calm for us in the midst of “ramped up” chronic anxiety: “have no worry about tomorrow, what you shall eat or drink or wear, for I will take care of you. If I take care of the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, won’t I take care of you?” Although that may be hard for us to do, there is great value in knowing that God is in control of our ultimate destiny. Sometimes, it is good to be able to say “the worst that can happen is that I am a child of God in God’s loving arms, either here or in eternity.” There are ways of becoming better at living in trusting relationship with God: doing meditation and prayer, reading Scripture passages that are reassuring, reading books that make Scriptural passages of trust contemporary, and journaling thoughts about anxiety and trust.

Second, we can allay everyday anxiety by finding support groups where we are valued for who we are, and not what our position is on this or that issue. If each of us has one or two relationships where divisive issues are not primary, but is based on personal affirmation, we will be better enabled to put chronic anxiety at bay. The church can be helpful in this regard in both finding persons like this, as well as in finding groups that by their very nature are places of support and affirmation.

Third, we can prioritize those places, things and people that are anxiety-reducing compared to those that seem to conduct anxiety. Hopefully, the church is one of those environmental reducing locales. When you go to worship, if you are able to shut off your brain at all, it can serve as a time to at least pull out of the latest anxiety-producing event in your life. You can begin to realize your survival or thriving in life is not based on what someone in the media markets say is “breaking news.” Sure, you may go out into your car and turn on the news and get inundated by the latest thing said on the Sunday morning news program or via social media, but hopefully you will be equipped to put those thoughts and feelings that come from afar in perspective. As children of God, we belong to no one but to God. There is nothing that can happen to us where God will not walk with us. Christ assures us, “I am with you always to the close of the age.”

Lent, the season we are walking through in March can be a time to grow in faith and life. One way to use this season is to put our life into perspective. Ultimately it is not what is outside that comes into our hearing that matters, but what is inside that comes to us from God through our hearts and minds and spirit. Let us put our trust in the Lord, reach out to one another, and find a safe and secure environment in being baptized children of God. As we recently sang in a worship, “You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: ‘My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!’ And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.”

Trusting in God’s grace,
Roger H. Black, Interim Pastor

Church Council

OPEN COUNCIL POSITIONS

The annual meeting for Hope Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 9:15 am immediately following the 8:00 am worship service. Currently, there are three open positions available for this spring election. Here is an opportunity to become involved in the life of Hope Lutheran Church and make a difference.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside at the meetings of the Congregation Council and of this congregation in the absence of the President. Additionally, the Vice-President shall be expected to head the nominating committee. The Vice-President would be chairperson of the Mutual Ministry Committee, unless there is another member in the congregation who volunteers to be the chairperson. This is a 3-year term and no more than 6 years on Council.

Evangelism Chairperson: The purpose of this board is to encourage individual members and the corporate activities of the congregation to bear witness to the serving love of God in Jesus Christ. This board would familiarize itself with the evangelism program materials of the ELCA that are appropriate to congregations. The function of evangelism is getting the word out about our congregation to new residents, worship visitors, the unchurched, and other churches. This board should be open to the needs for spiritual enrichment, personal witnessing, service opportunities and worship patterns that encourage our mission statement: "Serving all through Jesus Christ, in thought, word, and deed" This is a 3-year term and no more than 6 years on Council.

Stewardship Chairperson: The purpose of this board is to develop and coordinate a program to nurture growth, understanding and the practice of stewardship in and through the congregation, motivate the members of Hope Lutheran Church to provide financial support for the congregation's ministry and the ministry of other parts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and encourage members to use their time and talents to promote the ministries of the church. This is a 3-year term and no more than 6 years on Council.

Please give these positions prayerful consideration. If you have any questions you may contact the nominating committee: Randy Lebakken, Chuck Hansing, or Pat Parsons.

Hope Treasurer's Report

Income & expense from Designated Offering does not pay normal operating expenses.

January General Operating Income	\$18,554.00
January General Operating Expenses	\$22,501.04
Difference	\$ (3,947.04)

Hope's Happenings

HFFFFFF -Per special request, we will be going to Tasty Bites in Milton on Friday, March 2 at 5:00 pm. Please sign up in the narthex of church or call Marilyn Krause 868-7939/608-751-2264 by Tuesday, February 27. Please join us.

Are you ready for some Euchre?

