

words of hope

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To encourage all people to know the love of Christ



You will find a baby
**WRAPPED IN CLOTHS AND
LYING IN A MANGER.**
LUKE 2:12

this
Christmas

CELEBRATE WITH US AT HOPE LUTHERAN

Find the Christmas weekend worship schedule inside.

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The Gift of Hope and Healing

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Dec 3 – Sunday

- NC Pastor Paul – “Go Tell it on the Mountain”
- SC Pastor Mike – “Follow a Star and Find a Stable”
- CH Pastor Sarah – “We Wish You a ‘Mary’ Christmas”

Dec 6 – Wednesday

- NC Pastor Kevan – “God with Us: When Hope is Running Out!”
- SC Pastor Chuck – “God with Us: In the Chaos of Life!”

Dec 10 – Sunday

- NC Pastor Sarah – “We Wish You a ‘Mary’ Christmas”
- SC Pastor Paul – “Go Tell it on the Mountain”
- CH Pastor Mike – “Follow a Star and Find a Stable”

Dec 13 – Wednesday

- NC Pastor Kevan – “God with Us: When We are Waiting!”
- SC Pastor Mike – “God with Us: When Life is Broken!”

Dec 17 – Sunday

- NC Pastor Mike – “Follow a Star and Find a Stable”
- SC Pastor Sarah – “We Wish You a ‘Mary’ Christmas”
- CH Pastor Paul – “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Dec 20 – Wednesday

- NC Pastor Mike – “God with Us: When Life is Broken!”
- SC Pastor Kevan – “God with Us: When We are Waiting!”

Dec 23 – Saturday, 6:00pm

- NC Pastor Chuck – Early Christmas Eve
- SC Pastor Paul – Early Christmas Eve

Dec 24 – Sunday

- NC Pastor Chuck – Christmas Eve
- SC Pastor Paul – Christmas Eve
- CH Pastor Kevan – Christmas Eve

Dec 25 – Monday, 10:00am

- NC Pastor Paul – Christmas Day
- SC Pastor Chuck – Christmas Day

Dec 27 – Wednesday

Worship on Break

Dec 31 – Sunday

- NC Pastor Sarah – New Year Theme
- SC Pastor Mike – Jesus and You
- SC 6:00pm – Service on Break



Pastor Mike Toomey

this
Christmas
CELEBRATE WITH US AT HOPE LUTHERAN

Early Christmas Eve
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
North & South Campus | 6:00pm

Christmas Eve
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
North & South Campus
11:00, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 & 5:30pm
10:00pm Late Candlelight Worship
South Campus Chapel
4:00 & 5:30pm Candlelight Worship

Christmas Day
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
North & South Campus
10:00am Worship & Communion

Frequently, as pastors, we visit with people who are struggling with addiction issues. They find themselves or a loved one who is enslaved to alcohol or drugs. They don't know where to turn, or how to take the first steps toward sobriety. The need for agencies and ministries to help the addicted and their families is clearly present.

Face it Together is a new agency in town with a different approach to helping people beat their addictions. **Face it Together's** main service provides peer to peer recovery coaching for any length of time free of charge. They also help families affected by addictions, identify and find the support they need.

This Christmas season, we remember that God gave generously by giving us his Son. His gift brings reconciliation and healing between us and God. We, too, are called to give generously. A gift given for **Face it Together** will begin the process of reconciliation and healing here on earth.

Throughout December, you will have the opportunity to give. Through December 17, collection boxes will be available at both campuses. On December 13 and 17, we will also provide an opportunity to give your gift in our worship services. Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and helping people overcome addiction.

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

Aids Available in Worship

Need a large print bulletin? Want to use a hearing assist device? Simply ask the ushers.



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MICHAEL J. TOOMEY
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WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CHURCH?

Deadline for Giving in 2017

In order to receive credit in 2017, all contributions must be received at the North Campus Church Office by 4:00pm Friday, December 29. Contributions may also be mailed, but need to be postmarked by December 31. If you are planning to do a transfer of stock before the end of the year, please contact Judy Aafedt, Business Administrator (701-235-6629, x220.) You may also contact her if you would like information on Hope Lutheran's electronic funds transfer or credit card options for your donations.



Memorials and gifts received June 30, – November 7, 2017

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.

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Gordon Fischer

Lyle and Cindy Bartholomay

New! Text Giving Now Available!

