

### June 2022

By Pastor Jay Van Gelder

#### Don't we all need Hope?

The other day Rose Fear and I were talking, and she was sharing about her great niece Oliva and how she wrote a poem entitled "Hope". She was sharing about how Olivia is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Rock Valley Christian School and she had to write a poem or paragraph for some extra credit for a class she was taking. The funny thing was she did not need to do any extra credit but was encouraged by her mother to just write something any way. She said it will be good for you. Olivia decided to focus on writing a poem. Here is what she wrote, which I thought was something all of us could be reminded about and need in our life is "Hope"!

"HOPE"

By Olivia Engbers

Hope  
Is light when the darkness seems complete  
Hope  
Is bravery in the face of defeat  
Hope  
Is being strong enough to get back on your feet  
Hope  
Is trusting God with your heart's every beat  
Hope  
Is ignoring what the world has to say  
Hope  
Is trusting that it won't always be this way  
Hope  
Is knowing that evil isn't here to stay  
Hope  
Is never ever being afraid to pray  
Hope  
Is rising up above all of the fear  
Hope  
Is keeping a faith that is sincere  
Hope  
Is always being there to wipe away a tear  
Hope  
Is the knowledge that God is always near  
Hope  
Is never giving up, though the journey will be long  
Hope  
Is the ability to keep remaining strong  
Hope  
Is knowing that this is not where we belong  
Hope  
Is triumphant over everything that's wrong  
Because Hope  
Knows that when this world comes to an end  
The ones who will go to join Jesus as their friend  
Will be the ones who had  
"Hope"



# Congratulations Class of 2022

**HOPE**  
**CHURCH**  
BRING JOY. EXPERIENCE JOY.

**HONORING OUR  
SENIOR YOUTH**



Brooke Moser

Parents-Chad & Kimberly Moser

Throughout my time at Hope Church, I have been involved in the Youth Group while participating in many of the other activities Hope provides. I have participated in Trunk or Treat, Vacation Bible School, and the Youth Auction while volunteering in the Nursery and Greeting on Sundays. Hope Church has helped me grow in my faith and become a strong Christian. The elders have especially helped me as I remember how special my Confession of Faith was to them. I felt so comforted, welcomed, and loved. Before my Confession of Faith, the youth retreat, called Beloved, really started my faith journey. I remember tears rolling down my face as we sang and worshiped the Lord. I knew I wanted to give my life to him that day. I am blessed to have such great support and a strong base of faith while entering college. I plan to attend the University of Iowa and study pre-dentistry. I am very excited to join the SALT company group next year at the University of Iowa.



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My name is Will Crane, son of Ivan and Dawn Crane. I've been involved with the tech and praise team at hope for the past 4 years. I have also been involved with the youth group since 6th grade and have been on several retreats and trips. Hope Church has raised me in an environment that has been beneficial to my growth as a Christian. While my journey isn't over, Hope has helped me to put down some "mile markers". After graduation, I will pursue engineering school at Iowa state University.



My name is Caitlyn Weeks and my parents are Kurt and Kim Weeks. I was born and raised in Spencer and have been going to Hope Church my entire life. Throughout my years at Hope, I've been gotten the opportunity to be involved in many things. Some of which include youth group, mission trips, VBS, the children's choir, and Sunday school. Hope Youth has given me a community to help me in growing my faith. The people I have been surrounded by during these past few years have been an incredible gift. This fall, I will continue my education at the University of Iowa studying pre-medicine.





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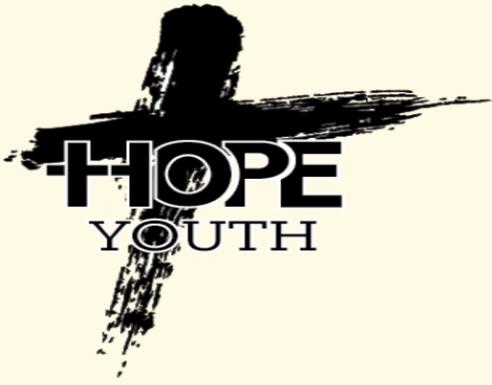
My name is Sean Connor.

