

Words of hope

Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

We Are
Thankful

“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”

Colossians 3:16

It is so easy to focus right now on all that has changed and all that we don't have that we forget to be grateful. Gratitude realigns our heart to God. It focuses us away from the scarcity of our circumstances to the abundance of God's provision. 2 Corinthians 9:8 reminds us, “And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” Will you pray with us a prayer of gratitude...?

Lord, we are thankful for the many gifts of family, home and daily bread. We give You thanks and praise for this abundant and beautiful world that provides all we need. Thank You for our church, where all people young and old, can come together to learn about Your great love for

us. We are thankful for our city, our state and our nation. Thank You for doctors who care for the sick, farmers that tend the land, teachers that nurture our young, builders who make our homes, and all the good work You have called us to as we care for one another. Thank You that You forgive our sins and for Your abundant love for us on the cross. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of salvation. Help us to tune our hearts to the abundance of Your provision and live in gratitude each day.

In Jesus' Name! Amen.

Pastor Paul Nynas, Senior Pastor

Thanksgiving Eve Worship | 6:00pm | Wednesday, November 25

Tran Brunsberg Joins Hope's Staff

Tran Brunsberg started her position as the Director of Hospitality for the South Campus in September. She and her family moved to Fargo in 2015 and they have been a member of Hope since then. She and her husband, John, are retired from the Air Force after serving in the Alaska Air National Guard in the Fairbanks area. They have two children, Tanner, attending Grand Canyon University, and Crystal married to Cory Telling and two granddaughters, Kayden and Khloe.

Tran is excited to be in her role in hospitality and also to work alongside the office staff. She embraces Hope's mission to encourage all people to know the love of Christ and looks forward to helping you any way she can.



Kelly Bischof Joins Hope's Staff


Kelly Bischof started her position as Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant in September. She and her family have been attending Hope since they moved to Fargo in 2015 and has been active in Hopekids, VBX, small groups and Alpha. Kelly and her husband, Tim, have three children, Zach, Alex, and Maddie. Tim is an Infectious Disease physician at Sanford. Kelly has a degree in Contemporary Media and Journalism from the University of South Dakota and has been a stay-at-home mom for the past 14 years. She feels blessed to be able to use her professional skills to serve God and her home church at Hope. As a long-time Hopekids volunteer, Kelly is excited for this new opportunity to support the many activities in Children's ministry and to be part of the Hope team. She embraces Hope's mission to encourage all people to know the love of Christ and looks forward to serving however she can.



Be the Church

Church is not a building, Church is a fellowship of people committed to loving God and serving people. If you are able, please consider being part of the Church by serving at Hope. We have a variety of serving opportunities that may fit your schedule. Please visit our website at fargohope.org/volunteer for more information. Email for more information: Tran for South Campus information, tbrunsberg@fargohope.org; Kay for North Campus information, kjastram@fargohope.org; Stefanie for West Campus information, sjordheim@fargohope.org or call the Church Office at 701.235.6639. We are the Church!

Volunteer and make a difference!



All Saints Service of Remembrance Sunday, November 1

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

In this year of uncertainty, The Salvation Army has seen a vast increase in need for assistance during the pandemic. We are confident that God will help others, but we are hopeful that part of His plan is to send an army to ring bells this Christmas season. We have seen more families apply for our Pathway of Hope program, and more individuals and families come for meals every day. We can't support these individuals without your help. We are so thankful for all that Hope Lutheran has done in the way of partnering with The Salvation Army.

Bell ringing begins November 13 and concludes December 24. To bell ring, you can sign up at RegisterToRing.com or call Cheryl at The Salvation Army, 701.356.2691. To make an online donation, please visit FargoSA.org.



Help and Hope as You Navigate the Holiday Season

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading the holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Both GriefShare and DivorceCare will address the holiday stress with "Surviving the Holidays" on Monday, November 16, 6:30-8:00pm, North Campus (Learning Center) and South Campus (Room 360).

Support Groups at Hope

If you are struggling with divorce or the loss of a loved one, please join our support groups. You are not alone. CDC guidelines will be followed. Changes and/or updates will be posted on fargohope.org/hopecare



GriefShare meets on Mondays at 6:30pm, North Campus, Learning Center.



