We Were Made for One Another!

Months ago, we began planning a Summer Series called “One Another,” focusing on what it means to live together in biblical community. Then Covid-19 happened…

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Call Committee Update

Here is an important update on the transition process and the upcoming congregational meeting to call Pastor Paul Nynas as the next Senior Pastor of Hope Lutheran Church.

As of early May, Governor Burgum began a soft reopening of North Dakota. This allows Hope to begin planning our own phased reopening, following social distancing guidelines, as we move into the summer months. This will allow us to gather on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00pm at both North & South Campus for a congregational meeting for an important vote for the future of Hope, the calling of Pastor Paul Nynas as our next Senior Pastor. We plan to use all of Hope’s facilities at both campuses for this congregational meeting in order to adhere to those important social distancing guidelines. This meeting also represents a great opportunity to celebrate the fact that we can move towards being together again as the people of Hope!

Be aware that according to Hope’s constitution, Pastor Paul needs 85 percent of the members present to vote “yes” for his call as a senior pastor candidate, a vote tally representing a resounding affirmation and celebration of our support for him. Also, per Hope’s constitution, you must be present to vote.

As a reminder, please know that Pastor Paul has been through an extensive interview process with the call committee and a group of past presidents who unanimously recommended Pastor Paul to the church council as the candidate for Hope’s next Senior Pastor. It is with the council’s unanimous support, as well as Pastor Chuck’s support, that we commend Pastor Paul to the congregation for your approval. It’s also important to note that voting to call Pastor Paul as Hope’s next Senior Pastor in June will allow valuable time to plan for a smooth transition leading into the fall.

As we prepare for the vote, thank you for your prayers and commitment to this important process of transition!

Dave Ferguson, Council President
Mike Slette, Call Committee Team Chair

The Walker
Peggy Monsebroten

My mom depends on her walker, it is always by her side. It is her security, a safety net, a constant companion. She doesn’t take a step without leaning on her walker as she knows it would be unwise to venture on her own.

As my mom leans on her walker, I am reminded of the need to lean on Jesus. I need Him as my constant companion. If I try to live in my own will and strength, I am bound to fail, yielding to the lure of the world and it’s temptations, facing danger and heartache which lead to failure, despair, and pain. Too often, we are tempted to try it without Him, to think we can resist and fight the battle in our own strength. Genesis says that Enoch, Noah and Abraham all walked with God. How beautiful it would be to hear God say that of me, that I walked with God.

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, you will hear a voice behind you saying, ‘this is the way, walk in it.’” Isaiah 30:21

Dear Lord, thank You that You want me to lean on You, You beckon us to walk with You. Help me to hear Your voice and to be obedient to it. You are our firm foundation and the immovable rock on whom we trust to get us through every trial and crisis. We need You to guide and protect us every day but especially during this difficult and uncertain time. Amen.

Love One Another

with home quarantining, social isolation, 6-foot distancing, and people feeling very disconnected with each other. What a powerful time to focus on being in community with one another, when we could easily be disconnected. We could not have imagined this series would be so relevant to our lives.

Alone and isolated is not the way that God made us to live. We were created for relationship! We were made for one another! The body of Christ is not complete without each of us!

In this series we will explore what the Bible has to say about how we are to be in relationship with “one another.”

Pastor Paul Nynas

ADULT MINISTRY

Zoom in for a Movie Discussion

Discussion via Zoom | Thursday, June 11 | 7:00-8:00pm

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, is a 2019 American biographical drama film starring Tom Hanks. It depicts a troubled journalist who is assigned to profile television icon Fred Rogers.

Watch movie prior to the Zoom gathering. For options on how to stream and watch, go to decider.com. For more details, go to fargohope.org/adults. Register to participate in free Zoom app discussion at fargohope.org/adults.

Stay tuned for summer book and study updates at Fargohope.org/women.

Milestones for April 9- May 8

BAPTISMS:
Rasmus Ray, son of Derrick & Lauryn LaPoint

MARRIAGES:
Jade Malmberg & Benjamin Sullivan 4/25/2020
Taren Klein & Randy Juen 4/25/2020

DEATHS:
Mirco Morganti 4/16/2020
Carol Hanson 4/16/2020
Harriet Markos 4/18/2020
Markles Schultz 4/25/2020
Merle McNamara 4/29/2020
Doris Evans 5/1/2020

NEW MEMBER LIST FOR APRIL 19
Travis Bean
Amanda & Eric Behr
Morgan, Brady
Kayla & Nate Bence
Ashley & Dusty Cossette
Payton, Jaxton
McKenzy Davis
Coleen Fossom
Eileen & Stephen Lee
Shari McTaggart
Marlee Morton
Kelly Olstad
Kyle & Tara Pokrzywinski
Lisa Rheault
Fin
Brooke Schaley
Jessica Siekien
Brenda & Clyde Smestad
Scott & Tennille Witte
Holden

