



# IN TOUCH WITH HOPE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOPE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER, 2021

## SIGNS OF HOPE

### ELDERS

Arvin Druvenga  
Dean Mechler  
Darrell Todd  
Kurt Weeks  
Cedric Winterboer

## STAFF

Youth Pastor: Jay Van Gelder  
Worship/Music Director: Craig Cannon  
Children & Families Director: Julia Andela  
Facilities Director: Josh Hamrick

### DEACONS

Derek Bailey  
Bob Graham  
Luke Lovin  
Kyle Mechler  
Levi Morris  
Eric Van Der Heide

### CHURCH OFFICE

Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Marilyn Winterboer

Friday  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Lori Swanson

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE / PRAYER CONCERNS

Ray Meyer (Interim)

PASTOR JAY VAN GELDER  
YOUTH NEWS



## YOUTH GROUP



Middle School Youth Group begins on Wednesday, September 22. 6th grade will meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m., 7th Grade will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and 8th Grade will meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sr. High Youth Group begins on Sunday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

We will kick-off the school year with the study, *Rad*. We will be flashing back to the 90s — an era when everything was pretty "rad", although none of you were around in the 90's! We are going to learn about the things Jesus taught on loving God and loving others, how this challenged the status quo, and changed the world forever. And, that's pretty radical!

In this 4-week series from the book of James, we'll look at four ways Jesus invites us to love according to his revolutionary example. These ideas might seem simple, but when we choose to listen more than we speak, refuse to play favorites, watch our words, and fight for peace, we'll see just how radical Jesus' teachings really are.



## JULIA ANDELA CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Hello Hope! I am beyond excited to jump into Children and Family Ministries with you! It feels so good to be home with so many familiar faces, and I look forward to getting to know those of you I haven't yet met. Above all, I cannot wait to see how God moves as we bring the joyous news of Jesus to Hope's kiddos! As I look forward to Sunday School Kick-Off on September 26th, I have felt the weight of The Great Commission in Mark 16:15. "...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." All creation -- including children. This is not a light calling, but wow, isn't it an incredible one?

There are a variety of opportunities available for those of you eager to bring the joy of Jesus to Hope Kids (and have the absolute blessing of watching children experience the joy only Jesus can provide)! Our current needs are: large group teachers, small group teachers, substitute teachers, check-in greeters, prayer warriors, tech gurus, organizers, sewers, shoppers and creative minds. Please give me a call or text at 712-363-5627 if you have any interest in supporting Hope Kids as we carry out The Great Commission!

Looking forward to serving with you!

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



More adult and youth volunteers are needed to help with Children's Church for children ages 3 - KinderKids during both worship services on Sunday mornings.

Contact Shelby Haak at [haakshelby@gmail.com](mailto:haakshelby@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help.



## CELEBRATING WITH:

- Will Crane, Braydon Heiter, Sydney Heiter, Lucy Hemann, Ethan Hernandez, Heather Howard, Tre Moore and Tate Zinn as having professed their faith on August 15 and can now participate at the Lord's Table for Communion.

## CONCERNS FOR:

- Laura Schaefer had bilateral knee surgery on July 27.
- Paul Flaharty has a disease that affects his arms, legs, feet and balance. He's been taking treatments for several months, but now he is too weak to walk.
- Marilyn Winterboer was admitted to the Spencer Hospital on September 3 for fluids, tests and evaluation.

## CONDOLENCES TO:

- the family of Marv Umbrell on his passing from time to eternity on August 21.

**SUNDAY  
FUNDAY**

Sunday  
Sept. 26

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Kick-Off

6:00 p.m. Grill-Out

6:45 p.m. Concert of Praise

7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group Kick-Off

## SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

Everyone is invited to come together on Sunday mornings for a time of praying together for our church at 8:30 a.m. and/or 10:15 a.m. (1/2 hour prior to each worship service) in the Grace Room. Beginning next Sunday the prayer times will be at 8:00 a.m. and/or 10:15 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday, September 29 the Women's Bible Study begins for the fall. All women are invited to join! At 9:00 a.m. come for a time of coffee and the study begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Well.

# CONSISTORY NEWS

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hope Reformed Consistory met at 7:00 p.m. in the Well on August 19. Deacons present: Eric Van Der Heide, Levi Morris, Bob Graham, Kyle Mechler, Derick Bailey, and Luke Lovin. Elders present: Dean Mechler, Arv Druvenga, Cedric Winterboer, Kurt Weeks, and Darrell Todd. Pastors present: Jay Van Gelder and Perry DeGroot.

Perry opened the meeting with prayer. We had discussion and comments on the book, *Canoeing the Mountains*.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

- **MMSC** to accept July minutes.
- **MMSC** to approve the financials as presented by the deacons.
- **MMSC** to approve Missy Lair's updates for the guidelines for nursery.
- Discussion regarding Staff, Consistory and point person(s) for the future.
- Discussed pulpit supplies, security, and vacancies.
- Discussed the Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Harbor.
- Jay closed in prayer.

## ELDERS MEETING

- Dean opened the meeting in prayer.
- The Constitutional question answered in the negative.
- Congregational concerns were discussed.
- Discussion on Elder selection with the recent vacancy.
- **MMSC** the membership transfer of Danny and Lizz Dekker and family to Good News Church in Estherville.
- Ray Meyer is now the pastor for Spencer Hospital.
- Discussed the Congregational Meeting set for September 1. An email blast and postcards will be sent to the congregation.
- The Elders recognized Lucy Hemann, Ethan Hernandez, Heather Howard, Braydon Heiter, Sydney Heiter, Tre Moore and Tate Zinn for making Profession of Faith.
- Meeting was closed with prayer with the concerns by all Elders.

## DEACONS MEETING

- Luke opened in prayer
- Played 'Get to know your Deacon: Eric edition.'
- Discussed how to get a better grasp on Deacon's ministry, keeping a record of who we help and what amount.
- Looking for temporary office help for 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- Approved to have Levi Morris, Eric Van Der Heide and Luke Lovin as authorized co-signers on checks.
- Bob closed in prayer.

On Sunday, September 12  
worship services go back to  
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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Sunday School resumes September 26  
from 9:45–10:40 a.m. for  
ages 3 years old through Adults.



