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EMBRACE A SPIRIT
OF ADVENTURE IN JESUS

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Follow in His Steps

by David Lenz

A compelling verse from 1 Peter 2:21 tells us that the call of Jesus on our life means we are to “follow in his steps.”

Jesus covered a lot of ground. Someone has estimated, based on the gospel accounts, that he walked at least 3,000 miles in his three years of earthly ministry. Jesus’ focus was primarily on his home region of Galilee and trips to Jerusalem, the religious and political center of Israel. But the Bible describes numerous times when Jesus crossed boundaries.

One of those times is recorded in Mark 5:1-20. Jesus visits the country of the Gerasenes, in the Decapolis. This region, literally “the ten cities,” all but one east of the Jordan River, functioned autonomously under Roman protection. For many years before that it had been a center of Greek influence. Religious practice featured an amalgam of Greek, Roman, and Semitic gods. To devout Jewish people it was a place of bewildering and disturbing paganism.

There was a wretched man who lived in the mountains among the tombs. He was not in his right mind. His life was marked by loud outbursts of frenzied language and self-harm. To protect himself and others he was often shackled. When Jesus got off the boat that had brought him to the Gerasenes, he was immediately confronted by this man.

Jesus saw at once the spiritual dimension; this man was possessed by demons. With a word of command, Jesus drove out the demons (whose name was Legion). The man was set free, a new creation in Christ. All who saw him marveled.

When it is time for Jesus to return home, the man formerly possessed by demons asks Jesus if he can go with him. What a poignant scene! No, Jesus, says. Stay here and give testimony to what the Lord has done for you. Which this man did, with great effectiveness. Note Matthew 4:25: “Great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis.....”

Embracing the adventure with Jesus means following in his steps. It means crossing boundaries that may place us in situations out of our comfort zone. We might come upon people whose manner of life is different, whose religious and political views don’t align with our own, whose behavior shocks us. Jesus went to such a place. This visit, through the faithful testimony of the man Jesus delivered, bore much fruit.

In this season of division and differentiation, we all face many boundaries. What are the boundaries before you? Some boundaries separate us from bewildering and disturbing paganism. Some boundaries separate us from those who vote for the other



party. Some boundaries separate us from family members with whom relationship is broken.

Let us follow in the steps of Jesus, bearing his name. One of my favorite gospel songs declares, “There is strength in the name of the Lord, there is power in the name of the Lord, there is hope in the name of the Lord: blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Blessed are those who follow in the steps of Jesus, who embrace the adventure, who cross boundaries for him, who go in the name of the Lord.



A Spirit of Adventure at Hope Shores

by Amy Blazanin

Adventure is very prominent at Hope Shores. You can see it in the faces of campers, in the joy of worship, and especially when we go tubing on the lake.

Finding my spirit of adventure at camp happened a long time ago, probably in the middle of a game of capture the flag when I was a camper. I felt so fearless running down the hill to grab the flag from the other team. However, being on staff has allowed me to see the spirit of adventure in others as well.

During one of the first weeks of camp, my campers and I were walking up to our cabin for some discussion time. I noticed that my girls, who had just finished 2nd and 3rd grade, were extra giggly and goofy that night.

I knew that they were not going to be able to sit down for half an hour to do our activity, so I decided that we were going to be silly for a while and just draw and tell silly jokes. By embracing this bit of adventure, we were able to have a wonderful conversation about salvation through Jesus that night.

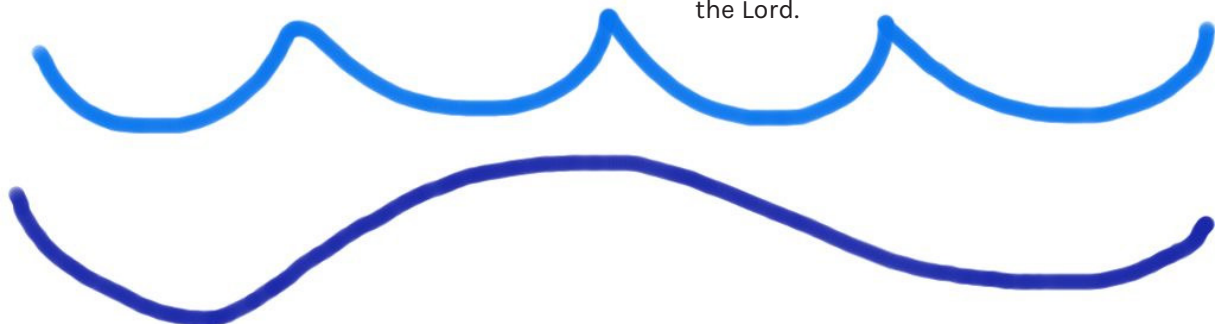
Another meaningful time when I was able to enjoy adventure at camp was driving the boats. One day during the middle school weeks, I was in charge of driving the speedboat with the torpedo.