Everyone who enjoys playing Euchre is invited to join us on Friday, March 9th. We will meet at 6:00 pm at church for a potluck followed by eight rounds of cards. New players are always welcome. To reserve your place, or for further details, contact Jake & Jeanette Koele, 868-3496.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Jake's Junction Pub, 130 Merchant Row, Milton, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. March 13th. No need to RSVP, just come if you can!! Cocktails, food, and even a good cup of coffee are available for purchase. Come and relax with us!

Men's Breakfast Group

First Tuesday of the month we meet at church for Bible study and coffee. On the third Tuesday we meet at Milton Family Restaurant for breakfast and discussion. March's meeting dates are the 6th & the 20th. If you have questions, please contact the church or Ron Parsons.

Charity Circle

Charity Circle will meet at Hope for a Bible study on March 22nd at 9:30 am. Please join us. If you have questions, please contact Bernece Rice at 608-868-3265 or Jane Johns at 262-203-1346.

ACES

ACES will meet on Sunday, March 18 at 5:00 for an evening of food and fellowship. The group will meet at Olive Garden in Janesville. Please contact Janet & Bill Arndt if you plan to attend, 868-5340.

Hospitality Coffee/Treats

The hospitality-coffee-time between worship services is a wonderful opportunity to visit with members and visitors; it is a time for sharing, greeting, talking, and laughing. Enjoying a delicious treat, be it cookies, bars, cereal mix, fruit, or pastry, enhances the fellowship time. We know that ALL Lutherans are wonderful cooks!! There is a sign-up sheet on an easel at the coffee station for those members who would like to provide a Sunday morning treat. Please remember we have some members with gluten intolerance. If you have questions please call Pat Parsons, 608-868-3997, or e-mail ronpatpa@hotmail.com.

Bits & Pieces

WHAT: Troop 471 Annual Pancake Breakfast
WHEN: Sunday, March 4, 2018
WHERE: Saint Mary Church
837 Parkview Drive in Milton, WI
WHY: Boy Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
TIME: 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM
COST: Pre Ticket Sales...\$6.00 each
At the door...\$8.00 each
Children under 6 are free

Location of tickets: Dave's Ace Hardware, Bank of Milton, First
Community Bank, K's Corner and from any
Troop 471 Member

Serving all u can eat pancakes. Gluten free available. Jones Farm Sausages,
coffee, decaf, juice, apple sauce, milk, butter and syrup.

(For questions call Bill Chwala, Troop Committee Chair, at 868-2310.)

Portable Listening Aids

Hope has portable listening aids available for those who have a hard time
hearing during worship. Please ask one of the ushers if you would like to
use them during worship.

Save the Planet—Recycle Your Ink and Toner Cartridges!

Bring your empty ink and toner cartridges to Hope (drop them in the box in
the solarium) and Hope will recycle them at Staples and receive Rewards
Credit toward our office supply purchases. All brands are eligible!

Reminder:

Please contact Hope Church Office, 608-868-3680, when:

- A member of your family is in the hospital
- You would like to have Home Communion
- You have a prayer request
- A family member dies or gives birth
- Your home address, phone or email changes
- You would like a call or visit

Check out “**Simply Giving**”, a convenient, consistent way to provide ade-
quate financial support to Hope Lutheran Church regularly. Get started to-
day! Fill out the authorization form located in the Narthex and turn it in to
the church office.

Thank You

To our wonderful supporters at Hope,

The Senior High Youth would like to extend a genuine thank you to all those who came out on Thursday night to Mac's Pizza Shack and helped support our SHY Mission Trip fund raiser. The place was packed with many of our Hope members enjoying a nice filling buffet dinner.

Another Thank You goes out from SHY and The Congregational Life Committee for all those who came down to enjoy our Souper Bowl luncheon on Super Bowl Sunday. We were overwhelmed by how many showed up and completely ran out of soup. What a huge support and success for our fund raiser, we were able to put \$250.00 towards the SHY Mission Trip and \$250.00 towards the past deficit of Hope.



Pancake Supper

Shrove Pancake Supper was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. The free-will offering raised \$633 to support G.I.F.T.'S Men's Shelter and Hope's debt reduction.

A huge thank you to all those that came and supported the event as well as the "helping hands:" David and Marie Benson, Lonnie Brown for her beautifully decorated Valentine cookies, Chuck and Eileen Hansing, Phil and Jane Johns, Marilyn Krause, Jim Polarski for donating his delicious 100% pure maple syrup, Karl Westlund, and Ron and Pat Parsons.

Help Wanted

We have been invited to participate in the Janesville Area CROP walk which will be held during the afternoon of Sunday, April 29, 2018. At this time we will be looking for people interested in walking/running and someone interested in being the recruiter/coordinator for Hope Lutheran.



