

Visions of Hope

September 3, 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 Worship
9:30 am

Sunday School
8:45-9:30 am

Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Interim Pastor:

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Secretary:

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Duties List

September 10
September 17

Ushers

Rick Bradley
Ken Schilling
Gary Bauman
Andy Yoder

Greeters

Jodene Leffel
Pam Ludwig

Readers

Jerry Anderson
Rachel Ludwig

Acolyte

Madison Borchardt
Anna Fehlhaber



At its August, 20th meeting the Church Council asked Pastor Reiff how long would be willing to serve Hope Lutheran Church as its pastor. He responded, "As long as you need me." With that response in mind and on the table, it was determined that Pastor Reiff's ministry among us will continue for the foreseeable future. With this regularization of our relationship with Pastor Reiff, he will now also be granted vacation time. The structure and duration of this agreement will be determined both by the growing needs of our congregation and needs of Pastor Reiff.

At this time, Pastor Reiff feels his ¾ time schedule is sufficient for his ministry with our church. He feels we have good structure in place to oversee our day to day operations and does not feel that we need the cost of a fulltime pastor.

Additionally, this has opened up our ability to bring on board Cedric Lechleitner as our Youth Minister. Cedric, who has a degree In Recreation Management from UW-LaCrosse and will be on-staff with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, will be working approximately 8 to 10 hours per work planning, organizing, promoting, and leading a weekly youth program at the church. Our youth program will begin on Wednesday, September 27.

This new and expanded youth program will gather every week on Wednesday evenings. It also coincides with our weekly Catechetical Program. Wednesdays will now be our Youth night at Hope Lutheran Church and it will be open to all youth from our surrounding area. Hopefully it will serve our community well and become a growing point for our church.

Pax Christi
Mark Reiff+

There is no better way to enjoy God's creation than to have a church service out in the prayer garden. The service gave all of us a chance to slow down, take a breath, and to enjoy the beautiful morning God had created for us. The beauty of a sunset, the majesty of the ocean, the wonder of a newborn baby – God's glorious creation is all around us. And we ourselves are part of that creation! Everything we can see, and everything we can't see – it all came from God.

Here are some quotes and bible verses to help you ponder the wonders of our Lord's creations. My hope is that you will find some inspiration from some of these quotes and verses. Please feel free to cut them out and tape them to your bathroom mirror. That way you can look at them and be renewed every day. And as Pastor Mark says "start your day with the Lord's prayer".

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

"A God wise enough to create me and the world I live in is wise enough to watch out for me". *Philip Yancey*

"Just because creation gives God great delight, we cannot say that He is worshipping it; rather, He is worshipping Himself as He sees His goodness bringing such blessing to people that they give their heartfelt thanks and praise to Him for the benefits He imparts". *Daniel Fuller*

Psalms 89:9 You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

"You weren't an accident. You weren't mass produced. You aren't an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the Earth by the Master Craftsman".
Max Lucado

Psalms 90:2 before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

"There are enough evidences of supreme skill in the structure of the human hand alone to prove the existence, intelligence and benevolence of God in the face of all dishonesty and infidelity". *A. B. Simpson*

"The very word authority has within it the word author. An author is someone who creates and possesses a particular work. Insofar as God is the foundation of all authority, He exercises that foundation because He is the author and the owner of His creation. He is the foundation upon which all other authority stands or falls".
RC Sproil

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

"God made all of His creation to give. He made the sun, the moon, the stars, the clouds, the earth, the plants to give. He also designed His supreme creation, man, to give. But fallen man is the most reluctant giver in all of God's creation".

John MacArthur

If created things are seen and handled as gifts of God and as mirrors of His glory, they need not be occasions of idolatry – if our delight in them is always also a delight in their Maker. *John Piper*

"God dwells in His creation and is everywhere indivisibly present in all His works. He is superior above all His works even while He is ingrained within them". *A.W. Tozer*

The first book of the bible is called genesis, which literally means "origin" or "beginning." Genesis tells us about the origin of the world and of human beings in particular. The first two chapters of genesis contain two accounts that reveal the deepest truth about God, about ourselves, and about the world- "that the world and everything in it comes from the loving power of God who is its always faithful, in spite of the fact that we are less than faithful".

God who created all things, begins Genesis by telling us that He, God is the creator. Human beings did not create the world and neither did the world create itself. Life is certainly not an accident. God while the world into existence and continues to sustain it, He created "the heavens and the earth." He is the origin and source of all reality, and all life, for all time.

At the end of each creative day, God would pause, view His creation and find that what He had created was good. God created us and the world we live in to share in His life and glory. Everything on earth reflects God's goodness and beauty in some way.

