What am I doing here
Is this the right way
Does He even love me
Should I just keep waiting
What is Alpha at Hope
Is there more to life than this
Is Alpha for Me
What am I doing here
SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALPHA.
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It has been my privilege and joy to have been a part of the Alpha program since it began 20 years ago. I couldn’t be more excited for the new 8-week class to begin January 5! Over the years, I have witnessed hundreds of lives become impacted, encouraged and transformed. Through Alpha, we have the opportunity to grow closer to God and closer to others.

The Alpha evening begins with a great meal, followed by a talk led by one of our pastors. Then, we continue with a discussion on the night’s theme in small groups. Topics, such as “How do I pray?” “How does God guide us?” and “Who is the Holy Spirit?” are made easy to understand and relevant to every day life. This is where you can bring questions, engage in dialogue, or just sit and listen.

No matter where you are, Alpha has something to offer all of us.

Register online at fargohope.org/alpha or call the Church Office, 701.235.6629. Contact Pastor Matt or myself with questions.

There is no charge, just a suggested donation of $5 for The Alpha Manual and $5 for each meal.

Alpha is a wonderful way to start the new year. Check it out!

EXPLORE MORE


Sundays, Jan. 5-Feb 23.

5:00-7:00pm

Register online fargohope.org/alpha

Alpha was a “Game Changer” for me.

An Alpha Participant
The Hope Lutheran Foundation Supports Many Organizations

The Hope Lutheran Foundation works to encourage all people to know the love of Christ by supporting the mission and ministry of Hope Lutheran Church. Below are a few of the organizations that the Hope Lutheran Foundation has helped in 2019:

- Primary support includes Hope Lutheran Church and its many ministries.
- Support also includes Hope’s local, regional and global partners in unison with the church’s outreach benevolence plan:
  - Alpha USA
  - Christian Fellowship
  - The Gideons International
  - Handi-Wheels
  - Hospice of the Red River Valley
  - Legacy Children’s Foundation
  - Rape & Abuse Crisis Center
  - Thrivefest North
  - Mission Response

Please consider a contribution to the Hope Lutheran Foundation to expand its good works. To get more information, look online at fargohope.org/foundation or call the Church Office, 701.235.6629.

Exodus Will Come Alive For You

You are invited to join Pastor Kevan and Priscilla on another exciting journey, this time to Egypt and the Nile River cruise on March 1-11, 2021. The power of ancient Egypt is undeniable. While the Giza pyramids, guarded by the lion-bodied Sphinx, are the most well-known, more than 70 pyramids rise along the Nile River. Also, the Grand Egyptian Museum near the Pyramids of Giza is set to open in 2020 with its star attraction – all 5,400 objects excavated from King Tutankhamun’s tomb! This journey will help the book of Exodus really come alive for you, too! Brochures are available at the information centers. Informational meetings will be scheduled in February. Questions? Contact Pastor Kevan at 701.235.6629 (x326) or ksmith@fargohope.org.

Thank You Bell Ringers!

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in Hope’s day to ring bells for the Salvation Army on November 16. Hope Lutheran volunteers rang at 24 different kettles around the Fargo/Moorhead area. We had a total of 240 Volunteers and raised $11,553.27 for the Salvation Army.

We first rang all the Bells on a single day in 2008. Now many businesses pick a day to have their staff volunteer! In fact, this model is spreading throughout the country! You do make a difference! Thanks for being his hands and feet this Holiday Season!

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

FMSC MobilePack will be at the Scheels Arena on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Join the Middle School Ministry and our community to package 2.5 MILLION meals! (See more on page 4)
# FMSC Mass Service Project

**When:** January 31, 7:00-9:00pm and February 1, 5:00-7:00pm  
**Where:** Scheels Arena  
**What:** Our Confirmation students will be participating in our annual MASS SERVICE PROJECT where we will be partnering with Feed My Starving Children and many other FM area churches and organizations to package 2.5 MILLION meals to be sent to hungry children in some of the neediest places in the world. Registration is open to Confirmation students as well as anyone wishing to help in this massive service opportunity!  
**Register at fargohope.org/middleschool by January 19** to ensure your spot with Hope’s group. Following that date, you can sign up to pack on FMSC’s website at: fmsc.org/Fargo.

