

# WORDS OF *Hope*

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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP  
**COME LORD JESUS**  
NOVEMBER 22 | 6:00PM







“Come Lord Jesus be our Guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.”

– Common Table Prayer

People of Hope,

If you grew up in a traditional Lutheran home, this prayer was often said before meals. A beautifully simple and humble prayer that is often attributed to Martin Luther, the common table prayer can help us grow closer to God during this season of Thanksgiving.

“Come Lord Jesus, be our Guest...”

The holiday season can be difficult for those who feel the absence of a loved one around the table. It can be difficult to feel thankful when walking in grief and hurt. The beginning of the common table prayer reminds us of Jesus’ promise to be with us and among us; whether we are alone (Matthew 28:20) or whether we gather with others in his name (Matthew 18:20). It also reminds us of the high value followers of Jesus for generations have placed on hospitality. We recall Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:35...”For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” So, we call on the Lord in this prayer to help us be aware of his presence through the Holy Spirit, that we may experience the blessing of communion with God through Jesus. To offer Jesus our hospitality as he has offered himself in sacrificial love for our sake.

“and let these gifts to us be blessed.”

When we welcome Jesus’ presence, we also acknowledge that the meal before us and ALL gifts we have in life (food, water, shelter and presence of others) come from God’s providing hand. What a powerful gift to remember that not just the extraordinary but also the common and ordinary things of life come from God, for when we can give thanks to God for all we have, we are indeed blessed! He is present, we are aware and our hearts open in gratitude and love.

I encourage you this month to spend some time praying this prayer, reflecting on its simple yet profound words and inviting Jesus to work in you more abundant thankfulness and joy in Him.

Thankful in Christ,



Pastor Sarah

# WORDS OF Hope

## WORDS OF HOPE IS CHANGING IN 2024!

In February of 2024 the printed version of Words of Hope will be changing to a quarterly newsletter filled with stories of inspiration and how God is at work in the lives of the people of Hope. The Words of Hope monthly email will continue to contain the events happening at Hope each month, as well as a digital copy of the quarterly newsletter.

For those who do not use email, printed copies of a monthly calendar of events at Hope will be available for pick up in the Church Office at each campus beginning in February 2024. If you would like to sign up to receive the Words of Hope email, please visit [fargohope.org/about](http://fargohope.org/about).

## TARGETED GIVING

### SEPTEMBER 6-NOVEMBER 19, 2023



**GREAT PLAINS  
FOOD BANK**

This Fall, Hope Lutheran is partnering with Great Plains Food Bank to financially support the Backpack Program and to collect unexpired non-perishable food items and other necessities for the food bank.

Goal 1: Raise \$80,000 to support the Backpack Program for 180 students in need at three local elementary schools (60 students per school) over the next three years.

Goal 2: Collect 40,000 lbs. (or 20,000 tons) – the equivalent of one semi-truckload) of non-perishable food items and other necessities for Great Plains Food Bank.



### In-Kind Donation

of unexpired non-perishable food items and other necessities.

(Shopping list of suggested items is available at [fargohope.org/missions](http://fargohope.org/missions).)

