

Visions of Hope

September 16, 2018



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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
8:45-9:25 am

Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

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Duties List

September 23

September 30

Ushers

Jay Borchardt

Ken Schilling

Keith Bauman

Ron Kunkel

Greeters

Russ Bauman

Pam Ludwig

Readers

Rose Schilling

Gary Ludwig

Acolyte

Reagan Borchardt

Madison Borchardt

But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace (Psalms 37:11).

A gentle spirit, a kind heart, a genuine interest in the needs and concerns of others: these are the markings of the meek. They are slow to anger, self-sacrificing and available to listen. They are the kind of people that we like to be around. They don't make us feel threatened, but loved. They don't seem to be preoccupied with things of themselves, but are able to push aside self-interests to be there for someone else. These are the Christians we would want to be more like. For in them we see a true spirit of meekness to the likeness of the heart of Christ.

You might have heard meekness defined as "power under control." While I like that definition, I would offer another one, that being that meekness in its purest form is "power in control." Anywhere we would view power in terms of an ability to control another or a group, we find that the truest power was that of our Lord Jesus, and that power was demonstrated through service to others. This "power in control" is a demonstration of the true power, the power given by the Holy Spirit. The power of God, and Him being in control of a mankind's spirit. For if the heart of the mankind is to be powerful and in control then meekness and kindness have no place in our hearts.

The meek are blessings to our lives. Jesus tells us that the meek are blessed. We are fortunate to have them in our lives. It seems that the blessings that are within them frequently spill over into the lives of us who are around them, and those of us who are fortunate to call them our friends, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We describe them with such phrases as, "He would do anything for you," or "She is always ready to listen, and really cares." But they don't want us to glorify them. They would be the first to push away recognition for themselves—that's the nature of the meek. Instead, we should glorify the Lord who makes His Spirit so apparent in the lives of those who follow in His footsteps of meekness. We don't know a better way to describe them than to say that as we look into their faces and into their eyes, we see a reflection of the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus. In spending time with them, it becomes evident who resides in their hearts—it is the Spirit of the living God.

Some of us would like to see meekness as a temperament, a weakness or a personality trait. We might see the need to be meek as an impossibility because it is not a part of who we are, being meek is not a "macho" or a strong trait. Some people may have a predisposition toward meekness, yet it is the Spirit of Christ in us that brings out true meekness. Being meek does not mean we lie down, throw a blanket over ourselves and let the world beat us down. Not at all. Being meek and kind are powerful tools in which we can "love our neighbors, as ourselves" and to be strong in the Holy Spirit.

Some of us may have a difficult time being meek. The truth is, "We all have our natural strengths and weaknesses." Yet it is the spiritual, powerful meekness of Christ within us that will bring out the spirit of meekness and kindness in each of us. To translate a verse in *James 1:5*, "If any of you lack [meekness], let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and rebukes not; and it shall be given him." Though it is weakness and foolishness to the world, meekness is a beautiful manifestation of God's power--and it's the power to draw a lost world to a loving Lord. Let's consider meekness as a gift from God and ask God for the gift meekness and kindness.

No matter how dark the valley seems, the light of Christ can be with us. We can draw near to the warmth of His light, draw near to Him, and draw from the perfect meekness and peace of Christ, and we will have endless joy. Seek Him out and draw near to Him. Learn from Him what it means to remain in Him and to be meek. Spend adequate time with Him each day, and you will have all that you need.

Being meek is not a weakness, it's finding strength in Christ Jesus. It is a willingness to follow through with His command to "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you". *Ephesians 4:32*

Your servant in Christ
Rose Schilling

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers



Lila Viegut—serious blood disease—cousin of Arden
Rose Schilling—vertigo and nausea
Bob Pelatzke—recovering from surgery
Paulette Kroll—cancer—cousin of Audrey Kamenick
Bill Wiederhoeft—cancer
John Hamann—home recovering
Bonnie Blake—Prayers of healing
Leroy Syring—home recovering
Jim Imhoff—health issues—Ken's Dad
LuAnn Mohr—home recovering—Barb Mohr-Borchardt'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

