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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.

# May 2026 Newsletter

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Food Collection & Bake Sale**

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## Our Core Values



faith  
acceptance  
compassion  
gratitude  
love

# *A Message from Our Pastor*

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

— Acts 2:1-4

**Congratulations Hope Lutheran Church of Troy, New York!**

On April 26, 2026, you all as a Congregation Under Development, voted overwhelmingly to become an Organized Congregation within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You also voted to call me as your Pastor for this newly Organized Congregation. It is the goal and dream of every mission developer (like me) to guide and nurture the congregation under their care into becoming an Organized Congregation. I can't tell you how proud I am of you all for your courage and commitment to this new path forward. And I can't tell you how privileged I feel to be able to continue this journey of living out Christ's mission in the world with you as your Pastor. Thank you. We have a lot of wonderful and at times hard work ahead. But for these next few days, take a moment to reflect upon all you have accomplished. The journey along this path has been filled with ups and downs, with loss of beloved community members, even as we gained wonderful new members. Through it all the Holy Spirit has clearly been at work in this congregation, building, comforting and guiding us along the path. And I have no doubt Spirit will continue to do so.

What a perfect way to begin Spring; this season of new beginnings.

My blessings to you all,

Pastor Pamela

**WELCOME**  
**HOPE'S**  
**2026**

*Church*  
**COUNCIL**

**President**

**Marilyn Dyer**

**Vice-President**

**Suzanne Anthony**

**Secretary**

**Janis Zipkin**

**Financial Secretary**

**Sandra Governor**

**Member**

**Marlies Palka**

**Member**

**Dawn Conville**



**Discover Marilyn Dyer and Jim Macris's  
wisdom on building connection and community**

A podcast “short” is like a movie trailer but shorter. Usually 1-3 minutes long, shorts are taken from the episode itself, and you get a “snack sized” clip of their wisdom.

If after watching the short you want to watch the full episode, click the **episode title on the front of the short** (above the “short title.”)

Below are links to their shorts to learn how each of them created the connection and community they desired.

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**Marilyn’s episode: Making Connections: It’s Only Hard The First Time!**

*Short: How to Make Friends in New Groups: A Beginner’s Guide!*

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/K192hySqV-E>

*Short: Building Community—A Shared Sense of Purpose!*

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/zw-2e2FIYgE>

*Short: What Does Community Mean: Finding Connection and Support!*

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/g4koG5wHy6A>

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**Jim’s episode: Finding Community in Surprising Places!**

*Short: The Power of Community: Finding Connection in Everyday Life!*

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/1RaDUdx5PWU>

*Short: Reaching Out: The Potential for Connection!*

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/gIAyZ-zs1rw>

If you find the shorts/episodes helpful and hopeful, please share them through your communication channels (texting, email, social media, word of mouth) so together, we can create a world where everyone has the connection and community they need and want.

Till next time,

Catherine



## Got Furniture to Donate?

TAUM's Furniture Program is always in need of:

Beds (mattresses in good condition, small footprint bedframes, box springs) – twin, full and queen

Kitchen Tables and Chairs

Loveseats and Recliners

Dressers

Not sure  
if your item is  
donate-able?  
**CALL AND  
ASK!**

### THINK SMALL:

Our clients are usually coming out of homelessness into small apartments

Contact Tyara Burnett, Furniture  
Program Director, 518-274-5920 x204.

Troy Area United Ministries

392 2nd St.

Troy NY 12180

(518) 274-5920

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# FAITH Family FRIENDS

## PRAYER CALENDAR

						May	2026
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
				1	2	3	
				Janis Zipkin	Dale Zipkin	Cindy Winter	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Diane Cornell	Kevin Willis	Anna-Lisa Hafgren-Willis	Greg Whitney	Lois Whitney	Gerry Ungermann	Mother's Day	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Marlies Palka & Victoria Whitneys' Birthdays	Wayne Palka	Susan Radzyminski	Judy Reiker	Gerd Reiker	Sherry Purtell	Emily Filuta-Gray & Liz Macris' Birthdays	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Jim Purtell	Emily Purtell	Irene Tumlin	Karen Hill	Ja'net Malmstrom	Amy Macris' Birthday	Peggy Farrell	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Memorial Day	Karen Maycock	Wayne Mizerak	Carol Mizerak	Chamanka Gamage	Luke Morello	Sandra Governor	



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 ...*

**Marlies Palka ~ May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Victoria Whitney ~ May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Emily (Filuta) Gray ~ May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Liz Macris ~ May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Amy Elizabeth Macris ~ May 23<sup>rd</sup>**





**BAKE** Sale



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Calling Bakers and Helpers!

On Saturday, May 9, from 10 am – 1 pm, Hope will hold a Food Collection and Bake Sale event. This will be similar to events we've held in the past -- people will be able to drive through and drop off their food donations, and we'll also have a bake sale table that they can visit.

We need YOUR help!

