

# words of hope

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To encourage all people to know the love of Christ

Hope Lutheran VBX 2017

# GODCRAFT

Forged in love. Mined to shine.

June 5-8 ✕ South Campus  
June 12-15 ✕ North Campus

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

VBX is for children age 3 (by July 31, 2016) through grade 5. See page 8 for more information.

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# PASTORS PAGE

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 3/7

NC Pastor Mike – “Why Did You Doubt?”

SC Pastor Paul – “What Profit in Gaining the World & Losing Your Soul?”

CH Pastor Kevan – “Do You Love Me?”

May 10/14

NC Pastor Kevan – “Can Any of You by Worrying Add a Single Day to Your Life?”

SC Pastor Mike – “Why Did You Doubt?”

CH Pastor Paul – “What Profit in Gaining the World & Losing Your Soul?”

May 17/21

NC Pastor Chuck – “If You Love Those Who Love You What Credit is That to You?”

SC Pastor Kevan – “Can Any of You by Worrying Add a Single Day to Your Life?”

CH Pastor Mike – “Why Did You Doubt?”

May 24/28

NC Pastor Mike – “Why are You Thinking Evil Things in Your Heart?”

SC Pastor Chuck – “If You Love Those Who Love You What Credit is That to You?”

CH Pastor Kevan – “Can Any of You by Worrying Add a Single Day to Your Life?”

May 31

NC Pastor Paul – “Sabbath”

SC Pastor Chuck – “Rest”

SC=South Campus;

NC=North Campus;

CH=Chapel at South Campus



## Hey Hopesters!

We are so excited to introduce you to this year's Vacation Bible Experience theme; **God-Craft!**

Ephesians 2:10, our theme verse for the week teaches us, *“We are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”* (NLT)

Participants will learn that they

~ were created by God, loved by Jesus

~ made for a purpose

~ and part of God’s great big family called the

Church!

VBX is a high-impact, high-content, all about Jesus, celebration of God’s love. We hope you can join us this year at either our South or North Campus!

~ South Campus, June 5-8 or ~ North Campus, June 12-15

## Way To Go, Hope!

You gave over \$63,000 to support the New Life Center and Churches United For the Homeless!

Your generosity is making an impact in this life and the next.

Summer is almost here!

**SO IS OUR SUMMER WORSHIP!**

Our theme this summer is: **“Keeping It Holy”**

Outdoor worship times begin June 4!

**North Campus-9:45am | South Campus-9:30am**

The coffee, doughnuts, and juice boxes for the kids always help make summer worship festive!

Summer Wednesday worship begins on May 31.

## National Day of Prayer

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



## HOPE LUTHERAN PASTORS



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# WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CHURCH?

Treat Your Mom to a 'Mom'umental Occasion!

Hope Lutheran's Student Ministry Presents the 6th Annual

## Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Hope Lutheran Church - North Campus  
2900 Broadway N Fargo

**Gourmet buffet, decadent desserts & more!**

\$20 for adults | \$10 for children 12 & under | Children 4 & under are FREE

Tickets are available beginning April 19 online at [fargohope.org/events](http://fargohope.org/events) or  
Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings in the hallways at both campuses.

All proceeds benefit Hope Lutheran's Student Ministry Scholarship Fund,  
allowing students in need to attend mission trips, retreats and events.  
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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?

## Men of Hope in May

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



Men, you need to check out "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](mailto:gopp@fargohope.org).

## Men in Boats

**JUNE 9-11 | LAKEWOOD BIBLE CAMP – DEVILS LAKE, ND**

June is staring right at us. If you aren't already registered for Men in Boats what are you waiting for? Register online at [fargohope.org/men](http://fargohope.org/men). **Deadline to register is May 21.** Men in Boats weekend is filled with Fellowship, Faith, Friends and Fishing. Check us out on Facebook!



## Man Talk with Breakfast

**THURSDAY, MAY 11 | 6:30AM | SOUTH CAMPUS**

Season finale. Gary Opp facilitates the group in "33 The Series: Season of Life".

