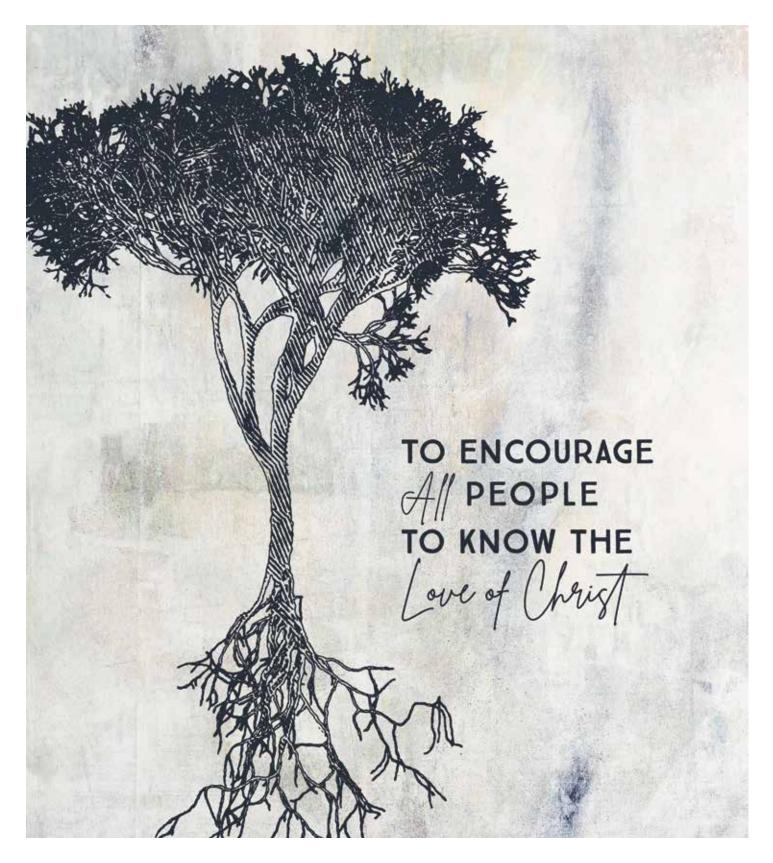
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## WORDS OF HOPE



## This Fall at Hope

This issue of Words of Hope is filled with articles about exciting sermon series and ministry opportunities taking place this autumn at Hope. Please take a moment to read through these articles and ponder how you too might dig deeper into your faith, so that you can join us in reaching out, rooting deep, and loving one another as we relentlessly pursue our mission "to encourage all people to know the love of Christ."

#### SERMON SERIES

#### SEPTEMBER 4-22 - TO ENCOURAGE ALL PEOPLE TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST

This fall we will begin with an overview of our Overflow vision. What does it mean that we are a congregation that seeks to Reach Out, Root Deep, and Love One Another? This 3-part series will look at these biblical callings and flesh out what that means for our lives together.

#### SEPTEMBER 25 & 29 - CHOSEN

Come hear how World Vision gives children in poverty the opportunity to choose a sponsor who will support them spiritually and financially. Through these relationships, both children and sponsors experience the fullness and abundance of Jesus. Hope will partner with World Vision and their Chosen program to connect our congregation with children in Ethiopia. During this week, sponsors will be encouraged to take a photo and answer a few questions about themselves, which will then be taken by members of our congregation and pastors to the children of Ethiopia. Sponsors will be chosen by their child and the match brought back to be revealed on October 16 & 20.

#### October 2-November 24 – Boundaries

God sets boundaries. These limits do not save us, but they are a guide for faithful and wise living. God has given us these rules as a gift of love. Just as a good parent provides limits and guidance for their children, we too have a loving God that seeks to show us a better way. This series will explore the wisdom of biblical boundaries for modern life.

#### October 16 & 20 – Baptism Week & Chosen Reveal

Join us for Baptism Week where you are invited to be baptized for the very first time or remember your baptism and the promises made. We will be offering full immersion or font baptisms again this year.

