

Agenda for Sunday, April 27, 2008

Greeters:

AM: GEMS

PM: Howard & Colleen Heerema

Coffee Servers

Bill Bus

Wilf & Heather Vis

Nursery: Morning

Infants: Ena DePeuter

Jennifer DeBruin

Toddlers: Bastian DePeuter

Emily DeBruin

Braiden Heerema

Nursery: Afternoon

Infants/Toddlers: Linda Heerema

Ryan Fieldhouse

Audio **AM:** James VanDyken

PM: Andy Heerema

Video **AM:** Shirley VanDyken

PM: Randy Carmichael

Sunday School

3 & 4: Nita Tuuttila, Leah Blekkenhorst,
Laura Blekkenhorst

SK & Gr 1: Andy & Teda Heerema, Jody
Heerema, Shelby Heerema

Gr 2 & 3: Angie Guarasci, Adam Agombar,
Matthew Agombar

Gr 4: Jolene Makkinga, Chelsea Cahais

Offering: GEMS

Agenda for Sunday, May 4, 2008

Greeters:

AM: Henry & Jenny Mol

PM: Jack & Irene Heerema

Coffee Servers

James & Inez Collie

Steve & Bonnie Vis

Nursery: Morning

Infants: Crystal DePeuter

Kiera Fieldhouse

Toddlers: Daniel DePeuter

Nathaniel Harasen

Shelby Heerema

Nursery: Afternoon

Infants/Toddlers: Frans Heerema

Jody Heerema

Audio **AM:** Bill Groenheide

PM: John Miedema

Video **AM:** Jenny Groenheide

PM: Aly Miedema

Sunday School

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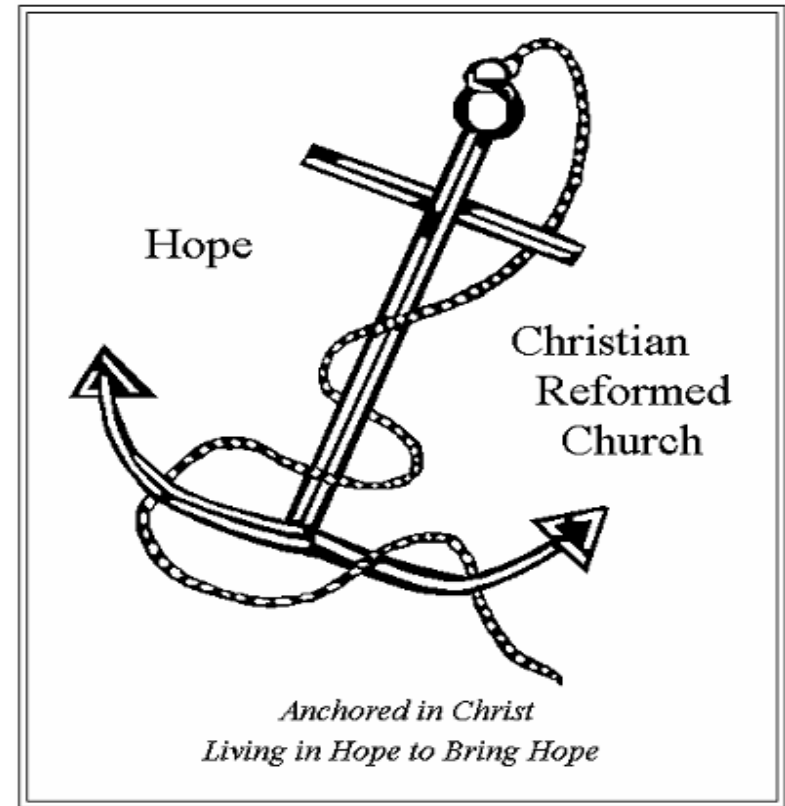
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Matthew Agombar

Gr 4: Jolene Makkinga, Chelsea Cahais

Offering: Operation Manna

Weekly Agenda

- Monday 28th - 7:00 PM Prayer Group
- 7:30 PM Friendship Bowling at Galaxy Lanes
- Tuesday 29th - 7:30 PM Elders and Deacons meet
- Wednesday 30th - 7:00 PM Catechism (last for grades 9-10;
11-12 have concluded)
- Thursday May 1st - 7:30 PM Ascension Day service at Hope



Sunday, April 27, 2008

Worship Services: 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Please join us for coffee following the morning service

Library open after morning service, located on 2nd floor

Sunday School during the morning service (age 3 – grade 4)

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To listen to sermons visit our website and click on "sermons"

Welcome to Hope Church. We're glad you're here. We hope you will be blessed. The girls from our GEMS Girls Club will lead us in worship this morning. Their theme this year has been "Abba, I Belong To You" – referring to God being the loving Father of all who have received Jesus Christ and follow Him.