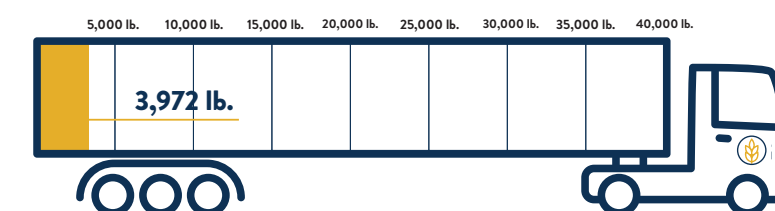


### Monetary Donations:

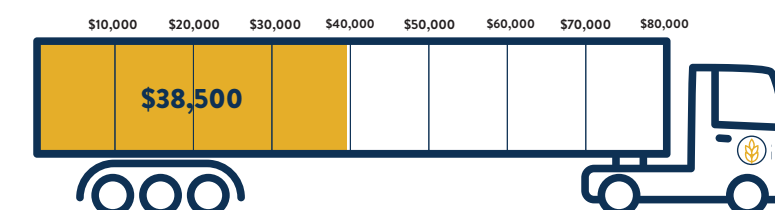
- Targeted Giving Envelopes available at Giving Kiosks (Checks payable to Hope Lutheran with Targeted Giving noted in the memo.)
- Text the amount and “Target” to 701.404.8325
- Give online at [fargohope.org/giving](http://fargohope.org/giving)

### Totals as of October 16, 2023

In-Kind Donation Goal: **40,000 lb.**



Monetary Donation Goal: **\$80,000**





# HOPE YOUTH

## ✦ YOUTH PROGRAMMING IS ON BREAK NOVEMBER 22 & 26 (THANKSGIVING)

We encourage all students to attend worship with their families.



### MSM Vision - Believe

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." - John 20:31

**HEARTWORK: 30 Days to Godly Parenting**  
Nov. 7–Dec. 5 | Tuesdays | 6:00–7:00pm  
Cost: \$15/individual, \$20/couple, workbook included  
Have kids? This is for parents! Invest a few Tuesday evenings in becoming a better parent. Get a sneak peek of Nicole Weisz and Steven Dunkel's new book.

Register at  
[fargohope.org/adults](https://fargohope.org/adults)



## ✦ Hopekids Children Will Sing in Church!

Children will sing during their Hopekids Hour. Please join us in worship to celebrate Jesus' Birth!

### North Campus:

Wed., December 6: 2nd–5th Grade  
Wed., December 13: Pre–1st Grade  
Sun., December 17: Pre–5th Grade

### South Campus:

Wed., December 6: 2nd–5th Grade  
Sun., December 10: 2nd–5th Grade  
Wed., December 13: Pre–1st Grade  
Sun., December 17: Pre–1st Grade

### West Campus:

Wed., December 6: 2nd–5th Grade  
Wed., December 13: Pre–1st Grade  
Sun., December 17: Pre–5th Grade

*\*Please plan to arrive early. We would like everyone in their classrooms at the start of Hopekids and Worship. Please contact [youth@fargohope.org](mailto:youth@fargohope.org)*

🎵 Lyrics & Songs Can be found at  
[fargohope.org/children](https://fargohope.org/children)

## ✦ Hopetots Ministry continues to grow at all campuses!

Do you like to rock babies?

Play and pray with children?

Hopetots needs you!

Email [youth@fargohope.org](mailto:youth@fargohope.org) and we would love to get you connected!

### Second Grade Bible Event: September 17, 2023



### HSM Attire

Students have been requesting HSM swag, so we've setup a virtual store! Visit our webpage and submit orders by November 19. There's options from hoodies, sweatpants, to beanies and mugs! Orders will be available for pick-up from the church before Christmas!  
[fargohope.org/highschool](https://fargohope.org/highschool)



### 9th Grade Retreat

January 26–28, Inspiration Point, Vining, MN  
Cost: \$150 Non-Refundable

All 9th graders are invited to attend our annual retreat as they prepare for their Confirmation in May. This is a great opportunity to both take in the fun of a retreat weekend at camp and dive deeper into reflection of how God is working in their lives.

### Believe Retreat at Camp Castaway October 6–8, 2023



## November 17 | 5:00–11:00pm | Cost: \$30

Middle school students grades 6–8 join us at Kingpinz for a fun night out! Please bring extra money for arcade games.

Register at [fargohope.org/middleschool](https://fargohope.org/middleschool)

## Youth Trips Pancake Feed



Nov. 5 | 9:00am–12:00pm | North Campus  
Free-will offering

Have breakfast at church and support our high school students fundraising for their church trips.