This week we will also host a "reveal" of our Chosen partnership with World Vision in which sponsors will discover and learn about their sponsor child in Ethiopia and why they were chosen by the child. You will not want to miss this exciting, heart-tugging event!

## Chosen

The power to choose in a child's hands.

## THE IMPACT OF CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Poverty steals choices from children. Give those choices back and empower a child to take hold of their future by signing up to be a sponsor, and your child will choose you. Are you ready to be chosen?

#### Tamralech's Story

Tamralech Amogne, 10, is a typical Ethiopian village girl living in Dera district, some 612 km north of Addis Ababa, the capital. Like most girls in the village, she has got so many household chores to fill her day.

A typical day in Tamralech's life begins with sweeping the dusty floor of her family's shabby old house. It then proceeds with taking her family's sheep to the field for grazing, helping her mother take care of her younger twin siblings, fetching water from a pond, river or uncapped spring, and doing other domestic chores.

It is very rarely that Tamralech has the luxury of playing without taking care of another chore at the same time: she has to carry one of her younger twin siblings on her back as she plays with other children in the neighborhood.

Being sponsored through World Vision is the best thing that ever happened to Tamralech. She recalls her first experience with World Vision. "I was very happy when they [World Vision staff] first came home and took my picture."

Tamralech was even more thrilled when she received the first letter from her sponsor, Kasahara Mieko, a 56-year-old Japanese woman. "I had never received any letter, whatsoever, from anybody before," she says, let alone from someone who is thousands of miles away from where she lives.

"I was very excited when I received a letter and card from my sponsor," she says, showing some of the cards, stickers and letters she has received.

"My sponsor encourages me to work hard on my study through her letters," says Tamralech. "Thanks for sponsorship: there is now another person to care for me," she adds.

Amogne Mihret, 56, is Tamralech's father. Working as a daily laborer, he makes about 14 birr (about US \$1.50) a day which is far from enough to raise his family of seven.

Amogne recalls what he and his wife felt when they first learned that one of their daughters was selected to be involved in World Vision sponsorship program. "We were very happy when we found out that our child was chosen to be one of the sponsored children in the community. Our child has now a better hope to get educated and become somebody important," he says.

"My sponsor encourages me to work hard on my study through her letters, " says Tamralech. "Thanks for sponsorship; there is now another person to care for me."









SAVE THE DATE: September 25 & 29 for Hope's Chosen week with World Vision. Watch for more details coming soon!

## BEGINNERS GUIDE TO

by Pastor Steven Dunkel

"Baptism is the beginning of a new life in Christ." (Luther's Large Catechism)



#### WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is the front door to an eternal life with God that starts now and lasts forever. At Pentecost, Peter preached the very first Church sermon: "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children" (Acts 2:38-39). Believing households responded by being "baptized in the name of the Father" \*splash\* "and of the Son" \*splash\* "and of the Holy Spirit" \*splash\* (Matthew 28:19). Around three thousand people were baptized that day, and around three billion people have been baptized since.



#### WHAT IS THE PROMISE OF BAPTISM?

In baptism, you receive a three-fold promise. First, God promises to forgive your sins and give you His Holy Spirit. Second, the Church promises to teach you the Scriptures. Third, parents/sponsors promise to support you in your ongoing journey with Jesus.



#### WHO CAN BE BAPTIZED?

At Hope, we baptize believers and their children of any age (Matthew 19:14). When Peter said baptism is "for you and your children" (Acts 2:39), the Greek word he used for children includes infants (teknon, e.g. Luke 1:59). In the Old Testament, infant boys received God's promise through circumcision (Leviticus 12:3). In the New Testament, boys, girls, men, and women receive God's promise through baptism: "You were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through faith in the working of God"



#### HOW CAN I OR MY CHILDREN BE BAPTIZED?

Visit fargohope.org/baptism, where you can register for baptism orientation and schedule a baptism at Hope. Or join us for worship during Baptism Week, October 16 and 20, when anyone can come forward to be baptized by being immersed in a hot tub or having water poured over their head at the baptismal font—always in the name of the Father, and the of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

CIRCLE THE PASTOR THAT YOU THINK IS THE BABY IN THE PHOTO:

Answers on page 11.





