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Real Hope.

Real Life.

Real People.

Reaching People is Like Catching Fish

If you're going to be good at fishing, you have to learn to think like a fish. If you're going to be an effective fisher of people, you have to think like a lost person. Here's the problem. Unfortunately, the longer you are a Christian, the less you think like an unbeliever. I don't think like a non-Christian; I think like a Christian. In fact, I think like a pastor. That's even worse.

You can tell just how differently pastors think than lost people when you look at church advertisements in the newspaper. You will see advertisements like, "Preaching the inspired, inerrant Word of God." Who will that appeal to? I know what the inspired, inerrant Word of God is and I believe in it. But non-Christians don't care about my view of inspiration. Or you'll see a church advertise "Holy Spirit services." Will that draw people or scare them away? Non-Christians don't know what you mean by the Holy Spirit. Is that Casper the Friendly Ghost? We must learn to think—and communicate—like a non-believer if we are going to communicate the Gospel to them.

To catch fish, you have to know their habits, preferences, and feeding patterns. Certain fish like smooth water. Others are bottom crawlers. Some like rushing water and others hide under rocks. You have to know what you're fishing for and what they like to do. If you're going to understand and reach non-Christians, you have to begin with their mindset.

The Bible says in Luke 6:8, "*But Jesus knew what they were thinking . . .*"

Many times in Scripture we read that Jesus knew what the people whom he was ministering to were thinking. Jesus gives us a great example of someone thinking like a fish.

Think about who you are trying to reach before you try to do evangelism. If I went overseas as a missionary, I could have all my doctrine right, I could have the truth that could change lives, but I would still need to learn the language. We have to learn the language of the unbeliever—not the profanity and cursing—because they don't talk in religious terms.

I often hear about how resistant people are to the Gospel. But I don't think that is true. They are not resistant—they are just on a different wavelength. Remember when CB radios were big and people would communicate through these radios on different wavebands? I remember my father-in-law's CB handle, "Wild Willie," and the local upholstery repair guy, "Tack spitter." Now, they could have the best message in the world but if one is on channel 4 and the other on channel 8, that message wouldn't get through. They would have to be on the same channel.

I have to speak their language. I don't expect them to speak my language as a Christian. I have to learn to speak their language. That's caring enough about people and not letting the method prevent the message from getting through. You have to start where people are. You communicate on their wavelength.

How do you discover the mindset of lost people in our community? You talk to them. Sounds simple, but it's true. The more you talk to non-Christians, the more you begin to get on their wavelength. Then you can build a bridge from your heart to their heart that may lead you to an opportunity to share Jesus Christ.

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We intentionally try to connect within the church and outside the church to have a Kingdom impact. Many times we have to use the open door prayer: "God open one more door before my days are over." Happy fishing for people!

~PT

If you have talents in sound mixing, or have always wanted to be able to press buttons and run cables but are not quite sure how, connect with Scott via email at:

scott@hopechurchlincoln.org.

Our church needs more sound engineers!



If you have talents in playing guitar please connect with Scott via email at: scott@hopechurchlincoln.org.

Our church needs more electric guitarist!

Middle School Youth:

PLEASE sign up for the middle school lock-in/ retreat through Nebraska Christian College by September 21. Fantastic speakers, worship, and stay overnight in college dorms with laser tag and all sorts of other games available.

More information and the schedule is available by going to <http://www.nechristian.edu/#/upcoming-events/student-week-ends>

The entire event is for a registration cost of only \$50. Scholarships are available.

**JOIN THE GOLD FOLKS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
NOTE: NEW LOCATION**



We are going on a picnic at Pioneer's Park at 11:30 on the 12th. We hope it can be a REUNION of our friends who have been unable to join us over the last year. We are providing rides for those who want to come. We will call you to see if you would like to get out in the fresh air and have some fellowship with other Gold Folks. Call Ramona Rhodes at 402-477-7706 for more details.

We will meet at the Bison Circle (just as you enter the Park; you can park your car around the edge of the circle until everyone arrives), and then go to our spot for the picnic. Just bring your favorite non-meat covered dish. The Team will provide the meat to be cooked at the park.



