

Visions of Hope

September 2, 2018



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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 Worship
9:30 am

Sunday School
8:45-9:25 am

Communion
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

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Duties List

September 9
September 16

Ushers

Chad Erickson
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Rick Bradley
Leroy Syring

Greeters

Gwen Bauman
Daryl & Beth Mueller

Readers

Rachel Ludwig
Elaine Mueller

Acolyte

Haylee Schreiber
Kylie Mueller

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

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

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
Rose Schilling

PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

Bob Pelatzke—upcoming surgery on Sept. 11—JoAnn’s husband
Dorothy—valve replacement—Bonnie’s mom
Paulette Kroll—cancer returned—cousin of Audrey Kamenick
Bill Wiederhoeft—health
John Hamann—home recovering
Bonnie Blake—Prayers of healing *see note below
Leroy Syring—home recovering
Arden Viegut—heart problems
Jim Imhoff—health issues—Ken’s Dad
LuAnn Mohr—home recovering—Barb Mohr-Borchardt’s mom
Don Hanson—heart attack—doing ok
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



There will be a ‘Celebration of Life’ held Saturday, September 8, 1:00-5:00 pm in memory of Shyra Martyn at the Frankfort Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate her life with us. Food will be provided.

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	September 2	Attendance	96
Offering:	Regular		\$2280.00
	Loose		\$25.00
	Building		\$120.00
	New Worship Center		\$680.00
	El Salvador		\$200.00
	Sunday School		\$1.00
	Well		\$100.00
	Total		\$3406.00



The Bulletin Board

- **Sunday, September 9**
 - **Outdoor worship with JJ Schmitt**
 - 8:45 am Sunday School starts
- **Tuesday, September 11**
 - 12:30-2:00 pm Christian Women meet
- **Wednesday, September 12**
 - 2:00 pm Bible Study
 - 5:15 pm Youth Group/Confirmation begins
- **Thursday, September 13**
 - Ladies day at Forest Springs



Youth from 7-10 grade are welcome to join Hope's Youth Group / Confirmation classes. We will be following the same format as last year. Meeting every Wednesday night, starting September 12, 5:15-8:00 pm. There will be activities, a meal, more activities/games and a lesson each week. Attached is registration form to be completed to help things go smoothly. The youth are our future. The youth are our NOW. Any questions, please contact Cedric.

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.



We will be hosting our monthly Community Meal on Sunday, September 30, 5:00-7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. We would like to send out a special invite to all of our veterans in the area. Please come and enjoy an hour or two of fellowship with neighbors and friends. We will also be adding a family-friendly movie that will begin at 7:00 pm