Listening On Sunday

A few weeks ago while spending Father’s Day with my 92-year old father (had not celebrated a Father’s Day with him since 1978), Cheryl and I worshipped in our home church at Maurice Reformed Church, Maurice, Iowa. I have a new appreciation for Sunday listening. Most of us were born hearing well, but all of us must learn to listen well. Listening is a skill, an art that is in need of being cultivated. As a pastor listening to another pastor on Sunday I have discovered that improvement is needed for me. I have become a highly critical listener.

Research at the University of Minnesota reveals that in listening to a ten-minute talk, hearers operate at only twenty-eight percent efficiency. And the longer the talk, the less we understand, the less we track with our ears what somebody’s mouth is saying. I know what some of you are thinking—that could be downright frightening for a guy like me who speaks for thirty minutes at a crack! That is also why someone once described preaching as “the fine art of talking in someone else’s sleep.”

Good communication is tricky business—especially when we can think so much faster than we can talk. What makes for a good sermon? Aside from God’s vital part in the whole thing, there are two crucial ingredients that make it happen. First, the one who speaks must speak well. Second, the one who listens must listen well. Neither is automatic. Both are hard work.

What can be done by the listener to keep the message interesting? Instead of thinking about how the preacher can improve, let’s turn the record over to the flip side and consider how we could improve our listening skills.

- Don’t assume the subject/topic is dull. When the topic is announced, avoid the habit of thinking, “I’ve heard that before” (ie. the prodigal son story) or “This doesn’t apply to me.” Good listeners believe they can learn something from everyone.
- Don’t criticize before hearing the speaker out. All speakers have faults. If you focus on them, you will miss some profitable points being made. Those who listen well refuse to waste valuable time concentrating on the negatives.
- Don’t let your prejudices close your mind. Effective listeners keep an open mind, restraining the tendency to argue or agree until they fully understand the speaker’s position in light of what the Scriptures teach. Writing down a few thoughts on the outline also keeps the mind from drifting off course.

Young Samuel took the advice of Eli the priest, and as a result, he heard what God wanted him to learn. The message was riveted into Samuel’s head so permanently, he never forgot it. And it all started with:

“Speak, for your servant is listening.”                     (I Samuel 3: 1-10)

Try that this coming Sunday. A few seconds before the message begins, pray that simple prayer. I was amazed and you will be to at how much more we hear when we work hard to listen well. Thanks for listening!

~PT
Wanting God’s Best?

Where do you turn for answers to your deepest relationship questions? Questions like:

- What should I look for in a mate?
- Why and how should I date?
- How do I know when I am ready to marry?
- What are the keys to a great marriage?
- What is the secret to a fulfilling sex life in marriage?
- How do I handle conflict when it comes up in my relationship?
- How can I insure that my marriage will not just survive, but thrive?

You can't find these answers on the grocery store magazine racks or in internet chat rooms. You won’t find them on daytime television, prime time cable, or at your local movie theater. The secrets to great relationships were written three thousand years ago in the Bible. If you are like most people, you’ve probably read parts of the Bible but have skipped over those pages known as the Song of Solomon.

While tabloids and talk shows tempt us with empty promises, through timeless principles, the author of the Song of Solomon guarantees us real answers to meaningful relationships. Whether you are single, recently single, engaged, separated and/or divorced, or married this study offers answers for your life!

Join us as we learn God’s design for relationships. It begins Wednesday, September 11 at 6:15 - 7:30 pm. This study consists of eleven 25-minute DVD sessions by Tommy Nelson. Following the viewing of the DVD, women and men will have breakout discussion groups.

