

Visions of Hope

April 22, 2018



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Edgar, WI 54426

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:

hope4centralwi.com

Sunday Worship
9:30 am

Sunday School
8:45-9:30 am

Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Emergency numbers:

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Duties List

April 29

May 6

Ushers

Keith Bauman

Scott Bauman

Andy Yoder

Ron Kunkel

Greeters

Keith & Cassi Bauman

Debbie Bauman

Readers

Michelle Bauman

Elaine Mueller

Acolyte

Riley Bauman

Anna Peterson

The Israelites were held in bondage for over 400 years. Within some of the times that the nation of Israel was held captive, they found themselves separated from the life they once knew, the land they called home, and a freedom they loved. But many of their captors followed a brilliant plan which would in essence make the people who were captives become more like citizens of the nation who carried them off, than prisoners. The captors would slowly work them into their society so that they would become comfortable with their new lives. They would give them a place, a purpose and a home so that over time they would claim their captor's land as their own home. They would become compliant to "go along to get along".

In our goofy society today, there are many benefits of conforming to any form of fad in order to not make waves. The people would be able to live in peace. It is pretty annoying to hear a small percentage of our society whine all the time. "Oh, you conservative Christians, you are always trampling on our rights". We can count ourselves blessed that we can count on God and His word to take a stand against Satan's attempts to lead us down the path of doom. We live in a nation that is strong, one in which we are free to live as we choose, and one in which we have religious freedoms. We have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness--don't we? And yet what is the difference between us and those who are held hostage by their sinful life style?

For Christians there is not much difference at all. For even though we claim to be free, we often practice our Christianity like it's a secret we don't really want to share. Rather than it being seen as the core of who we are, it is seen more as a private and personal individual choice. After all, we don't want to be fanatical about it, that might stir up chaos and conflict. For some it's easier to be captive to the culture and customs of the society in which we live. We are reluctant to stand against the forces of evil that are an encroaching upon Christianity. God is trying to keep us as a loyal and peaceful in a decadent land.

Some Christians have allowed themselves to be taken in by the sinful world in which they live. We have taken a home, purpose and place within the society in this land, and we have become comfortable. We have turned away from being a threat to our society for our faith, to being supporters of, "whatever makes you happy, go for it". Our religious freedoms and practices can become little more than going through the motions instead of standing up to this evil society. On a greater scale, we have taken the path of passiveness instead of standing up for our God and faith in Him.

We are Christians. We live in a land of fallen Christians. One in which, over time, we have allowed to become even more sinful because we don't follow Gods commandments. Some have forgotten what it means to be Christian and have chosen instead to become a faithful and contributing member to a godless society. We have surrendered to "if it doesn't hurt me, I don't care what anyone else does". We have forgotten that God has given us commandments and we need to share those commandments. We need to share the good news of forgiveness, as well. We are in a country that no longer wants to follow the bible but instead wants to change the bible to fit a sinful life style.

It is time we refuse to silently stand by and watch our Christian nation be destroyed and our children along with it. It is time we remember that our God is bigger than anything, nation, society or person that holds us captive. It is time we remember our heritage is not as Americans, it is as Christians. It is time we remember who we are. It is time we remember whose land this is and it is time we take it back. We all need to quit complaining about how bad society is and do something about it. Encourage friends, neighbors and family to attend a bible based church. Let's share our faith with others, let's befriend the down-trodden, the lost and the lonely.

We must turn our backs on false prophets who like to change the bible around to fit their point of view, such as, saying homosexuality is not a sin because "it's love". Let me tell you, a pedophile will tell you he loves his victims too. How can homosexuality not be considered a sin any longer? It was law in the Old Testament but now it's not. Really!!!!!! I hope we all can tell the difference between man-made laws and God's law. And to say "God made a mistake" when He created Bruce Jenner, that just silly!!!

God is talking to Moses in the 18th chapter of Leviticus and clearly states *“You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination. Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion. Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought it’s punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants. But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled).*

God’s promise to us is that He will again destroy this land if we can’t stand against this sin-filled world. God is pretty specific as the book of Leviticus continues and He refers back to the ten commandments written in the book of Exodus.

The reality is we cannot pick and choose which commandments to follow, we must follow them all. Because God loves us and we love Him in return; we are eager and happy to follow the rules of life He lays down.

Speak up and speak out about Gods love and forgiveness; so, all the world can see we are not just an American nation we are also a Christian nation.

Your sister in Christ
Rosie Schilling



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

LuAnn Mohr—moved to rehab in Wausau—Barb Mohr-Borchardt’s mom
Tammy Blake—cancer—Bonnie’s stepdaughter
Don Hanson—heart attack—doing ok
John Hamann—hip surgery
Dorothy—rehab in Rhinelander—Bonnie’s mom
Brian—cancer—friend of Leroy and Beth Syring
Brian Asplund—cancer
Bob Kudingo—stem cell replacement—Rose Schilling’s foster brother
Dennis Woik—cancer—friend of Chad Bender
Marge Manecke—health issues
Corinne Kane—friend of Cassi Bauman
Linda Krahn—breast cancer—sister in law to the Kamenick’s
Mildred Imhoff—chemo treatment—Ken’s mother
Grace Schraufnagel—cancer—friend of the Streckert’s
Shyra Martyn—brain cancer—Randy and Sara’s daughter-in-law
Leroy Syring—recovering from a stroke
Bill Brayton—DeEtta Peterson’s brother
Dylan & Logan Weichelt—sons of Bryan & Stacey
Sawyer Mueller—microcephaly—Daryl & Beth’s son
Jennifer Bohman—prayers of healing

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	April 22	Attendance	81
Offering:	Regular		\$2995.00
	Building		\$60.00
	Sunday School		\$8.00
	Loose		\$73.00
	Missions		\$50.00
	New Worship Center		\$270.00
	Total		\$3456.00

On Sunday, April 29 bring to church for a special blessing, tractors with equipment, lawn mowers, garden tiller, seeds, etc...anything that pertains to planting and taking care of God's earth.

The Bulletin Board

- In case of an emergency you can contact
 - Pastor Scott Miller—715-214-5567
- **Sunday, April 29**, after worship service
 - Quarterly meeting
 - Highway clean-up
- **Wednesday, May 2**
 - 5:15-7:30 pm Confirmation / Youth Group

SEE YOU THERE →

- **Sunday, May 6**
 - 7:00 pm Call Committee meets



Mission project for April is to reach out to domestic violence shelters for women in Marshfield and Wausau. The items that are needed are: dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, Kleenex, toilet tissue, paper towels, new bath towels, hand and washcloths, Clorox wipes, bathroom cleaners, air fresheners, acetaminophen 500 mg, cold and flu medicine, tampons, deodorant, hair brushes, alarm clocks, nail clippers, and files. These items will be donated to Shirley's House of Hope and the Wausau Women's Community.

ALL donations are due Sunday, April 29. Thank you

TEAMWORK



Hope's Volleyball team finished 2-2 at the 89Q Volleyball tournament this past weekend. We had a great team! Team members are : Bailey Imhoff, Cedric Lechleitner, Tammy and Taylor Kirsch, Nicole and Brandon Homeyer, Scott Berg and Ann Kirsch



Congratulations!