It was a beautiful day, perfect for tubing, and this group of campers I was driving were all super excited to be there. Driving these campers made me so happy, and through them I was able to see how every day is an adventure at camp.

Over my life, I have felt adventurous at Hope Shores, but it took until this year, my first year as a counselor, to appreciate how much fun the campers have as well.

Camp is such an amazing place because in a short amount of time, you can be playing in the mud, learning about Jesus' forgiveness, and singing meaningful worship songs in a loving community. All of these activities take campers and staffers alike on a journey of adventure with the Lord.





Prayer Group Koinonia

by Kim Laufenburger and KC DiNardo



On Mondays and Wednesdays, Hope groups gather to pray. These prayer groups started during the pandemic as a simple way to connect -- knowing that there was nothing better to do than pray.

These times have become a place of deep fellowship and prayer. There is Bible teaching led by a pastor and time to share prayer concerns and pray. Prayer has been a place to bring hurts, joys, and sorrows and be known by one another and God.

At a recent prayer time, Pastor Dave taught on 1 John 1:1-4: *"that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ."*

We studied the word Koinonia which means fellowship in Greek. It is used to express contributory help, participation, sharing in, communion, and spiritual fellowship. The group was struck by how significant this word is and how this is happening amongst the prayer groups.

"We leave the cabin earlier than we would because I do not want to miss the Monday prayer group. It has been an anchor for my soul. A place to gather with other Godly people sharing our worries and concerns." (Matthew 18:30) -Marg

"We like to learn from the Word and go over prayer requests each week." -Matthew

"One of the most inspiring, uplifting Bible study prayer groups that we've attended. Great fellowship." -Nancy

"This prayer class has helped me see the Holy Bible in different ways to teach me what God wants me to know. I have met many other Christians who shared with me. I have shared myself with them as well." -Janet

"Prayer group is a place to be grounded in God's word, community and communication with the Lord. We are called to pray for each other, the church (Hope), its leaders, the nation and revival for all who believe and are called by Christ. It was a gift given to me after the riots and during COVID to bring peace and love into my life." - Mary

"Very relaxed and informal meeting! Allows for spontaneous connections and knowing people's needs and struggles in fresh ways. Joyous and encouraging for all." - John

"We have truly been blessed to be part of the Wednesday Zoom Prayer with the Pastors, with old friends and new friends. We've become like family. We have personally experienced answers to prayer for us. Praise God, He is faithful!" -Thor and Nancy

Nancy

"I find midweek connections in fellowship and prayer are like visiting a refueling station where I can get the positive energy to carry me through until worship on Sundays. In addition to the prayer, I am usually lifted up by something God is doing (has done) in someone's life who is a part of that week's prayer time. It is reassuring to hear how God is at work - it blesses us all." -Rex

All are welcome to join this meaningful time of Koinonia!

Mondays, 10:00 am
North Social Events Room

Wednesday, 12:00 pm
on Zoom (find the link in the weekly email)





Called to Serve

by Mary Lee Underberg



Faithful volunteers (left to right): Charlotte Schmidt, Bev Leaf, Nancy Staloch, Julie Smith, Judi Burt, Julie Boots

VINE + BRANCHES COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

When I retired in 2019, I knew that I wanted to volunteer at Vine + Branches. I had watched the ministry grow over many years and enjoyed visiting the store when I dropped off donations.

Several of my friends worked once a month in the store when it was open to the public. After talking to Heidi Johnson, the director of Vine + Branches, I decided to work every Tuesday morning sorting donations and stocking the store. It has been wonderful seeing how this ministry serves the Richfield community. Heidi leads the volunteers with a great spirit of love and service that gives us all a sense of purpose. But it's even more than that.