**PRAYER & PRAISE**

- **Praise** You, Lord, for Holly; with her in my heart and finding Jesus before she died, brings hope to mine-Shelley. **Pray** for the Amish family in Pawnee City that lost a son in an accident when a car hit their buggy and their daughter is in critical condition in a Lincoln Hospital-Sharon. **Pray** for strength for a family that is struggling with financial and emotional problems. **Pray** for a son who is hospitalized with thoughts of suicide; we **Pray** God loves him and his family loves him. Continue to be in **Prayer** for Helen’s sister, Bernita, who has total hip surgery scheduled for Sept. 9-Dave & Helen. **Pray** for me to face the hard decisions that I must make; I am tired and don't have the strength to continue to tread water living in this state of pain and confusion. I **Pray** for my mom and that God would give her strength and guidance to move on from her current job and use her gifts in the way God is calling her to. **Pray** for Zach as he struggles with depression. **Praise** God for the men's ministry; Lord, let the Holy Spirit be in all of us-Matt. **Pray** for my son and family as they move today into their new home and **Praise** God for some answers to prayer about my daughter's life-Mary. **Pray** for my mother, Joanne, as her work has turned her days upside down and affords her little time to rest; also, **Praise** God for my brother and sister, but **Pray** He gives me patience with them during the times they get the better of my temper. **Pray** for Randy that his surgery and recovery goes well as they remove a growth from his bladder on Monday. **Praise** God for a surprise visit from our son and the great weekend we had with him-Chip & Holly. **Praise** God for our new grandson, Mitchell Paul; please **Pray** for safety during our trip to Florida to meet him-Al & Val. **Pray** for my brother, Cory, who is seeking a better job and thank you and **Praise** to Hope Community Church for giving Cecily the opportunity to attend Power Connection and serve others-Martin & Dawn. **Pray** for blessings and help for our granddaughter, Grace (14), who is making wrong choices and bless Chad & Bridget as they move into their new home-Ron & Judi. **Praise**, You, Lord for the gift of Your word in the Bible. **Praise** God for his goodness to me as heart surgery went well-Evelyn. Please **Pray** for the Rother family from St. Paul, NE, who lost their son (13) who killed himself after being bullied in person and on Facebook-Jim & Bev. Please **Pray** for my granddaughter, Grace, as she is in a very bad spot-Ran & Judi. Please **Pray** for Brecken and his family as he has been diagnosed with cancer and has started treatment at Children’s Hospital in Omaha. **Pray** that insurance covers Austin's helmet. **Pray** for rain to nourish the crops. I was told one time, “if you have hope it's easier to let your loved ones be with Jesus.” Thank you Hope family for the cards and flowers-Shelley. Lord, I **Pray** for my mom, that You would give her peace in her heart and help her to focus on her own issues (past and present) that need resolved instead of being so involved in others and strengthen her own self worth and reaffirm her own value and celebrate happiness daily. **Pray** for my father who is in the hospital in MO and **Pray** arrangements can be made that he won’t be allowed to go back to his farm home as he is unable to care for himself but has been unwilling to leave his home-Mary. **Pray** that my son can find a better job. I **Pray** the Lord will help me balance my life and help me at my job and I **Pray** for safety and fun on our trip next week-Charlene.
Kingdom Enterprise Zone (KEZ)

With a common faith, a common commitment to God’s mission, and a common heritage, an increasingly collaborative vision has grown between the CRCNA (Christian Reformed Church in North America) and the RCA (Reformed Church in America). These two denominations are pooling resources in an innovative kingdom building movement that will spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by reaching out to more people and communities across the United States and Canada.

How is this happening and what role can we play in the kingdom building movement?

Larry Doornbos, Church Planting & Development Leader, CRCNA and Ben Ingebretson, Regional Church Multiplication Specialist, RCA facilitated an informational meeting on Tuesday, July 16 at Hope Community Church (RCA) to help us understand the KEZ movement and how we can get involved in what God is already doing in the greater Lincoln/Omaha area. About 40 ministry leaders from the area CRC & RCA churches attended to more fully understand how ‘we are better together.’

The Lincoln/Omaha CRC & RCA Pastors have been in dialogue over the past year by meeting quarterly to discern where God may be leading as we desire to work together in a kingdom missional community. We want to continue to build this base in discerning what new work God has called us to explore in this kingdom movement. We are better together!

