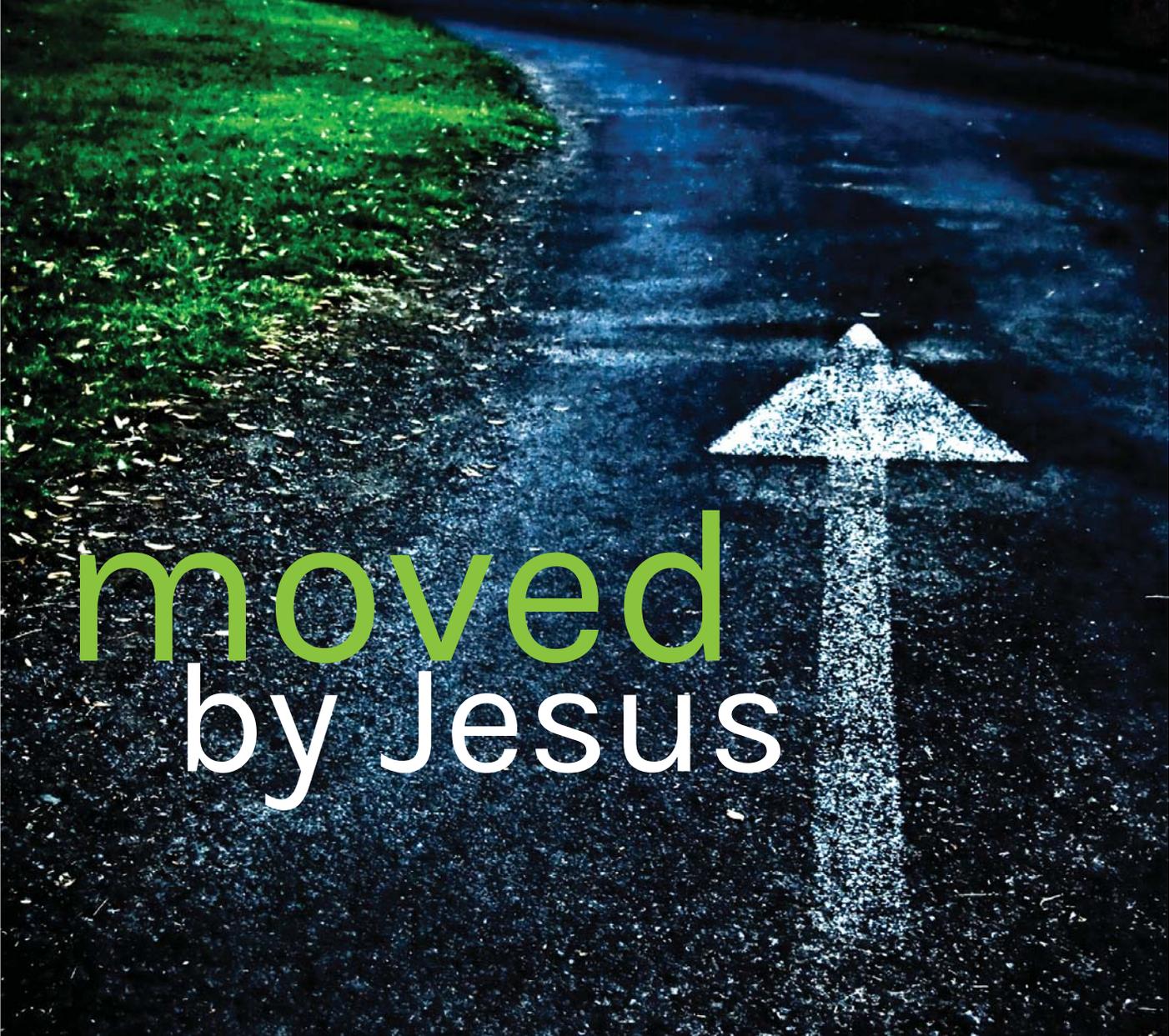


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A Living Hope

By Pastor David Lenz

Yesterday (February 12), at Boe Chapel in Northfield, I attended the home concert of the St. Olaf Choir, the conclusion to its 2017 tour. It was a gift, a soothing balm to my soul.

The music was elegant, ethereal, eclectic. Often, Jesus was at the center. “Known by cross and empty tomb.” *O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei* (“O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.”) “Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man; glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine.” For those with ready hearts, it was a time of rich worship.

There was a song presented with great beauty that speaks profoundly to these contentious days in which we find ourselves. It is *Prayer of St. Francis*, a lovely setting by Charles Forsberg. I invite you to read these words aloud:

Lord, make me an instrument
of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.



While these words are typically attributed to St. Francis (1181-1226), it is more likely they were written in the early twentieth century. It doesn't matter. Whenever these words were written, and whoever wrote them, they speak with great power now.

Vigorous debate is healthy – and that is happening today in abundance. But *how* we debate is a matter of great consequence. *How* we express ourselves will either tear down or build up the body politic, and the body of Christ.

