

words of hope

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To encourage all people to know the love of Christ

HE IS RISEN



Early Easter Worship

Saturday, April 15 at 6:00pm
North & South Campus

Easter Sunday, April 16

North & South Campus
8:00, 9:00, 10:10 & 11:15am

South Campus Chapel
6:00am Sunrise Worship
9:00 & 10:10am

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PASTORS PAGE

A Glorious New Day Is Coming!

I would never describe the Apostle Paul as being shy or timid! There is something really amazing about a guy who follows Jesus and puts all his “Christian eggs” in one Easter basket when he writes to fellow Christ followers in Corinthians, *“And if Christ weren’t raised, then all you’re doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as forever.”* (1 Corinthians 15:17 *The Message*) Even 2,000 years later there is still a lot of Good Friday darkness in our world, but once more we remember that a glorious new day is coming! You are invited to shout **“Our Risen Lord is still at work changing lives, still giving hope to people filled with despair and still proclaiming that even death becomes a transition, not an ending point!”** In fact, remember: we don’t prove the Resurrection; the Resurrection proves us!

So, who needs an invitation from you to celebrate Easter at Hope Lutheran this year? The music and the Word will be sweet and glorious! Who needs some encouragement? Who needs to know there is more mercy in God than sin in us? Who needs to know that when death does its worst, that’s when our God does his best? Who needs to hear for the first time or fiftieth time that the best news this world ever received came from a lonely graveyard: *“Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! He Is Not Here!”*

**WE LIVE AND DIE; CHRIST DIED AND LIVED!
YES, A GLORIOUS NEW DAY IS COMING!**

Blessing for Luke and Hilary Brodeur



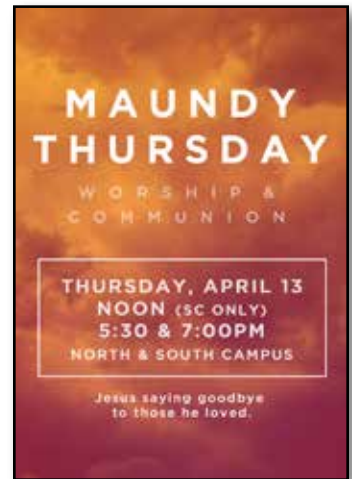
LUKE BRODEUR

People of Hope, could I ask you to pray for Luke and Hilary as we send them on their way? After a period of wrestling with God, Luke and Hilary came to the difficult but important decision that Luke is being called by God to spread his wings and expand his experience beyond Hope Lutheran. They are moving to Normal, Illinois to serve Eastview Christian Church, where Luke will serve as pastor to junior high students. Luke will finish his online seminary classes this spring and will officially move beyond Pastor-In-Training to an ordained pastor.

It is a privilege for us as a church to be entrusted by God to raise up leaders and pastors that serve the church beyond Hope Lutheran and Luke will be a gift to God’s church in this world.

As scripture says, “There is a time for everything under heaven...a time to stay and a time to go (*Pastor Chuck’s paraphrase of Ecclesiastes 3*), and its time to send Luke and Hilary on their way!

May God bless them and their ministry for the glory of God!



Worship is on
break Wednesday,
April 12



PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 2–Sunday

NC **Pastor Chuck** –“Everyone Who Lives & Believes in Me Will Never Die. Do You Believe This?”

SC **Pastor Mike** –“Why Do You Call Me Lord, But Do Not Do What I Command?”

CH **Pastor Paul** –“Why Do You Notice the Splinter in Your Friend’s Eye & Not Your Own?”

April 5–Wednesday

NC **Pastor Mike** –“Soul Care: Goodness”

SC **Pastor Paul** –“Soul Care: Generosity”

April 9–Palm Sunday

NC **Pastor Kevan**

SC **Pastor Chuck**

April 13–Maundy Thursday

NC **Pastor Paul**

SC **Pastor Sarah**

April 14–Good Friday

NC **Pastor Chuck**

SC **Pastor Kevan**

April 15–Easter Saturday

NC **Pastor Chuck**

SC **Pastor Paul**

April 16–Easter Sunday

NC **Pastor Chuck**

SC **Pastor Paul**

CH **Pastor Mike**

April 19/23

NC **Pastor Kevan** – “Do You Love Me?”

SC **Pastor Chuck**–“Everyone Who Lives & Believes in Me Will Never Die. Do You Believe This?”

CH **Pastor Mike** – “Why Do You Call Me Lord, But Do Not Do What I Command?”

April 26/30

NC **Pastor Paul**–What Profit in Gaining the World & Losing Your Soul?”

SC **Pastor Kevan**–“Do You Love Me?”

CH **Pastor Chuck**–“Everyone Who Lives & Believes in Me Will Never Die. Do You Believe This?”

SC=South Campus; NC=North Campus;

CH=Chapel at South Campus

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WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CHURCH?

