

WORDS OF *Hope*

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Revival

God First in All Things

Dear People of Hope,

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “revival” as an act of reviving, of restoration, a new presentation, and a period of renewed religious interest. Our chaotic world today is ripe for revival! Will you answer the call to immerse yourself into your faith and put God first in your life?

In September and October our sermon series, Revival: God First in All Things, will help guide you in preparing your heart and mind for true revival.

Save the date of October 10 at 6:00pm as we will host a churchwide dramatic worship event called Immerse: God First in All Things. We will ask you to attend and invite a friend to dedicate, or rededicate, your lives to Christ. Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo is ripe for revival, are you ready?

How can you begin the process of putting God first?

Attend weekly worship: Beginning September 8 and 12, worship times at all campuses will change to the times listed in the graphic to the right. We will not yet be in our new West Campus space at Uptown & Main in September. So please note that West Campus Sunday worship will be at Liberty Middle School and Wednesday youth programming at Rustad Recreation Center, with no Wednesday worship until we enter Uptown & Main later this fall.

Register your students for youth programming:

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of youth programming for setting the foundation for your student’s life-long faith journey. Please check out page 4 to see when youth programming will be available at each campus. You can then sign your students up on our website. Please help them to attend regularly.

Get Connected to a Small Group: Small Groups are an opportunity to connect with your peers and walk in faith together. We have groups for many different life stages and phases. Visit fargohope.org/adults for more information and to register.

Volunteer: Take the next step in your faith by volunteering at our church! Every volunteer helps Hope in our mission “to encourage all people to know the love of Christ.” We have many volunteer opportunities to fit your interests, gifts, and schedule. Visit fargohope.org/volunteer to sign up.

Do your soul business: Pray regularly, attend weekly worship, and seek out opportunities to connect to Jesus and to other believers to grow in your faith.

I want to encourage you to please keep our congregation in your prayers. We are praying for a revival in Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo! We are praying for families to come back to church, to be revived and renewed in this mission we have together to encourage all people to know the love of Christ. We are praying for you to put God first in all things, and to invite a friend to church!

For more information on how you can actively pray with us for a revival beginning at Hope, visit fargohope.org/immerse.

God’s peace,

Pastor Paul

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NORTH CAMPUS

Wednesday
6:00pm contemporary

Sunday
8:30am* traditional
9:30am contemporary
10:45am contemporary

SOUTH CAMPUS

Wednesday
6:00pm* contemporary

Sunday
8:30am traditional (chapel)
9:30am* contemporary
10:45am contemporary

WEST CAMPUS

Sunday
9:30am contemporary

Listen to worship at 9:30am
Sundays on KFGO 790 AM

*Livestream

**WE NEED
YOU TO
VOLUNTEER!**

Benefits of volunteering include making connections, building self-confidence, making a difference, learning new skills, unlimited thanks, and having fun. Visit fargohope.org/volunteer or talk to us following worship. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS (ALL AGES)

Hopetots (nursery volunteers)
Hopekids small group leaders & helpers
Hopekids hospitality greeters
Hopekids tech volunteers
Small Group Leaders (Confirmation)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Acoustic
Bass
Drums
Electric
Scripture Readers
Adult Choir
Bell Choir

HOSPITALITY (ALL AGES)

Wednesday Night Supper Servers
Sunday Coffee/Donut Servers
Communion Servers
Greeters & Ushers
Funeral Lunch Servers
West Campus Set up & Tear down

HOPECARE VOLUNTEERS

Stephen Ministers
Visitation Ministers
Meals that Heal Team



REGISTER TODAY!

As you plan for fall please consider registering your children for Hopetots and Hopekids. Registration prior to the start date of September 8 & 12 allows the Children's Ministry Team to be prepared to welcome your children into our program. As your children enter our program, we want you to know what a blessing it is for us to "encourage all children to know the love of Christ."

To register, visit our webpage - fargohope.org/children

Please reach out to us if you have any questions regarding Hopetots or Hopekids. Email: hopetots@fargohope.org or hopekids@fargohope.org. We look forward to seeing you beginning September 8 & 12!




Want to know more about what we are teaching in Hopetots & Hopekids?

