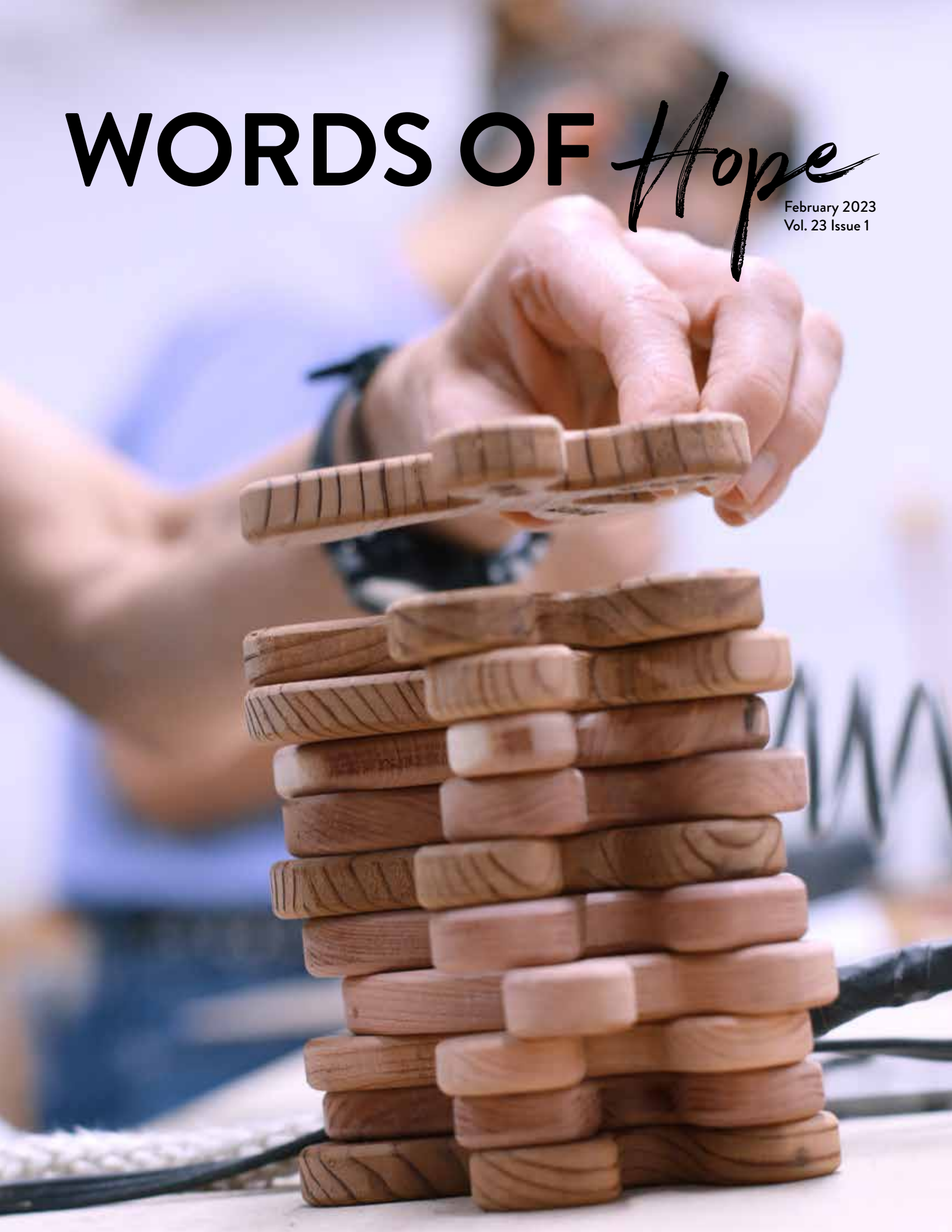


# WORDS OF *Hope*

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## CELEBRATING THE 50,000<sup>TH</sup> PRAYER CROSS!

Over a hundred years ago, the hymnwriter Jessie Pounds wrote these words, “The way of the cross leads home.” As people of faith, we find our hope, our salvation, our life not in the things of this world but in the cross of Jesus Christ. It is the place where the pains, sins, and hurts of this world meet the God of redemption and grace. The cross is central to our life of faith here at Hope. A simple cross adorns each of our spaces of worship, a constant and present reminder of the God whose love was so deep that He sent his son Jesus into the world.

“THE WAY OF THE  
CROSS LEADS HOME.”



