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We're Better Together

"40 Days of Community" Series Starts Feb. 24-25

God created us with a desire to have an impact on the world. Just look at all the buildings named after individuals or groups: Wells Fargo Arena, Jack Trice Stadium, HyVee Hall. Christians want to leave an impact because God impacted us. And we know the best, most important, and longest-lasting impact springs out of love.

During 40 Days of Community, we will have an opportunity to impact three very important communities: our small groups, our own congregation, and the hungry in Des Moines and Haiti. We will learn how to be together in a small group where we can develop close relationships with others. We will be able to have an impact on others in our congregation, whether that's greeting visitors at the door before worship or singing and learning with a child as a Kingdom Quest shepherd. We will have a practical impact upon the hungry in Des Moines and Haiti as we give of our time and money to buy, package, and distribute desperately needed food.

Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another – and we show that we follow him by how much we love. 40 Days of Community will teach us how to love and more importantly, let us practice loving those people God has called together in a community called Hope.

In Him,
Pastor Caroline Boehnke-Becker



Join your Hope family for the 40 Days of Community Series during Lent, and find the place that God has designed for you within the larger congregation, within our local community and within the world! The series, which kicks off the last weekend in February and runs through Easter, will combine weekend teachings with weeknight gatherings (both at Hope and in homes) for a powerful and impactful six weeks of community-building and service.

Both existing small groups and people who want to get connected to a small group are strongly encouraged to dig deeper into the series by being a part of the weeknight gatherings. For all the details, see page 4.

Registration begins Feb. 3-4.

Look for all the details in the bulletin that weekend or at www.hopewdm.org.

Hope has the opportunity to impact the lives of one million people in just forty days. Find out how you can be a part of this amazing missions opportunity -- read all the details on page 5.

Storehouse opens March 12 - April 13



Construction Update

Despite the cold weather and snow finally arriving, construction progress continues! Work on the remaining two sections of risers will be starting soon and the steel for the ceiling structure is scheduled to arrive late this month. The expansion of room for fellowship (accomplished by an addition to our current Worship Center) will start to show progress soon, with the existing wall being taken down in mid-March. The new space is scheduled to open in mid-November. Please continue to pray for good weather, the safety of the workers on the project and for timely delivery of all construction equipment and supplies.



News & Notes from Pastor Mike



WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!

Simply put, it appears to me that people everywhere are longing for authentic community, places of human connection where they can know, and, just as importantly, be known by others.

In the Bible, the word used to describe this authentic community is "fellowship." For Christians, fellowship is not optional – it's as necessary as prayer, worship, Bible reading, giving and outreach. Jesus had fellowship – connected to a small group of three (Peter, James, John) within a larger group of 12 disciples that was part of a much larger congregation of followers. The Book of Acts, and Paul's letters to the early church also describe these deep human connections between Christians – brothers and sisters in Christ, the family of God!

In reality, it's just that "we're better together!" And that's our theme at Hope this year. Without Christian fellowship, you just won't grow as deep, won't serve or reach out as effectively, and won't experience the abundance in life that God wills for you to have. We need each other to be full.

And here's the big challenge for us. While most of us are all for finding genuine Christian friends and sharing life together, most of us also don't have the time, or don't make the time, to do it ... and so it doesn't happen. Life goes fast and seems to pick up momentum as we go. Our over-crowded calendars reflect unhealthy lifestyles that not only lead to all sorts of deadly stress-related illnesses, but also keep us from experiencing authentic community.

Please don't misunderstand. The goal for the earliest growing church of probably 20,000 plus members in the Book of Acts was not that everyone would know *everyone*, but that everyone would know and be known by *someone*. So they met together in mass crowds for worship, but they also met together in one another's homes for prayer, study, meals and fellowship.

So the goal at Hope this year is both easy (find a group) and challenging (given our hyper-busy schedules). Christian fellowship is not about getting to know everyone at Hope on a surface level – name, occupation, family members, etc. It's much deeper than that – it's sharing life together.

God never intended for us to do spirituality alone. So I hope and pray this year that you will discover the joy of genuine Christian fellowship – a place or places within the larger Hope family for you to know and be known by others. Find your Christ-centered community at Hope. God wired us up to need this. We really are better together!

