

# words of hope

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To encourage all people to know the love of Christ



## We Are Here to Care!

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## PREACHING SCHEDULE

### June 28/July 2

NC Pastor Kevan – “Keeping it Holy - Joy”

SC Pastor Paul – “Keeping it Holy- Freedom”

### July 5/9

NC Pastor Paul – “Keeping it Holy - Freedom”

SC Pastor Kevan – “Keeping it Holy - Joy”

### July 12/16

NC Pastor Kevan – “Keeping it Holy - Reset/Reboot”

SC Pastor Mike – “Keeping it Holy - Relationship”

### July 19/23

NC Pastor Mike – “Keeping it Holy - Relationship”

SC Pastor Kevan – “Keeping it Holy - Reset/Reboot”

### July 26/30

NC Pastor Kevan – “Keeping it Holy - Worship”

SC Pastor Mike – “Keeping it Holy - Recreation”

SC=South Campus  
NC=North Campus



## We are Here to Care

Greg was going through a divorce. With the help of his Stephen Minister he felt healing through their visits. Molly was in the hospital for three days. With the visits of a pastor and a hospital visitor she felt better and knew God was with her. Carol was struggling with her move to an assisted living facility. Through pastoral and visitation ministry, she knew God loved her.

In Paul’s letter to the Galatians he wrote, *“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”* We take these words seriously. At Hope Lutheran we want to care for you when you are carrying a burden. When life gets hard, loneliness and isolation compound the pain.

Here’s how Hope Lutheran can break the isolation and bring the healing power of Jesus into your life.



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

- We have trained and faithful Stephen Ministers who can meet with you on a weekly basis. They will pray with you, listen, and encourage you. Through them, Jesus has been healing hurt and grief at Hope Lutheran for over 25 years. A simple call or email can start this caring relationship.

### VISITATION MINISTERS

- We also have trained visitors. Their simple and yet very profound job is visiting people we know who have a difficult time attending worship. If you are having a hard time getting to church or know someone who is, let us know.

### HOSPITAL VISITORS

Hope Lutheran staff and trained hospital visitors frequently visit the local hospitals in Fargo. We pray, listen and bring God’s healing word in the event of a hospitalization. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please let the church know. Recently Hope Lutheran was notified by one local hospital that they will no longer be letting congregations know if their members are in hospital. We take hospital visitation seriously and believe it brings comfort, healing and hope. Let us know when you are there.

To learn more, call a pastor or Kim Y. at 701-235-6629, email [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org), or visit [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare).



### POSITIONS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

**Head Preschool Teacher at South Campus**

Position would be responsible for the supervision, management and planning for preschool aged (3-5 years) children within the Child Care Center.

**Assistant Preschool Teacher at South Campus**

Position would assist the Head Teacher in supervising, planning and implementing program for preschool age (3-5 years) children.

**Assistant Infant Teacher at South Campus**

Position would assist the Head Teacher in supervising, planning and implementing program for infant age (0-18 months) children.

**Assistant Toddler Teacher at North Campus**

Position would assist the Head Teacher in supervising, planning and implementing program for toddler age (18-36 months) children.

**All positions are full-time with benefits.** Applicants must be willing to provide a warm and nurturing environment to help children grow physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually.

For more information and to apply, go to [fargohope.org/about/Employment](http://fargohope.org/about/Employment). You can also pick up an application in the Church Office.

## HOPE LUTHERAN PASTORS



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# WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CHURCH?

## Welcome Pastor Kristian and Lydia!

Kristian Eikevik will begin as a Youth Pastor at Hope Lutheran July 23. He tells us:

"I asked Jesus into my heart when I was four years old. I was supposed to be taking a nap, but I have always been a bit distractible! That wonderful afternoon stands out clearly in my memory, but my story has been that of a prodigal saved by grace. My parents and grandparents always brought us to church, but it was in my early twenties that I finally 'faced the music' and found my life with Jesus. The years since have been full of ministry: with youth, with families, with seniors, and eventually training to be a pastor."

"Youth and young adult ministry have always been a passion for me, and the area where I first met and fell in love with my wife, Lydia. She's a busy Labor and Delivery nurse, but is often at my side in ministry. I am currently finishing at Trinity Evangelical seminary in Chicago, but we're from Stillwater, MN."