I am surprised at how I look forward to Tuesday mornings. Each week I am warmly welcomed by a great group of coworkers (averaging 22 volunteers weekly) that I may have recognized from church services, but who I have gotten to know through our Tuesdays together. We have time together for prayer requests, we share our stories and pray together. I know my friends working in the store find the same kind of community.

Over the past year, there have been many changes and challenges – making plans for the new store, moving the old store and of course, COVID. For about a year, the store was closed and we could not gather on Tuesdays. Thanks to Heidi we were able to stay connected through emails that included store updates and prayer requests. The highlight was a lovely Zoom high tea for all Vine + Branches volunteers complete with china cups, finger foods and fun conversation. I am thankful that I felt called to serve at Vine + Branches and feel blessed in more ways than I expected.



Property Development

by Justin Bratnober

We are delighted to report tremendous progress on our Hope for Tomorrow project! This summer we have:

- completed reinsulating and reroofing the sanctuary
- begun gutting the lower level beneath the sanctuary in preparation for remodeling
- selected interior finishes and placed our flooring order ahead of price increases
- closed our construction loan and long-term note with Alerus Bank
- signed an agreement to market spaces in the Hope Center as they come available

After announcing that demolition work would begin in June, we experienced a delay of six weeks due to asbestos abatement issues. A project of this magnitude teaches patience! But having received the necessary permits, demolition work began in late July and has moved quickly. We acknowledge that it is jarring to see the original buildings of Hope Church gone. We look back with great fondness and appreciation for these spaces that housed 65 years of ministry. We celebrate the wonderful people who loved the Lord and served his people there.

As we look ahead, the final project completion date is uncertain. It is heavily dependent on the weather and material supply. In the short term, demolition and site work will continue into the first of September. We will also close on the purchase of the house at 7120 Portland. Thereafter, work will commence on the building infrastructure. The foundations will be poured for footings, pads, walls, and the new elevator shaft.

At the same time, the west wall of the sanctuary will be excavated for lower level classroom windows. Then, regrading, utility work, and partial resurfacing will take place in the Fourth Avenue parking lot. That will take us well into November. God willing, the weather will hold out and the material deliveries will enable us to continue with work on the building exterior walls and roofing.

What an exciting time this is in the life of Hope Church! God has done great things! And, we look ahead with great anticipation, knowing that God has great plans in store for us.

Hope for Tomorrow (8/10/2021)

Pledged	\$4,171,046.00
Received	\$3,481,742.00



1955, 2020
and 2021
Front Door



2022
New
Front
Door





Stewardship & Hope Fund Committee

Breaking Ground

by Robin Ruegg

More than 50 years ago, I helped break ground for Presbyterian Church of the Apostles (PCA) in Burnsville, Minnesota. (See photo below —Robin Pederson, age 12) And this year, I helped break ground for Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield, Minnesota. What an amazing circle of life this has been.



My dad was an elder in the Presbyterian church and I looked up to him, little realizing that someday I too would be an elder.

An enduring family story is that dad contributed 100 shares of Control Data stock at its peak value to the church. Dad's contribution helped to build Presbyterian Church of the Apostles. Every time I visit that church, I think of my dad and the legacy he left to me. He demonstrated the value of volunteering for and contributing to Christ's church.

Recently, my husband remarked, "Your dad helped build a church, now it's your turn to help build a new church." Through contributing to Hope for Tomorrow, yes, I am helping build a new church as are many of you.

It has been an emotional and wonderful adventure to look forward as we journey to rebuild Hope Church. I hope that the young people (Leona Bajo and Ivan Walstrom) who also broke ground for Hope will one day experience the wonder and awe of breaking ground for another church. For that is what we are investing in—the future of Christ's church for the generations coming up.

2021 Offering (8/10/2021):

Received	\$1,469,166.00
Budgeted	\$1,499,398.00



Elders Anoint Hope Center

by John Hall

Hope Center reaches out to the community of Richfield! The new signs are up and inviting people to find comfort, support, assistance, and caring friends inside our fresh facilities. Hope Center, the third branch of our "ministry trinity" (along with Hope Church and Hope Shores), is specifically focused on welcoming and serving the people of Richfield and neighboring communities. Programs include education, childcare, youth outreach, affordable clothing and home goods, and global missions.

On July 27, the session elders of Hope Church toured Hope Center to see the facilities and learn about the variety of programs and ministries represented within. They paused frequently to pray. Carrying small vials of eucalyptus oil, they anointed doorways, desks, chairs, and equipment, asking God to bless the people who come, the people who administrate these programs, and those who volunteer their service.

