



HighLites
August 6, 2017

Calendar for the Week

- TODAY**
- VBS Sunday!
 - Morning Worship with Pastor Kevin, 9:30 a.m.
 - Mortgage Retirement Offering
 - Communion
- Monday - Journey Progressive Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday - Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday - Church Office Closed (Pastor Kevin and Allison at Leadership Summit)
- Next Sunday
- Morning Worship with Pastor Eliza Bast, 9:30 a.m.
 - NO Journey Pool Party (New date! Details below!)
- Coming Up*
- *Young at Heart, 8/17 (Details on back!)*
 - *Morning Worship with our Primary Pastoral Candidate, Rev. Dan Jongsma, 8/20 at 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Congregational Meeting, 8/20, time TBA*
 - *Deacon Meeting, 8/22 at 6 p.m.*
 - *Consistory Meeting, 8/22 at 7 p.m.*

Upcoming Events @ Hope!

 The Journey pool party has a **NEW** date! They will gather on Sunday, August 20 from 4-7 p.m. at the Rozek's.

A new Search Team Update is in the bulletin today. You can find extras on the narthex table.

Please mark your calendars! Our Westwood Neighborhood BBQ will take place on Wednesday, September 13th. More details to come!

Prayers & Praises

Continued prayers for: Terry Block, Loretta Moore, Arlene Doot, Don DeWolf, Del & Irene Fraaza, Fred Gould, June Schaap, Ron Stolk, Julie Bos, Jim Loedeman, Helen Roglic, Sarah Bradford, Chuck Harmon, Becky Nap, Dave Collison, Gideon Schripsema.

Please remember those who are shut-ins or those in assisted care with a card or note of encouragement and your prayers: Helen DeWinter, Ruthie Pearl Burch.

Volunteers

Greeters

N: Mark & Kathy Rozek
S: Jerry & Deb Havenaar

Greeters Next Week

N: Randy & Angie Vreeman
S: Don & Bev VanLandegent

Ushers

Jack DeYoung,
Don VanderMeer,
Dave VanderStelt

Elder Greeters

Ed Moore, Rick Wielopolski,
Steve Thomas, Steve Hellenga

Nursery

Heather Offringa
Sam Offringa
Eli Brown

Nursery Next Week

Sue Johnson
Amy Daniels

Giving Report for: 7/30

General/Mission Fund

Received

\$ 7,720.00

Budgeted

\$ 5,507.57

Mortgage Retirement

Received for the Week

\$ 560.00

Needed for Next Payment

(August 15)

\$ 3,031.85

Monthly Payment

\$ 5,468.85



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Announcements

Children and Worship will be resuming in the Fall. Children and Worship is the program used for our 4 and 5 year olds during Morning Worship. The materials are all provided and there is little preparation needed. You would only be required to teach one Sunday a month or less (depending on how many volunteer). If you are interested in joining the teaching rotation please contact Angie Vreeman - rangievreeman@att.net or 269-744-2676.

Lily and Heather Offringa are going to Repalle, India in January of 2018 to be a part of a medical mission team serving children and villages through the ministry of India Rural Evangelical Fellowship. To cover the costs of travel, lodging and supplies they need to raise \$3500 each (\$7000 total). Please help them raise funds by donating your pop cans/bottles during the month of August. There will be a donation box at church from August 6-27 ready to receive your donations. You can also assist by donating to our Go Fund Me page online at www.gofundme.com (search for "Heather and Lily's India Fund"). If you have any questions please contact Heather at 269-779-5871 or heatheroffringa@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

During this time of transition at Hope, please remember to contact your caring elder if you need to communicate any shepherding needs.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Elder Team</u>
A - F	Paul Witteveen & Angie Vreeman
G - M	Kathy Rozek & Rick Wielopolski
N - S	Steve Thomas & Shauna Collison
T - Z	Ed Moore & Steve Hellenga

Young at Heart: We hope to sail on the Tall Ship 'Friends Good Will' on August 17th (Thursday). The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations must be made soon, so sign up on the list in the narthex ASAP!

Task Force Updates!

Welcome Ministry Task Force: this team is working hard on considering how we can continue to be a loving and welcoming community to any visitors and newcomers. They are looking at everything from forming a welcome center space as well as making our environment even more welcoming.

Nursery Task Force: this team has come together to help fill the mighty shoes of Becki since her time has ended as Nursery Coordinator. You'll notice a new form to fill out to help update our records. We also ask that only the scheduled nursery volunteers or family members of kiddos be in nursery during service. And as always, we are looking for volunteers, so if you'd like to help out, let the office know!

Search Team: Please see your Search Team Update Letter in the bulletin or on the narthex table for more details on our primary candidate for the position of Pastor of Worship and Spiritual Development, Rev. Dan Jongsma. Here are the current prayer requests from the team:

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for Pastor Jongsma and his wife, Gloria, as they seek God's will regarding whether or not to accept a call to serve with us.
- Pray for them as they speak to their congregation regarding this possible transition.
- Pray for our congregation to clearly discern God's will, and to feel peace and confirmation of this candidate.
- Pray for unity among the church staff, consistory, and congregation.
- Pray that no one would have an agenda that would cause a distraction or become a deterrent to God's work.
- Pray, as Paul says in Colossians 3:14, *"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which ties everything together in unity."*