

### Church Community News

- This past week the doctors decided to stop the chemo treatment for Herman P. Please lift up he and Alice and their family in your daily prayers.
- Ann V moved last Wednesday to the Hogarth Riverview Manor on Lillie Street, she is in room 242. Remember Art and Ann. Pray for Fred and Jane H as they go through a very difficult time during these senior years.
- It is always a joy to the welcome members of the congregation who have come home to be with their loved ones during the festive season of Christmas, some as far as from Wales. A blessed Christmas to all! "See and stand amazed you people. See how God is reconciled." - Hymn 338
- Baby Zachary went home on Wednesday, with more tests being run in the following days. We give thanks and praise to our God for His healing hand upon Zachary, please continue lift him up in prayer. - Hank and Dini, on behalf of Edwin & Sacha
- Congratulations to **Natalie and Curtis** who were blessed with the birth of twin boys last Monday. Welcome **Mason John and Caleb William**. We thank the Lord that everyone is doing well.
- **Roelof B.** is doing better and returned home from the Regional Hospital last Friday. We pray for complete recovery.
- Our condolences are extended to **Louis and Joan V** and family with the passing away of Louis' brother, Jan, age 76, in the Netherlands. We pray that the Lord will surround you with his peace and mercy. Also,
- Let us remember in our thoughts and prayers other shut-ins and elderly members: **Bill M, Johanna K, Jan M, Helen M, Louis V and Wilma Z.**

### Requested Announcements

**Season's greetings from Home Missions and World Missions!** We rejoice with you as we celebrate the birth of our savior. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest website is now live, with lots of fantastic resources. You can find a Pray to the Lord of the Harvest message outline, liturgy, litany, PowerPoint presentation, recommended prayer resources, bulletin announcements, downloadable bookmarks, and graphics. You can even visit the websites of the people and places you'll be praying for. You can find our redesigned website at [www.crcna.org/LordofHarvest](http://www.crcna.org/LordofHarvest). If you have questions or comments about the website, you can send them to [smeekhof@crcna.org](mailto:smeekhof@crcna.org).

### Weekly Agenda

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>
Merry Christmas			Prayer Ministry 7 pm				

### Serving Sunday, January 1, 2011

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	Audio	Sunday School		
Glen & Carol	Cees & Hannelies	<u>Infants:</u> Teda	Micheal	3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
	James & Inez	<u>Toddlers</u> Carl Bridget	Visual Kathleen	No Sunday School		
Offering Sunday, January 1, 2011:						



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*"Anchored in Christ"*

*"Living in Hope to Bring Hope"*

## Sunday December 25, 2011 Blessed Christmas Day

### 10:00 AM Worship Service

**WELCOME** to Hope Church. We are glad you are here.

The restrooms are 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, library and office at the end of the hall.

The Library is open every Sunday after the service.

*Please join us for refreshments after the service and visit for a while.*

### Today at Hope

We celebrate the birth of the Saviour, God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

May you be filled with anticipation, patience, hope, peace, joy, and God's love

as you remember He came once to save

and will come again to judge and make all things new.

### Next Sunday

There will be no New Year's Eve service on Saturday night, but we will mark the end of one year and the beginning of another on Sunday morning, January 1, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

### Serving Sunday, December 25, 2011

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	Audio	Sunday School		
Ron & Stacy	Peter & Laurie	<u>Infants:</u> Help-Need Volunteers	Dan	3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
	Art & Cathy	<u>Toddlers</u> Kevin	Visual	No Sunday School		
	Ed & Cathy	Need volunteers	Christina			
Offering Sunday, December 25, 2011: Hope Christian Reformed Church						

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given*

*Isaiah 9:6*

## Hope Church News

**Hope Church Family:** On this Christmas Day, may our God and Father fill each of you, visitors and those who hold Hope Church as your place of worship and your family of spiritual support, with anticipation, patience, hope, peace, joy, and love – this day, and until Jesus comes again – Pastor Bob. On January 8, 2012 we plan to baptize **Brynlee Taylor B** (daughter of Kyle & Michelle). **Ann C** successfully sustained knee surgery and is recovering her daughter Kim's home.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Chris, Bob, Erin, Carly, and Natalie. We wish you a very blessed year that lies ahead.

**The Worship Committee** is still looking for a **Drama Director** to serve Hope Church. We have people willing to participate, and someone who will find dramatic sketches that fit the theme of the service. We need someone who can gather everyone together and help them pull it off. We will start slowly (with one sketch) and see where God leads us. If you are willing (or know someone who might be), please contact Pastor Bob.

