

## VISION

*Dear People of Hope.*

In 1958, at Hope's first Annual Meeting, Pastor Bud Roofs shared this in his report to the congregation...



“Our church has two main concerns. The first is that here at Hope Lutheran people are won for Jesus Christ. If individuals aren't being saved through a church's life, the church is missing its mission. The second concern is that all of us should become better disciples of Christ in conduct and usefulness. There should be growth and development. If people are not progressing in their Christian lives through our church, we are failing them...the story of our church...will depend on how faithful we are to these concerns.”

These words are prophetic. Still today, these two concerns remain our primary focus. This focus is centered on our mission together as a Great Commandment and Great Commission Church!

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### The Great Commandment

Matthew 22:35-39 NIV

<sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

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### The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-2 NIV

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



In other words: love God, love People, reach them for Jesus!

It is tantamount that we, as a congregation, keep an outreach focus. We care for one another, we spur one another on to greater love and faith, and this is so we can reach more people for Jesus!

Jesus left the 99 to find the one. In the words of the worship song Reckless Love by Cory Asbury, “There’s no shadow You won’t light up, Mountain You won’t climb up, Coming after me. There’s no wall You won’t kick down, Lie You won’t tear down, Coming after me.” Jesus wants us to follow his example and chase the one, to leave no stone unturned.

Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a Father who welcomes home a prodigal son with open arms. He called us to love like he has loved us. To grab our serving towels and wash dirty feet. To proclaim the good news to all the world!

We are the people of God on a mission of God to seek and save the lost. Our mission as a church is

not to be big or to be the best, but to encourage all people to know the love of Christ Jesus and make heaven really, really crowded! There still remains a large number of people in the FM area that do not have a church home and that data, along with West Campus bursting at the seams on Wednesday nights, guides us towards our mission to find a permanent home for our West Campus!



We will not and can not rest in our outreach until everyone knows the lifesaving, eternity making, good news of Jesus. Will you join Jesus in this mission?

Peace in Christ,



Pastor Paul

# WEST CAMPUS LAND PURCHASE OVERVIEW

*Dear People of Hope,*

This June our church council voted unanimously to bring to our congregation, as required by our constitution, a vote to purchase 13 acres of land in West Fargo to prepare for our future West Campus.

We are a congregation that has been richly blessed and faithfully focused on our mission of encouraging all people to know the love of Jesus Christ. The worshipping community at Hope West is growing and we are carefully and prayerfully planning for future needs.



This last year council commissioned a Land Acquisition Task Force to identify locations for a potential third campus. They brought before us the site proposed in West Fargo, and we believe it fits our needs for expanded outreach and growth.

The vote before us is to purchase this land with the focus on continuing

to grow our family in Christ in accordance with our Decade of Hope planning. We hope that you will join with us on this mission critical decision to provide a permanent home for Hope West where they can continue to do their soul business and bring others into relationship with Jesus.

The following Q&A was prepared to address the potential questions regarding this purchase. As always, please feel free to reach out to myself or Pastor Paul if you have further questions or concerns.

Thank you for partnering with Hope to encourage all people to know the love of Christ!

Your Servant,



Mary Rohleder,  
Church Council President

## CONGREGATIONAL VOTE FOR LAND PURCHASE

Join us for a congregational vote for the purpose of purchasing land for a permanent West Campus location.

**When:** November 9 & 13 following each worship service.

**Where:** All Three Campuses