

Words of hope

Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

Christmas Worship Times

NORTH CAMPUS

December 23 | 6:00pm

December 24 | 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm (Candlelight)

December 25 | 10:00am with Communion

SOUTH CAMPUS SANCTUARY

December 23 | 6:00pm

December 24 | 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm (Candlelight)

December 25 | 10:00am with Communion

SOUTH CAMPUS TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT IN ROOM 320

December 24 | 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm

WEST CAMPUS AT SCHEELS ARENA

December 24 | 3:00pm and 4:30pm

LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

December 24 | 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 10:00pm

December 25 | 10:00am

BROADCAST ON KFGO 790AM

December 24 | 4:00pm

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP RESERVATION INFORMATION

To adhere to state and local guidelines regarding capacity limits, please visit fargohope.org to reserve your seat. Seating is limited.



Advent: A Time for Preparation, Invitation and Helping Others

This advent I want to encourage you in a couple of important ways. First, I want to encourage you to invite someone to worship! If you are streaming our services, Like, Share and Invite someone you know who may need to hear about the love of Jesus Christ. We are a congregation that understands that we exist not for our own comfort or needs, but for the sake of sharing God's love and hope with the world. With our digital platforms, it is easier than ever to invite someone to worship. Amidst the stresses of our world it is perhaps more important than ever that we share the hope we have in Christ.

Second, I want to encourage you to make a gift to the Great Plains Food Bank – Backpack Program. The Backpack Program works by putting bags of food in children's backpacks before they go home for the weekend. Hope Lutheran sponsors two schools in our community. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to provide



food for both schools for two years. Giving envelopes will be available in the Church Office. Text your gift amount and "ADVENT" to 701.404.8325. This is an integral way Hope encourages all people "to know the love of Christ." If this is your first text gift, you will be prompted to complete a one-time

registration. You'll receive a receipt via email and the option to set up a recurring gift.

The need is great with a 20% increase in students in both schools qualifying for the program. Many families have been hit hard financially during this pandemic. Let's be the hands and feet of Christ and ensure no child goes hungry.

Wherever you are may God continue to bless and encourage you by His Grace.

God's Peace in Christ,
Pastor Paul



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EXHAUSTED BY THE PANDEMIC?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

A Stephen Minister can be there for you or a loved one to offer support and care—it's free and confidential.

To learn more, *contact a Pastor or Kim Y. at 701.235.6629, email hopecare@fargohope.org or visit fargohope.org/hopecare*



Congregational Meeting Set for January 10

A special Congregational Meeting is being called by Hope Lutheran's leadership on Sunday, January 10 at the end of the 9:45am service at the North Campus, 9:30am service at the South Campus and the 9:30am service at West Campus.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve a letter of call for Pastor Benjamin Jacobson to serve as an Associate Pastor at Hope. Pastor Ben, his wife Alyssa, and their young son currently serve at First Lutheran in Alexandria, MN. Ben grew up at Hope and is excited about joining our pastoral team.



Pastor Benjamin Jacobson

Let's Make a Memory this Christmas: the Sights, Sounds and Smells of the Season



It's nearly time for our 2020 online presentation of the Hope Women's Christmas Event! The program will be presented Saturday, December 5 at 10:00am on fargohope.org/womenschristmas, Hope Lutheran and Women's Ministry Facebook pages, or YouTube. This event, "Let's Make a Memory this Christmas: the Sights, Sounds and Smells of the Season", will feature specially decorated tables, with several women of Hope sharing their Christmas traditions and tips, interwoven with a variety of special music to enjoy. This year you are invited to attend in the comfort of your own home, either with a small group of friends and family or on your own. You won't want to miss this virtual event, which is sure to provide fun ideas and inspiration for this holiday season.

Alpha is Coming Online

Alpha is for everyone who wants to explore life's big questions
Sundays, January 10-February 28 | Zoom

WHAT IS ALPHA AT HOPE?

Alpha is the place to explore the Christian faith and get answers to life's questions. Is there more to life than this? Why and how do I pray? How does God guide us?

ALPHA IS FOR:

- New members
- Those looking for a deeper connection with God and others
- Those who feel they never really "got going" as a Christian
- New Christians
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity

REGISTER AT FARGOHOPE.ORG/ALPHA

Experience Alpha in the comfort of your own home!