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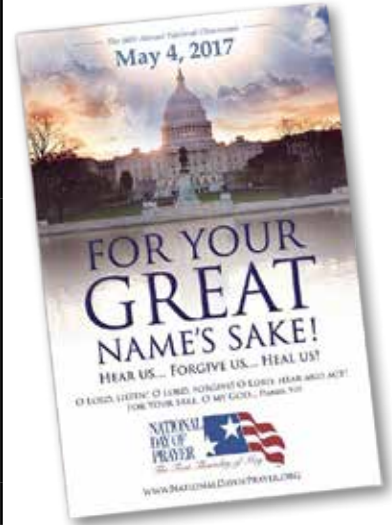


Rocky Wagendorf

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National Day of Prayer

JOIN US MAY 4,
6:30-7:30PM AT THE
HOLIDAY INN TO PRAY
FOR OUR COMMUNITY,
STATE AND NATION!



Employment Opportunities at Hope Lutheran

STUDENT MINISTRY

- Director of High School Ministry - Full-time with Benefits. Responsible for all aspects of programming for high school youth.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Hopekids Associate Director—South Campus - Full-time position. Assist the Children's Ministry team with all administrative and programming aspects of Hopekids for children ages 3 through 5th grade.
- Hopekids Part-time Leaders - Part-time, paid position, 10-15 hours/week. Help coordinate and organize Hopekids programs in a specific grade level.

To see the job descriptions and how to apply, visit fargohope.org/employment.

HOPE CENTER FOR LEARNING

- South Campus Full-time Assistant Infant Teacher
- South Campus Full-time Assistant Preschool Teacher
- North Campus Preschool Director

To see the job descriptions and how to apply, please go to fargohope.org/employment.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm
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Words of Hope Monthly Newsletter

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Visitation

WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN MEN'S MINISTRY AND MORE?

Save the Dates – Get Involved!



Men's Ministry focus is "33 The Series." This study is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue Authentic Manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in the 33 years he lived on earth. We hope that every man will participate in this powerful series. We will be starting a new men's group soon! For more information, contact Gary at gopp@fargohope.org.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

Man Talk with Breakfast

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 | 6:30AM | SOUTH CAMPUS

April's speaker is Fargo Fire Chief Steve Dirksen who will share his talk "Keeping Christ the Center of your Life." You don't want to miss Man Talk! We meet the second Thursday of each month and wrap up on time so you can get to work by 8:00am. Consider coming early and lend us a hand in the kitchen!

Next Man Talk: May 11– Gary Opp facilitates 33 The Series "Season of Life."



Steve Dirksen

Veterans Outreach

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 | 9:00-10:30AM | NORTH CAMPUS

All veterans & those who serve in the military are welcome for a time of food and fellowship! April's guest speaker will be Bruce Squires sharing with us his talk and personal photo library of his tour in Vietnam.

Prayer Cross Outreach

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 | 6:30-8:30PM

Join other guys who have a passion for woodworking by making wood prayer crosses to be used by our Pastors and Stephen Ministers. Crosses are given to those in times of need. To learn where to meet, contact David at dabeide@gmail.com or Gary at gopp@fargohope.org

Men's Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY MORNING | 7:00-8:00AM | SOUTH CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY NOON | 12:00-1:00PM | NORTH CAMPUS

Men growing together in a relationship with Christ. Led by Pastor Mike.

THURSDAY MORNINGS | 6:15AM | SOUTH CAMPUS

33: The Series, Vol 1 Contact Gary for more information: gopp@fargohope.org or 701-235-6629.

HIGHER POWER AUTOMOTIVE MINISTRIES

How can you support this growing ministry? Donate a vehicle, give financially, or become part of the work crew. See more on their facebook page, at [Facebook.com/HigherPowerAuto](https://www.facebook.com/HigherPowerAuto).

For more information regarding Men's Ministry contact Gary Opp, Volunteer Director of Men's Ministry, gopp@fargohope.org or 701-235-6629. See fargohope.org/men to check out further information and sign up for Men's Ministry emails.

Join Hope at the New Member Class!

"You are a member of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." - Ephesians 2:19

You are invited to be part of Hope Lutheran's mission and ministry by becoming a member during one of our New Member Orientations listed below:

- April 23: North Campus, 11:00am-Noon
- May 21: South Campus, 11:00am-Noon

To register, please call the Church Office, 701-235-6629 or go to fargohope.org/membership.

Monthly Prayer Ministry Opportunities

Tuesday, April 18 | 7:00-8:00am | South Campus

Tuesday, April 18 | 6:30-7:30pm | North Campus

The Monthly Prayer time is an opportunity to lift up the concerns in our lives and the life of our church. Remembering each other in prayer is one of the great privileges in ministry.

Mission Jamaica Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner

THURS, APRIL 20 | 4:00-7:00PM | NORTH CAMPUS

Dinner consists of lutefisk, meatballs, homemade lefse, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots and ice cream.

This event is the major fundraiser for the Earth Angel Breakfast Feeding Programme in Kingston, Jamaica. Tickets will only be available at the door for \$15/person.