Please note the following new addresses:

Sharon Kroese
c/o Legacy Terrace
5700 Fremont Street, #208
Lincoln, NE 68507

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 7-5:30 HCCP 6:30 Troop #21	3 7-5:30 HCCP 6:30 Wednesday Programming	4 7-5:30 HCCP	5 7-5:30 HCCP 6:00 Private Rental	6 10:00 Private Rental
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8:30 Service

(Arrive at 8:15 and leave at 9:45)

Nursery/Toddler

Sept 7	Cathy Tice
Sept 14	J'Marie Hansen
Sept 21	Michelle Hynek Thomas
Sept 28	Aleni Stoakes



10:00 Education

(Arrive at 9:45 and leave at 11:00)

Nursery/Toddler

Sept 7	Judi Bouwens
Sept 14	Linda Elder
Sept 21	Kari Foote
Sept 28	TBD

2s & 3s

Sept 7	TBD
Sept 14	TBD
Sept 21	TBD
Sept 28	TBD

Preschool

Jordan & Julie Wondercheck

K-1st Grade

Lori Jacoby

2nd-3rd Grade

Perry Keys

ClubFour5

Sept 7 Nathan Vieth
Sept 14, 21, 28 Helen Beukelman or Joanne Van derHeijden

11:00 Service

(Arrive at 10:45 and leave at 12:15)

Nursery

Sept 7	TBD
Sept 14	TBD
Sept 21	TBD
Sept 28	TBD

2s&3s

Sept 7	TBD
Sept 14	TBD
Sept 21	TBD
Sept 28	TBD

Not sure where to plug in?
How about Children's Ministry?
We can still use help in the following areas:

10:00 Education:

Nursery/Toddler
2 & 3 Year Olds

11:00 Service:

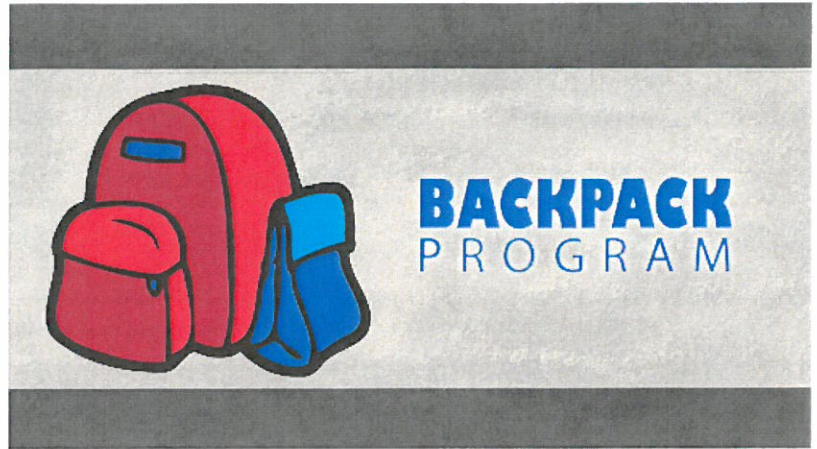
Nursery/Toddler
2 & 3 Year Olds

Contact Mary Plock for details. We need your help
in order to continue to provide quality children's
programming on Sunday mornings.

Join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 for family fun time. By family, we mean church family fun time. Most people who attend come as a family unit, but we do have some who come without the rest of the family. They connect with other Hope families to participate in games, activities or crafts, Bible study, and fellowship. On occasion we even have a cooking activity or food. We would love to see you Wednesday nights!

Tote Transporting Schedule

Aug 27 Lorre & Mary Spencer
Sept 3 Yankee Hill
Sept 10 Bob & Diane Essink
Sept 17 Yankee Hill
Sept 24 Matt Hansen Family
Oct 1 Yankee Hill



The attached schedule is for August/September backpack distribution at Roper. If you have a specific need for dates you cannot assist, please contact Linda Elder. She will try to make sure you get dates that will work for you. Thanks so much for your willingness to help.