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. God's Word for Life is the Bible study that is discussed. Childcare is not available. Masks are required. Questions, contact Ruth at 701.238.1831.

MOPs/MomsNext via Zoom connects virtually on Saturday, December 19 (third Saturday of the month), 10:00-11:00am. Sessions cover a wide variety of parenting topics and are 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!

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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Operation Christmas Child!



Read 'n Relate

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm by Zoom.

Sign up at fargohope.org/women or contact: Linda at 701.866.6190 or lhauk67@gmail.com

Read 'n Relate Too

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month, 11:15am by Zoom.

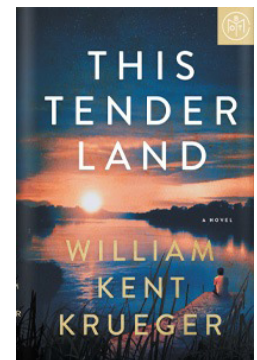
Sign up at fargohope.org/women or contact: Karen at 701.361.0325 or ksilbernagel@cablone.net

The new book for December Read and Relate is "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan.



A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us.

The book for January Read and Relate will be "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. The book begins with Odie, a young boy with a good heart but a penchant for getting in trouble, who suffers alongside his brother Albert at a cruel boarding school. Odie spends his days doing school-enforced manual labor, playing his contraband harmonica and landing in detention. When circumstances force Odie, Albert, and two fellow orphans to escape, their getaway takes them on a grand adventure, crossing paths with strangers and witnessing the effects of the Great Depression.



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

HLCW Circles

Please contact your Circle leader regarding upcoming meetings.



Hopekids Christmas Program Set for December 16 & 20 Online

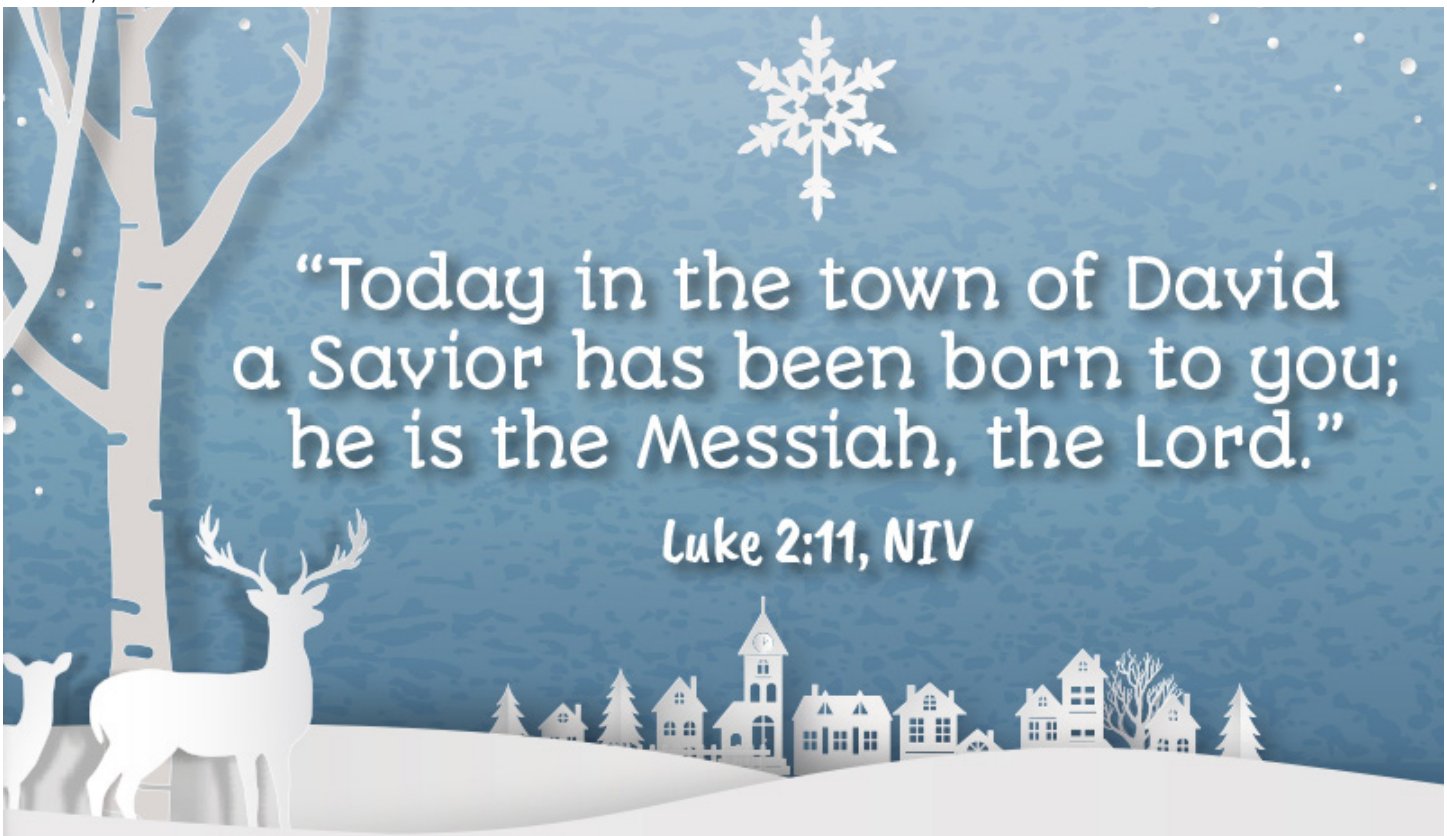
Hopekids Christmas Singing Program will be broadcast during worship on December 16 & 20 for all grades.