## SAVE THE DATE

for Baptism Week OCTOBER 16 & 20

during all worship services at all campuses.

## BAPTISM

## WHERE IN MY BIBLE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT BAPTISM?

Genesis 1:2, "The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." The Bible starts with water and Spirit.

Exodus 12:24-28, "When your children ask you, tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord." On Passover, the parents' faith protected their child.

Leviticus 12:3, "On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised," entering God's Covenant. Baptism is the new circumcision (Colossians 2:11-12).

Numbers 19:18, "Dip it in the water and sprinkle the tent." The Greek (LXX) word here is baptizo, "baptize," meaning "cleanse with water."

2 Kings 5:14, the leper Naaman "dipped himself in the Jordan seven times... and became clean." This baptizo foreshadows our cleansing in baptism.

Psalm 51:5, "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."
From birth, we all need to be cleansed from sin.

Ezekiel 36:25 prophesies baptism, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities."

Matthew 19:14, "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." The kingdom of heaven has no age limit.

Matt. 28:19 is the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Jesus commands us to be baptized and to baptize.

Mark 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." Belief and baptism work together for our salvation.

Luke 1:59, "On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child." The Greek word for this infant is teknon. Acts 2:38 says baptism is for teknon.

Luke 18:15, "People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them."

Luke 23:43, Jesus tells the thief, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." While baptism matters (a lot), God is God—able to save even an unbaptized thief.

John 1:32, when Jesus was baptized, "John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him." Jesus made the water holy. Now, water and Spirit make us holy.

John 3:5, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit." Jesus describes baptism as being born again.

John 3:22, "Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside... and baptized." From the beginning, baptism is central to Jesus' ministry.

Acts 2:38-39, Peter preached at Pentecost, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children." The Greek word teknon includes infants.

Acts 8:36, the Ethiopian says, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" Adult converts are baptized as soon as possible.

Acts 16:31-33, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.' Immediately he and all his household were baptized." Throughout Acts, households of all ages are baptized together (e.g. 10:47, 11:14, 16:15, 18:8).

Acts 22:16, Ananias tells Saul, "Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away." Baptism is for "the forgiveness of sins" (Apostle's Creed).

Romans 6:4, "We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." In baptism, we die with Christ and are reborn children of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 describes, "You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

1 Corinthians 7:14, "The unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his believing wife, and the wife through her husband. Otherwise,

your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy." Even one believing parent can profoundly impact their family.

Galatians 3:27, "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Ephesians 4:5, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." We remember our baptism, but we do not "rebaptize"—one baptism is fully effective.

Colossians 2:11-12, "You were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through faith in the working of God." Baptism is the new circumcision and the working of God.

Thessalonians 2:15, "Hold fast to the traditions passed down to you." Tradition doesn't mean "outdated." We pass down traditions like baptism.

Titus 3:5-7, "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

Baptism is not our work; it is God's saving work in us.

Hebrews 10:22, "Let us approach in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean and our bodies washed with pure water." We confidently approach God because of our baptism.

1 Peter 3:21, "Baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus." In baptism, God resurrects us to new life.

1 John 5:6, "This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ." We participate in Him through baptism (water) and communion (blood).

Revelation 22:17, "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come and take the free gift of the water of life." The Bible starts and ends with water and Spirit.

# BELIEVE

This October 4-6, Middle School students will have another opportunity to attend our popular and faith-inspiring Believe retreat at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes.

In 2023, 90 middle schoolers and 15 leaders embarked on our very first Believe Retreat. The Gospel of John incorporates the word 'Believe' 85 times. In fact, John 20:31 says,

"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."

Not only is believing a common theme of John's Gospel, it is the very purpose of his Gospel. Over the weekend we looked at four instances in the Gospel of John that led people to believe in Jesus as the Messiah – Miracles, Testimonies, Scripture, and the Resurrection. We also had a Q&A Panel to allow our students to ask questions that could potentially get in the way of their believing.