08/29/14	Friday	*Tony Geiger, Nancy Ivey , Linda Elder
09/05/14	Friday	*Connie Zimmerman, Lorre & Mary Spencer
09/12/14	Friday	*Bruce Jacoby, Marci Davis, Renae Stoakes
09/19/14	Friday	*Breanna Peterson, Sunni Harper, Linda Elder
09/26/14	Friday	*Tony Geiger, Renae Stoakes, Nancy Ivey

Those with the (*) next to their name are designated to return totes to church when empty. Again, if that doesn't work for you, let us know. Thanks to all!

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Hopeland Childcare Center
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*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
-Proverbs 22:6*

Hopeland is excited for the new school year! This month, we will be making some needed improvements to our playground by creating an infant-toddler area. This will include an artificial turf surface, shade structure, and some new landscaping.

We are excited to be able to make the improvements that the childcare center and church will both benefit from. We are hoping to have everything complete before winter arrives! Look for pictures in the October & November newsletters.

Enrollment is FULL for 2014



We began a new 5-part message series called **"Marriage Makeover"** on Sunday, August 17. Like our homes over time, they need repainting, updates, and sometimes even essential repairs. The same is true for our marriage; they need attention over time to keep moving to greater fulfillment and satisfaction.

(Worship service times: 8:30 am. & 11:00 am.)

Sunday, September 7 - **"A Relationship Killer: Conflict"**

Sunday, September 14 - **"Rekindling the Flames Of Romance"**

Sunday, September 21 - Guest speaker: Scott Martin (Pastor Terry on vacation)

Sunday, September 28 - Guest speaker: Scott Martin (Pastor Terry on vacation)

The Celebration of Life: The baptism or dedication of your infant

Within Hope Community Church, two ceremonies are offered to parents. Each rises out of a different tradition and each carries a Biblical meaning. Parents may select either ceremony.

Infant baptism – This is rooted in the Biblical act of baptism. It is the fulfillment of circumcision as practiced in the Old Testament. We see the child as belonging to God's covenant of grace with the parents. While we do not believe that infant baptism saves a child, we do recognize in this sacred act that the grace of God who saves is already active on behalf of the infant. This is the foundation of reformed, covenant theology that God is already at work in the lives of his covenant people. Infant baptism is a celebration that anticipates the conversion of the child later in life. We also believe that the unbaptized infant is not in danger of hell should the baby die before the age of accountability. Infant baptism is not done in fear. It is a moment of high celebration. The pastor holds the child and sprinkles water on the head pronouncing the promise of something yet future.

Infant dedication – The roots of infant dedication are found in the Old Testament concept of a covenant between God and humans. Promises are made in light of God's gracious help. A parent stands before the church to enter into covenant with God. A vow is made to bring the child up in a Christian home. The church family also enters the covenant by promising to assist the parents in this role. The pastor holds the child and offers a prayer of dedication on behalf of the parents.

Each of these ceremonies makes basic assumptions about the parents. Only parents who fully intend to raise their children in the church should seek to baptize or dedicate their child. It is a mockery of God to make vows of Christian parenting in which the parent does not intend to fulfill. Hope Community Church requires at least one parent be a professing Christian and an active member of this particular church. Parents who are not yet members are welcome to join our next **CLASS 101 – Discovering a Commitment to Christ and Partnership in Hope Community Church**. All requests for infant baptism or dedication should be made to the pastor with final approval being made by the Board of Elders. CLASS 101 is offered two times a year and are announced in our monthly newsletter. The ceremony is held at the Sunday Celebration service. Our goal is that our children will grow up and make their own personal choice to trust Christ as their Savior.

Become a Partner: CLASS 101

Many, if not all churches, have a process of membership. Rather than continuing to call it membership we should be calling it partnership. What difference does it make? We think the difference is significant, one that is much greater than the name itself. In Philippians 1:3-6 the Apostle Paul writes a letter to the church in Philippi, and writes about a partnership in ministry that he has with them. Paul felt that each member of that church who was advancing the good news of Christ was one of his partners. As Paul counted on the ministry of those in Philippi, we count on the ministry of committed partners of Hope Community Church. That is why we will now call our membership class a "partnership" class.

