

Visions of Hope

November 11, 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

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Duties List

November 18
November 25

Ushers

Jay Borchardt
Keith Bauman
Ken Schilling
Ron Kunkel

Greeters

Keith & Cassi Bauman
Ken & Rose Schilling

Readers

Elaine Mueller
Rose Schilling

Acolyte

Brooke Imhoff
Jorey Kunkel

As parents we know our children need our love the most, when they deserve it the least. When they have been just truly naughty all day and then want your hugs and kisses at bed time, it makes us want to scream some times. But there are many reasons for that bad behavior. Children thrive on routine. When life changes occur--including a new sibling, starting or changing schools, death of a relative or even the addition of a new pet--children may display negative behaviors. An inability to verbalize their emotions or a fear of the unknown may cause children to make poor choices. A child may become loud, aggressive, defiant or noncompliant.

A bullied or abused child may be too scared to tell a parent or other trusted adult what is happening. Instead, the child may act out in verbally or physically assertive ways. Alternatively, he may become withdrawn and sullen or display his fears through sneaky, manipulative, passive-aggressive ways. Some behaviors, such as destructive behavior, insecurity and withdrawal, may be signs of emotional mistreatment. They behave crappy all day but still need the consistency of your love, affection and protection.

This type of behavior is reflected in us as adults. Adults thrive on routine. When life changes occur--including a new home, starting or changing jobs, death of a relative or even the addition of a new child may display negative behaviors. An inability to verbalize our emotions or a fear of the unknown may cause adults to make poor choices. We may become loud, aggressive, defiant or noncompliant, or just plain mean and disrespectful to other adults and our children.

A bullied or abused adult may be too scared to tell their spouse or best friend what is happening. Instead, we adults may act out in verbally or physically assertive ways. Alternatively, we may become withdrawn and sullen or display our fears through sneaky, manipulative, passive-aggressive ways. Some behaviors, such as destructive behavior, insecurity and withdrawal, may be signs of emotional mistreatment. We behave crappy all day but still need the consistency of love, affection and protection from our family and friends.

Another thing that is always true, is when we need God's love the most is when we least deserve it. We like to wait until we hit rock bottom before we start repenting and asking for forgiveness. Fortunately for us God has never asked anyone to believe anything that does not rest upon a foundation, that is... His holy word. Faith does not mean we move blindly through life, taking dumb chances and making silly decisions. God never wants us to do that. He wants us to remember He created us for a reason, and we need to stay close to God so we can find out what is His purpose for us.

Our faith rests on the historical facts of the death, the burial and the resurrection of the Son of God. Our faith rests on the fact that we are forgiven when we "backslide", but repent as ask for forgiveness. God never asks us to take a leap in the dark without the safety net of His forgiveness and mercy. He asks us to believe and trust something which rests upon a firm foundation, and it is the *only* foundation, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" ([1 Corinthians 3:11](#)).

People say God tests us when we are going through tough times. But, on the other hand don't we test God? We sin, turn away from God and then when we don't deserve God's mercy, we ask for it anyway, just to see if God's promise to us is real. *Isaiah 41:10* Have no fear, for I am with you; do not be looking about in trouble, for I am your God; I will give you strength, yes, I will be your helper; yes, my true right hand will be your support.

The truth is we are not entirely honest when we say, "Oh, I won't test God." *God says, "Test Me. Try Me, and see if I am not good."* I actually feel scared when I talk to some folk who says that they are just going to step out on "faith." Well we just might want to wait until God puts a rock underneath us. Wait until God gives you a definite plan before you make a fool of yourself and take a leap without God's foundation of grace and mercy.

Yes, we are like children. We test God. We withhold our love from Him, but we want constant reassurance from Him that He will be there for us with a snap of our fingers. Like children we sin sometimes just to make sure God is as good as His word. *"And by faith even Sarah, who was past*

childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.” (Hebrews 11:11) This example shows that God sometimes decides to wait to keep his promise, but he never forgets about it.

God has promises for the people of today, as well. He promises that every person who believes in Jesus, will be saved from hell: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). This is a wonderful promise and we can trust God fully that he will keep this promise! This well-known verse in John also shows us how we should respond to God’s promise: we need to believe, to put our trust in God’s promises.

Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

Your sister in Christ;
Rosie Schilling



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 (see note below)
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

Bonnie is back at the rehab center in Rhinelander. Her address is: 1970 Navajo, Room #402, Rhinelander, WI 54501



...for supporting Savannah in her upcoming mission trip! She is very excited for this opportunity as it is a life changing experience. Pray for the safety of all those traveling to make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you. God Bless you all. *Brenda R*

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	November 11	Attendance	122
Offering:	Regular		\$2480.00
	Building		\$130.00
	Loose		\$107.00
	New Worship Center		\$640.00
	Sunday School		\$21.00
	El Salvador		\$200.00
	Missions		\$100.00
	Total		\$3678.00



Please display your handicapped parking passes when parking in the marked handicapped parking stalls at church. Thank you

The Bulletin Board

- **Wednesday, November 14**
 - 5:15 –7:30 pm Confirmation/Youth Group
- **Wednesday, November 21**
 - **NO Confirmation/Youth Group**
 - 7:00 pm—Thanksgiving Eve Joint Service at Peace Lutheran Church
 - **NO Thanksgiving Day Service**
- **Sunday, November 25**
 - 5:00-7:00 pm FREE Community Meal
- **Wednesday, November 28**
 - 5:15-7:30 pm Confirmation/Youth Group



On Thursday, November 29th from 6:30-9:00 pm we will be having a roller skating party at Melody Gardens for the Youth Group! Please let Cedric know if you will be able to attend and how many (friends/family) will be joining.



SHOEBOXES - Thank you to everyone who helped with packing boxes, bringing in packed boxes, loading shoeboxes, and praying for the Operation Christmas Child project. Because of your efforts, 75 children will have a life- changing Christmas this year. Thank you all!!



We will be hosting our monthly FREE Community Meal on Sunday, November 25, 5:00-7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come and enjoy an hour or two of fellowship with neighbors and friends.



If your new address has been posted outside, please let Barb know your new address. You can either call her on the church phone—715-352-2555 or email hopelcsec@gmail.com. Thank you

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WOMEN OF HOPE

Minutes from Nov. 11, 2018 Meeting after the Sunday Service

The Women of Hope meeting was called to order by Coordinator Rosie Bauman.

The following items were brought up by Rosie for discussion:

Cookie Walk – It was decided to have a cookie walk this year on December 16.

Some of the cookie containers on hand will be sold to Jen Kunkel for her PTO use

For a group activity, the plan will be to arrange to tour Shirley's House of Hope in Marshfield toward spring.

Rosie made an announcement about the upcoming April 25 & 26, 2019 LCMC Womens Group-Wisconsin and Upper Michigan conference to be held at Forest Springs Camp & Conference Center. The event extends from Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, with Cindy Rushdi (of Jackie and Cindy) as the speaker. The cost will be \$85/person and includes lodging and meals. There may be a couple of scholarships offered by the Council.

The discussion turned to mission projects for the coming year:

Rosie mentioned Soup & Socks –taking donations of cases of soup and new socks.

Audrey Kamenick mentioned PDC – the Personal Development Center and whatever supplies that entity might need.

Rosie asked for suggestions from the group for projects, and Audrey and Carol will develop ideas, as well.

Carol Anderson suggested considering donations to the High Ground and their projects. Hats and blankets for next year would be a possibility.

Carol will call Compassion for Action in Marshfield to see what they might need.

Dani Schreiner reported that she is working on the December project of providing a nice Christmas for a family.

Audrey and Carol were asked to work out a mission project schedule for 2019.

With the Shoebox project finishing up in Mid-November, the group could possibly do a project in the last half of the month. It was decided that it is too late to settle on something for that period for this year, but it will be investigated by Dani for next year.

Treasurer Gayle Werner reported that the group has \$412.92.

Rosie suggested that the group might want to purchase a couple of big kettles to use for the spaghetti dinner and other occasions. At this time, Rosie Schilling brings her own kettles for cooking spaghetti. Sondra Streckert will check out the possibilities in the Chef's Center at Grebe's Hardware in Wausau.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sondra Streckert, Secretary