

Visions of Hope

November 18, 2018



224556 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

November 25

December 2

Ushers

Ken Schilling

Ron Kunkel

Larry Peterson

Daryl Mueller

Greeters

Ken & Rose Schilling

Tammy Kirsch

Readers

Rose Schilling

Beth Mueller

Acolyte

Jorey Kunkel

Nathan Remus



My mother, Olene, took her mincemeat recipe to the grave with her (along with my favorite chicken and dumplings). She was a (somewhat) teetotaling Norwegian from the pietistic movement in Lutheranism (Haugen). She regarded any outward display of pride to be merely a precursor to the impending "downfall." "*Pride cometh before the fall!*" was her favorite saying. She was convinced that story of Jesus turning water into wine was something the Catholics made up. A glass of wine was as serious an affront to her sensibilities (though she was known to be able to really hold her drink!)

She had no problem, though, requesting a fifth of brandy each November, to be added to the mysterious blend of ingredients that went into her mincemeat. The brandy made it all "work," she said, and her mincemeat pies -- "the baking gets rid of all the alcohol" -- were the stuff of legend in our family. They were absolutely essential to Thanksgiving. Saint Peter now munches happily while those of us remaining in the church militant endure privation.

As a student in college, (*THEE North Dakota State University*), I understood the historical importance of that recipe. The poor Norwegians seldom enjoyed meat in their diets (remember the abomination called dried cod?); this was reserved for the upper classes. Mincemeat, then, was a means of transforming a small amount of beef of indeterminate quality into a palatable form with a reasonable shelf life. The brandy was essential.

My mother's mincemeat, then, was emblematic of our family's journey. It recalled a time when our ancestors had little, were an oppressed class, and struggled for survival. Had we understood all this as I was growing up, we could have cherished the mincemeat as we celebrated our exodus from poverty in Norway and the pilgrimage to plenty in America. We could have given appropriate thanks, recalling the place we used to be.

Thanksgiving encourages this nuanced celebration, though the contemporary American holiday veers to the side of conspicuous consumption without the reflection upon our origins. There is the requisite Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, culminating in the appearance of Santa Claus; numerous football games, NFL and collegiate; and the eager anticipation of Black Friday, the day-after-Thanksgiving shopping melee that has been known to result in fatality. So, please, take a few moments and remember our origins and the plight of far too many who still *yearn for just enough*.

Pastor Scott



PRAYER CONCERNS: Please remember the following people in your prayers

Heather Stoeklin—health issues—Rosie Bauman’s niece
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



Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Milan will be serving a Soup Supper on Saturday, December 8 from 4:00—7:30 pm. Serving Homemade Soups: Chicken Dumpling, Chili, Sauerkraut Chili and Cheesy Broccoli, Cauliflower, with crackers, cheese, rye bread, cookies and bars. There will also be a Live Nativity every 20 minutes from 4:00-7:00 pm. There will also be a craft and bake sale. Carry outs are available.

FREE

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.

Hope's Happenings

Sunday:	November 18	Attendance	85
Offering:	Regular		\$2200.00
	Loose		\$111.50
	New Worship Center		\$140.00
	Sunday School		\$7.00
	El Salvador		\$600.00
	FCA		\$100.00
	Total		\$3158.50



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The Bulletin Board

- **Sunday, November 25**
 - 5:00-7:00 pm FREE Community Meal
- **Wednesday, November 28**
 - 5:15-7:30 pm Confirmation/Youth Group
- **Thursday, November 29**
 - 6:30-9:00 pm Youth Group going roller skating at Melody Gardens, Marshfield
- **Saturday, December 1**
 - 9:30 am Adult Choir Practice starts
- **Sunday, December 2**
 - 8:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program practice starts
- **Wednesday, December 5**
 - 5:15 pm Confirmation / Youth Group
 - 6:30 pm Adult Choir practice



Please join us as we start choir practice for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Practices will be starting Saturday, December 1, 9:30 am and will continue every Saturday through December 22. We will also be practicing on Wednesday nights starting at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Any questions, please see DeEtta



Hope Lutheran Church is adopting a local family for Christmas. If you would like to help, please pick an ornament off the tree and have the wrapped gift and tag back to church by December 16. We are also working with Marshfield Clinic and providing items for their pediatric Angel Wish Tree which will help take holiday stress away for many so they can spend precious time with their families. The lists are on the coffee counter. Please do not wrap and they need to be back to church by December 2. Any questions, contact Dani Schreiner.

Christmas is quickly approaching and it's time to start preparing for the Sunday school program. This year our program date is set for December 23rd. If your child will not be participating this year please let Jen or Michelle know ASAP. Also, please mark your calendars to plan for these rehearsal times:



- December 2nd, 9th and 16th we will be starting Sunday school at 8:30 to practice songs and meet again after the church service for approximately 30 minutes to practice speaking parts.
- December 22nd: 9:00 a.m. (Final rehearsal)
- December 23rd: Please arrive at church by 9:00 a.m.
- December 30th: No Sunday School

Also, please note that beginning January 6th, the start time for Sunday school will be changing to 8:30. This will continue for the rest of the year to allow classes more time to complete their lessons each week.