

Missions Connection

Dear friends,
Last week I was able to go to two Bagirmi villages and share with them the literature that we have published in their language: a history of the Bagirmi kings, a collection of Bagirmi fables, agendas with a proverb on each month, and of course, the illustrated story of Creation. We hope to create an interest in literacy, as most people here do not read. But it is also an opportunity to begin introducing to people the story of God.
This week, our whole family traveled to a Bagirmi region South of the river and shared the same books with the elders there. The reception was decidedly less warm, but we're not shaking the dust from our feet yet; a good fifty children gathered around to listen attentively to the story of Creation.

Yours for the Kingdom, Nathanael & Carrie



Prayer Notes

Wrapping up today, February 7-11th, was the Lutheran Brethren International Mission (LBIM) Chad retreat for our missionaries. (Pictured on the left) Pastors Jeff Seaver, of Triumph LBC in Moorhead, MN, and Chris Priestaf, of Mt. Bethel LBC in Mt. Bethel, PA, shared the teachings from God's Word. A team from Triumph also lead a VBS for the LBIM missionary kids. Pray for traveling mercies as the pastors and team members return home and pray for the missionary families that this time of refreshing and encouragement will carry them well as they return to their respective mission fields.

The mission of Hope Lutheran Brethren Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Office Hours

Pastor Kevin: Monday 9am-4pm, Wednesday 5-9pm, Friday 9am-4pm

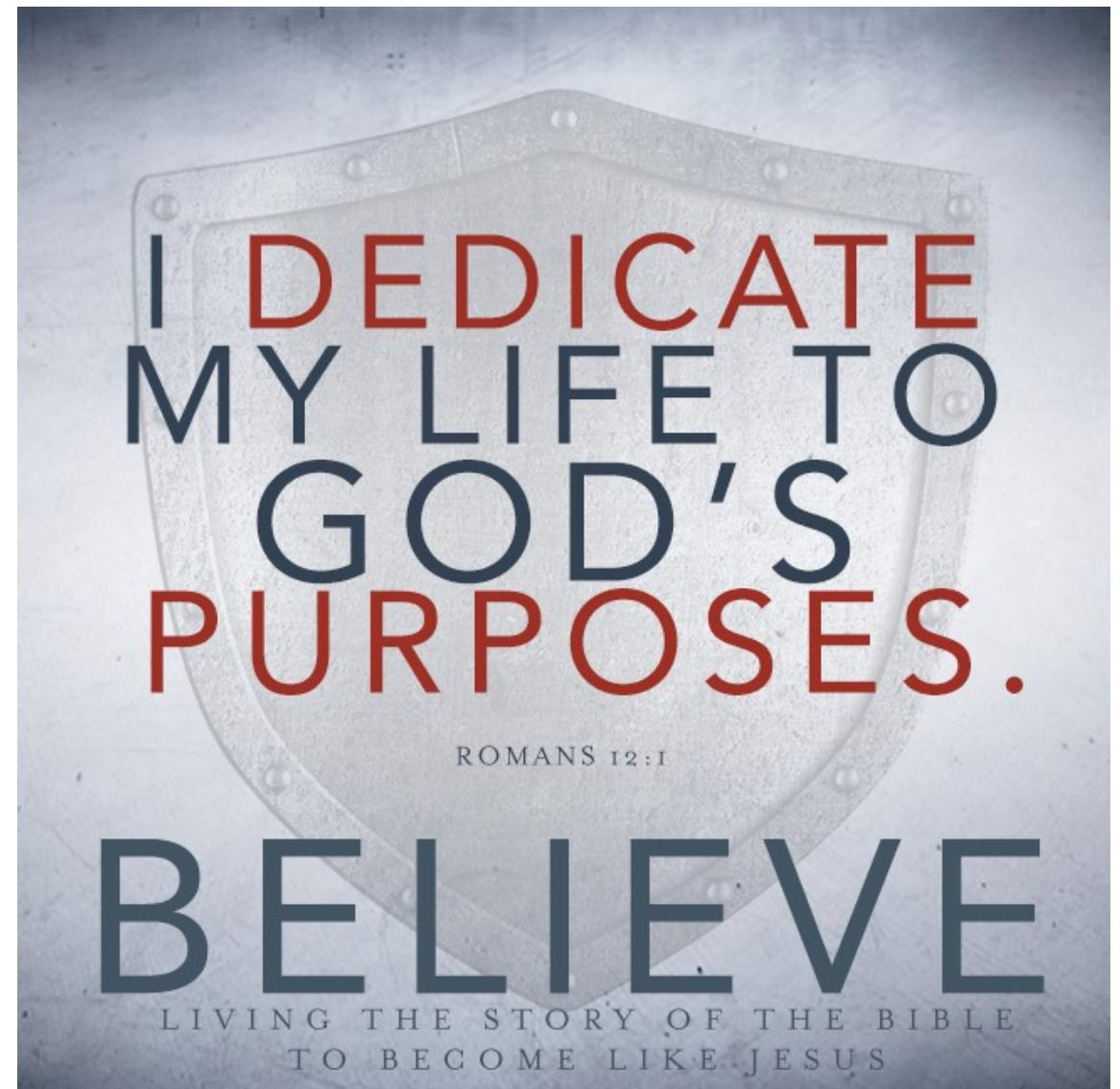
Church office hours Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