If you are interested, please contact our Outreach representative, Jane Johns at 26-203-1346 or jane.johns517@gmail.com. The recruiter/coordinator is invited to a breakfast on Saturday, March 10th at 8:30 at St. John Lutheran Church (302 N. Parker Dr., JVL)

<u>DATE 8:00 AM</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Sacristans</u>	<u>Bread for Both Services</u>
04-Mar	Karl Westlund	Pat Parsons	Chuck Hansing Dave Benson	Jordy Getchel	Sherri Barrenger	Cresswell Family	Rebecca Garber	Pat Parsons
11-Mar	Marie Benson	Carol Polarski	Ron & Pat Parsons	Eileen Hansing	Rob Malewicki	Chuck & Eileen Hansing	Kristen Mathesius	Susanne Mickelson
18-Mar	Patrick Russell	Tammy Russell	Karl Westland Les Hartzell	Sarah Olson	Brian & Penni Hoppe	Olson Family	Frank & Mary Maxwell	Evelyn Preston
25-Mar	Stu Bloom	Sonja Pluess	Ken Whitford Frank Maxwell	Emily Miller	Marilyn Krause	Glen & Jordy Getchel	Frank & Ann McCulloch	Jerry Arneson
01-Apr	Karl Westlund	Marie Benson	Chuck Hansing Dave Benson	Janet Arndt	Sherri Barrenger	Chris & Ryan Lovell	Jake & Jeanette Koele	Sue Chwala

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
4 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 2:00 pm Girl Scouts	5	6 8:00 am Men's Bible study @ Hope 11:30 am Staff Lunch	7 4:00 prr 5:10 prr 6:15 prr 6:30 prr 7:30 prr
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25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School W/Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	26	27 1:30 pm Staff Meeting	28 6:15 prr 7:30 prr
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:00 am Worship No Sunday School 10:30 am Worship			

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 pm Worship	2	3
30 pm LRE 10 pm Youth Chimes 15 pm Hope Singers 30 pm 7/8 Confirmation 30 pm Hope Ringers	8 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Worship	9 6:00 pm Euchre	10
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04-Mar	Jen Watson	Karen O'Rourke	Kevin Shea	Brenda O'Beirne	Carmen Hume	Brenda & Cliff O'Beirne	Rebecca Garber	Pat Parsons
11-Mar	Paula Yanke	Gary Yanke	Jake Koele	Jerry Arneson	James Mickelson	Mathesius Family	Kristen Mathesius	Susanne Mickelson
18-Mar	Donna Usher	Julie Lebakken	Brian Benson	Randy Lebakken	Carmen Hume	Sharon Terese Sandy McNutt	Larry & Evelyn Preston	Evelyn Preston
25-Mar	Jen Watson	Camille DeWilde	Cliff O'Beirne	Ann DeWilde	Ken & Karen Holland	DeWilde Family	Frank & Ann McCulloch	Jerry Arneson
01-Apr	Paula Yanke	Karen O'Rourke	Kevin Shea	Gary Yanke	Rebecca Garber	Arlene Miland	Jake & Jeanette Koele	Sue Chwala

Education News

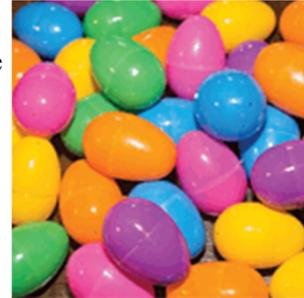
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Wanted – Filled Eggs

Can you help us fill plastic Easter eggs for the egg hunt? We're looking for donations of regular size plastic eggs filled with candy, stickers, small toys, etc. We have many plastic eggs, so please pick up a bag of eggs in the box in the narthex, fill them and return. Please turn-in filled eggs to the church office by Sunday, March 18. Check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex for more information.



Wanted – “Egg Hiders”

Are you an early riser? Do you attend 8:00 am Worship? Then come a bit early for coffee; and, to help hide Easter eggs around Hope's property on Sunday, March 25 at 7:00 am for the Easter Egg Hunt. (The egg hunt will be held rain or shine.) Please sign-up in the narthex.

March Mission Focus

Sunday School will continue to collect donations of coffee, creamer, sugar, 3 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash, and snacks (nuts, granola bars, crackers, etc.) for the GIFTS Men's Shelter. Bring donations to Sunday School and put in our yellow school bus downstairs throughout the month. The Sunday School offerings will go towards ELCA Missionary Support. Hope currently helps support Curtis & Katie Kline in the country of Columbia.

