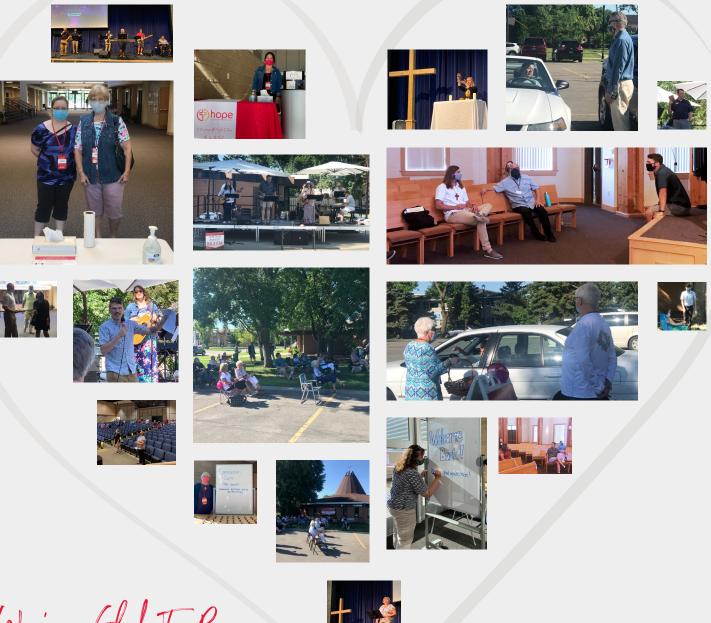


## **Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church**



We're Glad To Be Together Again!



## Re-opening Information and Guidelines

People of Hope,

Gathering together for worship as followers of Jesus Christ is a Holy privilege and one of our greatest joys. This season of responding to the realities of COVID-19 has been a real challenge for churches everywhere as we seek to worship together. I am deeply thankful for the technology that has allowed us to gather together even though we are apart. It is important and will continue to be a key worship opportunity. Physically gathering together to pray, sing, and offer God our thanks and praise is also very important to our souls.

As we begin to re-open the physical facilities (church) that the people of God gather together in, here are some important considerations (subject to change) for our safety:

#### PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Per current CDC guidelines maintaining a 6ft social distance between people is important to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. Refrain from touching others.

#### WEAR A MASK

Per current CDC guidelines, masks are required with the exception of children under the age of two and those with underlying health conditions. If you forget your mask, we will have one available for you.

#### IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING.

#### BATHROOMS ARE AVAILABLE

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

#### WASH AND SANITIZE

Please wash your hands. Hand sanitizing stations will be

available at multiple places in our facilities. Thorough sanitizing and cleaning will be done between services and ministries.

These considerations have been developed by our leadership. As a large congregation that gathers all generations together regularly it is important that we be wise in our procedures and practices.

I fully recognize that we all have different comfort levels and personal considerations regarding gathering together. We will continue to live stream worship and offer online opportunities for children, youth and adults. Please engage our online opportunities if you are vulnerable or have concerns.

I also understand that we can not fully eliminate the potential for COVID-19 transmission. Our goal is to mitigate the possibility as best we can.

This is a stressful time. We live with a lot of difficult decisions, conflicting news and deeply divided people over a myriad of issues. Our world is broken. Our sinful nature can divide us and blind us to the needs of others. As followers of Jesus Christ I urge you to follow the wisdom of Colossians 3:12. "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Our Lord Jesus calls us to be humble servants in this world. To put the needs of others before ourselves. To sacrifice and love with great love. In fact, our loving response to each other in this difficult time may be exactly the thing God uses to bring someone into an eternallife-saving relationship with Him. We are people of great Hope. Our Hope is not in the powers and principalities of our world but in our Lord Jesus Christ and He's got the whole world in His Hands!

God's peace in Christ,

Pastor Paul Nynas

## Pastor Paul Nynas to Serve as Senior Pastor

#### By: Dave Ferguson, Church Council President and Mike Slette, Call Committee Chair

The Church Council is pleased to share with you that through the special congregational meeting held June 24, Hope Lutheran Church has overwhelmingly approved the call of Pastor Paul Nynas to serve as Hope's next Senior Pastor. Thank you to all who participated in this process so important to the future of Hope. Under Pastor Paul's leadership we will continue to boldly and faithfully live out our mission "to encourage all people to know the love of Jesus Christ."