As a newly elected elder, I was seeing some of these facilities for the first time. It was both solemn and exciting to visit the places where we expect the Holy Spirit to bless people by responding to their specific needs, some of which we know are difficult and even painful. We want Hope Center to become an inviting beacon in our community, a welcoming and comfortable place where people will experience the love of Jesus in practical and personal ways.

The ministries and programs at Hope Center are Vine + Branches, Richfield Young Life, Frontier Fellowship, Hope Preschool and School Age Care, Blossomtime Montessori, and Richfield Public Schools Alternative Education Program. Please hold these people in your prayers. Also, prayerfully consider volunteering your time and efforts to support Hope Center's outreach ministries.



Hope Groups

As a crossover community – the ones already here and the ones on the way – we seek to go deeper with Jesus, wider in the kingdom, and closer in community through Hope Groups.

What's a Hope Group? Small group ministry is typically associated with meeting in people's homes. But Hope Groups are different! We serve in groups, we learn in groups, and we grow closer in groups!

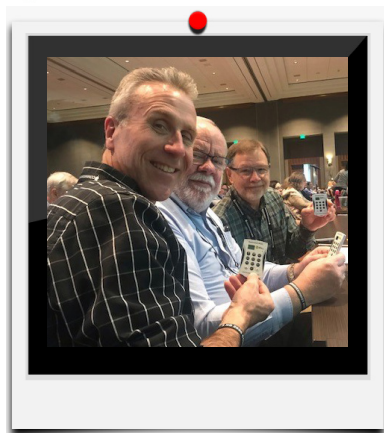
Hope Groups offer a wholistic view of small group ministry because our lives are transformed through relationships built in smaller groups. We can do more for God's kingdom together!



"Alpha Hope made me a "NEW" Christian! It wasn't easy at first, but I now know the Holy Spirit kept guiding me. My small group gave me a way to connect and hear others talk about their faith journey with our topics of discussion. Eventually, I found myself sharing too." –Chey Hoppe

"I recently joined Hope and this was my first experience joining a book club. It was a great way to meet some new people in a more social environment since we met at a coffee shop. The book really opened my eyes to how much culture and values shape how we understand the Bible and God. The discussion was very open and people were willing to get deep into the questions the book presented. I definitely plan on joining another book club group in the future!" –Kathy Shafer

"Being part of a small group is a good way to be a part of something bigger. Volunteering with others at CES has shown me first-hand the realities of residents in low-income housing, immigrants living in a foreign country with little or no English skills, people with health limitations such as deafness or lack of mobility, and those who depend on food donations to survive. Volunteering at CES has given me the opportunity to get to know others from Hope in a more personal way. Working together accomplishes much more than just doing something by yourself." –Bonnie Kittell



"Having a consistent connection point with young adults before worship helps build community and allows for an inviting entry point to a relationship with Jesus!" –Rachel Rock

"The Refugee Prayer Group was a tremendously positive time of the week in my life during the pandemic and it continues to be a special connection. It gives me a way to draw closer to God with new Hope friends and provides a time to pray with others for refugee families. I am excited to see how God is working to provide opportunities to share His love and our American culture and language with these women, to learn more about their lives, and to develop relationships with them." –Suzanne Ransom



"Best way to truly get to know people on a deeper level is by working together in a group. In preparing dinners for Alpha or studying the Bible with others, I have new friendships that have enriched my life in many ways." –Nancy Stapleton

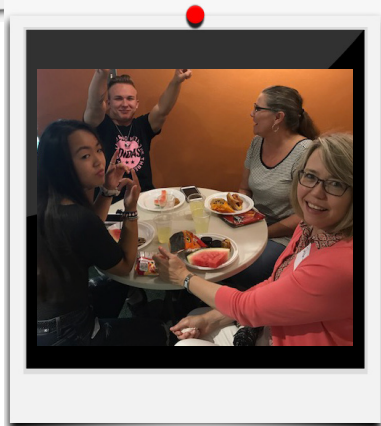
"It has been a blessing to be used by God. As a deacon I have been able to talk with people who have been shut in because of COVID. I have connected with people whom I otherwise would not have been in contact with and now can call them my friend." –Linda Dahl