One of the students who attended the retreat was initially pretty closed off to faith. Up to the beginning of the retreat, she had not made many connections to other students at Hope and felt disconnected from her walk with Jesus. Throughout the weekend, however, God was at work. She asked various thought-provoking questions about faith, engaged in each large and small group session, and built relationships that continued

to grow into the rest of the year. By the end of the weekend, she was glowing with joy and much more open to God's moving in her life.

Another notable celebration from this year's trip was our

leaders. Whether it was sitting with a student going through a hard time, orchestrating small group discussion after a large group session, or chasing our youth around camp with a bigfoot costume on, each of our leaders gave 110% through the weekend. We always say that ministry is not possible without leaders, and yet we are always amazed at the quality of leaders we have at Hope that would take a weekend to go to a middle school camp to help them in their faith journey.

We are stoked about the future of this retreat and the impact it will have on our youth as it fulfills our vision to help them believe in Jesus. Registration for the MSM Believe Retreat 2024 will open in early Fall. Watch fargohope.org/middleschool for details.



## THE IMPACT YOU CAN MAKE IN HOPE YOUTH

Would you like a front row seat to seeing Jesus change a child's life? Did you know that nearly half (43%) of Americans who accept Jesus as their Savior do so before the age of 13, and 64% make this commitment before turning 18 (Barna Group)? The first Christians helped the next generation know Jesus, who ... all the way down to you. Will you help the next generation know Jesus?

Hope Youth exists to encourage all youth to know the love of Christ, through volunteers like you who help youth be loved (Hopetots), belong (Hopekids), believe (Middle School Ministry) and be light (High School Ministry). Investing just an hour of your time in youth ministry each week helps youth be grounded in their faith and equipped to make meaningful contributions to their families, our community, and our world.

Below are a few words from long time Hope member and youth volunteer, Molly Johnson on the impact of Hope Youth:



"Over 25 years ago, I was sitting at Hope North Campus, learning Bible verses and songs about Jesus' love in the very room where I now have the privilege of teaching the children of Hope those same Bible truths.

In addition to my own youth spent with Hope's youth ministry, I have volunteered as a small group leader for my 3 children from Hopetots to Hopekids to Middle School Ministry. Currently, I am the lead teacher for Kindergarten & 1st graders on Wednesday nights at North Campus.

The blessings my family has received through youth ministry are plentiful. While learning Bible stories at Hopekids and Middle School Ministry, Hope youth ministry connects the Bible to present day, building a solid Christian foundation for my children as they navigate school and today's society pressures.

Our church has a long history of making youth ministry fun, engaging and creating community amongst our young people. Hope Lutheran plays a crucial role in growing our next generation of believers of Jesus Christ. I always share with volunteers that if you have a desire to grow Jesus' love in the youth of Hope (and yourself!), there's a place for you with youth ministry!"

If you feel your heart tugged to volunteer we will get you connected in a way that best fits your gifts and availability, please sign up today at: fargohope.org/youth



Scripture describes the word of God as many things: a hammer, a sword, a lamp, and a light. Jesus reminds us that we cannot live only on the food of this world, but that there is a deeper part of us that needs to be fed by the very word that comes from the mouth of God.

Here at Hope, we know and trust that when we open the Bible, God speaks. He speaks to our hurts. He speaks to our hearts. He nudges and convicts. He affirms and comforts. You need His word in your life.

Our Deeply Rooted Large-Group Study and Podcast are simple ways for you to engage the word of God, so that He might speak to you.

During the program year (September-May) in our large group Deeply Rooted study, we follow the whole story of scripture through select passages from the Bible. Participants hear God's word, reflect together, and ask questions. Our pastors are there to walk alongside and offer insights. The format is simple. You don't need to be a Bible expert to jump in. We learn together and from one another.

The Deeply Rooted Podcast is a weekly podcast designed to connect you to the word of God. Each week explores the same biblical passages as our large group studies. Hope's pastors read out loud and dive deep into the reading for the week. Pastors share their thoughts and help us to anchor the passage in the larger story of the Bible. Along the way, you will be reminded just how important God's word is for our daily lives.