## Men's Studies

*Men growing together in our relationship with Christ.*

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS | 7:00PM | SOUTH CAMPUS CHAPEL**

**THURSDAY MORNINGS | 6:15AM | SOUTH CAMPUS**

"33 The Series" Join anytime! Join us on the journey to authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus in his 33 years on earth. Contact Gary for more information, [gopp@fargohope.org](mailto:gopp@fargohope.org).

## Prayer Cross Outreach

**TUESDAY, MAY 9 | 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 Contact David H. at [dabeide@gmail.com](mailto:dabeide@gmail.com) or Gerald L. at [geraldllarsen@yahoo.com](mailto:geraldllarsen@yahoo.com).

## Grill Team

Join men who love the BBQ grill. More info regarding our Grill Team contact Brian B. at [bettermannbrian@yahoo.com](mailto:bettermannbrian@yahoo.com) or 701-361-3794.

## 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](mailto:gopp@fargohope.org) or 701-235-6629. See [fargohope.org/men](http://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:

- May 21: South Campus, 11:00am-Noon
- June 18: North Campus, 11:00am-Noon

To register, please call the Church Office, 701-235-6629 or go to [fargohope.org/membership](http://fargohope.org/membership).

## Monthly Prayer Ministry Opportunities

**Tuesday, May 23 | 7:00-8:00am | South Campus**

**Tuesday, May 23 | 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.



## ALPHA is Coming This Fall

We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

**Hope Lutheran, South Campus**  
**Sundays, beginning October 8,**  
**5:00-7:00pm**

## Employment Opportunities

### HOPEKIDS

- Hopekids Part-time Leaders - Part-time, paid position, 10-15 hours/week. Help coordinate and organize Hopekids programs in a specific grade level.

### HOPE CENTER FOR LEARNING

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

To see the job descriptions and how to apply, please go to [fargohope.org/employment](http://fargohope.org/employment).

# WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CARING MINISTRY?

## Making a Difference

We would like to congratulate Chad Menke, Robert Kotzbacher, Erika Peterson, Terri Abbott and Marlene Paulsrud for completing our Stephen Ministry Training Class! They are already making a difference in the lives of those around them and I want to praise God for their commitment to learning how to better support others going through struggles in life.

To find out more about being a Stephen Minister or how you or someone you know could get support from a Stephen Minister, please contact a Hope Lutheran Pastor or Kim Y. at 701-235-6629 or email [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org). For more information, visit [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare). Our Stephen Ministers are here to care for you!



*Back Row: Chad Menke, Robert Kotzbacher, Erika Peterson Front Row: Terri Abbott, Marlene Paulsrud*



## Do You Want To Do Something Extreme This Summer?

Joni and Friends Family Retreats are a place where families affected by disability can find hope and get a break from the challenges of everyday life. Volunteers are needed, **August 16-21**. Contact Judy at [jsiegle@fargohope.org](mailto:jsiegle@fargohope.org) or 701-235-6629, x241 for information. To register visit: [joniandfriends.org](http://joniandfriends.org).



Be the hands and feet of Jesus! You don't have to be a professional—just come with a willing heart. Serve one on one supporting and befriending a child or adult with disabilities during programming, meals and activities (no personal cares.)



## Memorials and Gifts

Memorials and gifts received December 30, 2016 – April 3, 2017

- Kathy Jaeger**  
Bill and Marilyn Guy
- Randy Bakken**  
Erva Moilanen  
John and Wanda Peterson  
Dorothy Pederson  
Alice Dosland  
Hollis and Beverly Quamme  
Marlene Bakken  
Em Messelt  
Lanny and Lois Brantner  
Casey and Debra Johnson
- Marlys Durkin**  
Sharon Mund
- Verna Eide**  
John and Lina Eide
- Velma Johanson**  
Mike and Donna Peterson
- Delores Nichelson**  
Jim and Sharon Puppe
- Jenn Anderson**  
Lyla Rath

Memorial gifts meet two important needs at once. They allow you to express your feelings for the loss of a loved one. In addition, memorial gifts are placed in the Foundation's Perpetual Fund and only the earnings are disbursed to further develop the programs and ministries of Hope Lutheran Church.