Night to Shine Review

We are grateful for the 330 volunteers who provided the royal treatment to the kings and queens with hair and makeup stations, shoe shining, corsages and boutonnieres, crowns and tiaras, paparazzi and more. This was about sharing God's love in a world-wide movement that involved 150,000 volunteers from 375 churches in all 50 states, 11 countries on six continents. More than 75,000 guests with special needs were honored simultaneously around the world. All thanks and praise to God for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing night!



Guests SHINE on the Red Carpet

Shining with Friends



WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CARING MINISTRY?

What is the Care Response Team?

We invite anyone to join our Care Response Team that has a heart for caring and helping others. Individuals on our Care Response Team help others with a one-time need, such as delivering care baskets, meals, simple household chores or repairs or transportation to appointments, etc.

To join, contact hopecare@fargohope.org or call Barb, 701-235-6629 and you will be contacted when a need arises.

Pajama Collection Review

We collected 162 sets of pajamas! The pajamas were distributed throughout area churches that help house the homeless.

Many Companies Offer Matching Gifts Programs

Your gift to the Hope Lutheran Foundation could be matched dollar for dollar by your employer!

Many companies offer matching gift programs that will double, even triple a donation's value. Check with your employer today to see if they have a matching gift program, so you can make your impact to the Hope Lutheran Foundation go further!

The Hope Lutheran Foundation works to encourage all people to know the love of Christ by helping support Christian efforts in our community, country and around the world.

Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We have a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through this tough time in life. You do not have to be a member of Hope Lutheran to receive help.

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by connecting with one of our Pastors or Kim Y., at 701-235-6629 or email hopecare@fargohope.org. More information can also be found by going to fargohope.org/hopecare.

Our Stephen Ministers are here to care for you!

stephen
MINISTRY



Please consider a contribution to the Hope Lutheran Foundation to expand its good works. To get more information about the Hope Lutheran Foundation, please call the Church Office, 701-235-6629.

REGULAR EVENTS

hopecare

AA

- North Campus, Mondays, 5:30pm
 - South Campus, Mondays, 6:00pm
- For help, call the FM Area Hotline, 701-235-7335. The FM Area website, fmmeetinglist.org has more information about meeting places and times.

AL-ANON

MONDAYS | 1:00PM | SOUTH CAMPUS

Al-Anon begins each session with a large group presentation and then breaks up into small groups. Childcare is available.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY)

THURSDAYS | 8:30AM | NORTH CAMPUS

TOPS doesn't pay celebrities to endorse them, and they don't promise quick fixes or promote unrealistic images of the "perfect" body. Instead, they focus on health.

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to Applebee's (19th Ave N, Fargo) 5:30pm, the first Tuesday of each month. (Note change of time.) We have a short devotion and prayer. Contact Nancy, 701-361-2833, for more information.

DIVORCECARE

MONDAYS | 6:30-8:00PM | NORTH CAMPUS

You are welcome to attend any week(s) you choose. Contact hopecare@fargohope.org.

VISITATION MINISTRY

Hope Lutheran's Visitation Ministers use their time to meet and encourage people who cannot regularly attend worship. We ask our visitation minister to make one visit per month to a person who needs company and encouragement in their faith. During a typical 30 to 45 minute visit, there is conversation, prayer and celebration of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to be a Visitation Minister, call the office, or email hopecare@fargohope.org for more information and training.

HOW'S YOUR HEART TODAY?

SUNDAY | APRIL 9 | 8:30AM-12:30PM

Blood pressure checks are in the North Campus Skylight Office Suites.



2017 Foundation Board



Jenni Huotari



Troy Ivesdal



Steve Miller



Chip Ross



Matt Osborne



Linda Sailer



Eric Piela



Valeska
Hermanson



Bob Knight

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

North Campus

10:00am Daughters of the American Revolution

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

North Campus

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:00am Coffee and Donuts
9:45am Hopekids
9:45am Contemporary Worship
11:00am Contemporary Worship
11:00am Hopekids
3:00pm 5th Grade First Communion Instruction

South Campus

8:15am Traditional Worship- Chapel
9:00am Coffee and Donuts
9:30am Traditional Worship- Chapel
9:30am Contemporary Worship-Sanctuary
9:30am Hopekids
11:00am Contemporary Worship-Sanctuary
11:00am Hopekids
11:00am Nurtured Heart Approach Class
4:00pm Bio Girls

MONDAY, APRIL 3

North Campus

5:30pm AA
6:30pm DivorceCare
7:00pm NeedleWorks

South Campus

9:00am Women's BSF Leaders Meeting
1:00pm Al-Anon
6:00pm AA Group

Off-Site

1:00pm Great Plains Food Bank Volunteering - 1720 3rd Ave N, Fargo

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

North Campus

6:00pm Aerobics
7:00pm Hope-Full Single Moms
7:30pm Read 'n Relate

South Campus

9:30am Quilting
7:00pm MOMSnext

Off-Site

12:30pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

North Campus

12:00pm Men's Bible Study
1:00pm "All Things New" Women's Study
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:20pm Hosanna Kids Choir Rehearsal
5:45pm Bells of Hope Rehearsal
6:00pm Wednesday Lenten Worship
6:00pm Hopekids
7:15pm Confirmation
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm WNL