"40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY"

During the season of Lent, which starts Ash Wednesday (February 21) and runs through Easter (April 8), Hope will embark on a journey that has the potential to change your life. A few years ago during Lent, we participated as a church in the "40 Days of Purpose" campaign – "40 Days of Community" is the next step.

Each weekend, the pastors will preach on a specific Bible-based topic related to "40 Days of Community." Also, once a week throughout the six-week season of Lent, the whole church building is shutting down just to make room for you to join a new small group. ***I'm hopeful that every Hope member will participate in a small group during 40 Days of Community!***

If you aren't currently in a group, all you have to do is sign up to try a new small group for 40 days, meeting at church on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings once a week for six weeks. After that, you and your group can decide whether or not you would like to

continue meeting together.

If you're already in an existing small group, you will be given a DVD of the weeknight talks that you can share with your group at home to help guide you through 40 Days of Community.

FEED 1 MILLION IN 40 DAYS

40 Days of Community isn't just about us finding fellowship. It's also about what God wants to do through us to serve a hurting world. Ignorance can be bliss, I suppose, but it can also lead us to ignore the reality of the pain in the world around us. While many of us might be tempted to complain when the weather isn't perfect, or our favorite team loses a game ... there are billions of people in the world around us who have a much more primary need that isn't being met on a daily basis. They are hungry because they can't afford to eat.

As a church, we want to feed one million of those people in 40 days. That's not a misprint. I believe God can work through Hope, if we really do come together as a body of Christ and work in coordination with one another, to feed one million people during the 40 Days of Community campaign.

It won't be easy. It's going to take massive levels of commitment, generosity, prayer, volunteer time, and teamwork. We're also going to have to find a way to give donations of over \$150,000 above and beyond our regular giving that supports the ongoing ministry and missions of the church.

How can you help? For now, please pray that God will prepare our hearts for this major endeavor, and that he will use us to produce a miracle and feed one million people through one church! It can happen!

THANK YOU, PAM!

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that Pam Haglund, Hope's Children's Ministry Director for the last eight years, is moving with her family to Portland, Maine at the end of this school year. My heart is filled with joy for her and her family, and even a little bit of excitement as I believe God will probably use them to breathe lots of new life into an existing church in that community. At the same time, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Pam for so many years, trusting and appreciating her leadership. With Pam as the director, children's ministry at Hope has grown from a small crowd to a community of kids that is larger than any elementary school in Iowa! She has built a Christ-centered ministry in which kids encounter God and grow deeper in faith. I can't tell you how many times people have told me how much their children just love coming to Kingdom Quest on weekends, Worship on Wednesdays, or Vacation Bible School during the summer! Thank you, Pam – well done and God's blessings to you and your family as you go! You will be missed!

As we search for a new Children's Ministry Director, Michaelle Bown, Pam's assistant, will serve as the interim director. She is an exceptionally gifted administrator, well-respected by staff and volunteer leaders, and a gift to the church! Please offer her your encouragement and support, and please pray that God will lead us to find the person he is calling to become the new leader for children's ministry at Hope!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Mike Housholder

Children's Ministry

Weekly Opportunities for Kids

Weekend Programs

Kingdom Quest (KQ) (Hope's Sunday School) Age 3 - grade 4
Held during 4:30 pm Saturday, 9:30 & 11:00 am Sunday services

Kids for Christ (KFC) Grades 5 & 6
Held during 4:30 pm Saturday, 9:30 & 11:00 am Sunday services

Wednesday Evening Programs

Dinner is available starting at 4:45 pm in Cafe Hope.

Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) Grades K - 4
6:00-7:15 pm

Reach Out 56 (RO56) Grades 5 & 6
6:00-7:15 pm

Don't Miss the Daddy Daughter Dance!

Friday, Feb. 9 from 7:00-9:00 pm

This will be a very special evening for girls from four years through sixth grade and their dads (or other special guys). Tickets are on sale before and after most services in the lower level outside the Gym. The cost is \$6 per person with a \$24 max per family. Tickets can be purchased after Feb. 4 at the Youth Booth.

First Communion Classes

Saturdays, March 3 & 10 from 1:30-3:30 pm or Tuesdays, March 13 & 27 from 6:30-8:30 pm, Thursdays March 1 & 8 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration starts Feb. 12. Please call 222-1520, ext. 196 to register.