Your soul is hungry for God's word. He wants desperately to speak into your life. Come root deep with the people of Hope and live a life of unshakable faith.





Deeply Rooted Bible study starts September 8 and will run Sundays at 10:45am at all Campuses.

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

## stephen

Stephen Ministers are members of Hope who have been trained to provide person-to-person care to those going through a difficult time, including things like divorce, job loss, relocation, loss of a loved one, or chronic or terminal illness. A Stephen Minister is an individual who feels a deep passion to share Christ's love to people during a difficult time and will "be there" for their care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need.

#### On Becoming A Stephen Minister



by Kathy Nordness

I have always been drawn to working with the elderly. In fact, I almost majored in geriatrics before I ultimately decided to enter engineering. Since I am retired now, and have worked with my own aging parents, I thought I would contact the church and see if they needed any assistance with the visitation ministry. It was then that Barb Van Dame asked me about Stephen Ministry. I didn't know anything about Stephen Ministry before that. So, Barb told me about it and let me know about the training class.

It took me a few years to call and ask the church about visitation options. I kept passing off that feeling of a pull to join. But when I heard about Stephen Ministry, I signed up right away. I saw it in the announcements after speaking with Barb and thought, "that's probably something I should be doing." And that's the thing about a calling, if you're being called to do something the feeling doesn't go away. So, if you are reading this thinking "maybe this is something I should be doing," then maybe this is your year.

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One thing that held me back from initially contacting the church about helping with visitation in any capacity is that I wasn't sure I was a good enough Christian, and that hesitation scared me off a little at first. Through Stephen Ministry training I was reminded that none of us are perfect Christians. Everyone is allowed to have doubts and questions. You do not have to be a perfect person to minister to others. You also don't have to have all the answers. You just need to be compassionate.

If you are a Christian who walks with others through trials by faith but is afraid of the title "minister," you already are one. You might as well get the training so you can do it to the best of your ability. That is what Stephen Ministry can do, it can give you the training you need to care for others to the best of your ability.

Stephen Ministry Training class meets the first and third Thursdays of each month from October-April, taking breaks for holidays. In our training we read three books and had a workbook. The books were short, and the amount of reading is moderate, but not extensive. The content is easy to read. Stephen Ministry training covers topics such as: becoming a better listener, setting boundaries with others, being assertive in your communication, identifying signs of depression and how to respond, and what to say to people who are hurting. All of us who have gone through the training think it is very helpful. The skills you learn in listening and setting boundaries are really good information that helps you not only in ministry, but in all of your relationships.

Once you have been commissioned, someone is assigned to you based on schedule and need. Meetings between the Stephen Minister and care receiver are for one hour each week, are completely private and last in duration for as long as the receiver feels there is need. Stephen Ministers also meet every other Thursday for a check-in about what is going on with us, not necessarily our care receiver, and that helps keep us healthy and accountable.

One of the ways we help others is simply being there. Sometimes it is difficult for us to feel God's peace if it is not coming through someone else. So we, as Stephen Ministers, are working to be the hands and feet of Jesus for others who are going through a difficult time. Mostly we are there just to be present, and to listen. If the person is comfortable, we pray with or pray for them. Just our presence, without saying anything, is comforting. The ministry of comforting is a big part of Stephen Ministry.

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Becoming a Stephen Minister has really helped me in my own faith journey by encouraging me to be in prayer more. Meeting with care receivers reminds me to pray more and has helped me to have a more committed prayer life. Being a Stephen Minister has also pushed me to be still and quiet.

Many of us want there to be a finish line and milestones in dealing with difficulties. Stephen Ministry is about the process, and letting God give direction. We're not the fixers, we are the hands and feet. Part of what separates someone from God is wondering how He is close if bad things are happening. But we can be close, and we can listen, and if our care receiver is ready to talk about spiritual things we can be there. It helps to have someone to pray with. God really does work through the people around us and give us messages through others. I believe that's what Stephen Ministers do, we put a face on the love of Christ. Someone who can listen and give you a hug.