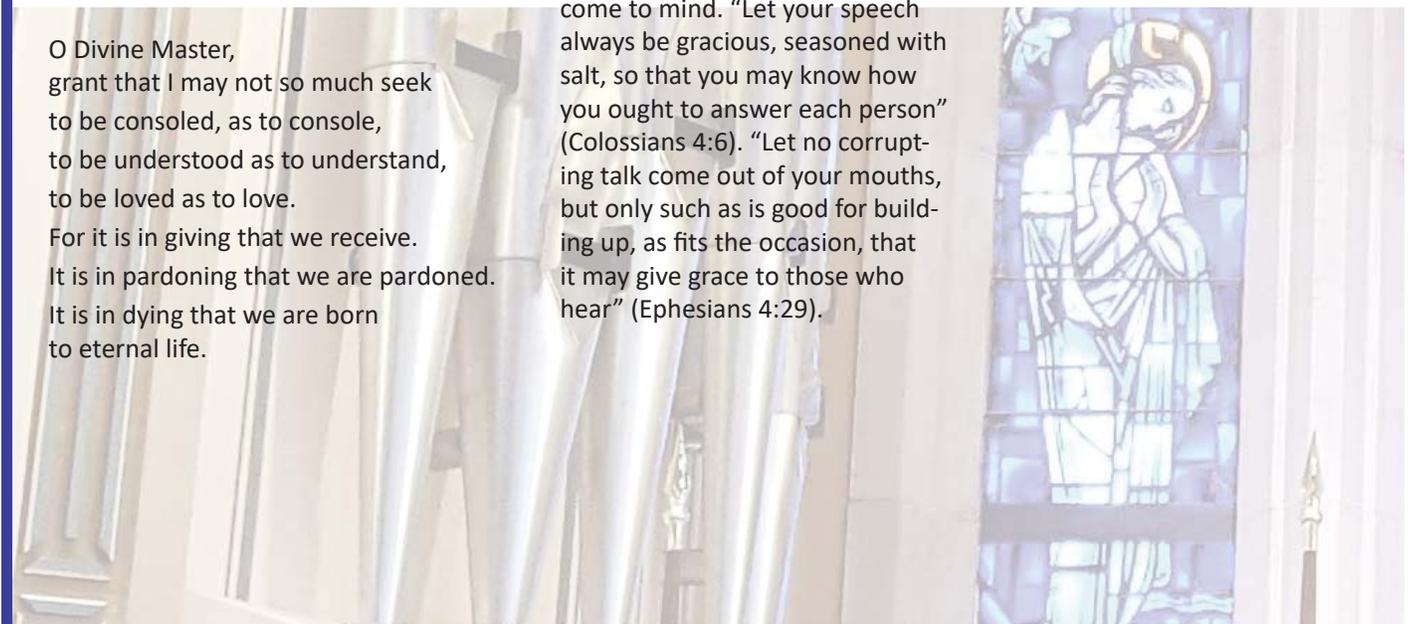
In the age of Twitter it is all too easy to shout at each other. We can do better. We are called to be better. Two Scriptures quickly come to mind. “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:6). “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29).

As followers of Jesus, let us show a better way. Let us be instruments of peace.

And for all those times I have failed, and will fail again: *O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei*. O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.



Rev. David Lenz





Moved by God, Moving for God

By Ben Bonnett

The Bonnett family

“Where in the world is Cebu?” was the first question I asked my wife Mari fourteen years ago after she shared with me about a ministry in the Philippines that took in homeless children with the hope of giving them an adoptive family. After being married a year, Mari and I felt God leading us to move to Cebu to work at the Children’s Shelter of Cebu as teachers in their elementary school. Little did I know how saying yes to this move would change our lives.

As we taught and ministered to these amazing kids, God was moving in us to increase our hearts (especially mine) and expand our family size. In 2005, after living in Cebu for two years, we moved back to the States with a sibling set of six kids we had fallen in love with and decided to adopt. Little did I know how saying yes to this move would change our lives.

For the last twelve years, we have been a testimony of how God still works miracles and how his grace is limitless. After moving back from the Philippines, we started attending Hope Church and that was a decision we have been thankful for a hundredfold. At Hope, we have been the recipient of God moving YOU to help support us in a myriad of ways. Thank you!

Through promptings from the Holy Spirit this past year, we have felt him moving us to take another step of faith. God is moving us back to Cebu! Starting this fall I will be the Education Director for the Children’s Shelter of Cebu, the place where our family began. Mari and I, along with our three youngest, are once again saying yes to God’s movement. How will this move change our lives?

Going Deeper

By Erin Carr

Last spring, I had another baby boy join my 3-year-old son at home. In the midst of feeling cooped up in the house, I was seeking an opportunity to be in community with my kids in a different environment at no cost.



The vision for the Moms Playgroup was to invite Richfield and surrounding area moms to a free play time. We were quickly told that Hope's play room would be available Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am, and so we started to advertise.

Over the past months, we have grown to a community of 16 moms, nannies or grandmothers who talk about our week and not just share the space, but share what's happening in our lives. Every family who has visited has come back at least one more time.

When I envisioned my interactions with them, I thought it would be easier to share my faith and connect aspects of Jesus in their lives. However, it's been more difficult to go deeper in conversation than I hoped. This spring, I plan to launch an additional time together on a different day and time. I am eager to be more intentional in sharing what Jesus has done for me and my family and discuss ways He is working in their lives.

