

Agenda for Sunday, September 14, 2008

Greeters:

AM: Lorne & Cynthia Vis
PM: Marshall & Trudy Bolt

Coffee Servers

Peter Huitsing
Ben & Patricia Postuma

Nursery: Morning

Infants: Lauri Fieldhouse
Breanna Janssens
Toddlers: Peter Fieldhouse
Allison Muller
Hunter Janssens

Nursery: Afternoon

Audio **AM:** Dan Blekkenhorst
PM: Andy Heerema

Video **AM:** Erin Voortman
PM: Randy Carmichael

Offering: TBCCC

Agenda for Sunday, September 21, 2008

Greeters:

AM: Steve & Bonnie Vis
PM: Fred & Alice Cramer

Coffee Servers

Ed & Cathy Janssens
Ken & Anna Paulusma

Nursery: Morning

Infants: Ann Maloney
Shauna Muller
Toddlers: Carla Long
Michael Vis
Peter Miedema Jr

Nursery: Afternoon

Audio **AM:** Jason Blekkenhorst
PM: John Miedema

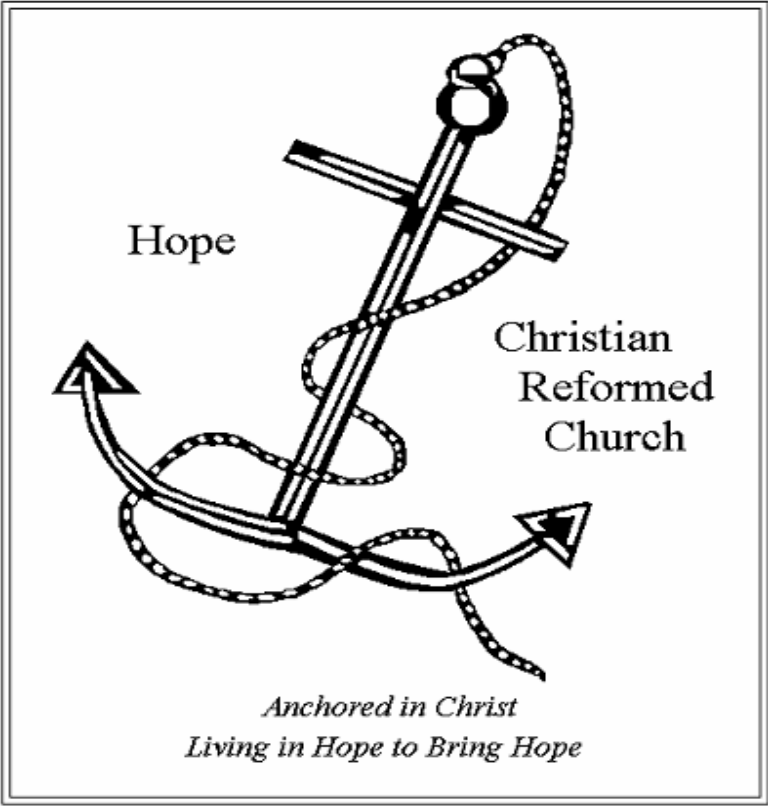
Video **AM:** Christina Mol
PM: Aly Miedema

**Offering: CRWRC
Hurricane/Haiti Relief**

Weekly Agenda

Tuesday 16 th	7:30 PM	Council meets at church
Wednesday 17 th	12 PM	Seniors' Luncheon in church foyer
	2 PM	Singing at Pinewood Court (all welcome)
Tuesday 30 th	7:30 PM	Council meets at church

ALPHA NEWS : "CELEBRATION DINNER" Monday, September 22nd 6:30 p.m. at 1st Church. Music by the "Kings Highway Trio. Everyone is invited to come and see what the 10 week Alpha course has to offer. *"The Alpha course meets the vital test of being both open and faithful, welcoming all, while presenting the Gospel message with clarity and power."* - George Gallup. We are also offering a continuing course for those whom have taken the basic Alpha. titled - Challenging Life Style. This is a DVD presentation by Nicky Gumbel based on Jesus radical teaching given in the Sermon on the Mount. Sign up sheet on the table in the narthex or give Ann 935-2020, Rika 767-5020 a call.



Sunday, September 14, 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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Church Clerk: Jim Agombar 939-2960

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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 and find what you are looking for. God is looking to offer you the riches of His kingdom.

