

# WORDS OF

*Hope*

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*We are  
Thankful*

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

NOVEMBER 24

6:00PM † WEDNESDAY



*Dear People of Hope.*

Gratitude. It's the feeling we sometimes get when our family is all together and getting along, appreciating a day that starts with a beautiful sunrise, recognizing when our daily needs are being met and a whole host of other moments that cause us to pause and give thanks. Gratitude and thankfulness are powerful feelings that move us to look to God and echo the words of the psalmist, "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name." (Ps. 103:1 NIV)

Gratitude can also be experienced beyond feelings and fleeting feel good moments. Gratitude is a daily spiritual practice and choice. In 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Christ to, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." It can be hard to imagine giving thanks in ALL circumstance when circumstances are hard and painful. But Paul reminds us that in all things God is there. God is at work. God's will for you is to cause you to rejoice, pray and give thanks to Him. Even the writer of Lamentations (the WHOLE book is a series of laments!) practiced gratitude and was moved to write, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV)

Every day, every moment is an opportunity to practice gratitude. Every opportunity is a point at which God can break our attention from the things of this world to focus on Him - His compassion, mercy and faithfulness. When God draws our attention on Him and all that He has given us and done for us in Jesus, we experience healing (Psalm 103:2-5). We experience a peace that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:6-7). We experience the powerfully transforming presence of God (2 Cor. 4:15-16).

During this month where we are called to give thanks, let us be encouraged by God's spirit and take up the practice of gratitude. And in our practice, may God move in you and cause you to say today and every day, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24 NRSV)

In Christ,

*Pastor Sarah Seibold*



275 people joined us October 10 at our Immerse Revival Event for a compelling presentation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We worshiped, we prayed, we contemplated our faith journey and where God is calling us to next, and many were baptized or reaffirmed their baptism. The Holy Spirit was present. To say the night was amazing would be a huge understatement. Thank you to the many volunteers and staff who made Immerse possible!







## NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Hopetots, Hopekids & Confirmation: Nov 24 & 28

## KIDS SING FOR CHRISTMAS

During their usual Hopekids hour, preschool through fifth graders will sing in church on the dates listed below. Visit [fargohope.org/children](http://fargohope.org/children) for lyric videos to practice!

### North Campus

Dec 8 | PreK – 1st  
Dec 12 | PreK – 5th  
Dec 15 | 2nd – 5th

### South Campus

Dec 8 | PreK – 1st  
Dec 12 | PreK – 1st  
Dec 15 | 2nd – 5th  
Dec 19 | 2nd – 5th

### West Campus

Dec 8 | PreK – 1st  
Dec 12 | PreK – 1st \*sing in 9:30am worship  
Dec 15 | 2nd – 5th  
Dec 19 | 2nd – 5th \*sing in 9:30am worship



Hopekids of all ages have been leaning in to worship this year! What a great God we get to praise!

## NOVEMBER FOCUS



**Preschool-1st Graders** | We were made to thank God for everything. We have so much that God has done for us and continues to do for us to be thankful for.

**Memory Verse:** “I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.” Psalm 111:1



### 2nd-5th Graders

Everything we have comes from God. He is faithful to provide what we need. Regardless of what we have or what situation we might face, we can choose to trust God and respond with contentment.

**Memory Verse:** “Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.” Luke 12:15

## 9TH GRADE RETREAT

Students will hear faith stories from four members of Hope and spend the weekend seeking the Lord and considering their own faith story.

**Registration for our 9th Grade Retreat** out at Castaway Club will be open Wednesday, November 17-January 12.

This event is January 21-23, 2022.

# NO-SLEEP NOVEMBER LOCK-IN

November 12-13  
6-9 grades

## No sleep? No problem!

It is once again time for our Fall Lock-In. Food, games, and no bedtime. Doesn't get much better than that.

Please register at [fargohope.org/middleschool](http://fargohope.org/middleschool).



# OVERBOARD

## CROSSING THE SEAS

## GUARDRAILS 2021

207 middle-school students and 20 amazing small group leaders attended our Guardrails camp at Castaway Club last month. It was an amazing experience guiding these young believers in their faith walk! Thank you, people of Hope! It is through your generous financial gifts that programming and camps like this one are possible.



A crew of 20 High Schoolers and Young Adults cooked, served, and cleaned up for 200 Confirmation students at the Fall Castaway retreat. Work during the day was hard. Worship in the evening was powerful. Sleep was short. We loved it!

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15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rest & Rejuv

# STEADINESS IN THE STORM

“The righteous will never be moved, he will be remembered forever. His heart is steady, trusting in the Lord. His heart is firm, he will not be afraid.” Psalm 112:7-8

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 13 | 9AM–1PM**

This is a free event. Please register for this event by November 6 to Cindy at [cindyleebuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:cindyleebuchanan@gmail.com) or 701.429.1724. Brought to you by the Inclusion Ministry Network.

