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To God be the Glory!

by David Lenz



The Bible delights in giving lavish detail about construction projects: Noah's ark, the tabernacle in the wilderness, the temple in Jerusalem (twice!).

Putting up structures and buildings is important work for the people of God. We are not left to our own strength for such endeavors. God equips for the things he calls us to do.

Consider this celebration of Bezalel, leader of the team that built the tabernacle.

The LORD said to Moses, 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft" (Exodus 31:1-4).

For these last four years and more, we have been engaged in a great construction project. We celebrate that we have been surrounded by planners and designers and builders "with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship." We have seen the Spirit at work in them and through them.

God has met us many times on this journey. Developing in us a vision that unfolded over many years with ever-emerging clarity. Creating a context where we knew the time had come to act. Providing us with Justin Bratnober, our Christ-centered, indefatigable project leader. Connecting us to the right financial leaders (fundraisers and bankers who have been helpful partners). Leading us to architect Angie Knodel who designed something of timeless beauty and great functionality. Surprising us with unexpected gifts of houses, and bequests, and substantial donations from those outside our congregation. Seeing so many volunteers engaged in the discipline of prayer, the stripping of copper, the planting of trees, and so much more. Receiving astonishing financial support from the people of Hope Church for this project while sustaining regular giving.

To God be the glory!

Buildings are not ends in themselves. They are tools for the work of the kingdom. We will enjoy the beautiful new spaces, the sense of openness, the new places for connection. And we should. For generations to come!

But let us always remember that this building belongs to God. "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Hope Church, Hope Center, and Hope Shores exist to bring glory to God, to serve as instruments to reach the ones on the way.

As vision becomes reality for us, as we enter the doors of our renewed facility, "let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!" (Psalm 90:17).

Your Pastor,
David Lenz



A child writes Matthew 5:16 on the concrete floor of the Portland Worship Center.



God: Our Adventure Guide

by Kit Troedson

When Jesus invited his followers to "come and see", their lives were forever changed. Bursting with joy and anticipation, they proclaimed, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:39-41).

This is our hope as we prepare to open the doors of our renewed facility to those already here and those on the way. Gracious, open, light-filled spaces will greet all who enter, and we will welcome them with open arms and the everlasting love of our Lord.

It's been quite a journey since we started down the long and winding road, leading to infinitely more than a new building. God has taken us on a deeply enriching, soul-filling, prayer-fueled adventure!

One could say we began this adventure at the worst possible time. Lockdowns kept us apart while fear and anxiety swept throughout the world and divisiveness threatened to tear our nation, communities and relationships apart. Global supply chain issues delayed the delivery of building materials and rising interest rates added costs to our project. It was, in many ways, the worst of times.

It was also the best of times – for trusting in God.

He said, "Be still and know that I am God", so we leaned into prayer and answered the call to go deeper with Jesus. We decommissioned treasured spaces with prayers of gratitude for serving our parents and grandparents so well for so long. We led prayer walks to anoint Hope Center and each of our new spaces. Hope families created "scripture stones" and tossed them under the foundation of our new children's nursery, sowing seeds for good soil to come. Ten thousand volunteer hours were devoted to prayer and hard work as we salvaged copper, organized yard sales, and planted shrubs. We prayed for generosity in a time of scarcity.

God met us in the mess and delivered us – over and over again.

Sixty percent of the pledges made at the start of our three-year campaign was collected by the end of the first year, followed by hundreds of thousands more in unexpected, unpledged gifts. Even now we are praying for a million-dollar gift to help with our mortgage because we know we have a gracious and generous God!

With God's help, we grew closer in community, deepening trust and collaboration with city leaders, police and Richfield public schools. We sowed good seeds during construction by offering gift bags to our immediate neighbors that included ear plugs. And we became more fully known by community organizers who attended the funeral of Jamari Rice, hosted by Hope Church – united in our common vision for safety and human flourishing in our city.



