## May 2025 Calendar

Sunday, May 4 6:00pm Spring Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 6 8:00am White Cross 6:30pm Hope Knitters

Wednesday, May 7 10:30am Word and Prayer 5:30pm No Midweek Connection Events

Thursday, May 8 8:30am Men's Small Group 6:00pm Divorce Care Group

Friday, May 9 7:00pm Men's Rec Night

Saturday, May 10 12:30pm A.W.L.S.

# Pastors & Elders at Hope

Visit our staff page on our website for a full list and contact info.

Mickey Klink Senior Pastor

## **Greg Lynas**

Pastor of Worship & Implementation

## Casey Ehlers

Pastor of Discipleship & Hospitality

### Jonathan Mills

Pastor of Student Ministries

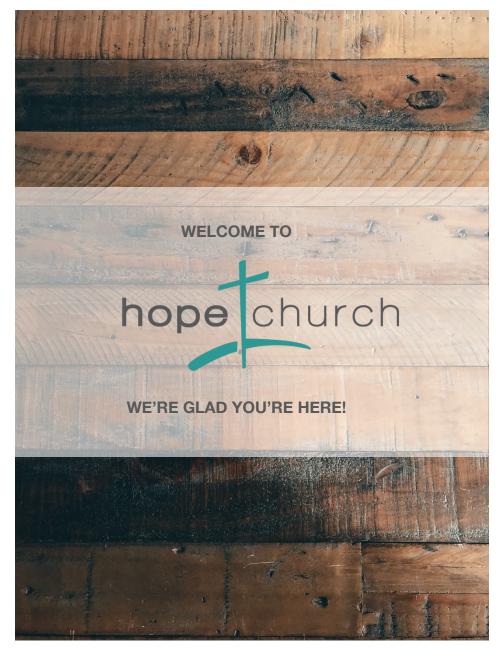
Mark Tichgelaar Elder Chairman

Ed Kipp, Olle Larson, Dennis Marrano, Marshall Newhouse, Neal Neyer, Bryan Ott Lay Elders

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



"Building a community that loves Christ to reach a community that needs Christ."

May 4, 2025

### Sunday Worship 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

- Nursery & preschool care are provided during services for children ages 5 and under
- You can watch today's sermon on our YouTube channel Hope Church Roscoe or at hopechurchroscoe.com

#### Growth Hour 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

- The Bible in American History by Bryan Ott in the Worship Center
- A Theology of Happiness by Jordan Taylor in Fellowship Hall
- Middle School Class in Loft
- High School Class in Fireside Room
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Classroom 10
- Elementary School in Drake Hall
- Preschool in Rooms 1 3

#### Download our app Church Center and have access to:

- Upcoming events
- Prayer requests
- Ministry information
- Library catalog
- Church directory
- Previous sermons

#### **Welcome Cart:**

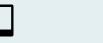
Visit the cart in the lobby to pick up the following:

- Kids' activity bags
- Assisted listening devices
- Large Print Daily Bread booklets
- Printed song lyrics
- Connect Cards

## Ways to Give:







In the collection box as you exit

On our website hopechurchroscoe.com

On our app Church Center

 ${\it Scan the QR code or go to the "Giving Report" page on our app for more info on YTD giving.}$ 





Bring the whole family **TONIGHT at 5pm**, to watch the 1977 original *Star Wars: A New Hope*! This our Spring Fundraiser, and it's open to everyone! It's a cash only event and all the proceeds will fund our high school and Poland trip. We'll have concessions for sale, a pie auction, and some fun hijinks to make the evening enjoyable for all!

This season of Midweek Connection night activities and meals has come to an end. See you all again in the fall!

**The Women of Hope** will be having a prayer night on **May 23**, at **6:30pm.** Join them for this connection night they are titling *May It Be*. See the app or kiosks in the lobby for more information.

Child Registration is open for VBS July 14–18! Join our volunteer team on this True North adventure.

VBS Workdays will be every Wednesday in May from 6-8pm in Drake Hall. We will have projects for every age! Children under the age of 12 must have parental supervision.

We will have **two Church Chats on Wednesday, May 14**. One in in the Fireside room at 10:30am, and one in the Worship Center at 6:30pm. We will be discussing the ministry reports and business meeting packets that were emailed to members today.

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Congregational Business Meeting** on Sunday, May 18, at 9:30am during the Growth Hour time slot. Contact the church office if you are interested in membership or learning more about Hope Church.

Join us for our Family Camping Trip coming up June 18-21, 2025. It's open to everyone—young ones, seniors, singles, couples, families! Email katie@hefc.net if you have questions.



#### Love and Work

11<sup>th</sup> in the "Thessalonians" Series 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 May 4, 2025 Pastor Mickey Klink

**Introduction:** In this text, God gives us further instruction about loving one another, especially through our work.

- 1) The Lord wants you to love your brothers and sisters more and more (vv. 9-10).
  - Love with your ATTITUDE

Phil 2:3: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves

• Love with your POSTURE

Eph 4:2: Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Love with your HOSPITALITY

Rom 12:16: Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position.

• Love with your WORDS

Col 3:16: Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom

• Love with your SERVICE

1 Pet 4:10: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others

2) One of the best tests and expressions of a love of God and neighbor is a good work ethic (vv. 11-12).

