

SERVING

GREETERS & COFFEE SERVERS

(After the morning service)

TODAY: 6A – Dan & Carla H
MAY 25: 6B – Gary & Sandy W

SOUND/PROJECTION

TODAY: Craig V & Justin H
MAY 25: Kent Z & Tricia H

MAY USHERS

Kevin K, Pete S, Jerry V

NURSERY

TODAY: AM - Mandy H, Maeley DK,
Grady DS, Isabella B
PM - Dar F, Ian H

MAY 25: AM - Chanda B, Maggie F,
Ella B, Jenson DS
PM – no service here

*If you are unable to be in nursery, you are responsible to find your own replacement. (If in high school find another high schooler, and if in grade school find another grade schooler) This is important so we can meet our safe church policies. Thank you!

CHILDREN & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Children (3yrs old – PK) will be dismissed for C & W following the prayer of confession Your child(ren) will meet the helpers in the back of the sanctuary and walk together to the classroom. Please pick up your child(ren) at Room 9 after the service. If your child is not ready to participate right when they turn three, they are welcome to join anytime throughout the year. To avoid distractions during our worship time, please have your child(ren) leave their personal belongings with you. We ask that your child is potty trained before they attend class. If this is a concern for you, please talk to Rachel Verwolf and she will work with you to make a plan that is best for your child.

NO C&W TODAY: OFF FOR THE SUMMER

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Offerings can be mailed to: Hope CRC, PO Box 580, Hull, IA 51239

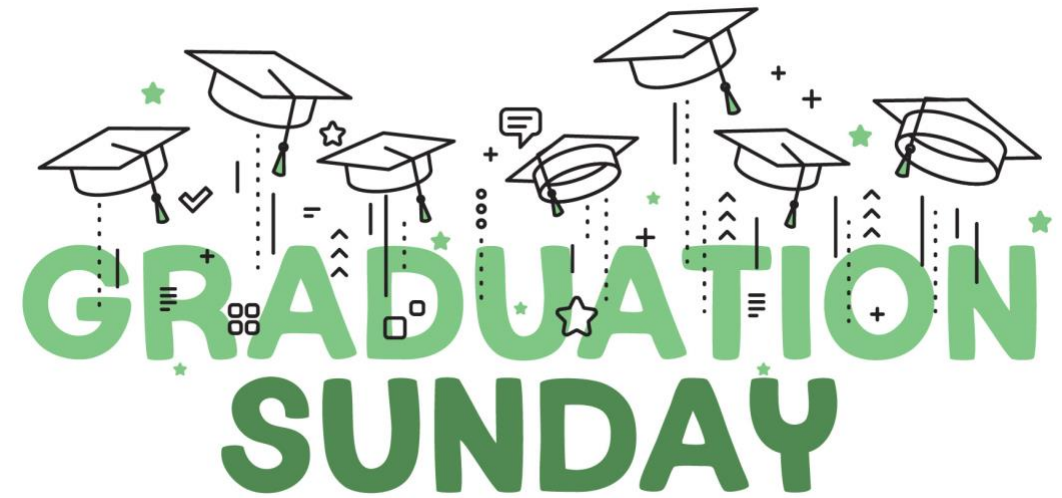
TODAY: AM 1st – General Fund 2nd – Mark & JinHee Klompier PM – Bethesda
MAY 25: AM 1st – General Fund 2nd – Benevolent PM – Vacation Bible School

Hope Council Members 2024-25

ELDERS: Dar Boer, Shawn De Stigter, Randy Ten Pas, Joe Dirksen, Cal Van Der Zwaag,
Craig Stiemsma, Brad Driesen

DEACONS: Matt Roetman, Mike Van Otterloo, Scott Westra, Brian Fykstra
Jacob Van Ginkel, Nate Van Kley

Hope Christian Reformed Church



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

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May 18, 2025

Morning Service - 9:30am

Evening Service - 6:00pm

Morning Worship Service

Leading Worship: Pastor Keith Hoekstra ~ Accompanist: Melissa Boer

God Gathers Us for Worship

- Welcome and Announcements
- *Song of Praise: “Beautiful One” (LUYH 607 All)
- *Call to Worship – Zephania 3:17
- *God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting
- *Song of Praise: “Mighty to Save” (LUYH 611 All)

