

# Visions of Hope

September 30, 2018



4356 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

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**Duties List**

**October 7**

October 14

**Ushers**

Larry Peterson  
Daryl Mueller  
Russ Bauman  
Gary Ludwig

**Greeters**

Brian Remus  
Jodene Leffel

**Readers**

Beth Mueller  
Jerry Anderson

**Acolyte**

Ashley Erickson  
Natalie Krause

I have had vertigo or dizzy spells for the last 30 days. My troubles suffocate me. Worry entangles me. By night I can't sleep, by day I can't rest. The burden of suffering is intolerable and I cried a lot. I am having a real fun pity party, even without alcohol. I thought I was dizzy enough without adding alcohol to the mix. I am just like so many, I can't seem to lay my burden down.

Where is God? Why doesn't he answer my prayers? Does He know? At least he should know. Is He near, or somewhere distant, only watching? Wait!! Back that "pity party" truck up Rosie, did you really pray? Or did you just moan and groan hoping God will figure out what's wrong and just take care of it for you? That can be a problem, of course God knows all, but He wants to hear the prayer coming from our hearts.

Has God forgotten me? Does He hate me? Why does He seem to hide Himself? I am weary of my health issues, tired of feeling like crap. I want God to answer me in person, so don't wait to the last minute to "take it to the Lord in prayer". God knows me, but I need to do my part in keeping that relationship alive and well.

There was once a man named Job. He too was plagued with so many trials and troubles. Job is blameless and upright, a man of such integrity that even God likes to show him off. If anyone deserves blessings, Job does. Yet one day God puts him to the test. Job's life falls to pieces; calamity of every kind descends upon him. Raiders sweep his fields; his livestock are captured or destroyed; his servants are put to the sword; a house collapses on his sons and daughters and kills them all. Disease strikes him, and he is covered with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. In all this, he submits patiently to God, only to be mocked by his wife, who tells him to "curse God and die!" (Job 2:9) Friends arrive, and still he is patient. For days they sit with him in silence, seeing how greatly he suffers. Ok, ok, so vertigo doesn't compare to all that Job went through. I told you I was having a great pity party!!

There is one thing that Job was right about: He didn't deserve what was happening. Not all suffering is our fault. Although we do bring suffering upon ourselves sometimes. Adulterers can and often destroy their homes, drunks their livers, wasters their wealth, we have financial problems, and the list goes on and on. Yet the innocent suffer too. Dreadful things happen, things we don't deserve, things that seem to be senseless. This is why God sides with the sufferer, even in preference to those so-called defenders who merely "explain away" the pain.

To be frank, we human beings are wrecks. We are weak and sinful human beings. The external troubles that we blame on God are the least of our suffering. Something worse is wrong with us, and it is wrong with us inside. Even the good things in us become polluted. We may long to love purely, but our desires turn into idols that control us. We may long to be "blameless" like Job, but our righteousness turns into a self-righteousness that rules us. We may long to be reconciled with God, but we can't stop wanting to be the center of the universe ourselves.

Not only are we broken, but we can't repair ourselves. Could you perform surgery on your own eyes? How could you see to do it? Suppose you tore off both hands; could you sew them back on? Without hands, how could you hold the instruments? Our sin-sickness is something like that. Many philosophies teach about right and wrong with pretty fair accuracy. What we can't do is heal our sin-sickness. Sin-sickness requires more than philosophy. What it requires is the divine Healer, God Himself, and the name of His cure is Jesus Christ.

Jesus was God Himself in human flesh — fully God, but fully man. Most people have heard that He taught, performed miracles, healed the sick. Most people have heard that He was executed on a Cross and rose again. What is less well known is what this was all about. Did someone say God doesn't suffer? In Jesus, God suffered. That was why He became one of us — to suffer for us.

Even though He had no sin of His own, Jesus identified with us so completely that He took the burden of our inward brokenness — our sin and sin-sickness — upon Himself. He understands it all, because He bore it all — the whole weight of it, all for us. By dying, He took it to death; by rising, He opened for us a way, through Him, to life.

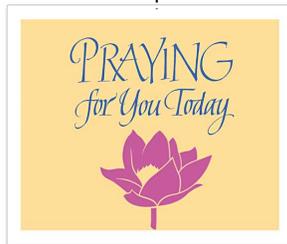
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There was no other way for God to help us. He bore real agony, bled real blood, died real death. On the Cross, even He felt alone. When He cried out, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" it was for us (Matthew 27:46). All this He saw coming from afar, and He accepted it on our behalf. He paid the price that we cannot pay, He bore the burden that we cannot bear. "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened," He says, "and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Yes, God does know all, but He wants us to rely upon Him and trust Him in all things. He needs to hear our voices talking to Him, and we need to stop and listen to His message in return.

Pray, praise and give thanks.

Your servant in Christ  
Rose Schilling



**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



....Blessed are the givers and grateful are the receivers. Thank you so much for all your prayers for Bob.  
*Bob & JoAnne Pelatzke*

....to everyone who helped with the community meal on September 30. We did not show the movie. We will do that at a later date but we all enjoyed fellowship with some new faces taking part.



**SUNDAY, October 14, 2018**  
for Our  
**ANNUAL GOLDEN LADLE SOUP  
CONTEST & CAKE BINGO**

At Starks Floral, 109 W Redwood St, Edgar

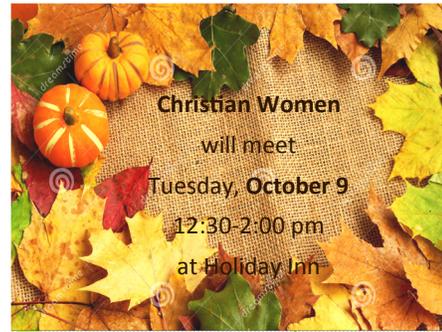
Doors open for judging at 4:00PM - Contestants please have your favorite soup & lists of ingredients in by 3:00pm. Call 715-352-2577 or 715-212-9269

Cake Bingo - please bring in variety of cakes, cookies, & anything sweet  
\$8.00 - Advanced (pick up at Stark's )  
\$10.00 - Door

Soup makers are free. All proceeds go to the Edgar Holiday Parade Sunday, November 4th at 1:00PM

# Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	September 30	Attendance	110
Offering:	Regular		\$2295.00
	Building		\$60.00
	Loose		\$60.00
	El Salvador		\$100.00
	New Worship Center		\$220.00
	Sunday School		\$8.00
	Well		\$100.00
	Total		\$2843.00



## The Bulletin Board

- **Wednesday, October 3**
  - 2:00 pm Bible Study
  - 5:15—7:30 pm Youth Group/Confirmation (new time)
- **Sunday, October 7**
  - Coffee hour starts
- **Wednesday, October 10**
  - 2:00 pm Bible Study
  - 5:15—7:30 pm Youth Group/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



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.



- **St. John—High Steeple Harvest Supper**, Saturday, October 6, serving from 4:30-7:00 with take out and delivery beginning at 4:00. If interested in FREE delivery services, call 715-352-2888 on Friday 1:00-4:00 or Saturday after 12:00. Menu—roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberries, carrots and corn, buns, butter and fresh baked apple pie. A free will offering will be accepted.
- **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.