

HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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From the Pastor:

Hunter S. Thompson once wrote, "Buy the ticket, take the ride." I have an idea what he meant when he wrote those words. To me, he seems to be saying that as long as we are here on Earth we can either be overwhelmed by the difficulties of life, or we can simply get on the roller coaster and see what happens. I like that idea.

To me, the most important thing in life is to love with purity. The second most important thing is to be fascinated by life. When someone offends me, rather than getting angry I try my hardest to be fascinated at whatever it is that has flipped my lid (though, I usually just end up offended). When people are selfish, rather than be hurt, I try my hardest to be fascinated at the circumstances that have led a person to ignore the needs of others.

When all is said and done, I don't think God put us on Earth to do one specific thing. Instead I believe God wants us to be interested, even fascinated by all the experiences of life. Even more, I think God wants us to be interesting and fascinating as we live our lives together. I can't help but be amazed at how wonderful life is once I move past my first instincts and reactions. After I move past fear, anger, or sometimes even hatred, I can begin to see that life is complicated. The person who made me angry probably had no desire to make me angry. That was my reaction. The person who made me feel afraid probably had no intention of causing me to be afraid. People are often times so much more interesting than all of that. And once I'm interested, then I can begin to love.

So as long as we are all in this together, as long as we have been given the ticket we may as well enjoy the ride. I would even encourage you to try being fascinated by people. Has someone uttered a loose word that has caused you pain? Be fascinated by them. Give yourself room to wonder why. Has someone's actions caused life to be more difficult

than it needs to be? Give yourself space to consider the reason. Be fascinated. Be interested. Be at peace with the journey - even if it is often times a bit of a roller coaster.

Be well, and take care of each other!

Nate

Wednesday Evening Worship 6:00

(Fellowship and Youth and Family Educational Activities will resume in the fall)

SPIRITED SENIORS

Our Wednesday group, Spirited Seniors meets every Wednesday. A light lunch is served followed by games and cards. If this is something you would like to help out with, please let the office know.



Just a reminder that the 1st weekend of each month is designated to bring non-perishable food for those less fortunate and fill the grocery cart. Food will be taken to the **Mission of Hope**. The Missions' food supply is constantly being depleted.



TO ALL GROUPS USING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

When you use the Fellowship Hall you need to clean up. That means:
Put chairs back, Wipe down tables and vacuum.
White tables (in the square) have 4 chairs at each table. Round tables have 6 chairs at each table. All other chairs need to be put away in the middle closet. There is a red vacuum in the Fellowship Hall, by the back/side door that you can use. If you have children at your event and they use the nursery room, please make sure it is cleaned up.



QUILTING – A reminder that we meet the third Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 PM. All skill levels are welcome and appreciated.

July Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Starks (Walderbach)
- 7 Patty Hasson, Kristian Anderson
- 8 June Farmer
- 9 Bob Stastny, Serenity Moser
- 10 Jeremy Edmunds
- 12 Dallas Edmunds
- 13 Olivia Draper, Tamara Evans
- 11 Heather Coffman
- 15 Karen Franks
- 19 Lacey Dennis
- 20 Matthew & Joann Wood
- 22 Karen Pahl, Jody Anderson
- 27 Shayna Franks, Bill Oakley
- 29 Velma Chestnut
- 31 Ben Halberg, Connie Kilts

If you have a June birthday and are not on the list, please call the office.

We have some pretty special birthdays this month. Velma Chestnut will be 99 on July 29. Her address is 3606 NE Cottonwood Ln., Ankeny, IA 50021.

June Farmer will be 97 on July 8th. Her address is Chistian Health Center, 855 Birch Bay Dr. #511, Lynden, WA 98230.

Karen Franks will be 81 on July 15th. Her address is 1607 11 Ave. S. W., Cedar Rapids, IA.



THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY

If you would like to sign up to have flowers for a special occasion, there are lots of spaces available! You can bring them yourself or have Kris order them for you from Pierson's. One bouquet is \$15 and two are \$25. That includes tax and delivery.

July 28, 2019
FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER
 5-6:00 pm
 Menu:
 Walking Tacos
 Salads
 Desserts

We will be playing Bingo with prizes awarded to the winners. There is no charge for the meal, however, a free will offering will be taken.

Good Food, Good Fellowship

The Free Community Supper is funded by members of Hope Lutheran and a "free will offering". We are feeding from 120-125 average per month. If you'd like to help prepare, serve, set/clean up or assist with Bingo, please contact Nancy Coffman – 396-0387, Jan Dyson – 551-9204 or Diane Hunt – 573-1182. Monetary donations are also accepted.