A Pathway to Our Preferred Future as a Crossover Community

Three Kinds of Hope Groups

Study Groups (Deeper in Jesus)	Outreach Groups (Wider in the Kingdom)	Connect Groups (Closer in Community)
<p>Alpha</p> <p>Oasis</p> <p>Link Up</p> <p>The Good Book Course</p> <p>Book Club</p> <p>Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Prayer with the Pastors</p>	<p>Vine + Branches</p> <p>Loaves & Fishes</p> <p>Parent Share</p> <p>SALT</p> <p>Community Services</p> <p>Culture Class</p> <p>Richfield Young Life</p> <p>True Talks</p>	<p>Hospitality</p> <p>Choir</p> <p>Young Adults</p> <p>Breakfast Club</p> <p>Middle School Connect</p> <p>High School Connect</p> <p>KWAM</p> <p>Wiggly Worshippers</p> <p>Kids' Church</p> <p>Meet & Eat</p>



Fill out the online form on Hope's website. We'll help you find a group!

Watch your faith grow through investing in relationships with people who want to learn and grow with you.



Fall Worship + Events

Sunday Worship

8:30 am Traditional

10:00 am Contemporary

Sunday Classes

9:00 am

Breakfast Club (students)

Young Adult Connections

Sunday Funday (children)

Parent Connections

9:45 am

Oasis and Link Up (adults)

10:00 am

Kids Church (children)

Lao Worship

Wednesday Classes

10:00 am

The Good Book Class (adults)

6:30 pm

KWAM (children)

Connect (students)

*Book Clubs meet at
various times + locations*

Choir Bootcamp

Wednesday rehearsals

September 8, 15, 29, October 6, 13

6:30 pm (enter door 7)

Whether you've been singing in choir for years or want to try it for the first time, you are welcome to join us for 6 weeks of singing together! We will sing in worship on September 19 and October 10 and 17.

Handbell Ensemble

Wednesday rehearsals

November 3, 10, 17

6:30 pm (enter door 7)

All ringers or wannabe ringers are welcome to join handbells in November. We will play in worship on November 28.



Alpha Course

Sundays, beginning Sept. 26

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Social Events Room

Alpha is a space to grow, to ask questions, to listen, to lean in and explore, but more than anything, Alpha is a place to be loved right where you are. This 10-week film series dives deeply into the building block components of the Christian faith all in the context of friendship.

We are excited to be hosting the Alpha program in person this fall. Come for a meal and conversation around a topic of the Christian faith. Bring your questions. Bring a friend.

Contact Pastor KC DiNardo at kc.dinardo@hope-pc.org for details or to serve on hospitality, meals, childcare or prayer teams.

Sign Up for the Weekly Email

Hope for the Week is emailed every Wednesday morning.

It details coming events, weekly programs, and Sunday morning worship.

If you'd like to be added to the list, contact leslee@hope-pc.org.

Hope Classic Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 18

(register by September 12)

Crystal Lake Golf Course

After 40 continuous years of the Golf Classic, we promise you will have a fun experience. Even Gummy played with us last year!



The entry fee is \$90 (or \$60 for age 15 and under) which includes golf, cart and lunch. Special \$320 offer per foursome if you sign up and pay together in advance. Proceeds will benefit the Hope Shores Penguin Gala and Hope's Preschool program.

A huge thanks to our participants, sponsors, and our gracious God who has smiled on the Hope Classic for over 40 years. For more details, contact Rex Cooper at cooperrexj@gmail.com or 612/325-3933.

True Talks: Doubt in Faith

Friday, October 1

7:00 pm

Mugshots Coffee Company

10518 France Avenue South
Bloomington

Three speakers. Three ideas. Three lively conversations. This dynamic, creative forum explores ideas that honor Jesus, engages in cross-generational conversation, passes on wisdom, and challenges us to take action.



The Scoop

YOUTH + FAMILY

Sunday FUNday

Sundays, 9:00 am

(enter door 7)

Kids K-5th are invited to join us for fun games, creative crafts, and adventurous Bible stories! Contact michaela@hope-pc.org.

Kids Church

Sundays, 10:00 am

Pick up in Room 357

Kids K-5th will be dismissed from the service after the kids' message to grow together in friendships and God's Word! Contact michaela@hope-pc.org.

KWAM Kids Will Always Matter

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Social Events (enter door 3)

K-5th graders, get ready to sing songs, play games, learn about God and make new friends each night at KWAM! Contact michaela@hope-pc.org.