## DEEPLY ROOTED BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 10:45am | All Campuses

All Adults Welcome • Join Anytime  
Come and root deep in God's Word! Over the course of the program year, we will cover the whole story of Scripture.

This will be led by Hope's pastors.



## PODCAST

Dive deeper into God's Word by listening to our weekly Bible study podcast led by Hope's pastors. You can find our podcast at [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults) or on Apple, Amazon, Google Play or Spotify.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Open Arms Ministry is a special needs ministry that provides a "Buddy", one-to-one assistance, to children with special needs. The Buddy attends the weekly youth programming with Hopekids so the child can participate with their peers and parents can attend worship.

Help is needed Wednesdays (6:00-7:00pm North Campus) or Sundays (9:30-10:30am South Campus). Please email [adults@fargohope.org](mailto:adults@fargohope.org) if you could assist two or more times a month.

# SMALL GROUPS

### JOIN A SMALL GROUP TODAY!

These groups are a powerful way to do your Soul Business with God. Now is the time to start praying and thinking about small group ministry for your journey of faith. Joining an existing group or starting a new group is simple. Just visit [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults) and click "Find a Small Group" or "Start a Small Group."



### MAN TALK BREAKFAST

November 9 | 6:30am | South Campus

Come enjoy food and fellowship with other men of Hope, along with a speaker to help deepen your faith.

## MEN'S MORNINGS

Wednesdays at 6:30am South Campus.  
We will have several study options for men including 33 the Series.



## RING THE BELL FOR HOPE!

Saturday | November 18 | 10:00am-8:00pm

To sign up for a shift, contact Nancy at 701.552.0123 or [nancyhagen306@msn.com](mailto:nancyhagen306@msn.com).

Deadline to sign up is November 12.



## SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Hope is again partnering with The Salvation Army to distribute holiday food boxes and collect toys for families in need. Volunteers are needed to greet people, distribute boxes as families come in, and other tasks. Register at [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults)

## FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS



**Thanksgiving Food Box distribution** is November 20 from 9:00am-4:00pm at South Campus (Morning and afternoon shifts available.)

**Christmas Food Box distribution** is December 15 from 9:00am-4:00pm at South Campus (Morning and afternoon shifts available.)

## TOY DRIVE AND TOY SHOP



**Angel trees** will be in the hallways again this year. Take a tag and purchase a gift for a child in need. Unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at all campuses.

**Toy Shop** is Dec 18 & 19 from 9:00am-5:00pm at South Campus. Looking for setup/take down volunteers as well as volunteers to help shop with families as they come in to pick out toys for their children.

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### EARLY CHRISTMAS (DEC 23)

North & South Campus | 6:00pm

### CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC 24)

**North Campus** | 9:30am, 10:45am, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm\* Traditional Candlelight

**South Campus Sanctuary** | 9:30am, 10:45am\*, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:00pm\* Contemporary Candlelight

**South Campus Chapel** | 9:30pm Traditional, 2:30pm Traditional Candlelight, 4:00pm Traditional Candlelight

**West Campus** | 9:30am, 10:45am, 2:30pm, 4:00pm Contemporary Candlelight

### CHRISTMAS DAY (DEC 25)

All Campuses | 10:00am\* (North Campus Traditional)

\*Livestreamed Service

## DECK THE HALLS AT HOPE

Monday, November 27 or Tuesday, November 28

Decorating for Christmas is more than just putting lights on the tree. For many, putting up Christmas decorations reminds us of good times, community, and connection. This festive act not only helps to bring Joy and Holiday Spirit, but it also shows deep ownership in the spaces where we invite and Worship our Lord.

Come and join us in decorating Hope! This year we are inviting families, friends, and groups of all ages to come and decorate at a time that works best for you. Watch [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults) for information and an opportunity to sign up!



