

**Requested Announcements**

**First CRC invites you to a farewell service and farewell party for Pastor Henry VanderBeek** on Sunday, October 30. The farewell service will be held **2:30 pm** (please note time change) at First CRC, and the farewell evening will be at 7:30 PM, also at First CRC. During the evening, we will have a short programme, refreshments, cake/ baking and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Employment Opportunity:** The Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre is committed to enriching the lives of young children in our community. We are in need of supply staff in our programs. If you are interested in applying for this position and joining our team, please call Tammy or Yvonne at 623-8184.

**Glen Soderholm in Concert, Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 pm** at Hope Church. Glen is an ordained minister, singer, song writer, worship leader and Pastor and has toured throughout Canada during the last 10 years. He has released 6 recordings with his latest being *Do Not Be Afraid* (2010). Have a listen at [www.glensoderholm.com](http://www.glensoderholm.com) Tickets are \$10/person at the door.

**Andre Knevel in Concert Saturday, October 29th at 7:30 pm.** Panflutist Liselotte Rokyta will again be sharing the stage at this concert featuring Classical and Sacred Music. Also, joining in on stage this year will be Ingrid Schelhaas. Together they offer a program that combines classical music with organ favourites, based on over 40 years of international touring. Tickets available at Hull's Bookstore or Holland Bakery. Tickets are \$12/person or \$50/family. Have a listen at [www.andreknevel.com](http://www.andreknevel.com) This was a much enjoyed event last year, so we hope you'll plan to attend this time, see you at Hope Church.

**Defund Abortion Rally:** Did you know that between \$30-50 million dollars of your tax money, per year, is funding abortions here in Ontario. For \$30-\$50 million per year, Ontario can hire over 200 family doctors, or 400 nurses, or purchase 20 MRI machines or provide therapy to 500 additional autistic kids each year. All these uses of taxpayer dollars would represent genuine health care... rather than killing babies. Join us on Saturday, October 22nd, 2011 from 1-4 at Queens Park- Toronto. For more information see [www.campaignlifecoalition.com/defund](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/defund)

**DUTCH BURIAL SOCIETY:** The Annual Meeting of the Dutch Burial Society takes place Wednesday, October 19 - 7:30 p.m. at First CRC - Council Room. All members are encouraged to attend. One member attending the meeting will receive a one year free membership.

**THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Twice as Nice Grand Opening Celebration!** This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, from 11-3. Official ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Keith Hobbs will be at 12:00! Come on out and show your support, have some cake and coffee, browse the store and buy some great stuff! Let everyone know about the event and ask any business owners you might know to tune in to 91.5, CKPR that day. The store parking lot might be full, please use the lot across the road.

**TWICE as NICE Grand Opening Celebration!** The big day, Saturday, October 15 is coming up and we need your help to make this event as spectacular as possible to make the most of our advertising dollar. The plan is to have a major advertising radio blitz on CKPR, 91.5 the entire week before, leading up to a 4-hour radio remote from 11-3 on Saturday, October 15. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** There are a number of jobs that require some extra manpower to get the store ready. First impressions are super important and we hope to get a lot of new customers through the doors that weekend. If you have ANY available chunks of time in the next few weeks, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, give Catherine a call.

**Weekly Agenda**

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>
	Thanksgiving service 10 am	Council Meeting 7:30 pm	Prayer Ministry 7 pm	No catechism	Hope Church office open 9 am – 1 pm	Twice As Nice Grand Opening 11 am – 3 pm	Youth Service 2:30 pm @ First Church
	Pancake Breakfast 8 – 9:30 am		Coffee Break Bible Study 10 am		Hope serves @ Shelter House		

**Serving Sunday, October 16, 2011**

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	Audio	Sunday School		
David & Tiffany	Howard & Colleen	<u>Infants:</u> Janice		3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
	Justin & Stephanie	<u>Toddlers</u> Carmen Natalie	Visual	Bridget	Kim	Kim
				Rachel	Dominique	Ryan