Please pray that these conversations and relationships would deepen, that new moms would be invited and welcomed into our space, and that childcare would be offered to support the additional time of a deeper, adult-only time.

When I was asked to write this story about how I was moved by God to reach out to moms, it honestly wasn't God telling me to move. Actually, God instilled a desire in me to pass the time with other toddlers and moms. My idea came from a selfish desire and need more than anything.

God turned my desire, passion, and need into an opportunity to connect with others. God is showing His love through our little community by sharing life together, getting a chance to pray for each mom, child and family, and hopefully giving someone a glimpse of the Father's deep yet simple love that He shows us through this group.



Moved by God to Richfield

By Mia Franklin, Megan Slinger, and Jenny Vang

One Sunday night, our family room was crowded with members of The Well community who have gathered to throw a baby shower for Hasan and Christine, a couple who started attending The Well a year ago. It's in moments like these that we turn to one another and are amazed at how God brought us here. Our journey to our home began over a year ago when Jenny approached us about living together. At the time, moving wasn't in our plan, but we thought living with Jenny would be an awesome opportunity, so we started to look for houses to rent in Minneapolis.

Everything changed on New Year's Day, when I casually suggested to Mia, "What if I bought my grandma's house?" For 64 years my grandparents, long-time Hope members Grant and Coral Peterson, owned a home in Richfield right by church. Our first reaction was no, but then later that day, I got a text from Mia: "I've been praying, and I think we need to seriously consider your grandparents' house. I'm getting some serious Jesus vibes on this."

The more we thought and prayed about it, the more the house seemed like a perfect fit. So, I started to move forward with the home-buying process. There were many times that it seemed like the deal would fall through, but through it all Mia and Jenny always reminded me that this was God's house, and he was going to see His plan through to completion.

On July 1st, I officially signed the mortgage. That night as our bible study helped carry the furniture off the moving truck, I couldn't help but stand in awe of what God accomplished. He has used this home to create a safe space where we can welcome our friends, family, and church community. He has given us the opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and invest in the community where we worship.

None of this would have been possible without the prayers and support of our Hope Church community: from the people who painted our garage and donated furniture, to those who weeded the garden and trimmed bushes, people who came and prayed for our house and gave it a name -- The Peterson House -- a legacy of hospitality we hope to continue. As we look around our house, we're reminded that our God is truly a God who gives us more than we can ask or imagine. He gave us this house on Fourth Avenue, and we intend to use it to glorify him.



A Day to Celebrate Launching Our Next Chapter

Sunday, April 2

10:00 am (one service only!)

In September Hope embarked on a journey with Open Book Communications to re-articulate our vision and mission as a church community. It has been important and challenging work – but also truly exciting. The Holy Spirit has been at work. We see God’s guidance and look forward to a grand celebration in April to launch the next chapter of Hope’s story.

It was a thoughtful guided process. Open Book began the discovery process in September by meeting with over 20 key Hope staff, members, and friends to better understand our community’s dynamics. They immersed themselves in Hope documents and attended multiple worship and weekly events. After this initial deep dive, they presented a team of staff and elders with their findings – both bright spots and longings of the people of Hope Church – enabling us to move forward with a unified sense of who we are and what we are going after.

You clearly identified our bright spots with Open Book: Hope Church enjoys a storied legacy and a vital neighborhood presence. Even today we share a sense of opportunity – with an active, not passive mindset. Most importantly, we are defined by our strong commitment to Christ and our dependence on prayer.

These bright spots also cast light on our deepest longings: The people of Hope want to build bridges and provide a “sense of place.” We long for focus, for growth, and for financial capacity.

Based on these findings, our team worked closely with our partners to craft thoughtful language to help us see a way forward. This includes several ways to help us articulate who we are and how we pursue a life moved by Jesus. With a new visual identity, a video to share our Hope Church story, and a new website, we now move forward with renewed purpose and clarity that will drive our priorities and actions as the body of Christ at Hope Church.

The task force that has worked closely on this project is finishing up at the end of February and big preparations are underway. On April 2, we will come together as one body to worship. Our new mission and storyline will be introduced, and we will experience community in deep ways. You can look forward to joyful worship. We will share communion and hear stories from the people of Hope Church.

April 2 will be just the beginning of how we take hold of our new storyline. We can’t wait for this day! You don’t want to miss it.

Celebrate

coming this spring

I Once Was Lost
Lenten Congregational Book Study

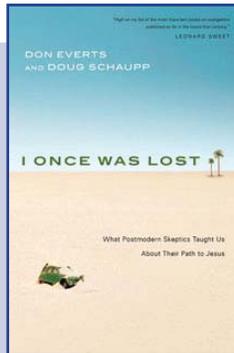
How can we help people come to Jesus in today's postmodern culture? Do you often feel immobilized by our new "post-truth" world?



Over the last decade, Don Everts has listened to two thousand stories from post-modern skeptics who have walked the path to faith in Jesus. While their stories vary in details, five discernible thresholds emerged.