"We've started to put down roots in Fargo and can't wait to join in the life of Hope Lutheran: sharing the grace that is in Jesus Christ. 'Come, follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men.'"



LYDIA AND KRISTIAN EIKEVIK



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**Local Host Site:**  
Bethel Church  
2702 30<sup>th</sup> Ave S Fargo  
Register at  
[fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults)  
Cost: \$129 for Hope attendees using priority code SPC17.

## 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:

- July 16: South Campus, 9:30-10:30am
- August 20: North Campus, 9:30-10:30am

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

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**Words of Hope Monthly Newsletter**  
**Volume 17 Issue 7**  
Articles due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication to [communication@fargohope.org](mailto:communication@fargohope.org).



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**Visitation**

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

## Men of Hope

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



Men, 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 want you to join us on this journey. New groups starting this fall!

## Grill Team

Join men who love to grill. For more info regarding our Grill Team, contact Gary at [gopp@fargohope.org](mailto:gopp@fargohope.org) or 701-235-6629.

For more information about 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.

## Hope Habitat For Humanity Build - July 15

For the 13<sup>th</sup> time, we will be assisting with a build day at the 2017 build for a family. This year we will be installing the drywall. Here are the basics:



- Location: 1257 46<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Moorhead
- We will be installing drywall on **July 15**
- Our family consists of a mom, dad and four children, ages 8-17
- We will need 10-12 volunteers. Contact Bryan Hagen to sign up at [bryanhagen12@msn.com](mailto:bryanhagen12@msn.com)

Thanks for everyone's support again this year. Hearts to God and hands to work! Questions? Contact Pastor Kevan at [ksmith@fargohope.org](mailto:ksmith@fargohope.org) or 701-235-6629.

## Best of France Tour 2018



Pastor Kevan Smith and Priscilla invite you to join them for the Best of France tour, **September 27-October 8, 2018!**

"We will again be traveling with friends from Hope Lutheran as we explore the different areas of France. One highlight will be the visit to the Normandy beaches and American cemeteries from World War II commemorating June 6, 1944. The food, wine and fellowship will, of course, be incredible."

Brochures are available at the Information Center. Questions? Call Pastor Kevan at 701-235-6629 or [ksmith@fargohope.org](mailto:ksmith@fargohope.org).



## ALPHA is Coming This Fall

Is there more to life than this? Do I have a purpose? Alpha looks at these and other questions, providing a practical introduction to the Christian faith no matter where you are on your faith journey.

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

- **South Campus**
- **Sundays, October 8-December 10, 5:00-7:00pm**

We begin with dinner at 5:00pm, then a large group talk and small group with dessert.

Childcare will be provided. Sign up at [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults) or call the Church Office. Questions? Contact Pastor Kevan, [ksmith@fargohope.org](mailto:ksmith@fargohope.org) or 701-235-6629.

## Fix Cars...Give Hope

Higher Power Automotive Ministries enable people to combine their passion for cars and their passion for Christ to help those in need. One way we do this is to take donated cars, make them safe to drive, and give them to the neediest in the community. Recipients of these cars include:



- A single mother at the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center giving her independence so she can escape an abusive situation.
- A mother of five who was struggling to even get her kids to school.
- A veteran and his family enabling him to work to support his wife and child.
- A single mother whose car was recently totaled and was struggling to get to work and get her child to daycare.

**WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT OUR AWESOME VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS.**

We are always looking for more cars so tell your friends, tell your family, tell your friend's family! If they have cars they no longer need and don't want to take next to nothing for it on a trade-in, don't want to deal with crazy tire kickers on Craigslist, would like a tax write-off and

know that their car will be going to someone who could really use it, have them contact us! See more at [Facebook.com/HigherPowerAuto](https://www.facebook.com/HigherPowerAuto) or contact [HigherPowerAuto@gmail.com](mailto:HigherPowerAuto@gmail.com).

## Mission Jamaica 2018!

It is time to start planning for our next Mission Jamaica experience.