EXCESSIVE BAGGAGE: THE ORPHAN TRAIN

Charlotte Endorf will present a program on Excessive Baggage: The Orphan Train on Friday, August 9, 2013. Sign up sheet for attendance and lunch reservations will be available on July 29 and August 4. NO RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 7 AUGUST.

This presentation is made possible and funded by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and the Gold Folks of Hope Community Church as part of the HN Speakers Bureau. We were required by the Humanities Nebraska to send press releases to local papers so be prepared to welcome persons from all over the state as well as our sister churches in Firth, Pella and Holland who could be coming to the presentation at 1:00 p.m.. We will only accept lunch reservations from Gold Folks and their guests in order to NOT overburden our "Chef."

Charlotte Endorf is a lifelong Nebraskan and author from Hadar (near Norfolk), Nebraska, a member of Toastmasters International (earning the Distinguished Toastmaster award twice), and specializes in speaking to elementary schools, museums, town festivals and the elderly throughout Nebraska. Charlotte has authored nine books on the Orphan Train, the North Platte Canteen and her journeys. She also developed a documentary on the Orphan Train riders for the Madison County Historical Society. After a trip to New York City she and an actual orphan train rider created a poetry CD of history and their time together. She was nominated by the Madison County Historical Society and named by American Mothers, Inc. as the 2011 Nebraska Mother of the Year. Her family developed Nebraska’s second Free Little Library in their own front yard. She traveled more than 15,000 miles, seeking the last surviving riders and descendants to document the real-life stories of children who rode the Orphan Train over a 75 year period between 1854 and 1929. Endorf entertains and educates audience of all ages about this little known Nebraska History. After her presentation, there will be a question-and-answer period. Her teenage daughter, Sarah, has been the illustrator for a number of her books.

We encourage you to bring a friend (of any age) to be entertained and educated about this little known Nebraska history.
Many thanks go out to everyone who made VBS a huge success! I am so appreciative of all the donations, prayers, and endless support Hope continues to provide during this outreach event. God’s Backyard Bible Camp was a great way for all of us to learn how easy it is to serve others using Mark 12:29-31 as our guide. Thanks for giving of your time, money, and spiritual gifts. Here is a recap of what we learned the week of July 8-12:

**VBS 2013— God’s Backyard Bible Camp**

*Under the STARS*

Theme Bible Memory: Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

Day 1— Serve Family: Genesis 37, 45—Joseph forgave and fed his brothers
Day 2— Serve Friends: John 13:1-17—Jesus washed the feet of His disciples
Day 3— Serve Neighbors: Genesis 24:1-27—Rebekah showed kindness to Abraham’s servant
Day 4— Serve Community: Judges 6:1-16; 7:9-21—Gideon led God’s people in battle
Day 5— Serve Jesus: Acts 27, 28—Paul told about Jesus wherever he went