Why partnership?

People may assume that because they profess Christ, there is no need for any further identification with a local church, believing it enough to call oneself a Christian and to attend worship services regularly at one place. What then is the point of partnership?

There are three reasons for partnership:

1. We believe the concept of partnership is Biblical. While the term "church member" is never used, the concept is implicit throughout the New Testament. Believers clearly identified themselves with a specific local body and were challenged to become devoted participants.
2. Formal membership process is valuable to the leaders of the church as they seek to fulfill their God-given task of shepherding. By its very design, Hope Community Church attracts people from all spiritual walks. With that, it is important to identify those who truly comprise the "flock" – the core that can be counted on to build and sustain the ministries of the church.
3. Experience shows that partnership benefits the individual. In a culture where commitment is no longer highly valued, recognizable partnership is an important step that moves each of us out of the vague clouds of our good intentions and into the clear light of committed participation.

How do we define partnership?

Scripture is full of references to the once-and-for-all union with Christ and His body, which is confirmed when one chooses to follow Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 2:13-22; 4:3-6; Colossians 1:13-22). When this occurs, you become a "positional member" in the universal church of Jesus Christ, based solely on His merit and grace. Positional membership is eternal and unchanging.

But then the Bible also urges positional members to continue growing in becoming participating members in a specific local assembly (Romans 12:4-8; Corinthians 12:25-31; 14:12, 26; Hebrews 10:24-25; I Timothy 3:14-15). Obviously, a person may be a member of several different local bodies during the course of his or her lifetime while maintaining a permanent positional membership in Christ's universal church.

Our next partnership class - **CLASS 101: Discovering A Commitment To Christ and Partnership in Hope Community Church** will be on **Sunday, September 14** from **noon - 3:30 pm**. Lunch and childcare is offered by RSVP the church office at 402.423.8855. Partner with us in what God is doing in your life and our community.

You're invited!

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop!™



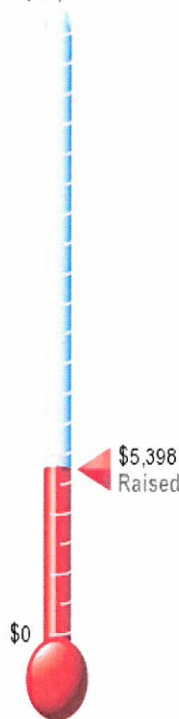
"Cards for Cash"

Bring your grocery money to church on Sundays and trade your cash (or checks) for gift cards to your favorite store. We are looking to raise \$20,000 by next April for church upgrades and building repairs. We are off to a great start...Shop for Hope has pitched in the first \$5000...

We have the following cards on hand:

Applebee's	Home Depot	Old Chicago
Arby's	HyVee	Olive Garden
Barnes & Noble	Ideal Grocery	Outback Steakhouse
Bass Pro Shop	Red Robin	Panera Bread
Bed Bath & Beyond	iTunes	PetSmart
Bath & Body Works	KFC	Pizza Hut
Braeda	Kohls	Ruby Tuesday
Burger King	Lowe's	Runza
Carlo's O'Kelly	Macaroni Grill	Russ's
Chipotle	Marcus Theaters	Shell
Claire's	Menards	Shopko
Cold Stone Creamery	Michaels	Sinclair Oil
Cracker Barrel	Mobile	Starbucks
CVS/Pharmacy	Mr. Goodcents	Subway
Family Christian	Noodles & Co.	Sunmart Foods
Gap	Office Max/Office Depot	Super Saver
		Target
		Texas Roadhouse
		Walgreens
		Walmart
		Sam's Club
		Wendy's
		Whole Foods

