

# Visions of Hope

September 23, 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

Sunday School  
8:45-9:25 am

Communion  
1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

**Emergency numbers:**

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**Secretary:**

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**Duties List**

**September 30**  
October 7

**Ushers**

Keith Bauman  
Ron Kunkel  
Larry Peterson  
Daryl Mueller

**Greeters**

Pam Ludwig  
Brian Remus

**Readers**

Gary Ludwig  
Beth Mueller

**Acolyte**

Madison Borchardt  
Ashley Erickson



## Hidden in Plain Sight

I spent the past weekend attending "Parents' Day" at Luther College. It was fun to spend some time with my daughter, Cassidy, like most incoming freshmen at college, is struggling to find her way in a strange environment. I know that she will find her way. It may take a little while, but one day she'll figure out how to navigate the college environment and when that happens she'll take off like a rocket. As much as I told myself that we were going because Cassidy missed her mother and me, truth be told, I needed to go more for myself. She is one of those exceptional kids who brings joy and love into our family and there is a void where one never existed before.

We didn't attend the several events that were held at Luther College. Instead, we explored the cute little town that is Decorah, Iowa. A town steeped in Norwegian mythology. It seemed that we'd been transported through some time/dimensional vortex and suddenly landed on the actual shores of Norway. Norwegian stuff was everywhere.

On Saturday, after an exhaustive excursion around the city, we were taking a little 'rest' by vegging out in front of the television. I was flipping through the channels trying to find some college football game, when I stumbled on some fellow trying to sell me "religious secrets." He was a master of manipulation. He kept saying, "In just a moment I will reveal to you the *secrets hidden in plain sight* in the Bible that will change your life forever..." He never, however, actually got to the supposed "secrets hidden in plain sight" He was one of those prosperity gospel hucksters. A person who believes that, despite all the evidence in Jesus' actual life, what God really wants is for you to be wealthy. To get there all you need to do is send him your money! Seems the only one getting rich was him.

There are no *secrets hidden in plain sight* in the Bible. God doesn't play games. There isn't some secret code requiring only the right decoder ring that will suddenly open up the heavenly bounty. It's simply in plain sight in the person of Jesus Christ. Don't try to sell me the seven steps to spiritual enlightenment, the six steps to heavenly bounty, or the four box tops and a few bucks that will bring me the Little Orphan Annie decoder ring. Just give me Jesus!

Just give me Jesus. Everything that God wants to give us is in Christ. Christ came to "make known" the Father. What did Christ reveal? That God is love. We are called to love. Love our neighbors. Love our friends. Love our enemies. Love those who are truly unlovable. Love without limit. Without exception.

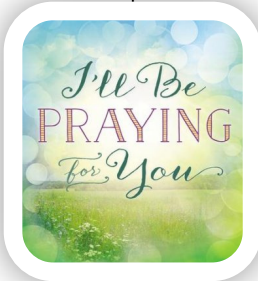
We live in a very divisive time. Some try to say it is more divisive than ever: It's not. We've seen times like this before, and we'll see them again. In times like this it's important to remember the words of a great song by Dan Schutte taken from Isaiah 54:

*Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust  
Yet the love of the Lord will stand  
As a shelter for all who will call on His name  
Sing the praise and the glory of God*

*Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget his love?  
Though a mother forsake her child, He will not abandon you*

Just give me Jesus!

Pastor Scott



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

Lila Viegut—serious blood disease—cousin of Arden  
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



Looking for 2 delegates to go the LCMC Annual Gathering and Convention which is being held in Des Moines, IA, October 7-10. You can find all the information about registration on their website at [www.LCMC.net](http://www.LCMC.net).



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 5<sup>th</sup> and send it to:

(Veteran’s name)  
c/o Never Forgotten Honor Flight  
903 S. 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	September 23	Attendance	107
Offering:	Regular		\$1585.00
	Building		\$5.00
	Loose		\$44.00
	El Salvador		\$100.00
	New Worship Center		\$155.00
	Sunday School		\$5.00
	Mission		\$10.00
	Total		\$1904.00



## The Bulletin Board

- **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
- **Wednesday, October 3**
  - 2:00 pm Bible Study
  - 5:15 pm Youth Group/Confirmation begins
- **Sunday, October 28**
  - **Confirmation**
  - **Quarterly Meeting**—positions needed to be filled are:
    - President—Brian goes off but can be reelected
    - Vice-President—Rose Schilling goes off and cannot be reelected
    - 1 Deacon—Russ filled in for Chad—can be reelected
    - 2 Audit Committee—Ron and Gary go off
    - 2 Parish Ed—Cindy Yoder goes off
    - 3 Finance Committee—Ron, Larry, Ken and Michelle go off
    - 1 Cemetery Board—Lowell goes off
  - **Trunk or Treat** to following worship service

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

**OUR SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT** for the Hannah Center in Marshfield is coming to an end. Please have all items to church by Sunday, September 30. Thank you to everyone who helped tie blankets on Sunday. Was greatly appreciated.

**FREE  
community  
MEAL**

We will be hosting our monthly FREE 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