God Reminds Us Who We Are in Him

- Celebration of Graduates - Salt and Light
- Song of Gratitude: “You Shall Love the Lord (LUYH 724 All)
- We Join in Prayer for One Another

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- *Song of Preparation: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LUYH 521)
- Scripture: Micah 2:1-13
- Prayer of Preparation
- Message: “Hope Beyond the Shadows: False Peace, True Peace”
- Prayer of Application
- We Give our Offerings for God’s Work
- *Song of Application: “Shine Jesus, Shine” (Anthem 588)

God Sends Us to Serve with His Blessing

- *God’s Blessing
- *Closing Song: “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder” (Anthem 646 1 & 3)
- *Postlude

Sermon Notes:

Evening Worship Service

Leading Worship: Pastor Keith Hoekstra ~ Accompanist: Avery Verhoef

God Prepares our Hearts for Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome & Announcements
- Hope Family Favorite Song: No Name Given
- *“Abide With Me” (LUYH 466 1,3,4&5)
- “I just love to sing this song.”

God Draws Us to Himself

- *Call to Worship
- *God’s Greeting
- *Profession of Faith – Nicene Creed
- Song of Response: “Creator Spirit by Whose Aid” (LUYH 523)
- Congregational prayer

God Speaks to Us through His Word

- *Song of Preparation: “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” (LUYH 579 1,2&4)
- Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 8:1-22
- Prayer of Preparation
- Message: Kings and the Kingdom: God Grants a King –
God's Sovereignty vs Man’s Desire

Prayer of Application

God Sends Us to Serve and Bless

- Offering given for God’s Work
- *Song of Application: “Have Thine Own Way” (LUYH 737 1,3&4)
- *God’s Blessing
- *Closing Song: “The Trees of the Field” (PH 197)
- *Postlude

Sermon Notes:

HOPE CRC FAMILY PRAISE AND PRAYER CONCERNS

- Please keep Donna Hoekstra in your prayers as she continues her chemotherapy. We pray for healing, strength, and comfort for Donna and peace for Dave and the family.
- We pray for those recovering from surgery: Liz Hoekstra, Dave Van Otterloo, Audrey Van Maanen, and Shawn De Stigter.
- We pray for those who have ongoing health concerns: Le Talsma, Mark Steiger and Lisa Van Otterloo. We pray for healing, pain relief, and recovery.
- Continue to keep Taylyn Vander Schaaf in your prayers as she goes through her cancer treatments. Pray for healing and comfort for the whole family. (see community news for updates)
- Pray for those who mourn, who have lost those whom they loved and miss.
- Pray for all who are struggling with an addiction, emotional hurt, depression, anxiety, and mental illness.
- Pray for our families, our marriages, that God would strengthen them, guide them, and be honored in them.
- Pray for those who cannot join us in worship, that they would be comforted and feel close to the congregation. We pray for Bill Heynen and Gary Westra.
- We pray for those serving our communities in law enforcement, emergency services, fire department, and those who serve our country in the armed forces.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

After the morning service on **Sunday, May 18th**, Hope CRC will hold its annual congregational meeting after the morning service. A proposed budget has been placed in all member mailboxes. During this time, the congregation will be voting on a proposed budget for 2025-26 and to accept candidates for council officers. At the evening service, retiring elders and deacons will be selecting three elders and two deacons to serve on council. After meaningful congregational input, council discussion, and prayerful consideration, the following candidates have accepted the nomination and are willing to serve on council:

Elder - Nathan Baker, Jerry Boer, Mike Covey, Scott de Boom, Bruce Heynen, Dave Kooima, Pete Steiger, and Jerry Ver Hoef.

Deacon - Brady Covey, Dash De Groot, Justin Hoekstra, Ryan LeLoux, Tony Reitsma, and Evan Wiersma.

*If you are unable to attend the May 18th congregational meeting and would like to vote, please talk to Pastor Keith or any council member to receive an absentee ballot. These ballots can be returned to a council member or placed in the collection bag.