This event is for moms of children with special needs. This year’s speaker, Kristy Hubbard, is an inspirational speaker and mother to a daughter with special needs. She will provide hope and encouragement to moms.

## ❖ ANNUAL TABLES BY DESIGN ❖ Christmas Brunch

Saturday | December 4 | South Campus

**\$10** November 10–21 | **\$15** November 22 and after | **\$10** program only (at the door)

This event features speaker Sherry Mortenson and music by Belle Orso Voci, the Select Choral Ensemble from Fargo South. The Christmas brunch is a joyful way to kick off the Christmas season. One of the most festive aspects of this event is the tables designed and decorated by women of Hope Lutheran. Do you want to participate? Simply choose a festive theme and bring items to decorate a table for eight. Sign up as a Table Decorator when you purchase your ticket. Questions? Contact Peggy 701.306.4001 or [dpmonse4749@gmail.com](mailto:dpmonse4749@gmail.com).



### MOPS/MOMSnext Nov 13, 9:00-11:00am, South Campus

Coping with love and loss. Arlin and Sara Fisher will share the story of the loss of their 21 year old son and the development of the Garden of Healing. RSVP for daycare by October 28 to Carrie, 701.219.1688 or [carriespeer@parkcompany.com](mailto:carriespeer@parkcompany.com).

### KAMs (Kids and Moms) Thursdays, 9:00 - 11:00am, South Campus

for Bible study, fellowship and support. They will be discussing the book, Character Matters: Raising Kids with Values that Last, by John and Susan Yates. For details and to RSVP for daycare, contact Ruth Clarens at 701.238.1831 or [rcclarens@gmail.com](mailto:rcclarens@gmail.com).



### CARD MAKING ministry

November 16, 6:30–8:30pm  
Spots are limited, registration  
required at [fargohope.org/women](http://fargohope.org/women).



### NEEDLEWORKS MINISTRY: Woven Together in Prayer

1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm in the North  
Campus Library | 5th Monday (Nov 29) at Sweet  
Dreams Confections – 7pm

For more information, contact Nikki at 701.388.7628  
or [Garyalmquist1@gmail.com](mailto:Garyalmquist1@gmail.com).

### NORTH CAMPUS QUILTING

2nd and 3rd Monday | 9:00am–2:00pm  
North Campus Learning Center

### SOUTH CAMPUS QUILTING

Tuesdays each week | 9:30am  
South Campus Room 210



### 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](mailto:MaryHolm23@gmail.com)



**Alpha is coming! January 9–March 6, 2022**

### Is Alpha for me? 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
- Anyone
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity

Alpha is for everyone who wants to explore life’s big questions. For more information, visit [fargohope.org/alpha](http://fargohope.org/alpha)



### MAN TALK BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 11,  
6:30am South Campus

### MEN’S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

**Tuesdays:** 7:00pm, South Campus, Room 210

Join this group of men journeying through scripture together.

**Wednesdays:** 7:00am, South Campus – 12:00pm, North Campus

Join Pastor Mike for a weekly men’s Bible study.



### Operation Christmas Child

October 31–November 21  
All Campuses

OCC boxes will be available for members and families to fill. They will be collected at noon on Nov. 21 to prepare for shipping.



### Surviving the Holidays

Monday | November 15 | 6:30pm

GriefShare - North Campus

DivorceCare - South Campus

All are welcome



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### Think of a time when you really felt cared for...

Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do. They were there for you when you needed them and kept everything you told them in confidence. Sometimes we don’t have someone like that in our lives to support us, or maybe those who are there seem like they are tired of hearing our story.

What would you say if we told you that having a Stephen Minister would provide care for you? At Hope Lutheran, we have Stephen Ministers available to meet with you individually on a weekly basis to support you in whatever you are dealing with as we pray and walk beside you as God works in your life.



If you would like to be connected with a Stephen Minister, please contact a Hope Lutheran Pastor, Kim Y. 701.235.6629, email [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org) or visit [www.fargohope.org/hopecare](http://www.fargohope.org/hopecare). Our Stephen Ministers are here to care for you!