- Threshold One: Trusting a Christian
- Threshold Two: Becoming Curious
- Threshold Three: Opening Up to Change
- Threshold Four: Seeking After God
- Threshold Five: Entering the Kingdom

In our Lenten Congregational Book Study, we will cross over these thresholds together. *I Once Was Lost* is a street-savvy, winsome, and intensely practical book that offers no formulas. Our hope is that through meaningful discussions, we will be better equipped to understand and accompany our friends and family into God's glorious kingdom.



There are three opportunities to engage.

Discussion Gatherings

Sundays, March 5 - 19 and April 9

10:00 am Equipping Hour
In the GYM led by our Pastors

Wednesdays, March 8 - April 5

6:30 - 7:30 pm, Chapel led by Gloria Wiese



Don Everts

Saturday Seminar with Don Everts

"Coming to Faith in a Skeptical World"

Ministering in a Postmodern Culture

Saturday, March 25

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Social Events Room

Free and open to the public

All-Church Forum with Don Everts

Sunday, March 26

10:00 am Equipping Hour, Social Events Room

Purchase your copy of *I Once Was Lost* (\$12 – one per family) in the Link and be sure to pick up the free Congregational Book Study Discussion Guide that goes with it.

Women's Day Away
Saturday, March 11
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Rest

Oak Ridge Hotel/Convention Center

By Megan Slinger

The Rocky Mountains are without a doubt my favorite place on earth. Each summer I look forward to when we road trip to visit my dad's side of the family.



There's something about standing next to something so big that reminds me of how small I am and how great God is. It was in the mountains this summer that God spoke to me about what He wanted me to teach on at the Women's Day Away.

I woke up early one morning to have a quiet time on the porch of our rental house. From my perch on that red chair you can see in the picture, I looked out over the woods and the mountains. As I breathed in the cool mountain breeze, I felt the Lord speak two words to me: "rest" and "identity." For a few weeks, Judie Ritchie and I had been praying about what we wanted the theme to be for our teaching. The word "identity" had come up in a few of our discussions, but we weren't exactly sure what the Lord wanted us to say about it. As I sat on the porch, I felt the Lord say, "When you rest in me, you find your identity."

When I returned from Colorado, Judie and I started to talk about the connection between rest and identity. We found that over and over again in the Bible, God calls people into rest to teach them about who He is and who they are. When we stop and rest, as I did on that porch in Colorado, we invite God to speak into our lives and shape us from the inside out.

For the past few months, Judie and I have been studying what the Bible says about rest and cultivating it in our lives. We can't wait to speak into your lives about rest, why the Lord calls us to it, and how it changes our identity. Would you consider joining us (and inviting a friend!) for a day of rest at the Women's Day Away on March 11th?



To Register:

Cost (\$50 or \$40 if you bring a friend) includes lunch, snacks and retreat materials. Register online at www.hope-pc.org, then click on Event Registration. Scholarships are available; contact

Dawn Nelson at 612/866-4055, ext. 3138 or dawn@hope-pc.org.

Lenten Meals

Wednesdays, March 1 - April 5

5:15 - 6:15 pm

Join us this spring for community Lenten meals on Wednesday evenings in the Social Events Room. \$5/meal suggested donation

We'll be serving:

March 1	Chick Fil A
March 8	Soup and salad
March 15	Noodles & Company
March 22	Tacos
March 29	Pizza
April 5	Chick Fil A



Membership Class

Wednesdays, April 19 and 26

6:00 - 8:00 pm (including dinner)

Mission Conference Room

Are you interested in learning what it means to be a covenant member at Hope? Join us for this 2-part class to meet others and learn more about the heart and passion of Hope. Please RSVP or send questions to Megan Slinger at megan@hope-pc.org.

Annual Meeting / Student Fundraiser Dinner

Sunday, April 30

4:00 pm dinner

5:00 pm meeting

Social Events Room

Join us for our Annual Meeting and all-church dinner served by the youth of the church. After the meeting, you are invited to The Well at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

\$5/person, \$20/family

Kids 5 and under eat free



Greg and Michele Dorenkamp

Coffee Cart & Hospitality

By Kim Gregg

As many of you have noticed there are wonderful new gathering spaces in the Link area with tables, chairs, booths, and couches. These are great places to visit with friends or get to know someone new. On Sunday morning from 9:30 am - 12:15 pm, there is fresh hot coffee, tea and donuts to enjoy and add to your visiting time. Come early or stay later after a service and take time to get to know your family of faith or pray with someone in need. You will be blessed.

Hospitality Volunteer Appreciation Event

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 - 8:30 pm, Social Events Room

Join us for an evening to be blessed as we say thanks for all you do to serve here at Hope. If you are on the rotation of ushering, greeting, working the information desk, and coffee cart on Sundays during worship, we want to invite you to an evening of thanks!

coming this spring

Ash Wednesday, March 1

On this day we turn with intention and purpose to the Lord to prepare ourselves for the journey to the cross. In humility, we will remember that “we are dust and to dust we shall return.”

- 12:00 noon - Traditional worship with imposition of ashes and communion
- 5:15 pm - Lenten meal (Chick Fil-A) in the Social Events Room
- 6:30 pm - Blended worship with imposition of ashes and communion



Maundy Thursday, April 13

On this day we celebrate our Lord’s gift to us of communion (“the Lord’s Supper”). In humility, we will remember Jesus’ example of servant leadership.

