

Visions of Hope

July 1, 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

Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Emergency numbers:

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Duties List

July 8

July 15

Ushers

Chad Erickson

Gary Ludwig

Brian Remus

Rick Bradley

Greeters

Gary & Dianne Bauman

Rick & Sandy Bradley

Readers

Gary Ludwig

Elaine Mueller

Acolyte

Madison Borchardt

Anna Peterson



Freedom

A lot of attention is paid this time of year to the term, Freedom. We are moving toward July 4th and the celebration of a document, and a movement, that is considered a benchmark of fundamental human rights captured in the best-known sentence in the English language:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The original draft underwent many revisions. The Centennial Congress removed nearly one-fourth of the draft, including removing some important words from abolitionist Thomas Day:

"If there be an object truly ridiculous in nature, it is an American patriot, signing resolutions of independency with the one hand, and with the other brandishing a whip over his affrighted slaves."

However, this document has been the guiding light of our nation influencing great leaders from Lincoln, who made it a center piece of his Gettysburg Address, to Martin Luther King, Jr., who called our nation of live up to the text in his famous speech in Washington, D.C., in August, 1963:

"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Followers of Christ, however, have a very different understanding of the term freedom. In Galatians 5:13, Paul gives us the definition of Christian freedom:

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another."

For Christians, we are to use our freedom in Christ to serve one another and the world. In fact, I would argue that is what the writers of the Declaration of Independence meant when they wrote the words, "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." Our nation desperately needs to recapture the true meaning of freedom; not freedom to do our "own thing," but freedom to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in "doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God." (Micah 6:9)

Pastor Scott



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

John Hamann—back in hospital
Bonnie Blake—leakage from surgery—University Hospital (address below)
Leroy Syring—heart attack—two stints put in— doing better
Arden Viegut—heart problems
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 Asplund—cancer—friend of Leroy and Beth Syring
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
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

Bonnie Blake, c/o University Hospital, 600 Highland Ave., Madison, WI 53792



....to everyone who made 4th of July cards for our Veterans in King, WI. We sent away 88. Good job!
Hope Lutheran Card Ministry

....thank you and God’s continued Blessings to you! *Ivadeane Abegglen, CUP Food Pantry, Colby*

....for the generous amount of groceries you gave to the Athens Food Pantry. We are so happy you always think of us. God bless you!
Athens Circle of Joy

There will be a Benefit for Brian Asplund on July 15, 1:00-6:00 pm at Country Aire. Brian was diagnosed with appendix cancer. He has not been able to work and has 2 teenage children at home. There will be music, a raffle, drawings and free beer. Lunch will be available. Hope to you see you there!

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	July 1	Attendance	95
Offering:	Regular		\$1795.00
	Building		\$130.00
	Sunday School		\$2.00
	Loose		\$47.00
	New Worship Center		\$155.00
	El Salvador		\$250.00
	Well		\$100.00
	Total		\$2479.00



Appearing live

Phil Stacey
July 19, 2018, 7:00 pm

Memorial Park, 209 Mueller St, Athens
Sponsored by Athens Assembly of God
Free admission
concessions available

(Phil gained national attention on season 6 of American Idol)

The Bulletin Board

- **Sunday, July 8**
 - Council meets immediately following worship
- **Tuesday, July 10**
 - 12:30-2:00 pm Christian Women meet
- **Wednesday July 11**
 - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm Bible Study

We are starting a new outreach ministry at Hope. We are going to be having a meal on the last Sunday evening of the month starting with July 29th. We will run it from 6-8pm and it will be free to the public. If you can help in anyway with this meal, please contact Rosie Bauman (715-573-0524) or Rose Schilling (715-551-1266). We are applying for a Thrivent Action Team card to help with supplies but we need your help to make more people aware of this. We will be making posters to put out in the community. So help spread the word. This is one more opportunity to show Christ-like love.



For anyone that is considering going on the El Salvador Mission Trip from February 8-16, 2019 there will be an informational meeting held on **Wednesday, July 25 at 6:30pm** at The Mill Church (217 N. Third Ave, Stratford). **Trip Cost:** \$1,350 + passport and spending money.

Registration: Opened Monday, July 2. In order to be officially registered, the participant will need to fill out the appropriate forms, pay their \$200 deposit, and fill out the short online registration at: themill.church/elsalvador. Please contact Jen Kunkel with any questions. 715.359.3735 or jen.kunkel@yahoo.com



Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 23-July 27 from 5:30-8:00pm. Please text or email Jen Kunkel by July 15 to register any children ages 3yrs - 6th grade (in the Fall) that will be attending. 715.359.3735 or jen.kunkel@yahoo.com

Hope brat fry will be August 3 and 17. There is a work list and a donation list for needed supplies on the table in the narthex. Thank you. Any questions, contact Duane Kamenick

Women of Hope Lutheran projects for July and August will be "Fill A Backpack!" and "School Kits" for LWR. These items are given locally to our schoolchildren, and school kits given to children overseas through Lutheran World Relief. It is much appreciated. Here is a list of the items needed: 8 ct. washable markers, black, blue and red pens, large pink erasers, index cards, (3x5) sharpie pens, glue sticks, folders, #2 pencils, highlighters, crayons 16 or 24 ct, baby wipes, Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon), colored pencils, rulers (with centimeter) pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, hand sanitizer (.8-12 oz), blunt scissors, medium-size Kleenex, wide-lined notebooks, and backpacks. All items need to be in by Sunday August 19. Items may be put into containers near coffee hour cupboard. Shopping lists available on coffee bar. Contact Audrey Kamenick (715-352-2714 or email her at kamenick@frontier.com or Gayle Werner (715-352-2971) or email jwpabst@frontier.com. Thank you