

Guest Speaker Visiting This Sunday

Luke Kliever to share about Miriam's Hope

Great things have been happening at one of the missions we support in Hastings!

Guest speaker Luke Kliever of Miriam's Hope will share a ministry update at 9:30 am this **Sunday, April 29**, in the Fellowship Hall. He will then stay to give the morning message in the sermon series, "Esther: God Remembers You," at 10:30 am in the Worship Center.

[Miriam's Hope](#) -- "where the hurts of the past meet the hopes of the future" -- works to rebuild families at risk of losing their children to foster care through a Christ-centered, transitional-living rehabilitation program located at 1818 West B Street in Hastings.

This unique program is one-of-a-kind and has inspired much interest across the nation to consider this new approach to families in need. Not many programs take in entire families and proactively address the foster care epidemic in this way.

Miriam's Hope is able to house 2 families for 12-18 months as they work to re-orient their lives from the ground up, centered on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Families in this program are required to go to church, attend church activities including a Bible study, participate in Miriam's Hope tailored Bible studies unique to their circumstances and challenges, and get into a regular daily prayer time.



Daily progress is monitored by staff members. Goals are set and reviewed every other month by the Multitude of Counselors for Miriam's Hope. Each family is also set up with 2 mentor families to model what a healthy family looks like and to provide personal support through phone calls and weekly, in-person meetings.

Furthermore, by working with community partners, families have free access to:

- Drug and alcohol counseling
- Marriage classes
- Parenting classes
- Life skills classes
- Nutrition classes
- Finance classes
- Fitness opportunities
- GED classes
- College guidance
- Tutoring for children in Miriam's Hope
- Relationship counseling
- Emotional health.

Among the success stories are mothers reuniting with their children whose parental rights were about to be terminated, parents learning how to find work and budget their finances, children previously struggling but now earning top grades at school, and families moving on to stable lives afterward. Learn more about Miriam's Hope and Luke through [this radio interview with K-LOVE](#).

We are excited to hear everything that is happening with this local ministry! **Please help us welcome Luke Kliever this Sunday.**

Family Life Pastor Starts Next Week

Arick Johanson's first day is May 1

We are excited for Arick Johanson, our new Family Life Pastor, to officially join [Clay Center Christian Church's](#) staff on **Tuesday, May 1!**

Arick was born and raised in Superior, the middle of 5 children. The family attended the Superior Church of Christ, and he was baptized into Christ in April 1993, before they moved to Clay Center in 1999. Arick graduated from Clay Center High School in 2001.



Arick was selected as a Timothy of Clay Center Christian Church, enabling him to attend Nebraska Christian College (NCC) to prepare him for full-time vocational ministry. He met his wife, Kacy, at NCC. They married in Council Bluffs in 2004. After interning with the senior adult ministry for a year at First Christian Church in Council Bluffs, Arick graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and a Bachelor of Theology in Family Life Ministry.

Arick has served the Church in a variety of roles as Pastor in Ellensburg, WA; Youth Pastor in Beloit, KS; and Campus Pastor with CSF at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Arick is passionate about preaching and teaching, making disciples, and leading the church in worship.

Arick and Kacy have been married for 13 years and have 3 wonderful children named Mason Blaine, 8; Jubilee Rae, 4; and Gunnar Nikolaus, 3. Arick enjoys spending time with his family, playing guitar, hunting, fishing, cooking, and reading.

Arick's family will move on Saturday, May 19. Until then, his office hours will be Monday through Wednesday. For more information, contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org.