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 morning Pastor Bob will bring a message on investing in your own happiness and future. This afternoon we will continue our series on “The Mission of God: in each book of the Bible.” Today we will look at Ezra. Next Sunday afternoon we will look at Nehemiah. Classis will take place in Winnipeg this fall. The dates are September 22 and 23. Pastor Bob and Pastor Henry from First CRC will have a pulpit exchange on the morning of September 28.

Hope Family: Congratulations to **John & Lori Staal** with the birth of a healthy baby girl, **Lily Grace**, on Wednesday. **Matt Saj**'s (fiancé to **Alyssa Miedema**) father, **Andre**, is in hospital in Winnipeg recovering from a brain aneurysm. **Kathy Boer** completed another round of treatments for cancer last week. She is feeling very well physically. The tumors are shrinking! The three girls are coming back to live at home. And they are SO thankful to God for it all. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Congratulations to Mrs. Gertie VanStrien who celebrates her 90th birthday on Monday, September 15. She is visiting in Thunder Bay to celebrate this great event with relatives and friends. “May the Lord bless and keep you.”

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 28th, 2008! Please refer to the back of the bulletin for scheduling. Copies of the schedule will also be placed in your mail box within the week. Thank you to all the people who have volunteered this year; your support is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to another successful year.

Teachers & Helpers for Sept 28-Oct 19

3 & 4 yr olds: Tiffany Cramer, Ryan Fieldhouse, Kiera Fieldhouse

SK-Gr.1: Jessica DeBruin, Jennifer DeBruin, Emily DeBruin

Gr. 2 & 3: Laurie Fieldhouse, Jason Blekkenhorst, Shelby Heerema

Gr. 4: Lynnea Blekkenhorst, Sarah Blekkenhorst

9th Hope Classic Golf Tournament: Thank-you to all who helped make our golf tournament a success. With a late contribution of \$36.00 from the hat being passed around the council room on Tuesday, we realized a profit of \$13,001.83. Thanks to all donators, sponsors, and volunteers. The winning team was Bonnie Vis, Paul Voortman, Albert Breukelman, and Gary Staal, with a score of -10.

URC News: Belated congratulations to Mitchell and Dana Dykstra who were united in marriage on August 30 in Sioux Center, Iowa. Please pray for Murray Janssens who received his third round of chemotherapy this last week. **Thank you note:** Norah and I would like to thank you for your kindness, cards, offers of help and interest in Norah's progress of recovery. We would especially like to thank Bonnie and the Pastor and Val for their kind visits. Norah and Don Cook

Day of Encouragement Saturday, October 25, 2008: The DOE planning committee is still working behind the scenes getting things ready for what they hope will be a very inspiring and encouraging event. Speakers and topics include.....
– Syd Hielema; Walking together from the cradle to the grave (and beyond),
- Norma de Waal Malefyt and Howard Vander Well; Worship for all ages,
-Pastor Dan Vos; The Book of Revelation in an Hour,
Stay tuned for more information, or talk to your local deacons, but start making those plans to be in Emo for this event.

Right to Life News: #1. Please plan to attend the Life Chain from 2-3pm at Memorial Ave. & Centre St. on Saturday October 4. SIGNS to hold will be available on site. Please Join us in Prayer, as a witness to those passing by, and as an encouragement to others who also uphold the sanctity of Human Life & disagree with Abortion. #2. **Thunder Bay Right to Life**, together with **Alliance for Life Ontario** and **Lakehead Life Support** are organizing the very first Pro-Life Conference in North-western Ontario! ‘**All Points North - Facing Truth; Pro-Life Conference**’ will take place in **Thunder Bay** from **December 5-6, 2008**. Five dynamic speakers have been scheduled. Please pray for the organization of this conference, that hearts may be stirred to honor God's creation in the sanctity of human life. Please pray for people to attend the conference and consider attending yourself. Funds are needed to cover the costs of the Speakers. If you are unable to attend the conference yourself, would you consider sponsoring a friend, family member or other interested person to attend? More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Thunder Bay Community Growing Project News: Our barley field grown to benefit the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is ready for harvest and once again we would like to remind local farmers that many hands make light work! We have once again been blessed with a bountiful crop... We are planning to combine the field on Wednesday, September 17, weather cooperating, and hope to have most of the field swathed before the harvest day. If you are able to help in any way, feel free to come out to the field on the south side of Candy Mountain Road, just west of Hanna Road on Gerald Breukelman's farm. If you are bringing a combine or grain truck, please let Arnold Breukelman(474 3240) or Bernie Kamphof(935 3344) know ahead of time so that we can coordinate things and allow the harvest to proceed smoothly. We are also accepting bids for purchase of the barley, let Arnold or Bernie know what you need if you are interested. See you in the field!