# Hopekids Opportunity to Share Jesus’ Love with Those in Our Community!

**Who:** Hopekids students & families  
**When:** January 29 – February 23  
**What:** Current Needs Drive for Churches United Homeless Shelter & Bright Sky Apartments  
**Why:** Jesus tells us that we should “Love Everyone.” This organization relies on donations to serve men, women and families experiencing hunger and homelessness.

**How:** Hopekids and their families can bring any of the listed items to all of our campuses!  

**Needed Supplies:**  
- Baby Wipes  
- Diapers Size 4, 5, & 6  
- Diaper Rash Cream  
- Razors  
- Deodorant  
- Bath Towels  
- Pots & Pans  
- Medical Needs  
- Gatorade  
- Pedialyte  
- Aloe Vera  
- Ace Bandages  
- Ear Plugs

# Mission Kenosha Registration is Open!

**What:** Week of Hope is packed with practical acts of love and service. Students build meaningful connections as they serve people through our strong partnerships with local ministries and nonprofit organizations. They’ll learn Christ-like empathy and compassion for others as they meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of disadvantaged children, youth, and adults.

**As students serve in the name of Jesus, they’ll develop friendships with the people being served, with other teams, with their own youth group, and, most importantly, with Jesus. Differences disappear as like-minded youth work together for a common purpose.**

**When:** July 12-18  
**Where:** Kenosha, WI  
**Cost:** $550  
**Register:** fargohope.org/middleschool  
**Additional Questions- Contact Carley Reinke- creinke@fargohope.org

# Ash Wednesday Worship

There will be no official Confirmation programming on **February 26** due to Ash Wednesday services. However, it is expected that students attend the **7:00pm worship service** with their family/friends.

# 9th Grade Retreat Deadline

Deadline for registering for this amazing retreat at Camp Castaway is **January 19 by midnight**. They will be hearing faith stories from members of Hope, thinking about their own faith stories, worshiping the Lord and eating AMAZING food (Big Cookie). **9th Graders will not want to miss this retreat!**
HSM hosted a special Prayer Night at North Campus. Once again, our High School students amazed us. God is good. Here are some prayers they prayed.

**Prayers of Surrender:**
“Lord, how do you want me to spend my life?”
“I want to give my anxiousness during this time to God. I want Him to give me rest.”
“Please help me to forgive and give up the burden of hate.”
“Lord, let me find meaning in helping others. Let me give up selfishness and negative thoughts.”
“Help me let go of my heart’s desire to always be busy.”
“I need to leave my pride at the cross.”
“I need help to get my life back on track.”
“I want to stop being judgmental.”
“Forgive me for not being a light.”
“I need to prioritize my love for the Lord. I need to give people more of the love that they deserve.”

**Prayer for Next Steps:**
“Let my next steps lead me into a life filled with love at all times. Let me be the reason someone else learns to love themselves and love Christ.”
“Help me make it priority to spend time in prayer and devotion.”
“I want to be kind to everyone, make church a priority and help others in need.”
“Continue to seek help and treatment.”
“Lord, I need to stop, to breathe, and to trust.”
“My first step is to breathe. I need to shift my gaze to Him... He leads, I need to trust.”
Deck the Halls

A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers who helped make our church campuses so beautiful for Christmas. Your time, talents and enthusiasm made Deck the Halls a huge success. Blessings to you as we ring in the New Year.

HSM Caroling

A special thank you to all the children & their families who helped to make our Hopekids’ Classrooms more festive for the Christmas Season.
Hopekids Singing in Worship

Thank you Hopekids’ Families for bringing your children to help share the Joy of Christmas during our worship services!

Women’s Christmas Brunch
PREPARATIONS
by Peggy Monsebroten

“Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 1:13

It seems everything needs some preparations. We just finished celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas and thought of all the preparations that had to be done to get ready. The food planning, the shopping, then preparing the food in a timely manner and preparing rooms for overnight guests. Christmas takes even more preparations as there are the decorations, maybe cards, gifts, wrapping the gifts and all the food again. There may be travel preparations to figure out. Vacations take preparations as to the place, time, cost, how long and expectations. Preparations are just a part of anything that is of worth. God is telling us to be prepared for the return of Jesus. We don’t know when He will return but we know it is going to happen one day. It doesn’t cost us any money, we don’t have to clean the house or cook a meal. We don’t have to clean up first, we just have to come as we are. We don’t have any preparations to make, there are no bags to pack, everything is ready except to accept His offer.

