

# Hope Happenings

*Connecting the congregation in ministry.*

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

**June 2011**

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Youth Ministries

## *Discovering God's Word*

During 2nd Hour this June - August 2011, join your Hope brothers and sisters of all ages in an Intergenerational Hope Family Sunday School class: Discovering God's Word. Each week "extended families" will worship together, learn about the importance of God's Word to our lives and how to study it, participate in engaging activities, and apply what we learn to our lives. Summer Family Challenge: Learn the books of the Bible!



Summer Action Zone:  
*Wise Words for  
Our Walk*



During Action Zone children are 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.

Encourage your child to share his or her experience at Action Zone and the "souvenirs" for 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!

## *Prayer Concerns*

- Would you like to receive the weekly prayer update for personal prayers? It is emailed weekly.
- How do you add your concern to the prayer list during the week?

Just call the church office and let Debbie know.

## *Prayer Team Meeting*

*Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

We encourage all who can to participate in this hour of prayer for our church and all who are touched by its ministry. Prayer is the one thing that will advance the cause of Christ quickly and solidly. Make prayer a priority. All are welcome!

## *Vacation Bible School*

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



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. We are receiving registrations now!

Volunteers are still needed. From now until VBS, Wednesdays are preparation days as we set the stage. Help with painting props and scenery from 10:00 a.m. until noon and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

VBS Director is Amanda Arwood.

Don't wait to volunteer to help! Staff training will be held June 28 and 29 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. You only need to attend one evening.

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



### ***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.

**There are 20 women from Hope already signed up! See Kim Olsen for more information.**

### ***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.

### ***From the Church Chair, Tim McNaughton***

#### **Trustees**

The Trustees have been encouraged by the enthusiasm and positive response of the congregation over the last weeks. We sense there is good health in the congregation and the Lord is moving. The Trustees have been in regular communication with Peter Sjoblom of the Central Conference in general discussions about moving forward, interim pastor, future pastoral staff configurations, search committee, and more. We will be meeting again with Peter later this month as we work thru the pastoral transition.

#### **Pastoral Search Committee**

The Trustees will bring a slate of names for recommendation to serve on the Search Committee to the congregation on Sunday, June 5.

There will be much work to do before any candidates are considered. They will begin by meeting and organizing themselves, and then getting together with Jolene Bergstrom Carlson, Associate Superintendent of the Central Conference, who will outline the process, give guidance, and work with the committee. After the foundational work is done, the task of researching and identifying a potential candidate for senior pastor begins in earnest. I am sure the group will experience many emotions during the process from anticipation to disappointment, frustration and joy. Please be in prayer for this group, and our congregation as we proceed thru this process.

Please continue to communicate with the Board of Trustees; we look forward to listening to you.

### ***Student Ministries***

#### **For Junior and Senior High Youth**

Junior High Youth - Sunday School at 10:45 Sunday.

Girls Small Group (5th through 8th grades) meets every other week on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. First meeting is June 8.

Senior High Youth - Sunday School at 10:45 Sunday.

### ***Coming Events***

Thursday, June 30, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Watch for details.

### ***Sunday School — 10:45 - 11:45 am***

Children's (Intergenerational) Sunday School

Discovering God's Word.

Youth Sunday School class is in the Youth Room.

### ***Second Hour - Adult Sunday School***

**10:45 - 11:45 a.m.**

Studying the Bible together is one of the ways we can grow in our Christian walk.

This summer there are 2 options for adults during Second Hour.

Adults are invited to participate in the Intergenerational Sunday School Class for children and adults -- 'Discovering God's Word' or Consider Contemporary Topics from a Christian perspective. Al Winn will lead us the four Sundays in June in the conference room.

### ***Road Construction***

Please be careful as you approach the church. Each day more work takes place. You may want to decide on an alternate approach to the church, just to be safe.

### ***Service Opportunities***

The Care Team would like you to consider serving. 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.

### ***New Member Class***

**June 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hope Covenant Church or you want more information, this class is for you. Contact Pastor Matt with questions.

## Let's Celebrate Together

### June Birthdays

1 Donna Donigian	13 Paulette Westberg
4 Amanda Arwood	13 Helen Spader
6 Dave Szum	15 Dillon Carlson
7 Braelyn Hollensbe	16 Marisa Monbrod
7 Sally Cree	22 Eva Wright
7 Scott Person	23 Lois Wagner
8 Dagney Jensen	23 Rebekah Stevens
9 Deborah Sartell	26 Mike Stevens
9 Karissa Sartell	28 Faith Gerber
9 Matt King	28 Jeff Danek
12 Pat Westerberg	29 Lois Bertram

### June Anniversaries

9 Matt and Kristin King	2001
11 Brad and Jenny Winn	2005
16 Harry and Donna Oats	1973
27 John and Donna Donigian	1987

Send a card, make a phone call or say it in person.  
Do say it someday!

### Fellowship Needs

We need people to serve on the Fellowship Team. Do it for an event or as a regular member. Please contact Jenny Winn, 847 962-0080 or by email at < winn61105@sbcglobal.net >

### From Chuck Swindoll

“Nehemiah also lays out the hard facts, as Churchill often did. Not to blame or beat people down, but to **fan their smoldering passions into blazing flames.**” *Hand Me Another Brick*, page 28.

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### Covenant World Mission Vision Trips

You are invited to experience firsthand what God is doing around the world through the ministry of Covenant World Missions. These are not work team opportunities, but rather a chance to see what ministry looks like in different contexts.

Visit <covchurch.org/missions> see “Trips” or call Karen Hallberg at 773 907-3318.

Vision Trip Opportunities include Kenya, Thailand (2 trips), Europe, Ecuador and Colombia.

### 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.

### Summer Sunday Worship at Covenant Harbor

The Covenant Harbor Summer Sunday Worship is open to the public. Services start at 10:30 a.m. After the service people can buy a grilled lunch or bring your own picnic. Swim and relax until 4:30 p.m.

June 19 - Rev. William Crowder

Chaplain, Spectrum Sports Ministries

June 26 - Rev. Bruce Bruns

Pastor, Anchor Covenant Church, Lake Geneva

July 3 - Rev. Daniel Johnson

Pastor, Plymouth Covenant Church, Plymouth, MN

July 10 - Rev. Darnell Robinson

Pastor, Harvest Center Covenant Church,  
Milwaukee, WI

July 17 - Rev. Derek Boggs

Pastor, Covenant Church, Princeton, IL

Services also on July 24, 31 and August 7.



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

Resumes in  
September



Summer  
Schedule

We invite you to join us as we meet at different parks throughout the summer months. Check out the park schedule below and join us on these days from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. for lots of outdoor fun!

**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 (847)516-2792 or Kristine Witt  
(847)854-3939.

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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 June

June 5 - Guest Speaker, Scott Olsen  
Congregational meeting follows  
June 12 - Pastor Matt King preaching  
June 19 - Dr. John Wenrich preaching  
June 26 - Pastor Matt King preaching

## Saturday Evening - 5:30 p.m. WORSHIP

You are always invited to attend our Saturday Evening Worship.

## On the Covenant Calendar

June 2 - Ascension Day  
June 12 - Pentecost  
National Covenant Hispanic Day  
June 19 - Trinity Sunday  
June 25 - 28, The Feast, Estes Park, Colorado  
June 28 - 20, Covenant Ministerium Annual Meeting  
and Covenant Annual Meeting,  
Estes Park, Colorado

Worship is the moment by moment lifestyle.  
Worship brings focus.  
Worship is the unity that binds our diversity.

## *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.

### **Note - -**

Currently the theme for the church library's seasonal book rack is "Lite Summer Reading." Individuals are invited to "check it out".

Please send newsletter contributions by  
July 7

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

## *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)

## *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.