

# STEEPLE NOTES

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## GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Offering **HOSPITALITY** to all  
 Seeking **OPPORTUNITIES** to serve others  
 Teaching & **PREACHING** the Gospel of Christ  
 Encouraging **EVERYONE** to use their spiritual gifts

MARCH 2019

### LENTEN SERVICES

**Wednesdays at 7 PM**

- † Ash Wednesday – March 6  
Offering: BORN
- † Lent 1 – March 13  
Offering: Stephen Ministry
- † Lent 2 – March 20  
Offering: WOW
- † Lent 3 – March 27  
Offering: Current Expenses
- † Lent 4 – April 3  
Offering: Together We Hurt,  
Together We Heal
- † Lent 5 – April 10  
Offering: Current Expenses

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ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10

GIFTS OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED  
IN CHURCH OFFICE.

(See page 3 for more information)



## The Holy Days of Lent March, 2019

The mid-week Lenten services for this year will focus on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. The themes for the Wednesday worship services will be as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 6 – God invites and transforms

Lent 1 Midweek, March 13 – Prayer

Lent 2 Midweek, March 20 – Sharing the Gospel

Lent 3 Midweek, March 27 - Mutual Humility

Lent 4 Midweek, April 3 – Hospitality and Service

Lent 5 Midweek, April 10 – Practice, Practice, Practice

### Themes for Lent Based on Letter to Philippian Church

These themes arise out of Paul's letter to the Philippian church as he cares for them and encourages them in their faith. These themes also fit our faith as we prepare our hearts and minds for the walk to Calvary and wait and watch as Jesus heads for the Garden of Gethsemane and to Golgotha. We too, must pray, share the Gospel, by humble, hospitable and serve, as well as practice our faith heading to the cross.



As you enter into the Lenten season, I hope that you will “take on” a Lenten discipline...the discipline of mid-week worship. We often think of “giving something up” – like chocolate or pop or meat. But Jesus took on the cross for our salvation. I challenge you to take on worship...both on Sundays and Wednesdays to strengthen your spiritual journey during the season of Lent. When we “give up” chocolate or the like, this is really a self-serving way to lose weight or to meet our own goals. When we take on worship, we are deepening our life with God and strengthening our spiritual life. As the Psalmist writes, “Come into his presence with thanksgiving. Enter his courts with praise!”

God is always waiting for us! All we need to do is SHOW UP! God blesses us with his presence; his pardon and his peace!

I'll see you in worship during Lent – on Sundays and on Wednesdays!

Shalom, my friends!

*Pastor Renee*



### Worship Window...The Journey Through Lent

**Lent** is the forty days (not counting Sundays which always celebrate the resurrection of Jesus) prior to Easter (which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus). Lent is a time of preparation. The color for Lent is purple – a color of penitence and preparation. Years ago, Advent and Lent shared purple as the liturgical color, both being seasons of preparation. As the church year was updated, Advent became blue, the color of anticipation.

**Maundy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper. The color of this day is maroon or black. At Good Hope, quite appropriately, this is the day that young people receive their First Communion. The Last Supper is historically the meal of unleavened bread going back to the Old Testament exodus meal during the time when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt into the Promised Land. In the New Testament, Jesus makes this meal the meal of promise and makes the bread and wine his body and blood – given and broken, as well as poured out for all people. This becomes the new covenant in Jesus' body and blood for forgiveness of sins.

**Good Friday** commemorates the death of Jesus on the cross. The color for this day is black. We remember that Jesus is scorned, beaten and hung on a cross between two thieves. We light candles (seven) to recall the last seven words of Jesus. Even as we know that Jesus will rise, on this day darkness covers the earth. Jesus dies, just as we will die. The Son of God knows the pain and agony of crucifixion. We know the pain and agony of death.

**Holy Saturday** is the very quiet day between Good Friday and Easter. It is a day for contemplation. It is a day for prayer.

**Easter Sunday**, beginning at sunrise, is a day for celebration. The women go to the tomb and find it empty. Christ has risen! He is risen indeed! The color for this day is white! Let the alleluia's ring from the rafters! As Christ is raised from the tomb, we too live a new life! Life overcomes death and darkness is overcome by the light! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN JANUARY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ♥ Owen Sullivan
- ♥ Alan Burkhart
- ♥ Elizabeth Ehmann
- ♥ Robin Ehmann
- ♥ Abby Jo Ehmann

#### DARTBALL NEWS

March 4 at 7:30 PM - Tournament held  
at Colonel Crawford High School  
March 11 at 6:30 PM – Banquet at  
Calvary UCC

#### GIFTS OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available to Good Hope members during the first four years following high school graduation. Students who enlist in the armed services after high school will be eligible the first four years after the completion of their duty. You must be a full time student to be eligible for this scholarship. (Students must apply EACH YEAR to be eligible for this scholarship.)