South Campus

7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Women's BSF
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:20pm King's Kids Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Wednesday Lenten Worship
6:00pm Hopekids
7:00pm Praise Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Confirmation
7:30pm WNL

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

North Campus

8:30am TOPS
9:00am KAMS
1:30pm Mary-Martha Circle
5:15pm Aerobics
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Training
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

South Campus

6:15am 33 The Series - Vol 1 Men's Study
7:00am EDC Orchestra Vocal Contest
6:00pm Special Needs Support Group

Off-Site

12:00pm "Open Your Bible" Women's Study -Atomic Coffee Broadway

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

South Campus

7:00am EDC Orchestra Vocal Contest

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

North Campus

8:00am Lefse Making for Lutefisk Dinner
9:00am Veterans of Hope

South Campus

4:00pm Volk/Leary Wedding

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

North Campus

8:30am Traditional Worship
8:30am Blood Pressure Checks
9:00am Coffee and Donuts
9:45am Hopekids
9:45am Contemporary Worship
11:00am Hopekids
11:00am Contemporary Worship

South Campus

8:15am Traditional Worship- Chapel
9:00am Coffee and Donuts
9:30am Hopekids
9:30am Traditional Worship- Chapel
9:30am Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
11:00am Contemporary Worship-Sanctuary
11:00am Hopekids
11:00am Nurtured Heart Approach Class
3:00pm 5th Grade First Communion Instruction

MONDAY, APRIL 10

North Campus

9:00am Quilting
5:30pm AA Group
6:30pm DivorceCare

South Campus

9:00am Women's BSF Leaders Meeting
11:15am Read 'n Relate, Too
1:00pm Al-Anon
6:00pm AA Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

North Campus

5:30pm ABDC Daycare Assoc.
6:00pm Aerobics
6:30pm Stephen Leader Meeting

South Campus

9:30am Sarah Circle

Off-Site

12:30pm Golf Girls See page 11 for more info
7:00pm Lydia Circle - Homes

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

North Campus

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

South Campus

7:00am Men's Bible Study
9:00am BSF Women

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

North Campus

8:30am TOPS
5:15pm Aerobics
5:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship/First Communion
8:00pm 5th Grade Reception

South Campus

6:30am Man Talk with Breakfast
9:00am KAMS
12:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
5:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship/First Communion
6:30pm 5th Grade Reception
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship/First Communion
8:00pm 5th Grade Reception

Off-Site

12:00pm "Open Your Bible" Women's Study -Atomic Coffee Broadway

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

North Campus

7:00pm Good Friday Worship "Passion" Drama

South Campus

9:30am "Lord, Change My Attitude" Women's Study
7:00pm Good Friday Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

North Campus

6:00pm Easter Saturday Worship

South Campus

6:00pm Easter Saturday Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

North Campus

8:00am Easter Sunday Worship
9:00am Easter Sunday Worship
10:10am Easter Sunday Worship
11:15am Easter Sunday Worship

South Campus

6:00am Easter Sunday Worship - Chapel
8:00am Easter Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
9:00am Easter Sunday Worship - Chapel
9:00am Easter Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
10:10am Easter Sunday Worship - Chapel
10:10am Easter Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:15am Easter Sunday Worship - Sanctuary

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MONDAY, APRIL 17

North Campus

- 9:00am Quilting
- 5:30pm AA Group
- 6:30pm DivorceCare

South Campus

- 9:00am Women's BSF Leaders Meeting
- 1:00pm AI-Anon
- 6:00pm AA Group

Off-Site

- 7:00pm Dorcas Circle (Homes)
- 7:00pm NeedleWorks – Barnes & Noble

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

North Campus

- 6:00pm Aerobics
- 6:30pm Monthly Prayer Meeting
- 7:00pm Hope-Full Single Moms

South Campus

- 7:00am Monthly Prayer Meeting
- 9:30am Quilting
- 5:30pm Church Council
- 6:30pm Ruth Circle: "Bible Study"

Off-Site

- 9:30am Naomi Circle (Homes)
- 12:30pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

North Campus

- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 1:00pm "All Things New" Women's Study
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:45pm Bells of Hope Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 6:00pm Hopekids
- 7:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm WNL

South Campus

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 9:00am Women's BSF
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:20pm King's Kids Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 6:00pm Hopekids
- 7:00pm Praise Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm WNL

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS
- 4:00pm Mission Jamaica Lutefisk Dinner
- 5:15pm Aerobics
- 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Training

South Campus

- 6:15am 33 The Series, Vol 1–Men's Study
- 9:00am KAMS

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

North Campus

- 8:30am Special Olympics Cass County Pancake Breakfast

South Campus

- 9:00am MOPS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

North Campus

- 8:30am Traditional Worship
- 9:00am Coffee and Donuts
- 9:45am Hopekids
- 9:45am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Hopekids
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am New Member Class