- 7:00 p.m. - Informal worship (Social Events Room) with foot washing and communion

For those who desire it, there will be an opportunity for foot washing, as Jesus did for his disciples in John 13. As an act of service and love, we invite you to bring new men’s shoes (steel toe boots, slippers, dress, casual) especially in sizes 10 and 11, and women’s shoes in sizes 10 and 11 for our Vine and Branches ministry.

Good Friday, April 14

On this day we focus intently on the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. In humility, we remember that Jesus died for us, taking our sin upon himself.

- 12:00 noon - Devotional worship with Scripture, prayer, and silence
- 7:00 pm - Tenebrae service

The Sanctuary Choir will present the musical “Hope in the Shadows” by Lloyd Larson and Joel Raney. Hope in the Shadows recalls Christ’s journey to the cross by examining the shadows of betrayal, injustice, and agony that marked that journey. It contrasts the selfish exploits of humanity with the divine nature of a loving God. As you take this sacred journey, may the words of James be a reminder of the hope which is ours: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17).

Easter Sunday, April 16

- 8:45 and 9:50 am - Traditional worship with brass and the Sanctuary Choir
- 11:00 am - Contemporary worship with brass, guitar, and drums
- 6:00 pm - Experiential Well worship

A Trusted Colleague

By Pastor David Lenz

On January 31, Sue Bradley concluded her service as Clerk of Session for Hope Church after 13 years and one month in that role. That is an extraordinary tenure of service given by an extraordinary person!



Sue Bradley

The Clerk of Session provides organizational and administrative leadership to the Moderator of the Session (that would be me!), the session, and to the church as a whole. Sue did this magnificently. She quickly became a trusted colleague to me for leadership issues large and small.

The elders and I often marveled at Sue's ability to take minutes of session meetings. Through often labyrinthine discussions, Sue carefully kept track, in astonishing detail, of what was important. She kept many other records: the church membership list, baptisms, funerals, communion services. She was the point person for communication from denominational leaders.

The Clerk of Session does not participate in debate and voting at session meetings. Sue was a quiet and irenic presence. Yet, on those rare occasions when the session invited her to speak, Sue brought a wisdom born of deep reflection.

Sue also brought hospitality and warmth to our meetings. A highly accomplished baker, Sue often blessed us with her unbelievably good chocolate chip cookies and other delights.

I believe that for Sue her service as Clerk of Session was not a job but rather a call from God suited to her spiritual gifting. 1 Corinthians 12:28 says "God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, *administering...*" (emphasis added). Sue clearly has the gift of administration, and she used that gift to the full for the Lord and all of us at Hope Church.

Thank you Sue! You have blessed us deeply. Enjoy this new season of your life.

With Gratitude for the Ministry of Steph and Kyle Wahlund



Steph and Kyle Wahlund

Hope Shores Bible Camp + Retreat Center has grown its retreat ministry over the last 18 months. In large part, this was due to the effective management of outside retreat groups by Steph Wahlund, Camp Operations Manager.

Steph and her husband Kyle have partnered with Kim and David Laufenburger for the last several summers to creatively and effectively elevate the quality of the camp program. Steph Wahlund will be leaving her position as the Camp Operations Manager as of March 15 to step into a new full-time role at Leadership Vision Consulting which focuses on using the StrengthFinders tool to help organizations unleash peoples' gifting for the good of an organization.

Anyone who knows Steph understands that she is a talented administrator and a tremendous asset to an organization. At Hope Shores her leadership will be missed, but we bless her new adventures, and say thank you for what she has shared with the camp ministry over the years.

Kyle Wahlund will stay on through the summer as the camp registrar (part-time from home). His steady presence over the last 9 years at Hope Shores has been a fixture to the summer experience. His easygoing attitude, kind heart, and energetic personality will be missed.

With gratitude we send Kyle and Steph out for ministry that is yet unknown – asking God to bless and guide their future ministry together for God's glory.



An Unexpected but Welcome Gift

By Pastor David Lenz

One of the joys of being a pastor is meeting so many delightful people. And delightful is just the word that comes to mind when I think of Elmon and Alma Ward!

Elmon was a retired Presbyterian pastor, always quick to encourage. Alma was a retired school teacher who freely shared her keyboard skills. When they moved from Green Bay, they brought much joy to our fellowship at Hope Church and much wisdom to our Bible studies. With their commitment to teaching English as a second language, they left us a strong example of loving the foreigner in our midst (see Deuteronomy 10:19).

Elmon died in 2008. We got to enjoy Alma for eight more years, until her death last September. At that time, the family advised me that a bequest would be coming to Hope Church. In December it did: just over \$40,000! Who would have thought that a retired pastor and a retired teacher could give such a dynamic gift?

In consultation with the family, we have invested those funds in the endowment portion of the Hope Fund. That money will grow there. Soon, income from that gift will begin to bless the people and ministries of Hope Church for generations to come.

No doubt Elmon and Alma would be embarrassed that their gift is being made public. They did not seek any attention. But their children have given us permission to tell this story. They know how important a good example is.