The cost was paid for us when Jesus died on the cross; He cleans our hearts and He prepared the meal with His body and blood which we can take part in through Communion. We only have to say Yes to His invitation. We don’t have to add anything to this offer. The preparations have been made and all is “Paid in Full.” Don’t wait to accept His invitation.

Dear Lord, thank you for preparing the way for us to be in your presence for eternity. Amen

Women’s Christmas Brunch
The Christmas Brunch was a wonderful kick-off to the holiday season with Moorhead High School Carolers lifting our hearts in song. Included in the festivities were:
- 59 decorated tables
- 365 seats mostly taken
- 60+ women decorating tables
- 41 men serving
- $1,693.81 collected for Churches United for the Homeless

Oh come let us adore him!

Questions?
Check out our website, fargohope.org/women, or contact Judy Siegle, Women’s Ministry Director, 701.235.6629, x241 or jsiegle@fargohope.org. Sign up for the Women of Hope email at fargohope.org/about and follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/hlcwomensministry.

Man Talk with Breakfast
Thursday, January 9
6:30am
South Campus

Prayer Cross Ministry is not Just for Men!
If you love the smell of sawdust, working with your hands and enjoying good conversation and fellowship, this is for you.
Meets second Tuesday – 6:30-8:30pm
NEW LOCATION: The garage at South Campus
Contact: Gerald Larsen at geraldilarsen@yahoo.com or 701.730.1737

For more information about Adult Ministry or Men’s Ministry, contact Pastor Matt, 701.235.6629, x213 or mcordes@fargohope.org. Visit fargohope.org/adults or fargohope.org/men.
Thank you for...
Bringing gifts for Christmas:

- 373 shoeboxes full of gifts and hope sent overseas through Operation Christmas Child
- Giving with generosity to our Giving Tree, YouTensil Tree and Mitten Tree
- Donating the many gifts that will keep the men warm at the New Life Center

Making cards for HopeCare to send through the Card Ministry
Facilitating support group ministries
Faithfully making visits to those who need them through Visitation Ministry
Making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and in our community
Making Prayer Shawls through NeedleWorks for Pastors, Stephen Ministers and others to bring on their visits

Do You Feel Like You are Starting the New Year Alone?

These are troubled times for many of us. Some are struggling with finances and job loss, others with the death of a loved one. Some getting a serious health diagnosis, others dealing with a separated family. We don’t always understand why these things happen, but please know and be comforted that we have a strong group of Stephen Ministers that want to be your Christian friend. They will be there to listen, support, pray and give you the assurance that it is completely confidential and non-judgmental.

If you need someone in your life who you can depend on to walk with you through your time of trouble please contact any Hope Pastor or Kim Y. at 701.235.6629, email hopecare@fargohope.org or visit fargohope.org/hopercare.

Remember…you are not alone.

HopeCare Pajama Drive
HopeCare is collecting pajamas of ALL sizes January 22-February 9. Pajamas may be placed in the cribs in the hall ways. They are distributed throughout area churches that help house the homeless.

2019 Fall Fundraiser Final Results
Fix It Forward Ministry set a new fundraising record for this year! We raised $29,480, which is all doubled with the matching money from avid supporters, for a Grand Total of $58,960!

Fix It Forward Ministry is so honored to have such wonderful support in our community enabling us to make an even bigger impact for 2020!
Stay tuned...more great things are coming!

Car Number 200 Donated in December
Fix It Forward Ministry donated it’s 200th car on December 5 at the Fix It Forward Auto Care shop in Moorhead. Fix It Forward Ministry has helped women escaping abusive relationships, parents who need to get their kids to preschool, and so many others who need help to get their life moving in the right direction. Thank you to everyone who is working to make a difference through this important organization!

If you have a special place in your heart for single moms who are in financial distress, join the SparkPlugs and visit with the clients while their cars are getting repaired. For more information or to volunteer, contact Judy S, 701.235.6629 or jsiegle@fargohope.org.

“...and there she goes with her new wheels.” She is a single mom with a small child, who will use this vehicle to get to work, appointments and so much more.
Special Events in January 2020

Preaching Schedule

**Sundays, January 5, 12, 19, 26**
- ALPHA | SC | 5:00-7:00pm

**Tuesday, January 21**
- Church Council | SC | 5:30-8:00

**Thursday, January 23**
- Congregational Annual Meeting | NC | 7:00pm (See page 2)

**Friday, January 24, 7:00-10:00pm**

**Saturday, January 25, 9:00am-12:00pm**
- Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage Seminar | SC (See page 3)

**Friday, January 31, 7:00-9:00pm**
- Mass Service Project: Feed My Starving Children | Scheels Arena 9 (See page 5)

For full calendar of events see fargohope.org/events.