## REGULAR EVENTS

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### 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](http://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 (19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org) for more information and training.

### HOW'S YOUR HEART TODAY?

**SUNDAY | MAY 14 | 8:30AM-12:30PM**

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



## MONDAY, MAY 1

### North Campus

- 5:30pm AA
- 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, MAY 2

### North Campus

- 6:00pm Aerobics
- 7:30pm Read 'n Relate

### South Campus

- 9:30am Quilting
- 6:30pm Visitation Training
- 7:00pm MOMSnext

### Off-Site

- 1:00pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

### 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
- 7:00pm "The Sacred Echo" Women's Study

- 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
- 7:00pm "33: The Series" Men's Study
- 7:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm WNL

## THURSDAY, MAY 4

### North Campus

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

### South Campus

- 9:00am KAMS
- 6:00pm Special Needs Support Group

### Off-Site

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

## SUNDAY, MAY 7

### 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
- 9:30am Traditional Worship- Chapel
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship- Sanctuary
- 11:00am Hopekids

## MONDAY, MAY 8

### North Campus

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

### South Campus

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 9

### North Campus

- 5:30pm ABDC Daycare Assoc.
- 6:00pm Aerobics
- 6:30pm Stephen Leader Meeting
- 7:00pm Hope-Full Single Moms

### South Campus

- 9:30am Sarah Circle

### Off-Site

- 1:00pm Golf Girls See page 11 for more info
- 7:00pm Lydia Circle - Homes

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

### 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
- 7:00pm "The Sacred Echo" Women's Study

- 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 Party
- 7:00pm "33: The Series" Men's Study
- 7:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm WNL

## THURSDAY, MAY 11

### North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS
- 5:15pm Aerobics

### South Campus

- 6:30am Man Talk with Breakfast
- 9:00am KAMS

### Off-Site

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 12

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

### South Campus

- 4:00pm Kulla/Carlson Wedding

## SUNDAY, MAY 14

### North Campus

- 8:30am Traditional Worship
- 8:30am Blood Pressure Checks
- 9:00am Coffee and Donuts
- 9:45am Hopekids
- 9:45am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00am Mother's Day Brunch
- 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 Baptism Orientation

## MONDAY, MAY 15

### North Campus

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

### South Campus

- 1:00pm Al-Anon
- 6:00pm AA Group

### Off-Site

- 7:00pm Dorcas Circle (Homes)
- 7:00pm NeedleWorks -

## TUESDAY, MAY 16

### North Campus

- 5:30pm Church Council
- 6:00pm Aerobics
- 6:30pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

### South Campus

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

### Off-Site

- 9:30am Naomi Circle (Homes)
- 1:00pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

### North Campus

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

### South Campus

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:20pm King's Kids Choir Party
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 6:00pm Hopekids
- 7:00pm "33: The Series" Men's Study
- 7:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm WNL

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

### North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS
- 4:30pm Onword Together
- 5:15pm Aerobics
- 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

### Off-Site

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

### North Campus

- 11:00am Preschool Spring Program

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

### North Campus

- 6:00pm Kress/McLaughlin Wedding

### South Campus

- 9:00am MOPS
- 4:00pm Birmingham/Sawardeker Wedding

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

### 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
- 9:30am Traditional Worship- Chapel
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Hopekids
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship- Sanctuary
- 11:00am New Member Orientation

## MONDAY, MAY 22

### North Campus

- 5:30pm AA Group

### South Campus

- 1:00pm Al-Anon
- 6:00pm AA Group

## TUESDAY, MAY 23

### North Campus

- 6:00pm Aerobics
- 7:00pm Hope-Full Single Moms

### Off-Site

- 1:00pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

### North Campus

- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:00pm "The Sacred Echo" Women's Study