Hopekids will be collecting an offering for the Backpack Program benefiting local children this winter. More details will be provided to Hopekids families.

Hopekids at Home provides opportunities for you and your family to stay connected from home. There are three opportunities to stay connected: Hopekids Live, which airs on Facebook Sundays at 10:30am for grades K-5; Hopekids on Zoom on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm for preschool-5th grade. Parent guide sheets and videos for preschool-5th grade are on our website fargohope.org/hopekidsathome.

For in-person programming opportunities visit fargohope.org/children.

Hopekids will be on break December 23-January 3. Hopekids will resume on Wednesday, January 6 and Sunday, January 10.



HSM LEADER CORNER

“HSM is an incredibly important ministry. It’s a place where students can take a break from their busy schedules and just be—be who God created them to be, with no judgment. HSM helps students identify and organize their priorities. Even if everything else in their life seems to be going wrong, they can be assured that Jesus’ love never fails. I think that is the message that students receive when they come to HSM. They leave each week knowing that they are loved.”

- Remi Vannett

Follow Us Online!



December Confirmation Schedule

Wednesday, December 2

6th: Large group
7th: Small group
8th: Small group
9th: Large group

Sunday, December 13

6th: Large group
7th: Small group
8th: Small group
9th: Large group

Sunday, December 6

6th: Small group
7th: Large group
8th: Large group
9th: Small group

Wednesday, December 16

6th: Large group
7th: Small group
8th: Small group
9th: Large group

Wednesday, December 9

6th: Small group
7th: Large group
8th: Large group
9th: Small group

Sunday, December 20

Special Christmas Worship

December 23-January 3

No Programming

9th Grade Update

For all 9th Grade Updates, please watch our 9th Grade Parent video at fargohope.org/middleschool. If you have any questions, please email us at middleschool@fargohope.org.

**SAVE THE DATE:
9TH GRADE RETREAT ON JANUARY 22-24**



TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk and Treat was a huge success with more than 2,000 children coming to our events at North, South and West Campuses, most of whom are not yet affiliated with our church. This annual event is our largest community outreach event and gives us an opportunity to be a blessing to the kids in the Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo area. Thank you to everyone who helped make Trunk or Treat happen!