Goal
\$20,000



September Birthdays

Cathy Tice	1		
Mason Moore	2		
Everett Ridderbos	2	Tammy Krueger	12
Aubrie Wemhoff	2	Carson Tice	12
Dianne Hines	3	Diane Brogan	12
Bruce Weber	3	Dennis Dushaw	16
Lisa Wolf	4	Hannah Rood	17
Beth Weber	6	Alexis Thomas	22
Trey Cech	8	Donna McCullough	25
Scott Martin	8	Tim Nalley	26
Brody McCullough	9	Zach Elder	26
Jan Nieman	9	Florafae Schoen	27
Madison Plcok	11	Ardel McVey	27
Betty Malcolm	12	Brenda Kaser	30

happy
birthday

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Russ's	\$50/\$100	5%			Ace Hardware	\$25	4%			J. Crew	\$25	13%		
Supersaver	\$50/\$100	3%			Aeropostale	\$25	7%			JCPenney	\$25/\$100	5%		
Hy Vee	\$50/\$100	3%			Amazon.com	\$25/\$100	4%			Jo-Ann Fabrics	\$25	6%		
Whole Foods	\$25/\$100	3%			American Eagle	\$25	10%			Kids Foot Locker	\$25	9%		
Ideal Grocery	\$50/\$100	4%			AT&T 125 min card	\$9.50	20%			Kohl's	\$25/\$100	4%		
Sunmart	\$50/\$100	5%			Babies-R-Us	\$20	2%			Lands' End	\$25/\$100	16%		
RESTAURANTS and EATERIES					BR/Gap/Old Navy	\$25	14%			Lane Bryant	\$25	6%		
Applebee's	\$25/\$50	10%			Barnes & Noble	\$20/\$25/\$100	9%			Limited	\$25	9%		
Arby's	\$10	8%			Bass Pro Shops	\$25/\$100	9%			Lowe's	\$25/\$100/\$500	4%		
Braeda	\$10	10%			Bath & Body Works	\$10/\$25	13%			Macy's	\$25/\$100	10%		
Bruegger's Bagels	\$10	7%			Bed Bath & Beyond	\$25/\$100	7%			Marcus Theatres	\$10	9%		
Burger King	\$10	4%			Belk	\$25	7%			Marcus Theatres	\$25	9%		
Carlos O'Kelly's	\$10	9%			Best Buy	\$25/\$100/\$250	3%			Marshalls	\$25/\$100	7%		
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Honey Baked Ham	\$10	12%			Claire's	\$10	9%			Neiman Marcus	\$50	12%		
iHOP	\$25	8%			CVS/pharmacy	\$25/\$100	6%			Office Depot	\$25/\$100	4%		
KFC	\$5	8%			Dick's Sporting	\$25/\$100	8%			Office Max	\$25/\$100	5%		
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Runza	\$10	10%			Icing	\$10	9%			Talbots	\$25	13%		
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Subway	\$10	3%			TRAVEL					Target	\$25/\$100	2%		
Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8%			Fairfield Inn & Suites	\$50/\$100/\$500	8%			Toys R Us	\$20	1.50%		
Wendy's	\$10	4%			Hyatt Hotels	\$50/\$100	9%			Walgreens	\$25/\$100	6%		
GAS/FUEL					Marriott Hotels	\$50/\$100/\$500	8%			Walmart	\$10	2%		
Chevron	\$50/\$100/\$250	1.50%			Quality Inn	\$50/\$100	4%			Walmart	\$25/\$100/\$250	2%		
Mobile	\$50/\$250	2.50%			Comfort Suites	\$50/\$100	4%			Williams-Sonoma	\$25/\$100	8%		
Shell	\$25/\$50/\$100	2.50%			Econo Lodge	\$50/\$100	4%			Younkers	\$25/\$100	8%		
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Texaco	\$50/\$100	1.50%			Avis Car Rental	\$50	8%							
					Budget Car Rental	\$50	8%							

We were kids again!!!! What a wonderful day we had at the zoo. We were served a special lunch prepared by the Café at the zoo in a private section of the café. The Lincoln Children's Zoo is designed specifically for children to experience interactive, up-close encounters with all of the Zoo's animals. Even as a kid for the day, we were able to experience the quiet, almost like walking in a forest. You can leisurely walk from exhibit to exhibit taking your time to enjoy.



With nearly 200,000 visitors each year, Lincoln Children's Zoo is the third most attended arts and science attraction in Nebraska. The Lincoln Children's Zoo is a privately funded, 10-acre zoo and is the largest attended zoo per acre in the United States. Currently, the Zoo is home to over 400 animals and over 40 endangered animals, including the Amur Leopard and Matschie's Tree-kangaroo.

