Words of hope
Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

Hope & Healing:
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Jesus is about bringing hope to people and giving healing to the wounded. And since this is what Jesus does, then this is what we, His church do. During Lent we will follow Jesus in three ways when it comes to hope and healing. First, we receive it. Then we give it. And finally, we invite others into it.

We Receive
We want you to receive hope and healing through two different ways.

1. **Worship** is one way to receive hope and healing. Throughout Lent, Wednesday and Sunday worship services will have different sermon series. It’s an opportunity for many of you to worship both Wednesdays and Sundays and to go deeper into your relationship with Jesus.

2. **Hope and Healing Course** has been developed and will be taught by Hope’s pastors. It is offered twice on Sundays, **March 8-29:**
   - 11:00am at North Campus
   - 6:30pm at South Campus

   This is a course for every adult as we are all broken by sin. Those who have specific hurts in their lives will find it especially beneficial.

We Give
Not only do we receive hope and healing, but we also give it.

We will be giving an offering to the **New Life Center and Churches United for the Homeless.**

These organizations get “it” that we must do something to help those without shelter.

A special offering will be taken in worship on **March 25 and 29.** If you want to give earlier, you may through text giving or a special offering envelope located at the kiosks, ushers and the Church Office.

We Invite
Finally, we invite others to know hope and healing. Invite people to worship, the Hope and Healing Course, confirmation, High School Ministry and Hopekids. Every time you participate in ministry at Hope ask yourself this question; "Who do I need to invite to experience the love of Jesus?"
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Join the Choirs for a Good Friday Cantata

On April 10, 7:00pm, Good Friday, South Campus, the choirs from the North & South Campus will combine for a Good Friday Cantata, “The Passion and the Promise,” by Lloyd Larson & Mark Hayes, with compelling narration by Pamela Stewart.

If you love to sing, please come to rehearsal:
Wednesday evenings:
7:00pm, South Campus or
7:15pm, North Campus

For more information, contact Kim Klatt, Worship Arts Coordinator, 701.235.6629 or kklatt@fargohope.org.
First Communion Instruction Classes Offered

Two classes offered! Pick the location & date that works for your family!

At Hope Lutheran Church it is our desire to partner with parents to fulfill the promises they made to their children during baptism. One of those promises is, “to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.” Fifth graders and their parents are encouraged to join us for one of the following First Communion Instruction classes:

- North Campus Sunday, March 29, 2:00–5:00pm
- South Campus Sunday, April 5, 2:00–5:00pm
- West Campus, Attend either North or South Campus

The instruction will consist of parents and students working together through a variety of hands-on learning stations that will educate the family about how Lutherans recognize the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

It is very important that a child attends with a parent/adult. Students: Please remember to bring your Bible.

Upon completion of an instruction class, students will be invited to receive their first communion on Thursday, April 9 (Maundy Thursday).

- North Campus Hopekids - 7:00pm Worship Service
- South Campus Wednesday Hopekids - 5:30pm Worship Service
- South Campus Sunday Hopekids - 7:00pm Worship Service
- West Campus Hopekids - 7:00pm Worship Service at North or South Campus

Following the service there will be a reception in their honor. First communicants and their families are invited to attend.

If you cannot attend one of these instructional sessions or have further questions email us at hopekids@fargohope.org.

5th Grade Confirmation Transition Meeting

This meeting answers frequently asked questions regarding your students’ transition to Confirmation next fall. Please plan to attend one of the sessions with your student.

Hopekids Sing in Worship!

Save the Dates! April 1 & 5!

Hopekids will be singing in worship during their Hopekids classroom times! *

Jesus gives us a reason to celebrate! Join us as we proclaim, “I’m a Child of God!”

* WC Hopekids please attend worship with parents and we will call the kids up to sing! WC will have Hopekids after worship.

Fifth Grade Parent Meeting

This meeting answers frequently asked questions regarding your students’ transition to Confirmation next fall. Please plan to attend one of the sessions with your student.

North Campus & South Campus
Wednesday, March 25
6:45pm
Sunday, March 29
10:30am
West Campus
Sunday, March 29
11:30am

Hope Center for Learning

Summer School Age Program

Summer is just around the corner and we are pleased to offer weekly themed day camps for children who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grade. We are excited to offer a wide variety of opportunities for school age children to grow their faith as they learn more about themselves, the world around them all while having a great time with their friends. A special field trip is planned for each camp that enhances the weekly theme.