**Information meetings: July 11, 7:00pm, North Campus and July 13, 7:00pm, South Campus.**

### 2018 DATES:

- January 20-27 in the Montego Bay area
- January 27-February 3 in the Kingston area

Brochures are located at the Information Centers. \$100 deposits are due now. This is a wonderful "vacation with a purpose" in the middle of winter! Join us for a life transforming experience! Questions? Contact Pastor Kevan at [ksmith@fargohope.org](mailto:ksmith@fargohope.org) or Arne at [arneschjel@gmail.com](mailto:arneschjel@gmail.com).

# WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CARING MINISTRY?

## Do You Want To Make a Difference this Summer?

The Joni and Friends Family Retreat is 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, at Castaway Club on Pelican Lake. 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) with Christ-like encouragement and friendship.

### CAN ONLY VOLUNTEER FOR ONE DAY?

Volunteer for the carnival on **Saturday, August 20, 4:00-8:00pm**. About 15 volunteers are needed to help with carnival activities.

Contact Judy at [jsiegle@fargohope.org](mailto:jsiegle@fargohope.org) or 701-235-6629, x241 for information.



## What is the Hope Lutheran Foundation?

The Hope Lutheran Foundation operates as a separate entity of Hope Lutheran Church. It works to encourage all people to know the love of Christ by helping support Christian efforts in our community, country and around the world. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible.

How does the Hope Lutheran Foundation giving relate to Hope Lutheran's annual pledge giving program?

As it continues to grow, the Hope Lutheran Foundation can respond when needs arise within the church or community and no funding is available for those needs in the annual budget.

Why should I consider making a gift to the Foundation?

- To memorialize loved ones
- To serve as an expression of the gratitude and appreciation felt toward the Hope Lutheran congregation
- To expand our congregation's mission, as the added financial resources from the Hope Lutheran Foundation provide an opportunity to further develop the programs and ministries of Hope Lutheran Church

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

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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 [bopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:bopecare@fargohope.org) for more information and training.

## Neighborhood Party "Hope Hoedown" Reflections

At Hope Lutheran, we value outreach. On Sunday, June 11, we reached out to the north side of Fargo with a great western-themed party, "Hope Hoedown." Over 400 people showed up and enjoyed free music from Poitin, pulled-pork made by the Men's Ministry group, pony rides, mule train and lots of fun family games. Comments we heard: "Wow! This is such a great thing that your church puts on!" "Thank you for this fun event, my grandkids needed this today!" "How can I get my child signed up for VBX and Hopekids?" This puts a smile on our face, knowing that we are making an impact in our own community. Thank you, people of Hope, for supporting this outreach event!



## SATURDAY, JULY 1

*North Campus*  
6:00pm Mathews/Schmidt  
Wedding  
*South Campus*  
4:00pm Slette/Laskey Wedding

## SUNDAY, JULY 2

*North Campus*  
8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:00am Coffee and Donuts  
9:45am Contemporary Outdoor Worship  
11:00am Contemporary Worship  
*South Campus*  
8:15am Traditional Worship - Chapel  
9:00am Coffee and Donuts  
9:30am Contemporary Outdoor Worship  
11:00am Contemporary Worship -  
Sanctuary

## MONDAY, JULY 3

*North Campus*  
5:30pm AA Group  
*South Campus*  
1:00pm Al-Anon  
6:00pm AA Group  
*Off-Site*  
7:00pm NeedleWorks – DQ on 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S

## TUESDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

*North Campus*  
6:00pm Wednesday Worship  
7:00pm "Why Do You Believe That?"  
Women's Study  
*South Campus*  
6:00pm Wednesday Worship  
*Off-Site*  
10:30am "All Things New" High School  
Girls Study-Atomic Coffee

## THURSDAY, JULY 6

*North Campus*  
8:30am TOPS  
6:00pm Aerobics  
*South Campus*  
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision  
*Off-Site*  
12:00pm "Fervent" Women's Study -  
Atomic Coffee Broadway

## FRIDAY, JULY 7

*South Campus*  
4:00pm Bruer/Volberding Wedding

## SATURDAY, JULY 8

*North Campus*  
4:00pm Kendall/Krieg Wedding  
*South Campus*  
6:00pm Odegaard/Hansen Wedding

