

Visions of Hope

July 24, 2016



4356 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:

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Secretary:

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Duties List

July 31
August 7

Ushers

Jay Borchardt
Ken Schilling
Brian Remus
Ron Kunkel

Greeters

Daryl & Beth Mueller
Duane & Audrey Kamenick

Readers

Beth Mueller
Jen Kunkel

Ask not what your God can do for you, ask then what can you do for your God.

Many of you will remember the simple yet profound words of the late President John F. Kennedy who, in 1961, stated: "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." He was calling people to a noble life of service. Other great leaders have confirmed the rewards of service. Albert Schweitzer said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Do we need to pay God back for all He has done for us? NO!! That's not how God works. We have several life lessons God has given us in the bible such as; love one another and forgive one another. This is what He wants from us. We all know that if we accomplish these two things all the other commandments will easily fall into place. We are not required to do "good works" in order to have eternal life. But, hopefully we will want to be of service to God just because we love Him so much. And because of what He has already done for us. God sent Jesus to us to take away our sins and give us eternal life.

Christians should be an equipping station, so-to-speak, just like a gas station is to a car, and believers should go to church to get charged up and then to head out into the world to serve others. The last thing Christ said before he ascended into heaven; leaving us with these last and most important words, "go out into the world, bring others into the kingdom of God". Praying and showing our thanks to God could do a lot to help change the old idea that God owes us anything.

We have lost the desire to simply sit at Jesus' feet and quietly await His commands. We think it is our right to choose our missions instead of waiting for God's instructions, then go forth to do His will because we love Him so much. We want to show our love, not because we believe that will earn us a spot in heaven, but instead, because the power of the Holy Spirit pours out of us.

Our gravest error is to mistake some generic "Christian duty" for the personal, passionate obedience we owe to our King. We should honestly say; without doubt, hesitation or reservation - that He has personally ordered us to serve Him. If He has not authorized our activities and we are just winging it to make ourselves look good, this is not pleasing God. No one in the Bible who was commissioned by God - from Abraham to young Samuel to Jonah to Jeremiah and to Saul; was left with any doubts as to their mission after God had commissioned them. There is no reason, except for self-gratification, that we should guess or follow our own whims when it comes to doing what Jesus would have us do in any given ministry situation. Know your mission and know Who sent you.

The greatest gift we can give to God is a life devoted to spiritual practices. We need to work at healing the suffering in the world and to spreading the word of God. Our gifts and talents and our ability to improve spiritually, is God's gift to us. But this gift must be accepted. We have been given this opportunity, so then we must rise to become givers, a move that is not always easy and not always accepted in our culture. Don't let fear of failure or the fear of "not being good enough" hold you back in any way. God choose you and He has faith in your abilities, and remember God does not make mistakes.

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another..., Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven you".

Pray unceasingly, praying constantly for those lost to sin. They need our heartfelt prayers all day every day. The thing is not everyone is physically able to go out and pound the pavement. But those who have physical limitations are God's "go to" prayer warriors. God needs you, your prayers do wonders, even with minimum "faith" your can do great things for God.

Everyone bears a burden. Clothe the needy and feed the hungry. Shelter the homeless. When we help bear other's burdens and encourage them in Christ's walk, we fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.). If we cherish and follow the Ten Commandments our love for our God will shine out of us.

We are always asking for more from our Heavenly Father than we could ever deserve. The notion that we are called upon to embrace the will of God, is somewhat foreign to us, it takes us from being needy to serving those in need. This allows for a relationship with God. By loving Him so much we continually ask what He wants us to do here on earth. Here I am God: "what can I do for you God"?

Most often in our lifetime God is called upon to answer requests, and we expect that all our wishes and desires will be taken care of by a Higher or Greater Power. What if we adapt JFK's famous statement and "ask not what God can do for you, but what you can do for God"? There is great potential in your life. May God bless you as you develop it in His service. You have God's love and guidance, He has already given you the gifts and talents you need. This week go out and do one act of service for your Lord and King.

Your most humble servant in Christ
Rosie Schilling

Dear Heavenly Father:

Before we ask for anything we want to thank you for everything. For the sunshine and the rain. We thank you for all the life giving things you provide for us. We are grateful for family, friends and loved ones. We thank you for the freedom to worship you and to share your word with others.