As we rejoice together with Pastor Paul, join us in celebrating Pastor Chuck's 36 years of ministry at Hope on August 26. The blessings of strong leadership help give deeper meaning to the words of Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

## Pastor Chuck Retires From Hope Lutheran After 36 Years of Helping People With Their Soul Business

In August 1984, with a passion for ministry and a zest for life, Pastor Chuck Olmstead entered the doors of Hope Lutheran to serve in his first call. Unknowingly, he began what would be a 36-year journey that would greatly impact the trajectory of Hope Lutheran and it's essence in the Fargo metro. As an associate pastor, his energy and enthusiasm helped expedite the growth and development of the various ministries alongside his fellow pastors. He became Hope's Executive Pastor in 1996. With the addition of the South Campus, came the challenge of keeping the two locations united as one church. Pastor Chuck's leadership helped facilitate teams and support ministries as they flourished yet remained interwoven, with the congregation feeling comfortable visiting North or South for worship or events.

Pastor Chuck was called to serve as Hope's Senior Pastor in 2006.

In this final position, serving at Hope, he helped bring the church to yet another new community with the addition of a West Campus in 2019. To coordinate this endeavor with pastors, the Church Council, committees, various teams and members of the congregation was quite a feat.

Upon reflecting on his 14 years as Senior Pastor and the entirety of his time here, what an amazing journey of God's grace and hope it has been!

"The accomplishments of Pastor Chuck's faithful service to our church are impossible to summarize," said Pastor Paul Nynas. "A few brought to mind are Hope Hangouts, taking over 100 students to the National Youth Gathering, leadership in the launch of Hope South, to leading our congregation to be debt free, and growing our average worship attendance in 2006 of 2,406 to currently 4,036 souls weekly today. The list goes on and on," he explained. "Just think of the impact of the baptisms, weddings and funerals he has performed, hospital visits made, preaching and teaching, counseling sessions, leadership, love and care Pastor Chuck has given our congregation and community. Wow!" Pastor Paul added.

When asked what his most important accomplishment is at Hope Pastor Chuck's response is, "Unequivocally, helping people with their soul business." His love and faithfulness to our congregation has been simply amazing. We are thankful for his humble service, great love, kind and welcoming presence, wisdom, drive and passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are planning to celebrate Chuck, and his wife Cara, at a reception on August 26, 7:30pm at Hope Lutheran, South Campus. Please join us in offering a tremendous thank you to God for Pastor Chuck!

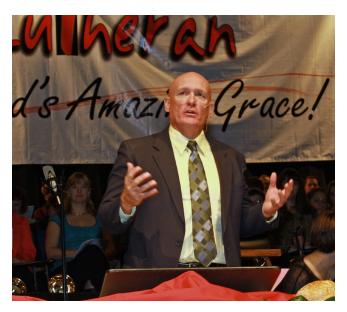
## Send Your Photos!





Hope Lutheran is collecting photos for a slideshow that will play at the retirement celebration for Pastor Chuck at the end of August.

Please send photos of Pastor Chuck from throughout his 36 years at Hope to Karli Ring at kring@fargohope.org or mail them to Hope Lutheran (2900 Broadway N, Fargo, ND 58102) by **August 10**. If you would like mailed photos returned, please specify. Please include the date, if known, of the photo.



## Thank You, JoEllen



It is with a sad, but grateful heart that the Communication Team announces JoEllen Carlson has retired from her position at Hope Lutheran. Hope Lutheran is thankful for the 21 years of ministry JoEllen has served in a variety of roles but most recently as our Newsletter Editor. We invite you, the people of Hope, in thanking JoEllen for the ministry and gifts she has shared.

