

# WORDS OF *Hope*

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CULTURE  
OF  
HOPE

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1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

*<sup>1</sup> Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.*

Culture can be defined as a set of shared values and practices of a group. As followers of Jesus Christ who we are and why we exist is defined by the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus calls us to look different than this world. As the Apostle Paul writes,

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

*<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

This sermon series, Culture of Hope, examines the 13 core shared values that define us as people of hope. Here, hope refers to both a theological reality and to our ministry together as a congregation. We are people of hope! We belong to a church named Hope and more importantly we are defined by the hope we have in Jesus Christ. These are values that inspire and inform how we live out our faith.

This fall I encourage you to worship weekly and get engaged in our ministry together. Join a small group, volunteer, and use your God given gifts to love and serve one another.

If you are a volunteer at Hope or are considering, I want to invite you to our Hope Summit on September 18 from 4:00-6:00pm at the South Campus. You won't want to miss this inspiring event!

For more ministry specific details at Hope Summit visit [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults).

Peace in Christ,



Pastor Paul

### REPLICATING

Our vision, values and culture lead our ministries, not one person or personality. All gifts contribute and matter in the Kingdom. We are team structured. This is how we can be one church with multiple locations. Growth in Jesus is a discipleship process.

### RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

There is a Holy Discontent in our church to seek excellence in all we do to honor God and make a difference in people's lives.

### SOUL BUSINESS

Hope is a place where we encourage people to get their lives right with Christ. All are invited to bare their brokenness and be real before the cross. Graceful self-awareness is essential for growth in Christ. Confessing to a forgiving God is part of our life together. Ministry begins at the foot of the cross. Transparency and vulnerability are values lived out in all ministries at Hope.

### EXPERIENTIAL TRANSFORMATIVE WORSHIP

We expect to encounter God in worship. We expect lives to be transformed in Worship. Worship is not a performance or a show but an encounter with the Living God.

### HUMILITY

The first shall be last and the last shall be first. We will engage our world and win people for Christ with great humility.

### JESUS FIRST

We strive to keep our focus on Jesus. Our unity is found in our faith in Jesus Christ, to know Him and grow in a relationship with Him.

## CULTURE OF HOPE

### LOVE PEOPLE

At Hope we put people before policies. Caring for and helping hurting people is fulfilling the law of Christ and a part of who we are.

### DEEPLY ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

The word of God is the final authority for all matters of faith and life.

### HIGH HOSPITALITY

God's Grace abounds in the way we welcome and invite people to our church.

### RADICAL MIDDLE

Jesus came full of Grace and Truth (John 1:14). God's word is truth. God offers His grace freely to all who believe. We walk the line of the truth of God and His unconditional unmerited love for others.

### OUTREACH AND OWNERSHIP

We want people to become deeply rooted in their relationship with Christ. We exist to reach those who do not yet know Jesus. There is no compromise between the two.

### THE NEXT GENERATION IS THE CHURCH NOW

We are an intergenerational church that places a high value on youth. There is nothing we won't do to pass on our faith to the next generation. Our children will lead us.

### SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

We are blessed to be a blessing. As a church we have the sacred responsibility and the profound privilege of living generous lives. Our generosity will make an impact for Christ locally, regionally, and globally.

# Immerse

God First In All Things

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 23, 2022



September 27–October 18 | 6:00–7:30PM

Cost: \$20

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

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, teacher, childcare provider, therapist, or business owner, this class is for you. The Nurtured Heart Approach® is a relationship-focused methodology founded strategically in The 3 Stands™ for helping children (and adults) build their Inner Wealth® and use their intensity in successful ways.



## CAMP HOUSE TRADITION CONTINUES!

Year six of this annual retreat was an absolute joy! Fifteen high schoolers and three staff took the opportunity to disconnect for a week and retreat to Camp House in Brimson, MN (north of Duluth).

The week was all about new friends, navigating the trail before us and remembering God's the rock we can always stand on (especially when we find ourselves in the mud).

2022 Memories are Made of: First Cup Coffee Club, Team Latrine, TAG Time (Time Alone with God), Camp Olympics featuring Plunger Wars, homemade stone oven pizzas, shooting stars, night hike, Gooseberry and Split Rock Adventures, endless saunas, pie time, wild blueberry and raspberry picking, hammocks, rock painting, loads of friendship bracelets and new friends!