FIN

PASTORS
Charles A Olmstead, Senior Pastor
Paul E Nynas, Executive Pastor
Matthew C Cordes
Kristian H Elkevik

Sarah A Seibold
Michael J Toomey
Stefanie Jordheim, Pastoral Intern/WC Dir.
Ben Sullivan, Pastoral Intern/Director of MSM
Kevan F Smith, Visitation Pastor
Memorials and Gifts Received January 10–April 30, 2020

Jim Olstad
Bob and JoEllen Carlson
Lanny and Lois Brantner
Ron Arnesson
Doug and Jill Kurtz
Dave and Peggy Monsebroten
Erva Moilanen
Sylvia Papke
Celine and Gerry Hennik
Kyle and Rachael Agre
Gary and Nicki Alquist
John, Claire and Nete Bergman
Rupert and Shirley Aman
Rick and Ruth Claren
Antlye Damidiff
Ed and MaryAnn Gunderson
Bryan and Nancy Hagen
Marilyn Hanson
Jack and Linda Hendrickson
Dan and Jay Jacobson
Kay Jastrom
Ada Jorgensen
Lori Kava
Susan Kiser
Dave and Kim Klatt
Roger and Shari Koenig
Gary Kaslofsky
Kim Larson
Jan Lewis
Phyllis Manthei
Roger and Renda Nelson
Dawn Radtke
Ron Rotvold
Craig and Carolyn Schnell
Ray and Janet Songert
Verna Williams
Tim and Becky Barrus

Don and Peggy Biederman
Alice Dosland
Dane and Lori Hilde
Jackie Krieger
Kathy Larson
Dave and Laura Langemo
Em Messelt
John and Wanda Peterson
Hollys and Bev Quamme
Kay and Douglas Steiger
Garth and Sandy Teske
Erwin and Marilyn Wahlgren
Joan Wall
Em Messelt
Greg and Sara Wohl
Stan and Linda Bjornstad
Don and Linda Jentrud
Jenice Boulger
Ken Wall
Richard and Sharon Krabbenhoft
Darrel and Marlene Paskrud
Ramona Johnson
Rosalie Fritz
William and Patricia Motter
Elaine Fragodt
Leo and Nancy Peterson
Alice Dosland
Timothy and Sandra Rich
Jim and Sharon Puppe
Beverly Schons
Erva Moilanen
Darcey Beling
Kari Holman
Hollys and Bev Quamme
Dean and Mary Ann
Knudson
Shari and Allen Enno
Doris Sand
Howard and Carla
Hansen
Lucy Heisler
Rick and Ruth Claren
Sylvia Papke
Winifred Christensen
Harold and Marlys Danielson
Verna Williams
Phyllis Osmundson
Terry and Kristin Gwynn
Marianne Gagelin
David and Kathleen Gausman
Wbhar and Leona Boldt
Andy Anderson
Tim and Becky Barrus
Artline Astrap
Doug Bakke
James Deplazes
David Deplazes
Lu Bye
Jackie Krieger
Bill Brady
Lanny and Lois Brantner
Lanny Brantner
Karen Houston
Jim and Sharon Puppe
Chad and Jennifer Stark
Em Melt
Laine Tiffani Brantner
Eunice Thorsen
Allen and Mary Luistro
Sandra Teske
Dean and Connie
Lykken
David and Gloria Lee
Dina Brady
Bill and Marilyn Guy
Jerry and June
Brantner
Marge Swanson
Friends from Bell Bank
Loren and Diane
Staroba

Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran
January 30–April 28, 2020

In Honor of Mike Reitan and Family—Prayer Cross Ministry
Bob and Joyce Moore
Shirley Steimachuck—Prayer Cross Ministry
Bill and Wanda Scoville
Joan Wall
Stan and Susan Johnson
Lu Bye
The Family of Lu Bye
Wendy Kotchan
Brent and Nancy Nerland
Arne Schjeldrup—Mission Jamaica
Darrin and Kristina Gillette
Brent and Nancy Nerland
Elaine Fragodt
Carol and Wally Blomberg
Kay Gorder—Prayer Cross Ministry
Herman Peterson—General Fund
Janice Haig
Dave and Barb Ferguson

You Are Part of a Caring Congregation!
During this time of social distancing there are many unknowns and many decisions people are trying to make. Do we keep distancing at home? How will we pay our bills or feed the family? Can we go back to work? Should we go to local stores as they open up? Will we be safe? Are our family members safe and making good decisions? When are we going to get back to our normal activities?

