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MAY 15, 2022

WORSHIP SONGS

Mighty To Save
Lay Me Down
The Way
Revelation Song
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 13:1-18, 14:12-24;
2 Samuel 18:18; Hebrews 7:1-4

MESSAGE

“Abram and Lot”

Pastor Jonathon VanderWall

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am - Sunday School
5:30 pm - Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm - High School Youth Group



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

There is a Debt Campaign update in the bulletin today and the April 2022 financial report is located on the church website: www.hopkinscommunitychurch.net/church-reports/
Printed copies are also available by the mailboxes. If you have any questions about the Debt Campaign or financial reports, you're invited to talk with any of the deacons or Kathy in the office.

WORDS OF THANKS:

"Thank you to our church family for your cards and prayers at the time of my father's passing. We are so thankful for each of you!"
Rich and Luann Huizinga

Join us for the **LAVA LAVA LUAU Vacation Bible School** at the Martin Reformed Church (1073 W. Allegan Street) June 20-23, 2022 from 9:00 —11:30 AM. Online registration is available here: vbapro.events/p/events/martinreformed

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center is looking for a HEALTH OFFICER and KITCHEN ASSISTANT for our summer camp program. Must be 18 yrs. or older to apply for the Health Officer position; 15 yrs. or older for the Kitchen Assistant position. Please check our web site, www.SON-LifeCamp.org for job descriptions. Apply online or email: Ben@son-lifecamp.org for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15	MS and HS Youth Groups meet tonight
Saturday, May 21	Hopkins Community Clean-up
Sunday, May 22	Senior Sunday (and Hopkids!) Last Day of Sunday School Last HS Youth Group meeting

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

The first section of the book of Genesis chronicles God's perfect creation of the universe and its subsequent spiral downward following the fall of humanity. Sin's presence expands ever-outward, eventually infecting and affecting every aspect of the world and the results are disasterous. Yet, even in the midst of it, God is working out His plan of salvation and redemption, the fulfillment of the promise that He made in the Garden to Eve that her offspring would crush the serpent's head.

When God calls Abram, it marks the beginning of a new movement of God in His redemptive plan. He will use a family and eventually a whole people/nation to eventually bring about His Messiah. Abram responds in obedience and worship, packing up his family and moving to Canaan. That, however, is not the end of Abram. As the "called one", God has chosen Him to be the fulfillment of His redemptive plan, and now we follow Abram's life as he tries, in obedience, to choose to trust and follow God.

Questions to Take Home:

1. Read Genesis 12:10-13:18. Contrast the way that Abram acts in Egypt to how he interacts with Lot. What is different? What are the effects of these decisions on Abram and on the people around him?
2. Lot chooses a land that looks physically good but is woefully full of sin and the impact of that choice is seen for many chapters to come. What are some ways that we are faced with similar choices (benefits at the expense of morals, truths, etc.) in our lives, work, families, education, entertainment, etc. today?
3. Consider Abram's response to the victory that he has over the kings that took Lot and plundered the cities where he was living. How does this contrast to the decisions in question 1? How does it show Abram's priorities and obedience? What can we learn from this?

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MAY 2022

HCC'S DEBT FREEDOM Campaign continues to be blessed by those who have made formal pledges as well as many others who are helping bring down the church's building loan debt over the past five months! We want to thank each of you for your prayerful consideration over ways to eliminate this debt and for the generous contribution of your gifts.

We will be sending an additional \$20,000 extra principal payment next week which is a combination of the **\$9,419.10** raised by our Parking Lot Sale/Fundraiser last week and the continued tithes that have been received since the last extra payment was made.

BUILDING LOAN SUMMARY as of MAY 15, 2022:

Building Loan Balance on 3/31/22	\$199,729.97
April - Regular Payment on 4/5/22	- \$ 5,000.00
Building Loan Balance on 4/30/22	\$195,430.96
May - Regular Payment on 5/5/22	- \$ 5,000.00
May - Extra Principal Payment	- \$ 20,000.00
Est. Building Loan Balance by 5/31/22	\$170,430.96*

*not including any accrued interest

We have some ongoing fundraisers you can help with in addition to the regular giving options. Consider using **RaiseRight** (gift card program) or **AmazonSmile** to help bless the church's efforts to be debt free by the end of 2022. There has been information published on both of these in past weeks and as always, feel free to talk to Kathy in the office anytime for questions or more information. RaiseRight contributes a percentage of your gift card purchases to the church and AmazonSmile contributes a percentage of your purchases on Amazon to the church. A big thank you to all the families who are currently signed up with RaiseRight and AmazonSmile!

Giving Options:

- **Cash** (General Fund or Debt Fund) in offering boxes at church
- **Check** (General Fund or Debt Fund) in offering boxes at church, by mail, or drop off your tithe to the church office
- **Church App** (set up one time or recurring giving in your app with your bank account to the General Fund and/or Debt Fund)
- **Disbursement Check** from a retirement account sent directly to HCC (this also provides you with a tax benefit on the disbursement)

PRAYER

WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

Please see any member of the prayer team following the service if you have a prayer concern you would like to share.

- **Pray for the people of Ukraine.**
- **Pray for our military who are serving in all areas of the United States and abroad. We pray for protection over them, for their health and safety and that they will return home safely to their loved ones.**
- **Pray for the planning that is underway for two summer trips for our youth. The 8th graders will be going to serve in Kentucky in July and the high schoolers head up north to the Sleeping Bear Dunes area in June.**
- **Carol Boverhof** as she continues to recover at home following surgery. She is doing very well and only uses oxygen at night.
- **Jan Hibma's brother, Bruce** was diagnosed this week with Stage 4 liver cancer and the family is moving him to hospice care. He has been unable to walk or eat. Pray for peace for him and continue to pray for strength and comfort for Jan as she has endured so much loss.
- **June Krug** was moved to Ely Manor on Friday. She is very weak and has pneumonia. Please pray for comfort, strength and peace for June and for her family.
- **RaeAnna Wamhoff** as she continues to heal from a broken arm.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

MAY 2022

MAY 15, 2022

Greeters: John and Carrie Mulder, Tom and Rainelle Jansma

Coffee Fellowship: Tim and Holly Reurink (cookies: Judy Kennedy)

Nursery: Kammy and Jayna Leep

WOW: Stephanie Clement, Kaitlyn Clement, Lillian Dewey

MAY 22, 2022

Greeters: Rich and Luann Huizinga, Curt and Kammy Leep

Coffee Fellowship: Rog and Mary Hunderman (cookies: Ruthann Norman)

Nursery: Jennifer, Mallory and Haelyn Maher

WOW: Hope Reurink, Tally Laarman, Lexi Kerber

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 AM	Worship Service
10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM	Sunday School
5:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 PM	High School Youth Group

MONDAY

9:00 AM	Bible Study
5:00 PM	Elders Meeting
6:30 PM	Consistory Meeting

THURSDAY

6:00 PM	Praise Team Practice
6:00 PM	AYSO Meeting (in the MP Room)
7:00 PM	Expectancy

SATURDAY

Hopkins Community Clean Up