## Support Groups Start This Fall

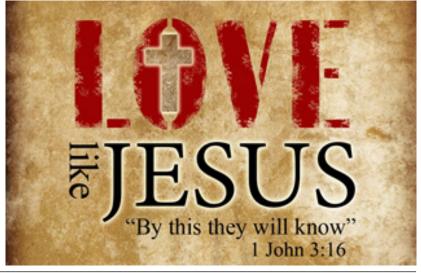
GriefShare and DivorceCare plan to restart the week of Monday, September 28. Updated details will be posted on our webpage at fargohope.org/hopecare.

## Has God Gifted You With the Heart for Caring?

During this time of social Stephen winnistry, distancing we have many people struggling around us who need support, but it is sometimes hard to know how to do that. We want

to help you be that support person by enhancing your heart for caring and teaching you important skills necessary to support someone in crisis. Some of the skills you will learn more about are: how to be a better listener, how to speak your truth in a loving way, how to use your faith in God to care for others, how to maintain boundaries with people, how to support someone with depression, and when to get professionals involved if necessary.

Our next Stephen Ministry training class starts on September 17 and we want you to be included to learn how to support others during this time. To be a part of the class, learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, or find out how to get care from a Stephen Minister, please talk to a Hope Lutheran Pastor, call Kim Youngquist at 701.235.6629 Ext. 221, email hopecare@ fargohope.org or go to www.fargohope.org/hopecare.





## Hospitalization Information

We continue to care for members of Hope through this COVID 19 season. We also have a list of volunteers that want to help keep people connected and cared for. Please let us know of hospitalizations and if you would like to receive an ongoing checkin. Call 701.235.6629 or email hopecare@ fargohope.org

## Dawn Streifel Joins Hope's Staff

Dawn Streifel started her position as an Adult Ministry Administrative Assistant in June. She has been a member of Hope since 1984 and has been active in various small group activities, women's ministry, service projects, and assisting with scripture reading, and ushering. She is familiar with many of our Hope families.

She and her husband, Leon, were married at Hope in 1984, and they have lived in Fargo ever since. They both are NDSU alumni. Dawn has a degree in education and a background in education administration. They have two children, Austin, attending NDSU, and Allison, married to Cody Orr, and grandson, Wyatt. Her parents, Ken and Esther Rye, are also members of Hope. She feels blessed to be able to attend church with her family since they are all local.

Dawn is excited to support the growing opportunities in Adult ministry and to be part of the Hope office team. She embraces the Hope mission to encourage all people to know the love of Christ and looks forward to helping you any way she can.



## West Campus, We've Missed You!



West Campus re-opened at Liberty Middle School on July 12. Forty-six worshipers came for the first service held since March.

## August Preaching Schedule

"Patience With One Another" | North: July 29/Aug. 2, South: Aug. 5/9, Pastor Paul Nynas | West: Aug. 9, Pastor Matt Cordes
"Kind and Compassionate With One Another" | South: July 29/Aug. 2, North: August 5/9, Pastor Mike Toomey | West: Aug. 2, Ben Sullivan
"Forgive Each Other" | North: Aug. 12/16, South: Aug. 19/23, Pastor Sarah Seibold | West Aug. 23, Pastor Kristian Eikevik
"Spiritually Encourage One Another" | South: Aug. 12/16, North: Aug. 19/23, Pastor Mike Toomey | West: Aug. 16, Stefanie Jordheim
"Tell the Truth to Each Other" | North: Aug. 26/30, South: Sept. 2/6, Ben Sullivan | West: Sept. 6, Stefanie Jordheim
"Pray for Each Other" | South: Aug. 26/30, North: Sept. 2/6, Pastor Kristian Eikevik | West: Aug. 30, Pastor Sarah Seibold

## Welcome Back Students And Families of Hope!

Welcome back Students and Families of Hope! We cannot wait to have you join us back in the church this fall. Even given our new challenges, we are still doing everything we can to help our students grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ as we seek to build our faith together. Hope Lutheran Church exists, "to encourage all people to know the love of Christ," in any and every circumstance. Although there have been many exciting things happening in Student Ministry this Spring and Summer (Online Programming, VBS, Worship Nights, etc.), we also know that some of you may be wondering what fall programming can and will look like during this pandemic. We want to give you the assurance that we have been working diligently to make our time together this fall fruitful and safe. We will be providing both online and in-person programming options this year. Per CDC guidelines and state recommendations, all people selecting to engage in fall programming onsite will be required to wear face masks and expected to practice social distancing between small groups. More information about our COVID-19 Wellness plan can be found on each youth ministry page. There will be some changes to how and when we do programming, but we have worked hard to provide you with multiple options that work best for you and your family. We are so excited to see you this fall and pray that God is doing a mighty work in you this summer while keeping you safe.