History

Arnott Folsom began planning for a children's zoo that would allow children to engage and interact with animals with his personal funds in 1959. In 1963, construction on the Zoo's original property of three acres was still taking place but the railroad tracks for the Zoo's train were completed. Folsom had the idea to sell train tickets for a ride on the Zoo's train, then called the "Iron Horse," to help fundraise to finish construction of the Zoo. In 1964, Folsom hired a full-time train crew and the train drove approximately 2,800 miles, selling over 150,000 tickets from 1963–1964. Lincoln Children's Zoo opened on three acres of city land in 1965. The Zoo began with about 120 animals, all of which were sold at the end of the season each year.

- 1973: Zoo hired permanent staff, allowing animals to be kept year-round
- 1978: Animal Kingdom building opened, making the Zoo's first all-weather exhibit space
- 1997: New habitats for river otters, spectacled bears, Bactrian camels and gelada baboons. Zoo also welcomed Amur Leopards and New Guinea Singing Dogs for the first time. Stegosaurus Fountain and Zooville Square were remodeled, the education complex and veterinary facility opened and "Zoo School" opened in collaboration with the Lincoln Public Schools.
- 2001: The Butterfly Pavilion opened and the zoo started planning for Antelope Triangle Park
- 2002: The name of the railroad was changed from Iron Horse Railroad to ZO&O Railroad and the Zoo's original 38-year-old, 2 ft. narrow gauge Chance Rides C.P. Huntington locomotive was replaced by a new C.P. Huntington locomotive
- 2003: Season opened with new De Brazza's Monkeys, a new home for the Zoo's Bald Eagles and a new children's play area
- 2004: Camelot Commons Education Center opened, pot-bellied seahorses and a Harbor Seal were introduced to the Zoo
- 2005: Zoo celebrated its 40-year anniversary and "Dromedary Dock," a feeding station to let visitors feed camels, opened
- 2008: Stegosaurus Fountain was renovated into Stego's Big Dig and Laura's Butterfly Pavilion opened as a permanent home for butterflies
- 2009: Zoo had reached about 350 animals and had expanded to the current 10 acres
- 2011: Humboldt Penguin exhibit opened, bringing Humboldt Penguins to Nebraska for the first time
- 2013: Lincoln Children's Zoo "Iron Horse" train celebrates 50 year anniversary
- 2014: Animal Encounter Stage was built through funding by the Abel Foundation, giving children daily opportunities to meet and greet some of the Zoo's animals, including a Bobcat, a baby alligator and Fennic Foxes

Laura's Butterfly Pavilion

In 2008, Laura's Butterfly Pavilion got a permanent space of its own where visitors can watch butterflies.

Critter Outpost

At Critter Outpost, visitors can learn more about guinea pigs, doves, tenrecs, and many other small animals as zookeepers show a different animal every hour. The exhibit is open daily during the summer and on weekends the rest of the season;

The Hive

At this indoor exhibit, visitors can see and touch a variety of arthropods from around the world. Bugs that visitors can see here include millipedes, centipedes, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, tarantulas, and scorpions.

Just like kids, we finished the day with a train ride around the Zoo. What a wonderful experience. Just like a kid!!!

Dear Hope Church,

Thank you for your thoroughness and generous contribution of \$290 and water for the people and re-building of Pilger. It helps to know that others care!

~Pilger Community

Hope Family:

Thanks to all of you for all of your concern, prayers, cards, and visits during my recent illness. I am now living at the Legacy Terrace in Room #208. Come and see me.

~Sharon Kroese



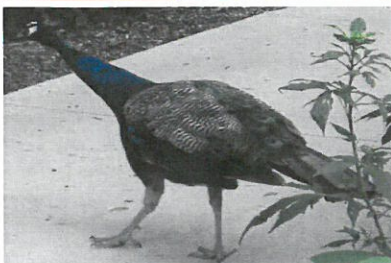
Dear Friends of Hope,

I want to thank each one of you who sent cards and letters and visits and brought flowers while in the hospital and rehab. Your prayers and encouragement meant so very much.