Text giving makes it easy to give on the go! To give a gift to the Hope Lutheran general fund via text message, text the gift amount (Ex. \$100) to 701-404-8325. You will then be prompted to complete a one-time registration. After submitting your registration, you'll receive a confirmation text, a receipt via email, and the option to set up a recurring gift. Thank you for your generosity as together we encourage all people to know the love of Christ!

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:

- December 17: North Campus, 9:30-10:30am
- January 21: South Campus, 9:30-10:30am

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

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

As the winter season approaches, we want to remind you about our winter weather policy for activities at Hope Lutheran.

- In the event of severe weather, we will make a decision about our evening activities by 3:00pm.
- Decisions for Sunday morning activities will be made by 7:00am.
- If Fargo Public Schools cancel school, release early, or cancel evening activities, we will cancel as well.

Please remember that even if we have activities as normal, we encourage you to use your best judgement in keeping your family safe. We will make every effort to keep you informed about cancellations via Facebook, our website and local news sources.

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Words of Hope Monthly Newsletter

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Articles due on the 9th of the month prior to publication to communication@fargohope.org.

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
No excuse men - Get Connected!!!
Check out more man stuff on the church website, fargohope.org/men.

Get Connected & Stay Connected!

- **Man Talk! with Breakfast**
Thursday, December 14 | Mark Anfinrud
6:30am | South Campus
Join the Men of Hope for a FREE breakfast and speaker, Mark Anfinrud. We wrap up in time for you to be at work by 8:00am. A freewill offering will be taken. Proceeds will be used for Men's Outreach.
- **Veterans of Hope Outreach**
Saturday, December 16 | Jacob Larson
9:00-10:30am | North Campus
All veterans and military personnel are welcome for fellowship, continental breakfast and speakers.
- **"33 the Series" at South Campus**
Wednesdays | 7:00-8:00pm | Room 202
Thursdays | 6:30-8:00am | Discovery Center
"33 The Series" is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ. Join anytime!
- **Special Events**
 - Men's Snowmobile Retreat - January 16-28
 - Men on Ice - February 9-11

For more information, contact Gary Opp - Volunteer Director of Men's Ministry gopp@fargohope.org or 701-235-6629 or go to fargohope.org/men.

NEW MINISTRY STARTING!



Helping Hands Ministry

Use your skills to do odd jobs and help people in need!
Contact:
adults@fargohope.org

Prayer Cross Outreach

Join other guys with a passion for woodworking to help make wooden prayer crosses. The crosses are used by our pastors and Stephen Ministers to encourage others. To date the Prayer Cross Team has made over 5,000 crosses! Jump in and join anytime!

Contact: Gerald Larsen at geraldllarsen@yahoo.com or 701-730-1737

Wanted: North Campus Candle Lighters!

We are looking for candle lighters at 4:00pm on Saturday, December 23, North Campus only, to help light the candles for the Christmas Eve services. If you are available, please contact the Church Office, 701-235-6629. Thank you!

You did it! You rang for Hope!

Thank you, people of Hope Lutheran, for ringing bells for the Salvation Army for the 10th year! You are awesome!

Monthly Prayer Ministry Opportunity

Tuesday, December 19 | 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.



Friday, February 9
6:00-9:00pm
South Campus

Hope Lutheran is proud to be an official host church for Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs (ages 14 and up). Night to Shine takes place at more than 500 churches around the world simultaneously on February 9.

Registration opens December 1. Space is limited to the first 160 guests.

VOLUNTEERS: Register online at fargohope.org/specialneeds

GUESTS: Register at fargohope.org/specialneeds or contact Donna Atherton (218-233-5949 or arcwcm@702com.net) or Brenda Schmid (701-866-8687 or beschmid46@gmail.com).

For more information about our local event, contact Judy Siegle (701-235-6629 or jsiegle@fargohope.org) or Melissa Bishoff, (mbishoff@fargohope.org)

To learn more about the worldwide movement, check out timtebowfoundation.org.



Higher Power Auto Ministry Update!

55! We gave away 55 cars in our first year of giving away cars! That is more than a car a week since we started our car donation program last November! Plus, we fix more cars for people than we give away...that's a lot of car repairs getting done!

It's amazing how many wonderful people it took to accomplish this, more than 50 people gave us cars, dozens of people volunteered to help clean, test and repair the vehicles, all the people who donated money to cover the costs of parts to fix the cars, and of course all the wonderful workers at our partner organizations who connected us with those who needed the vehicles and enabled them to receive them. For more information, contact:

Phone: 701-936-2225

Email: higherpowerauto@hotmail.com

Website: HigherPowerAuto.org

WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN OUR CARING MINISTRY?

stephen
MINISTRY.