Due to space constraints, the calendar will only list church-wide events and ministries.

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**Milestones For November 8-December 9**

**BAPTISMS:**
- Catalina Maria Escarramán, daughter of Erik Escarramán & Lindsey Bramell
- Kendall Marks, daughter of Darin & Amber Eller
- Sierra Lyn and Ridge Justin, daughter and son of Hunter & Jennifer Reinke
- Prescott Dean, son of Reid & Laura Mattson
- Noah Vernon Ott, son of Jesse Ott & Ali Kellerman
- Winter LuRose Sanderson, daughter of Timothy Hershberger & T’Yanna Sanderson
- Nora Ann, daughter of Brian & Sloane Muehler
- Logynn Mae, daughter of Tyler & Laci Soper
- Owen Eugene Bruns, son of Shane Bruns & Tayler Jensen
- Avery Marie Jensen, daughter of Makayla Jensen
- Nolani Ann, daughter of Jessica & Thomas Stephens
- Ian Matthew, son of Matthew & Kathryn Cooper
- Charlotte Rachael, daughter of Troy & Amelia Peterson
- Raymie Jean, daughter of Thomas & Bethany Reinhardt
- Stetson Richard Koble, son of Matthew Koble & Janna Knox
- Aspen Joyce, daughter of Christian & Stacy Grondahl
- Brooklyn Anna, daughter of Chad & Mikala Hoge
- Adley Victoria, daughter of Adam & Maggie Rudell

**DEATHS:**
- Ione Palmer 11/16/2019
- Murile (Duke) LeDoux 11/20/2019
- Ethel (Arline) Astrup 12/1/2019
- Janet Solee 12/4/2019

**NEW MEMBERS-November 17, 2019**
- Robb Plagemann & Debbie Balzer-Plagemann
- Sophia Brandon Beaudry
- Bryce & Taylor Erdmann
- Susan Goplen & Sunny Hulse
- Alexa & Ryan Grubb
- Chad & Mikala Hoge
- Alex
- Jeffrey & Lindsey Hunt
- Sammy Johnson
- Randy Juen
- Ali Kellerman
- Jenna & Louis Kluting
- Adam & Michelle Lovehaug
- McKenzie, Alexis, Micah
- Lee & Rachel Nelson
- Jesse Ott
- Melodie & Donald* Pochmar
- Aron, Christian, David, Elizabeth
- Steve Pollett & Chesley Fey
- Megan & Michael Ricker
- Nola Satrom
- Bri & Glenn Wilcox
- Charlie, Ellery, Quinnley
- Jeff & Terri Young

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**Upcoming Classes:**
- **Sunday, January 12 | 11:00am | South Campus**
- **Sunday, February 9 | 11:00am | North Campus**

To register, contact the Church Office at 701.265.6629.

Baptisms may be scheduled after you attend Baptism Orientation.

For more information, visit fargohope.org/baptism.
Reoccurring Opportunities

ADULT EVENTS: Fargohope.org/Adult
Walking
Weekdays from 8:00am-5:00pm | NC & SC
Nurtured Heart Approach Parenting Class
Tuesdays | Jan 21-Feb 4 | 6:00-8:00pm | SC - See page 3

MEN’S EVENTS: Fargohope.org/Men
Prayer Cross Ministry
NEW LOCATION: SC garage
2nd Tuesday - 6:30-8:30pm (Jan 14)
Contact: Gerald at geraldllarsen@yahoo.com or 701.730.1737.
Man Talk with Breakfast
Thursday, Jan 9 | 6:30-8:00am | SC
Men on Ice
January 10-12 | Red Willow Bible Camp
Christian Men’s Weekend, focusing on fellowship, faith and fishing