Wiggly Worship

Sundays, beginning Sept. 12

8:30 am and 10:00 am

Preschool Room (enter door 7)

Infants thru preschoolers join us while their parents attend service. Come make friends, learn about the Bible, sing songs, and play! Contact julie.lewis@hope-pc.org.

Breakfast Club

Sundays, 9:00 am (enter door 7)

Middle school and high school students are invited to meet and develop community through going deeper in God's Word together. Contact josh@hope-pc.org.

Middle School Connect

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Gym (enter door 6)

Middle School students come together to dive into messages of the Gospel, have meaningful small group connections, and create friendships in safe spaces. Contact heidi@hope-pc.org.

Middle School "NOT-A-LOCK-IN"

Friday, October 29

5:00 pm – midnight (enter door 3)

6th – 8th graders plan for a night of fun without the "no sleep" effect! Parents will love dropping off the kids for an evening of supervised silliness! Invite your friends. Contact heidi@hope-pc.org.

High School Connect

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

(enter door 6)

High school youth will gather to have fun, learn together, and develop authentic community through Jesus Christ. Contact josh@hope-pc.org.

High School Fall Retreat

October 15-21, Hope Shores

High school students are invited to attend a retreat to have fun, rest, and prepare spiritually for the school year ahead of them. Contact josh@hope-pc.org.

Young Adult Bible Study

Sundays, 9:00 am

The Bridge (enter door 6)

Young adults meet together to dig into the scripture for the upcoming service, pray together, and drink coffee. Contact Matt Olsen mdolsen21@gmail.com or Rachel Rock rachelgrock@gmail.com.

Parent Connection Class

Sundays, 9:00 am

Preschool Room (enter door 7)

Parents meet for sharing and prayer time as we grow in our efforts to disciple our children. Contact heidi@hope-pc.org.

As our program year kicks off this fall, there will be some new things happening in the Youth + Family Ministries staff team.

Michaela Pankratz will move into a full-time role as **Minister to Children + Family Ministries**. She'll continue to plan and implement Sunday FUNday and Kids Church for K-5th graders. She will also begin leading KWAM on Wednesdays. Over the years our KWAM team has created something magical on Wednesdays. Michaela will continue the magic, hook arms with the KWAM team and join the Holy Spirit's creative leading. God is developing leaders at Hope Church. We have seen Michaela's leadership grow over the years, and we're excited that she's sensing God's call to lead in Children's Ministry.

Heidi Connors will continue to be the **Director of Youth + Family Ministries** staff team, staying connected to all families and leading the Parent Connection Class on Sunday mornings. She will also lead Middle School Connect on Wednesdays. This will support **Josh VanLith** as he ministers to all the Youth at Hope, but specifically leads the High School Connect on Wednesday nights.

Julie Lewis remains the **Wiggly Worship Coordinator** on Sundays. Her creativity launches families into a life-long journey of discipleship.

Our team is eager to travel the journey with families here at Hope and the ones on the way. We are Embracing a Spirit of Adventure in 2021!



The Scoop

ADULTS



Book Club

Mondays, beginning Sept. 13

7:00 pm with Cecil and Deb Massie, Zoom

Beautiful Outlaw, by John Eldredge. This is not a book for people who want to worship Jesus from afar. This is about a dude who lived, laughed, played, and walked the earth like the rest of us. His name is Jesus. Join Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81115142002>

Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 14

**12:00 pm with Gloria Wiese
In the Link**

Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End, by David Gibson. Shake up your expectations and priorities and embrace the freedom to live wisely, generously, and faithfully for God's glory and the good of his world.

**Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 29
10:00 am with Mary Beth Monsma**

Local Roots, 817 E. 66th Street
Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit, Growing in Christlikeness, by Christopher J.H. Wright. Keep in step with the Spirit by feeding on the word of God, growing in Christlikeness, and living a fruitful life.

**Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 15
6:30 pm with Kirstie Dye, Zoom**

Everything Sad is Untrue: (a true story), by Daniel Nayeri. A sprawling, evocative, and groundbreaking autobiographical novel told in the unforgettable and hilarious voice of a young Iranian refugee. It is a powerfully layered novel that poses the questions: Who owns the truth? Who speaks it? Who believes it? Join Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87182256941>

Thursdays, beginning Sept. 16

6:30 pm with Doug Dye

Local Roots, 817 E. 66th Street

Paul Behaving Badly: Was the Apostle a Racist, Chauvinist Jerk? by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien. Paul behaved badly, but not just in the ways we might think. Take another look at Paul and see why this "worst of sinners" dares to say, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."