#### Response

Lord, help us to love our brothers and sisters in Christ with our hearts and with our hands.

## **Sunday Text Questions**

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| 1)   | How would you respond to the question: What is more valuable to society and more honorable to God a missionary or a mechanic?   |
| 2)   | Paul is clearly connecting the act of loving our siblings in Christ (vv. 9-10) with our work (vv. 11-12). How can our work be a way of loving others?   |
| 3)   | The first two chapters of Genesis show that God designed our work in his creation to be central to human life and flourishing (cf. Gen 2:15). Why, then, is work often viewed negatively or something to avoid, and how can Christians change their attitude toward work?               |
| 4)   | What do you think Paul has in mind when he says that daily work done faithfully "may win the respect of outsiders" (v. 12)?   |
| 5)   | Work is often equated with the earning of income. How might a biblical view of work, rooted in creation and human flourishing, be more comprehensive than a salary? How does "work" happen in our homes, in our communities, with our children or aging parents, or even in our church? |
| 6)   | What "work" do you do for your daily life, and how did this text help you see its importance and value for loving God and loving others?  |
| 7)   | In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?  |

**Further study this week**: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Colossians 3:23 (Mon); Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 (Tues); Genesis 2:15 (Wed); Psalm 90:17 (Thurs); Proverbs 14:23 (Fri).

## **Willows Womens Center**

Beloit, WI



Willow Womens Center is a faith-based, privately funded, 501(c)3 non-profit, licensed medical clinic that provides nocost and much-needed services to help women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy make an educated decision by providing truthful information about their options.

Willow Womens Center medical services include free:

- pregnancy testing
- ultrasounds
- STI screening for all community members

Additionally, Willow Womens Center offers three different parenting curriculums and an excellent mentoring program for expecting parents. For those who take the classes, they are entered in drawings to receive needed items such as infant car seats or pack & plays!

Willow Womens Center is dedicated to impacting generations by saving one life at a time!

Phone: 608-312-2025 willowwomenscenter.org



## **MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC**

Monday, May 26 11 am - 1 pm Leland Park

## Music, Games & Free Food

Bring a friend or neighbor Everyone's Invited!

Want to volunteer to help? Sign up and help make this event unforgettable!



## The Bible in American History

May 4 – June 29 (8 weeks, No GH 5/18) Location: Worship Center I Teachers: Bryan Ott

Summary: In this course, we will examine the various ways in which American Christians have used the Bible in their understanding of historical events and in their politics. We will examine various moments in American history, with particular attention paid to evangelical Christians' use of Biblical narrative to understand, explain or even defend their responses to those events. We will discuss both proper and improper hermeneutical [interpretation] approaches over time and consider what constitutes a healthy political theology.

#### **Growth Goals:**

- -To practice "truth-telling" regarding American history, looking at the past with an accurate and humble posture.
- -To better understand the story of Evangelicalism in America: the good, the bad, and the ugly.
- -To learn how to read the Bible rightly as the citizens of an earthly kingdom, but primarily as the people of God.

### **Topical Overview:**

Week 1 (5/4) "A City on a Hill": Notions of American Exceptionalism

Week 2 (5/11) Romans 13 and the American Revolution

BREAK (5/18) Congregational Businesss Meeting

Week 3 (5/25) "God is on our Side": The Bible and Civil War

Week 4 (6/1) The Social Gospel & Evangelical Dividing Lines

Week 5 (6/8) Where Do We Go from Here? (Class Feedback)

Week 6 (6/15) Entering into Biblical Narrative: The Civil Rights Movement

Week 7 (6/22) The Cold War and "End Times" Theology

Week 8 (6/29) Presidents and Prayer Breakfasts

## Theology of Happiness

May 4 – June 29 (8 weeks, No GH 5/18) Location: Fellowship Hall I Teachers: Jordan Taylor

<u>Summary:</u> In this class, we will explore the often overlooked but deeply biblical theme of happiness, uncovering its central role in the life of faith. Far from being a shallow or worldly pursuit, true happiness is rooted in the character of God, revealed in the gospel of Christ, and cultivated through the work of the Holy Spirit. A theology of happiness, then, is neither sentimental nor escapist, but deeply anchored in the redemptive mission of God. From the joy of salvation to the struggles of mental health, from spiritual practices to eschatological hope, this course aims to shape not only how we think about happiness, but how we pursue it as followers of Christ.

#### Growth Goals:

- -To define happiness biblically and theologically (Genesis to Revelation), correcting common misconceptions in Christian thought.
- -To explore how salvation, sanctification, suffering, and hope all contribute to a distinctly Christian vision of happiness.
- -To cultivate practices and perspectives that foster joy in God, equipping us to live as happy, holy witnesses in the world.

#### **Topical Overview:**

Week 1 (5/4) What is Happiness?

Week 2 (5/11) A Biblical Theology of Happiness

BREAK (5/18) Congregational Businesss Meeting

Week 3 (5/25) Is God Happy?

Week 4 (6/1) Happiness and Grief/Mental Health

Week 5 (6/8) Happiness and Salvation

Week 6 (6/15) Happiness and Sanctification

Week 7 (6/22) Joy of the New Creation

Week 8 (6/29) What Does it Mean to be a Happy Christian?