Information for visitors: restrooms are just to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Nurseries are to the right, through the double doors, left up the stairs, past the Sunday School rooms at the end of the hall. Coffee is served in the foyer after the service. You are invited to stay and fellowship with us. During the service the children (age 3 – grade 4) will be dismissed for Sunday School. You are encouraged to accompany them to their classrooms and pick them up after the service.

This afternoon, Pastor Bob will continue the series on prayer from the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6 and the Heidelberg Catechism's teaching on it. This afternoon we will reflect on our need to receive and give forgiveness.

Ascension Day Service – This Thursday, May, 1 at 7:30 PM at Hope Church you are invited to worship the risen Lord Jesus as we mark the ascension of Jesus Christ to the throne of God after His resurrection. Both Bethlehem CRC and First CRC have been invited to join us.

Next Sunday morning, May 4, we will install the newly elected officebearers (elders and deacons) of Hope Church.

Hope Church Family: Our condolences to the **Bolt family** at the passing of Eddie Bolt one week ago last Saturday. The funeral was held last Thursday. Our condolences are also extended to **John Van Elburg** on the passing of his sister in the Netherlands this past Tuesday. **Gary Ogilvie** has been diagnosed with a cancer in the lymph nodes. The doctors tell him it is very treatable. Chemotherapy and radiation began on Thursday. If you visit, you should have no symptoms of any sickness. **Brad Wood** saw his doctor and he recommended more testing through specialists. **Henry Prenger** was admitted to hospital on Wednesday to drain fluid from a lung. One week old **David Maurer**, son of Annet (Rietdijk) and Kirk, had heart surgery Thursday and it was successful. **Rebecca Haagsma** had surgery to remove a tumor late last year. In January she began a long regimen of chemotherapy and radiation. Her white blood count is too low to continue at full strength for now, so Gerrit asks prayers for: 1) white cells to increase, 2) healing from all cancer, and 3) that patience and grace be given to Rebecca and himself. The plan Gerrit is for their church to move into their new facility soon, for Gerrit to preach his farewell sermon on July 20, and for Gerrit to retire on July 31. God's blessings to **Irene Heerema** who celebrates her birthday on Wednesday.

Thunder Bay SERVE 2008 is looking for Prayer Partners for students, leaders, and Host Team members. This year we are expecting 52 student participants and 10 leaders. If you are interested in serving them as a Prayer Partner, please contact Harold de Jong: tel. 622-4740, email hdejong@tbaytel.net.

God's Word is reaching a village far up on a hill in the mountainous region of Northern Iraq. The village is a refuge for families and orphans running away from the sectarian violence. Terrorists destroyed the power lines and the streams, causing families to have to sell their animals, their exclusive source of income. One day the well-respected leader of this community, Josef, was followed by five terrorists who shot him three times and left him to die. Providentially, a neighbour brought him to a local hospital where his life was saved. Josef says that God spared his life so that he could meet the people who have brought love and joy to his life and to his community by bringing Bibles. Please pray for Christian leaders like Josef who see the difference that following Jesus makes in their communities. To help provide Bibles for Iraqi village like this, please call The Bible League of Canada at 1-800-363-9673 or go to www.bibleleague.ca.

Youth Zone

Spring Rally News: The date is set - **Friday, May 16 - Monday, May 19**. The place is booked - **Sunny Cove, near Fort Frances**. The speaker has prepared messages - **Christian Harvey** will inspire us to take a closer look at the Empire that sucks us into buying, getting and having stuff, and compare it to the dream that God gave us for our world, a dream of love, hope, and freedom. The band is practicing - **Sunday Night Cruise** will rock us in Praise and Worship. All we need now is **YOU!** Registration for the Spring Rally has begun. Look for a registration form in your mailbox or ask your leader for one. Fill out the registration form and give it to your leader. This event is for teens in Grades 9-12 (one year post high welcome). Registration ends Sunday, May 4.

