

# Visions of Hope

April 8, 2018



F4356 State Hwy 97  
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

715-352-2555 (church)

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**Secretary:**

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**Duties List**

**April 15**

April 22

**Ushers**

Larry Peterson

Russ Bauman

Gary Ludwig

Gary Bauman

**Greeters**

Ken & Rose Schilling

Gary & Dianne Bauman

**Readers**

Ashley, Natalie, Madison

Gary Ludwig

**Acolyte**

Anna Peterson

Haylee Schreiber

*They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand and knelt in front of Him and mocked Him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on Him, and took the staff and struck Him on the head again and again. (Mt.27:28-30).*

He wore a crown made of thorns. Thorns that came into this world as a result of sin. They are the very essence of burden, struggle and cumbersome things. God said to Adam after he had sinned, "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food" (Gen3:17-19). This curse is the result of man deciding to provide for himself what he desired, and in spite of God's warning, mankind would now reap what was sown—they would learn the burden and struggle of being one's own god. They would learn what it means to depend upon their own decisions outside of God's will—it would be a path filled with troubles and pain. A path in which we could still be able to make ends meet but could never accomplish what God has ordained for us when we work against God's blessing and His will.

The thorns that Christ bore for us represents the cares of this life. In the parable of the sower, Jesus tells us, "The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful" (Mt.13:22). We are among those who have heard the truth, and we even understand that Jesus came to set us free from such worries, yet we can't seem to let go of trying to be our own god. We still feel that we must take matters into our own hands in such a way that "the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke" the truth and peace that God had placed in us. This being so, we are still entangled in the twisted thorns from which Christ has set already set us free.

In the Garden (at the time of sin), and in life today we can see the entanglement of the thorns. It comes in the form of doubts that God knows best. We think we need something else to make us happy and able to have a peaceful life. There is that little devil on our shoulder that tells us that there is something else besides God's love and forgiveness we must have to live in order to be content, happy and secure. For Adam and Eve, it was the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil; but for us it could be anything we feel we need to make our life under our control. The result is a never-ending struggle to attain, to get more "stuff". Just as Adam struggled to bring his crops from the ground, so we today still struggle with the worries of this life and the deceitfulness that comes from loving money and possessions. And we convince ourselves we are doing right—even to the point that we become so concerned with rent, mortgages, bills, and chasing that almighty dollar. The pursuit of seeking more instead of being happy with less. The word of truth that God has placed in each of us is choked out so the truth is not seen in us. People out there can't tell if we are really Christians.

We claim victory in Jesus. But many of us appear to be lost to the world around us because we are struggling with the worries and cares of this life. And in doing so, many of us exchange a crown of glory, for one of thorns--making Christ's sacrifice (wearing the thorns for us) mean nothing.

The worries of this life are pressing. They will be thorns if they become our only focus. Christ set us free from the worries of this life so that we can rejoice in our freedom to walk with God once more. Don't let the everyday grind become your god. God is God. And if our minds are worried about life's struggles, we can't be focused on the Life in Christ Jesus.

So, let's walk in this world with a sense of peace and share the "peace that passes all understanding" with all those around us. Jesus said "My peace I give you" and that peace is meant to be shared.

*John 14:27 "I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So, don't be upset. Don't be distraught.*

*Mathew 28: 19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Your servant in Christ  
Rosie Schilling



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

LuAnn Mohr—restoring kidney function—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—breast 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



...a **HUGE Thank You** to everyone who helped with our Personal Care Kits for LWR. We were able to complete 116 kits!!! We are called to serve the vulnerable and to respond with love, care and help to those suffering among us. We extend the hands of Christ. Meeting such a human need and rekindle hope around the world.  
*Carol Anderson*

...thank you for all the prayers, cards and also for the visits while I was in the hospital. I am home now and on the road to recovery. Hopefully it won't be a long road. God bless all of you. *John Hamann*

...thank you for your gift of money to support my mission this summer. Your prayers and finances are greatly appreciated. Your investment will have far reaching results as I help reach people for Christ! I look forward to telling all of you about the mission and what amazing things God did during this summer. Also, thank you for the Kwik Trip gift cards! They make coming home a lot easier and affordable. *"May the Lord now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will you the same favor because you have done this." 2 Samuel 2:6*  
*Katelyn Krause*

...thank you so much for your support for my ministry with The Navigators at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. I am so thankful to God as you stand by me as brothers and sisters in Christ with your generosity and prayers. God is at work at The U! Right now I disciple/mentor Grace as she plans to graduate and ministers with international students. And then her and I together are walking along side and teaching Grace's friend from China who has decided to follow Jesus! There are just so many things to praise God for! Please praise him for this as I praise Him for you!. *Katie Zionkowski*

# Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	April 8	Attendance 91
Offering:	Regular	\$2290.00
	Prayer Garden	\$200.00
	Sunday School	\$7.00
	Loose	\$54.00
	Well	\$100.00
	New Worship Center	\$225.00
	El Salvador	\$100.00
	Sign	\$40.00
	Total	\$3016.00

Hope Lutheran Church is having a volleyball team at the 89Q volleyball tournament on Saturday, April 21 at Greenheck Fieldhouse in Weston from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Team members are :  
Bailey Imhoff, Cedric Lechleitner, Tammy and Taylor Kirsch, Nicole and Brandon Homeyer (Taylor's cousins).

We are guaranteed three games, hopefully many more!!!

**GOOD LUCK!**

## The Bulletin Board

- In case of an emergency you can contact
  - Pastor Dave Uden—715-340-8642; Pres. Brian Remus—716-650-0598; V.P. Rose Schilling—715-551-1266
- **Wednesday, April 11**
  - 5:15 pm Confirmation / Youth Group
- **Sunday, April 15**
  - Council and Call Committee meeting after services
  - 1:00 pm Blanket tying
- **Wednesday, April 18**
  - 2:00 pm Worship and Music Committee meets
- **Sunday, April 29**, after worship service
  - Quarterly meeting
  - Highway clean-up

### COUNCIL AND CALL COMMITTEE



Pastor Scott Miller is willing to lead the Sunday morning services for April and May. As of now I have him verbally committed. Pastor Scott agreed to meet at the next council meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 15, after the service to discuss the call process. I invite the call committee and council to be present for this meeting. The call committee member list that I am aware of is as follows: DeEtta Peterson (Chair), Keith Bauman, Audrey Borhardt, Bonnie Blake, Kelly Erickson, Daryl Mueller, Beth Syring.



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. Fleece has been purchased to make blankets. These items will be donated to Shirley's House of Hope and the Wausau Women's Community. Our prayers and donations have changed women's lives. I have posted a personal story on the bulletin board. Any questions please contact Audrey Kamenick—kamenick@frontier.com



Please join The Edgar Fine Arts Association on Sunday April 15, 2018 at 1:00 at the Edgar High School Auditorium for a performance by "Tommy O" - "Broadway Stage to Hollywood Screen and Everything in between." Cost is \$10.00. This afternoon of music features Tommy O with special appearances by April Leanna and Becky Strasbourg.

Colby Lions Club is sponsoring a smelt fry at the Colby Lions Pavilion, Wednesday, April 25, 3:30-7:30 pm. Prices will be determined at a later date. A drive thru is available for carry-outs.