Milestones for October 10-November 9

BAPTISMS:

Maverick Allan, son of Joshua & Elizabeth Swanson
Wyatt Anthony, son of Anthony & Kayla Ronngren
Brody Kenneth, son of Brian & Kate Tulibaski
Wyatt Andrew, son of Drew & Liza Weist
Ty Jerry, son of Jared & Sarah Purdy
Corbyn Boyd and Ryder Dean, sons of Bret & Amanda Rinke
Jaxon, daughter of Michael & Rechelle Penticoff
Lincoln Cash, son of Matthew & Jordyn Edwards
Bennett Michael, son of Mitchel & Megan Ibach
Kaydence Rae Mauch, daughter of Shane Mauch & Ashley Fischer
Riker Hugh, son of Dustin & Jackie Patterson
Parker William, son of William & Alissa Bayuk
Noah Jordan, son of Dakotah & Vanessa Walker
Camryn Renee, daughter of Nick & Megan Breden
Sophia Lorraine, daughter of Christopher & Emelia Lundberg
Ava Virginia, daughter of Michael & Allison Anderson
Theodore Anthony, son of Michael & Melissa Casper
Lennon Evelyn, daughter of Reed & Brittany Stock
Presten Christopher, son of Benjamin & Stefanie Saucke
Sam Taylor, son of Zach & Taylor Schnitzler
Emma James, daughter of Michael & Kelsey Hilker
Toby Gene, son of Erik & Madison Swanson

MARRIAGES:

Jessica Amundson & Blake Leadens 10/10/2020
Brittany Burkett & Adam Paulson 10/10/2020
Tracy Eggert & Shane Olson 10/16/2020
Kenidi Draper & David Russell 10/17/2020
Megan Sherven & Jared Barbee 10/17/2020
Emily Baasch & Tyler Hanson 10/23/2020
Holly Karkela & Seth Rooney 10/24/2020

DEATHS:

Joyce Blouin 10/12/2020
Charles Olson 10/13/2020
Bridget Chisaka 10/21/2020
Sandra Bilstad 11/1/2020
Donald Johnson 11/3/2020

New Members

October 18, 2020

Jessica & Scott Althaus, Jack, Elle
Ashley Greenlund & Sam Johnson
Maureen Krogstad
Kenadi Lee
Miranda Martinson
Erik & Kimberly Vossseteig, Henrik, Nellie
Meg Wegge



*Membership
That Matters*

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER.

Sign up at fargohope.org.
A pastor will contact you to visit with
you and welcome you to Hope's family.

IT'S THAT EASY.

Questions?

Contact Dawn at dstreifel@fargohope.org

New Member Gathering

December 13

South Campus Chapel | 12:00-1:00pm
Join us for a time of fellowship and to learn
about Hope's ministries.



Memorials and Gifts Received May 1, 2020 – November 4, 2020

Terrance Bartsh

Jim and Sharon Puppe

Gladys Melchior

Jim and Sharon Puppe

Lanny Brantner

Carol and Kermit Bye
Craig and Carolyn Schnell
Neil and Paulette Hanson
Steffen and Janice Christensen
Lois Brantner
Curtis and Barbara Peterson
Joyce Larsen
Bruce and Roberta Quick
Jim and Jean Jorgenson
Judy Peterson
Phyllis Anderson
Dick and JoEllen Solberg
Rick and Ruth Clarens
Ed and MaryAnn Gunderson
Howard Langemo
Chose Family
Richard and Sharon Krabbenhoft
Laura Fairfield
Jack and Linda Hendrickson
Don and Carolyn Opgrande
Ken Agather
Dave and Barb Ferguson
Larry and Julie Murphy

Jim Olstad

Craig and Carolyn Schnell

Elaine Fragodt

Craig and Carolyn Schnell

James Deplazes

David Deplazes

Lowell Matejcek

Celine and Jerry Hennix

Carol Hanson

Lois Brantner

Hollis Quamme

Noreen Lindell
Vince and Myla Alsaker
Orville and Donna Gunderson
Lois Wambheim
Vivian Goplen
Marvin Gunderson
Karen Demarais
Kermit and Carol Bye & Family
Mark and Nancy Koehn
Avis and Vernell Weiss
Roger and June Johnson
Erva Moilanen
Alice Dosland
Ron Ellingson
Mark and Michelle Aanenson
Robert Trieglaff

In Honor of Judy Siegle-Aamodt

Rick and Ruth Clarens

Karen Schur

Bernice Wadeson

**In Honor of Chuck and Cara
Olmstead**

Mary Ellen Olmstead

Arline Astrup

Mike and Beth Astrup

Bob Younggren

Dick and JoEllen Solberg
Lois Brantner

Memorial gifts meet two important needs at once. They allow you to express your feelings for the loss of a loved one. In addition, memorial gifts are placed in the Foundation's Perpetual Fund and only the earnings are disbursed to further develop the programs and ministries of Hope Lutheran Church.