WOMENS MINISTRY

Reading together

Tuesday, Nov. 7 | 7:00pm  
North Campus Fellowship Center

Monday, Nov. 13 | 11:00am  
South Campus Library



November book:  
*Sulfur Springs*  
by William Kent Krueger



December book:  
*The Dressmaker's Gift*  
by Fiona Valpy

Needleworks

November 6 & 20, 7:00pm at North Campus



MOPS/MOMSNext

Meets monthly

Join us Saturday, November 11, 9:00-11:00am, South Campus; Managing holiday stress and making a Simple Shoe Box. Find out what MOPS/MOMSnext is all about, enjoy some breakfast, and create relationships. RSVP for Daycare by November 4 at Hope Lutheran MOPS/MOMSnext Facebook group. Please join our Facebook group to stay up to date: Hope Lutheran MOPS/MOMSnext



KAMS (Kids and Moms)

Thursdays | 9:00-11:00am | North Campus Lounge

Moms at any stage of motherhood are welcome to join KAMS for morning snack and discussion of the book *Character Matters*. Childcare is provided with registration. Email adults@fargohope.org or call the Church Office at 701.235.6629.



❖ ANNUAL TABLES BY DESIGN ❖  
**Christmas Brunch**

Saturday, December 2 | South Campus

Table viewing 9:00am | Brunch 9:45am | Program 10:45am

**\$20** brunch and program | **\$10** program only (at the door)

The program is “Celebrate the child,” a one-man play featuring a combination of characters involved in the birth of Jesus.

TICKET SALES

Tickets will be sold online at [fargohope.org/women](https://fargohope.org/women) and in person beginning Monday, November 13, 1:00pm, North Campus Church Office. After November 13, in person Ticket Sales will be offered at the North Campus office during office hours 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday, and at all Campuses during church services on Wednesdays and Sundays.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DECORATE A TABLE FOR THIS FESTIVE EVENT?

Simply choose a theme and bring items to decorate a table for eight. Sign up as a Table Decorator when you purchase your ticket. Questions? Contact adults@fargohope.org

17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REST & REJUV

**THE JOY OF  
THE LORD IS  
MY STRENGTH**  
NEHEMIAH 8:10

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**9AM-1PM, CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:30AM**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2900 BROADWAY N.

**This is a free event, brunch is included.**

Please register by November 10 with Cindy at [cindyleebuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:cindyleebuchanan@gmail.com) or 701.429.1724.

Brought to you by the Inclusion Ministry Network.

BONUS SESSION

- For parents, caregivers, young adults
- Friday, November 17, 6:00-7:30 PM
- Pizza, pop and program



**SPEAKER: KIMBERLY MATHEWS**  
*Parent, Fitness and Wellness Coach*

Learn how challenging life circumstances with children affected by disability have enabled her to not only survive, but thrive with the joy of the Lord as her strength.

**hopecare**  
to love as Christ first loved us



Operation Christmas Child

November 1-19 | All Campuses

OCC boxes will be available for members and families to fill. All boxes need to be returned no later than NOON on Sunday, November 19!

**DIVORCE** *Care*

Nov. 13-Feb. 26 | South Campus, Room 100 | 6:30pm



Surviving the Holidays

GriefShare

November 13 | North Campus | 6:30pm

DivorceCare

November 20 | South Campus | 6:30pm

ALL SAINTS **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

If you or anyone you may know who is grieving and needs to experience the hope and promise that we have in Christ Jesus, please join us for our All Saints Worship Services at all campuses on Sunday, November 5.

**stephen**  
MINISTRY®



**BUILD PEOPLE SKILLS TO USE IN EVERYDAY LIFE**

We have made changes to our Stephen Ministry Training class to make it easier to fit into your schedule! Take this new opportunity to attend training to build communication skills for better interactions at work, home, and anywhere in between. You will learn how to be a better listener, be assertive, set boundaries in relationships, identify if someone is depressed, and what to say or not say to someone going through a difficult situation. A new training class starts on January 4, 2024 and we want you to be a part of it!