South Campus

- 8:15am Traditional Worship- Chapel
- 9:00am Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30am Hopekids
- 9:30am Traditional Worship- Chapel
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00am Hopekids
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship- Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Bio Girls

MONDAY, APRIL 24

North Campus

- 5:30pm AA Group
- 6:30pm DivorceCare

South Campus

- 9:00am Women's BSF Leaders Meeting
- 1:00pm AI-Anon
- 6:00pm AA Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

North Campus

- 6:00pm Aerobics

Off-Site

- 12:30pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

North Campus

- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 1:00pm "All Things New" Women's Study
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:20pm Hosanna Kids Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45pm Bells of Hope Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 6:00pm Hopekids
- 7:15pm Confirmation
- 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm WNL

South Campus

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 9:00am Women's BSF
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:20pm King's Kids Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 6:00pm Hopekids
- 7:00pm Praise Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm WNL

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS
- 5:15pm Aerobics
- 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Training

South Campus

- 6:15am 33 The Series, Vol 1–Men's Study
- 9:00am KAMS

Off-Site

- 12:00pm "Fervent" Women's Study - Atomic Coffee Broadway

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

South Campus

- 7:00pm Spring Fling with Nicole Phillips

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

North Campus

- 8:30am Traditional Worship
- 9:00am Coffee and Donuts
- 9:45am Hopekids
- 9:45am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Hopekids
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship

South Campus

- 8:15am Traditional Worship- Chapel
- 9:00am Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30am Hopekids
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- 9:30am Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00am Hopekids
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship- Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Bio Girls

WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

Hopekids and Kids Choirs on
break April 12 & 16
for Holy Week!

5th Grade First Communion Instruction

All 5th Graders, parents and Godparents are invited to join us for a fun afternoon learning about the meaning and purpose of communion. **North Campus Instruction is on Sunday, April 2, South Campus Instruction is on Sunday, April 9 – both from 3:00pm-5:30pm.** There is no need to RSVP, all are welcome to join!

All 5th Graders, celebrate your First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13

- * 7:00pm, North Campus
- * 5:30 & 7:00pm, South Campus
- * Reception to follow the worship service

New Life Center Gifts Wrap-up

Thanks to the fantastic success of our special Hopekids Offering in February, we were able to purchase items to supply **100 residents** of the New Life Center with essential hygiene items. On Sunday, March 5, our Hopekids worked together to pack up these items, make cards for the men, and decorate special banners that will be displayed in the New Life Center cafeteria. Thanks to all of our families for participating in this great service to our community!



Hopekids packing shaving supplies



Teacher helping with packets

Registration for 2017/2018 Hopekids

Registration for the 2017-2018 Hopekids year will open on **Wednesday, April 26.** Visit fargohope.org/children to login and register your kid(s). We are excited to learn about how we are all Wonderfully Made by God!

Please note that there will be an additional Hopekids option on Sunday evenings at **6:00pm (South Campus only).** Also note that there will be an additional Confirmation option at 11:00am on Sunday mornings. Take advantage of these great new opportunities for your family!

Please contact Nicole Weisz, nweisz@fargohope.org with any questions.



To register, contact the Church Office at 701-235-6629. Baptisms may be scheduled after you attend Baptism Orientation. For more information visit fargohope.org/baptism.

South Campus – June 5-8 | North Campus – June 12-15

“Godcraft,” a fantastic Vacation Bible Experience, is coming soon! Join us for one of the two weeks of faith-building fun!

Registration opens on **Wednesday, April 26.** Visit fargohope.org/children to login and register your kid(s), and don't forget to invite your neighbors, friends and family members to join in the fun!

Adults, each year we need hundreds of volunteers to help build up faith in our kids! Would you please consider joining us on these four evenings to lead a small group of VBX participants? To volunteer or for more information, please contact Angela Bartsh at abartsh@fargohope.org.



Our Mission | To encourage all children to know the love of Christ

We are very excited about our new name as it not only tells who we are but also says more about what we offer our children and families. We are proud of the learning opportunities we are able to offer and want to make sure everyone knows we are more than just a child care center!

Summer School Age Camps

Summer is just around the corner and we are pleased to offer weekly themed day camps for children who have completed K-5th grade. We offer a wide variety of opportunities for school age children to grow their faith as they learn more about themselves and the world around them, while having a great time with their friends. A field trip is planned for each camp to introduce our campers to the local community. You may register for one week or as many weeks as you need.

Registration forms will be available online: fargohope.org or in the Church Office after April 2. Questions? Contact Jackie, 701-235-6629, x226 or jberndt@fargohope.org.

WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN STUDENT MINISTRY?



Due to Holy Week, there will be NO CONFIRMATION on Wednesday, April 12.

Thank You, Kate Fluge!

