

# 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:**

hope4centralwi.com

Sunday School  
8:45-9:30 am

Communion  
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

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**Duties List**

**June 10**

June 17

**Ushers**

**Daryl Mueller**

**Gordon Metcalf**

Larry Peterson

Jay Borchardt

**Greeters**

**Daryl & Beth Mueller**

Pam Ludwig

**Readers**

**Beth Mueller**

Jerry Anderson

**Acolyte**

**Natalie Krause**

Reagan Borchardt

One thing life has taught us, "some people need to step on you to get a leg us in life". Did you know the way people treat you is a statement about them, not about you? When we stop taking things personally, and realize they lack self-esteem, we boost our happiness, confidence and overall well-being. We need God's help to understand how people's words, beliefs and actions are a direct mirror of how they truly feel about themselves. So why do we let anybody have the power to make us feel inferior?

*1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

In psychology, they call this behavior 'projection.' When a person unconsciously places unwanted feelings, motives or beliefs about themselves onto you. By doing this, the person is using a coping mechanism that deflects dealing with hidden emotions. Instead of dealing with their feelings of low self-esteem, they want to project those feelings of worthlessness onto someone else.

*I am a child of God and I belong to Him. John 1:12 - Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

An example of this can come from a person who knows that they are often deceitful and lies to others. When threatened to reveal the truth – this person might immediately blame anyone but themselves for the lies they have told. Telling everyone that the *other* person is lying and then projecting accusations of deceit. The pot calling the kettle black. This, of course, helps to prevent the real liar from facing the consequences of their actions. The deceitful person is not taking the opportunity to recognize what is truly happening in their own life.

*Colossians 2:13-14 - When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.*

This can be very painful for the innocent party on many levels. You realize you are being accused of being someone who lies, cheats and treats others with disrespect. In fact, the accusations are the exact trait that you clearly see in the person pointing a finger at you. If they are really masters at this tactic, they become mental magicians at trying to convince you that *you're* the unstable one. YOU are the one that needs help. In your gut, you are feeling sick and want to scream "No!" Your true self needs to be heard.

*I am strengthened for all tasks to which God calls me.*

*Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

You know the truth is being twisted, but it is likely that attempts to defend yourself are unsuccessful and even used against you. The stress hormone, cortisol starts coursing through your veins. You feel adrenaline rise out of your gut, into your chest and onto your shoulders. This is your body's chemical reaction to stress. Your sympathetic nervous system sends signals of danger throughout your body, commanding a release of substances to protect itself. These physical sensations create a mental reaction that makes you want to defend yourself.

*I am chosen by God. Ephesians 1:4 - For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. I am forgiven and my sin-debt is paid.*

Remove yourself from the negative personality and restore harmony in your body. You are not there to change the other person – because you can't. You are not there to take on the negative beliefs of the other person – because they are not yours. You are there to remain a self-preserving, valuable human being, standing in your own truth and self-worth. You've got this, you are a child of God.

*I am loved by God and nothing can separate me from His love. Romans 8:35-39 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Unless we learn to look at ourselves like God looks at us, we'll never reach the potential that He has for us. The devil messes with our mind, that is, the negative person wants to project his lack of self-esteem unto you. The negativity comes against us in every way and tries to condemn us and make us say bad things and feel bad about ourselves. But we need to realize that we are a child of God and dearly beloved by Him.

*I am a child of God and I belong to Him.* God says "I have made you precious in my eyes". Others may reject you, but God has accepted you. Your spirit has been washed in the blood of Jesus and you have been made the righteousness of God; and inside of you, God has made you a worthy new creature. God never makes failures!

Maintain power over your own self-worth. See yourself as resilient and covered in Teflon – with useless words and accusations sliding right off you. Refuse to give someone else the power over the way you see yourself. It is the positive light that is within you that is supposed to be in charge of that.

You may not feel worthy, but God says you are –" worthy to receive ALL that I have given you". It's not about our feelings, it's more about our faith. When we live by faith we please God. You are worthy because Jesus shed His blood to make you worthy. Please don't take the blood of Jesus lightly! So, God wants to encourage you, from this time forward – no looking back – begin looking at yourself through the eyes of God and be blessed!

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you." 1 Peter 1:3-4*

Your servant in Christ  
Rosie Schilling

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

John Hamann—home recovering  
Jim Imhoff—health issues—Ken's Dad  
LuAnn Mohr—home recovering—Barb Mohr-Borchardt's mom  
Tammy Blake—cancer—Bonnie's stepdaughter  
Don Hanson—heart attack—doing ok  
Dorothy—rehab in Rhinelander—Bonnie's mom  
Brian—cancer—friend of Leroy and Beth Syring  
Brian Asplund—cancer  
Marge Manecke—health issues  
Corinne Kane—friend of Cassi Bauman  
Linda Krahn—breast cancer—sister in law to the Kamenick's  
Mildred Imhoff—health issues—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:	June 3	Attendance	98
Offering:	Regular		\$2745.00
	Building		\$10.00
	Sunday School		\$1.00
	Loose		\$15.00
	New Worship Center		\$840.00
	El Salvador		\$100.00
	Total		\$3711.00



## The Bulletin Board

- In case of an emergency you can contact
  - Pastor Scott Miller—715-214-5567
- **Wednesdays**
  - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Pastor Scott will be on vacation June 12-26
  - June 17—Brent Aschenbrenner with FCA will take care of the sermon. We can lead the order of worship and the deacons can give communion
  - June 24—Chaplain Michael Wikstrom from Ft McCoy will lead the service.



We will be holding open discussion sessions June 6, June 14, and June 20 to entertain thoughts from the congregation in the selection of a new pastor. Your ideas are valued as we move forward in this process.



We will be collecting soap in June for Lutheran World Relief. Imagine not even having soap to keep your hands clean or to wash up with when fleeing violence, or in a refugee camp or country with extreme poverty. If you find you have a little extra soap on hand or when shopping next time, please consider bringing some soap to church. New bars of any brand soap **in their original wrapping**. All bar sizes are accepted, however bath-size bars are highly preferred. Any questions ask Carol Anderson.

Our second mission project for June is to collect food for the local food pantries. Summertime can be difficult for struggling families. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The crate is set-up in the foyer for items to donate.



...to everyone who sent cards and came to the house to help with work, planted flowers, and have had me in thoughts and prayers. Thank you, church, for the financial help with medical bills. I love my church family. Can't wait to be back on the "keys" permanently.

*Bonnie*

...so much for your recent donation of 17 hand-made blankets, cleaning products, personal care products, paper products, towels and non-perishable food for the clients at The Women's Community. Your donation is greatly appreciated and very gratifying. Your continued support is invaluable.

*Jane Graham Jennings, Executive Director*