# MEMBERS AND Milestones



## MARRIAGES

Cassandra Tollefson & Tim Nustad 9/18/2021  
Abby Thompson & Matt Lipinski 9/18/2021  
Paige Satter & Talon Poyner 9/24/2021  
Kayla Klipping & Brandon Yurczyk 9/25/2021  
Laura McCroskey & Jacob John 9/25/2021  
Lydia DeMarais & Kevin Burke 10/1/2021  
Abby Astrup & Jared Hineman 10/2/2021  
Marisa Christopherson & Max Carlson 10/2/2021

## DEATHS

David Isaak 9/26/2021

## BAPTISMS

Baylor Gordon, son of Andrew & Jennifer Vlasak  
Aluuin Jefryn, son of Logan & Shana Onstad  
Zoey Michelle, daughter of Steven & Jamie Lehrke  
Thea Jane, daughter of Adam & Ashley Bridgeford  
Skylar Joan, daughter of Michael & Libby Rott  
Palmer Leilani, daughter of Kevin & Danielle Buxa  
Dottie Roux and Brewer John, daughter and son of Matt & Cassie Jansen  
Sophie June, daughter of Justin & Mandi Swanson  
Clara Solveig, daughter of Jarrett & Katie Galbreath  
Ryleigh Rae, daughter of Brady & Amber Blomberg  
Sloan Marilyn, daughter of Greg & Christy Tehven  
Adalyn Elizabeth, daughter of Reed & Jessica Samuelson  
Jameson Leo Deckert, son of Blaise Deckert & Mazie Remund  
Maisie Aria, daughter of Joseph & Megan Sullivan

## THE HOPE LUTHERAN FOUNDATION NORTH DAKOTA QUALIFIED ENDOWMENT

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

## INDIVIDUALS

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

\$20,000 (\$50,000 in gifts) for married individuals filing jointly. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to three additional tax years.


## BUSINESSES

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

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

## MEMORIALS

The following list of gifts given to Hope Lutheran Church or Foundation in memory of honor of someone includes the person being memorialized or honored (in bold) and the person who gave the gift listed below.

Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran <i>September 9, 2021 – October 6, 2021</i>	 <b>Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran Foundation</b> <i>June 30, 2021-October 6, 2021</i>	
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	<b>ERIK SUSAG</b> Jim and Sharon Puppe Gary and Nikki Almquist	



## DECK THE HALLS

Monday, Nov 29

See website for details.



### In Person Baptism Orientation Classes

**Begin this Fall:**  
Join us for a light brunch served | 11:45am  
**November 21** –NC Fellowship Center  
**December 19** – TBD

Register here for a date that works for your family at [fargohope.org/baptism](https://fargohope.org/baptism)



## 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](https://fargohope.org/adults).

# ABOUT HOPE LUTHERAN

## NOVEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE

**“Weakness”**  
2 Corinthians 12:6-10; Matthew 26:36-46  
West: November 7 Intern Stefanie Jordheim

**“Grief”**  
Isaiah 61:1-3; John 11:17-44  
North: November 3/7 Pastor Mike Toomey  
South: November 3/7 Pastor Ben Sullivan

**“Failures”**  
2 Corinthians 7:5-12; John 4:4-26; John 13:37-39, 14:1-3  
North: November 10/14 Pastor Ben Sullivan  
South: November 10/14 Pastor Kristian Eikevik  
West: November 17/21 Pastor Kristian Eikevik

**“Pain”**  
Psalm 147:3; 2 Corinthians 1:3-8; John 14:16-18  
North: November 17/21 Pastor Ben Jacobson  
South: November 17/21 Pastor Sarah Seibold  
West: November 10/14 Pastor Sarah Seibold

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
November 24, 6:00pm, all campuses  
North: Pastor Paul Nynas  
South: Pastor Ben Sullivan  
West: Intern Stefanie Jordheim

**“God is Infinite & All Powerful”**  
Psalm 33:6; Colossians 1:17  
North: November 28 Pastor Mike Toomey

**“God is Wise”**  
Romans 11:33  
South: November 28 Pastor Paul Nynas  
West: November 28 Pastor Kristian Eikevik

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP

On Sunday, November 7 during worship services at all three campuses, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. All Saints Day is the day we remember people dear to us who have died and gone before us to be with the Lord. During All Saints Day worship we remember the eternal promises we have in Jesus, engage in

personal prayer, sing songs of comfort, and hear words of hope and healing. Please join us for worship on this powerfully hope filled day of remembrance.

We were therefore 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.  
*Romans 6:4-5 NIV*

## WORSHIP TIMES

<b>NORTH CAMPUS</b> <b>Wednesday:</b> 6:00pm Contemporary	<b>SOUTH CAMPUS</b> <b>Wednesday:</b> 6:00pm Contemporary
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30am Traditional 9:30am Contemporary 10:45am Contemporary	<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30am Chapel Traditional 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](http://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](http://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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## 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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Thank you for your faithful giving to support the mission and ministry of our congregation! Your pledge helps our leadership plan for our future. Your financial faithfulness supports the many ministries of our vibrant congregation as we seek to encourage all people to know the love of Christ. If you have made a Hope Pledge in the past, thank you for renewing your commitment. If you have never made a pledge, please consider doing so as an expression of joining with God in His work in the world through Hope.

Pastor Paul Nynas, Senior Pastor