

Visions of Hope

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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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Duties List

September 4

September 11

Ushers

Chad Erickson
Leroy Syring
Gordon Metcalf
Daryl Mueller

Greeters

Brian Remus
Leroy Syring & Beth Leffel

Readers

Ron Kunkel
Rose Schilling

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

In light of some "so called role models" out there disrespecting our National Anthem and some that are burning our flag there is still hope for our youth. More often than not lately I have been pleased and proud of our young people at Hope church.



The following is a post from Cedric Lechleitner on Facebook page.

This poster used to say 'keep calm and drink on'. For a while that's what I would do. I would go out and drink and party with my friends every now and then.

Soon every now and then turned into a lot. I would party when I was looking for something to do. I would party when stressed. I would party to celebrate. I would party when my friends asked. I was partying multiple days of the week and it turned into a bad habit.

I thought I was drinking to have a good time and get away from all the troubles and problems I was facing. I kept those problems bottled up and never told anyone about them except for those who were there for me when I had a few too many bottles. But the drinking never fixed my problems, it just caused more.

I thank God everyday for how my habits have changed! I no longer drink. I don't succumb to peer pressure anymore. Whenever faced with problems I look to God and those positive influences in my life for the strength to overcome.

I no longer dwell on the past and the negatives in my life, but instead focus on the positives and reaching my goals. I choose to only do the things that will benefit my life vision in the long run. I'm grateful for how God has been transforming me and how my habits have changed.

Then I posted back to him: You are a good inspiration for those lost souls out there that are looking for something satisfying to do and don't know where or whom to turn to. Thank you God for young people like Cedric Lechleitner

Here is Cedric's reply: Thank you very much, Rose! I hope that all those who are looking to overcome a struggle find the strength to do so. It all started with the decision to make a change! The discipline to stay committed to that decision came from surrounding myself with the right influences. Another sad but true thing is that compared to a lot of college students the drinking I did was 'normal', and there are many who drink more and more often than I did. There are also a lot of those people who don't really want to be around all the drinking but are pressured into it. I hope to reach these people too.

I count myself blessed to know the young men and women from Hope that are living out there commitment by serving out their faith in God. It truly should bring joy to the hearts of Hope church congregation that our children are living out the things we taught them while they were young. We have our Sunday school teachers, VBS teachers and our youth group leaders to thank for their efforts. And congratulations to the parents out there that are showing their children the right path to follow, even when they become adults themselves.

We have some college students that have joined on campus Christian groups like the Navigators and Intervarsity. Many of these young men and women have made a vow to remain celibate until marriage. That takes a lot of courage and faith. Some of our college bound students have made a commitment to study Christian ministry and to attend Bible College or a Christian college. We all have so much to be thankful for!!

Joshua 1: 6-9 "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. "Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all

the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

We are facing one of the worst political climates ever to happen to the American people. But let's take heart that God is always there for us and somehow we can overcome the dishonest, cheating, lying and deceiving political figures running for public office. There are very few out there who actually represent the Christian values of most conservative Christians in this country. Now is the time for us to rely upon our faith and our willingness to follow God's directives for now and for the future; as uncertain as it is. Can we do it; can we follow God's commands from Joshua 1:6-9? Can we be strong and courageous against all evil influences? Perhaps we can take a lesson from our faithful young men and women at Hope church. We too should look to the Lord in all circumstances and embrace His holy word.

Thank you Lord for allowing us to be part of the faith walk of our young men and women of Hope church. Father help us to continue to support and encourage their efforts to "stay in the word". Lord we ask that you open our hearts and our minds so we might read and follow your holy word. Help us to accept your grace and forgiveness and to be thankful for your most precious gift; your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Your servant in Christ
Rose Schilling

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers



Rosie Borchardt—lung cancer
Bonnie Blake—home recuperating from surgery
Luke Zarins—neck surgery—Ken Schilling's nephew
Ione Lathrop—rehabbing in Rennes Nursing & Rehab Ctr—Pastor Dave's mother
John Hamann—home rehabbing from broken hip
Jerry Harmon—recovering at home—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 Peterson'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



....Dear Hope Lutheran Church congregation—thank you very, very much for the generous donation for the Baby's Baskets I put together for Project Warm here in Florida. It was a wonderful surprise and I appreciate it very much. My mom's work on Baby's Basket of Love inspired me to do something similar here and Project Warm is a perfect fit. Warm is a long term residential program for women who are pregnant, post-partum or parenting young children and are working to recover from substance/alcohol abuse. Most women come to the program with nothing so these baskets are an immense help to them. I supply at least 30 baskets each year and the number continues to grow. Thank you so much for thinking about me and more importantly the women of Project Warm. Your donation will definitely be put to good use! Thank you!
Julie Giese

