

**Small Groups** - This fall Hope Covenant Church will kick off a new season for small groups with a leadership conference on Saturday, August 29 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Who should attend? Anyone that is currently a small group leader or would like to lead a small group. Come and see what exciting things can happen as we minister together.

**Congregational Business Meeting** - On Sunday, August 30 during the 10:45 Sunday School hour there will be a Congregational Business Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect this years nominating committee, vote in new members, update the congregation on the Phase II task force and update the status of other ministry efforts and church finances. All members and regular attenders are encouraged to attend.

## Children's Ministries

### **In Search of God's Power: The Mystery of the Seed**

A new club year begins Wednesday, September 16th. Adventure Club is a mid-week Bible program for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. AC meets here at Hope from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each Wednesday, September through April. Registration is quick and easy at [www.hope-covenant.org](http://www.hope-covenant.org) (click on the AC logo on the front page). Adventure Club registration forms are also located at the sign-up table in the church narthex, or in the literature rack by the church office. All registrations received by September 1st will get \$5 off the total registration amount. Invite a friend and join today! Contact Lynn Winn or Cathy Mellinger for more information.

## Fellowship Ministry

**All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast!** Coming next week Sunday, August 16th. Come hungry and then stay after the service to help support HOPEfest! We still need to raise a lot of money in order to reach out to our community. What better way to help than to fellowship with each other over yummy food like pancakes. We will be asking for \$5.00, but will gladly accept any money donation. We look forward to seeing you next week! Contact Jenny Winn with any questions: [thewinns61105@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thewinns61105@sbcglobal.net)

## Men's Ministry

**Kane County Cougars Game** - Men's Ministries is inviting all men (18 years or older) to an evening of baseball, Friday, August 28th at 6:30 pm. We will be seeing the Kane County Cougars (an Oakland A's Minor League Team) take on the Milwaukee Timber Rattlers (Milwaukee Brewers Minor League Team). A fireworks display will follow the game. Feel free to invite men that are not from Hope Covenant. We plan to caravan down to the Elfstom Stadium located at Roosevelt Rd. (Rt. 38) and Kirk Rd. on the east side of Geneva, IL. We will meet in the church parking lot by 5:00 pm. Tickets cost \$11.00 each. If you are interested, contact Joe Heikes by email at [jheikes@heikes.net](mailto:jheikes@heikes.net) or call as soon as possible. Please indicate how many tickets you wish to purchase so that we can get an accurate count in time to order them. We can get a group rate for \$9.75 each if we get 20 or more.

## Serving Opportunities

**Crystal Lake Food Pantry** - Hope served at the food pantry on Friday, July 31 and served 55 families. Thank you to our volunteers: Ed Frazier, Dick Yost, Mike & Tracey Dayton, John Breun, Whitey Hemmingsen, Ken & Aileen Otsuka, Michelle, Jenna & Samantha Mattes, and Herb Snider. Hope's next day to serve is Wednesday, August 26 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

## Stewardship Ministry

### **Financial Update - July**

General fund income:	\$21,014
Budget:	\$31,816

## Student Ministries

**Service Day** - Wednesday, August 12th, the Jr. High will be packing meals with "Feed My Starving Children" from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

**Membership Class** - All senior high students who would like to explore becoming a church member are invited to an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, August 23rd from 4-7pm. See Matt for details.

**Thank You** - I would like to thank everyone who kept me in their prayers and thoughts and for the visits, cards and calls during my surgery and recovery. Hope Church has so many caring people, they are like "family." Blanche Snider

## Adult Sunday School Info....

**Contemporary Topics:** God, Politics and Society, led by Dr. John Phelan

**Ten Commandments:** False Testimonies - Can my words be trusted?

# Ministry News

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**Assisted Listening Device** - An Assisted Listening Device is available for those with hearing disabilities. Each of these wireless devices has an earpiece and volume control. You may request one of these devices at the sound booth.

## Adult Life Together

### HOPE fest 2009 Is Coming Soon!

Saturday, September 12th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Up to this point our congregation has raised \$798.00 towards the \$3,900.00 overall goal. We have far to go to reaching our goal and without your donations, this event will not be possible. Do you realize that an average of \$30 from each person in the congregation by Sunday, August, 30th is enough to fund this event?

Take the opportunity to invite all of your friends and neighbors to this family-oriented festival.

NOTICE! The commissions still need volunteers to oversee activity stations in 30 minute increments. If you are willing and able to volunteer 1/2 hour of your time please contact one of the following commissions:

Adult - Al Winn.....**Sno-Cones**  
Care - Mike Dayton.....**Face Painting**  
Children - Kristen King...**Helium Balloons**  
Council - Scott Propp.....**Cotton Candy**  
Fellowship - Mike Stevens.....**Food/Drinks**  
Properties - Cathy Mellinger.....**Inflatables**  
Stewardship - Dave Szum.....**Popcorn**  
Youth - Matt King.....**Dunk Tank**