Make Time to Connect with Someone

Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are people who bring God's love to those who are hurting. God is waiting to make a difference in their lives through you!

A new Stephen Ministry training class starts on **Thursday, January 18**. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, please talk with any Hope Lutheran Pastor or Kim Y. at 701-235-6629, x221. For more information, visit fargohope.org/hopecare.



Ways to Give to Those in Need GIVING TREE

Help Hope Lutheran bring memories and a message of hope to children, families and special needs adults (who might otherwise not receive any gifts) this holiday season.

The Holiday Clearing Bureau has names available on the Giving Trees at both campuses. (No gift cards or clothing.) **Return wrapped gifts by NOON Sunday, December 17.**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NEW LIFE SHELTER GUESTS

Bring unwrapped gifts to Hope Lutheran Church Office by **December 8**: Stocking caps, work or ski gloves, crew type socks, white undershirts, brief or boxer underwear top & bottom Thermal underwear (L & XL).

"YOU" TENSIL TREE

HopeCare needs "YOU" to help decorate a "YOU"nique "YOU"tensil (kitchen utensils) tree for the holidays. Bring items through Christmas day. A tree is set up for you to hang kitchen utensils or place kitchen towels, dishcloths, pot holders, toasters, mixing bowls, etc. under it. No need to wrap. A list of suggested items will be hanging on the tree. The items will be donated to various charitable agencies.

MITTEN TREE

On December 17-25, decorate the tree in the hallway with mittens, hats and scarves to share love and warmth to both children and adults served through the local Head Start programs, YWCA and Churches United for the Homeless. The items can be new or gently used.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Thank you for being a part of OCC! You sent a record **690** shoeboxes! If you have an unfilled OCC box, please remember to return it for use in next year's collection. We are blessed to have an individual that has generously donated these boxes for us to fill.

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.

DIVORCECARE SOUTH CAMPUS

MONDAYS | 6:30-8:00pm | SEPT 25-JAN 8

DivorceCare is a weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who have been there. Contact hopecare@fargohope.org or 701-235-6629 for help or more information. **You can begin at anytime.**

GRIEF SHARE NORTH CAMPUS

MONDAYS | 6:30-8:00pm | SEPT 25-JAN 8

GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Contact hopecare@fargohope.org or 701-235-6629 for help or more information. **You can begin at anytime.**

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP

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

VISITATION MINISTRY

Hope Lutheran's Visitation Ministers meet once a month to encourage people who cannot regularly attend worship. 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 Church Office, or email hopecare@fargohope.org for more information and training.

HOW'S YOUR HEART TODAY?

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 | 8:30AM-12:30PM

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

HOSPITALIZATION

Pastors and volunteers want to provide care during hospitalizations. We encourage you to inform us when you or loved ones are hospitalized.

December 2017

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

South Campus
6:45pm Christmas Concert with Sara Groves

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

North Campus
10:00am Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting

South Campus
9:00am Christmas Brunch with Tables by Design

Off-Site
7:00am Feed My Starving Children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

North Campus
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:00am Coffee and Donuts
9:45am Contemporary Worship
9:45am Hopekids
11:00am Contemporary Worship
11:00am Hopekids
11:00am Confirmation

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 Confirmation
5:00pm ALPHA
6:00pm Contemporary Worship-Sanctuary
6:00pm Hopekids
6:00pm Financial Peace University

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

North Campus
5:30pm AA Group
6:30pm GriefShare
7:00pm NeedleWorks

South Campus
9:10am BSF Leaders Meeting
1:00pm Al-Anon
6:00pm AA Group
6:30pm DivorceCare

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

North Campus
5:30pm Pilates
6:00pm Aerobics
7:00pm 40 Days of Purpose Study
7:30pm Read 'n Relate

South Campus
9:30am Quilting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

North Campus
12:00pm Men's Bible Study with Pastor Mike
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:20pm Hosanna Kids Choir Rehearsal
5:45pm Bells of Hope Rehearsal
6:00pm Wednesday Worship
7:00pm "The Quest" Women's Study
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm Confirmation
7:15pm HSM Wednesday Night Live

South Campus
7:00am Men's Bible Study with Pastor Mike
9:10am BSF Day Women's Class
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:20pm Kings 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
7:15pm HSM Wednesday Night Live

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

North Campus
8:30am TOPS
1:30pm Mary-Martha Circle
5:15pm Aerobics

South Campus
6:30am "33 The Series" Men's Study
9:00am KAMS
5:30pm Pilates
6:00pm FM Special Needs Support Network
6:30pm Holy Yoga
6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
7:00pm 40 Days of Purpose Study