**VBS participants**


**VBS volunteers**

**Planning Committee:** Jenny Kaser, Analisa Lenhoff, Carissa Martin, Breanna Peterson, Kristi Strasheim, Becky Unterseher, Connie Zimmerman. **Decorating Crew:** Hailey Andelt, Joe Armstrong, Sam Armstrong, Maggie Essink, Jenny Kaser, Analisa Lenhoff, Carissa Martin, Scott Martin, Aubrey McDowell, Breanna Peterson, Russ Plock, Levi Sandbulte, Carrie Schnitterk, Russ Schnitterk, Nathan Vieth, Julie Wondercheck, Connie Zimmerman. **Craft Night Helpers:** Maggie Essink, Jenny Kaser, Analisa Lenhoff, Triston Lenhoff, Carissa Martin, Breanna Peterson, Bonnie Schwahn, Kristi Strasheim, Julie Wondercheck, Connie Zimmerman. **Clean Up Crew:** Scott Martin, the Plock family, Doug, Cathy, Carson, Drew, and Connor Tice. **Music Leader:** Becky Unterseher. **PowerPoint and Sound:** Matt Hansen, Scott Martin, Blaine Smith. **Photography:** J'Marie Hansen. **Child Care:** Jenny Eacker, Carrie Schnitterk. **Check-In:** Cheryl Maassen, Cindy Snyder. **Pod Leaders and Helpers:** Sierra Bryant, Jackie Cech, Aysha Coleman, Heather Davey, Taylyn Davey, Alexis Effle-Thomas, Sunni Harper, Heather Howard, Kaylee Mittelstadt, Amy Nalley, Tim Nalley, Madison Plock, Jim Sandbulte, Charlene Schmeichel, Claudette Schmidt, Natalia Schmidt, Russ Schnitterk, Kala Smalley, Kristi Strasheim, Joanne van der Heijden, Sydney van der Heijden, Nathan Vieth, Sydni Ziemke, Tori Ziemke. **Snacks/Community Corner:** Lorriane Buckwald, Diane Essink, Maggie Essink, Kerry Essink, Marlys Freese, Emma Jacoby, Lori Jacoby, Analisa Lenhoff. **Crafts:** Hailey Andelt, Michelle Hynek-Thomas, Sara McCullough (Leader), Sheila Svoboda (Leader), Cathy Tice, Kathy Tice. **Games:** Christine Andelt, Matthew Andelt, Joe Dowding (Leader), Chase Jenkins, Trent Jenkins, Hendrik Van der Heijden. **Bible Story:** Jenny Kaser, Connie Zimmerman. **Preschool Bible Story:** Breanna Peterson. **Preschool Crafts/Snacks:** MaryRuth Sunderman, Beth Weber. **Preschool Games:** Jon Freese, Levi Sandbulte
Children’s Ministry Director: Mary Plock
Toddler Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Wolf

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Service
(arrive 8:50 & leave 10:15)

Nursery/Toddlers
Aug. 4  Claudette Schmidt
Aug. 11 J'Marie Hansen
Aug. 18 Michelle Thomas
Aug. 25 Amy Nalley

There are no classes for Preschool-3rd Grade children at 9:00 or 10:30 Aug. 3-Sept. 1. Activity bags are available at the Children’s Ministry Check-In Station in the Atrium. Taking a month off from classes allows teachers to prepare for fall programming. Children will switch over to their new classes on Sept. 8. Discover Hope classes will continue to be offered to 4th & 5th graders at 10:30 a.m. only.

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Service
(arrive 10:15 & leave 12:00)

Nursery
Aug. 4  Beth Ivey
Aug. 11 Judi Bouwens
Aug. 18 Linda Elder
Aug. 25 Arlene Geiger

Toddler / 2s & 3s
Aug. 4  Madison Plock, Amy Keys
Aug. 11 Madison Romjue, Brooke Romjue
Aug. 18 Maggie Essink, Amy Keys
Aug. 25 Madison Romjue, Brooke Romjue

ClubFour5
Aug. 4  Discover Hope - The Lord’s Supper
Aug. 11 Discover Hope - Worship
Aug. 18 Discover Hope - Baptism
Aug. 25 Discover Hope - Profession of Faith
Sept. 1 Discover Hope - The Lord’s Supper

Be a Super Star
Volunteer in
Children’s Ministry

We need help in the following areas during both the 9:00 and 10:30 services:

- 2 and 3 year olds: Adult and teen assistants
- Preschool: Teachers and teen or preteen assistants
- K-1st Grade: Teachers
- 2nd-3rd Grade: Teachers

Contact Mary Plock for details. We need your help to continue providing quality children’s programming on Sunday mornings.
JOHN BROWN’S CAVE AND MAYHEW CABIN

What an educational experience for all of us on Friday (Jul 12). We were fortunate to visit John Brown’s Cave and Mayhew Cabin as well as the Museum which encompasses pictures and information panels. So much information to hardly be able to digest all of it.

The grounds also house a Missouri-Pacific Train Depot, old log school house, a black A.M.E. Church and a small black cemetery. It spotlights a time in our history that is nothing of which to be proud in one sense and pride in those people who were willing to do what was necessary to manage the Underground Railroad “train.” (John Brown had referred to his smuggling of slaves in other portions of the country as the S.P.W or the “subterranean Pass Way.”)

