

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hope Scope

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Pastor's Pen by Rev. Dr. Candace Adams

There is tremendous energy in our congregation. Many new faces have come to share in our fellowship. Our fellowship is not a country club or a civic organization; we are a body of believers – followers of Jesus Christ. During May, we anticipate having numerous individuals join our congregation and accept the invitation to live as believers in Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, May 6, five young people will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. Over the past three years they have prepared for this day. They have studied the Old and New Testament. They have learned the core tenets of the Reformed Faith – what it means to be a Presbyterian. They considered how their faith impacts their daily lives.

Although these young people will stand before the congregation and profess their faith, affirming one's faith is a daily decision. Every day we must commit our lives to the service of Jesus Christ. We must seek to live our lives in faithfulness to God. In Joshua 24:15 we read, "But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." We must make a choice; and, many times the choice will cost us. Serving God means sacrifice. We are called to sacrifice our will for God. As Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "not my will be done, but your will be done."

Friends, it warms my heart to see our congregation alive in Christ. So many individuals have stepped forward to actively engage in the ministry and mission of our Lord. God's spirit is moving in our midst. It is wonderful to see how God is transforming more and more lives into the image of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Remember one of the first things Jesus' disciples were called to do was to bear witness to the good news. As you daily choose to follow Christ, make it a point to spread the word. Tell others about God's love and invite them to worship with us. Trust the Holy Spirit's leading. Choose this day whom you will serve!

New Photo Directory

We will begin scheduling appointments to get your picture taken for the new directory during fellowship time on May 6th. Barb and Ken West will be setting up the appointments. Pictures will be taken June 12th - 16th. If you want to be in the directory and haven't been contacted by the end of May, please contact either Barb and Ken West at 796-5064 or Cathy at 796-2650 and they can get you scheduled.



Session Highlights from April 9, 2012

- Approved obtaining physical damage and liability insurance from the Insurance Board through the Randy Monson Agency at an approximate annual premium of \$6,735 and workers' compensation insurance from the Insurance Board through The Hartford at an approximate annual premium of \$1,517.
- Reached consensus to leave the 2013 Easter schedule the same with the praise service at 8:30 a.m., breakfast at 9:15 and worship at 10 and to review the schedule again after Easter next year.
- Assembly of God Church donated \$500 to the Care Pantry and Care Pantry donations were received at the Easter egg hunt.
- Approved adopting the Transportation of Children and Youth Policy and the Chaperone Policy for Children and Youth as presented and amended.
- Approved a five-year website hosting contract and domain name renewals with GoDaddy.com at a cost of \$401.24 from the Technology Committee's budget.
- Approved adopting the Internet and Computer Policy as presented.
- Approved Session's meet with the Confirmands on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 6:15 p.m.
- Appointed Nancy Birkeland as Hope Presbyterian Church's commissioner to the May 12, 2012 Presbytery meeting.

Budget & Finance Committee by Howard Jones, Chairperson

2012 Per Capita

Per Capita for 2012 is \$31.10; that breaks down to eight and a half cents per member per day. It is an operating expenditure incurred in the everyday management of the Presbyterian Church USA.

The per capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation's presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located and the General Assembly — based on their respective budgets for the coming year.

Importance of per capita funding:

- ◆ It is used to distribute information back to each individual Presbyterian Church across the nation in forms of literature and guidance.
- ◆ Per capita brings Presbyterians together — literally!
- ◆ Per capita dollars pay for the costs of holding a General Assembly — including paying for the travel, room and board of commissioners and advisory delegates, several of whom would not be able to afford these expenses on their own.
- ◆ Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared power and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ.
- ◆ By providing the primary means through which commissioners and advisory delegates can gather to do their work, per capita dollars help to undergird our governance system.

Please Don't Forget!
Meatball Supper
Friday, May 11th
Serving: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

We will be making approximately 1300 meatballs on THURSDAY, MAY 10th and REALLY need the HOLY ROLLERS and anyone willing to "pitch-in" for a worthy cause for our young people. We will also be rolling silverware, setting tables and just getting ready for many diners.

This is our 40th plus year to serve this supper and the proceeds have sent hundreds of our youth to Clearwater Forest summer camp. GOD is GOOD!!!

We will again be very grateful for donations of bars, home-baked bread, butter, milk and workers.

You have been so faithful to help in the past and we count on you again this year. THANK YOU!! *Barb, Shirley & Hilda*



Clearwater Forest Work Weekend

Spring - May 18, 19, 20

Questions: Contact Harold Foreman at (320)796-2810

Hope Presbyterian Women (HPW) Highlights by Jonelle Foreman

We had a good meeting on April 2nd. Jonelle Foreman read devotions and we enjoyed Brownies baked by Ardyce Meadows.

