

Hope Happenings

Summer 2023

Meet Adriana



We are excited to welcome Adriana Kiemeny to be Hope's Summer Student to lead our Kids and Youth summer programming at Hope. Adriana was one of our Summer Students last year and this is how she introduces herself – "I am super excited to be this year's Summer Student...I am upcoming grade 12 student returning for another year of excitement. I enjoy diving into the word of God, teaching and learning about art, public speaking and volunteering. And I cannot wait to see what this summer has to offer!" We are excited to have Adriana join our team!

Hello Hopesters!

As the summer approaches, we so grateful for sunshine and rain! We are also so very grateful for the dozens of volunteers that have spent countless hours giving their energy and enthusiasm to all of our ministries. These ministries are a vital part of our success within the church and the community. If you know a volunteer please take the time to personally thank them!

Council continues to focus on the business and spiritual affairs of Hope Community Covenant Church. In the last couple of months we have worked on our financial management strategies, developing and approving policies and procedures, building maintenance work, and the spiritual health of our congregation. We continue to support and lift up our ministry leaders as they provide such a valuable service in our church. We are welcoming new members to our church family as well! As always, please reach out to any of us if you have any questions. comments or concerns.

We wish all of you a wonderful summer full of sunshine and opportunities to get outside and revel in the wonder of God's creation.

Grant, Corine, Karen, Ian, Amy and Lawrence

Let's Talk -Tomatoes Update

Wow - have our tomato plants ever grown! After almost a month in the Strathmore High School greenhouse all 30 participants were able to take their 3 tomato plants home. Most plants were at least 8-10" tall and some were bearing fruit already! We were taught how to transplant to larger containers or into the ground and what "food" they needed in order to take root. Stay tuned for social media posts about the growing and harvesting of tomatoes. A special thanks goes to Jennifer Neufeld of Flowing Springs Permaculture and Soil Health for sharing her expertise.

Pastor Heidi's Musings

We have been focused on discipleship this year. That emphasis continues this summer as we dig into the book of James, learning what "Living the Faith" looks like. Lori Snoxell and Amy Wegner are writing devotions each week that will prepare us for the upcoming sermon. Check out their wise words across our social media platforms.

Find a way to be a part of Hope by attending the 55+ group learning and fellowship opportunities this summer. Or see how you might use your gifts in our Children and Youth programming that will be going on all summer long.

We are so grateful for all the wonderful people at Hope who volunteer in so many areas, making Hope work and allow our ministries to reach into people's lives. There is lots to do, so find a place to serve, look for a group to join, and together we can learn more about Jesus, and dig in to what it means to live out our faith.

From Pastor Matt

We've reached the end of another great year of Youth and Children's ministry at Hope! Our youth group experienced wonderful growth this year, and it was incredible to get to know so many new students over the course of the year. We had so much fun studying Scripture together, playing games, and of course eating plenty of food. It was also great to see our students get involved in the church with many of them helping out in our children's ministry as well as in our annual highway cleanup fundraiser. Our children's ministry continued to be a consistent and exciting opportunity for Hope's kids to learn about Jesus, build relationships with peers and leaders, and have fun together. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped make Nursery, Treehouse, Kidtopia, and Youth special this year. These ministries would be nothing without the love and dedication shown by our volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in youth or children's ministry, contact Pastor Matt (matthew@hope-community.ca).

Pastor Karen says,

We are so grateful for the small groups that have formed and flourished in this season. Our Men's and Women's ministry have created safe and creative spaces for sharing and growth. Our Friendship group for young adults with special needs have enjoyed times of learning, music, fun and fellowship. We have just completed our third Aging Faithfully group and participants have gained new perspective for this season of life. We began a 55+ coffee time which has been meeting once a month for food, learning and lots of laughter and connection. During July and August we will meet twice each month and also plan for a picnic and BBQ to create opportunities to fellowship together. The Life Connect group has met every 2nd Wed through the year. We have enjoyed eating together with our youth and group participants. Pastor Heidi has been teaching the book of Mark, and Karen Bayley has facilitated The Good and Beautiful God, Good and Beautiful Life and Good and Beautiful Community group. We give thanks to God for the great things He has done in our community life together.

Hope Community Covenant Church

Pastors – Heidi Wiebe (Lead Pastor), Matt Siebring (Pastor of Children and Youth), Karen Bayley (Pastor of Community Life and Adult Formation)

Staff – Brandi Bobee (Office Administrator), Linda Ray (Property Manager), Marcie Tremblett (Social Media Manager)

Support Services -- Joni Elliott (Hope Counselor)

Hope Community Covenant Church Council – Grant Burgess (Chair), Corine Kruse (Vice-Chair), Karen Harris (Secretary), Ian Eygenraam (Treasurer), Amy Wegner and Lawrence Carriere We are open to hearing your thoughts -- feel free to contact us, either in person or by email at council@hope-community.ca