At the beginning of March, Student Ministry's Administrative Assistant, Kate Fluge, left her position. For the last year she's been keeping the Student Ministry team in line and on task with her organizational and administrative skills, and now she will be using those skills to continue to build the family business, Urban K9 Detection and Training, and raise her and Joe's three wonderful daughters. Please join us in thanking Kate for serving Hope Lutheran's Confirmation and High School Ministry families as their Administrative Assistant!

Get a Jump on Fall Registration for Confirmation 2017-2018

There's always so much to do and get ready for in fall – school registrations, supply shopping, sport practices, club meetings, PTA, etc. So, take one item off your list by registering your student this spring for 2017-2018 Confirmation! Registration will be open beginning April 26.

SUNDAY, 11:00AM OPTION

Confirmation will be expanding its programming in the fall and adding a Sunday, 11:00am option at both campuses!

Please prayerfully consider which option will best serve your family needs. Then commit to a programming day/time that works best for your family, either Wednesday 7:15pm or Sunday 11:00am.

To register, go to fargohope.org/middleschool. Questions? Contact students@fargohope.org.

9th Grade Confirmation Interviews

For all 9th Grade Students who will be affirming their Baptism next fall, there is a required interview-conversation to be had with a Hope Lutheran Pastor or staff. Students will be able to sign up for an interview time on April 5 via an online Doodle sign-up. The link will be emailed out to parents and students on April 5.

Interviews will be taking place April 23 at the North Campus and April 23 and 30 at the South Campus.

Flower Sales

Flower Sales begin April 5. There will be order forms available in the Church Office or from students. Order forms are due to the Church Office by April 26.

Help High School and Confirmation students to raise funds for their summer trips including Castaway, Camp House, Mission Nebraska, Boundary Waters, Mission: Wyoming and Mission: Tennessee.

Delivery of flowers on May 4.

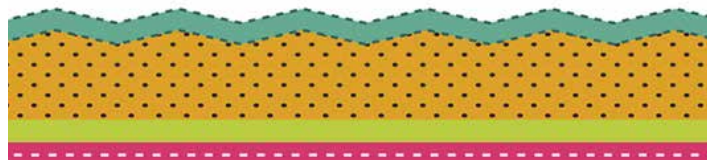


WNL on break Wed. April 12, due to Holy Week.

Become a Mother's Day Brunch Sponsor or Donor!

A great way to support students going on faith based trips and celebrate the moms in our community, is to become a table sponsor or donate door prizes for the 2017 Mother's Day Brunch!

A table sponsorship is a \$250 tax deductible gift with all proceeds going to the Hope Lutheran Student Trip Scholarship Fund. Sponsors will be acknowledged on table tents and in the Words of Hope. Donated items (i.e. gift cards, themed gift bag/basket, spa items, etc.) for door prizes will be given away to randomly selected mothers in attendance at the brunch and donors will be acknowledged at the brunch. To become a sponsor or donate an item, please contact Pastor Sarah by calling the Church Office or emailing her at sseibold@fargohope.org.



Save These Dates in May

- HSM Bonfire—May 17, South Campus Fire Pit, 7:30pm
- Baccalaureate—May 24, South Campus, 7:15pm



WHAT'S GOD UP TO IN WOMEN'S MINISTRY?

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Blind Spots

by Peggy Monsebroten

I have a blind spot in my car. There have been numerous times where I've been surprised by a passing vehicle and I think, "Where did he come from?" On some occasions, it was that third look, the longer pause that saved me. Because of numerous incidents like this, I'm very aware of these blind spots.

"You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." - Matthew 7:5

I wonder about my spiritual blind spots. The Holy Spirit needs to reveal to me the sins I'm blind to; the things I label differently or justify so they sound better! Sin is sin, we label sins as big sin or little sin but to God, it's all sin; things that separate us from him. If we hold it up to God's light, we can recognize these areas that we are blind to.

The biggest blind spot humans can have is to say that they are good people and that's all that matters. They argue that God loves them, warts and all, so that settles it. It is true that he loves us but we have to make a choice to recognize our sinful nature and know that Jesus is the only way that we can stand before our God, our Creator. Salvation is NEVER about what WE do; it's about what God HAS done. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

Dear Lord, thank you that you do not leave me as I am but want me to see my blind spots so I can enjoy the fellowship with you that you have intended. Thank you for your patience with me as you reveal your truths to me. Amen.

QUESTIONS?

Check out our website, fargohope.org/women or contact Judy Siegle, jsiegle@fargohope.org or 701-235-6629. Sign up for email updates at fargohope.org/about and click on Women Connected in Hope.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS SPRING FLING



"Created for Kindness"

Nicole Phillips

Friday, April 28 | 7:00-8:30pm | South Campus

Nicole is a champion for using kindness to overcome all of life's difficulties. In her presentation, Nicole will explore the possibility that we are not only commanded to be kind, but indeed created for that very purpose!

Tickets: \$8 (dessert included)

Childcare available if registered by April 14

Tickets available online at fargohope.org/women or at the Church Office.

