



Hope Church of Pocahontas County
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Over the next few newsletters I will be posting levels of Faith, hope you enjoy these and get an opportunity to pass them on!

LEVELS OF FAITH

Great Faith

An unrelenting totally persuaded type of faith, that does not give up until the request is granted. A Centurion who had asked Jesus to heal his sick child, and whose faith was so great that he said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed." "When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

(Matt 8:8-10)

And there was the woman from Canaan, a Gentile, (not a Jew). The Gentiles, as a rule, had very little, if any, faith in God.

This woman requested Jesus to heal her severely demon-possessed daughter. When Jesus refused, saying that He had only been sent to the Jews, she persisted, and demonstrated a level of faith so great that it brought the following response from Jesus:

"...O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire..." **(Matt 15:21-28)**.

Great faith will always move God to answer.

Unwavering Faith

Sincere, Unbendable - (opposite of wavering) - To believe God without question.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

(Heb. 10:23).

Unwavering faith is to count those things that be not as though they are, **(Rom.4:17; Mark 11:22-24)**.

There is no need for God's Children to be trapped in fear, weakness, poverty, or despair.

To receive from God we must believe and hold to our faith without wavering, **(Heb 10:23)**.

All things are possible with God, and nothing is beyond His power. Unwavering faith gives thanks for the answer from the moment it asks, then looks forward to its fulfillment with child-like expectation.

When you genuinely believe, you have acted. The act of believing is a necessary step in getting what you want from God.

"He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform"

(Rom 4:20-21).

Birthdays Birthdays & Anniversaries Anniversaries



May

Niki Ayers	5/3
Heidi Freeburg	5/3
Brad Arnold	5/4
Elizabeth Hickingbottom	5/10
Emma Herrick	5/12
Ryan Sawyer	5/12
Karen McNeive	5/13
Angie Cook	5/14
Adrian Mayfield	5/14
Cindy Murphy	5/17
Chase Cook	5/21
Cierra Hickingbottom	5/22
Marty Rotert	5/25
Colton Freeburg	5/26
Margaret Nomann	5/27
Terrie Allen	5/28
Doug Anderson	5/29
Hailey Ferguson	5/30

May

Bruce & Cindy Arnold	5/2
Allan & Cathy Minkler	5/19
Gary & Mona Zhorne	5/24
Leo & Carol Hallman	5/28
Donnie & Carol McLain	5/29



If your name and dates are missing go to this website and get signed up.

<https://forms.gle/ksxcTGt6YopPWQj79>

Then please call the church @ 712-335-3663



Hope Church Welcomes our new Disciples!

On Sunday, April 14th, Hope Church welcomed the following new disciples/members into our Church family:

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| ** Gerald Alderson | ** Justice Point | ** Misti, Brianna & Katie Rierson |
| ** Bruce & Cindy Arnold | ** Blake Roberts | ** Mike & Amberlee Rodriguez |
| ** Todd & Niki Ayers | ** Caleb Roberts | ** Aaron & Hailey Webbink |
| ** Johnny & Trisha Ervin | | ** Shelby Weisbrod |

We look forward to getting to know you and growing in our faith with you!

Welcome to Hope Church!



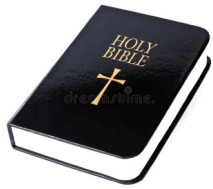
BreakThru Mystery Dinner

Saturday, May 4th

5:30pm @ Hope Church Pocahontas

Cost is \$10.00 each

All proceeds will go toward Passion 2024

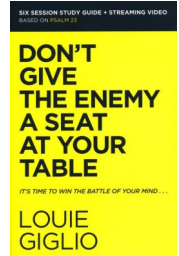


Hope Church Studies

Havelock Bible Study-Thursday's- 6:30pm-Havelock Church
Studying the book of "Revelations"

Pocahontas Group Study-Tuesday's-6:00pm-Pocahontas Church
"Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table"

No, they're from the *Enemy* lurking, ready to seize any opportunity to lie *his* way into *your* mind and claim control over *your* life. But God *has* other plans for you.
Everyone Welcome!!



4:12 Youth Ministry for Grades 7-12

Wednesday, May 1st, 6:30pm @ Pocahontas Friendship Room

Wednesday, May 15th- 5:30pm @ Pocahontas Friendship Room

**Contact Sara Boysen @ 712-297-0814 or
Korey Averill @ 515-306-3908**

1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.



