

# Visions of Hope

May 14, 2017



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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

Sunday Worship  
9:30 am

Communion  
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

**Interim Pastor:**

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**Secretary:**

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**Duties List**

**May 21**

May 28

**Ushers**

Scott Bauman  
Gary Bauman  
Keith Bauman  
Chad Bender

**Greeters**

Ken & Rose Schilling  
Jodene Leffel

**Readers**

Beth Mueller  
Chad Bender

**Acolyte**

Riley Bauman  
Korbyn Bauman

Our most gracious Heavenly Father:

Before we can ask for anything, first we must thank you for all things.  
Lord keep us humble and thankful.

We pray for the lost, alone and lonely. We pray for all those who don't believe they deserve your love and forgiveness. We pray for the children of divorced parents, and for the children of alcoholics, help them to know how much you love them. Father we pray for all children who are at risk, those children that are victims of incest and abuse, help them to see hope through your love. We ask for the blessings of your love to those children with parents and for the children that are the victims of the sex trade.

We pray for those going through hard times, for those who have lost a loved one, for those in jail or have succumbed to addiction, whether it be from drugs or alcohol or addition to pornography. We ask for your grace for those that are victims of domestic violence. Pull back the hand of the abusers and provide hope to all those who are in abusive situations. If it is your will love please lend a helping hand to those who have lost their jobs and are struggling with finances.

Lord grant peace and grace to all those going through health issues, guide physicians and care givers to provide the best care possible. Lord grant peace to all those going through depression and anxiety. Lord we pray for all those who have lost hope, let them know that there is hope in the love of the Lord.

Father, please help all of us to be more kind and caring for others.

Help families love each other and be supportive of one another. Lord draw families closer together and closer to you.

In the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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*For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5*

If you're experiencing a time of turbulence in your life, this is the time to reach out to God for grace and mercy. *Psalm 46:1 tells us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."* Regardless of your circumstances, God is with you and for you. Our God is not far off. We humans go through such a gamut of emotions during our lifetime. Extreme "highs" and "lows" and everything in-between. The truth is there is always one constant in our lives and that is our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. He has seen it all, heard it all and forgives all. That kind of love is priceless.

Drawing from God's strength doesn't necessarily mean our troubles will disappear, but it does mean that God will walk with us through our trials. Like a good friend, God promises to stick with us and provide encouragement, hope and a reminder of our potential *through* and beyond our current situation. In order to actually trust God we must first understand the nature of God and how he often works in our lives. God is sovereign over all, and his love and wisdom exceed anything we're fully capable of grasping.

*Romans 8:35-39, Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

This passage makes it clear that God is all-powerful, nothing can hinder his love for us, and his desire that we live victoriously in our lives. It's important to remember, however, that God's ways are higher and much better than our ways. This often means that his timetable is different than our timetable. Even our answered prayers may look different than how we expect or hope they will look. One thing we forget from time-to-time is the fact that sometimes God has to say NO, because he knows how our situation will play out and He does what is really best for us. Sometimes we can say "Thank God for unanswered prayers".

Regardless of when or how God sees us through our hardships, we need to trust that He is the one that ultimately knows what's best for us. Don't allow fear to drive you away from God. We need to cling to him in our trials! But the thing is when we need God the most is often the times when we reject God because we are angry at God for the bad things that happen.

Here are a few practices that will help us maintain our faith in God's presence and goodness.

1. Take a moment to consider everything you're anxious and worried about right now. Then compare those things to God's truth. How do they line up? Perhaps you're afraid that you aren't good enough, but God's Word says you are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13). God's truth says that his grace is sufficient and his "strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:8-10). Responding to that negative "self-talk" with the Word of God is so powerful. It will help you look at life through God's eyes.
2. Surround yourself with believers who will build you up and encourage you to fight the good fight. Sometimes all we need is a believing friend to spur us on in trusting God when the way forward may not seem clear. Allow your friends to be there with you and minister to you! The Bible has a lot to say about friendship. First, we learn in *John 15:13* that "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus is the perfect example of such a friend. His love for us led him to the cross where he demonstrated that he would go to any length for the ones he cares for.
3. We also learn in Scripture that friends are to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Again, Christ is the prime example of this. Throughout his earthly ministry Jesus embodied sacrificial love and yet never shied away from speaking the truth in a clear and compelling way.
4. Ask God to continue transforming your thoughts and to help you maintain a right understanding of what's true of you and your life. Ask God for the peace and understanding for all of us to accept His will for our lives.

*"New mercies every morning, Grace for every day, New hope for every trial, and courage all the way". This is what Christ Jesus gives to us. —McVeigh*

Your servant in Christ  
Rosie Schilling



**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers

Elaine Mueller—bowel obstruction—Aspirus  
Joyce LeVoy—\*Atrium, Marshfield for rehab (see note below)  
Larry Syring (Bimbo) - heart surgery—Leroy's brother  
Don Hanson—heart surgery  
Dorothy Wright—fluid on lungs and congestive heart failure—Bonnie Blake's mom  
Ron Bjorklund—Health issues—friend of the Peterson's  
Sara Koss—bone marrow transplant—niece of the Kamenick's  
Patty Rueter—cancer—Beth Leffel's niece  
John Hamann—home recuperating from hip surgery  
Leroy Syring—recovering from a stroke  
Scott Campbell—waiting for stem cell transplant—relation to the Streckert's  
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

**PRAYERS OF SUPPORT:** Please pray for the families of  
Jim Brant family who away last week  
Tom Kirsch who passed away on Sunday

\*If you plan on going to visit Joyce please do not go on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday as she has dialysis on those days

## Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	May 14	Attendance	110
Offering:	Regular		\$2280.00
	Building		\$75.00
	Sunday School		9.00
	Loose		\$17.00
	Sign		\$235.00
	Jake Brinkman		\$40.00
	Total		\$2656.00

## Vacation Bible School

Will be held the week of July 24-28  
from 5:30-8:00pm.

There will be a light supper  
served from 5:00-5:30pm.

Children age 3 through  
children entering 6th grade  
are welcome.

## The Bulletin Board

- There is a sign up sheet available for mowing the Church lawn this summer. If you have any questions please see Larry or Brian
- Council will meet Sunday, May 21, immediately following worship



Class of  
**2017**

YOU DID IT!  
*Congratulations*

### Ella Fehlhaber

Ella will be graduating from Edgar high school on May 26th. Ella will be attending NTC in the fall for human services and once she graduates from that program she plans on attending a UW school and finishing her major in Social Work.



### Our May Mission project is Baby Care Kits

Baby Care Kits are distributed as part of emergency relief efforts but they are also given to encourage expectant women to seek prenatal care. Help welcome the littlest ones into a caring international community and swaddle them with love!

Each kit contains 2 t-shirts, 2 gown or sleepers, 2 receiving blankets, 4 cloth diapers (flat fold), 1 jacket or hooded sweatshirt, 2 pair of socks, 1 hand towel, 2 bars of gentle soap, 2 diaper pins. Onesies can be used and made in to t-shirts, adult XL t-shirts can be made in to diapers. All items should be new or gently used and sizes 6 to 24 months.

Rummage sales are great places to pick up baby items as they are often outgrown before they are worn out. A tote will be put in the narthex to place items in and shopping lists are on the counter. If you have any questions, contact Rosie Bauman at 715-573-0524 or [rustyroosedairy@gmail.com](mailto:rustyroosedairy@gmail.com)