## Registration for Fall 2020 Opens July 27



**STARTING SEPTEMBER 13/16** 

## Second Grade Bible Event Scheduled for September 20

Who: All 2nd graders and their families When: Sunday, September 20, 4:00–5:00pm at North & South Campus Sunday, September 20, 9:55–10:15am at West Campus (between church services)

What: Bible Presentation, Training & Celebration Questions: Email hopekids@fargohope.org or call Nicole Weisz at 701.235.6629, x312

#### No RSVP needed

#### CLASSROOMS SIZES ARE LIMITED. SIGN UP NOW!

Register at fargohope.org/hopekids

#### NORTH CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY | 5:30pm | 7:00pm (no preschool at 7:00pm) SUNDAY | 9:45am | 11:00am

#### SOUTH CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY | 5:30pm | 7:00pm (no preschool at 7:00pm) SUNDAY | 8:15am | 9:30am | 11:00am

#### WEST CAMPUS

SUNDAY | 9:00am | 10:30am

#### ONLINE

WEDNESDAY | 6:30-7:00pm

## Youth Volunteer Training

## For All Youth Ministry

#### HOPEKIDS, MSM, HSM VOLUNTEERS

Don't miss this valuable training, which will cover vision casting, new policies and procedures. Staff will be available to answer questions or concerns. Childcare will not be provided this year.

## MULTIPLE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR!

#### NORTH & SOUTH CAMPUS

August 16 or 17 | 6:00-8:00pm

#### WEST CAMPUS

August 23 | 10:30am

## Fall Options for Middle School Ministry

#### CONFIRMATION at hope lutheran

Middle School Ministry is striving to create faith filled and safe opportunities for students to grow in their relationship with Jesus this year. For middle schoolers, community is important, and we seek to keep students engaged in their faith community so they can continue to grow and be encouraged in knowing Jesus. Serving over 850 students, engaging roughly 200 volunteers in Confirmation programming and needing to practice social distancing, MSM had to get creative with how

How Can You Get Involved?

Nobody needs to be seen by everybody, but everybody needs to be seen by somebody. There is no hiding the fact that Hope Lutheran is a big church, but we want to do all we can to give every student the attention of a small church. For this ministry to be successful, we need your help. to offer Confirmation programming in an engaging and safe way to a variety of family needs and comfort levels. We are excited to be able to offer two options for Confirmation programming in the 2020-2021 programmatic year, on-site and online. The options are listed below.

**On site:** West Campus on Sunday morning from 9:45-10:30am; North and South Campus on Sunday evenings from 6:00-6:45pm **Online:** All Campuses on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:00pm We pray one of these options will serve your family well and look forward to partnering with your family this year in helping your middle schooler to know the love of Christ! For more information on what you can expect this year and to register for Confirmation starting July 27, please go to fargohope.org/middleschool

In Christ, Pastor Sarah Seibold

#### **COVID** Precautions and Guidelines

For all information regarding our policies on COVID-19, please visit our website at fargohope.org/ middleschool

Being a Small Group Leader does not mean knowing all of the answers OR being the most energetic person you know. It does, however, mean that you desire to love students, let them know you care about them, and give them a sense of belonging. We believe that when we do this for our students, we can lead them to the most important relationship they could ever have with Jesus Christ.

For any questions about volunteer opportunities, please email: hopekids@fargohope.org, middleschool@fargohope.org, or highschool@fargohope.org.

Thank you for all you do!