### South Campus

- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:00pm "33: The Series" Men's Study
- 7:30pm Baccalaureate

## THURSDAY, MAY 25

### North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS
- 5:15pm Aerobics

### Off-Site

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 26

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

### North Campus

- 4:00pm Trosdahl/Grefsrud Wedding

## SUNDAY, MAY 28

### North Campus

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

### South Campus

- 8:15am Traditional Worship- Chapel
- 9:00am Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30am Traditional Worship- Chapel
- 9:30am Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship- Sanctuary

## MONDAY, MAY 29

## MEMORIAL DAY

### North Campus

- 5:30pm AA Group

### South Campus

- 1:00pm Al-Anon Group
- 6:00pm AA Group

## TUESDAY, MAY 30

### North Campus

- 6:00pm Aerobics

### Off-Site

- 1:00pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

### North Campus

- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship

### South Campus

- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship

# WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?



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](http://fargohope.org/baptism).

## VBX 2017

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!

To register: Visit [fargohope.org/children](http://fargohope.org/children)

Login and register your kid(s). Don't forget to invite your neighbors, friends and family members to join in the fun!

Cost: \$10 per child (\$25 max. per family)

VBX Registration closes May 26! Sign up early!! If you have questions contact Nicole W. or Angela B. or [hopekids@fargohope.org](mailto:hopekids@fargohope.org)

## Hopekids

### Register for the 2017/18 Hopekids Year!

Registration for Hopekids (Sunday School) is available online at [fargohope.org/children](http://fargohope.org/children). If you do not have access to a computer or a smartphone, registration forms are available at the Hopekids Help Desk on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings.

\*\*Please register by August 18 in order for us to best prepare for Fall Hopekids 2017!!

## Hopekids Blast Off

### LAST WEEK OF HOPEKIDS

Wednesday, May 17 and Sunday, May 21. Blast off into summer with this fun-filled celebration!



## 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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/childcare](http://fargohope.org/childcare) or in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Jackie, 701-235-6629, x226 or [jberndt@fargohope.org](mailto:jberndt@fargohope.org).

## VBX Volunteers:

Each year we need hundreds of volunteers to help build up faith in our kids! Would you please consider volunteering? There are many volunteer opportunities:

Village leaders, Check In, Crafts, Nurse, Snack Crew, Meal Crew, Nursery

## Exciting News!!

- Hopekids has an added option! There will be a Sunday 6:00pm Hopekids hour at the same time as worship!
- \*Confirmation has a Sunday 11:00am option this year too!

## Retirement Open House

SUNDAY, MAY 21 | 9:00-11:00AM | FELLOWSHIP CENTER | NORTH CAMPUS



Nicki Almquist

Join us for cake and coffee as we say thank you to Nicki Almquist for her 27 years of dedication to the preschoolers at Hope Lutheran Church.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Preparing Bread for Maundy Thursday

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THE BREAD FOR OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL.





# WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN STUDENT MINISTRY?



## Last Day of Confirmation - May 17

May 17 is the last day of Confirmation! Thanks for a great year! Be sure to go to [fargohope.org/middleschool](http://fargohope.org/middleschool) to register for next year!

## Sunday, 11:00am Option for Confirmation

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 when you register for 2017-18. 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](http://fargohope.org/middleschool). Questions? Contact [students@fargohope.org](mailto:students@fargohope.org).

## Summer Castaway Leaders Needed

We are looking for Adult leaders to join us August 10-14 to lead cabin groups of Middle School Students. It promises to be a fun-filled time of summer adventure and growing in faith. If interested, please email Carley Evenson at [cevenson@fargohope.org](mailto:cevenson@fargohope.org) or call 235-6629, x246.

