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We are a community empowered by the Holy Spirit, called to bring God's comfort,
to work for God's justice, and to share the hope and love of Jesus with all.

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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Message**
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Our Core Values



*faith
acceptance
compassion
gratitude
love*

A Message from Our Pastor





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June 15, 2026

Dear Hope members:

The team of *hello community*® podcast is excited to announce several important milestones: our two-year anniversary and a very generous donation of \$5000 from an anonymous supporter. The donor believes deeply in the podcast's mission of bringing healing to those suffering from the loneliness epidemic and is praying that Hope members will match this gift. Together, these donations will support the baseline cost of the podcast but will also allow us to expand and bring *hello community*® to the next level.

As a ministry of Hope Lutheran Church, the mission of the podcast is to support individuals in transforming their lives of loneliness to lives of connection and community. Going to the "next level" means reaching a broader audience; creating videos that are dynamic to watch; publishing at least one episode a month; and expanding our guest lineup to include professionals/organizations whose specialty is creating connection and community. Your donation will provide a path to purchase equipment*, software*, and hire the expertise for editing, graphics, and technical support. Attracting a variety of guests--and applying for grants--can require analytics and a level of expertise that we need to acquire. The end result of these efforts is to change lives.

Hope's Mission Statement calls us "to bring God's comfort" and we believe that each of you does that with your gifts. If you feel drawn to support this ministry, we would ask that you pray for God's discernment regarding your level of support. If you are called to donate you can do so on our website ("Giving" tab) or during your worship time on Sundays. As Kyra Alte (a podcast guest) shared "Loneliness is . . . something we can't get out of alone."

Catherine would be happy to answer any questions you have and can be reached at 518-235-6057 (VM only) or catherinejura@gmail.com. To see our podcast episodes and Facebook Page just click this link and it will take you to all of them: <https://lnk.bio/hellocommunity>

We thank you for your support and encouragement thus far!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another . . ." (Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV)

Catherine Jura
hello community® podcast

Pastor Pamela J. Hoh

*All of the equipment and software that the podcast purchases will also be used for Hope Lutheran endeavors.

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JENN HYDE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 5, 2026

Hope Lutheran Church of Troy N
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Dear Parish,

Words cannot express how grateful I am that you and your community chose to give to Catholic Charities Tri-County Services, CoNSERNS-U. Your generous donation of \$250.00 will make a lasting impact on the lives of our neighbors in need.

Your charity speaks volumes of your commitment to our mission and those we serve. It's clear you see the importance of treating our most vulnerable with compassion, dignity, and respect. Thank you for being a beacon of hope in our community.

Please know your gift directly supports our life-changing programs throughout urban and rural Albany, Schenectady, and Rensselaer Counties. Thanks to you, neighbors from all walks of life will receive the support they need to meet life's challenges.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jenn Hyde'.

Jenn Hyde
Executive Director

Your ongoing support &
commitment to serving our
local community means so
much.
Thank you-
Jenn



To all the volunteers who give so much to this congregation, sharing their time, gifts, and talents—thank you! Your commitment and participation in the ministries of this church are essential to our ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world (both inside and outside the church) and to serve as a beacon of light in the communities which we serve.

Without you all, we could not fully live out the mission to which we as Hope Lutheran have been called. Again, Thank You so much!



FAITH family FRIENDS

Prayer Calendar

JULY

2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Lisa Rogers	Cydney Rogers	Denise Rogers	Bodie Rogers	Edith Easterling
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Maureen Hoffman	Jim Freehart	Jake Freehart	Pastor Pamela's Birthday	Daniel Hoh	Monica Hoh	Joshua Hoh
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Anthony Tucker	Dr. Becca Ehrlich-Dean	Will Platnick	Theo Ehrlich-Platnick	Mike Daus	Marion Daus	Chris Nash
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Bob Nash	Rick Covey	Karen Covey	Rachel Covey	Bob Crowley	Debbie Favro	Gary Favro
27	28	29	30	31		
Jim Macris' Birthday	Nora Guido	Dawn Conville	Bonny Munteer	Jim Munteer		

JULY

EACH MONTH WE LIST NAMES FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYERS. EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY BRINGS UNIQUE GIFTS FOR OUR MISSIONARY JOURNEY. OUR PRAYERS SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. (A REMINDER...THESE ARE NOT PRAYERS FOR HEALING.)