#### Affirmation of Baptism Set for September 27 at the Scheels Arena

The Confirmation Ministry is so excited to unite all current 10th Graders who completed the Confirmation Program in spring of 2020, to proclaim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! We will celebrate together in ONE worship, while also practicing social distancing. When: Sunday, September 27 at 4:00pm (note this is a change from September 13) Where: Scheels Arena, 5225 31st Ave S, Fargo

There will not be a rehearsal the prior day. Families can expect to see more details later this summer regarding reserved seating, individual pictures and their child's check-in time.

### Guardrails Update

In conversation with Castaway Club we have decided to cancel our fall retreat, but are looking at the possibility of other retreats. Castaway just opened camp to small regional Young Life groups this week and they are learning that worship in the anchor, rec room and mealtimes are the biggest challenges to bringing large groups to camp and practicing good social distancing. They can bring most large group activities outside during the summer, however that wouldn't be the case in fall and winter.

# Hopetots

#### What is going on with our Hopetots program?

We have decided that Hopetots will be on hold to start the year. Please continue to check our website for updates and don't worry it will be up and running on a date to be determined.

## Registration is Open for Preschool Fall 2020

# Christian Preschool

We have openings in both our Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday classes. **Email Karla at kames@fargohope.org to schedule a tour.** Hope Christian Preschool, North Campus, 2900 Broadway N, Fargo, ND 58102 | fargohope. org/preschool



## Focus: Virtual Bible School Was a Blast!





Fritz kept the children of Hope Lutheran focused on their faith this summer at home. Families made the experience interactive by chatting with our Virtual Bible School's main character, Fritz, and submitting photos of their snacks and crafts. Families were able to watch live, pause and re-watch the tutorials, lessons, dances and more!



## Fall 2020 High School Ministry

#### Central Location (South Campus)

Wednesday | 8:15pm Sunday Life Groups North, West, and other More information is available at: fargohope.org/highschool



## Follow Us! Might school MINISTRY FargoHope

## #GrowingTogetherWhileStayingApart

#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO COME TOGETHER!

- Walking Together: Continues through August; contact Sue at Susan.Johnson1971@yahoo.com
- Reading Together: August 24 book club selection is "The Secrets We Kept" by Lara Prescott
- Toning Together: Contact MaryHolm23@gmail.com
- Studying Together: Jesus Calling
- Crafting Together: Thursday, August 13, 7:00pm via Zoom; Carla will provide the supply list for making a burlap cross hanging

#### **FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER, GO TO FARGOHOPE.ORG/WOMEN** Golfing Together

Golf Girls meet Tuesdays, 9:00am at scheduled courses (May-October). Contact Nicki at 701.388.7628 or send an email to Garyalmquist1@gmail.com to receive weekly email updates of when and where they play.



Pictured (left to right): Deb Schmidt, Marge Swanson, Karen Silbernagel, Darlene Famias, Cris Amundgaard, Lavonne Liversage, Glady Meyer, Nicki Almquist, Mary Hoffman, Terry Larson and Dorothy Agather

## Men in Boats Retreat

**Retreat:** September 4-6 Lakewood Bible Camp, Devils Lake, ND

Save the date, details to come! Visit fargohope.org/men





**Cost:** \$20 individual or small group member

#### SIMULCAST

Go to lifeway.com/events to register. Join this global event, with favorite authors including Beth Moore, Jennifer Rothschild, Priscilla Shirer, Jen Wilkin and Kelly Minter, where women, unapologetic and unshakable in the pursuit of grace, can come together.

#### Movie Night Facing the giants

When: August 18 Where: South Campus



An action packed drama about a Christian high school football coach who uses his undying faith to battle the giants of fear and failure. Additional information will be available at fargohope.org/adults

## What is the Hope Lutheran Foundation?

The Hope Lutheran Foundation operates as a separate entity of Hope Lutheran Church. It works to encourage all people to know the love of Christ by supporting the mission and ministry of Hope Lutheran Church. The Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible.

How are Hope's Foundation dollars used to support the mission and ministry of Hope Lutheran Church? The Foundation's annual income provides dollars "beyond the offering plate" to supplement the many ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. It provides additional resources where they are needed most. As our church continues to grow more needs arise and the Hope Lutheran Foundation can respond to meet those needs.