Following her presentation, Phillips will be signing her new book, "Kindness is Contagious: 100 Stories to Remind You God is Good and So are Most People." Attendees can bring a copy or purchase a book at the event for \$15.

Women with Faith Connection Review

Women with Faith Connection was a day filled with inspiration and fellowship. Here are some highlights shared about the day: *"Time to connect with other women of faith."* *"Giving myself permission to be who God created me to be!"*



They made a paper chain to remember important connections in their lives.



New Life Center Auxillary 40th Annual Prayer Breakfast

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 | 9:30-11:30AM | HILTON GARDEN INN

Kim and Krickitt Carpenter, authors of *The Vow*, a #1 New York Times Bestseller, share how they overcame adversity when as newlyweds a devastating car wreck shattered their life. Their story inspired the motion picture of the same name. Tickets-\$22. For more information or to order online go to www.fargonlc.org

NEW EVENING EVENT: A MOVIE & MESSAGE

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 | 6:30PM | FARGO THEATER

After viewing "The Vow," Kim and Krickitt Carpenter will share their message of faith through life's trials!

LIKE AND SHARE HOPE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY FACEBOOK PAGE.

APRIL 11 & 25

7:00PM

NORTH CAMPUS

Single Moms, take time to rest with

God, rejuvenate, share challenges and solutions with women experiencing the same issues as you! Newcomers are welcome anytime.

Childcare is available with pre-registration. For more information and to register children, contact Lori at loriinfargo@yahoo.com or 701-367-8290.



KAMS for Kids and Moms of all ages

THURSDAYS | 9:00-11:00AM

SOUTH CAMPUS

April 6—Meeting at North Campus

April 13—Bible study

April 20—Service project

April 27—Bible study

Childcare provided.

Questions? Contact Amanda amandaperzinski@yahoo.com.

MOPS - for Mother's of Preschoolers

SAT, APRIL 22 | 9:00-11:00AM |

SOUTH CAMPUS

MOPS! is designed to nurture EVERY mother with children infancy through kindergarten. Members come from all walks of life and share one desire - to be great moms! Childcare is available for \$1/child per session.

Due to Holy Week, we moved MOPS to the 4th Saturday...we hope you can still join us.

For more information, please contact Amanda N at afbrat96@hotmail.com or 701-371-9072.

MOMSnext for Moms with School-Age Kids

TUES, APRIL 4 | 7:00-9:00PM

| SOUTH CAMPUS

MOMSnext is an opportunity to cultivate community with other moms who have school-age kids.

You are welcome to come at anytime and bring a friend.

Childcare provided. To register and reserve childcare, contact Stef at sjordheim@fargohope.org or 701-235-6629, x323.

MILESTONES & REGULAR EVENTS

Milestones for February 9 through March 9

BAPTISMS:

Julian Charles, son of Riley & Jennie Rude
 Brinley Ann, daughter of Richard & Jessica Wagner
 Henry Bradley, son of Brent & Jenna Nasset
 Miles Jerry Brunette, son of Michael Brunette & Jennifer Danielson
 Charlotte Rose, daughter of Ryan & Jenny Olson
 Johnathan Kyle, son of Kyle & Michelle Kuznia
 Teagan Amanda & Tenley Lynn, daughters of Nate & Katlyn Harms

Barrett Dean, son of Jacob & Brittany Springer
 Parker Steven, son of Steve & Susy Burcham
 Caden Paul, son of Derek & Britny Johnson
 Tuckyr Lee Duggan, son of Logan Duggan & Robynn Rommesmo
 Ezrah Marie Marek, daughter of Christopher Wiener & Shyna Marek

MARRIAGES:

Laura Roach & Michael Dulitz 2/18/2017

DEATHS:

Ronald Stenberg 2/8/2017

Usher Schedule for April

NORTH CAMPUS

April 2/5	Team 2 - Thomas
April 9 (Wednesday)	Team 3 - Klatt
April 13 (Maundy Thursday)	Team 4 - Anderson
April 14 (Good Friday)	Team 5 - [open]
April 15 (Easter Eve)	Team 6 - Roos
April 16 (Easter 8:00am)	Team 7 - [open]
April 16 (Easter 9:00am)	Team 1 - Naseth
April 16 (Easter 10:10am)	Team 2 - Thomas
April 16 (Easter 11:15am)	Team 3 - Klatt
April 19 (Wednesday)	Team 6 - Roos
April 23/26	Team 4 - Anderson
April 30/May 3	Team 5 - [open]

SOUTH CAMPUS - SANCTUARY SUNDAY - 9:30/11:00

April 2	Team 1 - Blumeyer/Fluge
April 9	Team 2 - Opp/Keim
April 13 (Maundy Thursday)	Team 3 - Devier/Hendrickson
April 13 (Maundy Thursday)	Team 4 - Hansen/Hesse
April 14 (Good Friday)	Team 5 - Kroke/Straabe
April 15 (Easter Eve)	Team 6 - Ulrich/Lichtblau
April 16 (Easter 8:00, 9:00am)	Team 7 - Olson/Litton
April 16 (Easter 10:10am)	Team 1 - Blumeyer/Fluge
April 16 (Easter 11:15am)	Team 2 - Opp/Keim
April 23	Team 3 - Devier/Hendrickson
April 30	Team 4 - Hansen/Hesse