Check out the details of our new class by going to [fargohope.org/stephenministry](https://fargohope.org/stephenministry), by contacting Kim Youngquist at 701.235.6629, or by emailing [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org).

*Applications for training must be submitted before Friday December 29, 2023.*



For those who are unfamiliar with Memory Café of the Red River Valley, we are a local organization that serves individuals who are living with memory loss and their care partners. The memory loss may be caused by advancing age, or a medical diagnosis such as Alzheimer's disease, other dementias, strokes, Parkinson's disease

and other medical conditions. Some of our participants are living with the early stages of memory loss where only mild memory loss symptoms are present, such as difficulty following a new recipe, tracking conversations, or word finding challenges. Other Memory Cafe participants are experiencing more advanced memory loss, and some are now living in a Memory Care community. We also recently started a support group that serves families living with Younger Onset Dementia, which involves receiving a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease between the ages of 35-65 years old. Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend Memory Cafe!

If you or your loved one is living with memory loss this is a perfect time for both of you to visit Memory Café! We meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1:00-2:00pm at South Campus. All events are free. Coffee and refreshments are served, no reservations or doctor's orders are required, and visitors are always welcome! For more information please visit our website [www.MemoryCafeRRV.org](http://www.MemoryCafeRRV.org), or email us at [Hello@MemoryCafeRRV.org](mailto>Hello@MemoryCafeRRV.org) We hope to see you soon!

“Memory Cafe is so warm and welcoming. The fun atmosphere makes you feel happy to be there. The quality programs and the useful resources makes you glad that you went.” - Bob S.



MEMORIALS

September 1–September 29, 2023

Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran Church

Dorothy Heidenreich  
Della Hodler

Jake Wallin  
Melivn and Elaine  
Bennefeld

Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran Foundation

Bruce Edgeton  
Julie Hudson

NEW MEMBERS  
September 1, 2023

Stephanie & Trevor Anderson  
Cora, Luke  
Holly & Mike Beck  
Taylor Corbett & Michael Pedersen  
Becky & Chris Fix  
Beckett  
Kayce Fix  
Bryan Good & Cindy Onsum  
Karen Harper  
Brittany & Ryan Haugo  
Carson, Piper  
Darren & Eunsun Hoffman  
Erin & Cameron Holland  
Brett & Katie Itterman  
Fritz, Bea  
Brady & Jeana Janzen  
Jacob, Cora, Marcus  
Stephen Johnson  
Bret & Laura Jordahl  
Rylee Kuntz & Shawn Schaan  
Diane Olson

MILESTONES

September 8–October 9

Baptisms

Anna Joan, daughter of Patrick & Abby Joyce  
Lauren Rose, daughter of Jonathan & Abbie Skauge  
Hayes Daniel, son of Tyler & Brynn Rawlings  
Nova Jay Meyer, daughter of Isaac Meyer & Jada Storo  
Nolan Grace, daughter of Colin & Anja Bond  
Briella Annjolic Hensley, daughter of Churchill Hensley III & Crystal Heimark  
Patrick Kyle, son of Kyle & Melissa Christoffersen  
Noah Hayes, son of Bradly & Ashley Rogers  
Drake Ethan, son of Ethan & Jessica Schnabel  
Luke David, son of Nathan & Kristen Weise  
Briggs Andrew, son of Nick & Patty Blumer  
Quinley Elizabeth, daughter of Joshua & Elizabeth Swanson  
Zoey Ryeon, daughter of Jonathan & Chae Ferry  
Owen James, son of Kevin & Brianna Pickhard  
Brooks Mathew, son of Jarrett & Katie Failing  
Lilly Ann Engquist, daughter of Trent Engquist & Merrilee Hallaway  
Shepherd Raymond, son of Jace & Kate Beehler  
Sutton Timothy Roe, son of Mark Roe & Brianne Marthe-Roe  
Callee Lou, daughter of Cameron & Hannah Avelsgard  
Oliver Glen, son of Cameron & Erin Holland  
Thomas Charles Moore, son of David Moore & Jessica Graham Moore