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Total Dependence—Total Surrender

Philippians 1:18-21

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

February, 11 2018

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and steadfast..." Hebrews 6:19

Welcome to Hope

Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Children's Church 10:30 am

Thank you for coming to church today. God has gathered us together and it is no accident that you are here. It is a profound joy that we are able to worship our God along with you. Let us look forward together to what God has for us on this special morning. - Pastor Kevin

Connection Cards are found in the pews. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. These cards are a good way for us to get to know you, visitors and regular attenders alike, and to *connect* you with the ministries of Hope Lutheran Brethren Church.

Do you need prayer? Please put your prayer request on the connection card. You may also share your request during our prayer time this morning. There are people who would be happy to pray for you or with you.

A Child Care room is available during our worship service for children up to 36 months of age. Children must be supervised by a parent or an approved adult.

Giving Report

Last Week : \$3,287

Weekly Budget: \$3,140

Audio of our sermons and copies of past bulletins are available on line at: www.hopelbc.org.

Our Worship Service is broadcast on Barnesville cable TV Chanel 12 every Sunday and Wednesday at 3:00 & 8:00 pm.

Worship Service

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship - *Psalm 25:1-7*

Praise & Worship

Worship with our Offering

Scripture Reading—*Luke 9:21-27*

Prayer Time

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Song of Response

Benediction & Doxology

Life at Hope

This Week

Today	5:30 pm Relationships Bible Study
Mon 2/12	7:00 pm Prayer for the Church
Tues 2/13	7:00 pm Trustee/Elder meetings 7:00 pm Joint Board meeting
Wed 2/14	6:00 pm Lent Dinner & Devotions 7:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Youth Group
Fri 2/16	6:00 am Prayer for the Church
Fri—Sat	Sr. High Weekend @ iPoint
Sat 2/17	9:00 am Annual Meeting

Looking Ahead

April 1	Easter Sunday
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Announcements

Relationships Bible Study. Join us tonight at 5:30 pm, at Hope, for supper and a video study on, "5 Lies That Ruin Relationships," by Chip Ingram.

Prayer Focus. Let us commit to be (and become) a people of prayer. There are several ways we can create a culture of prayer in our church. Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 6am are dedicated times to pray for the church. There are two ways you can join these dedicated times: 1.) come in person and pray together in the sanctuary 2.) pray in your car, or home, or workplace along with us during those times. I urge that we will also commit in our small groups and other similar gatherings that we will pray for our church. Lastly, commit to using your personal and family prayer times to pray for our church, its mission, and the community in which god has placed us.

Lenten Dinner & Devotions. Hope will once again host a weekly soup supper & devotion time every week during Lent. The dinners will be held every Wednesday at 6:00 pm, beginning February 14.

Baked Potato Dinner. Join us on Sunday, February 18, following the worship service for a Baked Potato Dinner. A freewill offering will be taken, all proceeds from this event will go directly to fund the Borderless Mexico Missions Trip. For more information, please speak to Stacia Sytsma.

Lenten Dinner —Soup Needed! Each Wednesday in Lent we will be serving a supper prior to our Lenten services. We are in need of two families each week to bring soup and bread. A sign up is in the foyer.

Announcements Cont.

Annual Meeting. Join us on Sat, Feb 17 at 9am for our Annual Meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

Youth Ministries

Sr. High Weekend at iPoint. Calling all High Schoolers! Join us on February 16-18 as we escape for a weekend at IPoint! Senior High Winter Weekend is an opportunity for you to take a break from life's busy routine, kick back, and have some fun! The cost is \$110. Sounds like a good weekend! We'd love to see you there.

Children's Ministries

Children's Church. During the worship service, we will release the children to go down stairs for Children's Church. Children's Church is for kids grade PreK –6. **On Communion Sunday, the children will remain in the worship service.**

Women of Hope

Cup of Blessing. Join us during the month of February as we participate in the Cup of Blessing fundraising campaign. All of the money collected will directly to the Women's Ministry of the CLB, to be used for their annual focus projects. Please take a cup from the foyer and fill it with your spare change. Bring the cup back during cup collection week of March 4-11.