Thank you, PT, for your visits and prayers and also to the consistory who brought communion to me. Thank you to Kevin & Evelyn Loof for food and time spent with me and bringing church bulletins. And thanks to Bob & Diane Essink for bringing bulletins and visits.

I will always be grateful to each one of you. Blessings & Prayers to each one of you.

~Evelyn VanEngen
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Photos from the
Gold Folks Zoo
trip in August

August 17, 2014

On Sunday, during the education hour, I was able to tell the Hope Youth the very bittersweet news that our family will be transitioning this fall into a new position at Ameritas Insurance in Lincoln. We realize how impactful this is to the church and did not take this decision lightly. In telling Pastor Terry, Hope staff, Consistory, and the youth, we see this as bitter-sweet. Bitter in that we have invested alongside so many of you in the Kingdom's purpose and will miss this role. Sweet in that our ministry continues regardless of title and that Hope will continue its ministry in worship and youth in new and exciting ways.

The verses that "Paul was a tentmaker" has been very comforting in this time, knowing that my personal call into ministry will continue regardless of visible vocation. However, this decision is best for our family and we are excited about the future. Part of that immediate future will be continuing in helping with youth, worship, and even preaching a small sermon series in the coming months, which will conclude the transition of my leadership at Hope.

Lastly, I'm praying and would ask you to pray too for the future of Hope, specifically in the youth group. There are many persons who God could ordain to come to Hope in this capacity; and with faithful prayer, prudent decisions, and the church rallying around a new person (or persons) to lead the youth will be crucial to the Church's future.

Blessings,
Scott, Carissa, Evelyn, and James

August 18, 2014

Hope Community Church Family:

On Thursday night, the Hope Community Church (HCC) Consistory regrettably accepted Scott Martin's resignation as our Youth & Worship Ministry Leader. HCC has been truly blessed to have Scott leading both of these ministries over the past 3+ years. We've also been blessed to have Scott's wife, Carissa, and their children, Evelyn and James, as part of our church family.

Scott has developed a plan where he will continue to be involved on a part-time, non-leadership role in both of these ministries between now and the end of the year. Tim Svoboda, Vice President of Consistory, and Jeff Jobes, representing the Admin Team, along with the Youth Advisory Team and Worship Advisory Team, will begin to search for individuals to lead these ministries going forward. Scott has also given Tim and Jeff some names of people who may be candidates for these positions. If anyone has suggestions, please feel free to get those to Tim and Jeff as well.

When God closes a door we also believe He opens another one. "'For I know the plans I have for you', says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'" Jeremiah 29: 11 (NLT). God introduced Scott and his family to HCC when there was an urgent need. While Tim and Jeff and the Advisory Teams will be working quickly to find leaders for these ministries, we will again look to God to provide for HCC in these areas of ministry.

We ask for your prayers and continued prayers for Scott and his family as partners and friends of HCC. We also ask for your prayers in guiding those responsible for this search. Please feel free to contact any member of HCC Consistory or Pastor Terry if you have any questions.

The Consistory,
Joe Armstrong, Mark Freese, Matt Hansen, Analisa Lenhoff, Kevin Loof, Kim Middlestadt, Tim Svoboda, Doug Tice, & Bob Wolf

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

GREETERS

Sept. 7	8:30 a.m.	Rod, Pam, & Alex Wismer, Dale Wismer
	11:00 a.m.	Hank & Retha Buis, Gerry & Kathy Tice
Sept. 14	8:30 a.m.	Jan Hemmerling, Diane Essink
	11:00 a.m.	Twan & Joanne Van der Heijden, Tom & Karen Mouw-Barclay
Sept. 21	8:30 a.m.	Jim & Ramona Rhodes, Ron & Judi Bouwens
	11:00 a.m.	Ardel & Shelley McVey, Matt & Alana Osmond
Sept. 28	8:30 a.m.	Claudette Schmidt, Tony & Kathryn Liesveld
	11:00 a.m.	Keith & Judy Bouwens, Wes & Marlene Bouwens
Oct. 5	8:30 a.m.	Bruce & Beth Weber, Dale Wismer
	11:00 a.m.	Hank & Retha Buis, Gerry & Kathy Tice