## The Return of HSM North Campus!

The countdown has begun to the return of HSM at our North Campus! Beginning September 7, all students in grades 10-12 will have the option to attend High School Ministry at either our North or South Campuses! A typical night of HSM looks like time for snacks, games, and hangout time with friends, worship, a message, and of course, small group! We cannot wait to add this additional opportunity for community this fall!

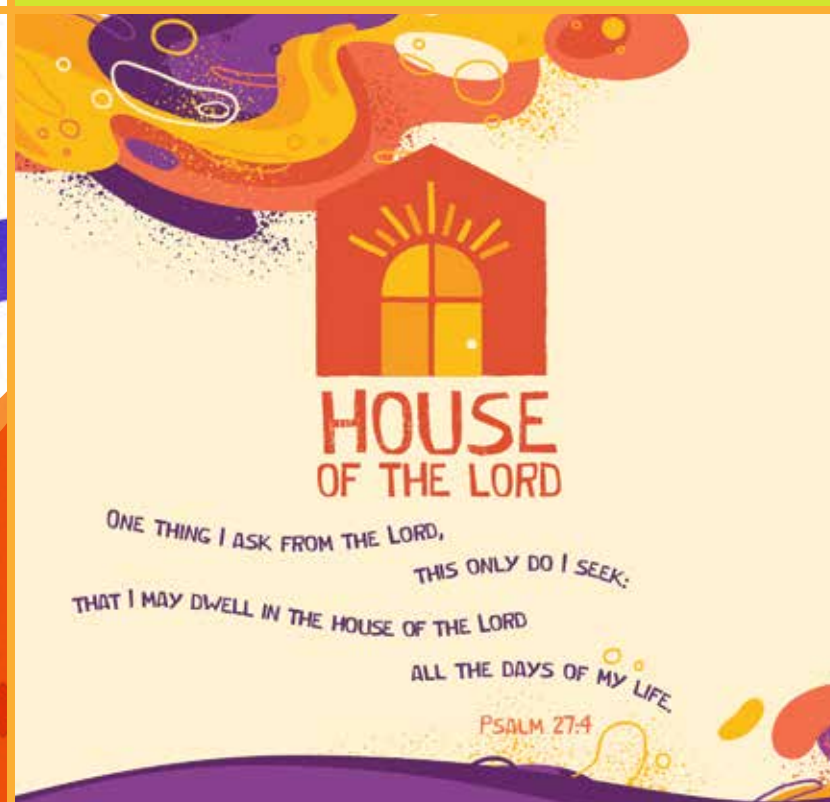
Get your student registered at [fargohope.org/highschool](http://fargohope.org/highschool)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Event



Sunday, September 25

All Campuses | Noon–2:00pm



### FIRST DAY OF FALL PROGRAMMING

(all youth Hopetots through HSM) September 7 & 11

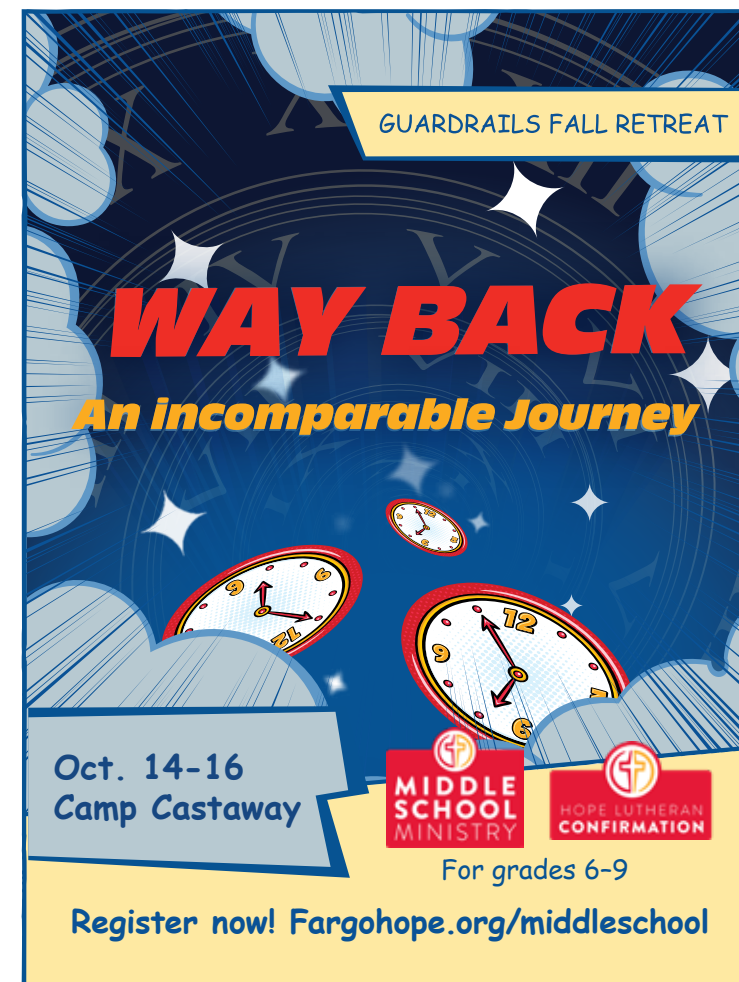
### OPENING NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 7