Women of HOPE May 2024

**"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV**

Charity Circle-9:00am-Thursday, May 2nd@ Family Table and Arlington Place @ 10:00am
Calling Hostess-Marty Rotert-please remember to bring your Bible.

Truth Circle-7:00pm- Thursday, April May 2nd Hostess-Ann Harrison (@ Friendship Room)
Program-Lori Baade Co-Hostess-Marie Hammon and Marcia Radig
Thursday, May 9th-Exectuve Committee-1:30pm-Friendship Room

Sisters in Christ- 6:30pm-Wednesday, May 29th @ Hope Church Friendship Room



Save the Date!!



The summer Iowa Walk to Emmaus is coming up! The men's walk is from **July 11-14** and the women's is **July 18-21**. This is an amazing short course on discipleship in Christianity. If you want to make your walk with God a priority in your life, this is a great opportunity to grow.

**Talk to Sean (515-306-3910) or
Korey Averill (515-306-3908) for more information.**

Save the Date: VBS Day Camp, June 24-27th-8:45am-2:00pm



The Education Team is getting geared up for our VBS DAY CAMP, June 24-27th!!!. It will be here before you know it!! Our theme this year is **CULTIVATE LIFE!!!** The week will be filled with bible stories, skits, crafts, games, songs, yummy treats, and SO MUCH FUN!! **VBS Day Camp is for kids entering 1st thru 6th grade this coming fall school year.** We are asking that you please help children get their registration forms filled in and back to the church office ASAP! There is so much behind the scenes planning that goes into this special week, and early registration is so helpful. We also ask that you be praying for the children who will be attending VBS, the camp staff, as well as all those serving and helping to bring this special week together! How can YOU help and serve at VBS, you may be asking?? Be watching for clipboards to be coming around during church.. There are LOTS of opportunities to volunteer and donate...we can't do this without many hands. If you miss the clipboards during church, be sure to stop by the church office to sign to there! VBS can be such an important part of the faith development of the children who attend. We pray that you choose to send your children, grandchildren, and neighborhood children, as we serve to help them grow and develop their relationship with JESUS! Hope to see them there!

Calling All Hope Church Families: Are you missing

from our Online Directory? We need you!!



If you have not had your picture taken or sent a picture for our online directory yet, please know that it is never too late! That's the beauty of our online directory! We can either snap your pic following worship in Poky or you can send us a picture to use.

(If your picture was professionally taken, please include written permission from your photographer along with your photo.) There is also a simple information sheet to fill out so we have all your accurate information to include in the directory. Those forms are available from the church office. **We would love to add any new or missed Hope Church families so we can get to know everyone better!** Please help us spread the word! Also, if anyone would like a printed copy of the current directory, the cost is \$10.00 each. Call the church office (335-3663) and let Margaret know.



Senior Recognition Sunday



On Sunday, April 28th, we recognized Hope's 2024 graduates with a potluck meal at the Pocahontas Center. The Seniors we honored this year were the following:

Hunter Grothaus, Justice Point, Blake Roberts, Monika Sweeney

Pastor K was our speaker. Thank you to all who were able to join us on this very special day to celebrate these young people. God's blessings to them as they move on to the next stage in their lives.



VBS Day Camp Registration and Health Form

For Hope Church with programming by Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps. Please print clearly.

This form may be copied. Please use a separate form for each Camper. Please take a moment to review and sign the Conduct Covenant on the back of this sheet. PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM TO HOPE CHURCH, 306 2nd Ave NW, Pocahontas, IA 50574

Personal Information

Name: _____ Grade Child will enter next fall: _____ Birth Date / /
Age: _____ Sex: M / F 1st time day camper? Y / N
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Work Phone: _____
Emergency Contact and Phone # _____
Siblings attending Day Camp: _____
Church: (if different from Host Church): _____ City: _____

General Health Information

Chronic or recurring illness or medical condition that may affect Day Camp life: _____
Allergies (i.e. food allergies, bee stings, etc.) _____
Dietary restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, lactose intolerant): _____
Other suggestions that may help make your day camper's week more comfortable and enjoyable: _____
Medications (please list kinds and dosage): _____

All pertinent medication must be brought to the local Day Camp Director in their original containers

Insurance Information

Insurance Company: _____
Policy # _____
Holder's Name: _____
Family Dr.: _____ Phone # _____

Immunizations (circle Yes or No)

DPT (series 3) Yes or No
Pollo Immunization Yes or No
MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubello) Yes or No
Date of last Tetanus: _____

Permission

I give my permission for my child to participate in all aspects of the Day Camp program. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me if my child needs emergency medical treatment. I authorize medical personnel, the local Day Camp coordinator or Day Camp staff to secure any medical or emergency treatment as deemed necessary for my child. I or my insurance company will pay for any medical treatment if costs are incurred. I give permission for any picture or video taken of my child to be used for promotional purposes. I understand choosing to send this child to day camp may increase their risk of being exposed to COVID-19, agree to pre-screen this child for symptoms prior to arrival at day camp, not send this child if I suspect they are ill, and understand there may be social distancing requirements expected of this child set by the camp and church.