Young People meeting for the 3 CRC Churches: Our final formal meeting for Young Peoples will be on Sunday April 27th at 7pm at Hope CRC. We will discover what our Spiritual Gifts from God are and how we can use them in our everyday lives. Following the lesson we will have some time for games in the gym and snacks. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teen Club: Get ready for some fun! We meet **today** from 4-6:30 PM at Carl & Sylvie Mullers. You don't want to miss it! Bring your friends.

Highlights from our Congregational Meeting held Tuesday, April 22

- Financial Statements for 2007 were reviewed
- Council elections: Elected to the office of Deacon: Peter Fieldhouse and Dave Wieringa. Elected to the office of Elder: Arjen DeBruin, Ben Postuma, Gary Staal, James VanDyken and Steve Vis. Installation is scheduled D.V. for May 4 AM worship.
- Reports received on the Friendship Group, Vacation Bible School, Friday Nite Drop-In, the Worship Committee and the Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre
- Herb Bax gave an update on the Thunder Bay SERVE project scheduled for July 5-12. There are still openings for prayer partners and volunteer helpers.
- John Parsons, will be here on May 6-7 to lead a 'Workshop on Prayer' (details to follow or contact Sonya Cahais)
- General Matters: a request that cell phones (ringers) be turned off during worship

Ascension Day Service: Hope Christian Reformed Church invites our brothers and sisters from Bethlehem and First to join in worship on May 1 at 7:30 PM as we celebrate the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ to the throne of God and proclaim His rule throughout the world.

Prayer Workshop: The Christian Reformed Church has seen the need for more of a focus on prayer in our denomination. They have put in place in each of the classes a Prayer Mobilizer. John and Linda Parsons are the Prayer Mobilizers for our classes. They are members of Good News Fellowship Church in Winnipeg. They will be in Thunder Bay at Hope CRC Tuesday at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, May 6, and all day Wednesday May 7 to host a workshop on prayer and to have times of prayer ministry. Tuesday evening they will focus in on the importance of prayer and have teaching on 3 forms of prayer. They will cover 1) Theophostic Prayer, (Emotional Healing Prayer) 2) Physical Healing Prayer and 3) Listening Prayer. They will end the evening with a time of blessing. All day Wednesday, they will pray for people. The morning (9:30 am to 12:00 noon) and afternoon (1:30 pm to 4:30) would be for Theophostic prayer the Emotional Healing prayer. Appointments would be appreciated, which will be set up for one hour each. In the evening (7:30 pm to 9:30 pm), they will minister Physical prayer and have a time of Blessing prayer. No appointment necessary for the Wednesday evening prayer session. You may choice to attend only the Tuesday evening teaching session. There is no cost for this wonderful opportunity. For more information please contact Sonya Cahais at 935-2135. **"My house will be called a house of prayer..."** Matthew 21:13

SERVE Regal fundraiser: We would like to thank everyone who placed a regal order. As of March 30th, we have raised \$417.14. If you have not yet ordered and would still like to, we are still taking orders. If you are interested, a new summer catalogue is available on the table beside the mail slots. Thanks again.

We are in need of adult leaders to attend the Spring Rally. The role of a leader is to help get the teens to and from Sunny Cove, to encourage teens to grow in their relationship with God and to have fun with the youth of our churches. If you feel a desire to get involved and have a weekend to spare, please call Tammy Van Elburg (577-7628).

Church Community News, Events & Activities

First Church Family: We extend our sincere condolences to the Bolt family in the unexpected passing of Ed Bolt, long time member of First Church. Ed passed away April 19. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Ed's brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces here in Thunder Bay, especially those who are members of our congregation: Annie Bolt and family, Martin and Sandra Bolt and family, Mieke Bolt and her children, and Corinne and Raymond Ree and family. May you and yours be comforted and strengthened in the days to come knowing that your loved one, uncle Eddy, is with the Lord.

Bethlehem Church Family: Our sincere condolences to Susan Vanderwees with the passing away of her brother Eddy. May God grant His comfort and peace. Thank you from Herman and Gerrie Vanduyn for all the best wishes they received on their 40th anniversary. Henny Ypma continues with treatments, and we continue to remember her, as well as other members who are healing from surgery or broken limbs, that the recovery will go well. Eero Tuuttila requires some medical testing in Toronto on Monday.