Until we visited this site I was fully aware who John Brown was - an abolitionist of slavery - but not aware of the Nebraska connection - the Mayhew family of Nebraska City, NE. Both the Kagy (Kagi, the Swiss spelling of the name) and Mayhews came from Ohio. Barbara Ann Kagy had married Allen Mayhew at the age of 17 and Allen, 23. Barbara’s younger brother, John Henri Kagi began teaching school at age 17 in Ohio and later went to Mount Jackson, Virginia, a slave state. While there he occasionally taught Pornography, a phonetic shorthand, invented by Sir Isaac Pitman in 1837. (Ring a bell for any persons who were secretaries before the age of technology?) He started his writing career and covered the Lexington, Kentucky Constitutional Convention as a reporter in 1853. His strong anti-slavery position and outspokenness caused him to lose his teaching position because “…he tried to put bad feelings in the darkies around here towards their Masters and…they would have arrested him but … they let him go back to Ohio with a promise never to come back here again.”

The Kansas-Nebraska Act
The Missouri Compromise of 1820 essentially prohibited slavery in the former Louisiana Territory (Great Plains area) north of Missouri’s southern border. The Kansas-Nebraska Act was passed by Congress on May 30, 1854. The Act, designed by Democratic Senator Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, was mainly for railroad expansion. After much debate in an effort to finally get a bill such as this passed, it was negotiated that the Act would repeal the Missouri Compromise and introduce popular sovereignty. Therefore, it allowed the settlers of those two new territories to determine the issue of slavery by popular vote.

Douglas may have been of the opinion that it would ease tension between the North and South, but he was mistaken. Pro-slavery people were convinced if Kansas went pro-slavery that Nebraska would probably follow. On the opposite side of the issue, the Act led to the creation of the Republican Party in 1854 with a platform to oppose the spread of slavery.

With the Nebraska Territory open for settlement, Allen and Barbara (Kagi) Mayhew and their two sons migrated to Nebraska City in the spring of 1854. At this time, the Nebraska City area was know as several small communities: Greggsport, Prairie City, South Nebraska City and Kearney City (probably named so for Fort Kearney that was constructed near the Missouri River in what would become Nebraska City in 1846 but was moved in 1848 to South Central Nebraska near the Platte River).

Allen Mayhew made a claim on 160 acres of land west of “Kearney City” in the SW ¼ of Section 8 Township 8, Range 14. He built a cabin out of cottonwood logs on the northeast corner of the land. Allen was a farmer, cooper (one who makes or repairs casks and barrels), broom maker, and he planted grape vines and made wine. The cellar or cave that was said to be built by Allen that was reportedly used to hide fugitive slaves could have been used for wine storage.
The Mayhew cottonwood log cabin is one of Nebraska's oldest structures, built in the summer of 1855 as the home of Allen and his wife, Barbara Ann (Kagi) Mayhew, and their sons. John Henri Kagi, Barbara Mayhew's brother lived briefly with the Mayhews before joining abolitionist, John Brown in Kansas. Eventually, Kagi, became The Secretary of War in Brown's Army. The Mayhew Cabin was part of the Underground Railroad, a network of stop-off points used by slaves escaping North to Canada in the late 1850s. Under the cabin is a cave and a tunnel. Once escaping slaves reached Nebraska City, they crossed the Missouri River into the free state of Iowa en route to Civil Bend and Tabor, Iowa; Between 1854 and 1855 John Kagi moved to Nebraska City and is believed to have lived with the Mayhews and is listed in 1855 census as a Professor of Phonography. There were six slaves living in Nebraska city in 1855 — five were owned by Stephen F. Nuckolls and one by Charles Goshen, both men were originally from Virginia. Slavery, a controversial issue, put stress on the population of Nebraska City. J. Sterling Morton, a very prominent citizen of Nebraska City, edited the Nebraska City News newspaper to support his Democratic Political views. He was a friend of prominent business man and ferry operator Stephen F. Nuckolls, who openly owned slaves, but there is no known evidence to suggest that J. Sterling Morton himself ever owned slaves.