Please pray for Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action. Julaine has been diagnosed with a rare cancer that is located in her left shoulder. It has **not** metastasized, and she has been assured it is treatable. She will be receiving daily radiation treatments (20-33 all totaled) starting September 24th. I know this information may cause concern, but I also know many of you have similar situations and circumstances that are affecting you and your loved ones. So this is my request: starting on September 24 and through the end of October (when the treatments might be over) that we would join in prayer together, twice a day at 9:24 am and 9:24 pm to lift Julaine and all the other WFA "family members" before the throne of God. The purpose is to intercede for one another and bring both known and unknown requests to our loving Lord. Here's my prayer as we begin this prayer effort:

Dear Precious Jesus: We come before You in praise for Your awesome power, loving kindness and everlasting mercy. You have created all things and know all things. We lift Julaine and all our other family members before You. You know the needs better than we do. We ask for Your healing virtue to flow and minister to Your people. Help us to fight against fear and all the lies that our enemy uses to destroy our hope and undermine our faith. Instead, help us to proclaim Your great love for us. Give us power and strength to put our trust in You. Help us to keep our mind on You and Your promises. Thank You for hearing our prayer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

I believe in the power of prayer. As we join in unity and intercession twice a day, expect God to move mountains!!
Michael Messar, Board Chairman



.... so much for the 12 backpacks filled with school supplies! We had many happy and appreciative families when they came to school and picked up their backpacks. Thank you!

Lisa Witt, Edgar Elementary School



Please join us as we celebrate **Vernon Nahrings' 100th birthday** on Sunday, September 23 (his actual birthdate is September 24). We will be serving cake immediately following worship,

Also, Sunday, September 30, there will be an Open House at the Fenwood Village Hall, 12:00-4:00 pm. Everyone is invited to both celebrations.

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	September 16	Attendance	99
Offering:	Regular		\$1550.00
	Building		\$50.00
	Loose		\$53.00
	Prayer Garden		\$20.00
	New Worship Center		\$135.00
	Sunday School		\$10.00
	Well		\$100.00
	Mission		\$20.00
	Total		\$1938.00



Confirmation will be held
Sunday, October 28

The Bulletin Board

- **Wednesday, September 19**
 - 2:00 pm Bible Study
 - 5:15 pm Youth Group/Confirmation begins
- **Sunday, September 23**
 - 8:45-9:25 am Sunday School
 - 9:30 am Worship—we welcome Pastor Kevin Arndt
 - 1:00 pm Blanket tying for The Hannah Center
- **Wednesday, September 26**
 - 2:00 pm Bible Study
 - 5:15 pm Youth Group/Confirmation begins
- **Sunday, September 30**
 - 5:00-7:00 pm FREE Community Meal

OUR SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT is for the Hannah Center in Marshfield. They started out with the purpose of providing options for pregnant women that could no longer remain in their home environment and have expanded to include help for any woman in crisis, pregnant or not. The list of wants is quite extensive so please pick up a sheet on the coffee hour counter. Some of the requested items are quite large and/or costly so if you wish to put cash in an envelope and mark it Hannah Center, that would be acceptable too. If you have any questions, see Beth Mueller



We will be tying fleece blankets for Hannah House on Sunday, September 23rd at 1:00pm at church. Please come and join us as we try to make this impact on the Women and Children that are served there.

On October 15 Rick Bradley and LeRoy Syring will be traveling to Washington DC on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. We are asking family and friends to send them cards that they will receive during "mail call" on the flight home. If you are interested in sending them a card, have it postmarked by October 5th and send it to:

(Veteran's name)
c/o Never Forgotten Honor Flight
903 S. 17th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401

They will return the same day with a welcome home celebration at CWA. If interested, arrive at the airport by 9:00pm as the veterans will be arriving around 9:30pm.

Sign Up ▶

Our Pasta Dinner will be held Saturday, October 20, 4:30-7:30 pm. There will be a sign up sheet for needed items available Sunday, September 23. Please sign up as soon as possible. More information to follow.