## SUNDAY, JULY 9

*North Campus*  
8:30am Traditional Worship  
8:30am Blood Pressure Checks  
9:00am Coffee and Donuts  
9:45am Contemporary Outdoor Worship  
11:00am Contemporary Worship  
*South Campus*  
8:15am Traditional Worship- Chapel  
9:00am Coffee and Donuts  
9:30am Contemporary Outdoor Worship  
9:30am Baptism Orientation  
11:00am Contemporary Worship -  
Sanctuary  
12:15pm Youthworks Mission Meeting

## MONDAY, JULY 10

*North Campus*  
9:00am Quilting  
5:30pm AA Group  
*South Campus*  
1:00pm Al-Anon  
6:00pm AA Group

## TUESDAY, JULY 11

*North Campus*  
1:00pm "All Things New" Women's Study  
6:00pm Aerobics  
7:00pm Mission Jamaica Info Meeting  
*South Campus*  
6:30pm "All Things New" Women's Study  
*Off-Site*  
1:00pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more  
info

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

*North Campus*  
9:30am "Counter Culture" Women's  
Study  
6:00pm Wednesday Worship  
7:00pm "Why Do You Believe That?"  
Women's Study  
*South Campus*  
6:00pm Wednesday Worship  
7:00pm Outdoor Holy Yoga  
*Off-Site*  
10:30am "All Things New" High School  
Girls Study-Atomic Coffee

## THURSDAY, JULY 13

*North Campus*  
8:30am TOPS  
6:00pm Aerobics  
*South Campus*  
7:00pm Mission Jamaica Info Meeting  
*Off-Site*  
12:00pm "Fervent" Women's Study -  
Atomic Coffee Broadway

## FRIDAY, JULY 14

*North Campus*  
4:00pm Strand/Wahlgren Wedding

## SATURDAY, JULY 15

*South Campus*  
4:00pm Koehn/Muhonen Wedding

## SUNDAY, JULY 16

*North Campus*  
8:30am Traditional Worship  
9:00am Coffee and Donuts  
9:45am Contemporary Outdoor Worship  
11:00am Contemporary Worship  
*South Campus*  
8:15am Traditional Worship- Chapel  
9:00am Coffee and Donuts  
9:30am Contemporary Outdoor Worship  
9:30am New Member Class  
11:00am Contemporary Worship-  
Sanctuary

## MONDAY, JULY 17

*North Campus*  
9:00am Quilting  
5:30pm AA Group  
*South Campus*  
1:00pm Al-Anon  
6:00pm AA Group  
*Off-Site*  
7:00pm NeedleWorks -Fargo Public  
Library

## TUESDAY, JULY 18

*North Campus*  
1:00pm "All Things New" Women's Study  
*South Campus*  
9:30am Quilting  
6:00pm "All Things New" Women's  
Study  
*Off-Site*  
1:00pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more  
info

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

### North Campus

- 9:30am "Counter Culture" Women's Study
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:00pm "Why Do You Believe That?" Women's Study

### South Campus

- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:00pm Outdoor Holy Yoga
- 9:00pm HSM Movie Night

### Off-Site

- 10:30am "All Things New" High School Girls Study-Atomic Coffee

## THURSDAY, JULY 20

### North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS

### South Campus

- 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

### Off-Site

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 21

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

### South Campus

- 4:00pm Svihovec/Heinlie Wedding

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

### North Campus

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

### South Campus

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

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee

## MONDAY, JULY 24

### North Campus

- 5:30pm AA Group

### South Campus

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

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee

## TUESDAY, JULY 25

### North Campus

- 1:00pm "All Things New" Women's Study
- 6:00pm Aerobics

### South Campus

- 6:30pm "All Things New" Women's Study

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee
- 1:00pm Golf Girls - See page 11 for more info

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

### North Campus

- 9:30am "Counter Culture" Women's Study
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:00pm "Why Do You Believe That?" Women's Study

### South Campus

- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:00pm Outdoor Holy Yoga

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee
- 10:30am "All Things New" High School Girls Study-Atomic Coffee

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

### North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS
- 6:00pm Aerobics

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee
- 12:00pm "Fervent" Women's Study - Atomic Coffee Broadway

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

### South Campus

- 4:00pm Haberer/Hoium Wedding

### Off-Site

- All Day Mission: Wyoming
- All Day Mission: Tennessee

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

### North Campus

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

### South Campus

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

### Off-Site

- All day Camp House High School Retreat

## MONDAY, JULY 31

### North Campus

- 5:30pm AA Group

### South Campus

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

### Off-Site

- All day Camp House High School Retreat
- 7:00pm NeedleWorks - Sweet Dreams Confections