Marriages

Ellie Hagen & Trevor Magnuson 9/9/2023  
Becca Kelly & Dylan Alderman 9/23/2023  
Courtney Bunn & Daniel Myrant 9/30/2023

Deaths

Vernice Johnson 9/5/2023  
Rupert Aman 9/16/2023  
Nathaniel (Nathan) Hanson 10/3/2023  
Morton (Mort) Kent 10/4/2023

NOVEMBER PREACHING  
SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: Sermon on the Mount

Judging Others

Matthew 7:1-5

North: Nov. 1 & 5 Pastor Stefanie Jordheim  
South: Nov. 8 & 12 Pastor Stefanie Jordheim  
West: Nov. 15 & 19 Pastor Stefanie Jordheim

Golden Rule

Matthew 7:7-12

North: Nov. 15 & 19 Pastor Steven Dunkel  
South: Nov. 1 & 5 Pastor Steven Dunkel  
West: Nov. 8 & 12 Pastor Steven Dunkel

On the Rock

Matthew 7:24-27

North: Nov. 8 & 12 Pastor Paul Nynas  
South: Nov. 15 & 19 Pastor Paul Nynas  
West: Nov. 1 & 5 Pastor Paul Nynas

Sermon Series: Come Lord Jesus

Come Lord Jesus: Thanksgiving Eve  
Isaiah 60:1-3 & Luke 3:1-6

North: Nov. 22 Pastor Paul Nynas  
South: Nov. 22 Pastor Mike Toomey  
West: Nov. 22 Pastor Ben Sullivan

Blessed is the Child

Luke 1:39-45

North: Nov. 26 Pastor Ben Jacobson  
West: Nov. 26 Pastor Ben Sullivan

My Soul Glorifies the Lord

Luke 1:46-48

South: Nov. 26 Pastor Mike Toomey

The Heavenly Warrior

Revelation 19:11-16

North: Nov. 29 Pastor Sarah Seibold  
West: Nov. 29 Pastor Paul Nynas

Alpha & Omega

Revelation 1:4-8

South: Nov. 29 Pastor Steven Dunkel

WORSHIP TIMES

SOUTH CAMPUS

Wednesday:

6:00pm Contemporary

Sunday: 8:30am Traditional (South Campus in Chapel)

9:30am Contemporary

10:45am Contemporary

NORTH CAMPUS

Wednesday:

6:00pm Contemporary

Sunday: 8:30am Traditional (South Campus in Chapel)

9:45am Contemporary

10:45am Contemporary

WEST CAMPUS

Wednesday: 6:00pm Contemporary

Sunday: 9:30am Contemporary

10:45am Contemporary

WORSHIP ONLINE

If you are unable to attend in-person, we invite you to worship with us online! You can watch live or find the play-back on our website at [fargohope.org/watch](http://fargohope.org/watch). You can also watch on Facebook and YouTube: search for Fargo Hope.

FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

Wednesday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am Traditional, 10:45am Contemporary

A podcast of sermon audio is available the Monday following worship at [fargohope.org/listen](http://fargohope.org/listen) or on the iTunes store.

LOCATIONS

SOUTH CAMPUS

3636 25th St. S, Fargo

NORTH CAMPUS

2900 Broadway N, Fargo

WEST CAMPUS

2633 55th St S, Fargo

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Ben Sullivan



Stefanie Jordheim



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Pastoral Intern



Kevan Smith  
Visitation Pastor



Bill Ahlfeldt  
Visitation Pastor

STAFF

For full list of Hope's staff please visit [fargohope.org/whoweare](http://fargohope.org/whoweare)

Membership that Matters

Sign up at [fargohope.org](http://fargohope.org) and a pastor will contact you to visit and welcome you to Hope's family. It's that easy. Questions? Email [welcome@fargohope.org](mailto:welcome@fargohope.org).



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