In 2016, a small group of men at Hope began making prayer crosses inspired by the handmade cross held by Hope member Ron Messelt in his final days. In the years since, the group has grown, with many men and women cutting, sanding, and branding the cross to be given away to people both locally and globally. These prayer crosses have become part of the fabric and culture of Hope, reminders of the love of God in Jesus that endures through all things. For many they have been a source of comfort and hope, guiding them through the trials of life and for some, leading them home to their Lord. In January of this year the team cut the 50,000th cross and commemorated



it by making a special set of crosses made of olivewood. We celebrate and give thanks to God for the work of these team members but even more for the cross that gives us a new life.

This Lenten season we fix our eyes upon the cross of Christ. We cling to it. We invite you deeper into worship through our Lenten sermon series, “The 10 Commandments,” going back to the basics of what it means to live as people of faith. Coming to worship both Wednesday and Sunday will ensure that you get a message on all 10 of the commandments. As you do, pick up a prayer cross to give to someone who needs to be invited to hear about the grace of Jesus, so that they too will know that the way of the cross leads home.

Blessings,



Pastor Ben Jacobson

Crosses are outlined on a block of wood, then cut out.  
A spotlight on the cutting process helps with precision.





## THANK YOU!

During Thanksgiving and Advent, Hope Lutheran partnered with the Salvation Army to distribute food and toys, as well as to financially support the work of the Salvation Army. Through your generosity and the work of over 50 volunteers from Hope:



Over **1,100** meals went out to families



**1,088** children received Christmas gifts



**\$43,716.33** raised through Hope's Advent Targeted Giving

What an impact on this community! Whether you prayed for this partnership, supported financially, volunteered, or gave an in-kind toy donation, we are grateful for your gifts. Thank you for all you do for the kingdom of God and for encouraging all people to know the love of Jesus.



### STARTING SOMETHING NEW: SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR YOUR GOD-GIVEN DREAM by Beth Booram

Thursday evenings from Feb. 23 – Apr. 6  
6:30-8:00pm | North Campus  
Cost: \$20 + cost of book

Register by February 19 at [fargohope.org/adults](http://fargohope.org/adults).

Are you new to Spiritual Direction or walking alongside people trying to discern how God is calling them? Spiritual director Beth Booram has written *Starting Something New*, a book that can be used as a guide to identify and act on the ideas stirring within you!



### NIGHT TO SHINE February 10 | 6:00-9:00pm | South Campus

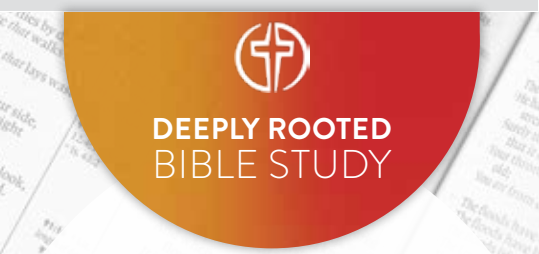
Hope Lutheran is once again proud to be an official host church for Night to Shine. Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs (ages 14 and up).

**Volunteers:** Register online at [fargohope.org/specialneeds](http://fargohope.org/specialneeds)  
**Guests:** Register at [fargohope.org/specialneeds](http://fargohope.org/specialneeds) or contact Donna Atherton (218.233.0853, [donnaatherton@arcminnesota.org](mailto:donnaatherton@arcminnesota.org)).  
*Space is limited to the first 150 guests.*

### SILENT PRAYER RETREAT March 24-25

#### JESUS SPEAKS: Questions Jesus asked that He's still asking today

Led by Karen Moore, Spiritual Director  
Watch for more details!



Sundays starting Feb. 26  
6:30-7:30pm | South Campus

All Adults Welcome • Join Anytime  
This will be led by Hope's pastors.



## BIBLE STUDIES

**“Rhythms of Rest: Finding the Spirit of Sabbath in a Busy World”** by Shelly Miller  
hosted by Karen Moore  
Thursday, January 13–April 27 | 12 noon to 1 pm | Atomic Coffee's back room (222 Broadway, Fargo)

**“Isaiah”** by Melissa Spoelstra hosted by Lois Anfinrud  
January 11–March 1 | 1:00-3:00pm | North Campus lounge  
Fee is cost of book

**“Abide: A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John”** by Jen Wilkin hosted by Karen Moore  
January 25 – March 29 | 7:00-8:30pm | North Campus Lounge  
Fee: Cost of Book

## READ N RELATE

**The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles  
Tuesday, Feb. 7 | 7:00pm | North Campus Fellowship Center  
Monday, Feb. 13 | 11:00am | South Campus Library

## NEEDLEWORKS

February 6 & 20 | 7:00pm | North Campus

## CARD MINISTRY

Tues, Feb 21 | 6:30-8:30pm  
Cards with beautiful, heartfelt designs and a monthly reflection are made for HopeCare ministries. Projects are preplanned, and all supplies are provided. Registration required at [fargohope.org/women](http://fargohope.org/women).