Parents: we want to invite you to our first evening of programming for Confirmation. From 7:15-7:45pm, you will join your student in the Sanctuary as we will begin with a brief lesson. Following our lesson, we will send small groups to their designed location for further discussion from 7:45-8:15pm. During this time, we ask that all parents (who do not lead a small group) remain in the Sanctuary as we cast our vision for the year and encourage you in your role as a parent. We greatly look forward to seeing you at this time!



### Youth Ministry Monthly Email - Coming Soon!

Parent's sign up to receive our New monthly Youth of Hope email to receive inspiration and updates for youth events! Sign up at [fargohope.org/about](http://fargohope.org/about)



# THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

## BOOK CLUB

Whether you attended the GLS or not, if you want to take your leadership skills to the next level, plan on coming to the monthly GLS Book Club where we'll discuss books from past and present GLS presenters. If you're interested in joining, contact [adults@fargohope.org](mailto:adults@fargohope.org).

## Women of the ELCA, Eastern North Dakota Synod WELCA 2022 Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 24, English Lutheran Church, Medina, ND, 9:30am Hope Lutheran member, Deb Wald, will be the special guest speaker. Deb is a singer, songwriter, poet and spiritual advisor. To register contact [adults@fargohope.org](mailto:adults@fargohope.org) or the Church Office.

## ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE



**Thursdays 6:00–8:00pm starting October 6.**

The Alpha Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in and strengthen their relationship. Enjoy a weekly date night with dinner provided!

▶ Visit [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults)



## MAN TALK BREAKFAST

Thursday, Sept. 15 | 6:30am

South Campus

Speaker: John Corcoran



## CARD MAKING

Sept. 20 | 6:30–8:30pm | South Campus, Room 320  
Cards with beautiful, heartfelt designs and a monthly reflection are made for HopeCare ministries. Projects are preplanned, and all supplies are provided.



## NEEDLEWORKS

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in September  
North Campus | 7:00pm

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ecclesiastes: Finding meaning in a world of passing Pursuits

September 14–Nov 2, 1:00–3:00pm | North Campus Lounge

Cost: Price of book

Amos By Jennifer Rothschild

August 24–October 12 | 7:00–8:00pm | Fee: Cost of Book

North Campus Lounge with Karen Moore

It's all Under Control

by Jennifer Dukes Lee

Hosted by Karen Moore

Sept. 15–Dec. 22 (no meeting on 11/24/22)

Noon–1:00pm at Atomic Coffee (222 Broadway, Fargo)

Cost: Price of book



Wednesdays | SOUTH CAMPUS | 6:30am

All men of Hope are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings at the South Campus for a relaunch of 33 series. 33 is a study for men designed to help them in their walk with Jesus.



## PEACE WITHIN THE BATTLE

Community Event | September 15  
6–6:45 PM (Dinner) | 7–8:00 PM (Program)

Speaker: John Corcoran

RSVP for meal by calling 701-235-6629 or at [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults)

## GOLFING TOGETHER

Join us at 1:00pm on Tuesdays at various courses around the region. Visit [fargohope.org/women](http://fargohope.org/women) for more information.