"God has taken us on a deeply enriching, soul-filling, prayer-fueled adventure!"

The Lord has prepared us well to go wider in the kingdom and we now embrace a very Bright Hope for Tomorrow. In the words of Eugene Peterson in *The Message* from Romans 5:3-5:

"We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!"



Being Part of Someone's Fresh Start

by Gloria Weise

Some stories are too heartbreaking to hear. We'd rather not know the details. Take, for example, the story of two abandoned kitty brothers dubbed, "Tuttle and Scuttle." Some good Samaritan took them to Last Hope Adoption's volunteer foster home services. "Helping kitties seems like such an insignificant job," Jael Jacobson told me, "But helping them learn to trust again, to be safe from all they knew before, has actually changed me."

Now they are Winston and Ted Wiese. Winnie and Teddy are bonkers over the new luxurious tower that looks out at a bird feeder. Between wrestling matches, they fill their days batting toys under furniture. They've even got a king size bed to sleep in every night (ours)!



"[God] is not as interested in the kind of life we have led as in the kind of life we can live in him."

Winnie and Teddy remind me of the kind of life that God gives us in Christ. God knows our stories—every heart-breaking detail—and takes us in. He is not as interested in the kind of life we have led as in the kind of life we can live in him. God is the God of fresh starts.

There's something special about being part of someone's fresh start—like helping someone reengage in worship. Did you know that the number one reason people stop coming to church is that they've experienced a life changing circumstance? Feeling overwhelmed, some may not be actively seeking a church now; however, most of them (62%) want to return. At some point, they'll need a fresh start. Remarkably, the same majority (especially young adults) would consider coming to church if someone they knew asked them. ("[Formerly Church Open to Returning](#)", Lifeway Research)

Just a simple invite? That's it? We can do that!

We can be part of someone's fresh start in the fresh start in our renewed space! We can help "the ones on the way" to learn to trust again, to be safe from all they knew before, and embrace them into our church home.



Robin Ruegg interacts with Ellen Egelston and her baby between worship services.



Carol connects with Jean Nelson and Vern Peterson during the passing of the peace in worship.

The Message, the People, the Life

by Dan and Kory Everson

"Come Just As You Are"
By Crystal Lewis

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are
Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever.

This is a song we first heard in the 90's. Look at that fourth line: "Come and see". That sounds rather familiar, and rightfully so. This is the phrase we at Hope are using to drive our reopening of the renew and physically improved Hope Church.

We live in a condo and periodically hear from our neighbors, "What's going on with your church? I was driving down Portland, and ..." Come and see! Everyone likes new construction.

Now, on the other hand, we brought our friend and neighbor, Carol, to Hope. You know, she didn't even look at the new building. She saw the message of Hope, and the people, and the life at Hope! Even her favorite creamer was available at the coffee time. She "came and saw", and liked what she saw. In fact, Carol recently became a covenant partner (member) of Hope!

So, it seems the bright new spaces with which we have been blessed will be consistent with the other brightness Carol saw at Hope.

As our neighbors come and see Hope's building, the rest of Hope's presence should brightly shine through. The new building should be like a "band shell" for the song we sing.

Yep, everyone likes to see new construction. Check out our new space, and then — look at the cross. Come just as you are. Come and see.



Youth stand for a group photo after reenacting the Christmas story in the 2021 Christmas Eve Family-Friendly Worship service.

Come + See Welcome Day

December 4

9:00 am | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

10:00 am | Crossover Café Hour

10:30 am | Contemporary Worship | Portland
Worship Center

Experience our renewed Hope for Tomorrow building on Sunday, December 4 as we worship together for the first time in our renewed spaces. There will be tours, coffee and treats at the Crossover Café, and Sunday morning classes for children and youth.

