

Visions of Hope

October 28, 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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Duties List

November 4

November 11

Ushers

Chad Erickson

Brian Remus

Rick Bradley

LeRoy Syring

Greeters

Debbie Bauman

Rick & Sandy Bradley

Readers

Jen Kunkel

Rachel Ludwig

Acolyte

Valerie Czech

Abigail Borchardt



“Speak only of what you know!”

I was serving a congregation in Scottsdale, Arizona. There was this member who continued to bug me about all of his “Get rich quick” schemes. I was always polite, but firm, with my no. He also pestered me about going with him to a “Christian Men’s Luncheon.” Seems he was a member of some group that met monthly and listened to some speaker. Again, I was polite, but firm, with my no. A part of the reason was that I am a card-carrying member of the skeptics society. I have yet to understand the nuance between a “Men’s Luncheon” and a “Christian Men’s Luncheon.” It would seem that if you’re trying to attract more people, just calling in a Men’s Luncheon would be more effective. However, I digress.

I finally said yes, after months of pestering, when I heard the speaker was an astrophysicists. I have an immense interest in all things ‘Universe.’ The awe, the vastness, the mystery, the unknown, have always pulled me to know more about the Universe. I loved Carl Sagan and couldn’t wait to get a hold of his book, *Cosmos*. So, away we went to the “Christian Men’s Luncheon.”

The speaker was introduced, and as he started speaking I came to the painful realization that the topic wasn’t going to be about the wonders of the Universe, but a lecture on the Bible. A bad, very bad, lecture about the Bible filled with much misinformation. He may have been a great astrophysicists, but he was a lousy theologian. All I could think of in that moment was, “Speak only of what you know.”

The Bible, in Job, reminds us to be weary of those who “speak words without knowledge.” The Old and New Testaments contain numerous reminders to be vigilant about people willing to speak “words without knowledge.” One of those is found in Paul’s letter to the Romans: *“For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.”*

We live in a time when there are a lot of folks more than willing to speak words without knowledge. As we endure another election cycle (seems we are constantly in an election cycle) there are many politicians more than willing to speak at length about matters of which they know not! It’s not just politicians however, it is a lot of religious folks who seem to speak about matters of which they do not know. We call this gossip!

In the annuals of religion and politics it seems that everyone is an expert. I’ve never been asked to speak at a physics conference on the dynamics of the Universe. If, by some fluke, I was asked, I’d have to simply say, “I speak only of what I know,” and I don’t know all that much so it would be a waste of my time and yours. It’s perfectly okay to say, “I don’t know.” How refreshing it would be if more people would simply say, “I just don’t know about that...!”

Scott



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

Dean Schmidt—health—friend of LeRoy and Beth
Diane Shanks—cancer—friend of LeRoy and Beth
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
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



- Saturday, November 3
 - Blood Drive at Bethlehem, Milan
9:00 am—1:00 pm
- Sunday, November 4
 - Pancake Breakfast, St. John Baptist, Edgar
8:00 am—10:30 am
 - Edgar Holiday Parade, 1:00 pm
- Friday, November 16
 - Annual Christmas Bazaar Fish and Shrimp Fry, St. John the Baptist PCCW, Edgar, serving from 4:00-7:30 pm. Includes: Bake sale, book fair and Children’s Only Shop. Carry outs for the dinner is available by calling 715-352-3111
- Saturday, November 17
 - St. John the Baptist School will hold its annual Vendor/Craft sale from 9:00 am—3:30 pm in the church dining hall. Over a dozen vendors and lunch available form 11:00 am-1:00 pm. On the menu is chili, walking tacos and all the fixins. A wide assortment of baked goods too.

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	October 28	Attendance	132
Offering:	Regular		\$1765.00
	Building		\$10.00
	FCA		\$100.00
	Loose		\$80.00
	Youth Group		\$20.00
	New Worship Center		\$145.00
	Sunday School		\$7.67
	El Salvador		\$200.00
	Missions		\$25.00
	Total		\$2352.67



The Bulletin Board

- **Wednesday, October 31**
 - 2:00 pm Bible Study—PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last Bible Study for a while
 - NO Confirmation
 - 6:00-7:30 pm Haunted Rooms
- **Saturday, November 3**
 - Before you go to bed, turn your clocks BACK one hour
- **Sunday, November 4**
 - All Saint's Sunday
 - **ALTAR GUILD**—please note! Starting November we will be having individual cups on the 1st Sunday of each month. Intinction on the 3rd and 5th Sunday. Any questions, see Dianne
- **Wednesday, November 21**
 - 7:00 pm—Thanksgiving Eve Joint Service at Peace Lutheran Church



...to Russ Bauman, and Pastor Scott loading our LWR boxes. Thank you Lowell Borchardt and Rosie Bauman for delivering them to Marshfield. We sent 116 Health Kits, 112 School Kits, and 50 Baby Care to LWR. Your kindness and generosity in donating to the projects will be greatly appreciated by the ones in need. *Audrey Kamenick Carol Anderson*



It's Shoebox Time! Beginning now through Sunday, November 11th, we will be collecting packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Here's how it works: 1. Pick up an empty shoebox from the narthex (or use your own); 2. Pick up a shoebox brochure; 3. Pack the box with toys, stuffed animals, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. and affix a label to the box indicating the gender and age of the intended recipient; 3. Insert \$9 in the shoebox to cover

shipping costs; 4. Return the packed box to the narthex. For more information about this Samaritan's Purse program, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/ or see Jen Kunkel.

Reminder

NO Confirmation/Youth group on Wednesday, October 31. **Our Sunday School rooms are transformed into haunted rooms. This will be for our SS children-youth group.** Parents feel free to accompany your child/ren. It will be from 6:00-7:30 pm. Lunch will be served as you finish the tour!



On Sunday November 4th, our 3 year olds and second grade classes will be receiving their bibles. If possible, any families with children in these classes please stay for the church service so their children can be presented with their bibles.