

Words of hope

Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

One Another

Summer 2020 Sermon Series

ONLINE WORSHIP

Facebook, YouTube, [fargohope.org/watch](https://www.fargohope.org/watch) and KFGO (9:30am Sunday)

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



Pastor Paul Nynas

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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](https://fargohope.org/women).

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 its 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.

PASTORS

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

Sarah A Seibold
Michael J Toomey
Stefanie Jordheim, Pastoral Intern/WC Dir.
Ben Sullivan, Pastoral Intern/Dir. of MSM
Kevan F Smith, Visitation Pastor

Milestones for April 9- May 8

BAPTISMS:

Rasmus Ray, son of Derrick & Lauryn LaPoint

MARRIAGES:

Leigh Langehough & Luke Daley 4/11/2020

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

Marlies 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 Fossum
Eileen & Stephen Lee
Shari McTaggart
Marlee Morton
Kelly Olstad
Kyle & Tara Pokrzywinski
Lisa Rheault
Fin
Brooke Schaley
Jessica Siefken
Brenda & Clyde Smestad
Scott & Tennille Witte
Holden

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS RECEIVED JANUARY 10–APRIL 30, 2020



Jim Olstad

Bob and JoEllen Carlson
Lanny and Lois Brantner
Ron Arneson
Doug and Jill Kurtz
Dave and Peggy Monsebrotten
Erva Moilanen
Sylvia Papke
Celine and Gerry Hennix
Kyle and Rachael Agre
Gary and Nicki Almquist
John, Claire and Nate Bergman
Rupert and Shirley Aman
Rick and Ruth Clarens
Ardyce Dunicliff
Ed and MaryAnn Gunderson
Bryan and Nancy Hagen
Marilyn Hanson
Jack and Linda Hendrickson
Dan and Jay Jacobson
Kay Jastram
Ada Jorgensen
Lori Kava
Susan Kiser
Dave and Kim Klatt
Roger and Shari Koenig
Gary Kaslofsky
Kim Larson
Jan Lewis
Phyllis Manthei
Roger and Ronda Nelson
Dawn Radtke
Ron Rotvold
Craig and Carolyn Schnell
Ray and Janel Sorgert
Verna Williams
Tim and Becky Barrus

Don and Peggy Bierdeman
Alice Dosland
Dane and Lori Hilde
Jackie Krieger
Kathy Larson
Dave and Laura Langemo
Em Messelt
John and Wanda Peterson
Hollis 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 Jemtrud
Jenice Boulger
Ken Wall
Richard and Sharon Krabbenhoft
Darrel and Marlene Paulsrud
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
Hollis and Bev Quamme
Dean and Mary Ann Knudson
Shari and Allen Enno
Doris Sand
Howard and Carla Hansen
Lucy Heisler

Rick and Ruth Clarens
Sylvia Papke
Winifred Christensen
Harold and Marlys Danielson
Verna Williams
Phyllis Osmundson
Terry and Kristin Glynn
Marianne Gagelin
David and Kathleen Gausman
Wilbur and Leona Boldt

Andy Anderson
Tim and Becky Barrus

Arline Astrup

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 Messelt

Laine Tiffani Brantner
Eunice Thorson
Allan 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 Stelmachuck–Prayer Cross Ministry
Bill and Wanda Scoville

Joan Wall

Stan and Susan Johnson

Lu Bye

The Family of Lu Bye

Wendy Kotchian

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 Haag

Dave and Barb Ferguson

Mildred Schimmelphennig – General Fund

Marie Helm

Jeff Koth – HopeCare

MaryAnn Schoenheit

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 Renae Hanson

Kayce Anseth – Prayer Cross Ministry

Ben and Bernie Hahn

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

You Are Part of a Caring Congregation!

During this time of social distancing there are many unknowns and many decisions people are starting to have 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 you 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.

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 to 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.

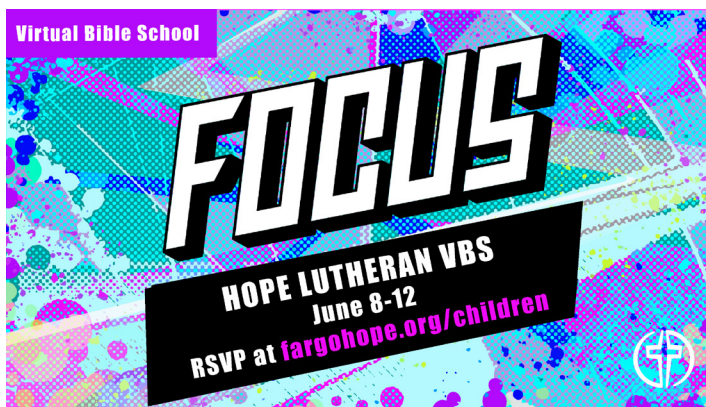
In times of great struggle, we the church are called to rise up with great love! Feeding the hungry is one of the amazing ways we are encouraging all people to know the love of Christ.

Thank you!

Pastor Paul Nynas

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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 AT HOME

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