Persons applying will be required to request the scholarship by **June 5th of each school year.** Applications can be picked up in the church office.

## March 2019 Women of Good Hope Data

<b>Funeral Lunch Committee:</b> Sarah Gebhardt, chrm. Sally Johnson Mary Lepley	Joyce Roll Bonnie Ley Nancy Heiby
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**Launder Towels:** Maggy Everett                      **Cards:** Marjorie Boudinot

**Faith Circle** will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 1:30 in the lounge.

**Emmaus Circle** will meet on Monday, March 25 at 7:00 in the Youth Room.

**Ladies, you are ALL welcome at any circle meeting and at all functions of WELCA.**

### GLOBAL MISSION DONATION

WELCA Board decided to follow Isaac Schaaf's lead and voted to send \$96 to GMB for help in the recovery from the devastation of the earthquakes in Mexico. This donation is from you, the members of the Good Hope WELCA Unit, but board members hope you'll also donate individually to this mission. Why \$96? There are eight board members and \$12 x 8 is \$96.

### *For Those Who Have Fun Shopping for Baby Clothing*

An article in "Global Health Ministries" reported a physician visiting from Madagascar told of how more and more women there are wanting to cover their babies, a practice that is encouraged. The suggestion was made to send onesies. So WELCA Board decided for our May service mission, we'd invite our members to donate onesies. Unlike the LWR Infant Care Kits where onesies weren't acceptable unless the bottoms were cut out and hemmed, these onesies will be sent with all their parts!

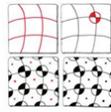
We've given notice of this project early so you can shop sales, shop whenever you have the notion, shop whenever you see those cute baby clothes—but please don't bring any onesies to the church until May.

(WELCA Board members know Sarah won't pass by any onesies without buying.)

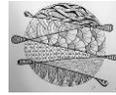


### ANTS....COMING TO WELCA PICNIC IN JULY

Ladies, did you know the amazing ant is mentioned two places in the Bible? You'll be hearing more about this leading up to our July picnic where ants have been invited to attend! Curious? Stayed tuned.



**ZENTANGLE:**



*An easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful designs using repetitive patterns*

**Come to the Southeastern Conference Spring Assembly!**

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Bethlehem Lutheran, Attica

Dianne Krumnow will present Zentangle  
(and lead us to create our own tangles.)

Art supplies will be provided.

Offering: ½ to Synodical Board, ½ Attica Food Pantry

Short Communion Service

\$10.00 for registration and lunch.

Pick up information and register in the church office by **March, 27.**

Come, bring a friend to enjoy this fun day of fellowship and worship.



**ORDERING EASTER  
FLOWERS**

It will soon be time to order Easter flowers. Order forms will be available in the narthex racks and from the church office.

Watch the bulletin for further details.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY  
LISTEN!**

That's what Stephen Ministers do. They have gone through 50 hours of training in providing Christian care so that they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say.

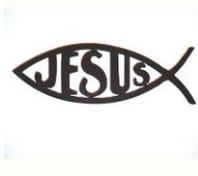
**THE 3 RE's**

Highlights of the Sermon on January 6, 2019, given by Pastor Barry Ludwig for the celebration of Pastor Renee's 35 years in the ministry.

We need to be

1. **Redefined** by God with the gift of Jesus. Therefore, we need to lift each other up knowing that each of us is a child of God...we each are somebody regardless of what we may hear or think.
2. **Rejuvenated** and let your light shine
3. **Reoriented** in our priorities. We need to turn around and follow the Babe of Bethlehem, the baby who grew into a man ... a man who took our place on the cross...a man who gave His life for us.

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## Good Hope Christian Preschool News

March 2019



### Lutheran Schools' Week

The preschool celebrated Lutheran Schools' Week from February 25-28.

Special guests for the week were Diane Sand from Crawford County Water and Soil Conservation and Good Hope member, Bettie Luidhardt. Mrs. Sand taught us about mammals found in Crawford County and Mrs. Luidhardt shared her love of reading and of God!

### Goodwill Fundraiser

Thank you again for all of your generous donations. Our Goodwill fundraiser is coming to an end on Tuesday, March 12.

We will begin collecting again on April 9 through June 11.

### Preschool Openings

We still have openings in the preschool. Registration forms are available in the church office or at [www.goodhopelutheran.com](http://www.goodhopelutheran.com).

In order to secure a spot for your child, a registration form and \$50.00 registration fee must be turned in to the church office or Charla Spayde, Director.

