

# Hope Happenings

*Connecting the congregation in ministry.*

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

**May 2011**

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Youth Ministries



Coming in May during  
Action Zone:  
***Wise Words for  
Our Walk***



During the next few months, your child will GROW in Action Zone by learning important words from the Bible, "Wise Words for Our Walk." Each week, the children will travel through the Bible on an imaginary hike. Along the way, they will learn new words and how to apply those words in their own lives.

Ask your child about the "souvenirs" from their walk each week. Talk about the words they are learning and what they mean to you. If you desire, take some time at home to look up the words in additional scripture passages together. And, of course, feel free to invite someone else along for a walk, too!

## ***Spring is for Graduations***

We at Hope Covenant Church celebrate with our graduates.

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

If we missed a graduating student, please call the church office to let us know. Thank you.

## ***Junior High Students Move-up***

Starting May 4, all 5th graders are welcome to become full participating members of the Junior High Youth Group. See Pastor Matt for more information or pick-up a flyer at the welcome center.

## ***2011 Spring Benefit Gala***

Covenant Village of Northbrook  
Sunday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

\*Entertainment \* Hors d'oeuvres \* Desserts

Funds raised provide assistance to residents when their resources run out.

## ***Confirmation Sunday***

May 15 at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

The following youth are completing their Confirmation studies and will be confirmed. This is a time for all of us to join the young people and their families in celebrating their accomplishment.

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

The Confirmation program is a two-year study of the Bible, the church, and personal faith. The usual time is during the students' seventh and eighth grades.

## ***You can help Cornerstone Community Outreach at Jesus People Covenant Church in Chicago just by clicking your mouse!***

Former Covenant President Glenn Palmberg hopes people will spend 30 seconds on the Internet to help Jesus People USA Covenant Church raise \$15,000 for a playground at the church's homeless shelter.

The church's project at Cornerstone Community Outreach is one of 10 national finalists in a contest sponsored by KaBoom!, a nonprofit organization devoted to helping communities develop play spaces. All of the nominees submitted videos of their projects, and the top five vote-getters will each win the \$15,000 prize.

As many as 100 children living at Cornerstone use the playground which is located on the ministry's roof. The playground needs repair and shading.

To vote, visit the KaBoom! Website (kaboom.org). A quick registration is required. You can vote once every 24 hours through May 10.

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## **The Feast – Experiencing Life God Intends for Us**

Although he has been a leader in churches for years, Gary Walter, president of the Evangelical Covenant Church, says he expects to learn and begin developing new spiritual practices when he attends [the Feast](#), June 25-28.

“No matter how long you have been a Christian, there always is something valuable we can discover about opening ourselves to God and experiencing the life he intends for us,” says Walter. “I’m looking forward to growing spiritually alongside Covenanters who come from around the world to participate.

The denominational gathering will be hosted at the YMCA of the Rockies camp in beautiful Estes Park, some 65 miles northwest of Denver. Activities are planned for people of all ages.

Early registration is available through May 3. [Visit the website](#) for more information and to register.

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A great vacation idea for your family!

### ***Women Ministries Fall Fellowship Retreat:***

September 23-25, 2011

Covenant Harbor Bible Camp, Lake Geneva, WI

#### **Let's Go There!**

Featuring Toni Schwabe, lifelong member of the Covenant. Toni has held different roles in Women Ministries, is a wife, mother, and grandma; and has written several articles for InSpirit Magazine. She is currently studying for her masters in Divinity at North Park Seminary.

**Registrations will be compiled and mailed May 15th! See Kim Olsen for more information.**

### ***Road Construction***

Please be careful as you approach the church. Each day more work takes place.

### ***Service Opportunities***

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.

### ***Immediate Need***

Providing transportation to and from Sunday Worship for those needing help. Please contact Pat Johnson.

## ***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***

May 7 - Paintball Day at the Jorgensen's

May 14 - Service project at church

### ***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.**

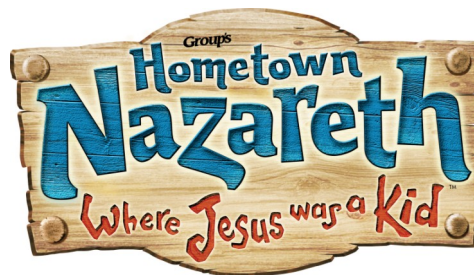
Study of Nehemiah led by Scott Propp.