It is my hope that Elmon and Alma are the trailblazers for many such legacy gifts to Hope Church. If you need more information about how to do this, a member of the Stewardship and Hope Fund will be glad to speak with you. Contact the church office for more information.

Stewardship and Hope Fund

Thrivent Choice

If you have insurance or financial accounts with Thrivent, we recommend you direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to Hope Church. Go online today or call a customer care professional at 800/847-4836, and say “Thrivent Choice” when prompted; Choice Dollars expire on March 31, so don’t delay. Thrivent gives its members the opportunity to recommend where some of Thrivent Financials charitable outreach funds go through the “Thrivent Choice” program. Since 2010, eligible members have used this program to direct more than \$330 million to churches and nonprofits nationwide.

Legacy Gifts to Hope Church

Consider how you can leave a legacy gift at Hope Church that will nurture the faith of future generations. You can designate Hope in your estate planning, memorial gifts, bequests and other legacy gifts. Contact the main church office at 612/866-4055 for details.

Legacy Tip: Contingent Beneficiaries

Most people leave retirement plan accounts to their spouse as their primary beneficiary. However, it is highly recommended to also name at least one contingent beneficiary, in case your spouse dies first. Children are often named contingent beneficiaries. Hope Church can also be named one of the contingent beneficiaries.

Library Notes

Is This the End? by Dr. David Jeremiah

Terrorism, the new Russia, polarization and divisiveness - Dr. Jeremiah helps us understand how God’s hand is still at work on his eternal plan for mankind.

The Radical Cross by A.W. Tozer

A Billy Graham Library Selection on living the passion of Christ.

When Life Doesn’t Make Sense by Leslie Haskin

Leslie, who had a miraculous escape from the World Trade Center on 09/11/2001, tells how God has answers for our toughest questions and a way of escape from our troubles.

Other Books:

Before Amen by Max Lucado

The First Hostage by Joel Rosenberg

Making Sense of God, by Timothy Keller

Deception by Randy Alcorn

And many more!

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ADULTS

SUNDAY 10:00 AM EQUIPPING HOUR



Oasis

South Social Events Room

A variety of topics are addressed by seasoned leaders from the Twin Cities.

3/5-12 - Dr. David Clark

3/19 - Alan Padgett

3/26 - All-Church Forum, Don Everts

4/2 - Dr. Walter Sundberg (class will meet at 8:45 am in the Dickson Chapel before the combined worship service)

4/9 - Dr. Walter Sundberg

4/16 - Easter Sunday - no class

4/23 - Alan Padgett

4/30 - To be announced

5/7 - Tom Albinson, President of International Association of Foreign Refugees

5/14 - To be announced

5/21 - End-of-the-Year Brunch



The GYM

I Once Was Lost

Congregational Book Study

March 5-19 and April 9

With the Pastors

Philippians

April 23, 30, May 8

With Gloria Wiese

Text-In-Depth

Begins May 14 through the summer

Friendship Class

Room H130

Adults with special needs gather together for good Bible study, rich fellowship, and sweet discussion.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - 6:30 PM

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Dickson Chapel

Throughout the year, we'll engage in interactive teaching series and special fellowship nights designed to unify our fellowship and enhance our missional impact.



I Once Was Lost

Congregational Book Study

Wednesdays, March 8 – April 5

6:30 - 7:30 pm, in the Chapel



SMALL GROUP NETWORK

The G.A.M.E. for Men

A Study of Ruth and Esther

6:30 - 8:00 pm, Room H130

Mentoring in Faith

For men, contact Ken Greener
612/722-3782

For women, contact Linda Dahl
651/454-8127

Women's 3-in-1 Bible Study

2nd Monday of the Month

1:00 pm, Atrium

SENIORS ON THE GO

Pairs & Spares

Social Events Room

This social group meets monthly for a delicious catered meal and entertainment, and is open to everyone.

3/10 - Noon

Photographer Doug Ohman

4/2017 - Date to be announced

Laughter and songs with Dean Johnson

5/12 - 6:00 pm

Gospel and contemporary music by
The Harbinger Quartet

Dynamic Singles

Sundays, 11:30 am

This women's group meets for lunch at a local restaurant.

3/12 – Red Lobster

1951 American Blvd. West, Bloomington

4/9 – Olive Garden

4701 American Blvd. West, Bloomington

5/21– Applebee's

9601 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington

6/11 – Macy's Lakeshore Grill

100 Southdale Center, Edina

SHORT-TERM GROUP

Wired to Glorify

Contact Dawn Nelson at 612/866-4055, ext. 3142 or dawn@hope-pc.



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STUDENTS

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups for students

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Middle school meets at church

High school meets in Richfield homes
(Last small group: May 3. Small group end-of-year party: May 10)

YOUNG LIFE

High School Young Life

Mondays

6:27 - 8:15 pm

Middle School Young Life

Thursdays

6:27 - 8:00 pm

(Last clubs are May 15 and 18)

RETREATS & EVENTS

Middle School Make-up Retreat at Castaway

Friday - Sunday, March 10 - 12

This fall, our middle school retreat was cancelled due to a blizzard in Detroit Lakes. The camp has been rescheduled for March 10 - 12. Talk to Cesar or Mia for details.