May 5th is the Spring Brunch at 10:00 a.m. Come join us, along with our guest speaker "The Worm Lady" - Barb Niemczvk. Devotions will be given by Deb Ficek.

Over the summer plan to come to HPW Craft Nights for a fun get together with others to learn something new. Items are then sold at the Bazaar. June 4th is Jonelle Foreman with T-Shirt Scarfs, July 9th is Kathryn Frazee, project to follow and August 6th is Kathy Duke, project to follow. Information on any supplies that might be needed will be put in the bulletin and the next Hope Scope.

Tuesday's Table Community Meal

Hope Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Community Meal on Tuesday, May 29th. The sign-up sheet will be up Sunday, May 13th. Thank you in advance for donating food and your willingness to work. *Audrey Dean*

Tickets on sale now for the supper;
buy from one of the kids attending camp.

\$ 8.00 Adult

\$ 4.00 Child

Meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy,
vegetables, coleslaw, home-baked bread,
bars, lemonade.

MEATBALL SUPPER

May 11th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Eat supper and bid at the auction

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

Beginning bids: April 29th

Final bids: 7:00 p.m. May 11th

Missions by Cathy Plucker

Missionary- - Nomadic Chameleon Missions

Jessica Hasslen who is a missionary in Kenya will be here on May 14th to speak to the Mission Committee and also the Alaska group. We invite everyone to come and hear about her mission work there.

Nomadic Chameleon is a term Jessica coined to describe who she is: Someone who is comfortable everywhere and nowhere, someone who is at home wherever they are, someone whose people are not solely their family, but everyone with whom they are able to form a bond, someone whose life can be packed into a suitcase, but whose memories would overflow the Taj Mahal, someone who is never lonely even when alone, someone who is capable of great love but is propelled by wanderlust, someone who knows the limits but steps outside them, someone who seeks justice and passion and truth on the path less traveled, someone who sees life as a journey without a single destination, someone whose goal in life is to care for all those who God puts on the path.

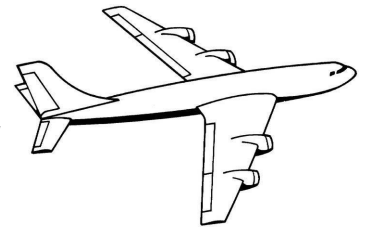
Please come on the 14th at 5:30 pm to hear more about Jessica's mission.

Jack Anderson Alaska Mission Trip Volunteer Drivers

Are you wondering what you can do for those going on the Alaska Mission Trip? We are looking at ways to cut our costs and are in need of volunteer drivers that will either drive us to the airport on Wednesday, July 18th or pick us up from the airport on Friday, July 27th. We will need to have 4-5 drivers both ways, enough for 20 people and their luggage.

We would greatly appreciate such wonderful volunteers. Please contact Cathy with more details pertaining to times of flights.

I would like to share our devotion from our last meeting: *"We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have. If it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach. If it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully."* Romans 12:4-8.



Pentecost Offering/Presbyterian Youth Triennium

At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). When you give to the Pentecost Offering you help bring God's transforming and redeeming love to children at risk, guide and nurture young people's growing faith and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders within the PC(USA). (continued)

Missions continued

(Pentecost Offering/Triennium)

Our theme this year is "So I send you," spoken by Jesus in John 20:21. Jesus reminds us that God sent him to heal a world in desperate need of a Savior. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called by God to be the "sent-ones" and heal a hurting world in Jesus' name. Your gifts to the Pentecost Offering help make that calling a reality in the lives of children, youth, and young adults.

A part of the Pentecost Offering supports the development of the 2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, the largest Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) gathering, bringing together more than 5,000 youth for six days of lively worship, study, recreation, community building and mission immersion. We will strongly be encouraging our senior high youth to attend the next Triennium which will be July 16-20, 2013 at Purdue University.

Hope Presbyterian Church will keep 40% of the Pentecost Offering that is given by the congregation to be used for youth in our area.

The Pentecost Offering will be taken May 27th during worship. Offering envelopes will be available.

Youth Ministries & River of Hope Youth Center (ROHYC) by Cathy Plucker

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

May 2nd - "On Call" Concert at 7:15 pm in the youth center. Everyone welcome.

May 6th - Confirmation Sunday.

May 9th - Last night of TAG, Family Picnic at 6:00 pm, TAG from 7:15 - 8:15 pm.

May 11th - Meatball Supper from 4 - 7 pm.

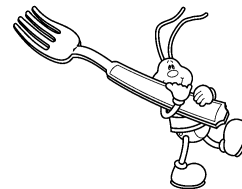
May 14th - Youth Team Meeting - We will be discussing summer activities for the youth.