Visit our website: fargohope.org/children

Bottom Line:
God is always with me.

Memory Verse:
"We have the Lord our God to help us."
2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT



HOPETOTS

"Work at everything you do with all your heart. Work as if you were working for the Lord."
COLLOSSIANS 3:23a, NIV

HOPEKIDS

2nd Grade Bible Event

Who: All 2nd Graders & their families

When & Where: Sunday, September 19, 4:30-5:30pm at North and South Campus, 10:30-11:30am West Campus.

What: Bible presentation, training & celebration. NO RSVP. North and South Campus will host a free-will offering meal after the event.

Questions: Email hopekids@fargohope.org

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

WEST CAMPUS

Wednesday:

Hopekids | Rustad Recreation Center | 6:00pm

No Hopetots

Confirmation | Rustad Recreation Center | 7:10pm

Sunday:

Hopetots | Liberty Middle School | 9:30am

Hopekids | Liberty Middle School | 10:45am

NORTH & SOUTH CAMPUS

Wednesday:

Hopekids & Hopetots | 6:00pm

Confirmation | 7:10pm

HSM | South Campus only | 7:15pm

Sunday: Hopekids & Hopetots | 9:30am | 10:45am



CONFIRMATION OPENING NIGHT

NORTH, SOUTH & WEST CAMPUS | September 8, 7:10pm

Parents and Students – We want to invite you to our first evening of programming we are calling 'Confirmation Opening Night.' This will be held at each campus beginning at 7:10pm. Programming on this specific evening will not likely take the entire hour. 6th graders will get their new Bibles, 9th graders will get an outline of their final year, and there will be information for all that you will not want to miss.

Register your student for Confirmation at fargohope.org/middleschool



MISSION F-M WRAP UP

In June and July, we were able to take **43 STUDENTS** and serve in the F-M area on our local Mission Trip. We served at Churches United, Great Plains Food Bank, and put together Birthday Boxes for Box of Balloons in Fargo, ND. The total hours we spent at Churches United to help clean and organize their donations area was **670 HOURS**. Between the two groups, that saved approximately **17 WEEKS** of work organizing and cleaning. At Great Plains Food Bank, we bagged up shucked corn for the bank and for the community. For Box of Balloons, we were able to put together **6 BIRTHDAY BOXES** for kids that are now able to have a birthday party and receive gifts on their birthday. It was a great two weeks serving the FM Community, and we were able to see God move in many ways.



Guardrails 2021

OVERBOARD

CROSSING THE SEAS

Guardrails is back at Castaway Club October 1-3, 2021. This year's theme is Overboard – Crossing the Seas. This retreat is open to all middle school students 6-9th grade. We ask that every student attend this retreat at least once during their time at Confirmation.

Register at fargohope.org/middleschool.



SENIOR RETREAT

THIS JULY, HOPE HELD ITS FIRST HSM SENIOR RETREAT FOR OUR GRADUATES. THE GOAL WAS TO “PRAY HARD AND PLAY HARD” WITH A FOCUS ON PERSONAL GROWTH WITH GOD.

Speakers talked about challenges to come, getting real with the Holy Spirit, shining a light in culture, and taking personal responsibility for our walk with Jesus.



In this first year of Senior Retreat, we wondered why we hadn't pulled this event off sooner. The power of a committed group of graduated seniors purposefully stepping further into Jesus before they head off to college— it's almost unrivaled in all our years of youth ministry. Yet, it was deeply practical. We simply modeled and tried on the rhythms of life that Jesus taught. Students came for the relationships with each

other, but walked away abundantly more confident in active relationship with the God who will carry them through the days ahead. All we did was break bread together, pray, read the Word, and laugh and play a lot together. The Holy Spirit waits for us in these trustworthy rhythms. The question for all of us is, why do we think it's so complicated?

CAMP HOUSE

ALTHOUGH THIS WAS OUR FIFTH YEAR TAKING HSM STUDENTS TO CAMP HOUSE, THE POWER OF THE WEEK TOOK US BY SURPRISE. WE INTENTIONALLY CHANGED SOME THINGS.