### Important Dates

\*Monday, March 4- Preschool Board Meeting 4:00pm

\*March 4-14 -Parent/Teacher Conferences

\* March 18- Diane Sand of Crawford County Soil and Water will teach us about pollution with Freddie the fish.

All your children will be taught by the LORD, and great will be their peace. Isaiah 54:13





## WHAT DOES LOVE LOOK LIKE?



As I sit here on this cold, blistery Valentine's Day, I'm struck by all the experiences that I've encountered over the past several months. Places like QUAKE and The E that I've attended, books read, music listened to, and all the people I've shared time with over that time period. It's almost too much to keep straight.

But through it all there is one gem that keeps reoccurring from each and every-one of those experiences, one thread that is common in so many things I've come to observe. I'm repeatedly presented with the notion... what does love look like and what does love require?

### **God =Jesus=Love**

To begin with, I totally embrace the equation that [God=Jesus=Love]. I also honor Jesus' declaration that the greatest of all Commandments is to love God and love our neighbor. So what I'm perplexed with now is how our world has forgot what love looks like.

### **To me....Love looks like**

- ♥ the sights and sounds of a little one as they declare their presence at worship;
- ♥ taking a person to treatment, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, because this time might be their miracle;
- ♥ standing up for the liberties of all people so they have the same rights and privileges that I have always enjoyed;
- ♥ stop with the "us versus them, win or lose" ideology, especially when I talk of politics, so we can begin to solve real problems together;
- ♥ being open with a friend in need, and letting them know that I have struggled with similar circumstances;
- ♥ being content to cry before others when the joy or pain is too great;
- ♥ hope;
- ♥ my neighbor, and as Jesus' implied, my neighbor is everyone, especially the person or persons closest to me at this moment wherever I might be.

### **So what does love look like for you?**

If you want to see love, look into the eyes of the ones you're with and you'll see Jesus, if not, I pray that when they look back at you they will see the eyes of Jesus in you... from there, you do the math!

Peace and love to all,

David Wolfe, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."  
I Corinthians 13:13

It is love that God deems the greatest. Love lasts and never fails. It is patient, kind, unselfish, and honest; it never keeps a record of wrongs or delights in evil. In a word, love is God. And there is no ONE greater.

(Taken from the devotion book, Choose Joy)



## Volunteers are needed



Since 2015 BORN (Bucyrus Outreach and Restoration Network) has given assistance to over 760 individuals and families. Recently it has extended its mission field to include all of Crawford County.

- As a result, BORN is in need of more volunteers for fundraising and working in the office. The greatest need at this time is people to serve as a receptionist at the front desk. This involves greeting clients, answering the phone, and scheduling appointments. Office hours for staff are Monday and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon and Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. You can volunteer as little or often as your schedule allows. Some people volunteer once or twice a month up to every day the office is open.
- The second need is to be a listener or interviewer. You would begin as a listener who assists an interviewer when speaking with a client. Then, when you are familiar with BORN's procedures and feel comfortable, you can also serve as an interviewer.

For more information about these positions contact Sandy Wertz or Susan Holdcraft. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. This is a great way to serve the Lord and meet Christians from other churches!

### Highlights of January 19, 2019, Church Council Meeting

(Full Minutes are available in the church office. Minutes submitted by Joyce Schifer)

Larry Shutler called the meeting to order with these members present: Larry Shutler, Jim Metcalf, Randy Fischer, Doug Rossman, Gary Auck, Doug Foght, Dave Wolfe, Mark Milheim, Pastor Renee, Lydia Sullivan and Joyce Schifer. Guest was Pastor Bob Ahern

#### **Pastor Renee's Report**

- Pastor Renee thanked everyone who planned the celebration of her 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination.
- She began a bible study to read the Bible from cover to cover this year, which meets at the Pelican house on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm. There are about 1 dozen participants.
- She also gave a report on the Youth Quake attended by 6 of our youth.

**David Wolfe-Youth and Family Coordinator:** David gave a report on the many youth and family ministry activities and the upcoming events for the year.

**Treasurer and Finance:** Mark Milheim reported on the 2018 budget and discussed the reasons for having to withdraw \$142,000 from endowment funds during the year to meet current expenses. It was mentioned that the average offerings are \$5,500 per week and that we need \$8,500 per week to meet expenses.

#### **New Business:**

- The transfer of Jerry, Judy and Megan Noblit to St. Paul Lutheran, Bucyrus, was approved.
- Approved the date for the Annual Meeting to the second Sunday of February.
- Approved Council Installation at both services on January 27.

**CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT****“The Seasons of Good Hope”**

The **Church Council Retreat** was led by Pastors Bob and Renee Ahern. We discussed Ecclesiastes 3 – “a time for every purpose under heaven.” As a church council, we pondered every season and what season we think Good Hope is in. Here are some thoughts:

►Spring – The season of new life; expectation; anticipation and blooming. Is that where we are? If you look at our children’s bell program, our WOW program our music and worship we’d answer enthusiastically “yes!”

►Summer – The season of growing: everything is green and growing. The buds have become flowers and the trees have budded out. Summer sports are in full swing (yes, that is a pun for you golfers!) For the congregation, what is seen as growing are the Confirmation Program; the programs mentioned in Spring; the children’s programs; the Bible studies and book studies.

►Fall – This is the season of preparing – preparing for winter. Yes, Fall has glorious football games and wonderful colors. It is also a time of harvest and celebrating the hard work of Spring and Summer. For Good Hope, Fall means discerning what may be closing down. This is difficult for any congregation. We pray that one thing that will close down in the next couple of years will be the debt on the windows. This would be a closing with JOY!

►Winter – Winter is the season of blocking the wind, shoveling the snow and protecting ourselves from wind chills and slippery pavement. It is also seen as the last season of life. Elder and fabulous writer, Parker Palmer writes of this passage, “Welcome to the brink of everything. It takes a lifetime to get here, but the stunning view and the bracing breeze in your face is worth the trip.” Many thanks to your generosity, Good Hope is on the brink of many things! Many thanks to the generosity of those who came before us, we are stabilized. Many thanks to those who will come after us, Good Hope’s 152 years will become 155 and 165 and 175...and God continues to bless us!

Finally, I said this at the retreat and at Annual Meeting, most Lutheran Churches around us worship under 50 people on a Sunday. Many congregations share their pastor with one or two other congregations. Most congregations do not have one choir or Sunday School or children who come up for children’s messages or Preschools. On Christmas Eve, I was thanked by approximately 10 people from other congregations who knew that if they came to Good Hope that evening, they could receive holy communion, hear choirs, hear lovely music, sing carols and experience candlelight. Their own churches have given these things up. God has richly blessed us.

Instead of bemoaning what we “used to have” or what we “wish we had,” let’s give thanks for the blessings we are given by God’s grace and mercy!

*To Everything  
there is a Season,  
and a Time  
to every Purpose  
under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

# FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

## *Marriage*

- Rebekah Wilson to Zaheer Aslam  
February 1, 2019  
Rebekah is the daughter of Ron and Debbie Wilson

## *Transfer*

- Jerry, Judy and Megan Noblit to St. Paul Lutheran, Bucyrus

## Holy Communion

March 3, 2019 – 8:30 and 10:45 AM Services  
March 6, 2019 – 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
March 10, 2019 – 8:30 AM Service  
March 17, 2019 – 8:30 and 10:45 AM Services  
March 24, 2019 – 8:30 AM Service  
March 31, 2019 – 8:30 AM Service

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## **NOTES:**

### **Office Hours:**

- Monday through Friday – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

### **Newsletter Deadline:**

- The newsletter deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please email your information directly to Bettie Luidhardt at [bettieluidhardt@gmail.com](mailto:bettieluidhardt@gmail.com)

### **Newsletter Mailings:**

- You can receive your Steeple Notes by email and save the church the cost of postage, paper and ink. We currently mail out close to 400 copies each month. Postage alone runs \$1400.00 per year!
- Please give your email address to the church office if you want to switch!

## *Please Remember...*

We have listed birthdays of Good Hope members who are homebound along with the addresses of area nursing homes. Hopefully this will encourage more cards and good wishes, not only on birthdays and holidays, but also periodically throughout the year. Please continue to keep all our home-bound members in your prayers.

### **At Home**

Charles Dierksheide (Oct 29)  
Genevieve Evans, 953 W. Beal Ave,  
Bucyrus (July 25)

### **Carlisle Place**

**1721 Whetstone Street**  
**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Gale Ruth – Apt 115 (Oct 19)  
Mary Ann Ruth – Apt 115 (Mar 22)  
Virginia Schultz – Apt 102 (Aug 12)  
Miriam Yaussy – Apt 105 (Feb 27)

### **Maplecrest Assisted Living**

**717 Rogers Street**  
**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Carol Miers – Room 8 (Feb 4)  
Bob Redman (June 23)

### **The Inn at Orchard Park**

**500 Wedgewood Court**  
**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Bill Ross – Room 132 (Mar 8)

### **Kingston Residence of Marion**

**464 James Way**  
**Marion OH 43302**

Keith Watts – Room 233 A (Sept 18)  
Maxine Ekleberry – Room 120 (April 1)  
John Green – Room 233 B (Oct 19)