#### About Stephen Ministry Training

Each Fall Hope trains members as Stephen Ministers, who are then commissioned in the Spring and available to assist with the care needs of others who are assigned to them. Our next Stephen Ministry training begins Thursday, October 3 from 6:30-8:30pm at North Campus and runs through March with meetings at either North or South Campus. For more details or to apply, visit:

#### **FARGOHOPE.ORG/STEPHENMINISTRY**

For details on receiving care from a Stephen Minister, visit:

**FARGOHOPE.ORG/HOPECARE** 

#### April 11-July 13



#### **Baptisms**

Millie McRae, daughter of Jack & Rylee Yakowicz
Easton Alan, son of Benjamin & Alexis Dickson
Maeve Luella, daughter of Jake & Alissa Erickson
Spicer Légonne Oriental, son of Légonne Oriental Jr. & McKenzie
Kjos-Oriental

Wynston Del, son of Raymond & Adele Dobratz
Noah Edwin, son of Michael & Jessica Stecher
Briella Gracen, daughter of Alex & Miranda Steen
Laufey Rose, daughter of Blaine & Summer Dunnigan
Winslet York, daughter of Brooks & Taylor Burgum
Eileen Rae, daughter of Caleb & JaeLyn Behm
Camden Alexander, son of Tyler & Molly Pich
Noah Bentley, son of Nathan & Erin Anderson
Luka James, son of Riley & Kate Steenhoek

Felix Robert, Josiah Jay and Amirah Jude, sons and daughter of Chad & Bethany Wiegman

Dean Gregory, son of Zachary & Mariah Larson Colton David, son of Matthew & Kelsey Schuster Treyton Lee, son of Trent & Kelsey Seelig

Jackson Paul and Julia Jae, son and daughter of Ryan & Hallie Tiffany William Arik Strand, son of Drake Strand & Alexandra Lees

Weston Elliot, son of Mitchell & Briena Meier
Brooks Neal, son of Dakotah & Vanessa Walker
Evelyn Jo, daughter of Brady & Sarah Schmiess
Josie Mae, daughter of Benjamin & Kelsey Martin
Austin Thomas, son of David & Nicole Choate
Wilder William, son of John & JoAnna Thome
Bodhi Rodriguez, son of Jobert & Caitlyn Olofernes

Bodhi Rodriguez, son of Jobert & Caitlyn Olofernes Walker John, son of Matthew & Paige Nygaard Piper Janelle, daughter of Braydon & Allison Kruger Gianna Nicole, daughter of John & Danielle Knosalla

Miles Thomas, son of Zach & Kelsey Smith

Koa Edward Arthur, son of Sean & Samantha Vadnais Sloane Jean Rott, daughter of Michael Rott & Libby Geske

Palmer Mae, daughter of Parker & Kim Salentine Lyle James, son of Kyle & Samantha Ross

Maxwell Jonathan, son of Christopher & Marissa Tyre

Evelyn Lee, daughter of Charles & Brittany McPherson Maren Marie, daughter of Ben & Kelsey Stuber

Xyla Paige Renee Lureen, daughter of Skylar Lureen & Arielle McIntyre

Callahan Marcus, son of Andrew & Desirae Friskop Livvy Jean, daughter of Sam & Nikki Sletta Gunnar Lee, son of Tyler & Andrea Einarson Kate Olivia, daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth Strinden

Madelyn Kay, daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth Strinden Madelyn Kay, daughter of Jayme & Amanda Helmer Henry Richard, son of Matthew & Kelsey Port

Lila Renae, daughter of Brendan & Marti Christenson Avery Michelle, daughter of Blake & Macy Kappes

Scarlett June, daughter of Jonathan & Tori Bown Bergen Rae, daughter of Ian & Marissa Bullis