My Parents are Patrick and Kristy Connor. I have been involved in Youth Group, Praise Team, VBS, Summer Work Trips, and Sunday school. I have attended Hope church for my entire life and have grown a lot in my faith. I have accepted my faith alongside the church, and I try to stay actively involved in the services and in Sunday school. After graduation I will be attending South Dakota State University for Agriculture Business with a Finance Minor.



My name is Sadie Nelson. My parents are Kent and Marcy Nelson. At Hope Church I have been involved in middle school and high school youth group, service trips, Power Connection, and Rocky Mountain High. I have also volunteered for Vacation Bible School in the summer. Hope Church has helped me grow in my faith journey by connecting me with fellow Christians and encouraging me to grow in my relationship with God. My future plans are to attend South Dakota State University and major in pre-pharmacy.





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Matayah Lowe

Parents: Matt and Kellie Lowe

I was very involved in our church's youth group activities. I have been involved in many of the mission trips such as the mission trip to rocky mountain high, both power connections, retreats with our church, and more. I also a part of and helped with 12:30 activities, super bowl parties, and the lock ins at The Mall of America.

I honestly owe my growth in my faith journey to my Youth Pastor Jay. He was the person who convinced me that going on youth mission trips would be a great next step in my faith walk. Although I was unsure, he reassured me my life would be changed forever. And he was right! I remember on one of our churches retreats we went on called immerse. I was going through a hard time with my family and the speaker at the retreat talked about everything I needed to hear at the time. I really felt like I felt God for the first time at that very moment. So, at this retreat I decided to give my life to Jesus. Jay continues to remind me of this moment and continue to push me to continue building my faith.

After graduation I will be attending Iowa State University majoring in Kinesiology. There I will begin my road to building a career in Physical Therapy.



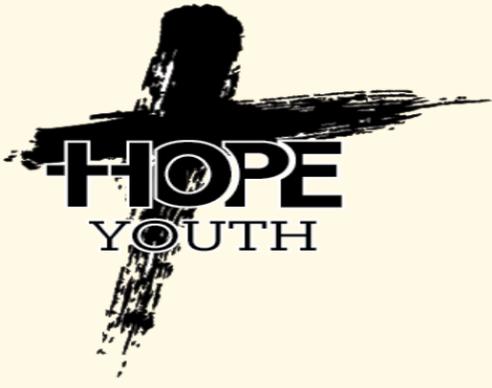


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My name is Sam Jensen, my parents are Mark and Kristal Jensen. I have attended Hope Church most of my life, I was baptized here as an infant, continued attending up till after preschool and my family left and went to other churches in town for a few years. We decided we missed Hope Church and came back at the start of 4th grade and have been attending ever since. I have been involved in Hope Church through Sunday school, attending VBS and volunteering with VBS when I started Middle School. I have been part of the Middle and High School youth groups, attending youth group retreats, work project trips, Power Connection, our summer youth group trips to Tennessee and Rocky Mountain High, being part of the youth auctions and breakfast/food fundraisers. Since my freshman year I have been part of the tech team during Sunday services doing sound, projection, or video. The last couple years I have had the chance to sing on the Praise and Worship team ever so often on Sunday mornings. My faith journey took off in 6th grade when I went on my first spiritual retreat with Hope. After that I went on every trip and retreat that I could, I also went to nearly every youth group that I could attend. Each trip I went on deepened my faith more and made me into the person I am today. I will attend Morningside College and pursue a Music oriented major, leaving towards Music Performance but I have Music Education at a late elementary, early middle school level on the back burner. I will be a part of the Marching Band in the fall, Pep band in the winter/spring, and choir and general band all year round.





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Bri Holt

My parents are Jason and Laura Holt! I have been attending Hope Church since I was a baby. I have always had a passion for singing and dancing and put my love for that to good use doing actions for VBS last year. I have enjoyed playing on the praise team and going on mission trips with the youth group. After wrestling with which college to attend I have settled on attending Dordt University in Sioux Center to major in Music Education!!



# HOPE



Julia Andela  
Children & Families



Thank you to all of our  
volunteers! Your spirit, energy  
and commitment to our  
nursery makes a difference  
every Sunday!