Community Christmas Celebration + Ribbon Cutting

December 10 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Come + See the ribbon cutting of the renewed Hope Church at the Community Christmas Celebration! There will be games, crafts, karaoke, virtual reality games, presentation of the Christmas story, treats, photo booth, and tours of the church.

Christmas Festival Worship

December 18 | 9:00 am + 10:30 am | Sanctuary

Worship with our choir and music ensemble as they lead us through John Rutter's settings of classic carols.

Christmas Eve Family-Friendly Worship

December 24 | 3:00 pm | Sanctuary

The Next Gen team will help lead worship celebrating the birth of Jesus in a fun and engaging way. Come to Bethlehem and see!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24 | 9:00 pm | Sanctuary

We will take time to reflect on and celebrate the birth of Jesus through carols and candlelight.

Christmas Day Worship

December 25 | 10:00 am | Sanctuary

Join us on Christmas morning for a joyful time of singing and testimony.

Hope for Tomorrow Building Dedication

February 12

We will have a jubilant time of worship and prayer as we celebrate God's faithfulness and officially commit our renewed building to the Lord. Dana Allin, ECO Synod Executive, will preach, and Amos Aderonmou, a Hope mission partner, will lead in prayer.



Hope Shores Bible Camp + Retreat Center News



Welcome Greta, Camp Program Director for Hope Shores!

Our Hope Church Next Generation Ministries is excited to add Greta Schutte to our team as the new Camp Program Director for Hope Shores Bible Camp + Retreat Center. In September a search team was assembled to lead a robust interview process. We had several strong candidates apply and the team was united and delighted to invite Greta into this new model of full-time camp ministry. Greta has spent the last 15 years working as an athletic trainer and professor, equipping and teaching high school and college students, mentoring them in places including Farmington High School, Bethel University, and Trinity International University. Greta grew up at Hope Church and worked at Hope's Camps in many of the transition years from the Wisconsin property in 1999, the Grantsburg property in 2001, a couple other temporary sites, and finally our current Eden Valley property. She can certainly testify to the faithfulness of God in the partnership story of Hope Church and Hope Shores.

Greta has been active at Hope Church the last 10 years and is currently serving at KWAM and Sunday FUNday, pouring herself into the next generation that they might know and love Jesus too. Her heart for camp ministry, her passion to disciple young people, and her commitment to love, serve and follow Jesus make us all eager to welcome her on staff at Hope Church! She begins December 1st.

Hope Shores Bible Camp 2023 Summer Schedule

June 4 - 16	Hope Shores Staff Training
June 18 - 23	2nd - 5th Grade Week 1
June 23 - 25	Family Camp 1
June 25 - 30	2nd - 5th Grade Week 2
July 2 - 5	Hope Shores Staff Training
July 6 - 9	Single Moms Family Camp
July 9 - 14	6th - 8th Grade Week
July 16 - 21	9th - 12th Grade Week
July 21 - 23	Family Camp 2
July 24 - 29	Hope Shores Staff Closing
July 30	Camp Sunday!

Save the Dates:

- Camp Registration opens January 1.
- Camp Staff applications open December 1. Go to hope-shores.org to register or apply.
- The Penguin Gala will be on March 4.

Hope Shores Property Project Update



Hope Shores's shore is looking different these days! After removing the crumbling boathouse and a number of weakening trees, the amphitheater was installed, along with a boulder retaining wall to resist erosion (above). A new, smaller storage building was added to house lakefront necessities. We are looking forward to staff, campers, and retreat participants filling these spaces with life and purpose!



Property Development

by Justin Bratnober

It's official! After 36 months of planning and another 18 months of construction, we'll inaugurate the new building on December 4th, the second Sunday of Advent, with worship, communion, tours, treats, and togetherness. It's a fitting way to begin. Who knows? There may even be chair stacking! Come + See! Be a part of this exciting moment. As we have heard said so often at church, it won't be the same without you!