Walker Jay, son of Nick & Marissa Kemper McKinley Jo, daughter of Logan & Michaela Moffett Westlynn Rae, daughter of Adam & Krystal Cole Robyn Beatrice, daughter of Nicholas & Elizabeth Jones Briggsten Dale Fuchs, son of Derek Fuchs & Carey Christopher Odin James, son of Christopher & Caitlin Nitz Oliver Regan Errett, son of Regan Helbling & Beth Errett Griffin Michael, son of Matthew & Kara Ludwig Jasper Stanley, son of Derek & Natalie Pladson Roy Eugene Schroeder, son of Tyler Schroeder & Anna Martell Lucia Arla, daughter of Andrew & Kelsey Balow Finley Elise, daughter of Stuart & Paige Jackson Cameron Alexander, son of Alexander & Bailey Werk Laken Francis, son of Shane & Brianna Kack Hudson Ray, son of Conor & Stacey Roche Vera Valley, daughter of Steven & Haley Wahler Emma Joy, daughter of Matthew & Kelsie Tucholke Ivy James, daughter of Casey & Amy Atkinson Henry Patrick, son of Kevin & Emily Kuechle Paxton Jack, son of Brendan & Catherine Smith

#### Marriages

Lauren Rossman & Brady Peterson 4/13/2024 Lauren Tupa & Christopher Hacker 5/4/2024 Kristin Harrington & Sam Schwartz 5/18/2024 Kallin Baarstad & Tanner Mikkelson 5/18/2024 Abby Berndt & Wes Doney 5/25/2024 Maris Pederson & Aaron Kemnitz 5/25/2024 Rylee Kuntz & Shawn Schaan 6/1/2024 Elizabeth Vought & Trevor Werchau 6/1/2024 Taylor Corbett & Michael Pederson 6/8/2024 Chamonix Solum & Tanner Brandt 6/14/2024 Elli Pastorek & Josh Wudtke 6/15/2024 Kelyn Johnson & Andrew Christianson 6/22/2024 Linsdey Monson & Jake Karst 6/22/2024 Lauren Shekore & Zack Tellinghuisen 6/29/2024 Olya Carlson & Vadym Prokopenko 7/6/2024 Grace Farmer & Mark Anderson 7/13/2024

#### Deaths

Ernest Evanson 4/5/2024 Kathleen Grinaker 4/13/2024 Gabriel Maliscke 4/15/2024 Rachelle Hinkley 4/18/2024 Ronald Arneson 5/2/2024 Dorothy Rose 5/3/2024 Ethel McDougall 5/14/2024 Harold Danielson 6/2/2024 Lucetta Heisler 6/19/2024 Paul Brunsberg 6/27/2024

#### **NEW MEMBERS** April 11-July 12



Tori Lee Alison & Cory Jackson Gretchen Wagendorf Brynn

Dillon & Nicole Bachand Deklan, Harper

Elizabeth Kuntz

Christopher Schmidt

Randy Worrel & Krista Bremner

Evan

Jessie Pecka

Amy Odegaard

Kelly Tweiten

Shannon Wanner

Chloe

Pamela & Loy Larson

Ashley Delorme

Brock & Ashley Hosman

Rodney Keller

Kasey Stokes

Michaela & Logan Moffett

James & Heather Thomsen

Peightan, Regyn

Ian Bullis

Makenzie & Peder Schmitz

Susan Vitalis

Lynette & Peter Nygaard

Caitlin & Christopher Nitz

Amber Sazama

Courtney Lindtwed

Jason & Kristin Phillips

Janae, Karson

Olya Carlson

Lukas & Alexandra Davison

Dustin Weigel

Alice Evanson

Devin Lee

Jennifer Stith

Todd Berning

David & Kathy Tietgens

Emily Kuechle

Lindy

#### **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 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. 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 sermon highlight video is available each Tuesday following worship at fargohope.org or in the Sermon Series playlist on our YouTube channel: Fargo Hope.



#### **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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### HOPE LUTHERAN PASTORS





**Paul Nynas** Senior Pastor



Michael Toomey Executive Pastor



Steven Dunkel Executive Pastor Baby in photo #2 (pg. 4)



Sarah Seibold



Ben Jacobson Baby in photo #1 (pg. 4)



Ben Sullivan



Stefanie Jordheim



Andria Messelt
Pastoral Intern



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