WOMEN OF HOPE

UPCOMING WOMEN OF HOPE SPEAKERS: July 6 10:00, Women of Hope Picnic at Jones Park. All women are welcome! Please bring a covered dish to share and bring your own service and drink. Also bring something from your past and tell about it. If you have questions call Jan at 551-9204 or Linda at 389-1067. **MORE WOMEN OF HOPE MEETINGS:** August 3, speaker Carrie VanHouten from Unity Point to teach CPR without mouth to mouth. Also education on signs/symptoms of heart attacks and strokes.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR July and August

July

1st Assistant: Sun.: Betty Nelson
2nd Assistant: Sun.: Sharon Boardman
Musicians: Marcey Luxa
Choir Director: Cody Techau
Greeters: Sun.: Harlene Stewart & Lea Reed
Ushers: Sun.: Cindy and Amy Koppenhaver

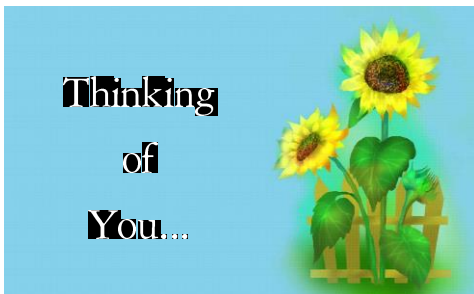
August

1st Assistant: Sun.: Cindy Koppenhaver
2nd Assistant: Sun.: Sharon Schmidt
Musicians: Marcey Luxa
Choir Director: Cody Techau
Greeters: Sun.: Donna Fugate
Ushers: Sun.: Dennis and Pat Casner

Treasurer Report Week of June 30, 2019

Receipts	\$3,887.00
Expenditures	\$ 203.95
Bills due Next Week	\$ 25.00

The Receipts for this week include \$1,170 Simply Giving (Average weekly needed \$3,508.00)



Elsie Dlouhy
Scott's Meadow
5960 E
Marion, IA 52302
365-5333

Larry Bengé
Bickford Place
1100 Linden Dr.
Marion, IA 52302

Dorothy Klinsky
Northbrook Manor Care Center
6420 Council St. N. E., Rm B11
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
213-7544 (Harold)

Doug & Judy Torson
2717 Royal Oaks Dr. NW
Swisher, IA 52338
319-857-5300

Evelyn Andrews
5701 Briarwood St. S. W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
363-1998

June Farmer

Brent Pahl
4000 14th Ave. S. E.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
363-2557

Pam Evans
6329 Murfield Dr. S. W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
362-0843

Kevin Lewis
112 33rd Ave. S. W.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Jerry Schmidt
1230 English Ln. N. E.
Unit 302
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402



May's Car Cruise In was a success. We had 50+ cars (we got a late start due to the weather). The Men of Hope made \$600+ which will go toward projects around the church. Next months Cruise will be held on Thursday, July 25th from 3:30 until dusk.

Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2019

President Doug Bramow called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Present: Doug Bramow, Nancy Coffman, Pastor Nate Montover, Sue Williams, Andy Kuehl, Betty Nelson, Leon Jones, Jackie Norris, Doug Weitnauer

Excused: Harrison Sieck, Larry Luther

Unexcused: Monica Nordberg

Guests: Incoming council members Jeanne Dahm, Donna Fugate, Becky Holmes

Sue gave devotions – Prayer for Thankfulness

Minutes of the May meeting were presented. Betty moved to accept and Doug W second. Approved.

Treasurer report was presented. All bills are paid. Bank balance is going down but have enough to cover current bills for now. Betty moved to accept and Andy second. Approved.

Pastor report –

- Cody and Pastor are working on what the Wednesday service will look like in the fall. Need a committee to head the Wednesday night service, meal and children/adult study.
- VBS day – not sure if there are people interested. He has not had any communication with Debbie. Will still be held.
- Will start visiting shut-ins soon.

Old Business:

Policy manual - It is done and needs to be typed. It will be ready for the July meeting.

Mortgage – We are currently at \$94,000 plus with the last statement.

Alarm system – Doors are covered. Haven't had time to check into sensors. Need to check with the insurance company and see if they will allow us to install a camera system. We can also still have the alarm but will not have to pay someone to be monitoring it. Andy can get a system for around \$1283 that will have 12 cameras and store 20 days of recordings. Doug B, Andy and Leon will get together to look into this.

EWALU VBS – Cost would be \$1300 plus housing and meals for the staff. Not something that we can do at this time.

New Business

Vacations:

Pastor will be gone July 14-July 24. The Sunday's are covered but still need someone to do Wednesday, July 17th.

Kris is on vacation the week of June 17. They have help to cover the office.

Cody will be gone on July 21. Marcey will be here to cover.

Education Committee – This needs to be created for the Wednesday evening program

Office Hours - Pastor and Kris are working on getting office hours figured out

Eagle Scout Project – Dillon DeFord would like to do an Eagle Scout project. This will be tabled until the previous project he started is finished. The council will think about projects that he will be able to do and give him some options.

Transfers/New members – Cheryl Beachler and Sharon Lagerquist have requested transfer outs due to health issues and attend churches closer to them. Kevin Lewis has requested a transfer in. Leon moved to accept and Andy seconded. Approved.

Sound system – Sue would like to have someone come in and look at what is going on with the system and get an estimate for repairs or replacement. Doug W moved that Sue and Glen be allowed to get estimates on what it will take to upgrade or replace the sound system. Leon second. Passed

Leon would like to go to city zoning and see if there is access to the property to enable us to sell off some of the lots. Doug W moved to allow Leon to look into options of access to some of the land to the south. Andy second. Passed.

Next meeting is Monday July 15 at 6:30 pm.

Leon moved and Doug W second to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 7:46 pm

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Coffman

A SPECIAL DONATION

A special gift was given to the Pastor's Discretionary fund in honor of Rachel (Purdy) and Shelton Strickler who were married on May 4th. Rachel was baptized, confirmed and married at Hope Lutheran.