

# Hope Community Church Profile

Position : Lead Pastor

Date: 02-17-2023

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Hope Community Church

10505 W 181<sup>st</sup> Street

Lowell, Indiana 46356

219-690-8889

Church affiliation (Denomination) The Alliance of Reformed Churches

[www.hopechurchlowell.com](http://www.hopechurchlowell.com)

## PASTOR SEARCH TEAM INFORMATION

Chairman: Tom Krygsheld

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Date Church was formed: 2017

Number of members: 72

Average number attending worship services weekly : 90

How many services/Sunday: 1

Type of Worship Service: Blended

## CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual budget previous year: \$250,000.00

Annual budget current year: \$300,000.00

Percentage given to local, regional, and world wide mission ministries: 10%

## MINISTRY INFORMATION

Our Mission Statement is as follows:

***To honor God by loving our neighbors, sharing the gospel, and caring for each other.***

Our Vision Statement is as follows:

***Lives changed because Hope Church cares.***

What leadership roles do women currently fill? Worship Director, Bible Study Leaders, Chairman of womens ministry, and Chairman of childrens ministry

What outreach programs do you currently have? VBS, Labor Day Parade, Back Pack day prior to school starting, Trunk or Treat prior to Halloween where free Bibles are passed out, and we have had Hymn sings open to the public

What is current attendance of children's walk out worship? 13

How many youth currently are involved in the Edge Youth Group? 9

How many men attend Bible Study? 8 Meeting : 4 times per month

How many women attend Bible Study? 12 Meeting 2 times per month

A typical worship service is X Contemporary \_\_\_\_\_ Traditional

Facilities Description Our current building is a repurposed tire store located in an industrial part of Lowell. The inside of the building has been remodeled to conduct meaningful worship services as well as the occasional wedding or funeral

When will current facilities be paid for? June 2023

Are current facilities adequate? No we will soon out grow this building

Is church looking to expand its facilities? yes

List the paid staff in addition to the pastor

Admin/Marketing Mgr Full time X Part time \_\_\_\_\_

Custodian \_\_\_\_\_ Full time \_\_\_\_\_ Part time X

Worship Director \_\_\_\_\_ Full time \_\_\_\_\_ Part time X

Childrens Ministry Director \_\_\_\_\_ Full time \_\_\_\_\_ Part time X

How are members involved in planning and participating in worship? There is a worship team made up of members so inclined to be involved

Describe the worship service? Our worship service is very casual, laid back and we encourage those so inclined to participate when they feel called to do so.

### **COUNCIL INFORMATION**

What method is used to select new members when there is an vacancy?

Council brings nominee names to congregation for election: Preferred but flexible

Council brings nominee names to congregation for affirmation When needed

How many Deacons? 4 Elders? 4

How many are women (Deacons) 0 (Elders) 0

Terms for office bearers 3 yrs How often does council meet? once per month

### **CONGREGATION INFORMATION**

Age of members 15 % 0-20 20 % 20-35 20 % 36-49  
15 % 50-64 30 % 65 and over

Racial composition of congregation 0 % Asian 3 % Hispanic  
93 % Caucasion 4 % African American \_\_\_\_\_ % Other \_\_\_\_\_

The income level of the congregation is about average for our community.

Is the church reaching out to the community? yes

What has been the most challenging situation the church has had to deal with over the last 3 years? The pandemic and regaining the momentum we had prior to it

Specific items that the church struggles with? getting people to volunteer

Is the congregation a welcoming church. We are not bashful and most will walk up and introduce themselves and get personal information if possible

Does the church fellowship together, if so how? As much as possible, we have pot lot lunches once a month. The womens ministry has various get together often

Does the church participate in any ecumenical activities? Have worked with the Lutheran church with their food pantry

## COMMUNITY SETTING

What is the population of the area the church minister to? Approx 15,000

What are general characteristics of the area? Lowell is a small town surrounded by farming. There is some light manufacturing, retail stores and a few restaurants in town

Is the area experiencing growth? Yes, a lot of transplants from Illinois

This community has 3 elementary schools and one high school, There are Christian Schools within driving distance of our community as well.

There is also a Catholic Church, a Methodist Church, a Lutheran Church, a Baptist Church, a Church of the Nazarene and a Church of Christ in the town of Lowell.

Current Pastor Name ? Andrew Wahlstrom Since? 2019

Prior Pastors Name? Barry Foster (Interim) Years 2017-2019

Prior Pastors Name ? \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

The salary and compensation we are offering will be consistent with experience and the averages for the surrounding area. They will include the following:

- Base Salary
- Housing allowance
- Pension contribution
- Medical Insurance
- Social security contribution
- 3 weeks vacation
- Work week of 5 days