



Song-of-the-Week

The beauty of the Psalms is that in every circumstance of life they point us to rely on God's grace and mercy. Psalm 13 begins with a cry for answers to life's difficult circumstances and ends with a voice of singing and praise. Talk to the children about how God deals bountifully with us and sing Psalter #22 together this week.

1. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord, Thou God of grace?
How long shall fears beset me while darkness hides Thy face?
How long shall griefs distress me and turn my day to night?
How long shall foes oppress me and triumph in their might?
3. But I with expectation have on Thy grace relied;
My heart in Thy salvation shall still with joy confide.
And I with voice of singing will praise the Lord above,
Who, richest bounties bringing, hast dealt with me in love.

School Board

Due to Prayer Day services this week Wednesday evening, the School Board will meet this Tuesday, March 11 at 7 PM. D.V.

Athletics

Boys' Baseball – Coach: Brad VanderVeen (616-610-5289)

Saturday, March 15 Practice 2-4 pm

Athletic Director (AD)

The search is on for a new AD for the 2025-26 school year. Those interested should contact Mr. Koole to discuss the position and the duties that accompany it.

HELP! - Coaching Opportunity

The girls' soccer team needs a coach! If you or someone you know would be willing to coach or be an assistant coach, please contact Mr. Koole soon.

Friends & Family Night

The staff and students welcome all to Friends and Family Night this Friday, March 14. The theme for the evening is "The Spacious Heavens Declare". God's glory is on display in the heavens every day and night. All activities will start at 7 PM in the gym and activities will conclude at 8:30 PM.

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Mr. Rick Noorman has met with the 8th grade students and distributed a packet of information to each of them about registering for high school. Please return the required papers from the packet in the manila envelope to your school office by Friday, March 21. Covenant will host a meeting for 8th grade parents regarding the high school program and how to choose courses on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm in the Covenant library. Parents are encouraged to attend but this is not a required meeting. This meeting is designed to help answer questions about the process.

Reading Month Updates

The race is on! We are led by 6th grade, followed closely by 3rd, 8th, 5th, 4th, 2nd, 7th, 1st, and Kindergarten. It's a close race, so keep reading! Friday is Wear an Outer Space Shirt Day (something with a sun, moon, stars, etc.).

Hope Classic Races

The 27th Annual Hope Classic Races are scheduled for Saturday, May 24 (Saturday before Memorial Day). Have you started your training for the 5K or 1 mile runs? Sponsor requests were recently sent out. If you know of a business which would be willing to sponsor or if individuals would like to sponsor, please contact Mr. Koole soon.

Annual Society Meeting

Hope School annual society meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21 at 7:30 pm. Opportunity is given at this meeting to join the society.

Choir Director Position Available

The School Board is seeking applicants for the 4-6th & Jr. High choir director position for the 2025-26 school year. Those interested in this opportunity should contact Steve Langerak, Education Committee Chairman - langerakmasonry@gmail.com for more information.

ATTENTION! Do you like to watch the sun come up in the morning or enjoy the laughter and energy of school children in the afternoon and want to help out Hope School? Then I have some job opportunities for you! We are in need of a part or full time bus driver for the 2025/2026 school year. Driving a school bus is a very enjoyable and fulfilling job. This position is ideal for a retired grandparent, or parent looking for a way to help out our school and has some extra time. We are also in need of a Transportation Supervisor. This position involves supervising our buses and bus drivers. It would be beneficial for this position to be filled by someone who is a licensed bus driver, but not absolutely necessary. Please contact Kevin Koole at kevin@mpdfinishing.com if you want more details.

School Circle News

Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – March 12

Hot Lunch: Pizza Servers (please be to school by 11 am): Leigh Kooienga, Cassie VO, Rachel VO, Amy VO, Kate VU

Snacks provided by junior high students: Addi K, Anthony K, Nelle K, Dane M, Ella M, Sonya M, Aubrey R, Lilly R, Hannah VV (Please have 24 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9am. Thank you!)

TRIP

TRIP will be sold every Tuesday morning from 8:15-9:00 AM in the classroom to the right at the bottom of the ramp. Please contact Sharla Moelker at 791-6091 with any questions.

Requested Announcements

Byron Center PRC YP's Meat Sale Thank you to all who ordered meat to support our young people, it is greatly appreciated! Just a reminder that the pickup date for your order is next Monday, March 17 from 3:45 to 5:00 at church. It is important that you make other arrangements with Sara at 616-217-1119 or Tressa at 616-238-6716 if you cannot make the pickup time as the meat will be delivered frozen to us.