

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

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

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

**Offering: CRWRC
Hurricane/Haiti Relief**

Agenda for Sunday, September 28, 2008

Greeters:

AM: Paul & Erin Voortman
PM: Peter & Lauri Fieldhouse

Coffee Servers

Kathleen Joffers
Dave & Kim Wieringa

Nursery: Morning

Infants: Inez Collie
Erin Muller

Toddlers: James Collie
Travis Muller
Rachel Heerema

Audio **AM:** Bill Groenheide
PM: Andy Heerema

Video **AM:** Jenny Groenheide
PM: Randy Carmichael

Sunday School

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

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

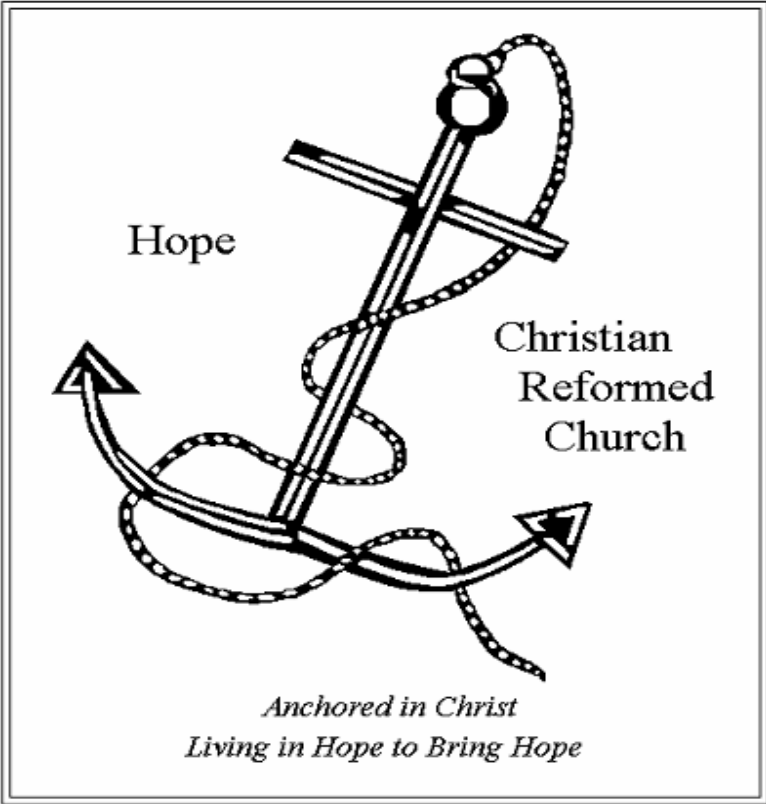
Gr.2-3: Lauri Fieldhouse, Jason
Blekkenhorst, Shelby Heerema

Gr. 4: Lynnea & Sarah Blekkenhorst

Offering: Mark & Nancy VanderWees

Weekly Agenda

Monday 22 nd	2 PM	Singing at Versa Care (all welcome)
	7:30 PM	Friendship Group starts
Wednesday 24 th	2 PM	Singing at Hogarth Riverview (all welcome)
	7PM	Catechism at church for grades 9-12
Tuesday 30 th	7:30 PM	Council meets at church



Sunday, September 21, 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 encouraged in your faith in God and your walk with 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 morning Pastor Bob will be dealing with suffering in life. We all experience difficult times. The more you know how things “should” be, and experience them, or observe them in others, to be less than ideal, the more you will suffer. In fact, Christians should suffer most because they know how things were meant to be. But Christians also have hope as they look to God and know He will make it right.

This afternoon we will continue the series: “The Mission of God: in each book of the Bible.” Today we will look at Nehemiah.

Monday and Tuesday of this week, Pastor Bob will be at Classis. Next Sunday morning there will be a pulpit exchange with Rev. Henry Vander Beek from First CRC.