The very next Saturday, December 10th, we will open the building to the public. There will be a brief ribbon cutting ceremony followed by the Community Christmas Celebration. It will be a very big deal. Come + See! Bring along your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

It has been a long row to hoe. But, as you will soon see, it is well worth the wait. After a year and a half of asbestos abatement, copper salvage, demolition, site work, soil correction, utilities, laying a foundation, erecting steel, roofing, siding, interiors, more soil correction, paving, and landscaping, the building is in its final phase of finishes and preparation for occupancy.

After we move in, we will address necessary fixes and touchups we uncover along the way. At the same time, we will experience a period of adjustment. Some things have been left to figure out after we get into the space and live in it for a while. We'll take those things as they come and adapt as we go.

It has been a lengthy transition for us. But it has been a good one. God has been preparing the Church through a period of life-altering change. A worldwide pandemic, social upheaval, increasing violence, economic turmoil, wars and rumors of wars, have our sensitivities on high. God has been preparing us through a period of disruption and adaptation. The building project is now coming to a close. We'll soon enter our wonderful new space and celebrate what God has done. Then, we'll have a fresh start in carrying out the mission and bringing about the vision God has given to us.

Hope for Tomorrow Projected Income Through November 1, 2022

Type	Amount Projected
Pledges (157)	\$4,142,650
Over & above gifts by those who made pledges	\$368,880
Unpledged Gifts (99), memorials & bequests	\$231,150
Annual Meeting Fundraiser	\$50,030
Pre-campaign gifts	\$96,000
Salvage, yard sale, interest income	\$61,880
Reimbursements & rebates	\$104,940
Total	\$5,055,530

The generosity of Hope Church is simply overwhelming. As the Capital Campaign draws to a close December 31st, we are at 96% of the 257 pledges made, leaving us only \$179,290 away from our projected total of more than \$5.055 million dollars!



Front Entrance. The first, most direct, and specific instruction from the very beginning of this project was, "whatever you do, make it look like a church." We now look like a church. A beautiful and welcoming one, at that.



Worship. The Community Events Room (formerly known as Social Events) has been the center of activity since June 2021. By every account, it has been an intimate, unifying, community building, and revitalizing experience.



Prayer. If anything has characterized Hope for Tomorrow, it has been an unceasing commitment to seeking the Lord, to prayer, and taking His lead. This is one of many Session prayer gatherings to cover the building.



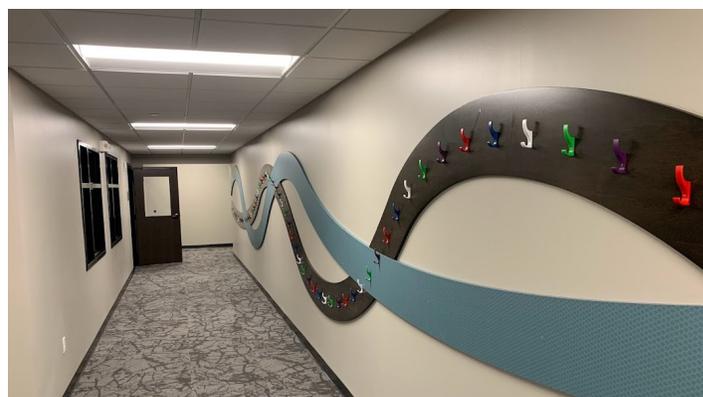
Necessities. How many of us were first greeted by potholes and dumpsters when arriving at Hope Church? Well, no more. The newly framed, and soon to be sided, trash enclosure is located at the far southeast corner of the Hope Center.



Finishes. The landscaping crew is planting the south side of the building in front of the handicapped parking area. This is part of the hard-working bunch who have saved us tens of thousands in sourcing materials and in labor.



More Necessities. Remember the old restrooms? This is the all-new men's room in the lower level featuring automatic lighting, subway tile, and wood finished tile floors.



More Finishes. This is cool. It is a unique wall feature with built-in coat hooks. It runs along an interior hallway of the children's area in the lower level.



