

# ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

## Q: Why join Hope Lutheran Church?

A: Membership allows Hope to better serve you, so that we can serve together. It is your commitment to join with God in his work in the world. Hope Lutheran's mission is to, "To encourage all people to know the love of Christ.", and we work to do that together.

## Q: What membership expectations does Hope Lutheran have of members?

A: The greatest membership expectation is to worship God regularly and to be active in growing your faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. Putting your faith into action through volunteer service at Hope Lutheran and in our community is an expectation we encourage all members to pursue. These membership expectations are guaranteed by God's Word to be good for your soul!

## Q: Do I have to be baptized to be a member of Hope Lutheran?

A: Baptism is a membership requirement for joining any Christian church anywhere in the world. So, yes, you do need to be baptized. However, if you have already been baptized into the Christian faith elsewhere, (Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist...the denomination/church doesn't matter), God's baptismal promise to you is good and you do not need to be re-baptized. If you have not been baptized, talk to one of our pastors. We want to help you and will make your baptism into the Christian faith both comfortable and meaningful.

## Q: Why is baptism important?

A: In Matthew 28 Jesus tells us, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism is a holy moment in which we as children of God experience God's grace in a unique way. In baptism, God takes something ordinary, water, and mixes it with the extraordinary, the Spirit of God, so that we can experience God's grace in a personal way.

## Q: Will I be asked to give money?

A: At Hope Lutheran we believe what scripture teaches us that God deserves offerings of our time, talents and treasures. So, we will encourage you to join with God in his work in this world and give of yourself, but your offerings and how you choose to give them are between you and God.

## Q: I'm not sure if I'm a member or not! How can I find out?

A: Contact\* the Church Office, our staff members are happy to check our records.

## Q: How do I get involved?

A: Opportunities to get involved are listed on our website, [fargohope.org](http://fargohope.org) and in our newsletter, the Words of Hope. If you aren't receiving the Words of Hope contact\* us and let us know if you want to receive it by mail or email. We hope and pray that you engage in faith and the ministries here at Hope. Again, we want this to be a partnership.

## Q: I have a question about membership not listed here. How can I get it answered?

A: It's easy. Contact\* us and one of our pastors will be glad to help you and answer your questions about becoming a member at Hope Lutheran.

## \*How to contact us

Call: 701.235.6629

Email: [welcome@fargohope.org](mailto:welcome@fargohope.org)

Visit: [fargohope.org](http://fargohope.org)