While John Brown was fighting slavery in his way, John Kagi moved to Kansas territory in 1856, inserting himself into the anti-slavery cause, by becoming a contributing writer for numerous Kansas and Northern newspapers detailing the violence and atrocities and many pro-slavery and anti-slavery political maneuverings taking place in the Kansas Territory at the time. John’s safety was constantly in jeopardy because of the strong anti-slavery position of this writings.

In February 1857, abolitionist John Armstrong and a man name Mills were given three slaves by John Brown to take northward. They were to be delivered to Dr. Ira Blanchard, an abolitionist who was very active with the Underground Railroad in southwestern Iowa. Apparently, Dr. Blanchard had gone to Kansas to earlier to see John Brown, and together they came up with the plan to have their own Underground Railroad … to transport slave to Dr. Blanchard at Civil Bend, Iowa. From their they would be taken across Iowa to any number of safer location in the U. S. or Canada in Ontario, which took 82 days and totaled 1,100 miles. One of the slaves that was to be delivered to Dr. Blanchard had belonged to G. W. Clarke from Lecompton a prominent border ruffian.

John Kagi was sent ahead to assist in getting the rescue party through Nebraska City, and across the river. John Kagi's father, Abraham also helped in the effort by taking the party through the town of Nebraska City. The exact number of escaped slaves helped by the Kagi and Mayhew families is unknown. Over the next two years, both Johns were to some extent fighting slavery on a day-to-day basis, but all the while John Brown maintained in the back of his mind a master plan to end the slavery altogether, not an armed revolt in Kansas but rather in Harper's Ferry, Virginia. As is well-known, the plan was a disaster. The over-all plan was to capture the arsenal, then arm rebellious slave who would rise up against their masters. This did not happen. President Buchanan sent for the U. S. Marines to deal with the situation. Those killed during the raid: Jeremiah Anderson, William Thompson, Dauphin Adolphus Tompson, Oliver Brown, Watson Brown, Stewart Taylor, William H. Leeman, Lewis Sheridan Leary (a African American follower), and Dangerfield Newby (Negro). Also John Henri Kagi was shot and killed on October 1859 at age of 24 while trying to escape by swimming across the Shenandoah River. John Brown was captured along with six other men, all of whom were eventually executed for treason in the state of Virginia.

Of course, the death of John Brown did not end the cause to put a stop to slavery. In fact, it was quite the opposite. Many historians claim that John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry was the spark that set off the Civil War. The Civil War officially started when Confederate forces attacked Fort Sumter in the very early hours of April 12, 1861.

Excerpts taken from "The History of the Mayhew & Kagi Families."
Do you think God’s expectations are so high that you could never reach them? Do you feel like what’s the use trying to live according to God’s standards? He knows everything about you better than you know yourself. God knows how to enable us to live a life that is worthy of Him. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to look back on life and say, “That life I lived? It was worth living.” Not just that it was fun - although it’s good to have fun. Not just that it was exciting - although it’s good for excitement to happen. But “I lived a life that was worth living.” We live a life where God looks down and smiles. It brings Him joy!

“Journey Through Colossians” will help us discover a life worth living. This 8-part message series will take us verse by verse through this book for practical living.

Sunday, August 4 - “Six Comparisons & Contrasts” (Colossians 2:8-23) (Communion Sunday)

Sunday, August 11 - “How Then Should I Live - Part 1” (Colossians 3:1-11)

Sunday, August 18 - “How Then Should I Live - Part 2” (Colossians 3:12-17)

Sunday, August 25 - Guest Speaker - Pastor Scott (Pastor Terry will be speaking at Papio Creek Church as their supervisor)
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Volunteer Schedule

Greeters
Aug. 4 9:00 a.m.  Ruby Russell, Diane Brogan
10:30 a.m.  Kevin & Evelyn Loof, Gerry & Kathy Tice
Aug. 11 9:00 a.m.  Tony Kate Liesveld, Diane Essink, Irene Essink
10:30 a.m.  Glen & Monica Williams, Tom & Karen Barclay
Aug. 18 9:00 a.m.  Bill Audrey Jordan, Diane Essink, Irene Essink
10:30 a.m.  Ardel & Shelley McVey, Matt & Alana Osmond
Aug. 25 9:00 a.m.  Claudette Schmidt, Dale & Bev Wismer
10:30 a.m.  Keith & Judy Bouwens, Wes & Marlene Bouwens