X _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ **OVER**

Date

Day Camp Covenant

As a participant in Day Camp and as a child of God,

- * I will choose to participate fully in Day Camp.
- * I will choose to respect all people, including myself, choosing to treat others as I would like to be treated.
- * I will choose to listen to the Day Camp leadership team and volunteers.
- * I will choose to use my words to build others up or I will choose to be quiet.
- * I will not bring harm to myself. I will choose to maintain self-control.
- * I will choose to be respectful of the facilities and grounds where Day Camp is held.
- * I understand that if I damage other peoples' property, I am responsible for replacing/repairing it.

** I understand that if I choose to break this Conduct Covenant, there are consequences. I will take responsibility for my actions. I understand that if I choose to harm myself or others, my parent/guardian will be contacted and I will be sent home.

Day Camper's Signature

** I have read this Conduct Covenant and enter into it with my child. I will encourage my child to abide by it. I understand that should my child choose to break this Covenant, every effort will be made to contact me and my child will be sent home. I also understand that if I am not reachable the emergency contact listed will be contacted.

Parent/Guardian Signature



Worship Assistants for May 2024 †

9:00am Havelock Center (Communion first Sunday each Month)

10:30 am Pocahontas Center (Communion first Sunday each Month)

May 5- Communion— Roger & Terrie Allen

May Liturgists:

May 5 - Angie Point

May 12 - Camry Olson

May 19 - Izac Waterman

May 26 - Ava Kakacek



May Acolytes: Elijah Averill and Xavier Pearcy

May Ushers:* Leon Johnson and John Nedved

May Greeters:

North Door: Aaron & Lindsey Samuelson

South Door: Jim & Margaret Nomann

East Handicap Door: Shela Blomker

May Fellowship:

May 5—Judy Timan and Donna Rierson

May 12—Mother's Day-Volunteers

May 19—Brian & Shela Blomker

May 26—Carol McCurdy and Elisha Meusburger & Jacob Pearcy

Want to volunteer, contact Pastor K for details!

Updates from the Administrative Board

- The Mission event to pack rice meals is **July 27th** from 1 p.m. until done, watch for more details. Mark your calendar!
- We are now officially a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- The Transition Team presented a spreadsheet comparing eight Wesleyan related denominations. After eliminating all but two for various reasons there was information presented comparing Hope Church, a nondenominational church, and the Global Methodist Church. It was moved and seconded that the Ad Board accept the information presented by the transition team and no further action is needed. This motion passed and Hope Church will remain nondenominational.
- The first annual meeting of Hope Church will be **July 14th** preceded by a potluck dinner following the worship services. Again, mark your calendar.



Hope Happenings May 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1
6:30pm- 4:12 Youth



2
9:00am-Charity Circle



6:30pm-Havelock Bible study



7:00pm-Truth Circle @ Hope



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4
5:30pm
Breakthru
Mystery
Dinner



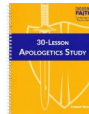
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Gideon Sunday
9:00am-Havelock/Communion
9:15am Adult SS
10:30am Pocahontas/
Communion

6

7
6:00pm
Group Study



8
5:30pm-Education Team
6:00pm-Confirmation



9
5:15 -Outreach

6:30pm-Havelock Bible study



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12
MOTHER'S DAY
9:00am-Havelock
10:30am Pocahontas

13

14
6:00pm
Group Study



15
5:30pm- 4:12 Youth



6:00pm-Missions Team

7:00pm-Admin Board

16
6:30pm-Havelock Bible study



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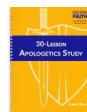
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9:00am-Havelock
10:30am Pocahontas

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21
6:00pm
Group Study



22
6:00pm-Confirmation



23
6:30pm-Havelock Bible study



Newsletter articles due

24

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26
9:00am-Havelock
10:30am Pocahontas

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28
6:00pm
Group Study



29
6:30pm-Sisters in Christ



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