First, taking a page from what we had just learned on Senior Retreat in July, we decided to keep it very simple. We didn't hype it, we didn't try to impress anyone, we didn't even print off materials for students. We gave them one blank journal, asked them to bring a Bible, and made sure they had as much free time as faith time every day. Second, we treated Jesus' teachings like they were really the words of Life itself! We asked tough

questions about obedience centered on Matthew 16:24 and encouraged students to try it out for themselves. Third, we decided to go leader-heavy, bringing a dozen full-time HSM leaders and a few college leaders-in-training. The result was a thriving community of both teens and adults that grew more than any of us could have asked for. We watched it bloom. Students and Leaders put in serious work growing their own discipleship to Jesus, in personal devotions, prayer together, and worship every morning and evening. And they had serious fun in all the hours between, in the water, on the Lake, hiking the trails, and careening around the slip-and-slide kickball field (from which only one pastor came home with a broken toe). We returned to Fargo genuinely asking, “How do we keep this going?”



EXPECT BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE YEARS TO COME. PRAY FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE. AND TELL THEM TO COME TRY HSM!

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE



**SOUTH CAMPUS
OCTOBER 7-NOVEMBER 18**

▶ Register at fargohope.org/adults



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Life is better together! This fall, we invite you to try joining a small group. These groups are an opportunity to experience life and faith with others at Hope. We have groups for many different life stages and phases. Many groups will follow the current sermon series.

Visit our website fargohope.org/adults.



Join other men at Hope for breakfast and a speaker on September 9 from 6:30-7:30am at the South Campus Discovery Center. Come hungry and bring a friend!

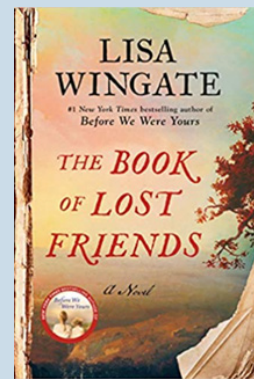
READ AND RELATE

Read and Relate dates for September are:

Tuesday, September 7, 7:30pm,
North Campus Lounge

Monday, September 13, 11:00am,
South Campus Library

See the entire list of books for the Read and Relate groups at fargohope.org/women.



The book for September's Read and Relate is *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate. From the bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours* comes a dramatic historical novel of three young women searching for family amid the destruction of the post-Civil War South, and of a modern-day teacher who learns of their story and its vital connection to her students' lives.

ATTENTION ALL MOMS: Don't navigate these days alone! All moms interested in joining MOPS/ MOMSnext or KAMs (Kids and Moms) will meet following Coffee and Connections to plan for fall opportunities. MOPS/MOMSnext usually meets the third Saturday of the month, 9:00-11:00am and KAMs meets weekly, Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am. Both offer free childcare with pre-registration.

CARD MAKING ministry

**SOUTH CAMPUS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
7:00-9:00PM**

Cards with beautiful, heartfelt designs and a monthly reflection are made for HopeCare ministries. Projects are preplanned, and all supplies are provided.

SPOTS ARE LIMITED
PLEASE REGISTER AT
FARGOHOPE.ORG/WOMEN



NEEDLEWORKS MINISTRY: Woven Together in Prayer

Starting in September, Needleworks Ministry will be meeting in the North Campus Library on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month at 7:00pm.

For more information contact Nikki at 701.388.7628 or Garyalmquist1@gmail.com

Synod Women Connecting

The 33rd Annual Convention of the EaND SWO will be held at Park River Bible camp on Saturday, September 18, 2021. The keynote speaker will be Kevin Wallevand on "Immigration and Children in Crisis." Contact your Circle chairperson to register.

Coffee and Connections

Saturday, September 18, 9:00-10:30am
at South Campus Discovery Center

Mark your calendars, women, and plan to make a fun connection this fall! Find out what's happening in Women's Ministry at this free event. Please register by going to fargohope.org/women or in the Church Office. Childcare available if registered by September 3.



SAVE THE DATE

15th Annual Rest & Rejuv

STEADINESS IN THE STORM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

A fun, inspiring and informative day for moms of children with special needs.