All Youth Retreat at Hope Shores

Friday - Sunday, May 5 - 7

All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to this weekend to remember at the camp we love.

Youth Sunday, May 21

Don't miss this powerful morning where our Hope middle school and high school students lead the morning worship services.

CHILDREN

SUNDAYS

Childcare on Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16

Door #6

Families are welcomed in worship, but if you have children in preschool or under, you may drop them off in our Children's Wing before the services. They will experience the love of Jesus in our presence.

Sunday FUNday End-of Year Program

Sunday, May 14

10:00 am, Enter Door #6

K-5th graders in Sunday FUNday will invite family and friends to watch a program where we celebrate many of the wonderful things we've learned from God's Word this year.

Final Sunday FUNday

Sunday, May 21

10:00 am, Door #6

It's the last day of Sunday FUNday. Invite your friends to come join us for a party and celebration in our room.



WEDNESDAYS

No KWAM Holy Week

Wednesday, April 12

KWAM Carnival

Wednesday, May 3

6:00 - 7:45 pm, Door #3

Kids (K - 5th grade) celebrate our final night of KWAM with a super-fun Carnival! Invite your friends and finish our year with games, treats, jumpies, and our consistent message: God loves you, no matter

EVENTS / CLASSES

Bible Sunday

Sunday, February 26

10:00 am, Sunday FUNday Room

Parents of 1st graders join Sunday FUNday as all the kids learn about the importance of the Bible. First graders will receive their first Bible from Hope, and 5th graders and 9th graders will also receive a Bible that Sunday as we celebrate "Growing Disciples" here at Hope Church!

Hope Shores @ KWAM Night

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 - 7:45 pm, Door #3

KWAM kids will get to experience a "day at camp" and parents will be able to register their kids for a week at Hope Shores, the best week of their summer!

Palm Sunday Parade

Sunday, April 9

Door #6

Kids and teens and their families are encouraged to participate in our Palm Parade! Arrive by 9:00 am for a special time of intergenerational preparation for participating in worship at both services.

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CAMP

ANCHORED

We have this hope as anchor for the soul, firm and secure. Hebrews 6:19

You are invited to anchor your faith this summer at Hope Shore Bible Camp! Come dig into ways to stay anchored in love, hope, faith, and community as we explore God's word and Jesus' teachings.

2017 SCHEDULE

Camp registration begins online at hope-shores.org on March 1.

May 27	Camp Clean-Up
May 27-28	Staff Retreat
June 11-16	Staff Training
June 18-23	2-4 Grade
June 25-30	5-6 Grade
June 30-July 2	Family Camp 1
July 7-9	Family Camp 2
July 9-13	Midsummer Training
July 13-16	Single Moms' Family Camp (Thursday - Sunday)
July 21-23	Family Camp 3
July 23-28	7-8 Grade
July 30	Camp Sunday
July 30-August 4	9-12 Grade

*Summer staff commitment runs
May 27 - August 14*



WAYS TO SERVE

Camp Clean-Up

Saturday, May 27

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join the summer camp staff as they prepare the campgrounds and facilities for summer. There will be jobs for all skill levels including ground-work, cleaning, and maintenance projects.

Join us for the day. RSVP to admin@hope-shores.org so we can include you in our lunch count.

Counselor-in-Training Applications

High school students have the opportunity to assist camp staff (during one week of camp: 2nd-4th grade or 5th-6th grade) in providing a safe, encouraging, fun, and Christ-centered experience for campers through caring for, playing with, and serving alongside a counselor with their cabin of campers for a week. This will build experience and leadership in the CIT.

This is a volunteer position to build experience, leadership, and character and to encourage faith development. To apply online, go to hope-shores.org.



Seeking an Interim Retreat Coordinator

Hope Shores is hiring an Interim Retreat Coordinator to coordinate and organize retreat inquiries and reservations, provide ongoing communication with retreat user groups, and collaborate with Hope Shores' Director and retreat hosts. For a complete job description or to apply, contact kim@hope-pc.org.

Seeking a Camp Cook

Hope Shores is hiring a cook to plan, order, and prepare healthy meals for campers throughout the summer season June - August. For more information or to apply, contact admin@hope-shores.org.

Camp Vehicles Needed

Hope Shores is in need of SUVs for transporting camp staff and supplies to and from Eden Valley. Do you have a vehicle you would consider donating? Please contact Keith Koenig at 612/866-4055 or keith@hope-pc.org.

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OUTREACH

CLASSES

Parent Share

Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Enter at Door #1

A place where parents (and grandparents) get together to share the ins and outs of parenting facilitated by a family counselor. Contact Peggy@hope-pc.org for more information.

American Culture Class

Tuesdays through May
9:30 am - Noon

Courtyard Room

Women from various countries and cultures build friendships through cooking, crafts and other activities together. Childcare is provided for a small fee. Contact Lois at 952/435-3796 or loisaswanson@gmail.com.

EVENTS

Food Drive for Community Emergency Service and VEAP food shelves

February 24 - April 2

More information coming soon!

WAYS TO SERVE

Contact Peggy@hope-pc.org for more information about service opportunities.