### **Shelby Pointe**

**100 Rogers Lane**  
**Shelby OH 44875**

Gene Diller – Room V (June 20)

### **Ohio Living Dorothy Love**

**3003 Cisco Road Room 318**  
**Sidney OH 45365**

Jeannette Naufzinger (April 11)

### **1163 Township Road 2156**

**Ashland OH 44805**

Mildred House (January 30)  
(Mildred is living with daughter Ronda  
Werner. Phone number: 419-756-0330)

### **The Inn @Winchester Trail – Room 502**

**6401 Winchester Blvd**  
**Canal Winchester OH 43110**

Pastor Harold “Hap” Hasenauer –  
Room 502 (May 30)

### **Heartland of Bucyrus**

**1170 W. Mansfield**  
**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Earl Uther – Room 36 (February 13)

### **Kettle Run**

**1780 Whetstone Street**  
**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Juanita Young – Room 308 (Nov. 10)

### **Altercare of Bucyrus**

**1929 Whetstone Street**  
**Bucyrus OH 44820**

Geneva Ehmman (Jan 19)

### **Fairhaven Community**

**850 Marseilles Ave.**  
**Upper Sandusky OH 43351**

Jane Hatcher - Room 220 (Sept. 13)

## March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>  4:30 Confirmation Camp at LMC	<b>2</b>  Confirmation Camp at LMC
<b>3</b> 8:30 & 10:45 Worship & Communion 8:30 NO Confirmation 9:30 Sunday School/ Children's choir & bells 5 Youth Group Confirmation Camp at LMC  PANTRY SUNDAY	<b>4</b> 4 Preschool Board 7:30 Dartball Tournament at Col. Crawford HS	<b>5</b> 9:30 Bible Study 1:15 Staff Meeting	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> 8:50; 9:20; & 1 – Preschool Chapel 1:30 Faith Circle 5:15 WOW Prayer 5:30 WOW Meal 5:45 Praise Choir 6 Bell Choir Senior Choir after worship <b>7 PM - Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>7</b> 4 Bible Study at Pelican House 6 Youth Committee 7 Parish Ed 7 Stephen Ministry	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8 AM Men of Hope    Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10
<b>10</b> 8:30 Worship & Communion 10:45 Worship 8:30 Confirmation 9:30 Sunday School/ Children's choir & bells	<b>11</b> 4:45 WOW Committee 6:30 Dartball Banquet at Calvary UCC	<b>12</b> 9:30 Bible Study 1:15 Staff Meeting 7 Property Care	<b>13</b> 8:50; 9:20; & 1 – Preschool Chapel 5:15 WOW Prayer 5:30 WOW Meal 5:45 Praise Choir 6 Bell Choir Senior Choir after worship <b>7PM – Lenten 1 Service</b>	<b>14</b> 4 Bible Study at Pelican House	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30 & 10:45 Worship & Communion 8:30 Confirmation 9:30 Sunday School/ Children's choir & bells 5 NO Youth Group	<b>18</b> 6:30 Gifts of Hope 7 Outreach	<b>19</b> 9:30 Bible Study 1:15 NO Staff Meeting 7 Worship & Music	<b>20</b> 8:50; 9:20; & 1 – Preschool Chapel 1:30 WELCA Board 5:15 WOW Prayer 5:30 WOW Meal 5:45 Praise Choir 6 Bell Choir Senior Choir after worship <b>7PM – Lenten 2 Service</b>	<b>21</b> 4 Bible Study at Pelican House 7 Stephen Ministry	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 Worship & Communion 10:45 Worship 8:30 Confirmation 9:30 Sunday School/ Children's choir & bells 5 Youth Group  MISSION SUNDAY	<b>25</b> 7 Emmaus Circle	<b>26</b> 9:30 Bible Study 1:15 Staff Meeting 7 Finance	<b>27</b> 8:50; 9:20; & 1 – Preschool Chapel 5:15 WOW Prayer 5:30 WOW Meal 5:45 Praise Choir 6 Bell Choir Senior Choir after worship <b>7PM – Lenten 3 Service</b>	<b>28</b> 4 Bible Study at Pelican House 6:30 Executive Committee 7 Council	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8 AM Men of Hope
<b>31</b> 8:30 Worship & Communion Led by the Youth 10:45 Worship 8:30 NO Confirmation 9:30 Sunday School/ Children's choir & bells 1:30 Carlisle Place Service	 <b>Journey Through Lent...Wednesday evenings at 7 PM</b> <b>Focus: Paul's Letter to the Philippians</b> 					