From the Deacons: Next week's offering is for CRWRC Hurricane Relief in Haiti. **CRWRC is responding to the needs of thousands of Haitians deluged by water and mudslides after hurricanes and storms battered the island of Hispanola over the last two weeks.** On Friday, CRWRC approved the release of \$40,000 in emergency relief to Haitian storm survivors in the hardest hit areas of the country, and the agency is accepting donations for further hurricane response efforts. "The soil was already saturated with rain from Fay and Gustav when Hannah hit," reported CRWRC Haiti country director Ad De Blaiej late last week. "So all of the rain rushed down the mountains and flooded the plains and valleys... While many Southern towns flooded last week after Gustav made landfall near Jacmel, Hannah created flooding in the North... Nearly all areas of Haiti have been hit." Hurricane Ike added to the suffering as it stormed across Haiti and Cuba this week, taking the lives of 60 more people in Haiti alone. **According to de Blaiej, CRWRC's partner agencies across Haiti all reported that communities in their project areas had damage from the storms.** Having worked in **Haiti** since 1975, CRWRC has a well-established network of church and community leaders who can immediately implement emergency relief projects when disaster strikes. Ken Little of the CRWRC told Mission Network News that CRWRC has at least six development projects connected with church partners in the affected areas. "One of our larger responses will be in Gonaives area, which was really devastated by the floods. We're helping a partner by the name of 'Ebenezer Mission' as they care for over six hundred refugees that ended up in their school yard and in their hospital yard." While nearly all areas in Haiti have been hit by now, church partners are engaged in zones where they normally work. CRWRC's network of churches, communities, and leaders creates some capacity to reach out to those in need, so the implementation of several small emergency projects is underway:

- ***Ebenezer Mission, Gonaives**, is an indigenous mission providing education and health services. CRWRC and Partners Worldwide have been providing emergency relief through Ebenezer Mission since tropical storm Jeanne in 2004. CRWRC will provide 600 refugees with food and clothing totalling \$10,000.
- ***SKDE** is a CRWRC partner specializing in training village residents through community cooperatives. This infrastructure will be used to distribute hurricane relief. In Petit Goave, CRWRC will distribute food supplies worth \$5,000, and in Gonaives, another food distribution totalling \$ 5,000 for 300 people.
- ***The Christian Reformed Church of Haiti (ECRH)** is a CRWRC partner denomination with congregations throughout the country. ECRH is preparing a \$5,000 food distribution in Cayes, Jacmel and Port-au-Prince to 150 families.
- *Through **UEBH**, CRWRC has a community development program in Fort Mercredi, a poor neighborhood in Port-au-Prince located on the side of a hill and subject to mudslides. A \$5,000 emergency intervention is being prepared there.
- *CRWRC partner, **PWOFOD**, works with protestant denominations to train deacons, teach literacy, and offer micro-credit loans. PWOFOD will intervene with \$5,000 in emergency food and clothing for 130 families in the Croix des Bouquettes area.
- ***MDK**, a CRWRC partner specializes in leadership and deacon training. MDK is searching out damage done in Meyer, an area in the mountains close to the south coast. CRWRC will respond here with a food distribution of \$5,000.

Friendship Group: starts on September 22nd.

Attention Seniors: A luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 17 at 12 noon in the church foyer. We'd love to have you join us!

Prayer takes place Mondays at 7:00 PM in the room by the Library. All are welcome. Contact Sonya for more information at 935-2135.

Church Community News, Events & Activities

First News: Brad Vis has been released from Intensive Care and is doing considerably well in hospital. Brad suffered first and second degree burns on his hands, chest and face in an explosion at the Lakehead University Lab where he works. We are thankful that his injuries are not worse than they are. And we trust that God will grant Brad a full recovery. It will take some time, but let us pray that Brad will heal well, and that no further complications will develop after this accident. **Thank you note:** We like to thank all of you who congratulated us on our 50th Wedding Anniversary by sending a card, phoned or in person. It was very much appreciated. Bill & Ria Marbus

Bethlehem News: Eero Tuuttila successfully underwent the 13 1/2 hour surgery last Tuesday (Sept 2) to remove the tumour from his abdomen. The doctors have said that the surgery was a success and they are fairly certain that they removed the entire mass. This could not be completed without the removal of several organs as well as some of his abdominal wall. He was transferred out of ICU on Wednesday evening (Sept 3) and was up and walking a bit (with help) by Thursday morning, and has continued each day to walk a little farther. There is still a long road ahead to recovery, but the doctors say he is doing very well. Jenny continues to be there with him, and will for the duration of his time in Toronto. If anyone wishes to send him well wishes, we have included his mailing address.

