

Visions of Hope

June 5, 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

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Duties List

June 12

June 19

Ushers

Larry Peterson
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Ron Kunkel

Greeters

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Readers

Rose Schilling
Jen Kunkel

I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Psalms 119:101-103)

I am, what you might call, "a serious coffee drinker." Although I refuse to say I am addicted. I like all kinds of brands and flavors. I would love to have a cappuccino maker. But I do have a twelve cup coffee pot, and a four cup coffee pot as well. I even have a burr coffee grinder so I can grind my own coffee. I drink coffee at various hours of the day, not just morning, and when I go out of town, I am sure to see to it that I will have a coffee pot where I am staying--even if it means bringing my own.

My husband, on the other hand, has these words to say about coffee: "I don't know how anything that smells so good can taste so bad." "And I don't care if it does have antioxidants". More than once I have told him how coffee is really kind of an acquired taste--one I have grown accustomed to--one I miss when it's not there.

In Psalms, we are invited to, "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him" (Psalms 34:8). Now, would we say that our "taste" for the Lord is an acquired taste? I would say so. For it is only through the contact with the Holy Spirit that we even begin to discover what the Psalmist is talking about when he writes, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

So how does one taste of the Lord? In Psalms 119, we read, "*I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*" To taste of the Lord, simply means to walk with Him and according to His word. It means meditating on the things of God--chewing on them, if you will. And it means experiencing God in an up close and personal way as we keep our feet from evil and purposely set our hearts on the purposes of our Maker.

In time, our acquired taste is one that we can hardly go a day without. We enjoy the pleasantries of His company. We enjoy His warmth and it fills us. We enjoy the aroma of His sweet Spirit as He embraces us in all His goodness. We have grown so accustomed to tasting the Lord on a daily basis that, when we do not spend time with Him, we soon feel the effects of withdrawal, a separation from God.

Another aspect of our acquired taste is that as we taste of His goodness, we recognize the empty foods of this world as just that--empty. In Proverbs 20:17 we read, "*Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man, but he ends up with a mouth full of gravel.*" Simply put, the empty foods of this fleeting world can leave a bad taste in our mouths.

We need to be, what you might call, "a serious child of God." These are the kind of people who enjoy God at all times and look forward to every moment together. People like us, whether we are in church, at home, or at work, we seek to ensure that we have God with us--even if it means taking a Bible to the beach. What better companion to have on vacation than our God.

The devil however would like us to taste his offerings, a virtual donut shop where we can eat any sweets we want any time of the day. Satan makes promises like "I took all the calories out, or "it won't affect your cholesterol" or "it's ok, who will it hurt if you eat unhealthy sweets"? His false promises leave a very bad taste in our mouth. He promises no consequences if we sin and ignore the Ten Commandments. But, we all know the "wages of sin are death".

Therefore taste the goodness of Lord and Savior, savor the flavor of his forgiveness for all of your sins. Take a taste of the good life, that is, the life of following God and his plan for you. That flavorful life of faith that puts us at ease with our everyday trials and troubles because we know we have a champion in our corner. The One who loves us so much that He would sacrifice His own Son for us is always there for us, all we need to do is call upon His name. Bon appétit!!!

This past weekend Ken and I went to three different events, a funeral, a 50th wedding anniversary and my Grandson's 8th grade graduation. Very different events but with one thing in common, good food!! It seems as though we get through all types of life events by sharing a meal with each other. Fellowship. We should share God's love with others, just as we share meals as part of funerals, anniversaries or graduations. It's an act of nourishing one another. We need to help each other to lead a healthy life, that is, life in Christ Jesus. He ate all the poisoned food for us so we can be spared. We don't have to die

eating the lies of the devil. We can have eternal life by craving “spiritual milk”. (1 Peter 2:1-3). Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Yes, there is a reason to gather with fellow Christians. We can support and encourage one another, and keep each other on the healthy diet of, prayer, reading God’s word and attending church. Webster’s definition of fellowship is: the relationship of people who share the same interests or feelings. That’s us, fellow Christians, loving and supporting one another. Fellow Christians, eat of the foods God has given us for He is the bread of life. “Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice”. *Philippians 4:4*

Your servant in Christ
Rosie Schilling



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

- Arden Viegut—pacemaker—home recuperating
- Kim Heller—breast cancer
- Gloria Everhard—breast cancer (sister to Kim Heller—above)
- Don Hansen—health issues
- Paulette Kroll—Myleloid Leukemia—receiving chemo treatments in Milwaukee
- Joyce LeVoy—home recuperating
- 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

....for the generous gift of money and for the continued prayer support. I am excited to impact lives in Georgia since I am going to college in the fall. I will no longer be attending on Sunday but I am looking forward to coming back and seeing all of you! I am going to find a church that I enjoy and keep my faith alive. Thank you again for all that you do!
Xavier Lechleitner



Thank You!

....for your thoughtful and meaningful gift. Your gift of compassion is providing a safe and nurturing home for women and children hurting from domestic violence. The generosity of you, our donor, is one of Shirley’s House of Hope’s greatest blessings. The donated items are greatly appreciated. Because of your partnership women like Joan have graduated from the healing program this week. Your faith and support of our program touches the hearts of many.
Julie Cravillion, Executive Director

....for your gift, which helps camp, at least in part, be a reflection of God to the world around us. And a refuge to people who need it Thank you so much!

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	June 5	Attendance	77
Offering:	Regular		\$2775.00
	Building		\$285.00
	Loose		\$34.00
	Other		\$20.00
	Sunday School		\$1.00
	Total		\$3115.00



Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 25-29 from 5:30-8:00 pm. There will be a light supper served from 5:00-5:30 pm. All children 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome. Your child will have fun hearing Bible stories, singing upbeat songs, making crafts, while getting to know Jesus Christ. Any questions, please see Jen or Michelle.



Our June mission project will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House. The items needed are dish soap, zip-top bags (all sizes), Kleenex, saran wrap, aluminum foil, flashlights, plastic cutlery, 9x13 baking dishes, white clothes hangers, regular coffee, cereal bars, vegetable oil, large boxes of cereal, new stuffed animals, and individually wrapped pretzels and chips. Shopping lists are available on the coffee bar. Items may be put into the tub near the coffee bar. Hope Lutheran has signed up for monthly meals at the Ronald McDonald house, as well. 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.



....for Levi

Below you will find a listing of items for the Benefit for Levi needs for our 5th annual sports fundraiser. This years benefit is being held at the Fenwood Lions Softball Complex June 24-26.

Bottled water, Gatorade, chips (individual bags), candy, brats, hot dogs, buns, onions, ketchup, mustard, taco seasoning, taco sauce, sour cream, baked goods. Napkins, paper boats and 16 & 26 oz plastic cups. Items can be put in the YELLOW Sunday School room

Thank you in advance for your continued support for the Benefit for Levi.