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

South Campus
4:00pm Hauble/Beehler Wedding

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

North Campus
8:30am Traditional Worship
9:00am Coffee and Donuts
9:00am Blood Pressure Checks
9:30am Baptism Orientation
9:45am Contemporary Worship
11:00am Contemporary Worship
11:00am Confirmation

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 Confirmation
5:00pm ALPHA
6:00pm Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary
6:00pm Hopekids

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

North Campus
9:00am Quilting
5:30pm AA Group
6:30pm GriefShare

South Campus
9:10am BSF Leaders Meeting
11:15am Read 'n Relate, Too
1:00pm Al-Anon Group
6:00pm AA Group
6:30pm DivorceCare

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

North Campus
5:30pm Pilates
6:00pm Aerobics
7:00pm 40 Days of Purpose Study

South Campus
9:30am Quilting
9:30am Sarah Circle
12:00pm Habitat for Humanity Lunch
6:00pm Hope-full Single Moms
6:30pm Creative Connections - Card Making
6:30pm Stephen Leader Meeting

Off-Site
7:00pm Lydia Circle - Homes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

North Campus
12:00pm Men's Bible Study with Pastor Mike
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:20pm Hosanna Kids Choir Rehearsal
5:45pm Bells of Hope Rehearsal
6:00pm Wednesday Worship
7:15pm Confirmation
7:15pm HSM Wednesday Night Live



December 2017

South Campus

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study with Pastor Mike
- 9:10am BSF Day Women's Class
- 5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:20pm Kings 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
- 7:15pm HSM Wednesday Night Live

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

North Campus

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

South Campus

- 6:30am Man Talk with Breakfast
- 6:30am "33 The Series" Men's Study
- 9:00am KAMS - Christmas Tea
- 5:30pm Pilates
- 6:30pm Holy Yoga
- 7:00pm 40 Days of Purpose Study

Off-Site

- 12:00pm "Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God" Women's Study

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

North Campus

- 11:00am Hope Christian Preschool Christmas Program

South Campus

- 8:00pm Confirmation Lock-in

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

North Campus

- 8:00am Mission Jamaica Lefse Making
- 9:00am Veterans of Hope

South Campus

- 8:00am Confirmation Lock-in
- 9:00am MOPS and MomsNext

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

North Campus

- 8:15am Mission Jamaica Lefse Sale
- 8:30am Traditional Worship
- 9:00am Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30am Mew Member Orientation
- 9:45am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship
- 11:00am Hopekids
- 11:00am Confirmation

South Campus

- 8:15am Mission Jamaica Lefse Sale
- 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 Confirmation
- 6:00pm Contemporary Worship-Sanctuary
- 6:00pm Hopekids

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

North Campus

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

South Campus

- 1:00pm Al-Anon Group
- 6:00pm AA Group
- 6:30pm DivorceCare

Off-Site

- 7:00pm Dorcas Circle - Home
- 7:00pm NeedleWorks -Caribou Coffee (25th St & 14th Ave S)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

North Campus

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

South Campus

- 9:30am Quilting
- 6:30pm Ruth Circle

Off-Site

- 9:30am Naomi Circle - Homes

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

North Campus

- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study with Pastor Mike
- 5:45pm Bells of Hope Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:15pm HSM Wednesday Night Live

South Campus

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study with Pastor Mike
- 6:00pm Wednesday Worship
- 7:15pm HSM Wednesday Night Live

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

North Campus

- 8:30am TOPS
- 4:30pm Onword Together
- 5:15pm Aerobics

South Campus

- 9:30am KAMS
- 5:30pm Pilates
- 6:30pm Holy Yoga
- 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 7:00pm 40 Days of Purpose Study

Off-Site

- 12:00pm "Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God" Women's Study

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

North Campus

- 6:00pm Early Christmas Eve Worship

South Campus

- 6:00pm Early Christmas Eve Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

North Campus

- 11:00am Christmas Eve Worship
- 1:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 2:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 10:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

South Campus

- 11:00am Christmas Eve Worship
- 1:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 2:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship- Chapel
- 5:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship- Chapel
- 5:30pm Christmas Eve Worship
- 10:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

North Campus

- 10:00am Christmas Day Worship
- 5:30pm AA Group

South Campus

- 10:00am Christmas Day Worship
- 1:00pm Al-Anon Group
- 6:00pm AA Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

North Campus

- 6:00pm Aerobics

South Campus

- 9:30am Quilting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

WORSHIP ON BREAK

North Campus

- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study - Pastor Mike

South Campus

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study - Pastor Mike

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

North Campus

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

South Campus

- 9:00am KAMS
- 6:30pm Holy Yoga

Off-Site

- 12:00pm "Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God" Women's Study

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

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 Contemporary Worship-Sanctuary
- 11:00am Contemporary Worship-Sanctuary

WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

Hopekids on Break

Hopekids is on Christmas break **Wednesday, December 20 through Sunday, December 31** and resumes on January 3/7.