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



## Godcraft 2017: Forged in Love & Mined to Shine!!

### HOPE LUTHERAN HAS THE BEST VOLUNTEERS EVER!!

201 Volunteers at the South Campus and 74 Volunteers at the North Campus generously gave of their time and talents this year! The volunteers helped in a variety of ways: creating sets, serving supper, greeting families, helping with crafts, organizing snacks, praying with the Pixels, singing and dancing with the Pixels, just to name a few ways that they helped to make these two weeks a huge success!



Cast of GODCRAFT

Steve & Alex led 578 Pixels (children) at South Campus and 236 Pixels at North Campus on a journey through Godcraft where the Pixels discovered that they were: God's Handiwork, Loved by Jesus, Made to Go and Do Good Things and that they are Part of God's Plan! God was powerfully at work in Godcraft through the: skits, the energetic worship time with Steve, Alex, Trisha and the "Peppy Pixels," the Bible Teach Time, Crafts, Games and small group prayer/ connect time. They took home a super cool Godcraft gear band!

### Day 3 of Godcraft:

1 Timothy 6:18 *"Command them to go and do ... and be willing to share."* Our Godcraft Pixels raised over \$1,500 to share with churches that cannot afford to put on a Vacation Bible School! This gift will be given to Red Willow Bible Camp so that they can share the love of Jesus in rural North Dakota churches.



GODCRAFT Finale

### REFLECTIONS FROM VBX 2017:

"My girls were so anxious every day to go to VBX. My mother-in-law commented, 'After raising three boys, and forcing them to go to VBS, I never once heard—I can't wait to go to VBS!'"

"My bright spot was introducing four of my grandchildren to VBX, and being a leader to three of the four. They were sponges and I loved watching all six of the kiddos in my group sing the songs and do the actions. Pure joy!!!! Thank you for allowing this grandma to be a part of this Godcraft occasion!!!!"

"It was MY pleasure to be a part of VBX. I had a great group of kids!! My son had a great time. There is a girl at his daycare that would always talk to me every day and said how much fun she is having and when I saw her on Friday she was sad she didn't have Godcraft. Thank you for such an amazing production!! All did an amazing job!"

"I was so impressed with how well it was planned that I got goosebumps every time we sang as a group at the end. It was obvious the kids all enjoyed it!! I loved the enthusiasm of the staff and kids!!"



WONDERFULLY MADE!  
built to serve ✦ hopekids 2017/2018

VBX was a great time to learn about Jesus and his love for us! Don't stop now!! Register for Hopekids in the fall. You can register at [fargohope.org/children](http://fargohope.org/children).

- Wed. 6:00pm, North & South Campus
- Sun. 9:30am, South Campus & 9:45am, North Campus
- Sun. 11:00am, North & South Campus
- Sun. 6:00pm, South Campus

Hopekids begins September 6 & 10. This year's theme is "Wonderfully Made: Built to Serve." Children will powerfully learn that God made them special and that he calls us to love and care for others. It is our mission for "all children to know the love of Christ."

Remember: Ephesians 2:10 *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*



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).



# WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN STUDENT MINISTRY?



## Want to Make an Impact on the Youth of Hope?

Prayerfully consider being a Confirmation Guide – **even if you do not have a child in Confirmation!** The only skill required is a love for Jesus! Please contact Stefanie (South Campus) [sjordheim@fargohope.org](mailto:sjordheim@fargohope.org) or Carley (North Campus) [cevenson@fargohope.org](mailto:cevenson@fargohope.org) for more information.

## Confirmation Registration

Get Registered! Don't Wait...Get this one crossed off your Fall to-do list. Register online at [fargohope.org/middleschool](http://fargohope.org/middleschool). Questions? Call 701-235-6629 or email [students@fargohope.org](mailto:students@fargohope.org).

## Save the Date!

- Fall Castaway: Guardrails
- October 6-8 for students in grades 6-9
- Online Registration opens August 27



## HSM Leaders

We are always looking for adults to be small group leaders for Wednesday Night Live. For more information, please talk with Paul, [pnorell@fargohope.org](mailto:pnorell@fargohope.org).