**New Year's Eve Service** – Since New Year's Day is on Sunday, the Council of Hope Church has canceled the New Year's Eve service. We will mark the old and new year on Sunday morning, January 1, 2012 here at Hope Church.

At Christmas time we usually gather with family and friends to celebrate the faithfulness of God's love through the years. Those who have passed on, whom God used to bless our lives, have run their course and now await the second coming of the Lord Jesus. We who still run are thankful for them and remember them in the offering of poinsettia flowers that have graced our place of worship this Advent season.

John H	Dirk V	Michael B	Samuel V
Margaret D	Kathy B	Toni B	Sandy Colin Pernil V
Ron M	Amy G	Glennie B	Perry Marlin John V
Carla S	Theresa V	Keith VanderWees	Opa and Oma M
Tjitsche (Theresa) V	Gary O	Maatje V	Grandpa V

**The position of Music Director at Hope Church is available.** A job description is on the table in the foyer. Please contact Worship Committee if more information is needed.

**Willing Workers** will not be meeting this week. They will resume in the new year (Jan.10).

**The Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre** will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2. Regular hours will resume on Jan.3. Many thanks to everyone who responded to our call for winter coats, mitts and hats. Your generosity is so appreciated!

## Denominational Announcements

**Give God's Love at Christmas:** - Please remember those who are living in poverty around the world today with your tithes and offerings for the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC). Your gift will help bring God's justice, mercy, and compassion in Dhaka, Honduras, Nairobi, and thousands more poor communities in the coming year. At this time of year and always, the greatest of these... is Love. Blessed Christmas from CRWRC!

**CRWRC – Philippines Tropical Storm** - On December 17, the southern Philippines was devastated by Tropical Storm Washi. Strong winds and heavy rains caused massive flooding and landslides. The number of dead and missing is now over 1,000 and 285,000 people have been displaced from their homes. CRWRC staff are in touch with local pastors of the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines to coordinate a response to provide food, water, clothing, blankets and mosquito nets. Gifts marked "Philippines Tropical Storm 2011" can be sent 3475 Mainway, PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON, L7R 3Y8, donated online at [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org), or called in to 1-800-730-3490.

**Volunteer Photographer / Videographer Needed in Honduras!** - The Association for a more Just Society (AJS) based in Honduras, is looking for a volunteer to take creative pictures and videos of their beneficiaries, either from January 10 - 19 where you would be part of a Bike Tour or from March 16 - 24 where you would be part of a Mission Team. If this is your area of expertise and you have a willingness to learn more about issues related to human rights, then please contact ServiceLink at [volunteer@crcna.org](mailto:volunteer@crcna.org). Further information is also available at [www.crcna.org/servicelink](http://www.crcna.org/servicelink).

**New Birth** - As we celebrate our Lord's birth in Bethlehem, you are invited to join us – beginning next Sunday – praying that Christ may be born in the lives of thousands of new believers. Please join us in prayer. Weekly prayer guides will be available beginning next Sunday! A joint effort of Home and World Missions

## Hope Christian Reformed Church of Thunder Bay Christmas Morning

December 25, 2011

### We Gather In Celebration

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

\*Gathering Songs: "A Light Has Dawned"

"Come On, Ring Those Bells"

"Joy to The World" (PH 337:1-4)

\*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

### We Remember His Coming

\*Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (PH 340:1-4)

The Reading of Luke 2:1-20

Song: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (PH 354:1-4)

### We Offer Our Prayers and Gifts

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Hope Church

Offertory: "O Holy Night"

(Quartet: Jessica, Jennifer, Emily, Rebecca)

Offertory Prayer

### The Lord Speaks into Our Lives from His Word

Children's Message

Song: "What Child Is This?"

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13:1-8a

Prayer for Understanding

Message: "Approaching Christmas with – Love"

Prayer for Transformation

### The Lord Sends Us to Share the Good News of His Love

\*Song of Praise: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

(PH 347:1-3)

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Glory to God / Ere zij God" (PH 214)

(English words are in the hymnal, Dutch will be on the screen.)

Postlude

\* You are invited to stand

Participants:

Accompanists: Jenny , Bram and

members of several Praise Teams

Liturgy and Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

All Worshipers

Message Notes:

## Nursery Duty

Dec. 25: Kevin and various volunteers