- We need bakers! Hope has a number of talented bakers and our bake sale table has featured a very tempting assortment of goodies in the past. Let's do it again! Please package your items in "sale-size" portions that can easily be priced, and bring them to church on Friday afternoon, May 8, between 4 and 6pm if possible.
- On Friday, May 8, 4 to 6pm, we'll need a couple of people to help arrange and price the bake sale items.
- On Saturday, May 9, around 9 am, we'll need a few people to put up the two pop-up tents and bring some tables and chairs outside. From 10 am – 1 pm, we'll need people to (wo)man the bake sale table and to collect food donations. And at 1pm, we'll need a few people to take down the tents, clean up, and count the proceeds.
- And we need everyone's prayers for good weather on May 9!

If you can help out, please let Pam Dodson know. 518-701-4628 or [pamd@fastmail.com](mailto:pamd@fastmail.com).

Thanks!!!

# HOPE Lutheran Church

## Family Movie Matinee

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 PM**



**Join us for a family movie!**

**Admission is free – No RSVP is needed.**

**Bring your blanket/pillow/sleeping bag – chairs are available.**

**We will provide individual bags of chips & bottled water.**

**Parent/Caregiver must accompany child(ren) at all times.**

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## AN AFTERNOON TEA

### HONORING BOLD WOMEN & KATHARINA VON BORA

*With a special guest appearance by our very own "Katie" who will share her story about the Reformation and life with Martin Luther*

*Sponsored by  
the Good Shepherd-Loudonville Unit of  
Women of the ELCA*

*May 16, 2026  
2 pm to 4 pm  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
510 Albany-Shaker Rd, Loudonville, NY 12211*

*Seating is limited.  
For reservations, contact Susan Spofford at 315-867-5217.*

*A free will offering will be collected to benefit the  
Emergency Housing Program at St. Paul's Center in Renssalaer, NY.  
Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.*

*Donations of new items for St. Paul's Wish List are also welcome:  
Twin Mattress Sheet Sets, Twin Size Mattress Protectors, Pillows,  
Body Wash, Deodorant, Shampoo, Facial Cleanser, Nail Files*



## **Lutheran Night at the ValleyCats**

**Sunday, June 7, 5:00 p.m.**

**Join with your fellow Lutherans of the Capital Region as the Tri-City ValleyCats take on the Ottawa Titans. There is a block of group seating reserved, and individual tickets (\$11.50) can be purchased directly through the ValleyCats group ticket portal at:**

**<https://tv1.glitnirticketing.com/tvticket/web/loggingroup1.php>. The password is sjlc (lowercase, no spaces). Questions? Contact Pastor Josh Evans ([pastorjosh@stjohnsalbany.org](mailto:pastorjosh@stjohnsalbany.org)).**

# Worship Volunteer Duties for May 2026

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

	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May
	Worship 10:00am	Worship 10:00am	Worship 10:00am	Worship 10:00am	Worship 10:00am
Altar Guild/ Comm. Asst. 2	Debbie F	TBA	Charlie H	Bonny M	Bonny M
Greeter	Lois B	Nancy D	Sandra G	Anna-Lisa H	Jim M
Usher	Athena B	Dickie D	Debbie F (+ candles)	Peggy F	Marion D
Lector	Luis C	Karen C	Sandra G	Chris N	Mike D
Communion Assistant	Luis C	Chris N	Bonny M	Chris N	Mike D
Snack Set-Up	Susan C	TBA	Charlie H	Susan C	Susan C
Offering Counters	Maureen H & Cindy W	Anna-Lisa H & Sandra G	Bonny M & Cindy W	Anna-Lisa H & Charlie H	Marion D & Diane C

TEAMWORK  
MAKES  
THE DREAM  
WORK

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY 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*

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Regional Food Bank Packing, 10:30 AM – Noon, Meet at RFB.

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Prayers of Hope meets in the small classroom following worship service.

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Beginner Tai Chi with Pam Dodson @ 7 PM in the sanctuary.

**6<sup>th</sup>:** Qigong with Pam Dodson @ 1:30 PM in the sanctuary.

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

**Worship & Music Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the small classroom.**

**9<sup>th</sup>:** Drive-Thru Food Collection & Bake Sale @ 10 AM in our parking lot.

**10<sup>th</sup>:** Mother's Day.

**12<sup>th</sup>:** Beginner Tai Chi with Pam Dodson @ 7 PM in the sanctuary.

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Qigong with Pam Dodson @ 1:30 PM in the sanctuary.

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

**16<sup>th</sup>:** Family Movie Matinee: GOAT (2026), 4 – 6 PM, in the sanctuary.

**19<sup>th</sup>:** Hope's Hands meets @ 10 AM in the small classroom.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the large classroom & via Zoom.

**21<sup>st</sup>:** Grief Support Group @ 5:30 PM in the large classroom.

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day.

**26<sup>th</sup>:** Newsletter Articles Due to Tonya.

**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>:** Synod Assembly.