## Register for HSM

Stay connected to Hope Lutheran by registering for another year of High School Ministry! All summer registrants will receive HSM swag at our Fall Bonfire on August 30. Register at [fargohope.org/highschool](http://fargohope.org/highschool).

## SUMMER EVENTS

### Middle School Ministry at SkateCity!

- Wednesday, July 12 from 6:00-8:00pm at Skate City
- Open to students entering grades 6-10
- Cost: FREE (Rollerblade rental is \$1.50 at the door)
- Includes skate time, skate rental and pizza/pop
- Register at [fargohope.org/middleschool](http://fargohope.org/middleschool)
- **Deadline to register is July 10**

### HSM Outdoor Movies

Join us for upcoming outdoor movies this summer at the South Campus outdoor worship stage at 9:00pm! Follow our Instagram page [@hsmhope](https://www.instagram.com/hsmhope) to see this summer's movie line up!

- July 19
- August 16

## Pray for our Trips!

This month high school students are embarking on trips to Wind River, Wyoming, the Boundary Waters and Nashville, Tennessee! Please pray for safe travels, and that God would reveal to us more about who he is!



## Helping with VBX 2017!

### SAVE THE DATE FOR Affirmation of Baptism

Breakfast, rehearsal and photo:  
Saturday morning, September 23  
Affirmation of Baptism Service:  
Sunday afternoon, September 24  
Watch your mail for more details.

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

## PRAYER AND MEDITATION

### No Condemnation

by Peggy Monsebroten

Sometimes I look back in time and wish we were still in that place when things seemed easier and simpler. The kids were little and the hardest thing was to get them to eat their vegetables. It's funny how in one's mind it's always the good old days! Then there are times I focus on the past with much regret and frustration. The kids are older and I keep playing scenes in my mind of mistakes I made with them and all the things I wish I had said or done differently. I camp on the "if only this" or "if only that" place. It isn't long before the enemy is pointing his finger at me, too, and filling my mind with more accusations which leads to more shame and regret.

The 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans is God's perfect response for us to fight these attacks. As believers, we have his word that tells us he does not condemn us. God knows our weaknesses and our mistakes but he also knows our heart and intentions. Why do I condemn myself and listen to the voice of the enemy that says I blew it and it's all my fault instead of God's voice? It's so easy to fall into that trap, but as people of faith we can claim his word.

*"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."* Romans 8:1

Dear Lord, thank you for your word that frees us. Let us believe your word that tells us that you do not condemn us. Your word is our weapon against the enemy and his accusations. Remind us of your grace and love so we can fight and win these battles. 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.



## cultivate

A Women's Gathering Around the Word

October 6-7 | South Campus

Friday, 7:00-9:00pm

Saturday, 8:30am-12:30pm

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.

Cost: Student ticket - \$20

Early Bird ticket - \$25

Regular ticket (beginning September 1) - \$35

Tickets are available at:

- [fargohope.org/women](http://fargohope.org/women)
- Hope Lutheran Church Office
- Melberg Christian Book & Gift
- Hurley's Religious Goods



Kelly Minter

Child Care available if reserved with registration by September 22.

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

## Connected to e-update?

Go to [fargohope.org/about](http://fargohope.org/about) to sign up for the monthly "Women Connected in Hope" ministry update! Learn about Bible studies, ministries and upcoming events that will change your life.



## Coffee and Connections for Women

Watch for an upcoming event on Saturday, September 16, to learn of the multitude of ways to connect with sisters in Christ and enhance your faith journey.



### ALL ANEW

10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis

July 13-16

To register, go to [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org)

Need a ride?

Contact Julie, 701-238-5175 or Pam, 701-200-6035

### YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat - Maryvale Provincial Center, Valley City, ND

August 19

Speakers: Kathy Fick and Amanda Brumfield

- Early Registration - \$40
- After August 4 - \$50

For registration forms, contact Judy Siegle, 701-235-6629, x241 or [jsiegle@fargohope.org](mailto:jsiegle@fargohope.org).

### BE A LIGHT

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of EaND Synodical Women's Organization

September 16

Faith Lutheran, Valley City  
Cost of meal - \$10

Pre-register by September 8.  
Childcare available with

pre-registration. For more information, contact Judy S. 701-235-6629, x241 or [jsiegle@fargohope.org](mailto:jsiegle@fargohope.org).