## MOPS/MOMSNEXT

Feb 11 | 9:00-11:00am | South Campus  
RSVP for Daycare Jan 28  
Bring your significant other. “How to fight fair”  
Please join our Facebook page to stay up to date: Hope Lutheran MOPS/MOMSnext  
If you would like to become a member, you can register at: [www.MOPS.org/join](http://www.MOPS.org/join)

## KAMS (KIDS AND MOMS)

North Campus  
Thursdays | 9:00-11:00am | North Campus  
For Bible Study, guest speakers, and helpful discussion to support and encourage one another as moms. RSVP for childcare to adults@fargohope.org.



February 10-12  
Red Willow Bible Camp | Binford, ND  
Register at [fargohope.org/men](http://fargohope.org/men)



Wednesdays | South Campus | 6:30am  
Come hear about God's design for men and connect with other men of Hope. ALL MEN WELCOME!



### Youth Programming on Break | February 19 & February 22



#### Ash Wednesday

February 22

We encourage you to worship as a family. Visit our website for worship times.

**North Campus,** Noon (Traditional), 6:00pm & 7:15pm

**South Campus,** Noon, 6:00pm (Livestream) & 7:15pm

**West Campus,** 6:00pm & 7:15pm



#### 5th Grade 1st Communion Preparation

Sunday, March 5 | 1:00pm–3:00pm | South Campus

We want to invite all 5th graders and their parents to our South Campus. We will have a time of instruction, special worship, crafts and partake in a Sedar meal.

Fifth graders will receive their 1st Communion on Thursday, April 6 during our Maundy Thursday worship services held at all campuses!



#### Kids Sing in Church

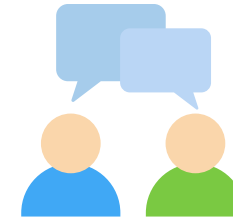
March 29 & April 2

Watch the Website for lyric videos so that you can practice at home.



#### FEBRUARY MESSAGE SERIES

Every so often, we all need a Check Up. Mental health is a battlefield we ought not fight alone. Through support of community, mental health professionals and our faith in Christ, we can find hope and be reassured that we truly are not alone.



#### 9TH GRADE FAITH STORY CONVERSATIONS

Our 9th Grade Conversations with students who will be affirming their baptism will be February 5 & 12. Watch for an email to come with instructions on how to sign up for a time spot, or email [youth@fargohope.org](mailto:youth@fargohope.org) with questions.



#### MISSION: NASHVILLE

July 15-22 | Registration is open at [fargohope.org/middleschool](http://fargohope.org/middleschool)

City Service Mission partners with 30+ organizations and non-profits in the Nashville, TN area. Our students will be given the opportunity to serve veterans, at food banks, in kids summer programs and so much more. We will serve at roughly 10 different sites and close out our trip with a trek to Williamstown, KY to see the Ark Encounter (Life-Size Noah's Ark Exhibit). You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity. Please email [youth@fargohope.org](mailto:youth@fargohope.org) for fundraising opportunities and any questions you may have



#### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Help fill 190 spots for our FMSC commitment

Join us at the Scheels Arena either February 3 or 4.

All Hope families, friends, and groups are welcome! Please help us assemble meals to send to children around the world. We have lots of spots to fill to reach Hope's commitment. Sign up by scanning one of the QR codes below or clicking on the link. If you have issues FMSC website, email [youth@fargohope.org](mailto:youth@fargohope.org) with each person's name and email address (Under 18, no is email needed, just the name). Before signing up, please read the FMSC volunteer policies on how many adults per student are required.

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



#### 9TH GRADERS JOIN HSM!

At the end of January, several of our 9th graders attended our 9th Grade Retreat at Inspiration Point. At the retreat they took time to reflect on how God has worked in their lives by writing their own testimonies in preparation for the Affirmation of Baptism in May. Following the retreat on February 1, 9th graders will be transitioning from attending Confirmation programming to High School Ministry (HSM). We are excited to have them join us, as they prepare for the next step in their faith journey!