Planning. Groups are meeting constantly, like the Charis team, to discuss, make plans, and prepare for the opening, first service, Community Christmas Celebration, Advent, and long-term ministry in new space.



Worship. It is at the heart of what we do. This special place was not forgotten. It has a new sound system, new stage lighting, circuitry, heating and cooling, paint, and a vibrant new stained glass window treatment.



Stewardship & Hope Fund Committee

Amazed

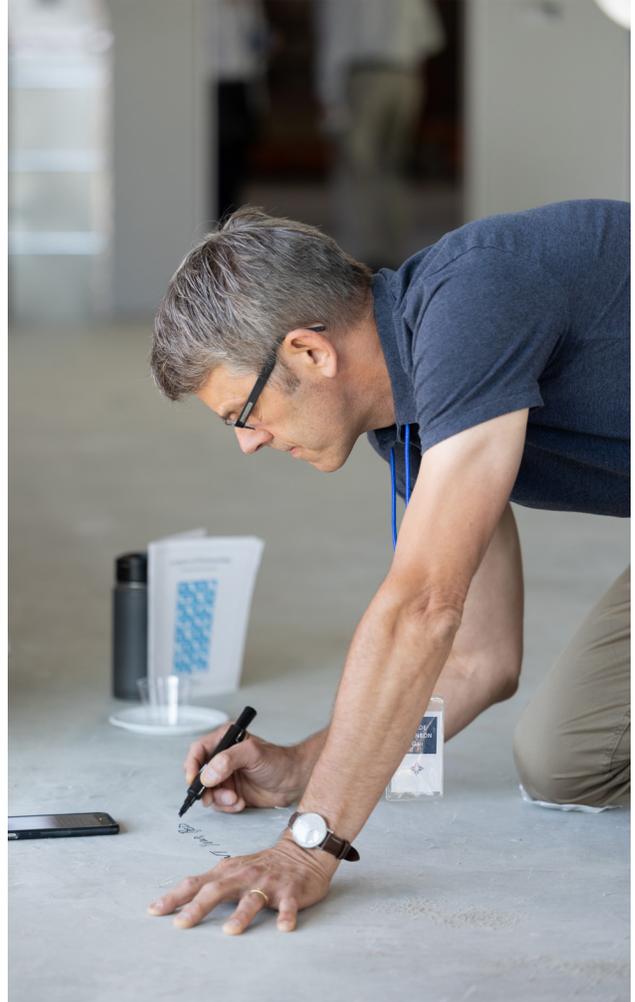
by Wade Johnson

As an Elder, I have served for five months on the Stewardship and Hope Fund Committee. I can only say what an amazing team Hope Church has overseeing the church's offerings, endowments, and investments. As a member of the congregation for about 30 years, I was not aware of many of these funds and accounts and how they were managed. Hope is blessed to have accounting and financial wisdom coming from church members Brian Knutson and Greg Nida serving on the committee. They volunteer their time to provide a depth of knowledge of our many accounts and funds and patiently instruct and guide new Elders such as myself so the committee can make informed and wise financial decisions.

It has also been eye-opening to see what care and concern is given to the current endowments that Hope Church oversees, including the General, Egelston, and Stanley endowments. It is of utmost importance that our committee ensures we maintain and preserve the principle of these endowments. That is not easy when the financial markets have taken a downturn as we are experiencing now and there are financial needs within the church. However I have only experienced serious decision making skills at work when tough decisions have to be made regarding these funds and accounts.

Another joy of serving on this committee comes from the realization of how well Hope Church is loved, not only by our members but also non-members such as neighbors and friends and relatives of members. Some of these "non-members" have been impacted by Hope Church in such a positive way that they have donated monies, memorials, or even homes to the church. What a testimony of how we can be impactful in the work we do in serving as Christ would to our neighbors, friends, and extended families.