Hopekids Christmas Songs Online!

You can practice Hopekids worship songs and actions at home!

Go to fargohope.org/hopekidsmusic to hear your favorites!



Hopekids Sing in Worship

Children will sing during their normal Hopekids hour. Please join us in worship to celebrate Jesus' birth!

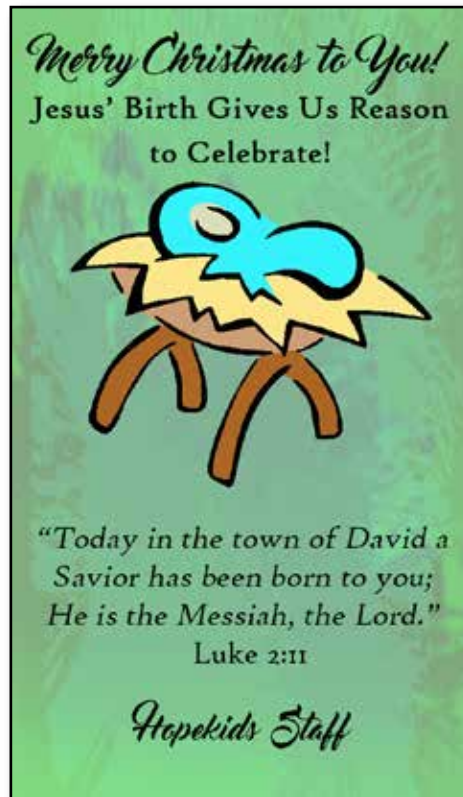
North Campus:

Wed, December 6: Preschool/K/1st Grade
Sun, December 10: All Grades
Wed, December 13: 2nd-5th Grade

South Campus:

Wed, December 6: Preschool/K/1st Grade
Sun, December 10:
9:30 & 11:00am: Preschool/K/1st Grade
6:00pm: All Grades
Wed, December 13: 2nd-5th Grade
Sun, December 17: 2nd-5th Grade

**Please plan to arrive early on the day that you sing! We would like everyone in their classrooms at the start of the Hopekids hour!*



Kids Choir Sing in Worship!

North Campus | Hosanna Kids

South Campus | Kings Kids

Practice Wednesdays | 5:20-5:50pm

Sing in Worship on December 6 and 13

- Hosanna Kids Choir Director, Vicki Melchior at 701-429-8225 or jvmelchior@hotmail.com.
- King's Kids Choir Director, Shelly Gompf at 701-566-1665 or shelly@strategicrevolutionus.com.

For more information, go to fargohope.org/children.

Hopekids Practicing Their Christmas Songs



Pre -1st graders



4th and 5th graders



2nd-5th graders



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WHAT IS GOD UP TO IN STUDENT MINISTRY?



December 20-31 Confirmation On Break - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday | 7:15-8:00pm and Sunday | 11:00-11:50am

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

| DATE | LARGE GROUP |
|--------------|---|
| Nov 29/Dec 3 | NC/6 th and 7 th —Esther SC/8 th and 9 th —Lord's Prayer |
| Dec 6/10 | NC/8 th and 9 th —Lord's Prayer SC/6 th and 7 th —Esther |
| Dec 13/17 | NC/6 th and 7 th —Job SC/8 th and 9 th —Prayer |

Register at fargohope.org/middleschool.

9TH GRADERS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Mark Your Calendars for 2018!

- February 2-4 – 9th Grade Retreat; Registration is open now!
- February 25 & March 4 – Confirmation Interviews
- March 7 – Transition to High School Ministry
- March 2 & 6 – Last Day of Programming
- May 19 – Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Service Rehearsal and Pictures
- May 20 – Affirmation of Baptism Services

9th Grade Retreat Dates Set

Calling all 9th Graders! SAVE THE DATE for your 9th Grade Retreat!

February 2-4, 2018 | Castaway Club

This is the capstone expectation for Confirmation and your chance to explore your personal faith story! For additional information and to register go to: fargohope.org/middleschool.