The Scoop

ADULTS

Sundays, 9:50 am

Oasis

Courtyard Room

A wonderful opportunity for seniors to learn, grow, and support one another. With various speakers.

Link Up

In the Link with Gloria Wiese

Make new friends and practice the way of Jesus through gentle conversations on faith and culture.



Bible Course

Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 15
10:00 am with Gloria Wiese
Social Events

The Good Book—Take a fun college-level course that walks you through every single book in the Bible without tuition, homework, or exams. How fun is that? Optional: purchase *Living God's Word: Discovering Our Place in the Great Story of Scripture*, by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays.

Meet & Eat Hope Group

With Jim and Gloria Wiese,
Paul and Kirsten Berry

Pick up a name tag after the 10:00 am service on Communion Sundays, then meet and eat at Richfield restaurants.

Bible Studies

Men

Saturdays

8:00 - 8:45 am, Zoom

Enjoy the richness of fun fellowship in discussing Sunday's scripture and praying for Hope Church. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8445497159>

Women

Thursdays

September 9 - December 9

9:30 - 11:30 am

with Linda Heaner

In the Link

Opening Space for God in a Culture of Hurry. Experience timeless spiritual principles to open space within you so your life in God will flourish. Contact Susie Prin at 952/393-7162.

Saturdays, beginning
September 11

9:00 - 10:30 am

with Nancy Staloch

and Joan McDonald

Bloomington

Strong and Weak: Embracing a Life of Love, Risk, and True Flourishing. Learn a way to love and risk that even the most vulnerable can flourish. Purchase Andy Crouch's book and begin reading chapter 1. Contact Nancy Staloch at 952/881-8639.



True Talks:

Doubt in Faith

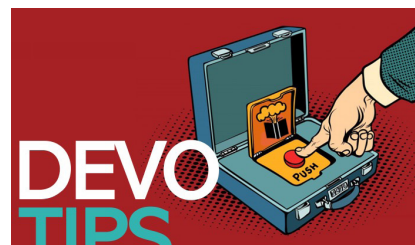
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Sign up to receive weekly devotional tips from Gloria Wiese: gloria@hope-pc.org. Be sure to check out disciplesnotebook.com for more tips!



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OUTREACH

Serve

Refugee Welcome team

Build friendship and come along-side a newly arrived family with others from Hope Church. Contact Peggy Turnbull (Peggy@hope-pc.org) if you are interested in joining the team.

Pray with others ministering to refugees—Thursdays, 2:30 pm
Join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81236437761>

USA Homestays – Welcome an international student to live in an extra room in your home for 3 months or more (stipend provided.) Contact Ben (benr@usa-homestays.org or 612/770-0031)

At Community Emergency Service
1900 – 11th Ave. S., Minneapolis

1. SOS Ambassador (Supporting Our Seniors) Minimum commitment: 2 hours a month for 6 months on a weekday. Make a monthly phone call to connect with 1-2 seniors about their preferences, pack and deliver their groceries. Contact Krista Hong (612/870-1125, ext. 120 or KHong@cesmn.org)

2. Home Delivery Packing and Distribution

Saturdays, September 11, October 9, November 13

9:00 – 11:30 am

“Shop” from the food shelf using personalized lists and distribute

the groceries to neighbors unable to get to the food shelf. Contact Peggy Turnbull (Peggy@hope-pc.org).

Loaves and Fishes To-Go Meals Distribution at Hope Church Thursdays, August 26, September 23, October 28

3:00 – 4:30 pm Food prep, set-up

4:30 – 6:00 pm Meal packing and distribution, clean up

Contact Peggy Turnbull (Peggy@hope-pc.org). Other days, Mondays through Fridays, contact Andrew (ascott@loavesandfishesmn.org)

Every Meal food distribution at Centennial Elementary in Richfield

Friday morning – start date TBD

Distribute food in children’s backpacks to help fill weekend needs. Contact Nancy Slinger (nslinger2@comcast.net)

Donate

Help our community partners serving neighbors in need:

•Community Emergency Service - <https://cesmn.org/donate/>

•Loaves and Fishes – <https://loavesandfishesmn.networkforgood.com>

•VEAP - <https://veap.org/donate/give-today/>

•Every Meal – <https://www.every-meal.org/get-involved/donate/>

Classes

American Culture Class

Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 7

9:30 - 11:30 am, in the Link

Women from various countries and cultures build friendships through time together. Contact Susie Prin (josuprin@johnprin.com).