You may register for one week or as many weeks as you need.

Registration forms will be available at fargohope.org or in the Church Office after March 1. Questions? Contact Jackie, 701.235.6629, x226 or jberndt@fargohope.org.

Save the Date for VBX

Sign up for VBX 2020!

- June 1-4 at North Campus (evening)
- June 8-11 at South Campus (morning and evening)

Registration begins April 1 at fargohope.org/vbx.

Hopekids & Hopetots

On Break April 8 & 12
We encourage Hopekids’ Families to attend one or many of the services during Holy Week!
Jesus is our forever Friend and He wants us to tell others!

Invite a friend to Hopekids!

It is up to you to invite others to know about Jesus and His love! Invite a friend to come to Hopekids with you!
This event pairs concepts from Confirmation with physical challenges for one extremely fun evening! American-Ninja-Warrior-Style challenges with Biblical application...and a trampoline! Spots are limited so sign up now!

July 12-18 | Kenosha, WI | $550
Last Call to sign up for Mission Kenosha! Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 11.
Register: fargohope.org/middleschool
Questions? Email creinke@fargohope.org

We are gearing up our summer calendar. If you are doing the same and looking for an enriching and fun camp for your student, Summer Castaway is a great one to create memories and nurture their faith.

Questions?
Email us at highschoo@fargohope.org
Follow us online @hsmhope on Instagram and Facebook!
Our Hopekids are Making an Impact!

Hearts were decorated, pictures were drawn & words of encouragement were written to those impacted by homelessness in our community.

HSM Work Crew
Making Friends and Making a Difference!

Every Fall and Spring, HSM gets to bring a Work Crew of 20-25 High School students to Camp Castaway. These busy students give up a weekend of activities to serve middle schoolers on retreat. They cook, they clean, they wait and bus tables. They even share their testimonies with younger students when they can. But, the real reason they come? Their own faith and friendships. They are up late every night worshiping together after the younger students have left for free time. They don aprons and gloves every day, clean miles of dishes, and fill the kitchen with music and laughter. These students are absolute treasure. God has blessed Hope richly.
NIGHT TO SHINE

On February 7, 160 Kings and Queens walked the red carpet and danced the night away! The world-wide prom celebrated more than 112,000 people with special needs through 215,000 volunteers and 721 churches, 34 countries, 110,000 kings and queens! One incredible evening!

Faith at work, James 2:6
Driven to Serve!

Picture this, a single mom who is struggling to support her family... She goes out to her car and discovers her abusive ex has found her car and slashed all four of her tires. What does she do? She doesn’t have the money for an expensive tow truck, let alone the cost of the tires. She has a serious problem that will have a severe impact on her life. It seems he has won.

Fortunately, she talks to her case manager who places a referral to Fix It Forward Ministry to get her car repaired. They tow it in, replace her tires and get her back on the road, removing this headache from her life so she can focus on her family. This is a true story.

Want to be part of this amazing ministry? Volunteers are an essential part of our ability to perform needed repairs on vehicles. To volunteer to fix cars, go to fixitforwardministry.com. All skill levels are welcome.

Do you have more people skills than mechanical skills? Do you have a compassionate heart for these people in need? You may want to be a Spark Plug! A Spark Plug visits with the client at the shop on the days they are working on cars. Contact Judy at jsiegle@fargohope.org or call 701.235.6629.

We truly are Driven To Serve, both the needy and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer Corner

Where’s Papa?

By Peggy Monsebroten

The response of our two youngest granddaughters every time they call, and I say hello is “Where’s Papa?” I think they could wait a little longer before they are inquiring of him. Of course, it always makes their Papa smile. At times I’m like my little ones when I feel like things are going all wrong, nothing is going the way I planned, and I feel alone. I’m asking where’s Papa? Hard things happen and I ask, where are You? I read that You never sleep and You’re never too busy but then, where are You? I get impatient and I don’t understand any of what I’m going through and I want to hear from Him NOW! I need to hear from Him. If only I had the patience to wait. He’ll always speak to me if I’m willing to listen. It comes through His word, a sermon, a song, friend or long buried memory. Our heavenly Papa is always near and available unlike our human fathers and grandfathers. My vision is so limited and I’m looking at what is right in front of me which may not look good at all but then I remember that my heavenly Papa loves me and is in control. God is up to something good and has the answer to everything.