Welcome Center (Name Tags)
Aug. 4  Evelyn VanEngen
Aug. 11 Bob & Valerie Marhenke
Aug. 18 Angie Hartgerink
Aug. 25 Steve & Marietta Eckel

Hosts
Aug. 4  Kevin & Evelyn Loof, Chip & Holly Romjue, Nancy Ivey, Dale Rood, Cal & Linda VanEngen
Aug. 11 Dave Beukelman, Anthony & Arlene Geiger, Matt & Kim Mittelstadt, Diane Essink, Jan Hemmerling
Aug. 18  Kevin & Carrie Elder, Al & Val Eberspacher, Glen & Monica Williams, Lucille DeYong, Joe Armstrong

Prayer Partners
Aug. 4  Bob Wolf
Aug. 11 Georgia Kroese
Aug. 18 Sharon Kroese
Aug. 25 Evelyn VanEngen

Change to Middle High Youth Retreat: August 18th at Hope Community Church, 12pm-5pm. Games, discipleship, study, food, and fun! Bring guests, anyone entering in 6th grade to 8th grade. Incoming 9th graders will now be considered High School age.

Calling All Youth!

Bonfire and Fantasy Football Draft will be September 4th. More details to come.

Consistory

Elders
Matthew Hansen
Analisa Lenhoff
Kevin Loof
Rick McNeese
Tim Svoboda
Bruce Weber

Deacons
Joe Armstrong
Mark Freese
Russ Plock
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Sunday Celebration
Worship Celebration & Hopeland Worship
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Our Mission

Celebrate
God’s presence in worship

Cultivate
Personal growth in Christ

Care
About one another in Christ

Communicate
God’s Word to the world

Call
People to service and mission
The deadline for the September Anchor is Thurs, Aug. 15th by 5:00 p.m. Please submit all materials to Dawn in the Hope Church office via email at dawn@hopechurchlincoln.org.

2013 Annual Budget: $392,920

As of July 28: Needed Giving: $226,684.80
Actual Giving: $208,600.96 (92%)

We encourage every follower of Christ at Hope Community Church to give generously to provide for the needs of the church. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering on Sundays, sent to the church office, or processed electronically on our website at www.hopechurchlincoln.org.

Thanks to Kelsey Wolf, Mikki Freese, Sheila Svoboda and Scott Zimmerman for their chaperoning of our Middle High and Senior High Trips! They all deserve, at minimum a Nobel Prize, but unfortunately will only receive a HUGE thank you from our church!

Please consider helping out our youth group as a chaperone on Wednesday nights, Sunday evenings, or at special events. We’re always in need of persons who have energy to invest in our young people!

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Children’s Ministry**
Mary Plock
423-8855

**Youth Ministry**
Scott Martin
423-8855

**Care Team Ministry**
Marlys Freese
421-1686

**Multi-Media Team**
Matthew Hansen
435-6505

**Parish Nurse**
Georgia Kroese
(call for appointment)
788-2795

**Discovery Classes**
Jim Sandbulte
420-2320

**Wedding Coordinator**
Donna McCullough
421-2308

**Hospitality Team**
Connie Rood
499-7468

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August Mission of the Month:

Words of Hope Arabic Language Broadcast
Hope Community Church
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Lincoln, NE 68523-9331
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Fax: 423-8858
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Back to School
Are you ready?

Real People.  Real Life.  Real Hope.

Worship Celebration & Hopeland Worship - 9:00 a.m.
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YOUTH (Middle School and High School)
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WOMEN OF HOPE
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--Contact Karl Foote 440.4206
--Contact Beth Ivey 580.4241

MEN’S MINISTRY
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--Contact Dustin Bailey 308.991.2357

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