

Hope Happenings

Connecting the congregation in ministry.

Hope Evangelical Covenant Church
451 Ackman Road
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

April 2011

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Matt King, Associate Pastor
Youth Ministries

Town Hall Meeting

April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at church

- Please join the Board of Trustees to discuss the current happenings at Hope and our life together. There will be opportunity for asking questions and having open discussion.
- We need your participation to gain the most benefit for our church.

Successful Camp Auction

- Nearly 100 people gathered for the Camp Auction and Chili Cook-off. It was a great time of fellowship and sharing food together. The best part is that we raised over \$2,700 to help send kids to camp!! Thank you to all who made the evening a success.
- Applications for the camp fee rebate are at the camp display in the narthex. Each family should submit a request for their rebate.

Saturday Evening - 5:30 p.m.

WORSHIP

You are always invited to attend our Saturday Evening Worship — just because it is convenient for you — because you want to — it meets your need. Come on along and invite someone to come with you. Saturday Evening Worship is available for all who want to come.

Hope to help PADS

PadS Sleepover April 30 - Support PADS by raising money and awareness for the McHenry County Homeless shelter by sleeping outside on our church lawn. See Pastor Matt for more details.

Easter Sunday Brunch

Immediately following the Easter Worship Service.

A wonderful time for fellowship while celebrating our Lord Jesus' victory over the grave.

Once again we will look to the congregation to bring the different items for the brunch.

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.

Hope Covenant Church Ministry

“To Know Him and Make Him Known”

is our Mission Statement.

Our vision moves us forward: **“To serve the needs of our communities’ contemporary families, focusing on the unchurched, to find hope in Christ for today and eternity.”**

- Volunteers are needed to help us **Connect** with Christ and others through small groups, fellowship time, effective communications and community outreach; to **Grow** spiritually through Christian Education and Worship; and to **Serve** others with our stewardship, care, childcare, prayer team and community service.

- Where can I serve? Make a note on the Sunday green/blue card of your interest and we will contact you.

A Meaningful Worship Experience

The worship experience begins when we enter the building. Our worship service is strongly supported with those serving as greeters, those at the welcome center and ushers. A friendly welcome from a greeter will help set the tone for our worship together. Ushers assist with entering the worship center, giving of worship folders and assisting with seating. Those at the Welcome Center are available for questions about our church and the ministries we provide. Check out the new schedule at the Welcome Center. Currently there are openings for additional greeters, ushers and serving at the welcome center. Have you considered serving on a Sunday morning? Please contact Don Schmidt or note your interest on a Sunday green/blue card and put in the offering.

The Secret Millionaire

by Greg Asimakoupoulos
Pastor, Mercer Island Covenant Church

A new show's on each Sunday night.
It's heart-warming TV.
They call it Secret Millionaire.
Yes, it's reality.

A wealthy person hits the streets
without designer clothes
to mingle with those far-less-off
and understand their woes.

And in the end the one who's rich
shows love and writes a check.
The plot reminds me of Man
whose gift we can't forget.
His net worth was mind-boggling.
A millionaire and more.
But Jesus laid it all aside
to serve the working poor.

Without the trappings of his wealth,
he tasted of their plight
while trudging through their broken dreams
that marked their sleepless nights.

Much like the Undercover Boss
in camouflaged disguise,
he hung out with those needing help
responsive to their sighs.
Then Jesus emptied Heaven's bank
and paid off sin's cruel debt.
This Secret Millionaire still lives.
I wonder. Have you met?

Happy Easter!

Road Construction Underway

On March 1 the much discussed project involving Randall-Rakow Road construction from Ackman Road to Route 31 began. The project will last until the fall of 2012 and you can expect some delays along the way.

This is the project that will change the access to our church when traveling west on Ackman Road from Randall. We are not sure when the impact of the construction project will be felt, but be aware that it is coming.

For further information, please visit

www.rakowroad.com

Student Ministries

For Junior and Senior High Youth

Junior High Youth Group meets on Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Confirmation is 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Senior High Youth Group meets Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Girls and Guys Bible Studies meet on alternate weeks.

Coming Events

April 16 - Paintball Day at the Jorgensen's

April 30 - Paint the back side of the church

May 14 - Volunteer Work Day at Covenant Harbor

Sunday School — 10:45 - 11:45 am

Children's Sunday School classroom locations are available at the welcome center.

Youth Sunday School class is in the Youth Room.

Second Hour - Adult Sunday School

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

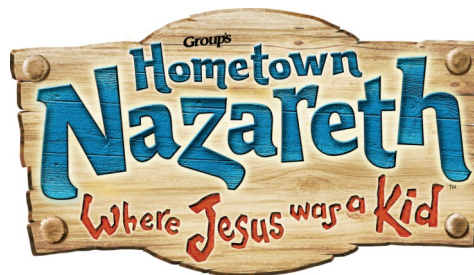
March 13 to April 17 - Romans 12

A Lenten study of this familiar chapter.

These classes will be led by Brian Brecheisen.

Crystal Lake Food Pantry

- People desiring to serve at the Food Pantry, please contact Herb Snider.
- Contributions to the Food Pantry are always welcome. You will find boxes for your contribution outside the office door.



V B S

July 11 to 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

VBS for families!