Welcome Refugees, Immigrants, and International Students Arrive Ministries

Every Thursday from 7:00 - 8:00 am
 Join in prayer for refugees at the Arrive Ministries' office, 1515 E. 66th St. in Richfield
 www.arriveministries.org
 Serving refugee and immigrant neighbors together

Bloomington/Richfield SALT and Caring Friends Network

Contact Janis at jstadle1@gmail.com

- Meet regularly for prayer and support
- Tutor English for women in their homes.

Contact tom.mouw@gmail.com

- Learn about practical ways to reach out to refugees in our community.

USA Homestays – Host a Middle Eastern student

Contact Ben at benr@usahomestays.org or 612/770-0031.

- Provide a room in your home for 3 months or more (stipend provided.)
- Do periodic activities with students as a friendship family

ConneXions International English program at Stadium Village Church

Contact KMacosko@gmail.com

- Be a monthly conversation partner – 2 hours on a Saturday
- Table leaders, dinner prep, drivers for Alpha – Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Teachers or helpers for ESL classes or classes of your design
- Prayers for non-believers to hear God's good news.

Community Emergency Service food shelf

Saturdays, March 11, April 8, May 13
8:30 am - Noon

Pack and deliver groceries to neighbors in the Phillips neighborhood who qualify for free food, but are unable to get to the food shelf because of physical or mental limitations.



VINE & BRANCHES

Vine and Branches

Offers affordable clothing and household items for a small price.

Store hours:

Wednesday	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 - 4:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Volunteer on Tuesdays: sort, hang, and steam clothing, price donations, stock and clean the store. Contact Heidi Johnson at 612/866-1359 or vineandbranches@hope-pc.org.

LIFE TOGETHER

Call Cindy Forsgren in Hope's Main Office: 612/866-4055, ext. 3110

Weddings

Call to check on church availability and schedule a time to meet with the officiating pastor

Baptisms

Call to schedule a baptism, traditionally offered on the third Sunday of the month at either worship service

Funerals or Memorial Services

Call to schedule a service, then our Charis hostess will contact you regarding details for a reception. Other than reimbursement for food costs, the Charis team serves you at no cost.

Prayer Requests

Fill out an ivory prayer card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate, or call Leslee Day at 612/866-4055, ext. 3131 and leave a message. Submit requests online at www.hope-pc.org/i-need-help and click on the prayer request button.

Babies

Everett Bruce was born November 17 to Blake and Abby Johnson. Cindy Forsgren and Robin McIntyre are his Grammie and Papa. Dave and Betty Wade are his great-grandparents.

Casey Ward was born November 20 to Erik and Jillian Haugen. Gary and Linda Haugen are his grandparents. Ward and Carolyn Ring are his great-grandparents.



Casey Haugen

Maya Carolyn was born November 30 to Luke and Laura George. Gary and Linda Haugen are her grandparents. Ward and Carolyn Ring are her great-grandparents.

Maizie Jane was born December 30 to Justin and Kristin Straub.

With Thanks

Bob Malcolm's family is so grateful for your prayers, love, and support -- at the time of Bob's death, and during the final weeks of his life.

Next Deadline:

Noon Monday, May 8

(Covering June - August)

Word count for stories: 300

Please send items to Leslee Day at leslee@hope-pc.org.

With Our Sympathy and Prayers to the...

- **Housman** family in the loss of Mildred on November 14
- **Burling** family in the loss of Verna on November 29
- **Sanders** family in the loss of Pastor Jim
- **Roeglin** family in the loss of Ed on December 7
- **Harris** family in the loss of Willis on December 15
- **Malcolm, Berry and Van Schooten** families in the loss of Rev. Bob Malcolm on December 13. Rev. Bob served as Hope's Pastor for Evangelism and Outreach from 1980 – 1990.
- **Greger** family in the loss of Irv on December 22
- **Johnson / Nida** families in the loss of Janet on December 23
- **Howe** family in the loss of David's brother on December 23
- **Black** family in the loss of Karen's father on December 28
- **Madison** family in the loss of Carlie's mom on January 1
- **Hirmer** family in the loss of Verniel on January 9
- **Miller** family in the loss of Karen's daughter on January 18
- **Troseth** family in the loss of Donna on January 18
- **Yeekoyou** family in the loss of Pastor Sam's wife Kula (Abundant Life Church) on January 23
- **Lindblom** family in the loss of Earl on January 28
- **Prin** family in the loss of Emily on January 30
- **Kerr / Mills** family in the loss of Helen on February 3
- **Tarman** family in the loss of Joanne on February 7
- **Loken** family in the loss of John on February 10
- **Oliva** family in the loss of son Terrance on February 10.
- **Wiese** family in the loss of Gloria's brother-in-law Doug on February 11.



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 13

- 7:00 p.m. - Informal worship (Social Events Room) with foot washing and communion

Good Friday, April 14

- 12:00 noon - Devotional worship with Scripture, prayer, and silence
- 7:00 pm - Tenebrae service

Easter Sunday, April 16

- 8:45 and 9:50 am - Traditional worship with brass and the Sanctuary Choir
- 11:00 am - Contemporary worship with brass, guitar, and drums
- 6:00 pm - Experiential Well worship