SOUTH CAMPUS-CHAPEL SUNDAY 8:15/9:30

April 2	Hill/Larsen
April 9	Sigurdson/Brantner
April 16 (6:00, 9:00, 10:10am)	TBD, Kraft/Hewitt
April 23	Harris/Erickson
April 30	Hansen/TBD

SOUTH CAMPUS SANCTUARY WEDNESDAY

April 5	Team 1 - Steidl
April 12	(No worship)
April 19	Team 3 - TBD
April 26	Team 4 - Becher

New Members Received Dec. 18

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF HOPE.

Clem and Noreen Aadland
 Chol Deng Chol
 Kara Froelich
 Richard Johnson and Courtney Kinder
 Creighton Johnson
 Tucker McPherson
 Arlo and Sheryal Mittleider
 Jennifer Pfirman
 Jenna Polejewski
 Jeff Underdahl and Kay Hopper
 Caleb Underdahl
 Ron Wiisanen
 Lara Yound

New Members Received Feb. 19

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF HOPE.

Jeff Amundson
 Bradly Eckholm
 Gerri Elznic
 Haley Fisher
 Ben and Caroline Fraase
 Matt and Casey Howell
 Darin Langager
 Robin Olson
 Diane Peterson
 Keiley Sampson
 AJ and Jen Slavinsky
 Tim and Dee Sullivan
 Bonnie Vangerud
 Karl Vangerud

REGULAR EVENTS

AEROBICS

Tuesdays, 6:00pm and Thursdays, 5:15pm
 North Campus

BOOK CLUBS

The book for April is "Three Wishes" by Liane Moriarty
 Read 'n Relate meets 1st Tuesday (April 4), 7:30pm North Campus (Linda, 701-866-6190)
 Read 'n Relate, Too meets 2nd Monday (April 10), 11:15am South Campus (Karen, ksilbernagel@cablone.net or 701-280-0318)
 The May's selection is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman

HLCW CIRCLES

Dorcas Circle—3rd Monday, 7:00pm, hosted by participants
 Lydia Circle—2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm, hosted by participants
 Mary-Martha Circle— 1st Thursday, 1:30pm, North Campus
 Naomi Circle—3rd Tuesday, 9:30am, hosted by participants
 Ruth Circle—3rd Tuesday 6:30pm, South Campus
 Sarah Circle—2nd Tuesday, 9:30am, South Campus

NEEDLEWORKS

April 3—North Campus, Monday, 7:00-9:00pm
 April 17— Barnes & Noble, Monday, 7:00-9:00pm
 Join us in fellowship while you knit or crochet for others. Questions? Nicki A, 701-235-6629, x237

QUILTING

North Campus: 2nd & 3rd Monday 9:00am-2:00pm
 South Campus: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30am-Noon

WALKING

North & South Campus
 8:00am-5:00pm - Monday - Friday



Have Supper With Us!

Wednesday Night Supper

5:00-5:45pm

North and South Campus

\$5 per person | \$20 max, per family

On break April 12.

Worship Services

North Campus 2900 Broadway N

Wednesday Worship
6:00pm - Contemporary
Sunday Worship
8:30am - Traditional
9:45 & 11:00am - Contemporary

South Campus 3636 25th St S

Wednesday Worship
6:00pm - Contemporary
Sunday Worship Chapel
8:15 & 9:30am - Traditional
Sunday Worship Sanctuary
9:30 & 11:00am - Contemporary

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CAN'T JOIN US IN PERSON?

WATCH ONLINE WITH LIVE STREAM WORSHIP!
FARGOHOPE.ORG/WATCH

In March, Hope Lutheran launched our NEW Live Stream worship opportunity! You can watch live online or find the play-back on our website at fargohope.org/watch. Worship with us in real-time online at 6:00pm CST every Wednesday. During Lent, worship with us LIVE on Sundays at 9:30am CST, too! If you can't worship via the live feed, the service is immediately archived so you can pull it up later in the day, week, or even next month. Access the live stream on your computer, tablet or any mobile device with an internet connection.

We are offering Live Steam worship for a variety of reasons. Snowbirds and lake people have expressed a desire to stay connected to the worship life of their church, shut-ins and people healing at home will have direct access to Hope's worship life, and it serves as an outreach to a much wider audience, as we seek to encourage all people to know the love of Christ.

We need your help in getting the word out that this opportunity is available to meet the many needs of a busy and mobile culture. Try out the streaming service yourself and share it with a family member or friend. Worshipping God is at the center of who we are as followers of Christ and we continue to challenge ourselves to reach out in increasingly innovative ways as we join with God in His work in this world!