Missy Lair ~ Nursery Coordinator

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Snuggle up with  
some of our cutest  
church members.



We like to read stories  
and eat snack



Are you telling  
me some people  
don't want to help in  
the Nursery??  
Are they Crazy??  
Have they seen  
how cute I am??



We want YOU to come  
play with us



YOU were not born in  
this life by chance.  
**You were born with a purpose.**

If your purpose is to be  
involved in the nursery  
ministry, please contact  
Missy Lair,  
Nursery Coordinator at  
260-3140



# HOPE



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# Thank You

To our Dedicated Hope Kids Volunteers:

Children's Ministry isn't the easiest work, but it may be some of the most important work a church can take part in.

Whether it's in **Hope Nursery** helping a little one feel safe and cared for -- teaching them that their church is a safe place to learn and grow, or in **Children's Church**, giving parents of our pre-schoolers the opportunity to fully engage in the sermon each week while providing an age appropriate mini-sermon for their kids, or teaching **Preschool-5th Graders** God's Word each and every week in **Sunday School**, you are making a huge impact on God's Kingdom as you plant seeds and nurture the precious children He created!

What a blessing to be able to freely teach God's Word to our children, and what an honor it is to serve alongside each of you incredible volunteers!

Julia Andela  
Director of Children and Family Ministries



# Consistory News

## MINUTES

### CONSISTORY MEETING

#### HOPE REFORMED CHURCH

THURSDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The regular meeting of the Hope Reformed Consistory was held at 7pm in the Well.

Present: Deacons: Luke Lovin, Eric Vander Heide, Ryan Christoffel, Terry Stevens, Derek Bailey, Levi Morris

Elders: Arvin Druvenga, Cedric Winterboer, Bruce Groen, Barry Anderson

Pastor: Perry DeGroot

#### Items for Discussion and Decision

- MMSC March minutes
- MMSC March financials
- March attendance discussion
- Executive team report – Arv Druvenga
- Staff Management report – Eric Vander Heide
- Ministry reports and discussion
- Pastoral search team report- Sean Sherrod
- Pastoral search team question/discussion

#### Other Business:

- Sun 4/10 Easter Cantata and Kids
- Maundy Thursday 4/14 7pm- Last Supper drama and Communion
- Breakfast for Supper 4/24- High School youth
- Sunday 5/8- Baptism
- Sunday 5/15- 1-2:30, Sunday 5/22 between services- New Membership class
- Big Leadership Team gathering- 4/21, 6-8pm
- CAAPP background checks discussion
- Church league SB discussion

Closing prayer by Perry DeGroot and refreshments by Derek Bailey

9:00 Elders

Prayer by Arvin Druvenga

Constitutional question

Communion Maundy Thursday 4/14

Pastoral care discussion

Elder lists, letters

Closing prayer by Barry Anderson



Growing. Together. sermon series will continue with the focus on the following Hope Church values:

- June 5 – Purposeful Learning & Holy Living
- June 12 – Loving Outreach
- June 19 – Passionate Worship
- June 26 – Meaningful Fellowship

Community Group gatherings open to anyone who participates with Hope Church are being held to discuss the Reformed Church in America (RCA) approved recommendations related to structure of the RCA and regulations for churches that leave the RCA. Community Group gatherings will each be limited to approximately 25 people. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Information Desk or you can sign up by contacting the Hope Church office (262-3016). The gatherings schedule is listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, June 12, 2022	6pm	Well
Wednesday June 15, 2022	6pm	Well
Wednesday June 22, 2022	6pm	Well



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

New Summer Sundays

9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

10:45 a.m.

Live-streamed online  **YouTube**

[www.youtube.com/hopechurchspencer](http://www.youtube.com/hopechurchspencer)

## HOPE CHURCH STAFF:

**Jay Van Gelder**

*Pastor of Student Ministries*

**Austin Bryan**

*Intern Worship/Music*

**Josh Hamrick**

*Facilities*

**Austin Bryan**

*Youth Ministries*

*Assistant/Communications*

**Julia Andela**

*Children/Families*

**Trish Halder**

*Office Manager*

