

Visions of Hope

February 5, 2017



64356 State Hwy 97
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Mission Statement:

Hope's Mission is to teach the bible and follow Christ's example by giving back to the community and those in need

Website:

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Sunday School
8:45-9:30 am

Bible Study
8:45-9:15 am

Sunday Worship
9:30 am

Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Pastor:

David Lathrop
715-574-1419 (cell)
715-352-2555 (church)

Secretary:

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Duties List

February 12
February 19

Ushers

Leroy Syring
Ken Schilling
Chad Bender
Larry Peterson

Greeters

Keith & Cassi Bauman
Scott Bauman

Acolyte

Korbyn Bauman
Jaicee Kunkel

Readers

Rose Schilling
Elaine Mueller

FROM THE
PASTOR

Dear Hopers,

Thank you for providing a salary raise to help with the increased cost of our health insurance. It is greatly appreciated by our family.

The First Communion Class will begin this Sunday, February 12. We will meet in my office during the Sunday School time from 8:45 to 9:15am. We will meet for a second time on February 19.

It was great to hear the stories and experiences of those Hopers who went on the mission trip to El Salvador: Gary and Connie Lechleitner, Jen & Jaicee Kunkel. Mark and Dawn Snyder joined us as well. They got to be examples of Jesus Christ to the people of El Salvador while, at the same time, also having the El Salvadorian Christians serve as examples to them. I hope this was a good reminder for us that, while the focus of our ministry is primarily here in Central Wisconsin, the mission field is global; the Church of Jesus Christ is global.

"The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." —Psalm 24:1

God's Blessings,
Pastor Dave

I have had some calls this week regarding what happens to us when we die. I went on the website for Billy Graham and this is what I found.

Q:

Do you think we go to heaven the instant we die, or do we sleep (or something like that) until Christ comes again and we are awakened? We had a discussion about this in our Bible study, and I was surprised to find out how many different opinions there were.

A:

Yes, Christians can sometimes sincerely disagree on minor matters—although you should never forget that all Christians agree on those things that are really important, such as the divinity of Christ, His death on the cross for our salvation, [His resurrection](#) from the dead, and our hope of heaven.

From my own study of the Bible, I'm convinced that when we die, we immediately enter the presence of the Lord. At some future time, we will be given new bodies, similar to the body Jesus had after [His resurrection](#). But in the meantime, our souls are with the Lord, and we are fully conscious of being in His presence.

This certainly seemed to be the Apostle Paul's hope. He faced many dangers, and he knew that at any moment his life on earth could end. But he faced death with hope: "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). Elsewhere he declared, "I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far" (Philippians 1:23).

Never forget that we have hope of life after death for one reason: Jesus Christ removed the barrier between us and God—the barrier caused by sin. Is your hope in Him? If not, put your trust in Christ without delay.

And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.

—Revelation 22:3

The Bible indicates that heaven will be a place of great understanding and knowledge of things that we never learned down here. Sir Isaac Newton, when an old man, said to one who praised his wisdom, "I am as a child on the seashore picking up a pebble here and a shell there, but the great ocean of truth still lies before me." And Thomas Edison once said, "I do not know one millionth part of one percent about anything." Many of the mysteries of God—the heartaches, trials, disappointments, tragedies, and the silence of God in the midst of suffering—will be revealed in heaven.

First, heaven is home. The Bible takes the word "home" with all of its tender associations and with all of its sacred memories and tells us that heaven is home. Second, heaven is a home which is

permanent. We have the promise of a home where Christ's followers will remain forever. Third, the Bible teaches that heaven is a home which is beautiful beyond every imagination. Heaven could not help but be so, because God is a God of beauty. Fourth, the Bible teaches that heaven will be a home which is happy, because there will be nothing to make it sad. In heaven families and friends will be reunited. God's house will be a happy home because Christ will be there. He will be the center of heaven. To Him all hearts will turn, and upon Him all eyes will rest.

Dear Lord: All the questions will be answered, loving Father, when I take my place in heaven to praise You.