## WALKING TOGETHER

Explore Fargo, Wednesdays, 9:00am at South Campus, with a group of women who are comfortably able to walk at a steady pace for 2 miles. Questions? Email [adults@fargohope.org](mailto:adults@fargohope.org).

## TONING TOGETHER

Join women of Hope for low impact aerobics and toning via Skype, Tuesdays, 5:00pm and Thursdays, 5:15pm. Contact [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults) for more information.



## GET CONNECTED, MOMS! MOPS/MOMSNEXT

September 10 | 9:00–11:00AM

Please join our Facebook page to stay up to date: Hope Lutheran MOPS/MOMSnext

Information for becoming a member is available at [fargohope.org/women](http://fargohope.org/women)



## KAMS (KIDS AND MOMS)

Coffee and conversation to kick off KAMS on September 29 | 9:00–11:00AM | North Campus

# SMALL GROUPS

**This coming fall at Hope many small groups will launch.** 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." Look for more groups beginning in September.



**DIVORCECARE**

Mondays, September 19–January 9, 6:30pm | South Campus (Room 360)  
(On Break October 31, December 26 & January 2)

DivorceCare is a weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. Join at any time. Topics include: The Road to Healing, Facing My Anger, Facing My Depression, Facing My Loneliness, New Relationships, Financial Survival, Kid Care, Forgiveness, Growing Closer to God.

Questions? Email [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org) or visit [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org) for more information.

**GRIEF SHARE**

Mondays, September 19–January 9, 6:30pm | North Campus (Lounge)  
(On Break October 31, December 26 & January 2)

Grief Ministry helps people as they struggle through their journey of grief. We are here to talk with you and encourage you to remember your loved ones. We can also help you find other support groups in the community.

Topics include: Living with Grief, The Journey of Grief, The Effects of Grief, When your Spouse Dies, Your Family and Grief, Why?, The Uniqueness of Grief, God's Prescription for Grief, Stuck in Grief, Top 20 Lessons of Grief, Heaven

Questions? Email [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org) or visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) for more information.



**YOU ARE NEEDED**

Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring His love to those who are hurting. God is waiting to make a difference in their lives through you!

Our next Stephen Ministry training class will start October 6, 2022 and we want you to prayerfully consider the opportunity to participate and become a Stephen Minister at Hope Lutheran Church. To learn more, contact a Hope Lutheran Pastor or Kim Youngquist at 701-235-6629 x 322, email [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org) or go to [fargohope.org/stephenministry](http://fargohope.org/stephenministry).



*Living Free*  
**SUPPORT GROUPS**

Watch for the Fall Schedule of Living Free support groups which will be coming soon! The new Fall schedule will reflect the different group offerings, dates, locations, and times.

**INSIGHT SUPPORT GROUP:**

Tuesday evenings September 13 – November 8 | 7:00-8:30pm  
South Campus | Room 100  
Sign up at [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare)

Find out more @ [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare) or call Barb at 701.235.6629

**Going to Church is only the Half of it!  
We need to be loving others by Volunteering.**

Here are some of the ways you can volunteer at Hope. Greeting, ushering, counting offerings, reading scripture, serving communion, communion assistant, funeral reception server, Wednesday night supper servers, Sunday morning coffee and donut servers and office volunteers.

➤ North & South Campus email: [kjstram@fargohope.org](mailto:kjstram@fargohope.org) | West Campus email: [vluchau@fargohope.org](mailto:vluchau@fargohope.org)  
Sign up on our website at [fargohope.org/volunteer](http://fargohope.org/volunteer) | Call the Church Office at 701.235.6629

