

IN TOUCH WITH HOPE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOPE CHURCH, SPENCER, IA

JULY, 2021

JACKIE BRYAN & ABBY WEBER

THE KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

Saying "Thank You" is not enough! We could not thank our Hope Church family enough for all the encouragement, volunteer hours, and prayers to make this year's VBS a success. This year the "Knights of North Castle" got to learn about the armor of God and were knights in training. Their quest was to discover pieces of the armor each day through Bible stories, memory verses, music, games and crafts. A lot of fun was had by 165 kids, and over 135 volunteers! That is amazing! This year the offering was designated to help others in the Spencer community. Kids brought in both monetary donations equaling approximately \$1800.00 and 441 non-perishable food items for the Upper Des Moines food pantry and the Spencer Middle School food pantry. Thank you for supporting us in this way. Both recipients were beyond thankful! Be sure to check out the [Hope Kids Facebook page](#) to see more photos of the week, as well as video highlights.



TRENTEN HANSEN YOUTH NEWS



SPOUDAZO

It is my pleasure to announce we will be hosting Spoudazo again this summer for an outdoor concert on Friday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Leach Park Bandshell. This will be a family-friendly concert and ice cream will be served afterwards!

So, what is Spoudazo? Spoudazo is a Christian music and drama ministry involving high school youth from several Fremont-area congregations. Spoudazo is a Greek word meaning, "with energy." The 9th-12th grade youth involved in this ministry have energy and enthusiasm for sharing the Gospel through their gifts of performing.



Spoudazo performed here at Hope Church in 2019.

I participated in Spoudazo all four years of high school.



I hope you will come enjoy a night of worship put on by a ministry that is close to my heart.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

Oh, how planning for Rocky Mountain High has been rocky!! It was supposed to be held last summer but with Covid it was postponed to this summer, and planning has been uncertain at times! But, senior high youth and adults are attending and are very excited for that!! First, we will be traveling to Colorado Springs, CO on July 25 to serve in the community. Then, on July 31 we will be going to Estes Park, CO to the YMCA of the Rockies for this awesome experience worshipping and experiencing God. Please be praying for safety, health, relationships, and for hearts and eyes to be open to God's work for the youth and adults attending.

BETH MUILENBURG

DISCIPLESHIP & CARE

Are you looking for some different ways to bring life to your devotions? Are you looking for something different than traditional Bible reading plans? Here are a couple of suggestions to bring some variety to your time with God:

Check out Christy Nockels' Podcast --



Christy looks at Psalm 119 in depth and helps you understand how this “Alphabet” of praise can make a big impact on your life.

Look into the Lectio 365 app --



Lectio 365 is a daily devotional resource that helps you pray the Bible every day. Written by leaders from the 24-7 Prayer movement, this resource helps you engage with the word, fix your eyes on Jesus, and connect with God in prayer.

May God bless you as you seek Him!

CELEBRATING WITH:

- Ryan & Angela Murray on the birth of their son, Griffin Turner, on June 1.

CONCERNS FOR:

- Joyce Lemke as she is at the Hilltop Health Care Center in Spirit Lake for rehabilitation and skilled nursing care to regain her strength.

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Rhonda Sears and family on the passing of her mother, Sue Sears, from time to eternity on June 30.

CONSISTORY NEWS

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hope Reformed Consistory met at 7:00 p.m. in the Well on June 17. However, minutes were not available at the time of printing the newsletter.

ELDERS MEEETING

Elder meeting minutes were not available at the time of printing the newsletter.

DEACONS MEETING

- Bob opened the meeting with prayer.
- Kyle gave us an update on Breeze.
- Bob gave us a "Helping Hands" update.
- A decision was made on the Sabbatical Fund.
- Levi closed the meeting with prayer.



WITH FAITH LIKE FIREWORKS WE SHINE BRIGHTLY, BOLDLY & FREELY.

INSPIRED BY MATTHEW 5:14

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY

In observance of the July 4th holiday, the church offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

HAITI TRIP

Everyone is invited to be a prayer warrior for the team traveling July 7-16. Those traveling are: Calista Boeve, Mike Boeve, Karmen Brown, Deborah Cordeiro, Shelly Helmink, Nikia Howlin (Karmen's sister-in-law), Bryan Kladstrup, and Maren Taylor.

OKOBOJI BIBLE CONFERENCE



The annual Okoboji Bible Conference is July 31 - August 6 in Arnolds Park, and is a wonderfully unique place to worship and grow in your faith. Go for the entire week or just a few days and be refreshed and encouraged in God's Word. This year *The Skit Guys*, Selah, and Sanctus Real will be performing, as well as many other opportunities for worship throughout the week for children, youth and adults. Nursery is provided. Brochures are located in the literature rack in the lobby with more detailed information and schedule, or check out their website, www.okobojiconference.org.



WE'RE HIRING!

Hope Church is seeking a Director of Children's and Family ministry who is passionate about helping kids and their parents experience the joy of Jesus. Our Children's Ministry is one of the engines that drives our church, with a thriving Sunday morning program and an annual Vacation Bible School that is a highlight in our community. The position involves ministering directly to children as well as recruiting and equipping volunteers. The ideal candidate will have experience working with children and be a good theological fit for a Reformed Church in America. Ordination is not required. The position will be full-time or part-time depending on the candidate. We encourage all interested persons to inquire. Salary will be competitive according to experience and education. Paid time off, professional development, and money towards insurance included. Years of Experience: 0-5 years. Education level: Bachelors or higher preferred, but equivalent life experience also considered. To apply, send resume and cover letter to the church office at hrc@spencerhope.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the summer months, Children's Church is only offered during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Children 3 years old thru KinderKids will be dismissed during the 1st worship service.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sanctuary

10:45 a.m.

Live-streamed online  YouTube

www.youtube.com/hopechurchspencer

SERMONS

July 4

Perry DeGroot Preaching

July 11

Perry DeGroot Preaching



**5 Questions:
Better Decisions,
Fewer Regrets**

July 18

The Integrity Question

July 25

The Legacy Question

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