Everything around us, living or non-living, plays an important part in the universe. God formed the land and sea to support the creatures He created. He placed the sun in the sky to warm the earth and give us light during the day; He created the moon to give us light at night. Every creature on earth, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, has a vital role to play in the eco-system and balance of nature. All creatures directly or indirectly depend on each other for survival. The land, the sea, and the sky provided the raw elements needed for life.

God creates out of love and is creating right now. Without God nothing will exist. Everything in the universe is completely dependent on God. He sustains his creations and provides for their needs. Look at the trees. Some people may think that trees are self-sufficient. After all, there are forests that thrive even though they are not being cared for by humans. But to grow, trees need sunlight, water, and soil—things not made by humans but created by God.

Everything in the universe came from God, and He wants us to enjoy it, take care of it, and give Him glory for it all. Next time you see a sunset, a moonrise, a flower, or your best friend, give God the glory!

Your humble servant in Christ;
Rosie Schilling

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

Bob Nowak—home recovering from surgery
Krista Boe—uterine cancer—friend of the Bauman's
Marianna Gennett—multiple health issues—Rose Schilling's foster mother
Anita Bauman—stroke—Marshfield Hospital
Grace Schraufnagel—cancer—friend of the Streckert's
John Hamann—Home recovering
Shyra Martyn—breast cancer—Randy and Sara's daughter-in-law
George Wright—fell broke hip and spiral break in upper femur—Bonnie's dad
Mildred Imhoff—fell and broke her femur—Ken's mother
Don Hanson—health issues
Dorothy Wright—fluid on lungs and congestive heart failure—Bonnie Blake's mom
Leroy Syring—recovering from a stroke
Scott Campbell—Mayo—treatment for myeloma—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



Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	September 3	Attendance 95
Offering:	Regular	\$1665.00
	Building	\$15.00
	Sign	\$505.00
	Well	\$900.00
	Loose	\$51.00
	Missions	\$75.00
	Total	\$3211.00



The Bulletin Board

- **September 10**, 8:45-9:30 am Sunday School starts and will run from 8:45-9:30 before the service starts on Sunday mornings. Schedules and other class materials will be handed out on the first day of class. Hopefully everyone had a great summer...we can't wait to see all the kids again!
 - Blessing of Backpacks
 - Grandparents Day—*There will be a reception following the worship service*
- **September 11**, 6:00 pm Worship and Music Committee meeting



Our Mission Project for September is collecting items that can be used for bingo prizes in nursing homes. The following is a list: 50 piece puzzles, small snacks in bags, window clings, small knick-knacks (Dollar Tee has a nice selection), small pictures in frames (suggestions: scenery, animals, flowers, farm-related, hunting, sports), door wreath, bracelets and necklaces, small baskets to hold personal items in, large print word searches, sudoku, small stuffed toys, small bouquets of silk flowers in vase, hair combs and brushes, small hand lotion, lap robes, lip balm, small packages of kleenex, NO GREETING CARDS. Money donations will be accepted and will be used to get what is needed. All items are due September 29. Shopping lists available on coffee counter. Contact Jodene Leffel (715-352-2213) if you have any questions.

Thank You!

....for the school items donations, 100 school kits for LWR and 56 backpacks, 2 closets. The backpacks were delivered to Abbotsford, Athens, Colby, Edgar, Spencer, and Stratford schools. We have a tremendous responsibility, so much depends on us. It is our job here, and to do our best to make a difference. *Audrey Kamenick*

...\$90.00 was given to the Sign project in honor of Betty's 90th Birthday!

...to everyone who participated in collecting items for El Salvador. Below is what was collected from Hope Lutheran and The Mill Church:

50 balls—assorted sizes, 32 dolls—assorted sizes, 141 stuffed animals—assorted sizes, 113 assorted toys, 8 bags of beads for necklaces, 267 school supplies—pens, pencils, notebooks, erasers, paper folders, color me books, activity books, markers, crayons, backpacks, book bags, glue, puzzles, 4 cases coffee cups, 232 Personal hygiene products—shampoo, soap, band aids, toothpaste and brushes, combs, hair accessories, deodorant, maxi pads, 60 pairs of shoes—men, women and children, 136 clothing items—men, women and children, 40 pairs of socks—assorted sizes, 18 blankets



PLEASE JOIN US in celebrating Betty (Bauman) Metcalf's 90th birthday on Sunday, September 10, 2:00-6:00 at the Wien Town Hall. Supper will be served at 4:30. No gifts please...your presence is her gift. Everyone is welcome to come and help celebrate with us. See you there!

ALSO, \$90.00 was given to the Sign project in honor of Betty's birthday.