

# *The Spirit*

Gemma Heidt

Something I enjoy the most about being a part of the church is the time I spend helping others in our community. Examples of this would be the Oasis food pantry and Sharing meals. Helping with these makes me feel like I am helping solve a problem I know exists instead of sitting by and not doing anything. There are many problems I can't solve on my own, and it is sometimes too overwhelming, but that is what makes a church community so essential. It means having someone to lean on when you're in trouble. It also means helping those who need to lean on you.

In the future, I plan to help the community and make it stronger. However, building a community that I can lean on in my time of hardship is not only about helping strengthen the community, but also allowing everyone to feel safe and accepted within the community. Therefore, it is important that a church community be accepting of anyone who wishes to be a part of it. A verse that I feel shows this is Romans 15:7: Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.





Catherine Rachmiel

Good morning, everyone. I'm so thankful to be standing here today as I take this next step in my faith journey. Today I want to talk about how I've seen God working in my life and why a certain Bible verse really stood out to me during my confirmation classes.

The Bible verse that stands out to me is Colossians 3:12, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience". This verse is meaningful to me because it not only reassures us that we are deeply loved and chosen by God, but it also encourages us to reflect that love in how we treat others. It powerfully reminds us to strive to act with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience towards everyone. These qualities are easy to lose in the chaos and challenges of our lives. In an age where everyone is focused only on their own problems, this verse helps me to remember how important it is to treat everyone with the love and grace that God demonstrates towards us.

I see God at work when anyone shows kindness to me. Jesus treated everyone with humility and love no matter their status, gender, or values, which was certainly uncommon in his time. When someone is kind to me, I can imagine God working through those around me to continue to show His love and character to the world. Jesus performed impressive gestures like healing the sick, showing mercy to lepers, and even forgiving those who crucified him. In middle school, the most someone might do for someone else is complimenting their outfit or helping them with their homework. Even these small things are meaningful because it shows that someone took time out of their day to help and uplift someone else. This is exactly the kind of love Jesus is known for, just on a different scale.

I've learned that even the smallest acts of kindness can show God's love. So, I hope that as I continue on this path, I can be someone who helps others see God at work in the world, too. Thank you.



Everyone enjoyed a piece of cake after confirmation.

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**Worship Times:**

In Person at 9:30

Online at 10:45 on YouTube at Hope Video  
Ministry or on Facebook**Our Mission:**We care, share, and prepare so that all  
experience the love of Jesus Christ.**Our Vision:**To be known as a Spirit-led welcoming  
community of diversity and service.**Anniversaries**

HANAN, Brad & Paula	06/04
EASLEY, Jim & Sue	06/07
CONWAY, Mike & Norma	06/08
JARRELL, Sam & Cathy	06/09
KOUPAL, Nancy & Mark	06/10
CARNEGIE, Scott & Jean	06/11
NICKISCH, Willard & Eileen	06/12
VAUGHN, Paul & Benita	06/13
LARSEN, Chris & Ann	06/28

**Birthdays**

JENSEN, Dave	06/01
BRODLAND, Shelby	06/06
LUTZEIER, Rianna	06/07
HEIDT, Gemma	06/09
HEIDT, John	06/10
SCHOTTE, Daniel	06/10
GARCIA, Isabella	06/11
OSTRANDER, Alex	06/12
OSTRANDER, Rebecca	06/12
MCDONALD, Angie	06/13
FILDES, Jordan	06/21
DAVIS, Nancy	06/22
FINK, Beth	06/23
RAGER, Gary	06/24
STENBERG, Shirley	06/26
BRODLAND, Luke	06/27
AIELLO, Krista	06/28
GREEN, Mike	06/29



Congratulations to Hope's Tuesday morning Bible study group who have studied every book in the New Testament except Revelation and have studied Genesis, Proverbs, Psalms and Jonah with Pastor Amy these last few years! Bible study group meets at 10 am on Tuesdays in rooms 1&2.







A BIG THANK you to everyone who helped spread mulch. Many hands made light work of the project.

(Not everyone who helped are pictured in these photos.)





The summer service time is 9:30 am. Please mark your calendar for the updated time. Have a nice and safe summer this year.



Thanks to our Sunday School teachers for a great year of teaching! Thank you, Jennifer, Chris, Gina, Krista and Nick, Rianna and Eric, Pastor Amy, Kelly and Mark!



**Save the Dates for Summer Fun!**

**Sunday, June 1 – Bingo and Hotdogs after Worship**

**Sunday, July 20 – Balloon guy, water balloons, lunch after Worship**

**Sunday, August 17 – Bingo, Big Games & Ice Cream**



Children, 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to sign up for Vacation Bible School, July 14-17 from 5:30 pm-8 pm.

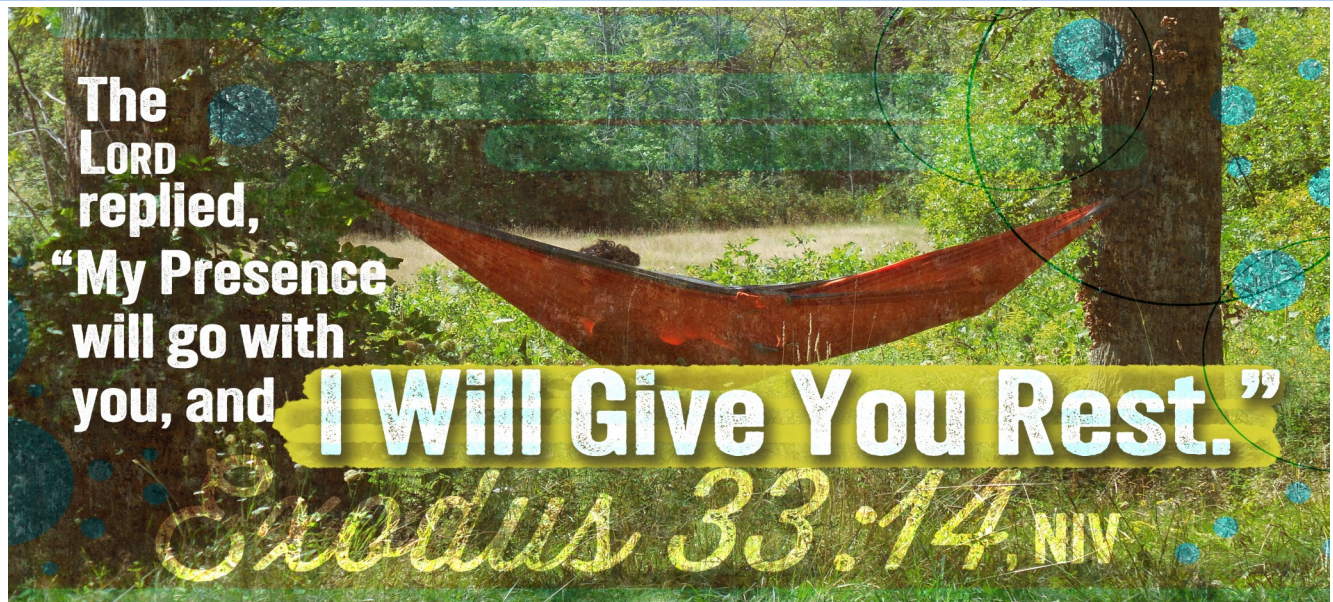
Registration forms are on the kiosk. Forms are due to Hope's church office by June 29.

It's Free! And the theme is **Road Trip: On the Go with God!**



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in prayer to God.  
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