# MILESTONES & REGULAR EVENTS

## Milestones for May 9 - June 9

### BAPTISMS:

Hudson Iver, son of Christian & Stacy Grondahl  
 Westin Thomas, son of Thomas & Autumn Branca  
 Ktraell Abena Kyereme-Obinim & Keiran Royce Kyereme-Obinim, daughter & son of Damoah Obinim & Kathryn Swenson-Obinim  
 Olivia Rose & Alexandra Nerline, daughters of Bradly & Nerline Van Dyke  
 Aja Janae Oakley, daughter of Kenneth Haynes & EvaMarie Oakley  
 EvaMarie Oakley  
 Tenayaha Jae, daughter of Jason & Sharon Gilmore  
 Aubrey Nicole, daughter of Kyle & Melissa Christoffersen  
 Paxton James, son of Benjamin & Shantae Schumacher  
 Remy Hazel, daughter of Adam & Emily Fyre

### MARRIAGES:

Mara Rorvig & Anthony Sommerfeld 5/13/2017  
 Shereen Liebelt & Bruce Leiseth 5/13/17  
 Kasie Kulla & Jordan Carlson 5/13/17  
 Paige Birmingham & Prasad Sawardeker 5/20/2017  
 Becca Kress & Dan McLaughlin 5/20/2017  
 Robin Hamre & Cary Rummel 5/20/2017  
 Laura Trosdahl & Jake Grefsrud 5/27/2017  
 Kristie Isaak & Tyler Fandrich 6/2/2017  
 Ashley Dyste & Zach Bosh 6/3/2017  
 Jaci Ellingson & Trent Wilson 6/9/2017  
 Taylor Bartelson & Grant Mjelstad 6/9/2017

### DEATHS:

Clarice Overbo 5/14/2017  
 Elma Richardson 5/18/2017  
 Jean Kelly 5/24/2017  
 Viola Leitner 5/27/2017

## REGULAR EVENTS

### AEROBICS

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00pm  
 North Campus

### GIRLS GOLF

Join other women golfers at various golf courses on Tuesdays, 1:00pm. (No golfing on July 4.)  
 Contact Nicki for monthly schedule:  
 701-235-1458 or [garyalmquist1@gmail.com](mailto:garyalmquist1@gmail.com)

### NEEDLEWORKS

July 3 @ Dairy Queen on 13<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
 July 17 @ Fargo Public Library  
 July 31 @ Sweet Dreams Confections  
 Join us in fellowship while you knit or crochet for others. Questions? Nicki A, 701-235-1458 or [garyalmquist1@gmail.com](mailto:garyalmquist1@gmail.com).

### QUILTING

North Campus: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 9:00am-2:00pm

### WALKING

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

## New Members Received May 21

John and Melissa Bengson  
 Mark and Rachel Coppin  
 Kim Dorneman  
 Jason and Brittany Dunn  
 Rocco  
 Tom and Ginger Elliot  
 Adam and Emily Fyre  
 Mark and Annette Hebert

Ron and Kay Hegvik  
 Ken Littlefield  
 Todd and Jo Mattson  
 Emma, Rory and Wyatt  
 Cody and Audra Peterson  
 Marck Qualey  
 Mike and Lonna Rinke  
 Teresa Saylor

## Usher Schedule for July

### NORTH CAMPUS

July 2/5	Team 2 – Thomas
July 9/12	Team 3 – Klatt
July 16/19	Team 4 – Anderson
July 23/26	Team 6 – Roos
July 30/Aug 2	Team 7 – [open]