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHT: COMMUNION SERVERS

Each month, we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord's supper together as a church body. As we celebrate and serve communion, it is an intentional moment to focus our hearts and minds on Christ and his redeeming work in our lives. Do you know that it can take upwards of 30 communion volunteers – in 6 different roles – for just 1 worship service? Would you consider serving as a Communion Server at Hope?

Contact us to find out which of the 6 opportunities would work for you!

[HOPEVOLUNTEER@FARGOHOPE.ORG](mailto:HOPEVOLUNTEER@FARGOHOPE.ORG)

Everywhere you look, there are opportunities to share God's love through service. Let us help you find an opportunity that matches your interests! You can sign up on our website at [fargohope.org/volunteer](http://fargohope.org/volunteer), emailing [hopevolunteer@fargohope.org](mailto:hopevolunteer@fargohope.org) or calling the church office at 701-235-6629.



### Pajama Drive

January 25–February 19

We are collecting pajamas, once again, of all sizes for FM area organizations who help children and adults in crisis. Help share the love of Jesus by leaving your donations in the Pack & Plays located in the hallways at all campuses.

### GriefShare

Mondays starting February 6 | 6:30pm | South Campus (Room 360)

GriefShare is a weekly support group led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. Please join us as we help, support, encourage and care for each other. For more information go to: [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare) and [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

### DivorceCare

Mondays starting February 6 | 6:30pm | South Campus (Room 100)

DivorceCare is a weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. Please join us as we help, support, and care for each other. For more information go to: [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare) and [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org)

### Living Free

Living Free support groups have a way of providing hope. Participants gain insight into how a life problem can develop and gain control and how it can be overcome through a relationship with Jesus. For more information, dates, times, and locations of current support groups go to: [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare)

### Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you to everyone who put together and donated a shoe box this year! We packed and sent out 376 boxes for children around the world this Christmas!

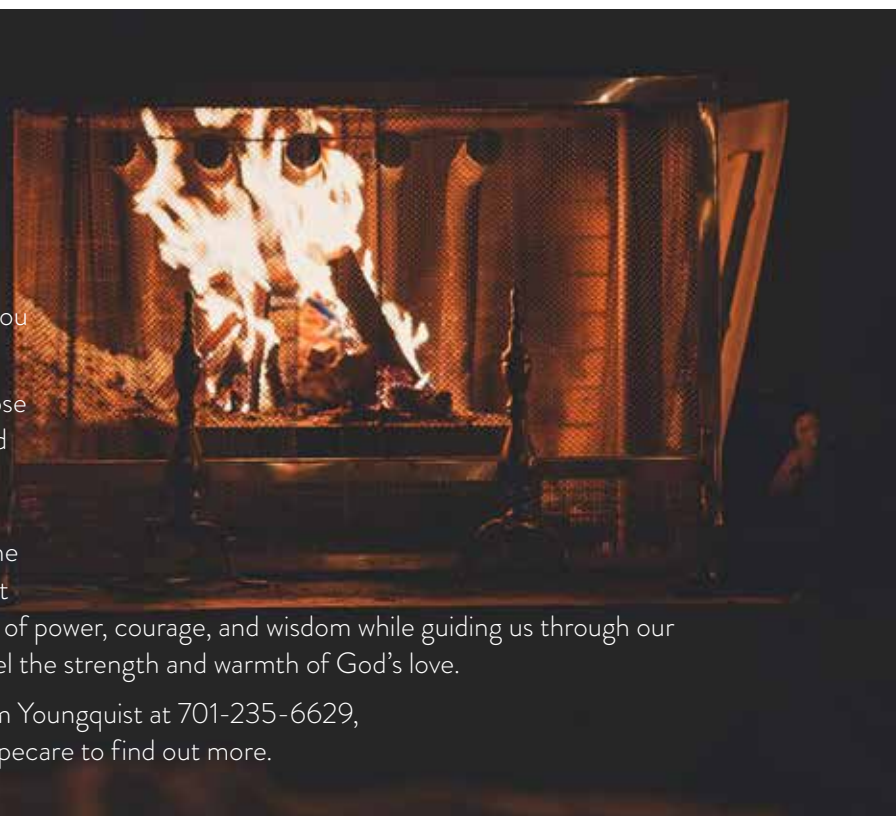


### Feel the Warmth of God's Love

Sometimes it takes more than a parka, blanket or fire to keep a person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend like a Stephen Minister to support you through troublesome times.

Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: lonely, depressed, grieving, overwhelmed with life. They are faithful people who pray with you, lead you to scriptures that guide you, and listen to you as you unburden yourself of the stress caused by your troubles. The Stephen Minister cares for you, and God gives you comfort and the strength to handle the resolution. He is our source of power, courage, and wisdom while guiding us through our problems. Consider meeting with a Stephen Minister to feel the strength and warmth of God's love.

For more information, please contact a Hope Pastor or Kim Youngquist at 701-235-6629, email [hopecare@fargohope.org](mailto:hopecare@fargohope.org) or go to [fargohope.org/hopecare](http://fargohope.org/hopecare) to find out more.



### Thank you Celebration

Our hearts are filled with gratitude and thankfulness for HopeCare Volunteers who make a difference for Jesus here at Hope! This February, please join us in thanking a HopeCare volunteer that you may know: Quilters, Needleworks (hat, mitten, scarf, and prayer shawl makers), Card Ministry, Grief Share facilitators, Divorce Care facilitators, mail & phone call volunteers, Prayer Warriors, Stephen Ministers, Visitation Ministers, Meals that Heal Team, Prayer Pocket Quilts. We especially want to celebrate and thank the quilters this February who made 660 quilts and donated 671 quilts in 2022. HopeCare Volunteers are making a difference for the Kingdom of God! Thank you!!

## MEMORIALS

November 9, 2022–January 10, 2023

### Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran Church

<b>Monte Hanson</b> Bette Vandersteen Linda Coons Rick and Ruth Clarens	<b>Iona Tenter</b> Maryann Schoenheit
<b>Betty Webb</b> Bette Vandersteen	<b>Doris Nyhus</b> William and Wanda Scoville
<b>Robert Sharpe</b> Maryann Schoenheit	<b>Agnes Klindt</b> Maryann Schoenheit
	<b>Brian Seczko</b> Tom and Mary Lidahl

## MEMBERS AND *Milestones*

November 9, 2022–January 10, 2023

### BAPTISM

**Ryker Sterling Larrivee**, son of Andrew Larrivee & Kirsten Cassellius

**Easton Lucas**, son of Lucas & Elise Demarais

**Easton Lee Kraiter**, son of Preston Kraiter & Paige Feeney

**Jackson Ryder and Lottie RaeAnn**, son and daughter of Marcus & Kate Kabrud

**Sawyer Terry**, son of Ben & Briana Ferguson

**Hattie Roxanne**, daughter of Chad & Angela Bresnahan

**Henry Lyle**, son of Zackary & Natalie Kollman

**Hannah Lois**, daughter of Brian & Breann Sommerfeld

**Weston Otto**, son of Benjamin & Ashley Anderson

**Irene Mary**, daughter of Erik & Breanne Blomquist

**Oliver Michael**, son of Jackson & Lindsey Strom

**River Glenn and Milo Robyn**, sons of Cole & Deepa Throntveit

**Brynn Alice**, daughter of Casey & Andrea Sailer

**Cameron Joseph**, son of Patrick & Molly Fahey

**Lilian Lee**, daughter of Devon & Jennifer Endres

**Halle Lane**, daughter of Arjan & Jessica Majidian

**Eleanor Jay**, daughter of Caleb & JaeLyn Behm

**Rhett Wade**, son of Aaron & Tera Kinslow

**Henry Ryan**, son of Ryan & Haley Baldock

**Kambreigh Mae Smith**, daughter of Danny Smith & Caitlin Boschee-Smith

**Olivia Eleanor**, daughter of Alexander & Taylor Volberding

**River Matthew**, son of Brady & Brandi Nash

**Bennett Michael**, son of Cody & Whitney Johnson

**Delphine Virginia Anne Erickson**, daughter of Mark Erickson & Faith Alessi Erickson

**Scarlett Elizabeth Joy Heiser**, daughter of Kenny Heiser & Jorde Metzner

**Evander Lee Olsrud**, son of Miguel Olsrud & Hayley Banyai

<b>Hounsfield</b> Josh and Elizabeth Swanson	<b>Kris Sheridan</b> Michael Sheridan
<b>Carole Stalheim</b> Dave and Barb Ferguson Larry and Marilyn O'Callaghan	<b>Howard Huebner</b> Mike and Jody Mathias