I have much to learn, but I am thankful for this opportunity to serve Hope Church in this capacity.



Wade Johnson writes scripture on the concrete floors of the renewed Hope Church building during a collective covering of the building in prayer and God's word after worship in September.



NEXT GEN

SUNDAYS

Wiggly Worship

9:00 am + 10:30 am | Nursery + Garden Room | Infant - Preschool

Little ones will hear a Bible story, sing songs, make friends, and play!

julie.lewis@hope-pc.org

Sunday Funday

9:00 am | Mountain + Desert Room K - 5th

Children dive into God's Story together through teaching, games, crafts, music and more!

michaela@hope-pc.org

Kids Church

During 10:30 am Service | Mountain + Desert Room | K - 5th

After the children's message, kids are dismissed to worship and engage with God's Word in kid-friendly ways! Children will rejoin their families for the end of service.

michaela@hope-pc.org

Breakfast Club

9:00 am | Youth Room | 6th - 12th

Students will develop community by looking at scripture together.

josh@hope-pc.org

Parent Connect

9:00 am | Flex Room

Parents come together to learn from one another, and encourage each other as they help their families follow Jesus.

heidi@hope-pc.org

WEDNESDAYS

KWAM

6:30 - 7:45 pm | Desert Room

K-5th graders experience fellowship, faith, and fun as we worship together and learn of God's great love for us seen in the Bible and in Jesus!

michaela@hope-pc.org

Middle School Connect

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Flex Room

Play games, receive a teaching, and enjoy time in close community.

ryan@hope-pc.org

High School Connect

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Youth Room

9th - 12th grade students are invited to experience Christian community centered around Jesus Christ.

josh@hope-pc.org

** Parent Connect, KWAM, Middle School Connect, & High School Connect will **not** meet December 21st, 28th, or January 4th.*

** Breakfast Club, Sunday Funday, Kids Church will **not** meet December 25th or January 1st.*

EVENTS

Middle School Not-A-Lock-In

December 2 | 5:00 - 10:00 pm | Hope Church

Join us for our first Middle School event of the year! We will eat pizza, sing songs, play games, and check out the new youth space.

ryan@hope-pc.org

High School Event

January 27 | Evening | Hope Church

High School Students are invited for an exciting night with friends at Hope Church!

josh@hope-pc.org

Family Fun Night!

February 3 | Hope Church

Save the date! More details to come!

Next Gen Worship Night

February 10 | Evening | Hope Church

Middle school students, high school students, and young adults will come together for a night of worship at Hope Church.

Middle School Movie Night

February 24 | Evening | Hope Church

Pizza and soda will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend!

ryan@hope-pc.org





The Scoop

ADULTS

SUNDAYS

9:00 am | Young Adult Connect | Dickson Chapel

An enjoyable way for young professionals and college students to encounter the Lord through Scripture.

10:30 am | Oasis Learning Community | Community Events Room

Grow in your faith through the wisdom of various speakers.

10:30 am | *From Every People and Nation* | Dickson Chapel

An exciting study of the theme of race that runs throughout Scripture and constantly points to the global and multiethnic dimensions inherent in the overarching plan of God.

WEDNESDAYS

A Covenant Life | 10:00 am | Portland Worship Center

Read the Bible through "covenant eyes" to discover the faithfulness of God to redeem his creation with Gloria Wiese.

Alpha | January 18 - March 29 | (dinner at 6:00 pm)

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Portland Worship Center

Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Do you want to explore more deeply the Christian faith? Come experience community over a meal as we ponder different questions each week.



Lynne Becker and Kathy Van Schooten embrace each other after they see each other coming out of worship.



ADULTS

BIBLE STUDIES

Young Adults'

Mondays | 7:00 pm | Pankratz Home, 6935 14th Ave S, Richfield

Young adults are invited to the Pankratz' for fellowship as we dive into the Word together.