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 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.

Hope Lutheran Safety Guidelines

MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER OUR FACILITIES.

Please review the COVID-19 questions below.

If all three questions can be answered with a NO, please use hand sanitizer and socially distance from others while inside.

1. Have you been tested or come in contact with anyone who has tested positive or has a test pending for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
2. Do you have ONE of these symptoms?
 - A fever at or greater than 100.4
 - Loss of taste or smell
3. Do you have TWO or more of these symptoms with new or worsening onset?
 - Fatigue
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Headache
 - Muscle aches
 - Shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion/runny nose
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Abdominal pain

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you should NOT enter the building. You are welcome to return when your answer to all questions is NO.

December Preaching Schedule

“Seeking God’s Kingdom”

Psalm 121, Matthew 6:25-34

North: November 29 | Pastor Paul Nynas

South: December 6 | Pastor Paul Nynas

Chapel: November 29 | Ben Sullivan

West: December 6 | Ben Sullivan

“The Kingdom Test”

James 2:14-17, Matthew 7:21-23

North: December 6 | Pastor Mike Toomey

South: November 29 | Pastor Mike Toomey

Chapel: December 6 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

West: November 29 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

“A Light for Depression and Despair”

Advent Series | Isaiah 61:1-3

North: December 2 | Pastor Mike Toomey

South: December 9 | Pastor Mike Toomey

“Kingdom Faith”

Hebrews 11:1, Matthew 8:5-13

North: December 13 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

South: December 20 | Pastor Kristian Eikevik

Chapel: December 13 | Pastor Sarah Seibold

West: December 20 | Pastor Sarah Seibold

“A Light for Fear and Anxiety”

Advent Series | Isaiah 54:4-8

North: December 9 | Pastor Paul Nynas

South: December 2 | Pastor Paul Nynas

“Kingdom Harvest”

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Matthew 9:35-38

North: December 20 | Pastor Mikey Toomey

South: December 13 | Pastor Mike Toomey

Chapel: December 20 | Stefanie Jordheim

West: December 13 | Stefanie Jordheim

“A Light for Loneliness and Isolation”

Advent Series | Isaiah 9:1-7

North: December 16 | Stefanie Jordheim

South: December 16 | Pastor Sarah Seibold

Christmas Worship

Please see Cover or visit fargohope.org/worship

Sunday, December 27: New Year’s Theme Worship

December 30 - Worship on Break

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 for all worship times.

ONLINE (FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE)

Wednesday 5:30pm

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

KFGO 790 AM

Sunday 9:30am

STAFF

WORSHIP ARTS

John Bedore

Kim Klatt

Justin Morken

Joe Weatherly

Karli Ring

Heidi Ivesdal

Sara Lichtblau

Paul Luthi

Anna Mitchell

Andria Messelt

Paul Norell

Rachel Pulling

ADULT MINISTRY

Dawn Streifel

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Judy Siegle Aamodt

HOSPITALITY

Kay Jastram

Tran Brunsberg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nicole Weisz

Katie Van Dame

Kelly Bischof

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

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Sarah A Seibold



Michael J Toomey



Stefanie Jordheim
Pastoral Intern/
WC Director



Ben Sullivan
Pastoral Intern



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Advent Sermon Series | Wednesdays in December

The Christmas story is one of great hope. In the middle of the darkness and sin of our world, hope arrived in a newborn baby. In this series we will examine how the light of Christ continues to shine in the dark places of our lives. Focusing on the prophet Isaiah (who is often known as the Christmas prophet) we will think about the light of Christ in the darkness of our lives.

A star in a dark blue sky over a desert landscape. The star is bright and multi-pointed, with a soft glow. The sky is filled with smaller, faint stars. The desert landscape is dark and silhouetted against the star's light. The overall mood is serene and hopeful.

a Light in the Darkness

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

John 1:1-5