Youth are invited to come to this meeting and help us come up with some fun activities for you this summer.

May 27th - Pentecost - Youth will be helping with worship this day.

May 30th - Baccalaureate at the NLS high school gym at 7:30 pm.

June 3rd - Graduation Recognition during the early (outdoor) service.



Triennium 2013

It is not too early to start thinking about participating in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July, 2013. The theme for the 2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium is "I AM." Event participants will consider and explore the "I AM" statements of Jesus, as shared with the disciples and the early followers of Jesus, as well as the Hebrew understandings of God known simply as "I AM."

"As they wrestle with their sense of God and self in today's world, we hope they will hear God calling, 'I AM with you, preparing a place and path for you to be my eyes, hands, and feet in the world.'"

In the coming months we will be discussing Triennium and also fundraising for this event. We will get prepared for an amazing week with youth from all over the United States.

Children & Families by Cathy Plucker

Family Potluck & Teacher Appreciation

Our last Wednesday Christian Education night will be on May 9th at 6:00 pm in the youth center. Preschool-12th grade students and their families are invited to bring a potluck item to share and join with other families for fellowship, worship and games. Stay for as long as you like. This will be a great end to a great year. Attendance certificates will be given to students with perfect attendance and a participation certificate will be given to all of the students who have attended classes during the year. We will also recognize and thank the teachers on this night as well.

Star of the Week

We will once again be featuring a Star of the Week child in the bulletin beginning in June and running through the summer. We have many new families with children who have not been featured as star of the week. Parents, I will be sending you an information sheet that you will fill out and return to me with a picture. You will be asked to attend church on the Sunday that your child is highlighted in the bulletin. This is a great way for the congregation to get to know your child. If you have any questions please contact Cathy.



Bible Club to Sibley Park

On May 2nd, the children will ride the bus to church after school as usual. We will then load vehicles and head to Sibley Park for a scavenger hunt and picnic. We are still in need of drivers for this trip. If we are unable to find volunteer drivers we will stay at the church and play outside games. We will return to church by 6:15 pm in time for their normal classroom activities. This will be a great way to end our 2011-2012 Bible Club year.

2012 Vacation Bible School June 18th-20th from 5:30-8:30 pm

The theme has been chosen for this year's VBS program, "Clean Water for All God's Children." It is designed to help children experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. It will also give them an idea of the world water situation and some suggestions about ways they may help. Each day includes an opening time with music, supper, a Bible story focused on water, a mission emphasis, activities and crafts, recreation (towels may be needed) and snack, and a closing time. During the mission component we will be collecting change to support the "Living Waters" Clean Water Project in Guatemala.

Everyone in the congregation will want to come to the last day of VBS to see what is being planned. You won't want to miss it! More details will be available in June. Parents will want to put Sunday, June 24th, on their calendar as well, this is the Sunday when the children will be singing their VBS songs during the early and late services. *"Jesus Christ is living water for our bodies and our souls."*

Health Ministry by Bev Jones

We have a bulletin board now. It is located in the fellowship hall next to the shelf with all the pamphlets on health. Please take a minute to look at it. There are articles about the new cancer study, workshops for nurses and health care workers, and information about medications. Thank you to Bob Sampson, Karen and Jerry Bents for getting the board up for us.

Shirley Kidd talked to us at our meeting on some of the changes in the Health Care Directive, also called the Living Will. She will talk to the Chatterbox group at their next meeting about this. Copies of the Health Care Directive are on the bulletin board. Feel free to copy anything that is on the bulletin board. We also discussed funerals and will get information from Shirley about making out our own obituaries. These are things that, if done ahead of time, saves our family from making all the decisions.

Because of the warm winter and spring, the ticks are out early this year. Here are a few suggestions. To remove a tick that is attached to your skin, use a tweezers close to the head and lift straight up. Only infected deer ticks in this area can lead to Lyme's Disease. The deer ticks are so small, they are hard to see. They are about the size of a grain of sand. If you have been bitten there will be a "bull's eye" type of rash that contains two round red areas. You need to see the doctor if you are suspicious of Lyme's Disease. The doctor may start you on antibiotics if Lyme's Disease is suspected. The symptoms of Lyme's disease is similar to the flu. You may feel fever, chills, headache, fatigue, swollen lymph nodes, joint pain, and muscle aches. If Lyme's Disease is not treated, it can lead to a lifetime of complications. The ticks are located usually in the grass. When in the grass or woods, wear long pants tucked into socks and shoes to protect your skin. For exposed skin, use a spray with DEET. Have fun this summer and protect yourself!