Men's

Saturdays | 8:00-9:00 am | Zoom

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

Women's

Thursdays, January 5 - May 4 | 9:30 - 11:30 am | Dickson Chapel

We will enter into Jesus' life through Bible stories and His teachings. Led by Linda Heaner, contact Susie Prin 952-393-7162

DEVO TIPS

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

BOOK CLUBS

Mondays beginning January 9 7:00 pm | Zoom

Rediscovering Jonah, by Tim Keller. With Cecil and Deb Massie <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81987881666>

Tuesdays beginning February 7 3:30 pm | Commons

The Day the Revolution Began, by NT Wright. With Gloria Wiese

Thursdays beginning January 11 10:00 am | Commons

Here Are Your Gods: Faithful Discipleship in Idolatrous Times, by Christopher JH Wright. With Mary Beth Monsma

PRAYER GATHERINGS

Mondays | 10:00 am | Portland Worship Center

Wednesdays | 12:00 noon | Zoom

Encounter the living Lord through encouraging meditations on Scripture.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

February 11 | 9:00 - 11:30 am | Portland Worship Center

Reigniting Your Worship | Ignite a passion for worship through a greater appreciation of liturgy and song.

INTERESTS + COMMUNITY

Festival Choir

Sing with the Sanctuary Choir for our Festival Worship Sunday, December 18th. Our weekly Wednesday rehearsals to prepare for that Sunday are November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and December 7, 14. We will have a dress rehearsal in the Sanctuary on December 17 from 9:30 am - 12:00pm. If you are interested in joining the Festival Worship Choir, contact Chloe Johnson at chloe@hope-pc.org.

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesdays beginning in January 6:30pm

Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join the sanctuary choir. For more information contact chloe@hope-pc.org.

Pairs and Spares

December 9 | Noon

Mike Henry will explore the background and history behind our beloved Christmas songs.

February 10 | Noon

Pairs and Spares favorite, Minnesota historian, Doug Ohman will be with us again.

Any questions, contact Dan & Kory Everson at danandkory@gmail.com.





 OUTREACH

SERVE

Good Neighbor Team - Refugees

Build friendship and provide practical help to a refugee family with others from Hope Church. Contact Ellen Egelston at ellen.m.ettinger@gmail.com.

Pray with others ministering to refugees on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays at 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 at benr@usahomestays.org or 612-770-0031.

Home Delivery Packing and Distribution

Community Emergency Service
1900 - 11th Ave. S., Minneapolis
December 10, January 14, February 11
9:00 am - Noon

"Shop" from the food shelf using personalized lists and distribute the groceries to neighbors unable to get to the food shelf. Contact peggy@hope-pc.org

Parent Share Children's Team

December 15, February 9 | 6:00 - 8:15 pm | Hope Church

Help with activities for preschool children or elementary children while the Parent Share support group meets. (No meeting in January.)

Contact Peggy@hope-pc.org

Every Meal Food in Backpacks

Fridays, 1:00 pm

Centennial Elementary, Richfield

Fill backpacks with food for students to take home for the weekend. Work once a month or more. All volunteers required to get a background check through the school district.

Contact Nancy Slinger at nslinger2@comcast.net.

Loaves and Fishes To Go Meals

Distribution at Hope Church
November 22, December 22, January 26, February 23

3:00 - 4:30 pm Food prep and set-up

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

Contact Peggy@hope-pc.org

** Other days, Mondays through Fridays,*
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c-0d44a5ab2fa1fa7-hope>

Vine + Branches Store Hours

Wednesdays, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturdays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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.everymeal.org/get-involved/donate/>

CLASSES

American Culture Class

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 11:30 am

Women from various countries and cultures build friendships through time together. Contact Susie Prin at suzala45@gmail.com for details.