Golf Girls

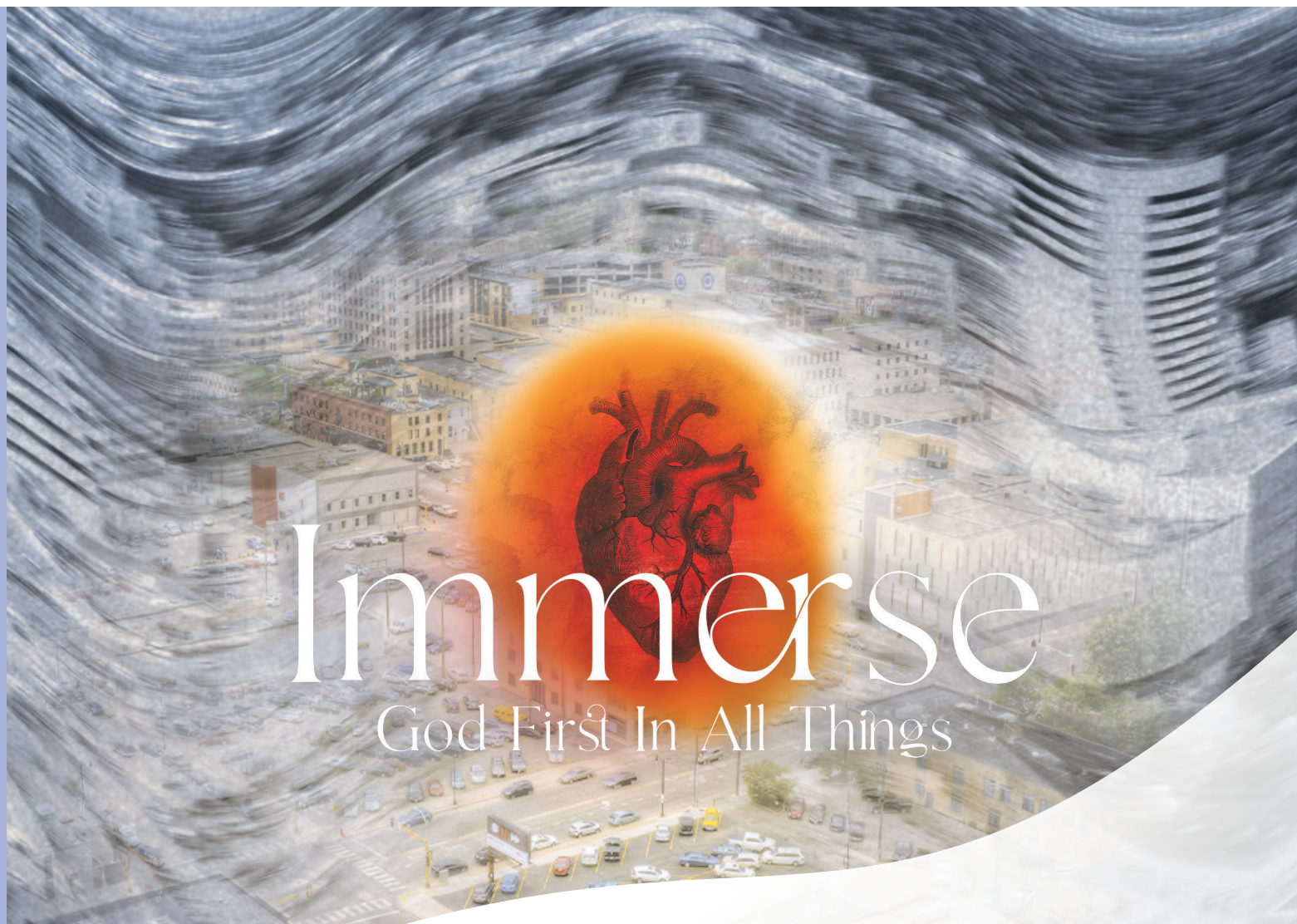
AREA GOLF COURSES

Tuesdays, 9:00am | Sign up in advance
Golf Girls meet Tuesdays, 9:00am at scheduled courses. Contact Nicki at 701.388.7628 or Garyalmquist1@gmail.com



TONING TOGETHER

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



Immerse

God First In All Things

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 6:00PM,
SOUTH CAMPUS**

No one has changed our world more than Jesus! Come to this compelling presentation to learn more about who Jesus is and how to immerse yourself in putting God first in all things. This revival event is geared toward those who have questions about who Jesus is, as well as those who want to deepen their faith. We're asking everyone at Hope to come, and to invite a friend!

