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My dear brothers and sisters in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ—

The trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ—every Lenten season we attempt to gain new insight from the same familiar story. Yet how often do we succeed in truly feeling the physical and emotional pain that our Lord bore? Does it really penetrate our apathetic hearts just what Easter means?

I discovered a renewed appreciation of what Jesus passed through many years ago. I pray that the Holy Spirit keeps me in that renewed appreciation.

It came by showing a film of the trial and crucifixion of our Lord to some preschoolers. I watched it with them. Those little ones were used to shows of violence either in their families or on television with the hero winning. However, they sat teary-eyed as they whipped Christ, spat upon Him, and dragged Him to Golgotha. This was different than what they usually watched—this actually happened to their precious Jesus. As Jesus’s body was placed into in the tomb, they were the picture of sorrow and confusion.

I encouraged them to keep watching. When the resurrection was shown, their faces immediately transformed into complete joy and relief. “Jesus is all right!” one said over and over.

I came away from that with a new joy, a new understanding of the reality of the cross and the victory over death that followed.

This Easter, I encourage you to discover anew the Easter story. And once you have, involve your family in helping them to do so too. Read the Scripture accounts after dinner in a version your children or grandchildren can understand.

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I’m sure you can think of ideas appropriate for your family and loved ones: acting out the story, decorating your home to celebrate, mailing Easter greetings to far-away or those close-by loved ones, even your neighbors. Invite them, a neighbor, and attend with them the special services at church.

But whatever you do, don’t let this Easter pass without getting a firmer grip on what happened over 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem!

May God grant you a truly unique Easter experience this year.

Pastor Pollatz ><///>

## MAKE SURE YOU ARE PERSONALLY INVITING PEOPLE TO YOUR CHURCH THIS EASTER!!

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
FUN GAMES • MUSIC • BALLOONS • REFRESHMENTS

**04/09/22**  
12pm

**MOUNT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5323 SOUTHFIELD ROAD  
ALLEN PARK, MI

> **PLEASE BRING YOUR BASKET** <  
> Please arrive by 11:45am to participate in the hunt. <

## Mt. Hope Preschool News

Thank you for all the prayers and support.

Here are a few reminders:

April 15 - No School

May 30 – No School

June 2 – Last Day of School

Look for Flyers in the Narthex for 2022-2023  
Registration.



**BINGO!** is the game!  
Join us for Fun, Fellowship,  
Snacks & Prizes

Wednesday's from 6pm to 8pm

April 6<sup>th</sup>

April 20<sup>th</sup>

May 4<sup>th</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup>

June 1<sup>st</sup>

June 15<sup>th</sup>

June 29<sup>th</sup>

Schedule is subjected to change

Donations of simple prizes are  
welcome.

Questions: Call Sally Trout  
734-837-7729





### April/May/June Birthdays

#### April

- 04 - Jillian Ladach
- 05 - Kristen Skilliter
- 06 - Patty McNeil
- 10- Mark Gorka
- 21 - Bob Nolan
- 22- Jacqueline Willim

#### May

- 05 - Gary Yowler
- 06 - Bill Switter
- 08 - Doreen Crowford
- 08 - Janet Witte
- 09 - Linda Hurst
- 12 - Jon Corona
- 15 - Laurie Pignanelli
- 18 - Shirley Ripke
- 19- Avery Wilson
- 25 - Kim Kosmalski
- 25- Jennifer Wilson
- 26- Eric Cairns
- 26 - Frances Ladach
- 28 - Michael Domine

#### June

- 02 - Karen Bumgarner
- 02- Maxine Wilson
- 13 - Sherm Trout
- 20 - Eric Brown
- 24 - Michelle Yowler
- 28 - Kathleen Schellman
- 30 - Maria Zowie



To check out the website for Video's, Bulletins, and all our news.

[www.mthopelutheranchurch.com](http://www.mthopelutheranchurch.com)

### April/May/June Anniversaries

#### April

- 20 - Karen & Jim Bumgarner

#### May

- 02 - Lucy & Shawn Stamp
- 11 - Kelley & Jon Corona
- 20 - France & Ronald Ladach

#### June

- 02 - Sis & Dave Hamilton
- 14 - Sandy & Glenn Cairns
- 20 - Kathleen & Bob Schellman
- 20 - Julie & Brook Trout
- 23 - Mary & Louis Bigliardi

### Quilting Group

By: Bev Kero & Ruth Pollatz

A day of fellowship, service, and food and all you need to do is be able to tie a knot and use safety pins!

All members and their friends or neighbors are encouraged to attend.

If you have a question call either Bev Kero (313-330-3057) or Ruth Pollatz (734-306-8720).

Invite your friends and introduce them to the others!

Do you know a Shut in or someone in need of prayers and would like a lap throw/ small quilt, call the office at 313-565-9445.

The future dates for quilting are:

All dates are 9am to 2pm

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

### Official Acts

No Official Acts

**This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat, it was obvious that she thought her cat understood her... I came to my house, I told my dog ... we laughed a lot.**

### Samaritan's Purse

is now operating an Emergency Field Hospital on the outskirts of Lviv, Ukraine, plus it is operating in neighboring countries which are being flooded with refugees. Pastor Paul and Ruthie have just sent them another amount. Among many other things, we appreciate that most of the money is actually spent on relief, not on big salaries for execs. We like that.

### Our Lord Says:

"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6). Please come, Lord Jesus!