Parent Share

December 15, February 9, 6:15 - 8:00 pm | Hope Church

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



OUTREACH

MISSION TRIPS

ECO Summer Mission Mentorship

May 29 - July 30, 2023 | Applications accepted November 1, 2022 - January 15, 2023 | Must be at least 19 to apply

Explore a mission call or grow as a disciple of Jesus in another culture. You'll be sent and supported by Hope Church, trained by experienced mission leaders, working alongside a field site mentor, and receiving coaching in the fall after you return. Learn more at <https://eco-pres.org/global-engagement/summer-mission-mentorship/>. Contact Peggy@hope-pc.org about Hope Church support.

Hope in Honduras

June 20-28, 2023

Work with our mission partners Carlos and Barbara Barahona and learn about the ministry of Nueva Esperanza. Activities might include taking children on a field trip, visiting a child's home, and other activities with children and youth.

Contact Sarah Marasigan at 612-702-1645 or moving-4him360@yahoo.com or Peggy Turnbull at Peggy@hope-pc.org.

Welcome New Hope Staff



Ryan Gallagher
Associate Minister to Youth + Families
Ryan's passion is to spread the love of God to children, youth, and families, and we are grateful to have his faithfulness and giftings at Hope Church!

Welcome, little ones

Samuel Hugo was born to Megan and Yonathan Moya on November 6.

With sympathy and prayers to:

The Ross family in the loss of Lois.
The Christopher family in the loss of Irene Christopher.
The Christianson family in the loss of Stan Christianson.
Helen and Gary Gloege on the recent death of their son Dan.
Dave & Betty Wade in loss of Dave's brother Warren.
Lois Hibbits in the loss of her son-in-law Dutch.
Bob Engstrom in loss of his wife Phyllis.
To the Buelow family in the loss of Bette Buelow.
To the Ekerholm family in the loss of David's sister Cheryl Ekerholm.

Next Deadline

Noon Wednesday, February 2
(Covering March 2022 - May 2023)



The Lao fellowship enjoys a potluck lunch to celebrate their friends and new covenant partners (members) visiting from Warroad, MN in early October.



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Come + See Welcome Day

December 4

9:00 am | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

10:00 am | Crossover Café Hour

10:30 am | Contemporary Worship | Portland Worship Center

Experience our renewed Hope for Tomorrow building on Sunday, December 4 as we worship together for the first time in our renewed spaces. There will be tours, coffee and treats at the Crossover Café, and Sunday morning classes for children and youth.

Community Christmas Celebration + Ribbon Cutting

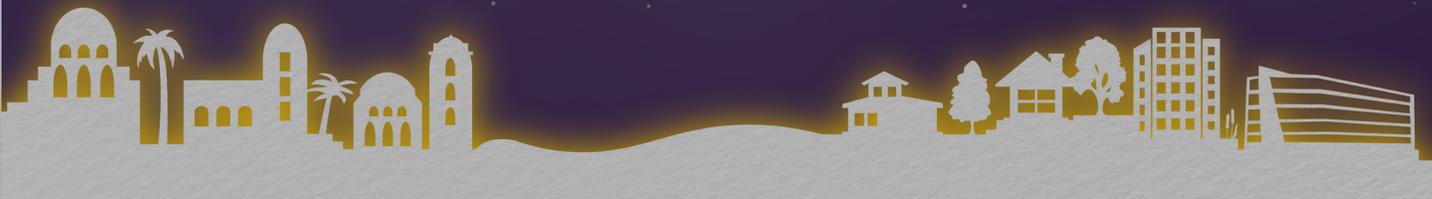
December 10 | 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Come + See the ribbon cutting of the renewed Hope Church at the Community Christmas Celebration! There will be games, crafts, karaoke, virtual reality games, presentation of the Christmas story, treats, photo booth, and tours of the church.

Christmas Festival Worship

December 18 | 9:00 am and 10:30 am | Sanctuary

Worship with our choir and music ensemble as they lead us through John Rutter's settings of classic carols.



Sunday Worship: 9:00 am traditional | 10:30 am contemporary