## Feed My Starving Children Recap

We took 50 people...students and parents to Feed My Starving Children on April 1. The people from Hope Lutheran alone packed 174 cases of manna packs which is 6,264 individual packs, which equates to 37,584 meals! We were told that our cases were going to Haiti.



## Camp House | High School Retreat



July 30-August 3

**JULY 30-AUGUST 3 | REG. DEADLINE MAY 17 | \$375**

Last call to register for our High School Summer Retreat! We've rented out Camp House, a camp in Brimson, MN on beautiful lake George and surrounded by hundreds of acres of forest! This retreat is the perfect getaway for students before the start of a new school year! Register by May 17 at [fargohope.org/highschool](http://fargohope.org/highschool).

## HSM Bonfire

**MAY 17 | SOUTH CAMPUS | 7:30PM**

All high school students are invited to join us for our last and biggest event of the school year, the HSM Bonfire! Both campuses will meet at the South Campus fire pit for a night of octo-ball, grilling, friends, and of course, s'mores!



## Baccalaureate

**MAY 24 | SOUTH CAMPUS | 7:30PM**



On May 24, we will have a special service to honor and bless our graduating seniors as they take this large step in their lives. The service is open to the public, with a special invitation to families, friends, and mentors of our seniors. An Ice Cream Social will follow the service.

# STUDENTS

## Flower Sales Pick Up

**MAY 4 | NORTH AND SOUTH CAMPUS | 4:00-7:00PM**

All flower sale orders will be available for pick up on May 4 at your respective campus. Orders placed through a student will be picked up and delivered by the student that made the sale.

## Mother's Day Brunch

**MAY 14 | \$20/ADULT | \$10/CHILD (12 AND UNDER) | 4 AND UNDER FREE**

Tickets are limited, and expected to sell out, so buy your tickets today at [fargohope.org/events](http://fargohope.org/events)! See complete information on page 3.

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

## PRAYER AND MEDITATION

### Let it Go

by Peggy Monsebroten

Lately, I spent the evening watching the Lord of the Rings series. The gold ring is Frodo's burden; he is the appointed one to destroy the ring. If he failed, evil would reign and all of earth would be destroyed. At the end, Frodo succumbed to the power of the ring as the battle was raging in the valley. He couldn't let it go in the fire. His faithful friend, Sam, wondered what he was waiting for and begged him to just let it go! And then the wiry Spiegle returns and there's more opposition as he fights for the ring from Frodo. The battle is intense. If only Frodo had just let it go!

*"Turn your burdens over to the LORD, and he will take care of you."* Psalm 55:22

Sometimes we hang on to a burden we aren't meant to hang on to. We must let it go before we can experience victory. We think we can handle the problem and the longer we hold on the harder it is to let it go. Just like Frodo, we know what we're supposed to do but the allure of the shiny object blinds us to the truth of what it is best. Jesus is our faithful friend who never leaves our side. He is telling us to let it go, to give it to him. Jesus carries us when we are tired and weak just as Sam, who couldn't carry Frodo's burden but he did carry Frodo when he was weak.

*Dear Lord, help me to let go of every burden for I know they are not mine to hold. Give me the strength to trust and obey you and know you are carrying me when I am weak. Amen.*

## QUESTIONS?

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

## Coming this Fall!

**cultivate**  
A Women's Gathering Around the Word



Kelly Minter

October 6-7 | South Campus

Friday, 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday, 8:30am-2:30pm

Cost: Student ticket - \$20

Early Bird ticket - \$25

Regular ticket (beginning September 1) - \$35

Tickets are available May 15 at [fargohope.org/women](http://fargohope.org/women), at the Church Office, Melberg Christian Book and Gift, and Hurley's Religious Goods.

Hosted by the Greater Fargo/Moorhead Women's Ministry Network

Biblically focused and stylistically simple, Cultivate is a time to seek God's word, worship with an elegant trio of musicians and enjoy the warmth of community. This event features teaching sessions with Bible teacher Kelly Minter, musical segments by the Cultivate Worship Trio, guided prayer time and a local and international mission presentation.