URC Family: We extend our condolences to Mr. Brian Bolt and Mark & Sabrina Bolt and their families, in the death of their uncle and great-uncle, Mr. Eisse Bolt, last week Saturday. Mrs. Gerda Vandenbroeke has begun her radiation therapy.

SPRING SING happens at Hope CRC in two weeks – May 11 at 8pm; refreshments will be served following the program. Next Sunday, May 4 is your last chance to submit a song request. Please look for the orange box in the church lobby and submit your request today and next week. Let's make this a joyful evening of singing and fellowship. Call Jenny Mol at 475-6995 if you have any questions.

Lakehead Choral Group presents their spring concert, "All the World's a Stage" on Wed. April 30th at 8 pm at St. Agnes Church, corner of Mary and Brown Streets. Come out and enjoy favourite songs from Gilbert & Sullivan, Rodgers & Hammerstein and Andrew Lloyd Webber, among others. Tickets are \$10, available from Dominion Motors, Rollason Flowers, Hull's Family Bookstore and all Choral Group members. Tickets \$12 at the door. For more info, please call 577-8805.

PRISCILLA LADIES SOCIETY: Enrichment Day - D.V. May 15th 10:00 a.m. Come and visit Papua New Guinea with Donna Preator representative from Wycliffe Bible Translators. Ladies you **do not** want to miss this special presentation by Donna. She will be sharing their lives with us in Papua New Guinea. Her husband is a pilot, bringing Bible translators into remote areas. **Mark this date on your calendar.**

TBCS NEWS: *CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK* is scheduled for April 27 - May 3. -**Open House** - Friday, May 2 in the morning (coffee at 10:00 a.m.)
-**Grand Friends Day** - Friday, May 2 program starting at 1:00 p.m.

TWICE AS NICE APPRECIATION NIGHT - Come out and join the fun! Games, Prizes and good conversation. **Wednesday, May 14th** 8 p.m. in the school gym.

TBCS SPRING SERVICE AUCTION: Mark **May 23** on your calendar, for our first ever **SPRING SERVICE AUCTION!** We would like to get everyone involved! That's children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of TBCS, giving their talents, time and services to our Christian School Community

6TH Annual Golf Tournament - June 7 at the Thunder Bay Country Club.

Amazing Grace Race News!! Your Amazing Grace Race packages are in your mail slots today. Some details to highlight.

- Race date - Saturday, June 14
- Early Registration fee \$200 (before May 24)
- Late Registration fee \$225 (after May 24)
- Review packages for all details i.e. driver and team requirements

If you are unable to participate in the race, please consider sponsoring a destination sight or join us for dinner. If you know anyone in the community who may want to take part in the race or sponsor this event, please pass on the information to them.

For extra registration forms or race packages, contact Yvonne Schenk, Tammy Van Elburg or Lorrie Dykstra.

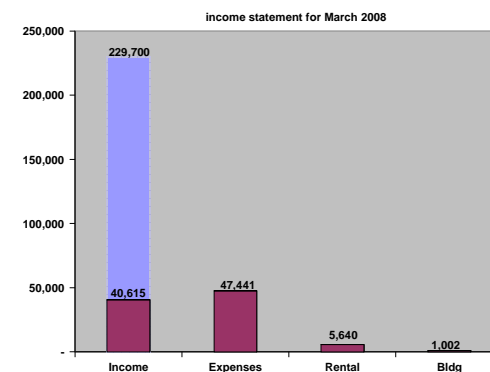
From the Deacons:

Ascension Day offering is for Back to God Hour. For nearly 70 years, The Back to God Hour has covered the world with an ever-growing electronic media ministry. We beam the message of salvation to all corners of the earth in nine major world languages, using radio, television, the Internet, telecommunications and the printed page. Ministry leaders, native to their own languages, provide leadership in production of culturally relevant programs and follow-up in order to present Jesus Christ and help people to grow in their faith.

Operation Manna: "Working in Partnership with Community Ministries". Today you will receive a brochure describing the ministries which your gift will help to fund this year. Please take some time this week to be informed about these community ministries that address diverse needs in different communities. Your gift will help ministries to provide practical help to people in need in the name of Jesus Christ. Please pray for these ministries this week. The offering will take place next Sunday.