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

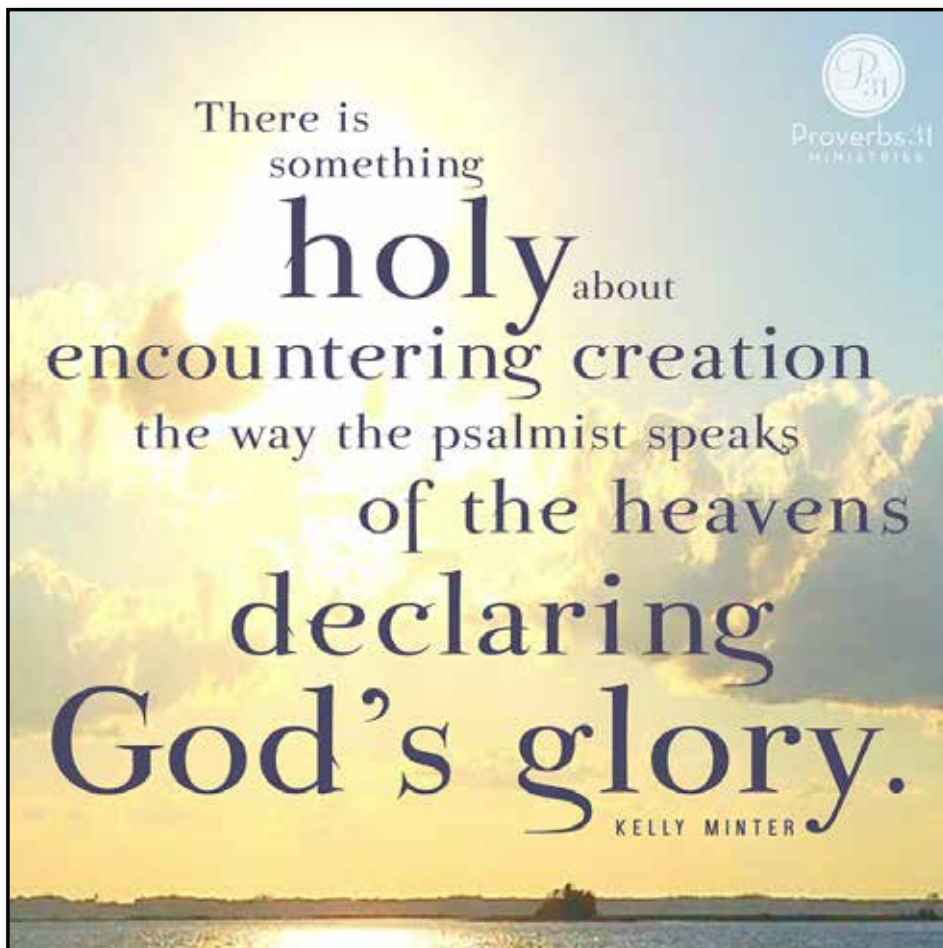
July 2	Team 6 – Ulrich/Lichtblau
July 9	Team 7 – Olson/Litton
July 16	Team 1 – Blumeyer/Fluge
July 23	Team 2 – Opp/Keim
July 30	Team 3 – Devier/Hendrickson

### SOUTH CAMPUS –CHAPEL SUNDAY - 8:15

July 2	Team 6 – Schoenheit
July 9	Team 7 – Kraft
July 16	Team 1 – Hill
July 23	Team 2 – Sigurdson
July 30	Team 3 – Harris

### SOUTH CAMPUS SANCTUARY WEDNESDAY

July 5	Team 1 - Steidl
July 12	Team 2 - Sauvageau
July 19	Team 3 - TBD
July 26	Team 4 - Becher



## Summer Worship Schedule

### North Campus

2900 Broadway N

Wednesday Worship

6:00pm - Contemporary

Sunday Worship

8:30am - Traditional

9:45am - Outdoor Contemporary

11:00am - Indoor Contemporary

### South Campus

3636 25<sup>th</sup> St S

Wednesday Worship

6:00pm - Contemporary

Sunday Worship

8:15am - Traditional (Chapel)

9:30am - Outdoor Contemporary

11:00am - Indoor Contemporary

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WORSHIP ONLINE AT  
[FARGOHOPE.ORG/WATCH](http://FARGOHOPE.ORG/WATCH)

**THE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER ARE UPON US...**As you rejoice in the slower pace and warm days of summer (and in Fargo, ND we all need to enjoy summer), we want to encourage you to keep God at the center of your lives through regular worship. We know it can be tough to make it to church in the summer, so Hope Lutheran now offers a Live Stream worship opportunity! You can worship live online or find the play-back on our website at [fargohope.org/watch](http://fargohope.org/watch).

Worship with us in real-time online at 6:00pm CST every Wednesday. If you can't worship right at 6:00pm, 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.

Contact us • 701.235.6629 • [fargohope.org](http://fargohope.org)

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