## Overwhelmed - Girls and Moms Event

"It was a fun, enlightening and rejuvenating afternoon!" from a mom of a girl who attended.



## Hope-Full Single Moms

MAY 9 & 23

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](mailto:loriinfargo@yahoo.com) or 701-367-8290.



## KAMS for Kids and Moms of all ages

THURSDAYS | 9:00-11:00AM

SOUTH CAMPUS

May 4 & 11 Bible study.

May 18 Spring Tea.

KAMS will be on break until fall.

Have a great summer!

Childcare provided.

Questions? Contact Amanda [amandaperzinski@yahoo.com](mailto:amandaperzinski@yahoo.com).

## SAVE THE DATES

### Women of the ELCA

- July 13-17 - 10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering - Minneapolis Convention Center
- August 19 - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat - Maryvale Provincial Center, Valley City, ND
- September 16 - 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of EaND Synodical Women's Organization - Faith Lutheran ELCA Church, Valley City, ND



MAY 20 | 9:00-11:00AM | SOUTH CAMPUS

Get connected with MOPS! "Mother of Preschoolers" is designed to nurture EVERY mother with children infancy through kindergarten. Childcare is available.

Our last meeting of the year is always one of the favorites! We'll play games, eat great food, and enjoy a lot of laughs!

Grab a friend and join us for great food, fellowship and fun!

For more information, please contact Amanda N at [afbrat96@hotmail.com](mailto:afbrat96@hotmail.com) or 701-371-9072.



## MOMSnext for Moms with School-Age Kids

MAY 2 | 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](mailto:sjordheim@fargohope.org) or 701-235-6629, x323.

LOOK FOR MORE WOMEN'S STUDIES OPPORTUNITIES AT [FARGOHOPE.ORG/WOMEN](http://FARGOHOPE.ORG/WOMEN)

# MILESTONES & REGULAR EVENTS

## Milestones for March 9 through April 10

### BAPTISMS:

Tierney Lee & Sutton John, daughter and son of Matt & Casey Howell  
 Holden Cornel, son of Alan & Shannon Cartwright  
 Shireez KayLynn, daughter of Josh & Brandie Behl  
 Drew Christopher, son of Christopher & Jesse Granlund  
 Ashton Conrad, son of Keith & Idette Struxness  
 Jillian Miah Walter, daughter of Jeremiah Walter & Nicole Holand  
 Mason William, son of Casey & Kristin Moen  
 Ainsly Ray, daughter of Chad & Ashley Wolsky  
 Porter Brett, son of Ridge & Cassie Zielke  
 Myles Wayne Hansen, son of Michael Hansen & Katie Spooner-Hansen  
 Shay Arthur Alexander, son of Ross & Abby Michels  
 Jaxton Myckul, son of Myckul & Alexis Engkeling  
 Ryker Henry, son of Casey & Bryanna Seitz  
 Scarlet Evelyn, daughter of Andrew & Jennifer Slavinsky  
 Sonja Marie & Beckett Steven, daughter and son of Corey & Laura Kroetsch

Rowyn Lynn Jackson & Brekken Mark Jackson, daughter and son of Joshua Jackson & Amanda Sherbrooke  
 Maxton David, son of Zach & Rebecca Ljungren  
 Eason Owen, son of Amy & Ricky Zertuche Sr.  
 Esmac Lillian Ronnie, daughter of Michael Ronnie & Cassandra Jopp  
 Eagan Axel, son of Nathan & Jessica Stoen  
 Brooke Kathryn, daughter of Anthony & Rachel Salquist  
 Eli Henry, son of Steve & Tiffany Buck  
 Harper Marie, daughter of Brian & Crystal Schostag  
 Asher Gene, son of Michael & Sarah Rhea  
 Eve Cecilia, daughter of Justin & Misti Kill  
 Charles James, son of Chris & Sara Beckermann  
 Chandler Verdell, son of Devin & Jaime Warkenthiem