Hope Family: **Matt Saj**'s father, Andre, returned to hospital in Thunder Bay this week. **Matthew and Lisa Miedema** were blessed with a baby boy on September 17 - Lucas Matthew. God's blessings to **Henry Rinsma** who celebrates his 79th birthday today!

Catechism will start for those in high school on Wednesday night, September 24, at the church at 7:00 PM. It will usually run for 50 minutes to an hour. The general rule will be that if there is school that day, there is catechism. If school is out, for reasons such as: holidays, snow days, seasonal breaks, etc., then catechism does not meet. A calendar will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the foyer.

First News: **Bea Hayen** returned to Winnipeg this past week for further eye surgery on Thursday as the retina was pulling away again. Please continue to pray for speedy and complete recovery. Let us remember our shut-ins: Tjitske Postuma, Jan Muller, Johanna Kloosterhuis, Helen Muller, Gerrit Kamphof, Simon and Wilma Zwaal.

URC News: Please continue to pray for our members with various health concerns including Mrs. Johanna Bakker, Mr. & Mrs. Jan & Henny Buitenhuis, Mrs. Norah Cook, Mrs. Ann Hoogsteen, Mr. Murray Janssens, Mrs. Cheryl Kempenaar, Mrs. Gerda VandenBroeke and Mrs. Elizabeth Zandstra.

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. Updated brochures are available on the table in the church foyer.

Right to Life News: Pro-LifeLife Chain from 2-3pm at Memorial Ave & Central Ave on **Saturday, October 4**. Please come 15 minutes early to pick up a sign near Walmart parking lot. Sign up on the back table. 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.

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

Attention all GEMS & Cadets! Another exciting season is scheduled to begin for girls and boys ages 7 – 13 on Thursday, October 2, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Hope Church. Our season will kick off on October 2nd with Registration and a Social. Come on out to register and stay for snacks and activities. Bring a friend! GEMS and Cadets will meet on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with our usual “two weeks on, one week off” rotation, beginning October 2nd. There will be a fee of \$20 per child to cover the cost of craft materials, like wood, etc. but don’t let that deter you. This is going to be an exciting year!

Mini minutes council meeting Sept 16 / 2008

- Absent with notification: Henry Mol, Paul Muller.
- Pastor Bob opened reading from Matthew 28:16-20 and prayer.
- Minutes from Aug 12 council meeting approved. 1 item corrected. Minutes from Sept 9th Church Vision meeting approved.
- Council accepted the gift of a picture from Bruce & Dorothy Tilbury.
- Approved having music artist Johnny Juarez participate in Oct 18th A.M. service.
- Approved joining in Reformation worship Oct 26th, P.M. service, at First church.
- Received the membership transfer of Les and Marion Szelekovszky from Hope CRC, Brantford, Ont. We welcome them into our fellowship.
- Classis meets at Covenant CRC in Winnipeg Sept 22 and 23rd. Classis credentials were filled out. Our delegates are Pastor Bob and Paul Muller, Fred Cramer as an alternate.
- Several members of correspondence were dealt with including:
 1. We will order 200 copies of “Devotional Day Planners” to be distributed to our members. These are distributed freely by the Bible League of Canada.
 2. Round Lake Bible Camp retreat for the 15 to 20 year olds Oct 3rd to 5th. Information posted in foyer.
- Our fall congregational meeting set for November 18th. 2009 budget will be presented. All committees and groups having financial requests should submit these in writing to the Deacons A.S.A.P.
- Ben Postuma closed in prayer.

Hi everyone! It's that time of year again... Friday Night Drop In will be starting up **October 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** If you feel that God is calling you to be a part of this ministry this year, please call Justin or Stephanie at 768-7630.

Fall Small Groups: “Make the Investment.” Small groups are a good way to: get to know people better, get to know God better, give and receive love in the family of God, receive support on your walk of faith. In 2006 we began a tradition of a fall series of preaching that offered discussion of the topic and the benefits of small groups for a 7-week period. We intend to do that again this year. The dates are October 5 – November 16. Why not give it a shot? Then if you want to move on to other endeavors, you can do so after a modest investment. If you desire, you can continue to invest with the same group, or find another. You can form a small group on your own, or ask to be placed in one. If you are willing to help Erin Voortman organize our time together, are willing to “host” OR “lead” a discussion group in your home, or want to be placed in a group – please call her at 577-0842.