**Offering Sunday, October 16, 2011: Hope Christian Reformed Church**

Bulletin Announcements: Please submit by 5 pm Thursday to [hopechurch@tbaytel.net](mailto:hopechurch@tbaytel.net) or call 475-9285 and leave a message



**HOPE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

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*"Anchored in Christ"*

*"Living in Hope to Bring Hope"*

**Sunday October 9, 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**

Pastor Bob will begin a new series based on the Scriptures and organized in the book by Blackaby and King entitled *Experiencing God*. This will be a seven-part series, and could be patterned after a "40 Days" experience for individuals and small groups.

Today we begin with the truth that God, the Father, is at work in the world around you. Copies of sermon notes are available on the guest table in the foyer.

**Tomorrow at Hope**

We have planned Thanksgiving worship at 10:00 AM.

**Next Sunday at Hope**

The theme will focus on the fact that God is pursuing a love relationship with you as an individual that is real and personal.

**Serving Today: Sunday, October 9, 2011**

Greeters	Coffee	Nursery	Audio	Sunday School		
Bastian & Ena	Marshall & Trudy	<u>Infants:</u> Tiffany	James	3 & 4 year	SK/Gr 1	Gr 2/3/4
		<u>Toddlers</u> Arjen Braiden	Visual	Bridget	Kim	Kim
			Shirley	Rachel	Dominique	Ryan

**Offering Today Sunday, October 9, 2011: Lifewater**

**Serving Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 10, 2011**

Greeters	Coffee	Audio/Visual Booth		Infants	Toddlers
Arjen & Henriët DeBuin	Teen Youth and Parents	Bill	Jenny	Terry	Dave Sabrina

**Offering Monday, October 10, 2011: Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre (reverse offering)**

## Hope Church News

**Hope Church Family:** Les received a good report from a recent endoscopy (camera down the esophagus). Now he waits for the report from the biopsy and needs prayers for healing. \* **Debbie** is scheduled for disk surgery on Thursday, October 13. \* **Henny** is still in hospital, but short visits are okay now. \* Over the past month we have been blessed by your expressions of love, caring and support throughout Carla's battle with CF, as well as with her celebrations, especially Carla and Jeff's recent wedding. We have appreciated your cards, flowers, baking, meals, and sharing of expressions of sympathy and fond memories of Carla. Although this has been a difficult time for our families, this support has helped in more ways that can be expressed. It is during difficult times like this that it is comforting to be part of a loving Christian community, and the promise of life ever after in the arms of our Heavenly Father. from the Long-Irwin, W, W, R and V families.

### No Catechism this Thursday

**YOUTH SERVICE** is scheduled for Sunday, October 16 at 2:30 at First CRC. Pastor Al Postma will be leading this service and the First CRC Praise Team will be leading the music. This Youth Service is for both young and old. Everyone is welcome.

**Happy Birthday** to the following people celebrating birthdays this week: Audrey, Ed, Andrew, Len and Cees. Wishing you a wonderful year!

**Are you looking for a new experience?** Then why not join us as we get together to study the book EXPERIENCING GOD, starting Sunday Oct 16th. For more details please contact Carol

**Budget Shortage Notification!!** To the end of September (3/4 of the year) we are \$128,000 short (1/2 the budget). If you have not been making regular contributions throughout the year, please remit a contribution as soon as possible. To those of you that have been making use of the budget envelopes throughout the year, "Thank you very much!" Bills and salaries need to be paid monthly. From the Deacons.

**Debentures at Hope CRC:** Here's your chance to consider helping us finance improvements here at Hope. Talk to James and learn more about this opportunity.

**Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast:** You are invited to a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Buffet on Monday Oct. 10, 8 – 9:30 am. Come and share some food and fellowship with your youth as they once again begin fundraising for their Serve 2012 experience. Breakfast is a donation/good will offering. **This Thanksgiving Day** we as a church are again collecting food for those in our community who are less fortunate and need to use the services of the Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre. Please bring non-perishable food items to church on Thanksgiving Day October 10 to help fill the shelves at TBCCC.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 10 A.M. @ HOPE**

**Directory Newsflash:** Unfortunately, last year's directory was put on hold as new addresses were being given to some members of our congregation. Well, those addresses have been finalized and now we can go full steam ahead. Address sheets will be put out next Sunday on which you can make your necessary changes **OR** you can e-mail your new address to [hopechurch@tbaytel.net](mailto:hopechurch@tbaytel.net). This will be a combined directory with the other CRC churches in Thunder Bay. If new addresses are sent in within the next couple of weeks, these directories should be in your homes by December.

## Church Community News

- Tiny was moved to St. Joseph's hospital for physiotherapy after breaking her hip.
- Allan was released from hospital and is recuperating at home with assistance.
- We pray for Marc who is experiencing the effects of a concussion. There has been a lot of information in the media about head injuries in professional sports of late. We pray that Marc will recover and regain his strength and ability to play.
- We rejoice with John and his family as they celebrate John's 85th birthday today.
- Charlotte, Norah, Annette, Cheryl and Anne continue with treatments.
- Evert, Johanna, Jan & Henny and Elizabeth have difficulty attending all regular worship services.
- Joe & Marci have had another ultrasound on their baby and it shows that the child is still growing very slowly. The doctors are continuing to monitor the child's development. The baby is due next month.

## Sunday, October 9

Order of Worship

### The Lord Draws Us to Himself

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

\*Gathering Songs:

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (SNC 12)

"O Sing to the Lord" SNC 224

"This Is My Father's World" (PH 436:1-3)

\*God's Greeting and We Greet One Another

### The Lord Renews Us In His Grace

Responsive Reading of the Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A 26, 27, 28 –God the Father and Providence

Prayer

Song: "I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

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

Children's Message

(Children age 3 –Gr. 4 leave for Sunday School)

Song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (PH 579:1-3)

Scripture Reading: John 5:17, 19; Acts 17:24-28; Luke 12:6-7

Prayer for Understanding

Message: "God Is at Work in the World Around You"

Prayer for Transformation

### The Lord Invites Our Gifts and Prayers

Offering: Lifewater

Offertory Prayer

Announcements and Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord Sends Us on His Mission

\*Song of Praise: "How Deep the Father's Love"

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

(PH 637)

Postlude

\* You are invited to stand

Accompanists: Breanna, Margaret, Susan, Derric, Allan,

Henry, Bram, Micheal (James & Shirley– tech)

Liturgy and Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

All Worshipers

Personal Message Notes (sermon notes available on guest table in foyer)

## Nursery Duty

**Today:** Tiffany, Arjen, Braiden

**Oct 10:** Terry, Dave, Sabrina

**Oct 16:** Janice, Carmen, Natalie

**Oct 23:** Leigh-Anne, Art, Sarah

**Oct 30:** Henriette, Andrew, Mallory

*This is a very important responsibility, please be there when scheduled or find someone to cover for you.*

## Dates to Remember

Oct. 19: Glen Soderholm Concert

Oct. 29: Andre Knevel Concert

Oct. 30: Pastor Henry VanderBeek Farewell

Nov. 6: Linger Lunch (moved back 1 week)

Nov. 16: TBCCC Board Meeting

Nov. 22: Congregational Meeting

## Bulletin Board Postings

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Variety Night

Empty Bowls Caring Hearts Shelter House Fundraiser

Redeemer University

Letter from The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

Teen Challenge Fundraising Banquet

## Prayer Corner

~As one looks back on the chapters in the history of the early church, how clear these two truths stands out: where there is much prayer, there will be much of the Spirit, and where there is much of the Spirit, there will be ever increasing prayer. So clear is the living connection between the two that when the Spirit is given in answer to prayer, it awakens more prayer to prepare for a fuller revelation and communication of His divine power and grace. If prayer was, thus, the power by which the early church flourished and triumphed, is there any reason why it should not be the one great need of the church today ?