Fa-la-la-la-Lock-In

For current 6th-9th grade students
Cost: \$20 (includes food and activities)

Deck the halls with Middle Schoolers
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
 Pop and treats will fill the coolers
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
 Snowball fights and Catch the Santa
 Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la
 You can sign up right now, can't ya?
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la



Register at fargohope.org/middleschool
 Deadline to register is December 13

Mission Milwaukee

Join an exciting mission trip opportunity through Youthworks where students will have the opportunity to travel to Milwaukee, WI July 15-20 and work with a variety of poverty alleviation organizations. This trip is available to 7th-10th Graders (Summer of 2018). There are limited spots available. Register by February 1 at fargohope.org/middleschool. If you have any questions, please contact middleschool@fargohope.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE | WEDNESDAYS @7:15PM

WNL is a weekly space where high school students laugh, connect, and worship together. Jesus is always at the center. Students, come as you are! Parents, if you want to connect or can provide a snack, please email highschool@fargohope.org.

HSM WINTER WKND | JANUARY 12-14

Looking for something fun to do on your January semester-break? Spend Friday evening through Sunday morning with HSM @ Inspiration Point! Bundle up for the HSM Winter Olympics, including tubing, broomball, cross-country skiing, and dodgeball. Or, get warm in the game room and sip hot cocoa by the fire. Bring your friends, we love newcomers! BTW: the food is AMAZING!

CHRISTMAS PARTY | DECEMBER 20

Christmas food, Christmas music, Christmas sweaters? What more could you ask for? Friends and Jesus? Check! Don your classiest Christmas best or your finest Norwegian sweater, grab some friends, and join us for our favorite all-HSM event! Jolly old Saint Nick might not show, but Paul Norell is a close second, and he doesn't ask to be paid in milk and cookies!

WORK CREW @ THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN DECEMBER 15-16

Friends, coffee, sweets, and games all night: that's what it's like to be HSM Work Crew for the Lock-In. We need a small team of High School guys and gals who love to hang-out and are willing to help make the night great! Register online or contact Paul Norell if you are interested!


4th Annual Pastor Chili Challenge Thank You!


This year the coveted "Golden Ladle Award" went to Pastor Paul Nynas. But the REAL winners are the students who raised funds for their 2017-2018 mission and faith filled trips!! Thank you to all who came and ate chili to support Hope Lutheran Students, and thank you to the event sponsors:

- Black Diamond Beef
- Black Ridge Bank
- Terry and Angela Bartsh
- Jim and Jean Jorgenson
- Anonymous Sponsors

Stay Connected with HSM!

fargohope.org/highschool

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 High School Ministry – Hope Lutheran Church

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

PRAYER AND MEDITATION God is A Gentleman by Peggy Monsebroten

It seems part of parenting is forcing our children to do a deed or move, sometimes they are kicking and screaming all the way. It may be to get them to lay down, eat their veggies, pick up their toys, say they're sorry or leave the toy aisle at a store! We are forcing them because it's good for them, to teach them how to behave or to listen. At times we have to literally pick them up and move them. Later, we may drag our teens to church. In these battles, we may ask ourselves if it's worth it. The fight is hard and we can get tired fighting the same battles.

"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

God will do all it takes to get our attention and listen to him. He may shout or whisper, touch or tug. He takes many steps to us to get our attention. He took every step necessary for us to have eternal life but we have to take that one last step to him, to surrender and accept who he is and who we are without him. The choice is ours. His goal is to persuade you to come! But he is a gentleman and will not force you. Thankfully he never gives up and continues to call our name.

"My heart has heard you say, 'Come and talk with me and my heart responds. Lord, I am coming.'" Psalm 27:8

Dear Lord, please help us all to hear your loving voice whisper our name and ask us to come so that we may all inherit eternal life. 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.

Do You Love Paper-Crafting or Want to Try Something New?

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS: CARD MAKING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 6:30 – 8:30PM | SOUTH CAMPUS



Create beautiful cards for HopeCare ministry featuring encouraging Bible verses. The projects are pre-planned and you will be guided step-by-step, so no experience is needed!

Contact Shari Breiland to sign up or for more information, shari.breiland@gmail.com, 701-739-5595.



Creative Connections: Gallery On The Go

NORTH CAMPUS JANUARY 23

SOUTH CAMPUS FEBRUARY 2

Gallery On The Go is a mobile canvas painting get-together. Anyone and all ages can paint with easy step by step instructions. The guests get to take their one of a kind artwork home with them that day. More details to come!