### Memorials Given to Hope Lutheran Foundation

<b>Monte Hanson</b> Craig and Carolyn Schnell Em Messelt Ardell and Audrey Olson Tim and Becky Barrus Jim and Sharon Puppe	<b>Eileen Hanson</b> Craig and Carolyn Schnell
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### NEW MEMBERS

Chelsea Adams & Chris Hubrig

Riley

Jen & Shawn Anderson

Ryan, Lily

Vincent Castleman

Ken & Lee Elvrum

Kristi Erdman

Marcus Good & McKenna Rubin

Diane & Richard Greutman

Jessica Halvorson

Travis Hoopman

Sam Ihringer & Dylan Timmerman

Denise Johnson

Jessica Klein & Jason Korinek

Mary Lou Levin

Katie & Mike Love

Bradyn, Beckett

Shelby & Justin Meche

Alexandra Mitchell

Nick & Ashley Murray

Lexi Opheim & Jesse Vega

Maris Thompson

Vicki Allard  
Carol Day  
Tracy Huebner  
Gary and Janelle Brunkow  
Don and Diane Jelinek

**Robert Schoen**  
Thomas and Jennifer Paulson

**Dale Thompson**  
Cathie Thompson

**Jeanette McCleary**  
Craig and Carolyn Schnell

**Bonnie Pollock**  
Jim and Sharon Puppe

**Betty Webb**  
Lois Brantner

**Carole Stalheim**  
Craig and Carolyn Schnell  
Robert and Bonnie Neas  
Joan Larson

### MARRIAGES

Laura Gonshorowski & Thomas Steehler 11/11/2022

DeAnn Krupich & Jeff Von Rueden 1/1/2023

Alexis Middlestead & Benjamin Dickson 1/6/2023

### DEATHS

Lucas Hooey 11/17/2022

William "Dale" Thompson 11/23/2022

Howard Huebner 11/24/2022

Carole Stalheim 11/27/2022

William Burchill 11/30/2022

Leona Holtgard 12/8/2022

Beverly Quamme 12/13/2022

Paula Brenden 12/21/2022

Dwight Heuer 12/25/2022

Roger Lee 1/4/2023

**Lucas Hooey**  
Tim and Becky Barrus

**Beverly Quamme**  
Kay Ruth Gorder

**Leona Holtgard**  
Kay Ruth Gorder

**Barbara Ann Olson**  
Kay Ruth Gorder

**Lucas Hooey**  
Richard and JoEllen Solberg

**Brian Seczko**  
Dave and Peggy Monsebroten

**Howard Huebner**  
Craig and Julie Johnson

**In honor of Kay Jastram**  
Tom and Mary Lidahl

## FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

### SERMON SERIES: "COME TO ME" "God of all Comfort"

2 Corinthians 1:3-11

North: February 1/5 Pastor Sarah Seibold

South: February 8/12 Pastor Sarah Seibold

West: February 15/19 Pastor Sarah Seibold

### "More than Conquerors"

Romans 8:31-39

North: February 15/19 Pastor Ben Sullivan

South: February 1/5 Pastor Ben Sullivan

West: February 8/12 Pastor Ben Sullivan

### "Strength to the Weary"

Isaiah 40:1-5, 28-31

North: February 8/12 Pastor Steven Dunkel

South: February 15/19 Pastor Steven Dunkel

West: February 1/5 Pastor Steven Dunkel

### SERMON SERIES: "THE 10 COMMANDMENTS"

#### Ash Wednesday

#### "Why the Law?"

Deuteronomy 5:1-6, Romans 7:7-12

North: February 22 Pastor Mike Toomey

South: February 22 Pastor Paul Nynas

West: February 22 Pastor Ben Jacobson

#### "No Other Gods"

Deuteronomy 5:7-10, Matthew 19:16-26

North: February 26 Pastor Paul Nynas

#### "Keep His Name Holy"

Deuteronomy 5:11, Romans 10:9-13

South: February 26 Pastor Ben Jacobson

#### "Sabbath Keeping"

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Mark 2:24-28

West: February 26 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/  
Youth Director



**Kevan Smith**  
Visitation Pastor

## STAFF

For full list of Hope's staff please visit [fargohope.org/whowere](http://fargohope.org/whowere)

*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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## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

February 22

### **North Campus**

Noon (Traditional), 6:00pm & 7:15pm

### **South Campus**

Noon, 6:00pm\* & 7:15pm

### **West Campus**

6:00pm & 7:15pm

\*Livestream