Your servant in Christ
Rosie Schilling



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

Sara Koss—leukemia—niece of the Kamenick's
Jim Brant—failing health—friend of Leroy Syring
Patty Rueter—cancer—Beth Leffel's niece
Diane Blaczskowski—Atrium, Marshfield—Michelle Bauman's mom
Elaine Mielke—broken ankle
Betty Spring—cancer—friend of the Ludwig's
John Hamann—home recuperating from hip surgery
Jim Decker—had stem cell transplant—friend of the Streckert's
Leroy Syring—recovering from a stroke
Emery Rahm—cancer—friend of the Viegut's
Scott Campbell—stage two leukemia—relation to the Streckert's
Don Hansen—Bladder cancer—undergoing chemo treatments
Paulette Kroll—Myleloid Leukemia—receiving chemo treatments
Bill Brayton—DeEtta Peterson's brother
Amy—cancer—friend of Barb Mohr-Borchardt
Dylan, Logan Weichelt—sons of Bryan & Stacey
Sawyer Mueller—microcephaly—Daryl & Beth's son
Jennifer Bohman—prayers of healing
Dennis Bohman—Colby Nursing Home



Daddy Date Night

- Saturday, February 25, 2017
- 6:00 pm—9:00 pm
- Country Aire Banquet Hall

Fathers and father figures alike are invited to spend an enchanting evening with their special girl (s). All ages are welcome. Music will be provided by Rock the Flock. Snacks and desserts will be served. Cost is \$40.00 per couple and \$10.00 for each additional daughter or girl. Please come dressed in your fanciest attire. A keepsake photo and wrist corsage are included in the cost. Contact Jocelyn 715-650-2749 or jocelyn@themill.church.

Hope's Happenings

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| Sunday: | February 5 | Attendance 100 |
| Offering: | Regular | \$2745.00 |
| | Building | \$250.00 |
| | Sunday School | \$8.00 |
| | Loose | \$15.00 |
| | Sign | \$5000.00 |
| | Missions | \$190.00 |
| | Youth camp | \$100.00 |
| | El Salvador | \$100.00 |
| | Total | \$8408.00 |



Lent begins
March 1
7:00 pm worship

During our Lenten mid week services
we will be looking at
Symbols of Lent

The Bulletin Board

- There will be NO Sunday Morning Bible Study on February 12 and 19
- Hope's Baked Potato Bar / Chili Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19, 11:00-1:30. We are in need of roasters, cheese, ham, bacon, peppers, and green olives. Please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you
- First Communion will be held **Sunday, February 26,**
 - There will be special First Communion lessons on February 12 and 19 for all students receiving First Communion. This will be held during Sunday School time with Pastor
- If you were unable to have your picture taken for the directory you can submit a picture to Rose Schilling as soon as possible
- Thank you to everyone who made Valentine Cards for our Veterans in King. We sent away 146 cards....WOW!!! Your generosity is going to make them feel very special. Thank you all again.

Our Church Mission

Randlin Homes, in Wausau, is our Mission Project for February. Randlin Homes offers a comprehensive recovery training and transition program in family care environment to homeless veterans that have struggles in life and willing to change.

Our mission project for February is to collect items needed: Laundry soap, napkins, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, men's shaving cream, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hair brushes, face soap, books, puzzles and word searches. Please put into tub near coffee hour counter. Shopping lists available. "Share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your homes." Isaiah 58:7 Deadline for items Sunday, February 26th. Thank you Any questions contact Erin Bender 715-223-6717 or Audrey Kamenick 715-352-2714



"Hope is starting a new youth group. If any 7th or 8th grade student are interested in participating, please let Ron Kunkel or Scott Bauman know. Cedric Lechleitner will be leading the group as we move forward. Additional information will be shared once we know who is interested."

Thank You

Forty-four sets of Sweet Dreams" were completed and delivered. Thank for your donations. A special thank you to the members that helped tie 15 blankets for this project.

Your kindness will bring comfort to the children receiving the blanket set. Audrey Kamenick

Christian Women

will meet

Tuesday, February 14

12:30-2:00 pm

at Belvedere Supper Club