WANTED: 200-300 people for a Cancer Study

CPS-3 (Cancer Prevention Study-3) The American Cancer Society's Epidemiology Research Program is inviting men and women between the ages of 30 - 65 years who have no personal history of cancer to join this historic research study. The study will be for 20 years. The goal is to help us understand how to prevent cancer and save lives. The Kandiyohi County Relay for Life has been chosen as a site for this study. Relay for Life will be July 20, 2012. If you are interested please contact Darlene Bratberg. There are two websites for more information:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERS_SulUz7Y&feature=youth.be

http://www.cancer.org/Research/Research_ProgramsFunding/Epidemilogy-CancerPreventionStudies/CancerPreventionStudy-3/index

Attention Hope Walkers!

On the first of May we start our walk to Alaska. The board is in the fellowship hall for sign up and recording. We are ready to start walking. Good Luck!!

Jan Saulsbury



Men's Golf is starting up! The group meets at 9:00 a.m., on Thursdays, in the church parking lot and ride together to the golf course. Contact Gaylord Lind or Jim Gloege for more information. Join them for some fun and exercise!

Thank You Notes & Announcements



★ Hope Church,

★ I like it because it looks like a dirt bike. Thank you for picking my name. *Bennett*

★ Thank you Hope for an awesome egg hunt. That in itself was a great time. It was our 1st year attending and we were so impressed by all of your work and fun. We want to thank you for including the community in your egg hunt. We like to thank you for all your generosity. Especially for the bike. Winning the bike was a highlight (obviously) for our family. Bennett rides his bike every day and thanks you. The bike could not fit his personality any better.

★ Thank you.

★ *Bennett Schultz & family*



★ Dear Hope,

★ I love my new bike, it sure goes fast.

★ Thank you for drawing my name. It was the best Easter Egg Hunt ever!

★ *Ava O'Malley*



Please join the Miller family in celebrating the graduation of Auston from Renville County West High School at a Graduation Open House on Saturday, May 19 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Emden Christian Reformed Church, 512 Emerson Ave., Renville, MN.
Auston's address:
P.O. Box 84, Renville, MN 56284



To my family at Hope,
Thank you for all the love and support.
Auston Miller



May Volunteer Schedule

<p>Lay Readers 6: Confirmation Class 13: Sue Block 20: Barb Morris 27: Greg Mulder</p>	<p>Children’s Church Teachers 6: Alisa Taatjes 13: Kim O’Malley 20: Cathy Plucker (last class) 27: No Class</p>	<p>Sound Operators 6: Harold Foreman 13: Pete Bratberg 20: Dan Fischer 27: Duane Taatjes</p>	<p>Acolytes Amber Knopps Mariah Adams</p>
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Coffee Servers
 6: Jeanette & Jerry Gault; Sue & Tim Block
 13: Liz & Danny Fischer; Brenda & Pete Bratberg
 20: Alice & Daryl Smith; Sheri & Glenn Bundy
 27: Alisa & Duane Taatjes; Shirley Kidd

Communion Servers (Pentecost) May 27:
 Outdoor - Gaylord Lind, Sharon Jones, Greg Mulder
 Indoor - Barb Morris, Sharon Jones, Brenda Bratberg, Nancy Birkeland, John Williamson

Ushers for the Month of May:
 6: Barb & Amber Wohnoutka; Rod & Nancy Gjerde
 13: Barb & Amber Wohnoutka; Rod & Nancy Gjerde
 20: Barb & Amber Wohnoutka; John & Conny Williamson
 27: Barb & Amber Wohnoutka; Rod & Nancy Gjerde

Nursery Care/Changing Station
 A quiet room is available in the Christian Education hallway. A changing table is available in the women’s restroom near the nursery. If you need assistance, please visit with one of the ushers.

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for those with Health Concerns, Grieving or Other Concerns will be included in the bulletin for one month. If you or your loved one continues to need prayer, please contact the church office to remain on the list.

New: Barb West

Health Concerns: Will Kidd, Clinton Ihlant, Carla Wortman (relative Jan Saulsbury), Betty Miller, Jan Barber, Mike Carlson, Austin Adams, Marge Lee (Rick Lee’s mother), Gladys Guitz (of Potter’s House in Guatemala), John Wassenaar, Philip & Maxine Quale, Tenley Thompson, Judith Houdek, Dave Wohnoutka

Other Concerns:
 For those dealing with depression
 For all those who struggle with addiction

Grieving: The Family of Mary Dolan (Maggie Harp’s mother)

Military Serving in Afghanistan/Korea: Brett Illies, Josh Gehrke

Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents: Elsie Walquist, Val Johanson, Dorothy Jones

Hospice: Lillian Sluka, Dee Anderson

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Summer Worship Schedule

Starts: Sunday, May 27th

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship - Hopewood Chapel

9:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship - Sanctuary