DivorceCare meets on Mondays 6:30pm, South Campus, Room 360.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NOVEMBER 1-22



We encourage you to take advantage of shopping and filling your OCC box online this year! A quick link is available at fargohope.org/hopecare. Operation Christmas Child boxes will also be available for your use starting November 1. Returned boxes must arrive by Noon on November 22. Also, please return any unused OCC boxes as they have been generously donated. No candy or toothpaste, please.

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Hope for Moms

Get connected for inspiration and encouragement during these challenging days and know that you are not alone! Connect with KAMs (Kids and Moms) weekly, Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00am, South Campus. Childcare is not available. Masks are required. Questions, contact Ruth at 701.238.1831.

MOPs/MomsNext via Zoom connects virtually Saturday, November 21 (third Saturday of the month), 10:00-11:00am to discuss "The Work of Gratitude." Information is relevant for moms with children of any age. To register, go to fargohope.org/women. RSVP is required to get the zoom login information. Please join our Facebook page (Hope Lutheran MOPS/MOMSNext) to stay up to date on group events!

14th Annual Rest & Rejuv For Mothers of Children With Special Needs

Virtual event posted Wednesday, November 4; Zoom discussion and door prizes, Saturday, November 7, 10:00-11:00am.

Speaker Jolene Philo shares the message "The Mess that Stress Builds and What To Do About It." Jolene offers strategies she and other caregiving parents have learned about how to cope and live well with chronic stress before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, go to fargohope.org/women.

To register, contact Cindy at
cindyleebuchnan@gmail.com or 701.429.1724.

Read 'n Relate

"The Lager Queen of Minnesota" by J. Ryan Stradal

Read 'n Relate via Zoom, Tuesday, November 3, 7:30-8:30pm. Register at fargohope.org/women to receive zoom invite. Questions? Contact Linda, 701.866.0619.

Read 'n Relate Too via Zoom, Monday, November 9, 11:15am-12:15pm; register at fargohope.org/women; Contact Karen, 701-361-0325 or ksilbernagel@cableone.net

Aerobics via Skype

Join women of Hope for low impact aerobics and toning via Skype, Tuesdays, 5:00pm and Thursdays, 5:15pm. Download Skype app and send your email to MaryHolm23@gmail.com

November Preaching Schedule

"Two Kingdoms"

Ephesians 6:10-17, Matthew 4:1-11

North: October 28 & November 1 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

South: November 4 & 8 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

Chapel: November 1 | Pastor Paul Nynas

West: November 8 | Pastor Paul Nynas

"A Calling from the King"

Romans 8:28, Matthew 4:17-25

North: November 4 & 8 | Ben Sullivan

South: October 28 & November 1 | Ben Sullivan

Chapel: November 8 | Pastor Kevan Smith

West: November 1 | Pastor Kevan Smith

"Kingdom Character"

Galatians 5:22-25, Matthew 5:1-12

North: November 11 & 15 | Stefanie Jordheim

South: November 18 & 22 | Stefanie Jordheim

Chapel: November 15 | Pastor Mike Toomey

West: November 22 | Pastor Mike Toomey

"Am I Great in the Kingdom?"

Ephesians 2:8-10, Matthew 5:17-20

North: November 18 & 22 | Pastor Sarah Seibold

South: November 11 & 15 | Pastor Sarah Seibold

Chapel: November 22 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

West: November 15 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

"Seeking God's Kingdom"

North: November 29 | Pastor Paul Nynas

Chapel: November 29 | Ben Sullivan

"The Kingdom Test"

South: November 29 | Pastor Mike Toomey

West: November 29 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

November Confirmation Schedule

November 1

6th: Small group

7th: Large group

8th: Large group

9th: Small group

November 11

6th: Large group

7th: Small group

8th: Small group

9th: Large group

November 22

6th: Large group

7th: Small group

8th: Small group

9th: Large group

November 4

6th: Small group

7th: Large group

8th: Large group

9th: Small group

November 15

6th: Small group

7th: Large group

8th: Large group

9th: Small group

November 8

6th: Large group

7th: Small group

8th: Small group

9th: Large group

November 18

6th: Small group

7th: Large group

8th: Large group

9th: Small group

9th Grade Parent Meeting

Find out all that you will need to know for your 9th grader.