Mentors

We had a wonderful group of mentors for our 9th grade confirmation students last year and we're looking for another group for this coming year. Mentors write letters to the students about once a month from the end of May to October; meet the students at the mentor gathering; and, support their confirmation during 9th grade. Topic suggestions are given to you. Letters are emailed or dropped off at the church office. We're looking for both new volunteers to the Mentor program and those who have been a mentor in the past. It's a special way to share your faith with our youth at Hope. Many students say this was a highlight of Confirmation. Contact Sue Chwala to volunteer and for more information.

Lutherdale – Choose Your Adventure!

Choose Your Adventure at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, WI. This summer each week has its own unique and awesome theme with special activities. “Bible camp has lasting positive impacts on your child that go beyond what you see on a day to day basis. For many, faith is put on the back burner while sports, extra-curricular activities and school work have become the priority. Why pick one over the other? With a solid foundation, your child’s faith can encompass every part of their life. At camp, your child learns how to live their life through the lens of faith. Lose a basketball game? Jesus teaches us that failure provides a foundation to grow upon. Get an A on test? God shows us that humility keeps us grounded. Whatever life throws at your child, give them support of faith to guide their journey.”

Sign-up early for discounts on registration fees. Early Bird registration before March 1, 2018 offers 40% off. Hope continues to encourage participation at Lutherdale by offering \$50.00 camperships to all students who attend summer camp. You can find additional summer camp information at www.lutherdale.org. Please let the church office know that your child will be attending summer camp at Lutherdale.

Vacation Bible School

Watch for more information soon on Vacation Bible School for this summer. Jen Watson, VBS Coordinator, and Sue Chwala are beginning to make plans for another super week of fun faith-filled activities.



Notes from your Christian Education Coordinator

By Sue Chwala

Thank you to our many blessed volunteers who teach and help with Christian education! It is always a joy to work with everyone. It’s time to begin planning and recruiting volunteers for next year. If you are currently a teacher, helper, small group leader, or mentor; please prayerfully consider volunteering for next year. We will need Christian education volunteers in all grades from Pre-K to 9th grade, Sunday School, LRE and Confirmation. You are welcome to stay in your current position, move up a grade with your child, or try another class. We can use many people in many capacities, both for long and short time projects. You do not need to be a parent to become involved, only to want to be involved in the faith journeys of our young people.

Hope’s Christian education program continues to work so well because of our volunteers. Each class is set up as teams or groups of teachers and small group leaders. Hope provides everyone with teaching materials, curriculum and training for their specific grades or positions through the Board of Education and Sue Chwala. For further information on specific education volunteer positions, you may call the church office, or talk with Sue Chwala, Pastor Roger or any Board of Education member.

*****Special Request*****

Paper Products 4 Pupils

Thank you to everyone who has previously donated items. We appreciate them, but can still use more. We are in need of the following for Pre-K through Confirmation:

7 to 9 oz. paper or plastic cups

Small and large paper plates

Paper or Styrofoam bowls

Napkins

Plastic Silverware

Styrofoam cups for hot chocolate

Mr. Coffee - coffee filters

Plastic Ziploc or Glad storage containers

Gallon size Ziploc bags

These are used for Sunday School, LRE and confirmation snacks, crafts and special events. New or already opened packages are appreciated. Plain or any holiday designs are OK. Please bring to Hope and put in box in solarium. Questions, please contact Ann DeWilde or Sue Chwala.

Christian Education Calendar

Sunday School – 9:15 – 10:15 am on Sundays

Feb. 25 – The Red Sea

March 4 – Palm Sunday to Easter

March 11 – Palm Sunday to Easter

March 18 – Palm Sunday to Easter

March 25 – Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt for all children through 6th Grade!

April 1 – Easter – No Sunday School

LRE – 4:00 – 5:10 pm on Wednesdays

Feb. 28 – Ten Commandments

March 1- Promised Land

March 14- Rewind Unit Three

March 21- Easter Activity/Service Project

March 28 – NO CLASSES - Spring Break – Milton Schools

April 4- Judges

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation – 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesdays

Feb. 28 – Learning Event

March 7 - Learning Event

March 14 - Small Group Service Project

March 21- Learning Event

March 28 - NO CLASS – Spring Break – Milton Schools

April 4 - Learning Event

Call Committee Update

At worship services on February 8 and 11 members of the call committee updated the congregation on the current status. The committee received four candidates from the synod in November and reviewed all four candidates. Interviews were set up for December and early January. Unfortunately, bad weather led to several postponements in interviews during the second half of December. Two of the candidates withdrew because of other considerations (being considered or receiving another new called position). In early January both remaining available candidates were interviewed, and then one of these two candidates was interviewed a second time. After these interviews the decision was made by the committee to release these two candidates and to ask the synod for more candidates to interview. One member of the committee said, “neither candidate was felt to be a good fit for the position at Hope.” The Synod has informed the call committee that we can expect to receive a new list of candidates sometime in March.