Overwhelmed
These questions can be overwhelming and hard to manage without having someone to talk to. If you need to continue distancing at home, it can be very lonely and isolating. We have Stephen Ministers and Visitation Ministers to support you by listening, praying and caring for you no matter which situation you find yourself in.

Bigger Purpose
In other cases, not much has changed with your situation and you’re looking to find a bigger purpose to help others who are lonely, anxious, grieving or struggling with other life issues. If God is calling you to take a more active role in Christian caregiving, then Stephen Ministry may be just what your are looking for. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our next Stephen Ministry Class planned for September 2020.

Connect
We have a congregation who cares for you and has an opportunity for whichever situation you are in. Find out more about Stephen Ministry at Hope Lutheran by connecting with one of our Pastors or Kim Y at 701.235.6629 or hopecare@fargohope.org. More information can be found at fargohope.org/hopecare.

Visitation Ministry
If you would like to make phone calls, mail cards, and care for those in Care facilities, please call 701.235.6629 or email hopecare@fargohope.org.

Hospitals
Let us know when you or a loved one are hospitalized. We want to call and pray with you and your family.

Thank You
I want to express my deep gratitude to HopeCare’s volunteers. Many of you have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have shown great care and flexibility in caring for those who cannot leave their homes. Others have jumped up and said, “I can help in new ways!” Thank you!

Pastor Mike Toomey

Thanks for Your Generosity!
As I write this article, just over $50,000 has been raised for the Great Plains Food Bank in response to the dramatic increase in need in our region and state. Thank you! Your generosity continues to astound me and is a faithful response to God’s love and generosity to us in Jesus Christ.

The Great Plains Food Bank provides food for all the food banks in North Dakota as well as the immediate regions of Minnesota. Many of our other ministry partners like Churches United for the Homeless and the New Life Center also receive food resources from the food bank.

In times of great struggle, we the church are called to rise up with great love! Feeding the hungry is one of the amazing ways we are encouraging all people to know the love of Christ.

Thank you!
Pastor Paul Nynas

Mildred Schimmelhennig—General Fund
Marie Helie
Jeff Koth—HopeCare
MaryAnn Schoenhien
Pepper Eisenhardt—General Fund
Rodney Hogen
Pastor Gary Clark
Peter Clark
Lanny Brantner
Mary and Tom Lidahl—Praise Choir
Barb and Jerry Usgaard
Kay Gorder—Prayer Cross Ministry
Jack Bigger—Great Plains Food Bank
George and Margaret Vollmuth
Harriet Markos—Great Plains Food Bank
George and Margaret Vollmuth
Norma Tangen—Building Fund
Monte and Renee Hanson
Kaye Anseth—Prayer Cross Ministry
Ben and Bernie Hahn
FOCUS VBS 2020

Hope’s first ever Virtual Bible School is June 8–12 at 6:00pm
Join us on Facebook Live - Hopekids - Hope Lutheran Church or Youtube – Fargo Hope

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

Families will discover that they may not be able to SEE God with their eyes, but there is so much that we can learn about God if we take a “Closer Look” in an at home Bible school experience.

They will learn that when we put our “FOCUS” on God and His plan for our lives we will learn more about Him.

Children and their families will be worshipping, watching videos, reading the Bible, learning about prayer, making snacks, crafts & playing games. All while discovering that there are things that we can do to help us keep our “FOCUS” on God.

Registrations Are Open!

Mark these off your fall to-do list!
Sign your 6-9th grader up for:
• 2020-2021 Confirmation which begins September 9/13
• Fall Castaway [Guardrails] October 2-4
To register, visit fargohope.org/middleschool
Questions? Email middleschool@fargohope.org

Thank you, Pam!

Confirmation Ministry is thankful for the work and ministry of Pam Younggren as a North Campus Confirmation Coordinator the last 6 years.

We are grateful for her work connecting with parents and leaders to help students through their Confirmation experience. Her consistent and caring presence on Wednesday nights will be missed!

Please join us in thanking Pam for all she’s done for middle school students, leaders and families.

Summer 2020 Hopekids

Hopekids will continue to provide curriculum to families throughout the summer!

You can find engaging lessons and activities:
• On our Website – Fargohope.org
• Facebook - Hopekids - Hope Lutheran Church
• YouTube – Fargo Hope (preschool & K-5)

WE MISS OUR HOPEKIDS’ FAMILIES
Follow us on Facebook for potential Hopekids activities during the summer! Stay Tuned!!

Registration 2020-21
Sign up for Hopekids 2020-21 which begins September 9 &13.

SAVE THE DATE:
• Hopekids Volunteer Training – August 16 & 17
• Hopekids Family Fun Night – August 19