Christmas Program Available on DVD

A DVD with all four Children's programs as well as the Cantata and the Christmas Eve service is available in the bookstore for \$5.

Volunteer News

An Enrichment Evening for weekend and Wednesday night volunteers will be held Thursday, Feb. 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Rm 216. Postcards with all the details will be mailed.

Mark Your Calendars

WOW and RO56 will take a break on Feb. 21 so families may attend Ash Wednesday services together.

VBS Moves to July!

Session 1: July 16 - 20 from 9:00 am - Noon

Session 2: July 23-27 from 9:00 am - Noon

Session 3: July 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Mentor Opportunities for Grades 5 & 6

For more information about Hope's programs and events for children, please call 222-1520, ext. 196 or email paige.henderson@hopewdm.org.

Registration and Volunteer Information

All registration information for both kids and adults who would like to help is available at www.hopewdm.org/children to print off and mail or drop off at the "All Church" drop boxes at the Sign-Up Centers near all main entrances. Or, come early to the Youth Booth on the lower level to register for classes.

Girls 4 God (G4G) and Face 2 Face (F2F) are mentoring ministries that pair girls and boys in grades 5 & 6 with high school student mentors. New students are welcome to join at any time!

G4G will meet March 10 and April 21. F2F will get together Feb. 24, March 3 and April 28. The fun starts at 7:00 pm, wrapping up at 9:00 pm. All events are in Rm 101 and cost \$2. For more information, please contact Emilie Hoffman at 222-1520, ext. 166 or emilie.hoffman@hopewdm.org.

Dear Hope Family,

God took me by surprise eight years ago by calling me to lead the Children's Ministry at Hope. It has been an incredible journey – one that was completely unexpected, yet has allowed me and my family to grow in ways we never could have imagined. However, as surprising as it was for God to call me here, he has just as surprisingly called our family to Portland, Maine. My husband Scott accepted a new position last September and the rest of the family will be moving in June after school is out.

I want to thank you for an amazing eight years. What a ride! I have incredible memories and have had the joy of sharing life with so many of you! The Hope families, volunteers, staff and especially the children have taught me more about the love of Christ and the mission of reaching out to the world around us than I ever could have imagined. There is no greater reward than to see the light in a child's eyes when they experience the love of Christ for the first time. It has been my humble privilege to serve at such a blessed and Spirit-filled place. God has now called our family to Maine where I hope to continue sharing the many blessings I was given here.

God's continued blessings and grace to you, our Hope family. What a gift this place is. You will forever be in my heart and prayers.

In God's amazing grace,
Pam Haglund
Children's Ministry Director

Hope Family News

For a complete list of updated prayer requests, please pick up a weekend bulletin insert. To add a prayer request, please e-mail lela.griffin@hopewdm.org.

BIRTHS

Dec. 13 Emily Marie Cole, daughter of Nathan & Amber
Dec. 26 Joseph Thomas Spalding, son of Joe & Jessica
Dec. 29 Zackary James Schroeder, son of Alex & Sheri
Jan. 5 Max Mitchell Carfrae, son of Ben & Amie

BAPTISMS

Jan. 7 Landen Scott Carlisle, Aidan Miguel Raygoza-Halling, Cecelia Jane Gardiner, Talan Michael Hveem and Haley Ruth Hveem

Jan. 13 Elise Elizabeth Stageman, Jonathan William Harmsen and Elizabeth Mya Knapp
Jan. 14 Jacqueline Rae Sampson, Aidan James Buske and Megan Ellen Buske
Jan. 20 Charles Kells Stineman
Jan. 27 Juliana Joy Heinen and Joseph Grant Cooper
Jan. 28 Ezekiel David Gunnink & Sophia Clair Coker Gunnink

WEDDINGS

Jan. 4 Cheryl Odegard & Joseph Kurimski

40 Days of Community Q & A

I'm not part of a small group, but I would like to join one. What should I do?

If you want to be connected to a small group, or if your existing small group has fewer than seven individuals or three couples, come to Hope for week-night gatherings during Lent.

