

# Visions of Hope

June 19, 2016



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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  
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**Secretary:**

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**Duties List**

**June 26**  
July 3

**Ushers**

**Chad Erickson**  
**Scott Bauman**  
Rick Bradley  
Leroy Syring

**Greeters**

**Keith & Cassi Bauman**  
Ken & Rose Schilling

**Readers**

**Gary Ludwig**  
Ron Kunkel

FROM THE  
PASTOR 

Dear Hoppers,

We have some awesome furniture makers in our congregation! Make sure you check out the benches out in the prayer garden made by Brett Erickson as an Eagle Scout project. You will also notice a really nice table behind the couch in the narthex made by Gary Scheffler. Thank you Mike & Brett!

We're wrapping up our series on Proverbs this Sunday. On the following Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will go back to the section in the Psalms known as the Psalms of Ascent. You may remember the Psalms of Ascent was our sermon series during the Sundays in Lent. We will cover the remainder of these Psalms (126-134) during the rest of summer.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Dave

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*As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke. (Ezekiel 1:28).*

In my Sunday school class this year we studied the ministry of Jesus. Even after the death and resurrection of Christ, His ministry continued to grow and flourish, even as the Chief Priests and scribes did their best to stop Christianity. God's word and message won out, thanks be to God, good for us but bad for the evil in the world, again, thanks be to God. We learned in Sunday school that the promises of God are many, and He is faithful to His word. His word does not change. If God says He will do it, then He will do it. The Scripture is filled with His promises, and promises more to us than we have yet to discover. For one reason or another we have not seen, or do not see, or perhaps refuse to see all that God has for us--the rainbows of our lives.

Once, when the world was young, it was a masterpiece in the making. God held in one hand His brush (the Word of truth), and in His other hand, the palette of His promises. With every stroke He invested Himself, making each one as important as the last. He then moved the brush back to the palette and filled it with more promises--more to give, and more to add. So with His Word of Truth, He saturated the heavens and the earth, so that in every place His promises would be evident, and there for those who would need them. He created everything for His pleasure and for ours. We just need to stop the madness and enjoy His gifts.

But those for whom He painted His promises soon took for granted the work He had done. And turning from what He would willingly give, they chose to find their own way and live to meet their own desires outside of God's promises. We read countless stories in the bible about those who were dissatisfied with the life God gave them and tried to make a better world without God. They were able to look right at His promises and not even see them. And they soon began to doubt all of the promises they had seen to that point. They chose to trust themselves, and in so doing, took their trust out of the God and His most true promises and made His promises out to be a lie. Then the cycle would begin of sin, crying out to the God they abandoned, and seeking mercy. That sounds like our society today, man, we just don't learn from history do we? The same sinful things are going on now just as they did back then.

But there was one who still saw God's promises, who still trusted that what God said was truer than true. So God devised a plan to start over, and paint His promises fresh upon the surface of the world, and in His plan He included Noah. And Noah lived within the newness of God's promises. Then God took all of the colors of His palette, and with the Word of His Truth, He signed His work once and for all with the brilliance of a rainbow.

God has painted many rainbows into our lives. It is up to us whether or not we will allow Him to develop a heart in us that will see those promises. But we so often choose not to, not because we don't want to see His promises, but simply because we find it easier to trust in our own abilities. When we call our Lord our Provider, yet we worry over what we shall eat, or what we shall drink or what we shall wear, and we take matters into our own hands, we pay no attention to God's promises of provision.

The same holds true for His promises to protect us, to love us, to never leave or forsake us. It is as though we look right at the words in black and white within the pages of His Word, and somehow can't see what is right in front of our eyes. Those promises that we once believed in, we fail to remember in our times of trouble, almost as though we doubt God's very Word to us. We seek strength within ourselves instead of calling on God.

But God's promises are true, and His word is everlasting. Although the world seems to resist putting their trust in Him, His promises have not disappeared. As His children need to let go of our inhibitions and our desire to trust ourselves to work things out with God to become right with God again. If we look for and see His promises to us for our life we know He can work in miracles in our lives. And His promises will shine through us with the brilliance of His rainbow.