Welcome to Hope Christian Reformed Church!

- ❖ You may view our Sunday church services on YouTube beginning at 9:25 am and 5:55 pm and anytime thereafter.
- ❖ Nursery is available for ages 0-2yrs during the morning and evening services.
- ❖ Coffee Fellowship takes place after the morning service.
- ❖ We have Sunday School for grades K–12 immediately following the service (Sept – April).
- ❖ Please send bulletin announcements to hopecrrchullsecretary@gmail.com by Thurs AM
- ❖ If you would like to receive church emails, please contact hopecrrchullsecretary@gmail.com
- ❖ If you have any prayer requests, email them to hopecrrchull@gmail.com or contact Pastor Keith or another elder.
- ❖ If you wish to use the church building for an event, please contact the office secretary by email: hopecrrchullsecretary@gmail.com with the details. Thank you.

Worship Notes

We welcome you to worship this week. We are glad you are worshipping with us today. On this Sunday we have the joy of celebrating with our graduates, we will honor our High School graduates in the morning service, we also rejoice with all of those who are graduating, from graduate school, college, and 8th Grade as well.

After the morning service we will be participating in our annual congregational meeting, when we will elect new council members, vote on the proposed budget, and hear updates on the church, ministry, and projects.

In the morning, we are called together in worship. This Sunday we continue our morning sermon series that is taking us through the book of Micah entitled "Hope Beyond the Shadows". This series will look at the prophets' message of honest judgement and incredible hope that is found in the promised Messiah. This week we will look at Micah 2. We will examine peace, both false and true peace. Micah speaks about peace we seek in the world, peace that is granted falsely and peace that is true and in Christ.

In the evening, we are called again to worship. Join us this Sunday as we begin a new sermon series as we journey through the rise and fall of kings in Israel and Judah, exploring how God's sovereignty, covenant promises, and ultimate kingship in Christ shape our faith today. From Saul to Solomon, through divided kingdoms and exiled nations, we will see God's faithfulness remain unshaken. We begin with Israelites begging for a King in 1 Samuel 8:1-22.

We praise God that He has called us to worship Him in joy and in fellowship!

THIS WEEK

Congregational Meeting today after the morning service. Members will be voting on a proposed budget for 2025-26 and to accept candidates for council officers. At the evening service, retiring elders and deacons will be selecting three elders and two deacons to serve on council. See Agenda, Budget, and Reports already placed in your mailbox.

Womens Bible Study: Monday, May 19th at 7:00pm. This is our last meeting before taking the summer off. See you in the Fall!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children and Worship is finished for the season and will begin again next fall. This year we had 11 children from Hope who were blessed from this ministry. **Thank you to all the leaders and helpers who devoted their time and energy preparing and leading worship.** Each week the children were reminded that just like our church community was worshiping in the sanctuary they too had a special place to come to worship together. Praise God for another year of this important ministry.

Poppies: Memorial Day is coming, if you would like to honor our veteran's by wearing a poppy they are available at local businesses or from LuAnn De Wild (439-1385) Freewill donation; money received is used to honor our fallen servicemen at the cemetery on Memorial Day.

Sunday, May 25th: An evening service will be held at the Community Building at 6:00pm by the American Legion for Memorial Day, so there is no evening service here at Hope.

“Thank you to God for healing! Thank you for the cards, prayers, thoughts, kind words and the meal after my shoulder replacement.” ~ Mary & Ole Lund

To those women who are graduating High School or home for the summer from college, we want to invite you to have a space to talk about the things you would rather not say. Do you want a closer look at the God who sees you, hears, and wins victories on your behalf? Please contact Macy Westra or Pastor Keith if you are interested.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you ready for **Hull VBS 2025**?! Through bible-learning activities, singing catchy songs, playing team building games, and delicious snacks; kids will experience a week of fun, diving deeper into a friendship with God! VBS is for kids 5 years old by May 1st to entering 6th grade in the Fall of 2025. Join us at First Reformed Church in Hull beginning on Sunday, June 1st - Thursday, June 5th. Please check the Hull Vacation Bible School Facebook page for sign up details! Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church! Watch the bulletins for more ways to help!

