

Visions of Hope

October 7, 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

October 14

October 21

Ushers

Russ Bauman
Gary Ludwig
Scott Bauman
Gary Bauman

Greeters

Jodene Leffel
Gary & Dianne Bauman

Readers

Jerry Anderson
Michelle Bauman

Acolyte

Natalie Krause
Anna Peterson



Storytellers

(data collectors with a soul)

Dr. Brene Brown is a dynamic speaker, sociologists, and all around incredible individual. She is a research sociologists at the University of Houston. When she was asked to speak at a notable event, the event organizer was struggling to find a way to portray her in the literature promoting the event. The organizer was afraid if she simply put that Dr. Brown was a research sociologists, people would think she was boring. Contacting Dr. Brown she wanted to know if calling her simply a "storyteller" would be okay (the event organizer had heard her speak and was literally blown away by her talk). Taken aback by the description, Dr. Brown came to the realization that she was, in fact, a storyteller. She added a simple qualifier: "Please refer to me as a storyteller with a soul."

Jesus is the great storyteller. The Bible stories we all love were, in fact, communicated from generation to generation using story. Yet, I know that most people don't really understand the power of storytellers in our society where we find all sorts of professionals with long resumes filled with all sorts of academic accolades who bore us to death. Storytellers are, indeed. really research folks with a soul.

Dr. Brown talks about three essential components that comprise the human condition: **connection, courage, and compassion**. Reading her work, I was struck by how her research was reflecting the life of the earthly Jesus. The first component Dr. Brown sees as essential is connection. Jesus nails the connection that is needed. We are to seek a connection with God and with our neighbor. He tells us this because connection is why we exist. We are born seeking connection. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God..." The necessity of the church, Christ's presence in our world, is to foster this vital connection.

The second is to live with courage. Now courage is different from bravery. Courage, whose root word means heart, is to live with our whole heart. Again, Jesus reminds us to love God and our neighbor with our whole heart. A companion of courage is humility and a willingness to be vulnerable. It is the recognition that I am completely and totally imperfect and reliant solely on God. In the midst of this imperfection, God has declared His complete, unchanging love for all His children. God knows that what makes you vulnerable also is what makes you beautiful.

Lastly, is compassion. I am called to love my neighbor as myself. That means I have to actually love myself, warts, imperfections, and all. I have to be willing to show compassion, not just to others, but to myself. I am always amazed at how good we are at beating ourselves up.

You can see the problem. While we live in a world more connected than ever before, we are experiencing an avalanche of people who tell me all the time how "disconnected" they feel. We substitute courage with bravado, and NEVER, EVER show vulnerability. Instead of saying, "I really messed this up," we blame everyone else for our struggles. What you perhaps don't know is that blame is simply a way to discharge my own pain and discomfort. And, we live in a world that is devoid of human compassion.

The challenge for the church, and all who follow Jesus, is to embody the essence of what it means to be claimed by God. To seek connection with God and neighbor, live with courage, and embrace compassion.

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



....once again we would like to thank you for your generous gift of school supplies. Every year we are able to help numerous children who are in need. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Stratford Elementary School

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Stark’s Floral**, Edgar is having their Annual Golden Ladle Soup Contest and Cake Bingo on Sunday, October 14, 4:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the Edgar Holiday Parade.
- **St. John the Baptist Parish**, Edgar Youth Group will hold its annual **Baked Potato Bar** on Wednesday, October 17, 4:00-6:30 in the church dining hall. Adults—\$7.00, children under 12—\$4.00 and age 4 and under are free. Carry outs available—715-353-3111.
- **St. John ELCA**, Hwy N is having an All You Can Eat Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes on Sunday, October 14, 8:00 am-12:30 pm. They will be served with real maple syrup, sausage, cheese, applesauce, bars, coffee and milk. There will also be homemade pies for sale and a basket raffle. Prices: Adults—\$7.00; 6-12—\$4.00; under 5 free.

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	October 7	Attendance	83
Offering:	Regular		\$1095.00
	Mission		\$50.00
	Loose		\$35.00
	El Salvador		\$450.00
	New Worship Center		\$190.00
	Sunday School		\$9.00
	FCA		\$100.00
	Total		\$1929.00

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Call Committee has decided **NOT** to take the poll regarding whether or not to extend a call to Pastor Scott Miller at this time. We apologize for any concerns this may have presented to anyone.

The Bulletin Board

- **Wednesday, October 17**
 - 2:00 pm Bible Study
 - 5:15-7:30 pm Confirmation
- **Saturday, October 20**
 - All you can eat Italian Dinner
 - Sign up sheets are available for needed items and also for working
- **Sunday, October 21 (NOT October 28)**
 - **Quarterly Meeting—Voting for new council members**
 - 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
- **Sunday, October 28**
 - Confirmation
 - Trunk or Treat
 - FREE Community Meal, 5:00-7:00 pm



Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on October 28th following the church service. Everyone is invited to participate in handing out goodies to the children in the congregation that day. No candy if possible though, please!! Bags for treats will be provided. All kids are welcome!!

Our LWR boxes will be collected at Faith Lutheran in Marshfield on October 27. The semi will be there for loading from 8:30-9:30am. However, they have told us that if anyone can bring them down on Friday, the 26th, they will make sure someone is there for that. Please let Rosie Bauman know if you can help in taking our boxes in this year. Thank you.

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Military, College and Technical School Members of Hope

Here is a list of our members that are currently going to school or are in the military. Anything you can do to support them would be greatly appreciated. Maybe that is just a "thinking of you" letter, a holiday card, a gift card, a gas card or some items that you think any of them could use. Questions, please see Ron Kunkel.

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