Some may worry about a day that could come when the powers that be will try to take our Bibles. But why would they? The adversary does not have to take from our hands, what he has already taken from our hearts. Most Christians spend little to no time in the Word of God each day. The tactics of our adversary, Satan, have already struck a devastating blow. Clever magician that he is, he has with one hand distracted us with the things of this world; while with the other hand, he has hid our Bibles from view and their rightful place of prominence in our lives. How can we defend the word of God if we don't read it? How will we ever know the truth? How will we tell who is a false prophet and tells lies from those who speak the truth? We need to arm ourselves with the shield of God, His Son and the Holy Spirit. If we prepare for battle beforehand the power of the Devil cannot hurt us.

With so few Christians studying the Word of God, it becomes easier with each passing day for Satan to twist and distort the truth of God's Word through the use of popular cultural viewpoints. For instance: "Everything is ok as long as it is done in the name of love". Our bibles tell us to "love one another", but it does not say to "love one another" and ignore the teachings of the bible. In the church, there are few who diligently open the Word of God; searching through it for life-changing applications. With that in mind, the question we might ask is simply this: if our Bibles were taken from us tomorrow, how much would really change within the day to day lives of most of the Christians within the church today? Do we depend upon the bible to reassure us that God keeps His promises and loves all like a loving Father.

*Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1).*

Your humble servant in Christ  
Rosie Schilling



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

Jerry Harmon—aneurysm in stomach that burst—brother-in-law of Rose Schilling  
Arden Viegut—pacemaker—home recuperating  
Kim Heller—breast cancer  
Gloria Everhard—breast cancer (sister to Kim Heller)  
Don Hansen—Bladder cancer—undergoing chemo treatments in Florida  
Paulette Kroll—Myleloid Leukemia—receiving chemo treatments in Milwaukee  
Bill Brayton—DeEtta's brother  
Jim Decker—chemo for lymphoma—friend of the Streckert's  
Alice Weiler—cancer treatments—Debbie Tabbert's grandmother  
Amy—cancer—friend of Barb Mohr-Borchardt  
Dylan, Logan Weichelt—sons of Bryan & Stacey  
Sawyer Mueller—microcephaly—Daryl & Beth's son  
Annette Schultz—breast cancer—Tom Kirsch's sister  
Jennifer Bohman—prayers of healing  
Pete Cornaggia—cancer and treatment—friend of the Streckert's  
Dennis Bohman—Colby Nursing Home

# Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	June 19	Attendance	126
Offering:	Regular		\$2280.00
	Building		\$760.00
	Loose		\$149.00
	Sunday School		\$6.00
	Total		\$3195.00

Peace Lutheran Church  
is having a brat fry,  
Friday, July 1 at  
ProVision, Stratford  
Serving time is 9:00-5:30

- Thank you to Brett Erickson for the new benches in the prayer Garden. Brett built the benches as a project for Eagle Scouts.
- Mission Money: Intervarsity; David Lund-CRU; Camp Forest Springs; Salvation Army; Ken Schilling's niece-Medical expenses; Rose Schilling brother in law- medical expenses.



Our June mission project for collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House will be ending soon. However, Hope Lutheran has signed up for monthly meals at the Ronald McDonald house and this will continue. We will coordinate the items needed and the meal. Donated items and help are greatly appreciated. Any questions, contact Sondra Streckert by phone or text message to 715-613-6991, or email [ststreck@ceas.coop](mailto:ststreck@ceas.coop).



During the months of July and August, we will be collecting school supplies, and backpacks to be given to our Local school children. Also, we will be collecting school supplies to fill kits sent to needy children through Lutheran World Relief. The list includes both projects: Please put supplies in container next to coffee counter. Any questions contact: Audrey Kamenick (715-352-2714) or Gayle Werner ((715-352-2971)

### Shopping list:

#2 pencils, pens (blue and black), notebooks (wide or college) large erasers, folders, baby wipes, kleenex, theme paper (college and wide), book covers (medium and large), sharpie, blunt scissors, crayons (16 or 24), paper plates, sandwich bags (Quart and Gallon) ,rulers with centimeter and inches), post notes, colored pencils, washable markers, 8oz.white glue, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, highlighters, pencil case or pencil box, dry erase markers, erase boards, hand sanitizers, and backpacks.\* ALL ITEMS DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 21. Thank you. "An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge" Proverbs 18:15