Church Community News, Events & Activities

Bethlehem News: Eero and Jenny arrived back in Thunder Bay via air ambulance last Wednesday. Eero anticipated being released from hospital by this weekend to continue recuperating at home. We’re thankful for God’s care over Eero and Jenny, and pray that Eero may continue to gain strength and healing. Henny has completed chemo treatments for the time being, and remains under observation. She is receiving medication for some of the bothersome side effects. She’s thankful for the healing of her arm, but continues with therapy to regain its full use. Please keep Henny in your thoughts and prayers.

Participants:

Accompanist: Sean Gormely
Soloist: Jessica De Bruin
Song leadership: Don & Ellen Ten Have
Liturgy and Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance
All Worshipers

MESSAGE OUTLINE – September 21, 2008

Scripture – Psalm 69:1-36

Message – *“Suffering Faithfully: Where Are You Looking?”*

Aim – that listeners come to grips with suffering in their lives,
and turn to the Lord Jesus for help in dealing with it.

Introduction

- A. What is suffering?
 - B. How does the psalmist usually handle suffering?
1. What’s the situation? (1-12)
 2. Where are we looking? (13-21)
 - A. To God – rather than circumstances
 - B. To God – rather than to ourselves
 - C. To God – rather than to other people
 3. Is there light at the end of the tunnel? (22-36)
 - A. There will be justice for those who judge (22-28)
 - B. Those suffering who trust look to God will thank, praise, and worship Him (29-33)
 - C. God will bring salvation (34-36)

Conclusion

Hope Christian Reformed Church of Thunder Bay

September 21, 2008 – Morning Worship

Welcome to Sunday worship at Hope Church.

We Gather Unto the Lord

Prelude

Invitation to Worship: “It Might Be Hope” (Sara Groves)

Welcome

*Gathering Song: “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*God’s Greeting and We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed In Grace

In Case We’ve Lost Our Way

A Reminder of Who We Are in Christ

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

A Word of Encouragement

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message

*Song: “Refiner’s Fire”

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 69:1-36

Prayer for Understanding

Message: *“Suffering Faithfully: Where Are You Looking?”*

Prayer for Transformation

We Bring Our Prayers and Gifts

Offering: CRWRC Hurricane/Haiti Relief

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

We Leave to Tell the World Good News

*Song: “In Christ Alone”

*Benediction

*Doxology: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

Hope Christian Reformed Church
September 21, 2008 – Afternoon Worship (2:30 PM)

We Gather Unto the Lord

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (PH 435:1-4)

*God’s Greeting & Greeting One Another

*Song: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom” (PH 209:1-3)

We Make Our Profession

*Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

(concluded with the Lord’s Prayer in unison)

Offering: CRWRC Hurricane/Haiti Relief

Offertory Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

*Song: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (PH 625)

Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1-11

Prayer for Understanding

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

Prayer for Transformation

We Leave in Hope to Bring Hope to the World

*Song: “I Serve a Risen Saviour” (PH 405:1-3)

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology: “To God Be the Glory” (PH 632)

Postlude

* You are invited to stand

Participants:

Accompanist:

Liturgy & Preaching: Pastor Bob Vance

All Worshipers

MESSAGE OUTLINE – September 21, 2008

Scripture – Nehemiah 1:1-11 + various others

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

Aim - that listeners understand

the role of Nehemiah, the man, in the mission of God,

the role of the book, Nehemiah;

and that we learn some lessons for how God can use us in His mission as well.

Introduction

1. The Role of Nehemiah, the man

2. The Role of Nehemiah, the book

3. Lessons to learn:

Conclusion

A. Which lesson is God calling me to grow in?

B. What’s my next step as a disciple?