Four Sundays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Nehemiah responds to a need in Jerusalem.

### ***Crystal Lake Food Pantry***

- People desiring to serve at the Food Pantry, please contact Herb Snider at 815 477-9162.
- 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!**

Children (and families) venture 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.

Registration material is at the display in the narthex.

VBS Director is Amanda Arwood.

Don't wait to volunteer to help!

## 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 and

- Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Your prayer requests are always welcome. Use a Welcome Card on Sunday morning or call the church office. Share your praises, too.



## Men's Ministry

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

## Let's Celebrate Together

### May Birthdays

3 Brooklyn Carlson	22 Judy Jorgensen
3 Gabrielle Witt	22 Sheri Loechle
3 Jerry Moody	24 Chuck Ahsmann
4 Bill Dick	26 Bob Wegener
10 Dave Johnson	26 Shawn Ellis
11 Donna Oates	27 Jenny Winn
14 Greg Mellinger	28 Maria Eppler
15 Jenna Mattes	29 Brad Winn
20 John Donigian	

### May Anniversaries

3 Pat and Sally Cree	1986
6 Martin & Michelle Mattes	1995
9 Dale & Paulette Westberg	1964
13 Helmut & Linda Rosenberg	1967
27 Chuck & Sue Gill	1984
30 Dave and Amy Caspari	1992
30 John & April Getty	1998

- 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 Welcome Card. Thank you.

## Baby Bottle Campaign Results

Did you hear? The total collected amount was just over \$800! Hope families filled 46 baby bottles with change and checks. The Tri-County Pregnancy and Parenting Services thanks you for your generosity.

## Summer Camp Registration Time

**Covenant Harbor**, our camp in Lake Geneva, WI,

- [www.covenantharbor.org](http://www.covenantharbor.org)

**Covenant Point**, our camp in Upper Michigan.

- [www.cpbc.com](http://www.cpbc.com)

**Camp Brochures** are available in the narthex.



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

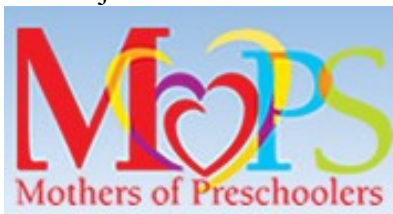
Resumes in  
September

## Club Year 2010-2011 Ends Strong

Here's the stats...

- 96 clubbers!
- 75 registered
- 21 visitors/guests
- 65 (68%) from the community
- 31 (32%) attends Hope
- 27 staff helpers
- AND ONE ROSE!

Adventure Club is a mid-week Bible ministry for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. It is our mission to help children learn the importance of having and developing a relationship with Jesus. We end a great year discovery the Savior and growing in the Son. Club year 2011-2012 begins September 21. Please join us on another adventure with Jesus!



**Summer Schedule**

As this MOPS year comes to a close, we invite you to join us as we meet at different parks throughout the spring and summer months. Check out the park schedule below and join us on these days from 9:30 - 11:00am, for lots of outdoor fun!

**May 19 - Main Beach Crystal Lake**

**June 2 - Timber Town Cary**

**June 16 - Randall Oaks Dundee**

**July 7 - Veteran's Acres Crystal Lake**

**July 21 - Deicke Park Huntley**

**August 4 - Angel Town Park Algonquin**

**August 18 - Sunset Park Lake in the Hills**

\*For more information or directions contact  
Carrie McCune or Kristine Witt.

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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 May

- May 1 - Kursty Bure, Guest Preacher  
North Park Seminary senior
- May 8 - Pastor Matt preaching  
Mothers' Day
- May 15 - Confirmation Sunday  
Confirmands participating
- May 22 - Rev. Mary Miller, Guest Preacher  
North Park Seminary faculty
- May 29 - Pastor Matt preaching  
Memorial Day Weekend

## 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's Vision Statement*

To serve the needs  
of our communities' contemporary families,  
focusing on the unchurched,  
to find hope in Christ for today and eternity.

### *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  
May 31

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

## On the Covenant Calendar

May 5 - National Day of Prayer

May 14 - North Park University Commencement

## *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)

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