Rest & Rejuv Recap

Over 90 moms of kids with special needs received royal treatment at the 11th Annual Rest & Rejuv.



Best day for this year! Everything is perfect. Could not ask for more.



It is nice to know I am not alone on my journey -I have my family and God.



Excellent. I needed this so much!

SARA Groves

There is still time to get tickets to see Sara Groves:

- Sara Groves Concert — Friday, December 1, 6:45pm, South Campus. Opening band is Hope Lutheran Worship leaders! (Tickets online, fargohope.org/adults, or in the Church Office.)
- Women's Christmas Brunch — Saturday, December 2, 9:00am, South Campus. (Tickets in the Church Office.)



Friday, January 12, 7:00-8:30pm
Atonement Church
4601 S University Dr, Fargo

The Next Step ND will be hosting a community event as follow-up from the Kelly Minter program. Donated purses filled with needed personal items and a note of prayer and encouragement will be given to victims of sex trafficking as they are rescued. Donate new or like-new purses (medium sized) or items to put inside: \$5 gift cards to Walmart or Casey's, feminine hygiene products, small hairbrush, travel size hair spray or lotion, chapstick, gum or mints. If you can't attend the event but want to donate, boxes will be available at Hope Lutheran prior to. See thenextstepnd.com for details.

Hope-Full Single Moms

TUES, DECEMBER 12
6:00PM | SOUTH CAMPUS

Single Moms, take time to rest with God, rejuvenate, share challenges and solutions with women experiencing the same issues as you! Our study will center around thankfulness!

Childcare is available with pre-registration. For more info 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

KAMS will have a Christmas Tea on December 14, take a break for the Holidays and resume on January 4. Childcare provided. Questions? Contact Amanda amandaperzinski@yahoo.com.

**LIKE AND SHARE HOPE
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S
MINISTRY FACEBOOK
PAGE!**

MOPS and MomsNext SAT, DECEMBER 16

9:00-11:00AM | SOUTH CAMPUS

Stop by the next MOPS/MOMSnext meeting on December 16 and get to know moms at various stages in their motherhood journey. At the meeting, we'll hear our featured speaker, Pastor Sarah Seibold talk about how to teach children of all ages the meaning of Christmas. Come listen and learn with us during a morning of fun and fellowship!

For more information, contact Amanda N at fargohopemops@gmail.com or 701-371-9072.

MILESTONES & REGULAR EVENTS

Milestones for November 9-December 9

BAPTISMS:

Hadley Rae, daughter of Dana & Jessica Arne
 Lexus Mary Lynn & Porsche Ann Marie,
 daughters of Jacob & Laina Clemens
 Jacob Clemens
 Gordon James, son of Derek & Kellie Hanson
 Amelia Mae Tandeski, daughter of James
 Tandeski & Amanda Willprecht
 Howard Malcolm, son of Randell & Jennifer
 Buhr
 Aspen Rose, daughter of Ryan & Danielle Zietz
 Mox Charles, son of Darin & Jill McLean
 Blake Irene, daughter of John & Whitney Bellon
 Avery Elizabeth Rae Bolin, daughter of Jacob
 Bolin & Rachel Thomete
 Elias Blase, son of Blake & Samantha LaLonde
 Breck Ryan, son of Ryan & Kate Birney
 Stella Layne, daughter of Jesse & Toni
 Rasmusson
 Owen Louis, son of Greg & Calyn Stark
 Gabriella Anastyn, daughter of Alexander &
 Amanda Yee
 Leo Albert, son of Michael & Jessica Martel
 Simon Michael, son of Brady & Mandi Larson
 Ashlyn Joy, daughter of James & Susan Goffe
 Opal Lucille, daughter of Travis & Rachel Olson
 Carletta Nicole Haddeland, daughter of Josh
 Haddeland & Nichole Mellick
 Joey Lynn, daughter of Shawn & Amber
 Michalski

MARRIAGES:

Meghan Devries & Matt Stinar 10/14/2017
 Andrea Weber & Tyler Hein 10/14/2017
 Molly McBride & Troy Norman 10/14/2017
 Tanya Rensvold & Joe Lutt 10/20/17
 AbbyJo Imberg & James Gilje 10/21/17
 Jenna Polejewski & Tucker McPherson
 11/4/2017

DEATHS:

Richard Remme 10/9/2017
 Rollande "Bea" Thomas 10/18/2017
 Donald Brend 10/23/2017
 Audrey Hochgraber 10/20/2017
 Ilo Leiseth 10/31/2017
 Rachel Farnsworth 11/2/2017
 Kaia Heide 11/6/2017
 David Hendrickson 11/6/2017