**Online event
will take place
November 18.**

SAVE THE DATE:

9TH GRADE RETREAT ON JANUARY 22-24

Affirmation Of Baptism 2020

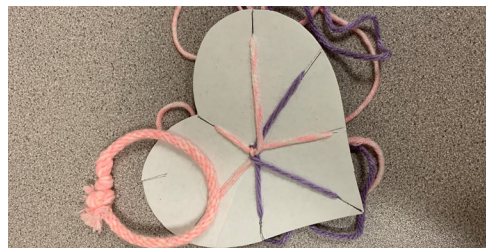


On Sunday, September 27, 195 tenth graders and their families gathered in their homes to celebrate students affirming their baptismal promises through the virtual Affirmation of Baptism worship service. Pastors were able to pray with students and families, and ministry staff handed out student certificates beforehand at the Scheels Arena. We are so thankful for the small group leaders and families that partnered together here at Hope to help this year's Confirmants proclaim their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

**YOUTH PROGRAMMING IS
ON BREAK NOVEMBER 25 AND 29
FOR THANKSGIVING.**

Thank You Hopekids Volunteers!

Hopekids wants to thank the many volunteers who helped us prepare for making our Good God = Good Thoughts bracelets!



We are tremendously grateful to the many volunteers who dedicate their time each week to sharing the love of Jesus!



Our Hopekids have so much to be thankful for! We encourage you to take time to talk about all the things you have to be thankful for this year.



Hopekids Memory Verses:

Preschool: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." Psalm 107: 1

K-5: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 136: 1

HSM Moves to SC Sanctuary

Due to COVID-19 and the size of our ministry growing this year, we have needed to move to the Sanctuary. This space allows us to meet as a group and still be safe and social distant while taking all of the proper safety precautions.

It may be a change, but students at HSM have been quickly claiming it to be theirs! Praise the Lord!

Our HSM students have decided to SHOW UP this year! It has been such a reminder that students

desire community. And not just community-a community in Christ. It's a special thing that isn't taken for granted.

Groups continue as if they never stopped, continuing right where they left off. Small groups at HSM are left open and flexible for students to freely pick which they will choose to be in for the year. This is one way we choose to create a space and environment for students to be themselves. The result? Students

and leaders building relationships that will last. So if you know a student in High School that isn't plugged in, tell them about HSM and we would love for them to stop by and check it out!

Come check out HSM's new space in the Sanctuary, Wednesday nights at 8:15pm.

Visit fargohope.org/highschool to find the livestream.

Milestones for September 10 - October 9

BAPTISMS:

Hoyt Clark, son of Jerod & Michelle Hanson
Harrison Michael, son of Brooks & Taylor Burgum
Caleb Jeffrey Vickaryous, son of Troy Redmann & Amber Halverson
Adalyn Kay, daughter of Dylan & Destinee Ensrude
Lucas Paul, son of Nathan & Erin Anderson
Karissa Ann Mueller
Maya Christina, daughter of Gary Goos & Shannon Doherty
Myles JanDel, son of Thomas & Christina Minske
Ellie Lou, daughter of Brennen & Hannah Grubb
August Saylem, son of Anthony Day & Hala Kaoud
Fransly Dutervil
Case Michael, son of Jacob & Kelsey Hruby

MARRIAGES:

Breah Eckre & Tony Wisk 9/18/2020
Macy Downs & Blake Kappes 9/19/2020
Evelyne Mutezinka & Jeff Prischmann 9/19/2020
Emily Siiro & Gabe Power 9/25/2020
Morgan Kraft & Craig Needham 9/26/2020
Emily Mehr & Travis Jones 9/26/2020
Julia Lemke & Sean Mahoney 10/3/2020
Sawyer Uetz & James Cronin 10/3/2020
Sierra Peterson & Tyler Peterson 10/3/2020
Hope Schempp & Jordan Wolf 10/9/2020

