

# 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:**

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Sunday School  
8:45-9:30 am

Communion  
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

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**Duties List**

**June 24**

July 1

**Ushers**

**Gary Bauman**

**Scott Bauman**

Andy Yoder

Ron Kunkel

**Greeters**

**Brian Remus**

Jodene Leffel

**Readers**

**Jen Kunkel**

Michelle Bauman

**Acolyte**

**Kylie Mueller**

Lily Yoder

Matthew 6: 1-4

*"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So, when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

There is a Chinese saying that goes: "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." For centuries, the greatest thinkers have suggested the same thing: Happiness is found in helping others.

Here are some quotes about giving that I found on the interweb!!

*For it is in giving that we receive — Saint Francis of Assisi*

*The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity — Leo Tolstoy*

*We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give — Winston Churchill*

*Making money is a happiness; making other people happy is a superhappiness — Nobel Peace Prize recipient Muhammad Yunus*

*Giving back is as good for you as it is for those you are helping, because giving gives you purpose. When you have a purpose-driven life, you're a happier person — Goldie Hawn*

I had to chuckle when I read all the Peace Prize winners and famous leaders, and then the last quote was from Goldie Hawn. Funny, yet poignant.

And so, we learn early: It is better to give than to receive. The venerable adage is drummed into our heads from our first slice of a shared birthday cake. But is there a deeper truth behind the truism? The resounding answer is yes. Scientific research provides compelling data to support the anecdotal evidence that giving is a powerful pathway to personal growth and lasting happiness. Through technology, we now know that giving activates the same parts of the brain that are stimulated by food and intimate relationships. Experiments show evidence that altruism is hardwired in the brain—and it's pleasurable. Helping others may just be the secret to living a life that is not only happier but also healthier, wealthier, more productive, and meaningful.

But it's important to remember that giving doesn't *always* feel great. The opposite could very well be true: Giving can make us feel depleted and taken advantage of. Here are some tips to that will help you give not until it hurts, but until it feels great:

**1. Find your passion, as Pastor said in last Sunday's sermon.**

Our passion should be the foundation for our giving. It is not *how much* we give, but *how much love* we put into giving. It's only natural that we will care about this and not so much about that, and that's OK. It should not be simply a matter of choosing the right thing, but also a matter of choosing what is right for us.

**2. Give your time**

The gift of time is often more valuable to the receiver and more satisfying for the giver than the gift of money. We don't all have the same amount of money, but we all do have time on our hands, and can give some of this time to help others—whether that means we devote our lifetimes to service, or just give a few hours each day or a few days a year.

**3. Give to organizations with transparent aims and results**

According to Harvard scientist Michael Norton, "Giving to a cause that specifies what they're going to do with your money leads to more happiness than giving to an umbrella cause where you're not so sure where your money is going." This is one of the principles of giving for Hope Church. Find the need in the community and give to those in need.

**4. Find ways to integrate your interests and skills with the needs of others**

"Selfless giving, in the absence of self-preservation instincts, easily becomes overwhelming," says Adam Grant, author of *Give & Take*. It is important to be willing to give to the immediate need at

hand. Which means being willing to give more than you receive, but still keeping your own interests in sight.

### 5. Be proactive, not reactive

We have all felt the dread that comes from being cajoled or shamed into giving, such as when friends ask us to donate to their fundraisers. In these cases, we are more likely to give to avoid humiliation rather than out of generosity and concern. This type of giving doesn't lead to a warm glow feeling; more likely it will lead to resentment. Instead we should set aside time, think about our options, and find the best charity for our values.

### 6. Don't be guilt-tripped into giving

We don't want to discourage people from giving to good causes just because that doesn't always cheer us up. If we gave only to get something back each time we gave, what a dreadful, opportunistic world this would be! Yet if we are feeling guilt-tripped into giving, chances are we will not be very committed over time to the cause.

The key is to find the approach that fits us. When we do, then the more we give, the more we stand to gain purpose, meaning and happiness—all of the things that we look for in life but are so hard to find.

What does Jesus have to say about giving to the needy? There are many places to turn in the gospels to answer this question. One place to turn is the middle of the Sermon on the Mount. Some would look at Matthew 6:1-4 and stop there. Jesus does teach directly on the disciple's obligation to give to the needy in these verses. However, in Matthew 6:19-34 Jesus continues his thoughts on giving to the needy by helping us with our attitude about money, possessions, and things, and by teaching us what our focus in life should be—God's kingdom and his righteousness.

Your servant in Christ  
Rosie Schilling.



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

Leroy Syring—heart attack—two stints put in— doing better  
Arden Viegut—heart problems  
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  
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



...I cannot begin to explain how humbling it is to be part of something so wonderful for a great person like Shyra Martyn. Because of people like you we had an awesome turnout for the benefit and raised enough money for Shyra and her family to spend the time they have left making memories together. Thank you for allowing me to come and share about our benefit and for your generous donation. Live Generously!  
God Bless you all,  
*Brittany Schreiber and Shyra Martyn planning crew.*

# Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	June 17	Attendance	78
Offering:	Regular		\$1260.00
	Mission		\$60.00
	Building		\$60.00
	Sunday School		\$4.00
	Loose		\$7.00
	New Worship Center		\$270.00
	El Salvador		\$200.00
	Well		\$200.00
	Total		\$2061.00

Mark Your Calendar

## Hope brat fry

will be held  
on Fridays,  
August 3 & 17  
9:00-3:00



### The Bulletin Board

- In case of an emergency you can contact
  - Pastor Scott Miller—715-214-5567
- **Wednesday June 20**
  - NO 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Pastor Scott will be on vacation June 12-26
  - June 24—Chaplain Michael Wikstrom from Ft McCoy will lead the service with communion



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. We are gearing this towards any individuals or families who have a hard time purchasing groceries toward the end of the month but it will be open to all. We will be looking for volunteers to help with serving this meal as well as Thrivent members who may be interested in applying for one of their Action Team cards to help with the purchase of food and/or supplies for this. Also, if you have any contact with businesses that

may be willing to help sponsor this, let us know. Please contact Rosie Bauman (715-573-0524) or Rose Schilling (715-551-1266) if your heart is moved to help with this in any way. This is one more opportunity to show Christ-like love to our surrounding community. High school students who need a service project to add to their senior folder/resume, this would definitely qualify!



Our collecting of soap will continue through 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.

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. **ALL items are due Sunday, June 24.** Thank you

The Card Ministry will be sending 4th of July cards to our Veterans. If you are interested in making cards, please put them in the secretary's office by June 29. Thank you