Mondays -- Feb. 26 - April 2
7:00-8:30 pm

Tuesdays -- Feb. 27 - April 3
7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesdays -- Feb. 28 - April 4
Session A: 6:00-7:15 pm
Session B: 7:30-8:45 pm

***Kids programs will still be going on during this time.*

The evening will consist of large group teaching and small group discussion of materials. Childcare is available during all sessions. Registration will begin Feb. 3-4. Individuals and couples registering prior to Wednesday, Feb. 21 will have a greater chance of being put into demographically similar groups.

I'm already in a small group. Is there a place for me (and my group) during the 40 Days of Community, or are we on our own?

Existing small groups will play an extremely important role in the largest connecting series we've ever seen at Hope! We want you to start thinking and talking about how you want to plug in, both as individuals and groups!

There are two options for existing small groups.

Option 1: Seasoned small group members come to Hope during the six weeks of Lent and each host a newly-formed small group throughout the 40 Days series. Approximately 300 experienced small group members and leaders are needed to serve as hosts for new small groups that will form during the series.

This is only a six-week commitment. When the six weeks are over, the host is not expected to continue on with the group. Hosts & their original small group members are also encouraged to come together to discuss the material.

Option 2: Cover the material as a "home group." All series materials, including DVDs of the weeknight teachings presented at Hope, will be provided. Training for home group leaders will be provided the week prior to the kickoff (see dates to the right), and will include a series overview, detailed information for the mission project and all study materials.

As you know, there is limited space within the walls of Hope. For that reason, we are asking all existing small groups to do the series off-site. This allows the space to be used for creating new small groups.

Maybe you are a small group of three couples or seven or fewer individuals. If that's the case, come to Hope. We will combine small groups on-site to make complete groups.

How do you want to deepen your connections? How do you want to help? We encourage you to start talking about this exciting series with your group.



How can I help?

To make a huge series like this happen, we need hundreds of volunteers! Please prayerfully consider the following opportunities. Childcare is provided for all trainings except as noted.

On-Site Host (300 needed -- six-week commitment)

- Attend training to get the series overview, mission information and materials (see below for dates)
- Attend weekly huddle 30 minutes prior to series start each week
- Welcome guests
- Sit with newly-formed small group during the large group talks
- Facilitate discussion questions (provided) with groups after talks

Host Training Date Options (for both on-site and home group leaders)

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, Rm 214
Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:30-8:30 pm, Rm 101
Sunday, Feb. 25, 12:30-2:30, Rm 101*

*Sorry, childcare is not available.

Host Coach (30 needed -- six-week commitment)

Host Coaches will:

- Attend host coach training (see below for dates)
- Welcome hosts to weekly huddle, ask for prayer requests and communicate updates
- Attend weekly coach huddle 50 minutes prior to series start each week

Host Coach Training Date Options

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30-8:30 pm, Chapel
Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, Lg Rehearsal Rm

Several Evening Coordinator and Home Group Coordinator volunteer positions are also available.

Registration for all small groups, volunteer opportunities and trainings will begin Feb. 3-4. Please register at www.hopewdm.org or fill out a registration form.

If you have questions, please call Melissa Johnson-Matthews at 222-1520, ext. 121.

Missions Ministry

For more information on Missions opportunities, please contact Brad Krehlik at 222-1520 or brad.krehlik@hopewdm.org.



Hope To Feed One Million People in 40 Days

How Can We Make This Happen?

With God, all things are possible! There are three basic components to making this seemingly impossible goal a reality:

1. Small group hosts (for both existing groups and groups forming during the 40 Days of Community) will distribute 7,000 grocery bags and shopping lists the week of Feb. 24 – March 3. Small group participants will fill grocery bags with the requested items and return them to the church by March 10.

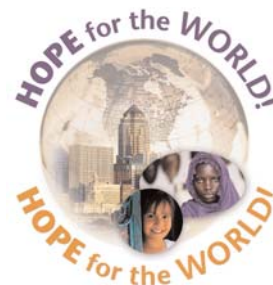
Using the ingredients from the grocery bags, food for 28,000 meals will be distributed by city groups and non-profit entities that deal with need and hunger in Des Moines, providing a meal for five percent of the Des Moines metro area. Groceries will also be distributed at Hope's storehouse, which will be located at the southwest corner of the Hope parking lot beginning March 12.

2. Small groups participating in 40 Days of Community will be encouraged to register online to serve in Hope's storehouse. Groups will commit to two hours of work to package a rice and soybean mixture containing 21 essential vitamins to feed 972,000 people in Haiti. The meals will be distributed by Kids Against Hunger teams throughout Haiti.