For more information, visit fargohope.org/immerse

THE IMMERSE EVENT PRAYER TEAM

In order for the Immerse event to be a transformative and powerful faith experience, it needs to be surrounded in prayer! There are three ways to surround this event in prayer in the weeks leading up to October 10: in person, by email or on Zoom.

The Immerse Event Prayer Team will begin formally praying together weekly beginning August 31 and will conclude October 6. Below are a few ways you can actively participate in praying for the event.

In person prayer will be Tuesdays at 8:30am at North and South Campus.

Zoom: Tuesdays at Noon

Prayer list by email: sent out weekly on Wednesdays

To sign up for your preferred way to pray for this event, please go to: fargohope.org/immerse



It is our many dedicated volunteers that make a difference as they reach out and care for others in a variety of ways. They become the hands and feet of Jesus. If you find yourself called to a care ministry, please prayerfully consider joining our Visitation or Meals that Heal teams by contacting Barb at hopecare@fargohope.org / 701-235-6629 Ext 238. Thank you so very much for all those who have so generously given of their time and talents to help encourage all people to know the love of Christ.



DivorceCare at South Campus

Monday | 6:30-8:00pm | Begins Sept. 27

DivorceCare is a weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. A friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Cost: \$20.00



GriefShare at North Campus

Mondays | 6:30-8:00pm | Begins Sept. 27

GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. This group is sponsored by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. Cost: \$15.00

For more information on DivorceCare and GriefShare contact Barb at hopecare@fargohope.org, 701.235.6629, x238



DON'T SIT ON THE SIDELINES, BECOME A PART OF OUR TEAM!

"I came to church every Sunday, sitting on the sidelines in our congregation, and the rest of the week I was focused on myself. Then, I was introduced to Stephen Ministry. When I said yes to God's call to go through Stephen Ministry training, I saw a lot of changes in my life. Now, I am an active Stephen Minister and I'm committed to caring more about others than I do about myself and I'm walking a lot closer with my Lord."

Stephen Ministry training will be held Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm starting September 16. You will learn skills including being a better listener, setting boundaries with others, being assertive in your communication, identifying signs of depression, and what to say, or not say to people who are struggling.

Prayerfully consider joining our team to support others who need to see the light of God's love in their life. Contact a Hope Pastor or Kim Youngquist at 701.235.6629, x322, email hopecare@fargohope.org or visit fargohope.org/stephenministry to find out more!



NEW MEMBERS

JULY 18, 2021

Marissa Byrne & Tate Bollingberg
Marjean Currie
Lala Gray
Kayla & Kevin Murphy
Rorke, Thomas
Andrew & Jamie Passanante
Fallon, Tyden, Hayden
Cindy & Gerald Urlaub
Alex
Madison Urlaub

MARRIAGES

Taylor Moore & Clayton Ludlum 7/10/2021
Branden Scheel & Alexa Stallworth 7/11/2021

DEATHS

Erik Susag 7/23/2021
Wilbur Boldt 7/24/2021
Charlotte Hehr 8/1/2021

BAPTISMS

Madison Kylie, daughter of Trent & Erin Wagner
Baker Robert, son of Derek & Lindsey Stacklie
Gabby Lynette, daughter of Rylan & Alyssa Gutzmer
Kate Olivia, daughter of Josh & Rebecca Bayliss
Raina Mae Kay, daughter of Michael & Laura Arvesen
Vienna Annalyn, daughter of Corey & Kenora Kallstrom
Patty Ann Blumer
Brayden Nicholas and Brody Patrick, sons of Nicholas & Patty Blumer
Avery Marie and Jackson Harold, daughter and son of Blake & Jessica Kelner
Blake Lucas, son of Bear & Laura Bowles
Greta Lee, daughter of Nathan & Katie Hoiness
Caleb Lee, son of Chris & Heidi Horne
Eli David, son of Kasey & Anna McNary
Audrey Sue, daughter of Ryan & Amber Anderson
Bowen Layne Laporte and Lilly May Mund, son and daughter of Austen Mund & Caitlyn Laporte
Annabelle Mae, daughter of Alexander & Heather Kerian
Caleb Andrew, son of Andrew & Elizabeth Lerud
Nora Tamara, daughter of Drew & Kailey Boraas
James Eric, son of Eric & Jill Stromsborg