We wish you a very Happy and Blessed Birthday ...

Pastor Pamela Hoh ~ July 9th

Jim Macris ~ July 27th





A big THANK YOU to our June Mowing Crew!!!

Wayne Palka Shane Pucci Kevin Willis Charlie Huff

Peggy Farrell Mike Daus Debbie Favro

July Schedule:

(June 29th – July 4th: Mike Daus & Debbie Favro)

July 6th – 11th: Wayne Palka

July 13th – 18th: Rick Covey

July 20th – 25th: Kevin Willis

July 27th – August 1st: Charlie Huff & Kelly Jaeger

READ READ—BOOKS BOOKS!

In the next several weeks you may notice a little addition to the area by the birdhouses. In yet another effort to be a good neighbor, we're going to install a little lending book house where neighbors can drive up and take a book to read or leave one that's just been hanging around for a long time. We've been talking about it at Council for a while and now we're doing it! Once it's up, don't hesitate to donate some of those many, many books you've accumulated over the years. The books should be in relatively good condition and, of course, of appropriate reading material - novels, classics (*I must have 10 copies of Pride Prejudice alone!*) kids, cook-books, spiritual, poetry, etc. Nothing inappropriate for young readers, of course. Here's a picture of what it would look like. It will be on a wooden pedestal. It will be nice to have a place where gently loved or duplicate books can be donated and enjoyed. And if someone takes a book and passes it along? Good! We'll be sharing the joy! Any questions, contact me at dyermm48@gmail.com or 518-505-6434.

Marilyn Dyer, Council President

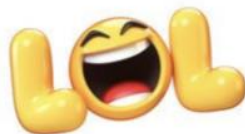
Kid-Book Friendly

From picture books to paperbacks – adjust in seconds





Let's Hide Greg!!



Our latest food drive has a special goal -- we're going to hide Greg!

During all of July, we are going to continue collecting breakfast and lunch foods for our local food pantries.

Examples:

Breakfast:

- Cereal
- Pop Tarts
- Granola Bars
- Fruit Cups

Lunch:

- Peanut Butter
- Jelly/Jam
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Canned Pasta

The food we collect will be placed on the table by Greg's station in the sanctuary. Let's pile that table so high that we hide Greg!

As always, thanks for your help.

Our efforts are greatly appreciated by the food pantries.

Worship Volunteer Duties for July 2026

Please find your own replacement if you cannot be available on date of assignment.

	5-July	12-July	19-July	26-July
	Worship 10:00am	Worship 10:00am	Worship 10:00am	Worship 10:00am
Altar Guild/ Comm. Asst. 2	Donna S	Charlie H	Debbie F	Bonny M
Greeter	Marion D	Peggy F	Nancy D	Sandra G
Usher	Marion D	Peggy F	Mike D	Cindy W
Lector	Karen C	Chris N	Mike D	Cindy W
Communion Assistant	Mike D	Chris N	Pam D	Donna S
Snack Set-Up	Maureen H	Charlie H	Susan C	Charlie H
Offering Counters	Pam D & Karen C	Bonny M & Chris N	Pam D & Nancy D	Cindy W & Anna-Lisa H



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY OF 2026

We have 'In-Person' Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 AM.

We also live-stream our services on our website, Facebook and YouTube.

Sharing the hope and love of Jesus with all

1st: Qigong with Pam Dodson @ 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Advanced Tai Chi with Pam Dodson @ 3 PM in the sanctuary.

4th: Independence Day ~ Celebrating 250 Years!



5th: Prayers of Hope meets in the small classroom following worship service.

11th: Regional Food Bank Packing, 10:30 AM – Noon, Meet at RFB.

16th: Grief Support Group @ 5:30 PM in the large classroom.

21st: Hope's Hands @ 10 AM in the small classroom.

26th: Newsletter Articles Due to Tonya.