## New Members

#### June 21, 2020

Susan Benson Sam Berglin Andrew Bjornson Siri Burck Cathy & Engen Eckmann Darby Hetzler Brielle, Ryker Sharon Ponik Cody & Kayla Schafer Nora, Hollis Alex Smestad Zach Zimmerman

## Milestones for May 9-July 16

#### Baptisms:

Navy Jacob, son of Robert & Rebecca Lill Immajean Louise, daughter of Brian & Carmen Larson Mara Ann, daughter of Zachary & Danielle Page Rinley Mae, daughter of Hannah Buzick Luca Charles, son of Adam & Ashley Bridgeford Isabel Grace, daughter of Ethan & Danielle Kraft Wesson Aksel and Tanner Jason, sons of Randy & Lindsay McLeod

Finnley Pearl and Lennon Noelle, daughters of Nathan & Makenna Bush

Adalyn Molly, daughter of Michael & Sarah Rhea Lakyn Joy, daughter of Jayme & Amanda Helmer Chloe Jayne, daughter of AJ & Amanda Cooper Jaden Brian, son of Brian & Angela Hoots

#### How can I help meet the needs through the Hope Lutheran Foundation?

- Cash gifts
- Automatic reoccurring gifts
- Stocks, bonds, and real estate
- Wills and charitable trusts (estate planning)
- Beneficiary of retirement plan assets and distributions
- Beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- Qualified Éndowment

To get more information about the Hope Lutheran Foundation, visit fargohope.org/foundation.

## New Member Gatherings

Details about fall gatherings will be listed on our website in the coming weeks.

Camilla Mae, daughter of Arjan & Jessica Majidian Elsa Eleanor, daughter of John & Jessica Paulson Matilda Ruth Zimmerman, daughter of Zachary Zimmerman & Samantha Berglin Chase Marcus, son of Devin & Jaime Warkenthien

#### Marriages:

Bridgit Nagel & Colton Johnson 5/22/2020 Kiara Pochardt & Shane Tuchscherer 6/6/20 Grace Wosick & Adam Sufficool 6/26/2020

#### Deaths:

Arlene Carpenter 5/9/2020 Mildred (Micki) Nohr 6/12/2020 Dale Johnson 6/27/2020 Hollis Quamme 6/29/2020 Doris Sand 7/1/2020 Dale Christianson 7/6/2020

## About Hope Lutheran

North Campus, 2900 Broadway N, Fargo South Campus, 3636 25th St S, Fargo West Campus, Liberty Middle School, 801 36th Ave E, West Fargo

#### AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE INDOOR WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY North & South Campus | 6:00pm (Contemporary)

SUNDAY

North Campus | 8:30am (Traditional) North Campus | 11:00am (Contemporary) South Campus | 9:30am (Contemporary) West Campus | 9:30am (Contemporary)

#### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY North Campus | 9:45am (Contemporary) South Campus | 11:00am (Contemporary)

#### ONLINE WORSHIP (FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE)

Wednesday 6:00pm (Contemporary) Sunday 8:30am (Traditional) | 9:30am (Contemporary)

#### <mark>KFGO (790</mark>AM) RADIO

Sunday 9:30am (Contemporary)

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Paul E Nynas Executive Pastor





Matthew C Cordes Kristian H Eikevik



Sarah A Seibold



Stefanie Jordheim Pastoral Intern/ WC Director



Kevan F Smith Visitation Pastor



Michael J Toomey



Ben Sullivan Pastoral Intern

Join us in offering a tremendous thank you to God for Pastor Chuck! Program Celebrating Pastor Chuck & Cara Olmstead August 26 | 7:30pm | South Campus

#### Hope Lutheran Church Worship Times Starting September 9/13

#### North Campus

Wednesday: 5:30pm, 7:00pm Sunday: 8:30am Trad., 9:45am, 11:00am

#### South Campus

Wednesday: 5:30pm, 7:00pm Saturday: 6:00pm Sunday: 8:15am Trad. & Cont., 9:30am Trad. & Cont., 11:00am West Campus

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am

#### Online (Facebook & YouTube) Wednesday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am Trad., 9:30am

KFGO 790 AM Sunday | 9:30am

(subject to change)

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