It is important to fully discern all candidates and to seek God’s guidance in each and every decision. If we let the Spirit work and the process unfold a new pastor will be here to guide us.

MARCH Acolyte Schedule		
	Thursday	
	8:00	10:30
3/4		Dawson Wiswell
3/11		Dawson Wiswell
3/18		Dawson Wiswell
3/25		

Don’t forget to direct Choice Dollars

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2018 to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. Help support Hope Lutheran. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

Agrace

Agrace to Offer Orientation for New Volunteers in March

In March, Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care will offer orientation for those interested in brightening the lives of hospice patients by volunteering. Volunteer orientation will be held **Monday, March 12, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**, at Agrace in Janesville. Before they attend orientation, prospective volunteers must complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's staff to identify skills and interests. Call (608) 314-2922 for an application and to register for orientation.

Agrace to Offer Spouse Loss Support Group

In March, Agrace will begin a six-week Spouse/Partner Loss grief support group at its Janesville campus, 2901 N. Wright Road. The series is open to any adult who is grieving the death of a spouse or partner. It meets Tuesdays, March 6 to April 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

The fee for this group is waived for people whose spouse/partner received hospice care in the past 12 months. Fees can be lowered or waived for others, if needed. For more information or fees call Fran at (608) 314-2919 or see agrace.org/griefgroups.

Cedar Crest

For details on volunteering, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Lyke: 608-373-6327 or llyke@cedarcrestnet.com

Bingo: Assist residents in playing bingo; Wed at 3PM; Mon, Tues, or Wed evening at 6PM; or Mon, Fri, or Sat, at 9:30AM.

Mail delivery: Deliver mail to residents once per week; Monday or Friday at 1PM.

Outings: Meet Cedar Crest bus at a local store to take residents shopping; weekdays.

Hymn Sing: Play piano or guitar to lead a weekly hymn sing; any weekday, morning or afternoon.

Music Program: Play piano, guitar or sing with residents, sharing your music skill; any day of the week.

Memory Care: Assist residents in crafts, playing games, singing or worship services. Any day, morning or afternoon.

Weekday Games: Lead residents in games such as bean bag toss, card or dice games or crosswords; weekday afternoons.

Pet visits: Bring your pet in for regular visits with residents; any day, morning or afternoon.

One to One Visits and Wheelchair Walks: Visit or walk with residents; any day, morning or afternoon.

Roving Cart Visits: Take an activity cart with magazines, word search puzzles, and games to rooms; any day of the week.

Chapel: Bring residents to and from chapel services, assist them during the service; Sunday morning or evening.

Weekend volunteer: Help with activities such as games or bring residents to entertainment; weekend afternoons.

Sit and Be Fit: Lead chair exercises; any weekday, morning or afternoon.



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| 2 Marge Ware, Bryce Webb | 21 Chloe Garber, Ryan Berthiaume |
| 5 Mary Jo Allen, Bill Chwala, Linda Blade, Pat Murphy, Gary Anderson | Eric Berthiaume, Tammy Russell |
| 6 Cheryl Getchel, Claire Kettle | 22 Jack Hosken, Kelley Dammen, Brad Puerner, Eugene Niedermier Jr |
| 7 Jacob O'Rourke, Dan Bilz, Owen Cresswell | 23 Grace Williams, Mathew Webb |
| 9 Richard Plautz, | 24 Ellie Waldhart, Amy Williams Brady Cresswell |
| 10 Barbara Saunders, Greg Suchanek | 26 Brittany Rinehart, Darold Pettit |
| 12 Katherine Hawley | 27 David Lange, Marian Thoms |
| 13 Dorothy Deyer, Gail Yanke | 28 Maria Biederwolf, Abel Dantuma |
| 14 Giang Au | 29 Dean Blaser |
| 17 Colin Weberpal, Devin Woodcock, Mason Stephens, | 30 Natalie Kettle |
| 18 Morgan Kenyon | 31 Tonya Sisson |
| 19 Caleb Dammen, Robin Riggs | |
| 20 Eric Swanson | |



Special Birthday Wishes to...

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Marian Thoms	March 27

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