DEATHS:

Elwood (Al) Meyer 9/19/2020
Thomas Clary 9/21/2020
Karen Lynn Johnson 10/1/2020
Emily Baker 10/7/2020

New Members

September 20, 2020

Patti Anderson, Chase, Xavier, Adrien
Amanda & Andy Erickson
Francis & Pat Harrison
Glenn & JoAnn Hauger
Daniel & Katie Nill
Blake & Mary Nybakken, Julia, Jack, Margo, Ward
Bethany Pollert
Keith & Loree Stenehem

**Alpha is coming via Zoom in January.
Watch for details!**

The Hope Lutheran Foundation North Dakota Qualified Endowment

The state of North Dakota provides tax credits for gifts made to a qualified North Dakota endowment. The tax credits make it possible for individuals and businesses to give more, which has a greater impact on the legacy we are building. The Hope Lutheran Foundation has a qualified North Dakota endowment fund.

INDIVIDUALS

North Dakota legislation allows for a 40% tax credit for certain gifts by individuals to a qualified endowment fund held by qualifying North Dakota nonprofit organizations. If an individual makes a gift(s) to such an endowment, the aggregate of the year's gifts to a particular fund must be \$5,000 or more in order to receive the tax credit. The maximum credits that may be claimed under this subsection are \$10,000 (\$25,000 in gifts) for an individual or \$20,000 (\$50,000 in gifts) for married individuals filing jointly. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to three additional tax years.

BUSINESSES

Businesses and financial institutions (C corporations, S corporations, estates, limited liability companies and trust) that make gifts to qualified endowments may qualify for a state income tax credit. It could amount to 40% of the value of the gift, up to a maximum credit of \$10,000 per year. Businesses may carry forward any unused credit for up to three taxable years (financial institutions excluded).

****For tax implications, please consult your tax specialist.**

We thank you for continuing to support the legacy of the Hope Lutheran Foundation. As you begin your year-end charitable giving we request you prayerfully consider The Hope Lutheran Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office, 701.235.6629.



About Hope Lutheran

LOCATIONS

North Campus, 2900 Broadway N, Fargo

South Campus, 3636 25th St. S, Fargo

West Campus: Location details are available at fargohope.org/west

WORSHIP

VISIT FARGOHOPE.ORG/WORSHIP OR CALL 701.235.6629
TO INQUIRE ABOUT IN-PERSON WORSHIP TIMES AND
SAFETY GUIDELINES.

ONLINE (FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE)

Wednesday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:30am Traditional, 9:30am Contemporary

KFGO 790 AM

Sunday 9:30am

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My Hope Pledge

2021

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND MINISTRIES OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR 2021

People of Hope,

Thank you for your faithful giving to support the mission and ministry of our congregation! Your pledge helps our leadership plan for our future. Your financial faithfulness supports the many ministries of our vibrant congregation as we seek to encourage all people to know the love of Christ. If you have made a Hope Pledge in the past, thank you for renewing your commitment. If you have never made a pledge, please consider doing so as an expression

of joining with God in His work in the world through Hope.

Thank you for making a commitment for 2021 on your pledge card and returning it to Hope! If you prefer to make your pledge electronically you can go online to fargohope.org/giving. Please call the Church Office at 701.235.6629 if you need assistance. Your generosity is a response to God's Grace and supports our mission.

Pastor Paul Nynas, Senior Pastor

WOMEN'S ONLINE HOLIDAY EVENT

One of the most highly anticipated events of the holiday season is our Women's Christmas Brunch. It will be offered this year as an online presentation. A prerecorded virtual program, "Let's Make a Memory: The Sights, Sounds and Smells of Christmas," will be available at fargohope.org on Saturday, December 5.

This alternate event will include the decorated Christmas tables, interviews, themed presentations, and a variety of musical offerings. However, this year you are invited to attend in the comfort of your own home! You may even want to set up a table and invite a few close friends or family members to enjoy the presentation with you. Whatever might be comfortable for you and your guests.

You will not want to miss this virtual event which is sure to provide fun ideas and inspiration for this special season!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED CANDY,
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