

Visions of Hope

July 15, 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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Secretary:

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Duties List

July 22

July 29

Ushers

Leroy Syring

Lowell Borchardt

Keith Bauman

Ken Schilling

Greeters

Leroy Syring & Beth Leffel

Ken & Rose Schilling

Readers

Rachel Ludwig

Rose Schilling

Acolyte

Haylee Schreiber

Reagan Borchardt



"The church is for losers!"

There, finally, I said it! I will proclaim from the mountain top what many of us have been saying (privately) for years: *The Church is for Losers!* When it comes to the enterprise we call the institutional church, we've got it all wrong. Our behavior in this failed experiment of trying desperately to cleanse the place of all those "others" who don't fit neatly into our understanding of what it means to be a "Christian" has exposed us as the hypocrites so many have been accusing us of being for a very long time.

When I was young we'd go to church in our Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes, sit stoically in our assigned pew, and whisper among ourselves as people walk by critiquing the worthiness of those who "have no business being here." Church was only for those who had it all together. It was only for those who were saints. It wasn't for those who didn't dress right, think right, act right, and believe right.

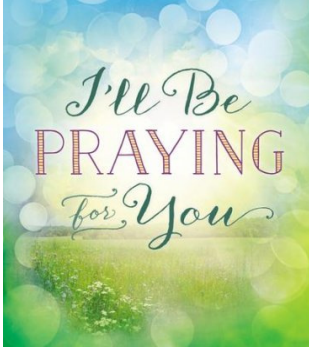
This image was reinforced in a yearly calendar we'd get from the insurance component of our denomination that would show a family: father, mother, and two children (the boy being the oldest and the girl the youngest) all dressed up in suits and dresses, the mother wearing a hat. That picture said it all. "Here is a good, Christian family."

It was reinforced by the way we conducted worship. The sacraments were only for "members in good standing." If you didn't have your act together, don't bother coming to the altar. If you didn't have that little card, signed by the pastor the night before, you'd be sitting in the pew while others paraded to the front, secure in their own righteousness, to receive the good stuff, God's forgiveness for sins they apparently hadn't committed. The rest of us were relegated to being spectators until we were righteous enough.

Jesus spent his whole life hanging out with the losers; the riffraff of the world. The prostitutes, the government workers, the unclean, the sick, the poor, the smelly, the doubters, were the followers of the earthly Jesus.

The Church for Losers! Please, Lord, help others find this place of light and love and grace before it's too late.

Pastor Scott



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

Paulette Kroll—cancer returned—cousin of Audrey Kamenick
Bill Wiederhoeft—health
John Hamann—home recovering
Bonnie Blake—leakage from surgery
Shyra Martyn—House of Dove
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
Mildred Imhoff—health issues—Ken’s mother
Grace Schraufnagel—cancer—friend of the Streckert’s
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



...for the food donation. It will go to family in need. *King Food Pantry, Spencer*

....for your wonderful donation of food and hygiene items to the Stratford Food Pantry. When people find themselves in “Hard Times”, your gifts of food to help them means so much to them. They are so thankful for your kindness and help. Thank you and God Bless you all! *The Stratford Food Pantry*



Edgar Women’s Club Book and Bake Sale will be held July 25th 9:00 am—7:00 pm at the Edgar Village Hall.

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

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	July 15	Attendance	90
Offering:	Regular		\$2100.00
	Mission		\$10.00
	Sunday School		\$2.00
	Loose		\$86.00
	New Worship Center		\$175.00
	Well		\$100.00
	Total		\$2473.00



Due to schedules and low participation rates, we have decided to postpone Vacation Bible School to the week of August 13-17 from 5:30-8:00 pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the back counter in church to register. Please sign up by August 5th. The program is open to all children ages 3yrs - 6th grade (in the Fall). Please see Jen or contact her at 715.359.3735 or jen.kunkel@yahoo.com with any questions.

The Bulletin Board

- **Wednesday July 25**
 - 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm Bible Study
- **Friday, July 27**
 - 5:00 pm Youth Hangout—at Ludwig's
- **Sunday, July 29**
 - Quarterly meeting following worship
 - 6:00-8:00 pm Community Meal
- **Friday, August 3**
 - 9:00 am—3:00 pm—Brat Fry



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. Please bring ALL donations and drop them off in the kitchen by Sunday, July 29. 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

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.



Youth hangout on July 27th, 5:00 pm! Bring a friend to the Ludwig's (W7571 County Road M, Shawano, WI 54166) and join us for an afternoon river float, yard games/ activities, and an evening fire. Please reach out to Cedric at 715-573-3915 if you plan on attending and if you will be bringing anyone with you.