### Some Joy

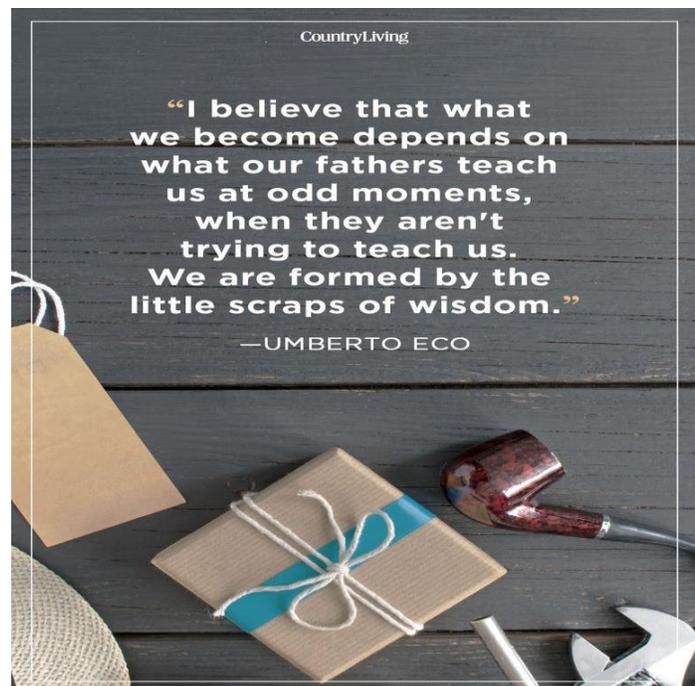
"What are some of life's little things that bring you joy? Take time for them. Who are some of your friends that bring you joy? Don't go too long without some time together."

### Know someone

who could use some joy in their life? Do something to bring it to them. Make a sticky note so you don't forget.

### This Little Piggy—BY DREW DYCK

I've been doing a lot of sitting this week. Well, I always do a lot of sitting, but now I have an excuse. I broke my pinky toe. The brutal injury occurred when I caught my toe on the leg of a kitchen chair. I went down like I'd taken a bullet. "Grace!" I shouted. She came running into the kitchen and found me clutching my foot. "Oh, you stubbed your toe," she said. Clearly, she didn't grasp the gravity of the situation. The next day the toe turned purple and blue, and I posted pictures of it online. Grace disapproved. "No one wants to see that," she said callously. "Maybe if I was getting more sympathy at home I wouldn't need to," I said. After two days of moaning and limping around, she made me go to the doctor. An x-ray revealed it was broken in two spots. I won't lie; I felt vindicated. I declared myself an invalid and informed my family that I will need to be waited on, hand and (pun intended) foot. It's amazing how a tiny appendage on the end of your foot can cause so much distress. The words of 1 Corinthians 12:26 came to mind. "If one part of our body hurts, we all hurt." It's too bad I'm not a preacher. I'd have the perfect illustration when I hobbled to the pulpit on Sunday. I guess I'll have to settle for my family's reluctant sympathy.- *Drew Dyck*



### 3 Principles to Maximize Your Lifetime Impact

*By Todd Wright*

Maximize impact? I well remember the days of wondering if my life would ever be significant to anyone other than my parents and family. I questioned and searched for purpose. Even as a half-hearted follower of Jesus I prayed that my life would have an impact on the world around me. But at a deeper level I was afraid of the future. I was afraid of failure. In spite of those thoughts, God has taken me on a journey far beyond what I imagined as a kid. As I look back in hindsight, there are three principles that continue to challenge me to pursue the future aggressively and with hopeful optimism.

**Serve God and people with a willing heart.** It was an automobile accident that initially awakened me to become a willing servant of God and people. But since that day—and after 34 years of pastoral ministry—my heart still has a way of becoming resistant, skeptical, self-centered, cynical, and rebellious toward God. And I'm tempted to isolate myself from the very people God has called me to serve. To serve God and people with a willing heart is a choice I have to make every day, lest my life become about me. Every time I make that choice, I become a tool through which God uses to impact others for His purposes. Keep a willing heart!



**Contribute massively where you're gifted.** God has gifted each of us uniquely. It often takes a few years to understand our own strengths and weaknesses, but once we do, we must be wise with that information. "Where God gives much, He expects much in return." There are two key questions that help me in this area: In what way has God uniquely gifted and equipped me to invest in others? Is that where I'm using most of my time, energy, and effort? Once I can answer those two questions, I'm in a position to maximize my lifetime impact. I may contribute to my church, staff, family, and others in a variety of ways, but I must contribute massively where I'm gifted.

**Eagerly walk into new territory.**

I was not an adventurous kid. Instead, I craved sameness, stability, and familiarity. I avoided meeting new people. I avoided new experiences. I avoided change. Today, many who know me think I love change! Some have called me a pioneer. The church I've led for almost twenty-one years has a reputation and culture of doing new things, of trying what we've never tried, of going where we've never gone. I've even been called on to teach and train people on principles for leading through change. My natural personality still craves sameness, stability, and familiarity, but I've learned that I must fight that tendency. God is not content with leaving people the same. He changes us. He takes us on the most adventurous journeys imaginable. We must train our hearts to trust Him. To walk by faith. And to eagerly walk into new territory each day! Doing so keeps our impact trajectory on an upward climb for a lifetime.



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## Rainbow of Mount Hope

### Reminders

**Quilting:** Twice a month on Saturday or Thursday at 9:00 am. See Page 3 for dates

**Council Meeting:** The second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Elder's Meeting:** The second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Service Times

Sunday 9:30 am

Bible Study -

Right after Service

*Newsletter Deadline for Jull/Aug/Sept is June 27<sup>th</sup> at noon*

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