ACTIVE THREAT AND PERSONAL SAFETY EVENT

Hope and the Cass County Sheriff Department are hosting an Active Threat and Personal Safety Event. The goal of the event is to help business owners, leaders, and individuals create safety plans in the event of an active threat. Come and join us at the South Campus Discovery Center, Thursday, September 30, from 6:30–8:00pm. Please register to attend at fargohope.org/adults.

FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL EVENT: SCAM PREVENTION.

Join us for lunch at South Campus, room 310, 12:00pm Sunday, September 26 as the Cass County Sheriff's Department presents about scam prevention including the latest scams and how to protect you and your loved ones from being scammed.

To RSVP, please visit fargohope.org/foundation.

This event is sponsored by the Hope Lutheran Foundation.



In Person Baptism Orientation Classes Begin this Fall:

Join us for a light brunch served | 11:45am

October 17 – SC Discovery Center

November 21 – NC Fellowship Center

December 19 – TBD

Register here for a date that works for your family.

fargohope.org/baptism

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Sunday | September 26 | 12:00pm
South Campus, Discovery Center

Call the Church Office at 701.235.6629 with questions



WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?

Please consider us in creating yours.

For more information visit fargohope.org/foundation

ABOUT HOPE LUTHERAN

SEPTEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

“Come Awake”

Acts 4:8-14
Ephesians 5:11-17; John 3:1-8
North: September 8/12 Pastor Mike Toomey
South: September 8/12 Pastor Paul Nynas
West: September 12 Pastor Kristian Eikevik

“Invite”

Romans 1:16; Matthew 28:19-20
North: September 15/19 Pastor Paul Nynas
South: September 22/26 Pastor Paul Nynas
West: October 3 Pastor Paul Nynas

“Fervent in Prayer”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Luke 18:9-14
North: September 29/October 3 Pastor Sarah Seibold
South: September 15/19 Pastor Sarah Seibold
West: 26 Pastor Sarah Seibold

“A Call to Follow”

Proverbs 3:5-6; Luke 9:21-26
North: September 22/26 Pastor Mike Toomey
South: September 29/October 3 Pastor Mike Toomey
West: September 19 Pastor Mike Toomey

WORSHIP TIMES

NORTH CAMPUS

Wednesday:
6:00pm Contemporary
Sunday:
8:30am Traditional
9:30am Contemporary
10:45am Contemporary

SOUTH CAMPUS

Wednesday:
6:00pm Contemporary
Sunday:
8:30am Chapel
9:30am Contemporary
10:45am Contemporary

WEST CAMPUS

Sunday:
9:30am Contemporary

WORSHIP ONLINE (Facebook & YouTube)

Wednesday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am Traditional,
9:30am Contemporary

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.

For those who just want to listen to the sermon audio or to hear the sermon again, a podcast is available at fargohope.org/listen or on the iTunes store.

KFGO 790 AM

Sunday 9:30am

LOCATIONS



NORTH CAMPUS
2900 Broadway N, Fargo



SOUTH CAMPUS
3636 25th St. S, Fargo



WEST CAMPUS
Sundays: Liberty Middle School, 801 36th Ave E, West Fargo
Wednesday Youth Programming: Rustad Recreation Center, 601 26th Ave E, West Fargo

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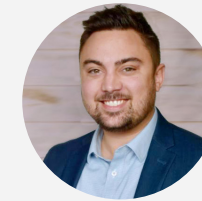
Michael Toomey
Executive Pastor



Sarah Seibold



Kristian Eikevik



Ben Jacobson



Stefanie Jordheim
Pastoral Intern/
WC Director



Ben Sullivan
Pastoral Intern



Kevan Smith
Visitation Pastor

Membership that Matters

Sign up at 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.

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**COME BACK TO CHURCH
FOR RALLY WEEK!**

September 8 & 12