Collections received with thanks and gratitude for the month of March are as follows:

Home Missions	\$735.70
Hope Church	\$602.74
Benevolence	\$609.77
Canada Food Grains	\$2242.28
TBCCC	\$561.94
Calvin Seminary	\$448.51



Participants:

Greeters: Radisson Anger, Keira Fieldhouse, Bailey Vander Wees,
Erica Richardson, Regan Swerhun

Accompanist: Jenny Mol

Liturgy: GEMS as indicated and Pastor Bob Vance

Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

All Worshipers

MESSAGE OUTLINE – April 27, 2008

Scripture – I John 3:1-10; Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:1-7

Message – “*Abba, I Belong to You*”

Aim – That listeners will come to better know the joys of being a child of God

Introduction

A. If we receive Jesus, we ARE children of God (John 1:12; I John 3:1)

B. John reminds us to not let anyone lead us astray

C. Three things could lead us astray – away from God

1. Sin – Don’t sin, rather do what is right (I John 3:4, 10)

2. How you see yourself: not as a slave, but as a son or daughter, part of royal family (Galatians 4:6)

3. How you see God: no spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of sonship, Abba-Daddy! (Romans 8:15)

Conclusion

A. Are you aware of a point of disobedience towards God? Will you turn and do right?

B. Do you see yourself as a slave of a mighty God, or son or daughter of the King?

C. Are you afraid of God sometimes, about some things? Remind yourself that, in Christ, you are a brother to Jesus, part of the family of God, whom the Father loves.

Hope Christian Reformed Church of Thunder Bay

April 27, 2008 – Morning Worship

Welcome to Sunday worship at Hope Church.

We Gather Unto the Lord

Prelude Rebecca De Bruin

Welcome & Call to Worship Emily De Bruin

*Songs: “Here I Am To Worship”

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another

*Response: “Blessed Be Your Name”

We Are Renewed In Grace

Litany – “Abba I Belong to You” Katie Vis, Maddy Mol,

Rachel Heerema

Song: “The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear” (PH 542:1-3)

Words of Encouragement: Romans 8:15-17 Natalie Blekkenhorst

Galatians 4:1-7 Karly Vis

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – GEMS Liturgical Dance to “Above All”

*Song: “You Are My King”

(Children age 3 – grade 4 are dismissed for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading: I John 3:1-10 Emily De Bruin

Prayer for Understanding Natalie Blekkenhorst

Message: “*Abba, I Belong to You*”

Prayer for Transformation

We Bring Our Prayers and Gifts

Offering: GEMS Girls Club (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour)

Emily De Bruin, Rachel Heerema, Maddy Mol, Katie Vis,

Natalie Blekkenhorst, Karly Vis, Abby Hay

Offertory Prayer Erica Richardson

Pastoral Prayer

We Leave to Tell the World Good News

*Song: “Shout to the Lord”

*Benediction

*Doxology: “I Will Sing of Your Love Forever”

Postlude * You are invited to stand

Hope Christian Reformed Church
April 27, 2008 – Afternoon Worship (2:30 PM)

We Gather Unto the Lord

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (PH 471:1-3)

*God’s Greeting & Greeting One Another

*Song: “I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (PH 479:1-3)

We Make Our Profession

*Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 51 Q&A 126

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: GEMS Girls Club (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour)

Offertory Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

*Song: “And Can It Be” (PH 267:1-4)

Scripture: Matthew 6:12

Prayer for Understanding

Message: “*Prayer – What To Ask For: Forgiveness*”

Prayer for Transformation

We Leave in Hope to bring Hope to the World

*Song: “Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound” (PH 462:1, 2, 4, 5)

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology: “Father, We Love You” (PH 634:1-3)

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

Participants:

Accompanist: Derric Tempelman

Liturgy & Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

All Worshipers

MESSAGE OUTLINE – April 27, 2008

Scripture – Matthew 6:12

Message – “*Prayer – What To Ask For: Forgiveness*”

Aim - That listeners will more and more seek and give forgiveness

Introduction

1. The risk we take in asking for forgiveness
2. Why we may be confident
3. The humility we should have in asking for forgiveness
4. What difference it makes to forgive those who have sinned against us

Conclusion

- A. Who has sinned against you recently?
- B. What did they do?
- C. Have you forgiven them already? _____ If not, will you? _____
- D. What sins have you committed recently that you have not repented of and asked forgiveness for?