

Requested Announcements

I am a member of the Fruitland CRC (Niagara) and considering an employment offer in Thunder Bay. I am exploring accommodation options for a period of about a month's time. Any lodging opportunities or advice would be happily received. *(contact info available at church office)*

Denominational Announcements

GROUNDWORK - The One, Fractured Church: Many critics of the church point out that the "one" church isn't really one; it's fractured beyond belief. If that's true, what does it mean to speak of the unity of the church? Special guest Peter Borgdorff joins the conversation to discuss Ephesians 4 and what it means to confess that the church is "one." Join the Aug. 7 Groundwork discussion. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Failsafe: Liz is feeling like a total failure because everything is going wrong, but Lucille has the perfect solution. Discover that solution on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

CRWRC East Africa Drought Response: - The worst drought in 60 years is threatening 11.6 million people—an increase of one million in the last two weeks. CRWRC is supporting 100,000 Kenyans until Dec. with \$7 million in food aid and is soon expanding into Ethiopia and Somalia. The Canadian government will match (1:1) private donations received by Sept. 16, and CRWRC is eligible to apply to this new CIDA fund. Through CFGB, CRWRC is guaranteed a 4:1 CIDA match towards the food aid portion. To donate, call 1-800-730-3490, visit www.crwrc.org/donate, or mail your cheque marked "CRWRC East Africa Drought Response" to: CRWRC, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8. Please pray for the millions who are facing starvation.

Weekly Agenda

Sun. 31 st	Mon. 1 st	Tues. 2 nd	Wed. 3 rd	Thurs. 4 th	Fri. 5 th	Sat. 6 th	Sun. 7 th
Linger Lunch			Coffee Break 7:30-9 pm				Don Amero and Brad Woods will be leading the service.

Serving Sunday, August 7, 2011

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	AV Booth	Sunday School	
Art & Cathy B	James & Inez C	Infants	Audio	3 & 4 year	
		Sheleen B	Ken P	SK/Gr 1	
	Gary & Daune S	Toddlers	Visual	Gr 2/3	
		Paul D Kiera F	Erin V	Gr 4	
Offering Sunday, August 7, 2011: Diaconal Ministries					

Bulletin Announcements: Please submit by 5 pm Thursdays to hopechurch@tbaytel.net or call 475-9285 and leave a message



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"Anchored in Christ"

"Living in Hope to Bring Hope"

Sunday July 31, 2011

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

Today Pastor Bob will reflect on the lessons to learn from the experience of the Israelites as Joshua and the army fought, and Moses, Aaron, and Hur prayed.

Next Week at Hope

Next Sunday we will be blessed by a variety of testimonies regarding recent ministries in which we have all engaged (VBS and SERVE), the musical giftedness of Don Amero and Company, and a message delivered by a professional story-teller, Brad Woods.

Serving Sunday, July 31, 2011

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	AV Booth	Sunday School	
David & Carolin B	Linger Lunch Fellowship Committee	Infants	Audio	3 & 4 year	
		Ann B	Dave W	SK/Gr 1	
		Toddlers	Visual	Gr 2/3	
		James C Nathan B	Leah B	Gr 4	
Offering Sunday, July 31, 2011: Mark & Nancy Vanderwees					

Hope Church News

Hope Church Family: Les S has received the fifth round of chemo for his cancer. There has been some improvement. However, the side effects have been difficult. Congratulations to **Dave & Tiffany C** upon the birth of a healthy baby boy: Gerrit Donald on July 19; and to **Dennis & Charlene M** upon the birth of a healthy baby girl: Novalee Jordana Nielle on July 20. Congratulations and best wishes to **Seamus & April P** on their marriage which took place yesterday at Hope Church.

Happy Birthday to the following people who will be celebrating birthdays this week: Sandra H, Daune S, Ophelia A, Greg D, Owen V, Doug B, Michelle H, Morgan V, Christina M and Maggie P. Wishing you a very good year!

Our Son Surf Beach Bash is all wrapped up. We had a blast while being blessed with the Son, the Surf and even the beach. The weather was great outside and in. The children enjoyed learning about Jesus and why we could put our trust in Him while listening to Bible stories, playing games, doing crafts and eating yummy snacks. Thanks again to all of you who donated items, volunteered and helped in anyway to make this year's VBS an excellent event. Stayed tuned next week for our video/slideshow!