“I HAVE TRIED HARD TO FIND YOU—DON’T LET ME WANDER FROM YOUR COMMANDS.” Psalm 119:10

“Don’t let your heart be troubled.” John 14:1

Dear Lord, help me to remember Your promises and to stay in Your presence so I don’t have to wonder where You are. Help me to let You put your fingerprints on my desires instead of mine. Help me not to wait to call on Your name. Amen.

Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
We would like to congratulate Denise Stromme, Jinny Foldoe, and Jodi Spicer for completing the Stephen Ministry Training Class at Hope Lutheran and becoming active Stephen Ministers!

They are already making a difference in the lives of those around them. We want to praise God for their commitment in learning how to share God’s love with people who are struggling.

To find out more about being a Stephen Minister or how you, or someone you know could get support from a Stephen Minister, please speak with a Hope Lutheran Pastor or Kim Youngquist at 701.235.6629 or email hopecare@fargohope.org. Visit online at fargohope.org/hopecare.

**OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO CARE FOR YOU!**

For more information about HopeCare Ministry, email hopecare@fargohope.org or visit fargohope.org/hopecare.

**Silent Prayer Retreat with Sherry Mortenson**

“**Come to the Well**”

April 17-18, 7:00-9:00pm; 9:00am-3:00pm

Join us for a two-day silent retreat with Sherry Mortenson, spiritual director, pastor, director of Ephriam’s Refuge.

“Come to the Well”— During both life’s peaks and valleys, come to a safe place for spiritual growth. Come to the well and be refreshed with the guidance and teaching of Pastor Sherry Mortenson.

Cosponsored by Valley Christian Counseling Center and Hope Lutheran Church

Location: South Campus, 3636 25th Street South, Fargo

Tickets: $40 ($50 after April 2), $60 at the door. Includes lunch and snacks.

Purchase tickets at fargohope.org/adults, in the Church Office or at the door.

**Hooked on Being a Buddy**

By Sue Johnson

I am a relative newcomer to Open Arms Ministry, a volunteer opportunity that provides one-on-one support for children with special needs so that they may participate fully in our Hopekids programming. When I was approached about being a “buddy” for a preschool student, I was not sure I’d have the energy to keep up with an active 3-year-old; but I gave it a try, and after just a few weeks of my Wednesday night connections with my special little one, I am hooked! Being important in the life of a child is a blessing in itself, and helping to bring even the youngest of our Hopekids to feel comfortable in our church setting and begin their faith journey has enriched my life. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this way and look forward to continuing in this very special ministry.

**Join DivorceCare at Any Time**

Mondays | South Campus, Room 100 | 6:30pm

DivorceCare is a weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. **Join at any time.**

Topics include: The Road to Healing, Facing My Anger, Facing My Depression, Facing My Loneliness, New Relationships, Financial Survival, Kid Care, Forgiveness, Growing Closer to God

**Spring Brunch is Coming!**

Spring Brunch will be at **North Campus Saturday, May 2!**

Debbie Trombley will talk on “The 4 Quarters of Life – Growing in the Passion to Spend Your Life”

**Hope for Moms**

MOPS/Momsnext and Hopefull Single Moms will meet **Saturday, March 21, 9:00-11:00am** (every third Saturday) at the South Campus. Childcare is provided. Please contact moms@fargohope.org to sign up for childcare.

KAMs (Kids & Moms) meets weekly, **Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am.** Come and enjoy brunch and inspiration with moms of all ages.
Special Events in March 2020

Preaching Schedule

**MARCH 1 - SUNDAY**
- SC Pastor Paul – “Why Jesus Gets My Attention”
- WC Pastor Sarah – “Why Jesus Gets My Attention”

**MARCH 4 - WEDNESDAY**
- NC Pastor Mike – “God’s Church: Hope & Healing”
- SC Pastor Paul – “Confession: Hope & Healing”

**MARCH 8 - SUNDAY**
- NC Pastor Mike – “I am the Greatest: NOT”
- CH Pastor Matt – “I am the Greatest: NOT”

**MARCH 11 - WEDNESDAY**
- NC Pastor Paul – “Prayer: Hope & Healing”
- SC Pastor Mike – “Forgiveness: Hope & Healing”

**MARCH 15 - SUNDAY**
- NC Pastor Chuck – “The Question We Should All Be Asking”
- SC Pastor Mike – “I am the Greatest: NOT”
- CH Pastoral Intern Ben – “The Question We Should All Be Asking”
- WC Pastor Paul – “I am the Greatest: NOT”