....Hello Hope Lutheran Fellowship, I just wanted to thank you once again for your generosity in giving to the Navigators. Your continuous giving to the ministry I am involved with has been a huge gift from God and a great example for me of investing in eternal treasures. God uses the Navigators in Madison help believers know Christ more and to make Him known to unbelievers. Your support means so much and enables us to do work for God's kingdom! Thank you,
Andrea Krause

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	August 28	Attendance	77
Offering:	Regular		\$1345.00
	Building		\$155.00
	Mission		\$130.00
	Sunday School		\$1.00
	Loose		\$66.15
	Total		\$1692.15



September 11
8:45-9:30 am

The Bulletin Board

- * September 14, 6:30 pm—Confirmation Classes start
- * September 18, 9:30 am—Promise Quartet
- * September 26—Gideon Ministry will be at Hope
- * October 15 & 16—Mark VanderTuig LCMC Service Coordinator
- * October 16 we will be having a Mortgage Burning Celebration! There will be a potluck dinner following service. Chicken will be provided
- * October 23—immediately following service—Quarterly Meeting We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: Secretary—3 years; Trustee—3 years; Parish Ed—3 years; Cemetery Board—3 years; Finance Committee—need 4 people—2 years
- * October 29— Hope Spaghetti Dinner
- * November 23, 7:00 pm—Hope will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service. There will be NO Thanksgiving Day Service
- * Please keep Barb Giese updated on any phone or address changes. There is a directory on the table by the sofa to make changes. Thank you
- * If anyone is interested in a home visit from Pastor, please contact the church office at 715-352-2555
- * LCMC Wisconsin District annual Meeting will be Saturday September 17 in Waupaca. Please let Brian, Pastor or a council member know if you are interested in attending as our representative



**Worship and Music committee meeting
will be held
Monday, September 12, 6:30 pm**

Rosie Bauman will be starting two small group studies very soon. Wednesday night at 7:30 pm will be **“Living Victoriously in Difficult Times”**. This is a 40 minute Bible Study with no homework so we should finish by 8:00 pm. This group will meet at church. Wednesday morning at 10:30 am we will be looking at Max Lucado's **“Fearless; Imagine Living Your Life Without Fear”**. It is yet to be determined where this will meet. Starting dates will be posted in the bulletin and newsletter. If you are at all interested in joining us, please let Rosie know this week.



If you are interested in going to Camp Forest Springs for the Ladies Day on September 15, there are pamphlets in the back of church. Payment of \$20 is due by September 1. The Women's group will be paying \$10 toward anyone who is interested in attending this event. Please let Rosie Bauman know soon.

Hope's Happenings



....to all who donated school supplies for our backpacks and school kits mission project. Ninety-nine school kits were completed and fifty backpacks and two closets were delivered to our area schools. Your donations have given area children and children across, tools which they can use to get a good education. Thank you. It is appreciated by all the schools delivered. Audrey Kamenick and Gayle Werner



WOMEN OF HOPE

Women of Hope Meeting August 23, 2016

Members present: Rosemary Bauman, Audrey Kamenick, Gayle Werner, Audrey Borchardt, Betty Metcalf and guest, Gordon Metcalf

The business meeting was preceded by the packing of school backpacks to donate to local schools and 99 school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The business meeting was called to order by Women's Coordinator Rosie Bauman.

- Gayle Werner gave the treasurer's report: From a starting balance at 1/1/16 of \$1,188.91, and after paying for banners, tablecloths, and expenses for Ladies Night Out, the balance stands at \$490.20.
- Rosie stated that the Thanksgiving Community Service will be hosted by Hope Church this year and will take place the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day. Sign-up sheets will be put up for volunteers to help serve and furnish pies and ice cream.
- The group will pay \$10 toward the \$20 fee for anyone wishing to attend the upcoming Ladies Day event featuring Jill Briscoe at Forest Springs Camp on September 15, and members will furnish transportation for anyone who doesn't care to drive.
- It was decided to have a cookie walk again as a money maker; it will be held on December 11.
- Rosie let the group know that Thrivent may again help with expenses for church events; she will check into what benefit that could be for Hope.
- On October 16, there will be a Burn the Mortgage pot luck at Hope, with chicken furnished by the church.
- Audrey led a discussion concerning mission projects for the coming year. The following monthly schedule was decided on:
 - January – Sweet Dreams project and a blanket-tying event
 - February – Randlin House donations
 - March – Health kits
 - April – Ronald McDonald project
 - May – Baby kits
 - June – To be determined
 - July & August – School kits & back packs
 - September – Bingo prizes for local nursing homes
 - October & November – Christmas Shoe Boxes
 - December – Give a Family a Good Christmas

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Sondra Streckert, Secretary