- **Wednesday night, June 4**, Hope CRC is responsible to serve supper at VBS. We are serving hotdogs, coney, or tavern with chips. Please see the sign up sheet by kitchen to help serve.
- Please see the table of **needs for VBS** this year in the back of church. Please have the items to church by May 25th if possible! Any questions please contact Sarah Wiersma or Mandy Blankespoor.

Notes from the May 14th Council meeting:

- Cal VDZ opened council with devotions that focused on spring renewal and new beginnings.
- The elders heard and accepted the profession of faith from Logan Westra.
- Pastor Keith provided a pastor's report which focused on congregational joys and concerns.
- The council approved a motion to accept the transfer request of Carter Broek to Faith CRC of Sioux Center.
- Next council meeting: Wednesday, June 4 @ 8:00pm.

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates

8th Grade

Isabella Bauer, Grady De Stigter, Ian Hoekstra, Westin Raman, Bentley Van Kley, Breckin Van Schepen

High School

John Bosma - Will graduate from Boyden- Hull on May 18. He will be attending Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City in the fall and majoring in Auto-Body.

Maliyha de Boom - Will be attending Northwestern College in the fall and studying English teaching.

Nicole Van Der Zwaag – Will be exploring her options in the working world.

Zakiah Van Der Zwaag – Plans to work for D & S Lawn Service and Landscape.

Ariana Van Grootheest - Will be attending NCC for business management.

Logan Westra – Graduating from Western. Plans to attend SDSU in Brookings, SD for Agriculture Systems Technology.

College

Bailey Baccam - Graduating from Northwestern college with a degree in Elementary education and a reading and special education endorsement. He will be teaching 5th grade at Hull Christian School.

Tyson Boer - Graduated from Dordt University with a construction management degree. On May 23 he will marry Braelynn Kamstra, and they plan to move to West Des Moines in June. Tyson accepted a job at Downing Construction as a project engineer, and Braelynn will be attending PT school at Des Moines Univer.

Sydney Schouten - Graduated from Huntington University in Indiana with her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy. Once she passes her National Board exam, she will be practicing as an OT in a skilled nursing facility.

Breanna Ten Pas - Graduated from Dordt with a K-12 Choral and Instrumental Music Education degree and will be teaching 5th-8th grade music, band, and choir at Oskaloosa Christian next school year.

Celebrating Graduates

(Children in PK through 3rd grade are invited to sit on the steps. Graduates, please sit in the very front pew)

Salt - Salty Fries object lesson

Congregational Instruction - Follower of Jesus must be the salt of the earth. Salt gives flavor, it slows spoilage, and it also cleanses; which encourages healing and restoration. Bring the truth of The Gospel to the sin-sick world, sprinkle the joy and peace of the Lord to the hurting and those in despair.

Graduates' response: Lord, may I be the salt that makes life more enjoyable for others. May I help to prevent the rotting of hearts caused by hatred and self-centeredness. Help me to bring the healing which comes from knowing the One True God. Infuse your “saltiness” in me, and your goodness will follow.

Light - Light Bulb object lesson

Congregational Instruction - Followers of Jesus are to be a light in the world. The light of Jesus dispels darkness and brings the love of God through rays of joy and hope.

Graduates' response: Help me, Lord, to be a light to this world, so that my life radiates your love, hope, and joy. May I be the light that shines on the path that brings others to you.

Recognition of Church School Teachers, Counselors and Youth Group leaders (younger students may go back to their seats, graduates stand and turn to the congregation while names are read)

Prayer

Lord God, on this day of celebration, as these young people advance to the next stage in life, we want to pause to thank you. Thank you for the members of this congregation you have used to help form and mold these young men and women. Thank you for the others who have prayed for and supported them and their parents on this journey. Each one of these individuals is created for a purpose, please be with them as they go forward to discover your path for them. We pray that in the days of darkness they may bring your light and truth with them to overcome it. In the days that seem mundane or bland, please help them to spread your joy and healing. May the hope that they carry with them into the world bring a life-giving and preserving peace. In the name of Jesus we pray, AMEN.