WOMEN’S EVENTS: Fargohope.org/Women
Aerobics
Tuesdays and Thursdays | 5:15pm | NC
Book Clubs
The book for January is “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman
Read ’n Relate meets 1st Tuesday (Jan 7), 7:30pm, NC (Linda, 701.866.6190)
Read ’n Relate, Too meets 2nd Monday (Jan 13), 11:15am, SC (Karen, 701.361.0325)
The selection for February is “The Woman Who Smashed Codes” by Jason Fagone
Card Making Ministry
Meets the 3rd Tuesday
Jan 21 | SC | 6:30-8:30pm
Make handmade cards for use by HopeCare, pastors, staff and layleaders. No experience needed.
Hope for Moms
Saturday | Jan 18 | 9:00-11:00am | SC
KAMs
Thursdays | 9:00-11:00am | SC
Pilates
North Campus | Mondays | 5:00-5:45pm
South Campus | Thursdays | 5:00-5:45pm

BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN
Legacy by Jackie Green & Lauren Green McAfee
Wednesdays, Jan 15-Feb 19 | 1:00-3:00pm | NC
Cost: $19 | Hosted by Lois Anfinrud
It's Not Supposed to Be This Way by Lysa TerKeurst
Thursdays, Dec 5-Mar 5 (On Break Jan 2) | 12:00-1:00pm | Atomic Coffee | Cost: $16
I Peter: A Living Hope in Christ by Jen Wilkin
Wednesdays, Jan 15-Mar 18 | 7:30-8:00pm | NC
Cost: $16 | Hosted by Karen Moore
Women’s Daytime BSF
Wednesdays | 9:10-10:40am | SC

BIBLE STUDIES FOR MEN
Weekly Bible Study led by Pastor Mike Toomey
Wednesdays
• 7:00-8:00am | South Campus
• 12:00-1:00pm | North Campus
Men’s BSF
Mondays | 6:45-8:30pm | Calvary United Methodist Church - 4575 45th St S, Fargo

HOPECARE EVENTS: Fargohope.org/HopeCare:
AA
Mondays | 5:30pm | NC
Mondays | 6:00pm | SC
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-2:30pm | SC
Blood Pressure Checks
Sunday, Jan 12 | 9:00-11:00am | NC Skylight Office Suites
DivorceCare
Mondays | 6:30pm | SC | until Jan. 6
GriefShare
Mondays | 6:30pm | NC | until Jan. 6
Grief Fellowship
1st Thursday (Jan 2) | 5:30pm | Applebee’s (19th Ave N, Fargo) | Contact: Nancy, 701.361.2833

NeedleWorks
1st and 3rd Monday
Monday, Jan 6 | 7:00pm | NC
Monday, Jan 20 | 7:00pm | 3rd Drop
Coffe, Moorhead (formerly Moxie Java) Call Nicki A, 701.388.7628

ONWORD Together Support Group
For people and families affected by mild TBI/concussion.
3rd Thursday | 4:30-6:00pm | NC
Contact: Nan, 701.364.5433 or 701.866.3618 (cell) nan@onwordtherapy.com or onwordtherapy.com
Stepping Into Freedom
Thursdays, 6:30pm | NC | Until January 9
Stephen Ministry Class
Thursdays, Jan 2, 9 & 16 | 6:30-8:30pm | SC
Stephen Ministry Commissioning
Thursday, Jan 16 | 6:30-8:30pm | SC
Quilting
2nd & 3rd Monday | 9:00am-2:00pm | NC
Every Tuesday | 9:30am-Noon | SC

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State of Hope

We are a church living into our mission “to encourage all people to know the love of Christ” with the resurrection of Jesus at the center of who we are! “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!” In his great mercy ‘he has given us new birth ‘into a living hope’ through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

HOPE IS:
- Blessed by God to be a blessing!
- A church that helps people with their soul business!
- A church that is growing!
- A church filled with children & youth!
- A church that reaches out to help hurting and searching people!
- A church filled with faithful people who take ownership in the many ministries of our congregation!

HOPE FOCUSES ON:
Passionate Discipleship
- We will passionately support all people as they develop and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus.

Innovative Outreach
- We will reach out in increasingly innovative ways to help people walk in the ways of Jesus.

Unparalleled Acts of Service
- We will deliver unparalleled acts of kindness and service to those in need.

HOPE’S KEY MINISTRIES ARE:
- Worship... Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe Hebrews 12:28
- Children & Youth...Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for to such as these belongs the kingdom of God... Matthew 19:14
- HopeCare...When we bear one another’s burdens we fulfill the law of Christ...Galations 6:4
- Adult Growth...Let your lights so shine so that all others may see who you are and give glory to God...Matthew 5:16

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING
A time to celebrate the state of Hope, our mission and ministry!

Thursday, January 23, 2020
7:00pm
North Campus