**MARCH 18 - WEDNESDAY**
- NC Pastor Mike – “Forgiveness: Hope & Healing”
- SC Pastor Paul – “Prayer: Hope & Healing”

**MARCH 22 - SUNDAY**
- NC Pastor Kristian – “What Jesus Had to Say About Self-Righteousness”
- SC Pastor Chuck – “The Question We Should All Be Asking”
- CH Pastor Matt – “What Jesus Had to Say About Self-Righteousness”
- WC Pastoral Intern Ben – “The Question We Should All Be Asking”

**MARCH 25 - WEDNESDAY**
- NC Pastor Matt – “Transformation: Hope & Healing”
- SC Pastor Mike – “Body of Christ: Hope & Healing”

**MARCH 29 - SUNDAY**
- NC Pastor Mike – “Jesus Cleanses the Temple”
- SC Pastor Kristian – “What Jesus Had to Say About Self-Righteousness”
- CH Pastor Sarah – “Jesus Cleanses the Temple”
- WC Pastor Matt – “What Jesus Had to Say About Self-Righteousness”

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Milestones For January 9-February 7

**BAPTISMS:**
- Rohan, son of Prasad & Paige Sawardeker
- Cooper Charles, son of John & Melissa Bengson
- Matthew James Deckert, son of Blaise Deckert & Mazie Remund
- Chantelle Elizabeth, daughter of Stacy Holt
- Clarice Michaelynn, daughter of Ryan & Tracy Diedrich
- Sully Jackson, son of Jackson & Lindsey Strom
- Hayden Allen and Hadley Jean, son and daughter of Rickey & Amy Hampton
- Owen Lance Elwin, son of Richard & Amy Smith

**DEATHS:**
- Lucille Bye 1/4/2020
- Joan Wall 1/17/2020
- Marion Fisher 1/18/2020

**NEW MEMBERS—January 19, 2020**
- Garrett & Shelby Anderson
- Emily & Nick Bakkum
- Evelyn, Reece
- Matt Benjamin
- Andy Bergrud
- Courtney Burgad
- Taylor Ensrued
- Cody & Whitney Johnson
- Sam & Shannon Nelson
- Justin Rendeau
- Stacy Schimming
- Jon & Netta Schroeder
- Lacey Trepuc
- Tim & Theresa Ulrich
- Daniel & Sarah
- Hans & Laurie Wallin

To register for Baptism Orientation, contact the Church Office at 701.265.6629.

Baptisms may be scheduled after you attend Baptism Orientation. For more information, visit fargohope.org/baptism.

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**BAPTISM Orientation**

**Upcoming Classes:**
- **Sunday, March 8 | 11:00am | South Campus**
- **Sunday, April 5 | 11:00am | North Campus**

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Join Legacy Children’s Foundation
Help Students Fix Bikes and Work in Food Pantry

The students of Legacy Children’s Foundation (anchoring motivated, diverse students in education and people for successful futures) invite you to help them serve and show kindness to Fargo neighbors who are in need of food or children who need a freshly repaired bike.

Your help on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm at their north Fargo location would be greatly appreciated. Groups of two adults blend well with their small group service-learning projects in their food pantry and bike shop.

Help once and you’ll be hooked to come back again. Partnering in their mission to serve and love our neighbors will bring joy to your life.

Can’t help on Thursdays? There are other opportunities during the week and weekend!

Please contact Annie at anniep.lcf@gmail.com or 701.799.3204 for more information.

Great Plains Food Bank Dates to Volunteer
March 9, 5:30-6:30pm
March 19, 1:00-2:30pm
April 13 5:30-6:30 pm
April 23 1:00-2:30 pm
Go to fargohope.org/missions for more information.

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. This journey will help the book of Exodus really come alive for you, too! Brochures are available at the Information Centers. Questions? Contact Pastor Kevan at 701.235.6629 (x326) or ksmith@fargohope.org.
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

North Campus
2900 Broadway N
Wednesday Worship: 6:00pm
Sunday Worship: 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am

South Campus
3636 25th St S
Wednesday Worship: 6:00pm
Sunday Worship: 8:15am & 9:30am - Chapel
9:30am, 11:00am - Sanctuary

West Campus
Liberty Middle School
801 36th Avenue East, WF
Sunday Worship: 9:30am

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HOPEKIDS 2020-2021 & VBX REGISTRATION

REGISTRATIONS OPEN ONLINE AND VIA PAPER ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.
WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

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