### MARRIAGES:

Emily Orton & Thad Pike 3/24/2017  
 Erica Volk & Justin Leary 4/8/2017

### DEATHS:

Arden (Jack) Jorgensen 3/8/2017  
 C.J. Gad 3/10/2017  
 Muriel Dahlen 3/23/2017  
 Rick Rothhouse 4/6/2017

## New Members Received Mar 19

Allie Arcoria  
 Ruth Boland  
 Jordan Braaten  
 Joan Brickner  
 Tom and Cleo Carlson  
 Tyler Crouse  
 Chad Dumas  
 Mara Edlund  
 Tim and Dawn Ekren  
 David and Ashley Enkelaar  
 Harrison, Hendrix and Sawyer  
 Tim and Carol Hanson  
 Ron and Karla Heisler  
 Tahnee Higgins  
 Royal and Barbara Howard  
 Josh Jackson  
 Barb Janke  
 Michelle Jetvig  
 Al and Judy Kadrmas  
 James and Faith Martinson  
 Kayla Norby  
 Tony and Ashley Odlund  
 Barron and Henry  
 Becca Oie  
 Tate Oie-Keith and Aimsey Oie-Sherrard  
 Tyler and Brynn Rawlings  
 Alex Rootham  
 Cary Rummel and Robin Hamre  
 Sophie Rootham  
 John Schaffer  
 Tabettha Schmeets  
 Tom Schwieger  
 Mandy Sherbrooke  
 Reed and Vicki Stigen  
 Casey and Vickie Wanzek  
 Charlene Wiener  
 James Young

## Usher Schedule for May

### NORTH CAMPUS

April 30/May 3 Team 5 - [open]  
 May 7/10 Team 6 - Roos  
 May 14/17 Team 1 - Naseth  
 May 21/24 Team 2 - Thomas  
 May 28/31 Team 3 - Klatt

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

May 7 Team 5 - Kroke/Straabe  
 May 14 Team 6 - Ulrich/Lichtblau  
 May 21 Team 7 - Olson/Litton  
 May 28 Team 1 - Blumeyer/Fluge

### SOUTH CAMPUS-CHAPEL SUNDAY 8:15

May 7 Team 5 - Kringler  
 May 14 Team 6 - Schoenheit  
 May 21 Team 7 - Kraft  
 May 28 Team 1 - Hill

### SOUTH CAMPUS-CHAPEL 9:30

May 7 Team 1 - Larsen  
 May 14 Team 2 - Brantner  
 May 21 Team 3 - Hewitt  
 May 28 Team 4 - Erickson

### SOUTH CAMPUS SANCTUARY

#### WEDNESDAY

May 3 Team 1 - Steidl  
 May 10 Team 2 - Sauvageau  
 May 17 Team 3 - TBD  
 May 24 Team 4 - Becher  
 May 31 Team 5 - TBD

## REGULAR EVENTS

### AEROBICS

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

### BOOK CLUBS

The May's selection is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman  
 Read 'n Relate meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (May 2), 7:30pm North Campus (Linda, 701-866-6190)  
 Read 'n Relate, Too meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (May 8), 11:15am South Campus (Karen, [ksilbernagel@cablone.net](mailto:ksilbernagel@cablone.net) or 701-280-0318)  
 June 6 is a potluck and time for choosing selections for 2017-18. Both groups meet at North Campus on June 6.

### HLCW CIRCLES

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

### NEEDLEWORKS

May 1—North Campus, 7:00-9:00pm  
 May 15— Fargo Coffee on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave N, 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 9:00am-2:00pm  
 South Campus: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

The Last Wednesday Night Supper for the year will be May 24

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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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# HOPE HOEDOWN 2017

**Sunday, June 11**

**12:00 -2:00pm**

**Hope Lutheran, North Campus**



Pulled pork  
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chips and  
lemonade

The Poitin Band - a unique blend  
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and Metis traditional music

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