WELCOME CENTER (NAME TAGS)

Sept. 7	Bev Wismer
Sept. 14	Bob & Valerie Marhenke
Sept. 21	Angie Hartgerink
Sept. 28	Lucille DeYong
Oct. 5	Bev Wismer

HOSTS

Sept. 7	Kevin & Evelyn Loof, Chip & Holly Romjue, Nancy Ivey, Dale Rood, Cal & Linda VanEngen
Sept. 14	Dave Beukelman, Anthony & Arlene Geiger, Diane Essink, Jan Hemmerling, Twan & Joanne Van der Heijden
Sept. 21	Kevin & Carrie Elder, Joe Armstrong, Bill & Linda Elder, Ron & Judi Bouwens
Sept. 28	Perry & Ruth Keys, Ric & Ranae Stoakes, Linda Rutz, Bob & Donna McCullough, Jim Sandbulte
Oct. 5	Kevin & Evelyn Loof, Chip & Holly Romjue, Nancy Ivey, Dale Rood, Cal & Linda VanEngen

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Sunday Celebration

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Sunday Schedule:

Worship Celebration &
Hopeland Worship
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Our Mission

CELEBRATE

God's presence
in worship

CULTIVATE

Personal growth
in Christ

CARE

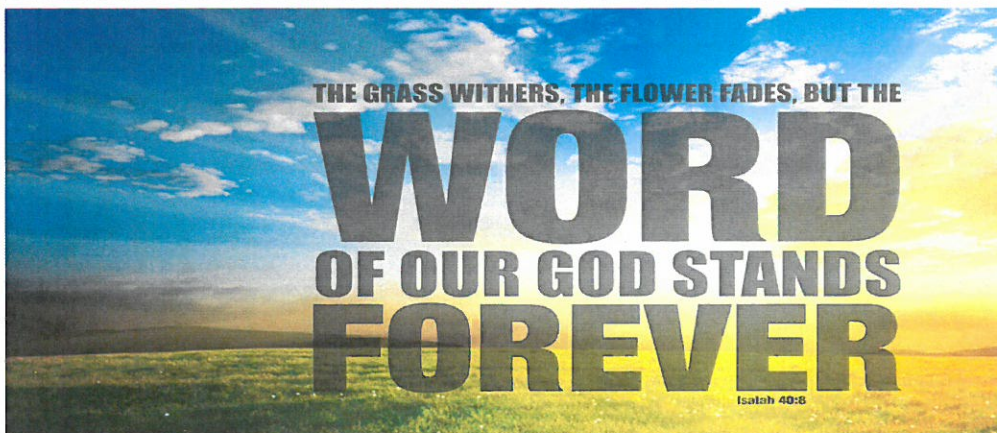
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another in Christ

COMMUNICATE

God's Word
to the world

CALL

People to service
and mission



September Mission
of the month:

Jeremy & Susan Beebout
Republic of Niger

The deadline for the October
Anchor is Monday, Sept. 15th
by 5:00 p.m.

Please submit all materials to
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Worship Celebration - 8:30 a.m.
Classes for All Ages - 10:00 a.m.
Worship Celebration - 11:00 a.m.

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A place to CONNECT

HOPELAND NURSERY (infant up to age 3)
--Contact Mary Plock 423.8855

HOPELAND CHILDREN - (age 3-5th grade)
--Sunday's 10:00
--Vacation Bible School
--Contact Mary Plock 423.8855

YOUTH (Middle School and High School)
--Sunday's 10:00 - Discovery Classes

WOMEN OF HOPE
--Special events & studies for women

MEN's MINISTRY (Hope Knights)
--Special events & men's Bible study
--Contact Matt Anderson 470.2045
--Contact Russ Plock 440.4604

GOLD FOLKS (55+ age group)
--Meet 2nd Friday of each month
--Contact Ramona Rhodes 477.7706

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