



People of Hope,

As we continue to monitor the coronavirus pandemic in conversation with medical personnel, the ND Department of Health and the CDC, along with conversations with other sister churches in states where there are many more coronavirus cases than here in ND, we have come to the point where we need **to suspend all public gatherings at Hope including worship for this coming week.** This suspension includes Hopekids, MSM, HSM, and all other ministry gatherings.

We simply need to follow the advice of the medical experts who tell us that large gatherings need to be canceled for the health and safety of all. The last thing we want to happen at Hope is that our life-giving church could be a setting for the spread of the disease.

Having suspended all gatherings at Hope **does not mean we are putting off helping you with your soul business.** In fact, we have a history of streaming worship services and I want to encourage you to take advantage of LIVE services streamed this week on both Wednesday at 6:00pm and a different service streamed live on Sunday at 9:30am. Wednesday's service will have Pastor Paul preaching on prayer and given the anxiety and fear embracing our world I can't think of a better practice than engaging prayer at this time. On Sunday, Pastor Chuck will be preaching on being a follower of Jesus in a pandemic.

Some of you are already familiar with Hope's streaming services. For those who have not streamed our worship services, please note that we offer 6:00pm on Wednesday and 9:30am on Sunday. Our website has livestream capabilities and archived audio sermons. A link is available at fargohope.org. Follow us on social media at facebook.com/fargohope for livestreaming and timely information. YouTube capabilities are coming this week and will be detailed on our website.

We are also currently working on plans to reach out to you the members of Hope through other means to connect and to help you and yours with your soul business. There will be further updates as we develop those plans.

Please know that your pastors and staff at Hope are ready and available to connect with you, to pray with you, to walk with you through not only this uncertain time, but also to provide spiritual care for the ongoing trials and tribulations of life.

The coronavirus is a global pandemic unlike anything our world has seen for generations. As a result, there's no small amount of concern. Keep looking up! God will see us through this! Keep on praying! Keep on loving like Jesus! Keep on living out your faith!

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. - Psalm 103:2-4