Take your family on vacation to Nazareth this summer. During Vacation Bible School we will experience life in the village where Jesus grew up. Becoming part of the history will make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate.

Watch for registration materials and your opportunity to volunteer to serve.

VBS Director is Amanda Arwood

We need a decorations coordinator.

Prayer

"My house will be called a house of prayer. . . ."
Matthew 21:13 quoted from Isaiah 56:7

You are invited to participate with the Prayer Team

- Sunday mornings, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

Your prayer requests are always welcome. Use a green / blue card on Sunday morning or call the church office. Share your praises as your prayers are answered.



Men's Ministry

Each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Donuts and Parables. Come for food, fellowship and Bible study. All men welcome!

Service Opportunities

Do you have compassion for others? Are you one who likes to make a meal, provide transportation, or send notes of encouragement, healing, or thank you. If so, the Care Team would like you to consider serving with others who share your passion. For more information on how to get involved contact Lynn Winn.

Let's Celebrate Together

April Birthdays

2 Ryan McNaughton	11 Karen Gill
5 Fran Danek	14 Ben Caspari
6 Meg Norten	15 Carrie McCune
8 Vida Westerberg	18 Vivien Spence
10 Scott Propp	20 Sean Sartell

April Anniversaries

3 Patrick and Mia Eppler
4 Dick and Karen Maiman
5 Bill and Carol Dick
11 David and Theresa Tapley

- This is your opportunity to help your friends at Hope celebrate their important day.
- If we have missed your special day, please let us know using a green Welcome Card. Thanks.

Fall Fellowship

Ladies, be watching and waiting for September's Fall Fellowship at Covenant Harbor. Registrations will be accepted after June 1. See Anita Wojnicki for info.

Summer Camp Registration Time

Covenant Harbor, our camp in Lake Geneva, WI,
• www.covenantharbor.org
Covenant Point, our camp in Upper Michigan.
• www.cpbc.com
Camp Brochures are available in the narthex.



Adventure Club
MORE than a club—
it's an ADVENTURE

Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Adventure Club ministry is a weekly Bible club for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our club year 2010-2011 is quickly coming to a close . . . four weeks left.

- April 6 Celebrating March & April Birthdays
- April 6 Craft night
- April 10 Adventure Club Sunday
- April 13 Bag-It Night
- April 13 Game night & "Movin-Down"
- April 20 Game night & "Movin-Up"
- April 27 Club Year 2010-2011 Ends

Bridal Shower for Emily Smith

Sunday, April 10 - 2:00 p.m. at church.

All women are welcome! There is a sign-up in the narthex. Emily and Sam are registered at Macy's, JCPenney, Pampered Chef, and Target.



Meeting
1st & 3rd Thursday
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Children's Clothing Sale

Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MOPS Children's Clothing Sale to benefit Hope's community outreach events. Mark your calendar. Clothing donations welcome the week before the sale.

Action Zone

We began a Lenten emphasis, *Following For Forty*, in March. This will lead us to our Easter celebration. Grades K to 5.

Attention Grades 4 and 5

Your own Action Zone is back! We invite all those in grades 4 and 5 to come to Action Zone for your own journey through Lent to Easter.

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At Hope Covenant Church

Saturday Evening

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday Mornings

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School
For all ages

Sunday Worship in April

- In difficult times where does a church find encouragement? In times of confusion where do individuals find vision?
- In the coming weeks we will be opening God's Word and from it reading Prophecies of Hope.
- We will be following the life of the nation of Israel and reading the Prophecies of Hope delivered in difficult times. Pastor Matt is preaching.

April 3 - Communion - *Hope In Destruction*

April 10 - *Hope In Exile*

April 17 - Palm Sunday - *Hope Through the Messiah*

April 24 - Easter Sunday Worship followed by brunch
He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

On the Covenant Calendar

April 28 - 30 Central Conference Annual Meeting
North Park Covenant Church, Chicago

Your Church Leaders

Church Chair - Tim McNaughton
(timothy.mcnaughton@gmail.com)

Church Vice Chair
also Board of Spiritual Life Chair - Al Winn
(awinn11344@aol.com)

Pray for our military personnel

Mehrvarz Yavaliollah in Iraq

Give us the name(s) of other service personnel.

Our Church Library

The church library is there for your benefit. Make it a priority to visit the Library for reference material, books and CD / video / DVD recordings. If you haven't visited the Church Library you are missing out on a great resource!

Looking to borrow books of *Left Behind Series* (for kids) and any book by Chris Fabry. Books will be returned. See Kim Olsen.

Please send newsletter contributions by
April 26

to <Dale.hopehap@sbcglobal.net> for the
May 2011 issue of *Hope Happenings*.

Confirmation

Confirmation Students

- Cara Yavaliollah
- Jordan Dykstra
- Emily Anderson
- Alex Malone
- Kayla Mitchell
- Kristen Gill

Confirmation Sunday is
May 15.

Graduates this May

Mason Mellinger
Kayla Jorgenson
Kyle Nicholas
Dan Pagarsh
Mitchell Winn
Erin Smith

Please call the church
office to list additional
students graduating from
high school or college.

Our worship creates a sense of intimacy with both
God and one another and forms us into a community
of disciples of Christ.