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome the following new members of Hope
 Lutheran, **October 15, 2017**
 Natalie Aasen
 Gary & Sharyn Bohn
 Barb Brend
 Don Brend
 Larry & Julie Duttonhefer
 Olen Freeman
 Wendy Gress
 Laura
 Curt & Deb Hoyme
 Derek & Brittney Kainz

REGULAR EVENTS

AEROBICS

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

BOOK CLUBS

The December selection is "Tis the Season" by
 Lorna Lanvik
 Read 'n Relate meets 1st Tuesday (December 5),
 7:30pm North Campus (Linda, 701-866-
 6190)
 Read 'n Relate, Too meets 2nd Monday
 (December 11), 11:15am South Campus
 (Karen, ksilbernagel@cableone.net or 701-
 361-0325)
 January's book is All the Light We Cannot See
 Anthony Doerr

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

HOLY YOGA

Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm, South Campus
ON BREAK Dec 28 for Christmas

NEEDLEWORKS

1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00pm
 December 4 – North Campus
 December 18 –
 Join us in fellowship while you knit or
 crochet for others. Questions? Nicki A, 701-
 235-1458 or garyalmquist1@gmail.com.

QUILTING

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

PILATES

South Campus | 5:30pm - Thursday
 North Campus | 5:30pm - Tuesday

WALKING

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

Wednesday Night Suppers

Not enough time to make supper before
 Hopekids or Confirmation? Have supper
 with us.

- Wednesday nights from 5:00-6:00pm
- Different menu every week
- \$5 per person; family of four or more \$20

NOTE: In December we will have supper on
 December 6 & 13, then resume on January 3.

Usher Schedule for December

NORTH CAMPUS

| Date | Team | Sanctuary |
|------------------|--------|-----------|
| Dec 3/6 | Team 6 | Roos |
| Dec 10/13 | Team 7 | Gunderson |
| Dec 17/20 | Team 1 | Naseth |
| Dec 23 – 6:00pm | Team 2 | Thomas |
| Dec 24 – 11:00am | Team 3 | Klatt |
| Dec 24 – 1:00pm | Team 4 | Anderson |
| Dec 24 – 2:30pm | Team 5 | [Open] |
| Dec 24 – 4:00pm | Team 6 | Roos |
| Dec 24 – 4:00pm | Team 7 | Gunderson |
| Dec 24 – 5:30pm | Team 1 | Naseth |
| Dec 25 – 10:00am | Team 2 | Thomas |
| Dec 31/Jan 3 | Team 4 | Anderson |

SOUTH CAMPUS WEDNESDAY

| Date | Team | Sanctuary 6:00pm |
|--------|------------|------------------|
| Dec 6 | Team 1 | Steidl |
| Dec 13 | Team 2 | Sauvageau |
| Dec 20 | Team 3 | Wachala |
| Dec 27 | No Worship | Becher |
| Dec 31 | Team 4 | TBD |

SOUTH CAMPUS SUNDAY CHAPEL

| Date | Team | Chapel - 8:15/9:30am |
|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Dec 3 | Team 7 | Kraft/ Larsen |
| Dec 10 | Team 1 | Hill/ Brantner |
| Dec 17 | Team 2 | Sigurdson/ Hewitt |
| Dec 31 | Team 3 | Harris/Erickson |

SOUTH CAMPUS SUNDAY

| Date | Team | Sanctuary-9:30/11:00am | Sanctuary-6:00pm |
|------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Dec 3 | Team 7 | Olson/Litton | Hesse |
| Dec 10 | Team 1 | Blumeyer/Fluge | Straabe |
| Dec 17 | Team 2 | Opp/Keim | Meyer |
| Dec 23 | Team 3 | Devier/Hendrickson | Straabe |
| Dec 24 - 1:00pm | Team 4 | Hansen/Hesse | Straabe |
| Dec 24 - 2:30pm | Team 5 | Kroke/Straabe | |
| Dec 24 - 4:00pm | Team 6 | Olson/Litton | |
| Dec 24 - 5:30pm | Team 7 | Olson/Litton | |
| Dec 24 - 10:00pm | Team 1 | Blumeyer/Fluge | |
| Dec 25 - 10:00am | Team 2 | Opp/Keim | |
| Dec 27 | No Worship | | |
| Dec 31 | Team 3 | Devier/Hendrickson | Worship on Break |

Worship Schedule

North Campus 2900 Broadway N

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

South Campus 3636 25th St S

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

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