Eero Tuuttila Room C651 #3
C/O Sunnybrook Hospital
2075 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4N 3M5

Please continue to keep him and the family in your thoughts and prayers. Klazien Huitsing spent about a week in hospital for tests and observation, and was released this past Tuesday. With thanks that no significant issues were diagnosed, Heero and Klazien have been able to go to Edmonton to spend some time with family, a trip that had to be postponed twice.

Fall Concerts are starting with **The Garner Band**.....Friday, October 24th at 7:30 pm at Hope Church. Mark your calendars.

Participants:

Accompanist: Jenny Mol

Liturgy and Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

All Worshipers

MESSAGE OUTLINE – September 14, 2008

Scripture – Matthew 13:44-46

Message – “*Make the Investment*”

Aim – that listeners will recognize the value of the kingdom of God and the need to make an effort to experience it, and decide to make the investment.

Introduction

1. Recognizing Something of Value

A. Treasures and Pearls

B. The Kingdom of Heaven

2. Making the Investment

A. For Tangible Assets

B. For Life in the Kingdom of God

Conclusion

One thing I could do with regard to the Word to come closer to God is:

(e.g.: more frequent reading, small group study, etc.)

One thing I could do in the area of service to come closer to God and His people is:

Hope Christian Reformed Church of Thunder Bay

September 14, 2008 – Morning Worship

Welcome to Sunday worship at Hope Church.

The Lord Draws Us to Himself

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Song: “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

“We Bow Down” (SNC 42:1, 2)

*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another

*Song: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (PH 486:1-3)

The Lord Renews Us in His Grace

In Case We’ve Lost Our Way

A Reminder of Who We Are in Christ

Song: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (PH 572:1-3 – to the familiar tune)

A Word of Encouragement

The Lord Speaks Into Our Lives from His Word

Children’s Message

*Song: “Thy Word” (SNC 86:1, 2)

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

Prayer for Understanding

Message: “*Make the Investment*”

Prayer for Transformation

The Lord Invites Our Gifts and Prayers

Offering: Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord Sends Us to Love the World

*Song: “Jesus, All for Jesus”

*Benediction

*Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (PH 637)

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

Hope Christian Reformed Church
September 14, 2008 – Afternoon Worship (2:30 PM)

We Gather Unto the Lord

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (PH 253:1-4)

*God’s Greeting & Greeting One Another

We Make Our Profession

Pastoral Prayer

(concluded with the Lord’s Prayer in unison)

Offering: Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre

Offertory Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

*Song: “Thy Word” (SNC 86:1, 2)

Scripture: Ezra 9:1-10:18a, 44

Prayer for Understanding

Message: “*The Mission of God: in Ezra*”

Prayer for Transformation

Song of Dedication: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (PH 262:1-3)

We Leave in Hope to Bring Hope to the World

*Song: “I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light” (SNC 77:1-3)

*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

Participants:

Accompanist:

Liturgy & Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

All Worshipers

MESSAGE OUTLINE – September 14, 2008

Scripture – Ezra 9:1-10:18a, 44

Message – “*The Mission of God: in Ezra*”

Aim - that listeners will see a pattern for restoring a right relationship with God when they are under the discipline of the Lord.

Introduction

1. First Return from Exile and Rebuilding of the Temple (1-6)

- A. First Return of Exiles (1:1-11)
- B. List of Returning Exiles (2:1-70)
- C. Revival of Temple Worship (3:1-13)
- D. Opposition to Rebuilding (4:1-23)
- E. Completion of the Temple (4:24 – 6:22)

2. Ezra’s Return and Reforms (7-10)

- A. Ezra’s Return to Jerusalem (7:1 – 8:36)
- B. Ezra’s Reforms (9:1 – 10:44)
 - 1) What leadership does in this situation (9:1-15)
 - a. Conviction
 - b. Identifying with sins of the past
 - c. Remembering God’s grace
 - d. Identifying with current sins
 - e. Seeking God in humility
 - C. 2) What the people do in this situation (10:1-44)
 - a. Identify with the confession
 - b. Take action to make a covenant of repentance
 - c. Take action to remove the sin in their lives

Conclusion

Where are you in your discipleship with God:

A. transforming as fast as I can in the area of:

B. under the attention-getting discipline of my Father in the area of:

