



SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

### **NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS THIS SUNDAY**

*We Will Walk Through the Book of Acts*

As part of the final sermon in the summer-long series, "The Life of a Disciple," Pastor Sam Hamstra explained that our Shepherd desires for us to be more than his sheep—he invites us to be shepherds to other sheep. During his message titled "When the Sheep Become Shepherds" this past Sunday, Pastor Hamstra also talked about Living Hope being known as a congregation of shepherds. Imagine if people throughout the Crestwood region would say "Living Hope is my shepherd"! Listen to the [complete sermon](#) online.

This Sunday we begin a new series from the book of Acts. Pastor Hamstra will preach a message titled "Wait!" from [Acts 1:1-4](#).

### **PASTOR HAMSTRA'S BLOG PUBLISHED ON CRC'S "NETWORK"**

*If You Missed it the First Time, Check it Out Now!*

Two weeks ago Pastor Hamstra posted a blog to the Living Hope website that addressed [what it means to be a Reformed Charismatic](#). One week ago that blog post was picked up by "[The Network](#)," which connects churches within the Christian Reformed Church. By this past Tuesday the blog had already made The Network's top ten most commented on list. [Check out the article](#) and the dialogue between Pastor Hamstra and numerous passionate readers. For a follow-up to that blog post, read "[What is a Reformed Charismatic? Part 2](#)" and stop by another recent post, "[Taking Up Our Cross and Following Jesus](#)."

### **TRINITY INVOLVEMENT FAIR**

*It is Not Too Late to Volunteer!*

Living Hope Church has always embraced the opportunity to reach out to the students of Trinity Christian College—and this year is no exception. Tomorrow (September 2), from 4-7 p.m., Living Hope will host a table at Trinity's annual Involvement Fair, where we will be one of many groups, ministries, and agencies present for review and inquiry by the student body. It is not too late to volunteer for a one-hour time slot to help pass out a gift to students, answer their questions, and invite them to participate in our ministry. Email [info@livinghopeforwhatmatters.org](mailto:info@livinghopeforwhatmatters.org) for more information.

### **COLLEGE MINISTRY KICK-OFF: THIS SUNDAY**

*We Welcome All College Students*

This Sunday, September 4, the congregation will open its arms to welcome all college students—both returning and newcomers. The morning will begin with 10 a.m. worship (note new time!) in the Grand Lobby of the Ozinga Chapel for a service characterized by passionate worship, authentic community, and relevant teaching. After the service, the congregation will host the students for dinner at a home in the community.





## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF** *Seeking Volunteers Like You*

Looking for ways to volunteer and get involved? Consider coming alongside the children of Living Hope once or twice a month. Two new children's ministry classes will kick off on Sunday, September 11. Infant through Pre-K care for our kids (Tiny Tots) will be offered as well as a second class for our school age children (Kingdom Kids). We will be using curriculum from [Elevate Pastors](#); Elevate is a comprehensive curriculum designed to take children on a fun journey of biblical learning. [Read more](#) on our website and [contact Pastor Chris](#) if you are willing to volunteer for this ministry.

## **SERMON-BASED DISCUSSION GROUP LAUNCHES** *First Weekly Meeting Will be September 8 at Pastor John's*

Beginning Thursday, September 8, at 7 p.m., you are invited to the home of Pastor John and Sue Elifson in Oak Forest where both Pastor John and Pastor James will lead those in attendance through a discussion of the previous Sunday's sermon. This opportunity will provide you an avenue to catch up on a missed sermon, or dive deeper into a sermon you want to talk about further. You need not attend every week. For more information, read the [complete event description](#).

## **LET'S CALL IT MC1!** *First Missional Community Begins*

How can we be the body of Christ in our community? A missional community (MC) seeks to find God's answer to that question and once they do, they pray, strategize, and mobilize one another and the congregation to serve. The first missional community of Living Hope (MC1) will meet on a weekly basis beginning on Wednesday, September 14, at the home of Pastor Sam and Debbie Hamstra; subsequent meetings could be held elsewhere throughout the Crestwood region. The purpose of the first few meetings will be to seek God's direction. Learn more about where this idea comes from and what MC1 entails [on the website](#).

**DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT DATES!**  
Sunday, September 4: [College Ministry Kick-Off](#)  
Thursday, September 8: [Sermon-Based Discussion Group Begins](#)  
Sunday, September 11: [Children's Sunday School Kick-Off](#)  
Wednesday, September 14: [MC1 First Meeting](#)

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