Parent Share

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

A support group discussing parenting and other issues facilitated by Tamara Dauphin Whear, Mental Health Counselor and Coach. Contact Tamara Whear (612/388-8514 or tamarawhear@gmail.com).

Event - save the date!



Walk4Water 2021: safe water / Living Water

•October 3, 3:00 pm worship service in the Social Events Room

•October 1 - 21 – Walk/run challenge period to raise funds for Water for Life-Africa, Abundant Life International Ministries, and Laos

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” John 7:37b-38

Staff Anniversaries + Welcome to Tre



35 Years of Ordained Ministry

Rev. David Lenz is celebrating 35 years of ordained ministry on September 22. Hope Church has had the extraordinary blessing of his leadership for nearly 19 of those years (November 2021). We are grateful for

the ways he has invested so deeply in the people of Hope through prayer, Biblical teaching, serving the needs of the people (through counseling, marriage ceremonies, sickness, and funerals), and leading the staff and officers of the church.



25 Years of Service at Hope

If you need an answer about anything related to Hope Church, chances are Cindy Forsgren knows! Cindy has been serving as the church receptionist and Ministry Associate since August 19, 1996. She juggles many

office demands and does it all with a smile on her face. We are grateful for her commitment to Hope!



Thank You, Mia!

We thank Mia Franklin for her 5 years of ministry at Hope Church as an Interim Contemporary Worship Leader, Minister to Youth, and Pastoral Intern. She has led with compassion,

grace, and flexibility. We celebrate her and bless her as she moves into her next chapter. Mia is excited to begin a chaplain residency at Methodist Hospital.



Introducing Tre Austin Hope's Young Life Partner

Richfield Young Life has some exciting changes ahead. The outreach to the community has continued to grow and for the past several months, the Richfield Young Life Committee has

been looking to add another person to the ministry team. Tre Austin has joined the team serving as Hope's Young Life partner. Darby Voeks will step into the role of Richfield Young Life's Area Director. Cesar Castillejos will continue to work in the local area and contribute to Young Life on the regional and national levels. Cesar will also continue to serve Hope Church as the Minister for Preaching and Presence. Both Cesar and Darby will remain active as leaders in the Richfield community and at Hope.



Babies

•Everett David was born to Michael and Emma Lenz. David and Cynthia Lenz are his grandparents.

•Greenlee Mae was born to Jaren and Britney Berkness. Jeff and Judy Berkness are her grandparents.

•Henry Hans was born to Nick and Sarah Gorzek. Tom and Annette Baker are his grandparents.

Wedding

Congratulations to Matt McGowan and Katie Waltz, who were married on August 1.

Thank You

Bud and the family of Louise Anderson would like to thank our Hope friends for all of the continued expressions of sympathy, compassion and prayers as we adjust to moving forward without her. Although we will always miss her, it is a comfort to be assured of the promise that she is in the company of Jesus.

With Sympathy and Prayers to the:

Dennis Nelson family in the loss of Mary's brother
Beal family in the loss of Ivi's father
Gregg family in the loss of Kim's mother
Sylvia Jesse in the loss of her cousin's wife
Rindal family in the loss of Marie
Jerry Nelson family in the loss of Mary
Christopher family in the loss of Jack
Kayman Basant in the loss of his nephew
Schuenke family in the loss of Tom's cousin's son
Danner family in the loss of Maureen
Connors family in the loss of Jeff's mom
Fuller family in the loss of Tim
Lewis family in the loss of Sue
Mia Franklin in the loss of her grandfather
Johnson family in the loss of Sandra's sister

Next Deadline

Noon Wednesday, November 3
(Covering December 2021 - February 2022)

A photograph of a person's hand holding a vibrant autumn leaf with orange, yellow, and red hues. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with a path, trees, and a building under a clear sky.

Fall Kickoff and Lunch

Sunday, September 12

Join us after the 10:00 am service for an outdoor All-Church Lunch to connect with our community and celebrate what God is doing at Hope Church in this season.