Today is the 5th Sunday in July and you know what that means---**Linger Lunch**.

Please come and share lunch with us immediately following the service. There is plenty of soup and hot dogs for everyone.

Don Amero: is a singer songwriter living in Winnipeg. He has released 3 albums that have generated 2 national awards. From the notoriously tough North End of Winnipeg, Don faced his share of adversity growing up. With poverty, gangs, drugs and violence all around, fortunately, his life was tempered by love, support, and faith. His message is one of encouragement.

Brad Woods is a Storyteller because he can't think of why not to be one. He has told tales at festivals, conferences, theatres, prisons, churches all over North America and the UK. Brad has recently returned from a Telling and Listening Tour of Britain. Both Brad and Don will be leading the service here at Hope Church next week Sunday.

New Bulletin Board postings: Christian Reformed World Missions Advocate—ministering among the Muslims
The Banner is available in the foyer. Articles of interest include Reports of Synod 2011, 2011 Candidates for the Ministry...
August Birthday Calendar is in your mailbox.

Church Community News

- Wilma Z was admitted to hospital this past week for observation. Wilma was experiencing fatigue and sleeplessness. She has undergone a number of tests but at the time of this writing is feeling much better.
- Jeff V, grandson of Don and Ellen T will be transferred to Thunder Bay Hospital some time next week. A nurse will be with him all the way. Thank God he is doing very well, but has a way to go yet for complete recovery.
- Let us keep our sick and elderly members in our thoughts and prayers - especially Bill M, Roelof B, Johanna K, Helen M, Jan M, Louis V and Wilma Z. As a church family we are so blessed to know and belong to a God whose faithfulness is constant and never changing.
- **Thank You:** With praise and thanksgiving to God we, Hank & Hendrika T, wish to thank everyone who helped make our 50th wedding anniversary such a wonderful celebration by way of e-mails, phone calls, cards, gifts and especially your attendance at the open house and evening celebration. We are grateful and thankful for each of you! Above all we are thankful to God our Heavenly Father who has blessed us with 50 years of marriage and for His faithfulness and grace throughout our married life. To Him be the glory and honour!
- Thanks be to God for the safe arrival of Jemma Brie, newborn daughter to Mark & Sabrina B last week.
- Birthday congratulations go out to Mrs. Gezina V who turned 84 on July 29.
- Birthday congratulations also to Mr. John V who will be 85 on Aug. 2.
- Mrs. Ann H is at home but is quite weak. Continue to pray for strength and recovery for her as well as Mrs. Johanna B, Mr. Evert M, and Mrs. Elizabeth Z.
- Joe & Marci B's unborn baby has extremely serious complications. We raise them up to our gracious God to be near to them and strengthen them at this time.
- We extend our sympathy to Randy & Tammy C at the passing of Tammy's grandmother, Mrs. Angelina H last week.

"God hears the prayers of His people."

Hope Christian Reformed Church of Thunder Bay

July 31, 2011

The Lord Draws Us to Himself

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Gathering Songs: "I will call upon the Lord" (Maranatha 15)

"Spirit Divine, Inspire our Prayer" (PH 421:1-4)

"Seek Ye First" (PH 209:1-3)

*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

The Lord Receives Our Gifts

Announcements

Offering: Mark & Nancy Vanderwees

Offertory Prayer

The Lord Speaks into Our Lives from His Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:8-16

Prayer for Understanding

Message: "As Long As We Pray"

Prayer for Transformation

The Lord Invites Our Prayers

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (PH 625)

Prayers for "The Spread of the Gospel: Near and Far"

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (PH 625)

Prayers for "The Plight of the World"

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (PH 625)

Prayers for "The Sanctification of God's People"

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (PH 625)

The Lord Sends Us on His Mission

*Song of Praise: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" – old tune (PH 579:1-3)

*Benediction

*Doxology: "Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God" (PH 630:1-2)

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

Participants:

Accompanists: Jenny

Liturgy and Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

Prayers: Sonya, Isabel, Bob Vance

All Worshipers

Message Notes: