

Hope Covenant Church
451 Ackman Rd
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

February 5, 2012

Dear Members and Friends of Hope Covenant Church:

The Hope Covenant Church Transition Team has presented the church with a candidate for the position of Lead Pastor: Reverend Bill Orris and Reverend Lisa Orris as Co-Pastors. We are excited that we are moving to the final stage of the process of bringing a new pastor to our church.

As the search process draws to a close we are inviting you to participate in several events where we will introduce Bill and Lisa Orris and the concept of Co-Pastors. We will have time to get to know Bill and Lisa and hear their heart for ministry at Hope Covenant Church. We urge all of you to take advantage of the opportunities presented to get to know the Orris' on both Saturday, February 25th and Sunday, February 26th. The attached page outlines these events. Over the next couple weeks, we will provide information that includes documents from the Evangelical Covenant Church Denomination to help us understand the Co-Pastor concept as well as women in ministry. These documents will be available at the welcome center in the church narthex.

The Board of Trustee's is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 4th at 12:00PM (right after Second Hour) for the purpose of voting to extend the call of Lead Co-Pastor to Reverend Bill and Reverend Lisa Orris. All are welcome to attend the meeting and provide feedback and insight. However, based on the by-laws of the church, only members can participate in the vote for the call of the Lead Co-Pastor position. Childcare will be provided during this meeting.

We are using a less formal approach for Saturday evening's event so you can take the opportunity for conversation and time to get to know the Orris'. Sunday will be an opportunity to see and hear Rev. Bill and Rev Lisa Orris conduct a Sunday worship service as well as Rev. Bill Orris lead an all Church Second Hour Class. After Second Hour there will be an all church potluck lunch followed by a more formal time of questions and answers from the congregation. It is the sincere desire of the Transition Team, the Board of Trustee's and the Board of Spiritual Life that you, also, will sense the leading of the Holy Spirit as the Orris' are presented to Hope Covenant Church.

In Christ:

Hope Covenant Church Trustee's