## MEMORIALS

July 17, 2022 – August 9, 2022

### Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran Church

**Ryan Thorpe**  
Todd and Jane Obbink

**Dean Merihy**  
Cathy Merihy

**Judy Sigurdson**  
Jean and Robert Jones  
Gloria Holloway

**Paul Vandersteen**  
Elaine Larson  
Dean and Sandra  
Schumacher

**Bonnie Polluck**  
James and Sharon Puppe

### Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran Foundation

**Doris McDonald**  
Joan Larson  
Bill and Marilyn Guy  
Jim and Sharon Puppe  
Dave and Barb Ferguson  
LuAnn McDonald

**Bob Knudson**  
Betty Webb  
Carol Bye  
Andy and Jean Nokleberg

**Paul Vandersteen**  
Bette Vandersteen  
Carl and Carol Wall  
Monte and Renae Hanson  
Brian Hayer

**Orvis Ecklund**  
Jim and Sharon Puppe

**Casey Arneson**  
Jim and Kathryn Miller

**Sig and Judy Sigurdson**  
Guy and Beva Paulson

**Marshall Moore**  
Border States Paving

## MEMBERS AND *Milestones*

### NEW MEMBERS July 1

Nick Groth & Ashley Johns  
Lisa Hanson  
Michelle Robinson Bissitt

### BAPTISM July 13–August 9

Hailey Ann, daughter of Jordan & Kylie Vadnais  
Sadie Margaret, daughter of Adam & Kasey Johnson  
Ian Lee, son of Patrick & Brooke Thiel  
Fitzgerald Theodore, son of Brant & Cortney Whaley  
Kalvin Elrik, son of Jared & Samantha Martel

Kinsley Sarah, daughter of Tyler & Jenna Nissen

Elle Ruby, daughter of Luke & Holly Heck

Charlotte Mae, daughter of Michael & LaNell Hagen

Iyla AnnMarie, daughter of Blake & Jessica Leadens

Neely Marie, daughter of Nicholas & Natasha Nelson

Amaya Rae, daughter of Troy & Jacinta Bottrell

Philip Harry, son of Joseph & Jena Bottrell

### MARRIAGES July 13–August 9

Bailey Olson & Samuel Jackman 7/15/2022  
Erin Rainey & Chris Larson 7/16/2022

### DEATHS July 13–August 9

Susan Cook 8/6/2022

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

### “Jesus First”

Matthew 6:33; 10:38-39; 22:36-38  
Proverbs 3:5-6, Ephesians 1:22-23  
North: Sept. 7/11 Pastor Paul Nynas  
South: Sept. 14/18 Pastor Paul Nynas  
West: Sept. 21/25 Pastor Paul Nynas

### “Soul Business”

John 1:5-10  
North: Sept. 21/25 Pastor Mike Toomey  
South: Sept. 7/11 Pastor Mike Toomey  
West: Sept. 14/18 Pastor Mike Toomey

### “Experiential Transformative Worship”

Psalms 63:3-4, John 4:24  
North: Sept. 14/18 Pastor Ben Jacobson  
South: Sept. 21/25 Pastor Ben Jacobson  
West: Sept. 7/11 Pastor Ben Jacobson

### “Replicating Culture”

John 13:12-17, Matthew 28:16-20  
North: Sept. 28 Pastor Paul Nynas

### “The Next Generation is the Church Now”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 1 Timothy 4:12  
Matthew 19:13-15  
South: Sept. 28 Pastor Steven Dunkel

### “Love People”

Ephesians 3:14-21, John 3:16-17; 14:6,  
Colossians 3:17  
West: Sept. 28 Pastor Sarah Seibold

## 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.

## WORSHIP TIMES

### NORTH AND SOUTH CAMPUS

Wednesday:  
6:00pm Contemporary

### Sunday:

8:30am Traditional (South Campus in Chapel)  
9:30am Contemporary  
10:45am Contemporary

### WEST CAMPUS

Wednesday: 6:00pm Contemporary

Sunday: 9:30am Contemporary

## LOCATIONS

### SOUTH CAMPUS

3636 25th St. S, Fargo

### NORTH CAMPUS

2900 Broadway N, Fargo

### WEST CAMPUS

2633 55th St S, Fargo

### FARGOHOPE.ORG

CHURCH OFFICE 701.235.6629

## HOPE LUTHERAN PASTORS



**Paul Nynas**  
Senior Pastor



**Michael Toomey**  
Executive Pastor



**Steven Dunkel**  
Executive Pastor



**Sarah Seibold**



**Ben Jacobson**



**Ben Sullivan**



**Stefanie Jordheim**  
Pastoral Intern/  
WC Director



**Kevan Smith**  
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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**Sunday, September 18**

**4:00-6:00pm**

**South Campus**

A special event for all Hope Volunteers.  
More information at [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults)