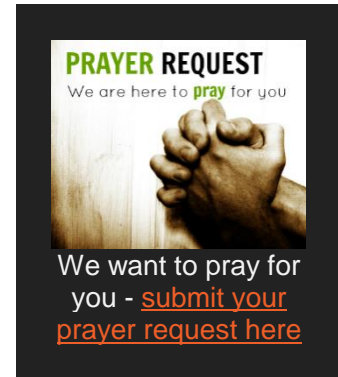
Upcoming Events



Children are invited to the Worship Center at 10 am this **Sunday, April 29**, to practice songs they are singing during the Worship Service -- there will be **no Wee or Jr Worship** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Help get [Pibel Bible Camp](#) near Ericson ready for summer camps -- work days are scheduled **every Saturday from now through the end of May** - contact Kurt Olson at 720-289-4321 or kurt@pibelbiblecamp.org



Join us at 10:30 am this **Sunday, April 29**, as guest speaker Luke Kliever of Miriam's Hope in Hastings continues the sermon series, "Esther: God Remembers You" -- listen to past sermons [here](#)



Help us honor our high school graduates
at 10:30 am on **Sunday, May 6**
-- contact the church office at
402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Join us for a Volunteer Appreciation
Lunch following the worship service on
Sunday, May 6 -- contact the church
office at 402-762-3824 or
office@ccchristian.org



Help us minister to the
Sutton Community Home
at 3:30 pm on **Sunday,**
April 29 -- contact Kevin
Whitmore at
719-568-0154



The C4 Youth Group
meets at 6:30 pm
this **Sunday,**
April 29 -- contact Steven
VonSpreckelsen at
402-469-1707 or
svon2002@gmail.com



Our next Prayer Time is at
10 am on **Wednesday,**
May 2 -- contact Peggy
VonSpreckelsen at
402-469-3707



Remember the missions we support in Hastings -- [Crossroads Center Rescue Mission](#), [Miriam's Hope](#), and [Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center](#) -- and consider giving a donation during [Give Hastings Day](#) on **Thursday, May 10**



Celebrate Mother's Day with us and enjoy brunch at 9 am on **Sunday, May 13** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org

Mission of the Month:



Located in Hastings, [Miriam's Hope](#) rebuilds families at risk of losing their children to foster care through a Christ-centered residential program

Read the [latest updates](#) from all the missions we support

3 Ways to Give

- In Person:**
put your offering in the plates on Sunday morning
- Online:**
give on a computer at www.ccchristian.org/give
- On our App:**
search "ccchristian", download and give

Giving [online](#) is easy -- thank you for helping people to know and love Jesus!



Come support the babies being dedicated to the Lord at 10:30 am on **Sunday, May 13** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



[Online registration](#) is open for this year's

Pibel Bible Camp:

- ***June 1-2:** Grades 1-2
- ***June 3-7:** Grades 5-6
- ***June 10-15:** Grades 9-12
- ***June 17-20:** Grades 3-4
- ***June 24-29:** Grades 7-8

Early registration is due **Monday, May**

14 (print forms to the church by **Sunday, May 13**) -- we will pay half the early registration fee for each camper from our church -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Help us welcome our new Family Life Pastor Arick Johanson, his wife Kacy, and their 3 children, Mason (8), Jubilee (5), and Gunnar (3) with a Pantry Shower -- bring nonperishable food items, paper products, gift cards, or cash to the church by **Sunday, May 20** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Guest speaker Kurt Olson of [Pibel Bible Camp](#), our May Mission of the Month, is giving a ministry update at 9:30 am on **Sunday, May 20** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Plan to send your children and their friends to a [5-Day Club](#) on **June 25-29** for a 90-minute Bible club to be held at the city parks in Clay Center, Harvard, Sutton, Fairfield, Shickley, and Exeter -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org

**CLAY CENTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH'S
VBS AT MANNA CAMP
JULY 23-26**



Our all-day VBS at Manna Camp is **July 23-26** -- registration forms will be available soon -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



We have several volunteer opportunities available right now:

***Drivers** to transport campers to and from [Pibel Bible Camp](#) in June

***Housing** for [Child Evangelism Fellowship](#) workers leading the 5-Day Clubs in June

***Numerous positions** at our all-day VBS at Manna Camp in July -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org