Lord we ask for peace, peace between different cultures, peace within different races and creeds. Help us to work together to end violence and to love each other more and hurt each other less. Lord, please protect all of those who serve others, especially the police, and fire fighters. Help the world to realize "all lives matter", you created all of us equally. We need your guidance to love and respect one another.

We ask for your healing power for all those on our prayer list, for all those in our prayer chain and to any one suffering for your name's sake.

We pray for all those who are suffering any type of depression or anxiety. For the homeless and mentally ill. Please out pour your grace and mercy to all victims of flooding, fires and violence.

Father give unto us all the gifts and talents to go out and do your will, whatever the Holy Spirit guides us to do. Let us be a cheerful giver of our time for those in need. And help all of Hope church fulfill our mission statement: "teach the bible, follow Christ's example by giving back to the community and to those in need".

Lord, may we learn to love each other as much as you love us. We deserve nothing but You give us everything, thanks be to God. Amen

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers



John Hamann—home rehabbing from broken hip
Jerry Harmon—aneurysm in stomach that burst—brother-in-law of Rose Schilling
Kim Heller—breast cancer—cousin of Jodi Krause
Gloria Everhard—breast cancer (sister to Kim Heller) - cousin of Jodi Krause
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
Amy—cancer—friend of Barb Mohr-Borchardt
Dylan, Logan Weichert—sons of Bryan & Stacey
Sawyer Mueller—microcephaly—Daryl & Beth's son
Annette Schultz—breast cancer—Tom Kirsch's sister
Jennifer Bohman—prayers of healing
Dennis Bohman—Colby Nursing Home

Update of Kim Heller and Gloria Everhard

Kim has started her round of chemo this week. As she walks this walk, please pray that she may continue to trust in Christ, regardless of this condition. May she be continually strengthened in her faith, being fully persuaded that Christ has the power to do what He has promised. May she continue to be able to have a cheerful heart and may any fear or hurt be turned into joy and fill her with laughter.

Thank you again for your faithfulness for prayers and support. I have 12 weeks left to complete the chemo treatment. May I continually be reminded of the hope and future that Christ has in store for me. Show me how my life can impact and enrich others. Help me to see this despite my weaknesses. Help me to be continually reminded that Christ has great plans for me and that Christ will and is acting out according to HIS good purposes.

Thank you dear friends.

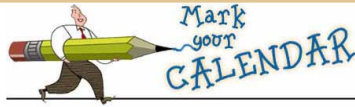
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Hope's Happenings



On Sunday, July 31 the Vacation Bible School children will be sharing the songs they learned during the week.

Sunday:	July 24	Attendance	81
Offering:	Regular		\$2040.00
	Building		\$165.00
	Loose		\$11.00
	Total		\$2216.00



- **September 14**
6:00 pm Confirmation classes resumes
- **September 18**
Promise Quartet will be leading us in worship
- **October 15 & 16**
Mark VanderTuig LCMC Service Coordinator will be at Hope
- **February 28, 2017**
1st Communion
- **August 6** First Ever Fenwood 5K Fun / Run/ Walk. Registration starts at 8:00 am Event at 9:00 am at the corner of Leroy Street and Hwy M Registration fee—cash donation or non perishable food item for local pantries.
- **Thursday, July 28**—Concerts at Oak Street Park, Edgar. This week—David Anthony Berg. Coming August 4—Rick Haanstad. Free will donations accepted. Concessions will be available.

July and August Mission Project

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)

A complete list of needed items is available on counter by the coffee table. We will be packing ALL kits on Tuesday, August 23, 6:30 pm

WOMEN OF HOPE

if anyone has items to discuss, call Rosie Bauman (715-573-0524) and a brief meeting will be held.



....so much for the gift of money. God is so good to us We are planning on using the money on gas for appointments and going to dialysis. Love in Christ

Jerry & Rachel Harmon

....for your generous gift of money to The Salvation Army. Right now, your donation is at work—helping neighbors with food, shelter, and clothing. But more than that, your compassion is an example of the healing that's possible during times of great crisis. It is so important to remind our neighbors that even in times of sadness and great loss there is hope for a brighter future. With your kindness, we can provide that hope. We can be the light of a new day on the horizon.

Lieutenant Jacob A. Tripp

....on behalf of the Bauman Nursery & Landscaping LLC we would like to thank you for your business. We trust that you are satisfied and do hope that we can be of service to you again in the future. We thank you for placing your trust in our business.

Dave & Debbie Bauman