Monetary donations are welcomed -- \$33 provides 216 meals. (That breaks down to approximately \$0.15 per meal -- now that's an extra value meal!) Checks can be made out to Lutheran Church of Hope with memo line reading "Feed 1 Million."

3. Small groups working at Hope's storehouse will also be able to provide a bowl of soup and half sandwich to anyone in need who stops by the storehouse.

Registration for small group work shifts will begin March 5. Look for updated information in weekly bulletins. Thank you in advance for sharing the huge heart of Hope with our city and the people of Haiti!



Mission Riverside

April 14, April 21, May 5, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 30, July 14, July 21 and Aug. 4. Mission Riverside will continue building more cabins and bunk beds at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp in Story City, IA. No special skills are needed. All service days will offer time to serve, connect and grow by working together. Contact Garold & Gretchen Jones at 276-9353.

Hope Ready To Send Missionaries

Hope will send more than 100 short-term missionaries throughout the world during the next several months. Teams will leave in February for Montego Bay, Jamaica; Juarez, Mexico and Ghana, Africa. Upcoming weekend bulletins will include team member names and specific prayer requests for the trips. Please keep these teams in your prayers as they prepare to share Christ's love and serve in God's name. To find out more about additional mission trip opportunities, visit www.hopewdm.org and follow the Missions links.

Worship Ministry

Creative Hope: A Friday Night Fellowship Event

Friday, Feb. 16

7:00 pm in the Worship Center

See how God's Word can be shared using a variety of art forms presented by Hope members and friends such as singing, dance, drama, photography, puppets, and more. A gallery of visual art will be displayed. A free-will offering will serve as a fundraiser for Hope's high school mission trip to Queens, New York. For more information, please contact [Wendi Henning@EYFHope@msn.com](mailto:Wendi.Henning@EYFHope@msn.com).

Valentine's Dance

Saturday, Feb. 17

8:00-10:00 pm in the Worship Center

Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of dancing and music by the 5th Sunday Band and Omega Horns. Appetizers will be served. A free-will offering will serve as a fundraiser for future Express Your Faith and Friday Night Fellowship Events.

Student Ministry

Have a question about Student Ministries? Contact Chrissy Oelberg at 222-1520, ext. 148 or chrissy.oelberg@hopewdm.org.

PowerLife

PowerLife (Grades 7 & 8)

PowerLife is Hope's confirmation program for junior high school students. Seventh grade meets from 6:00-7:30 pm and eighth grade meets from 7:30-9:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Worship Center.



Ignition (Grades 9-12)

Ignition is Hope's Sunday night worship service for high school students. The evening begins at 5:00 pm

with a worship service in the Chapel, featuring music and messages designed specifically for high school students. Small groups meet from 6:00-6:30 pm, and dinner is served after small groups. The evening wraps up by 7:00 pm. Contact chrissy.oelberg@hopewdm.org if you'd like to get signed up for a small group.

February Fun for Grades 7-12

Arcade Lock-In

Friday, Feb. 2, starting at 10:00 pm and ending at 6:00 am Saturday at the Pizza Palace and Family Fun Center located at 4th and Grand in West Des Moines.

Bring a friend! Cost is \$25 at the door. You'll have unlimited access to laser tag, mini golf, arcade games, trampoline basketball, and much more. Contact chrissy.oelberg@hopewdm.org with any questions.

3rd Annual Superbowl/Dodgeball Tournament

Sunday, Feb. 4 from 5:00-9:00 pm. We'll have the game on the big screen and dodgeball in the Gym. Sign up for teams when you arrive!



Purity Conference

March 2-3

This weekend event is designed specifically for young women in grades 7-12. The conference consists of worship, special guest speakers, breakouts, skits, food, teen resources, media, a concert with Vicki Beeching, and a fashion show. Registration forms are available at the Sign-Up Centers or online at www.hopewdm.org. Click on "Matters of the Heart." Cost is \$50. Scholarships are available. Registration deadline is Feb. 15. Questions? Contact chrissy.oelberg@hopewdm.org.



Adult Ministries

Have a question about Adult Ministries? Contact Barb Crist, Adult Ministry Director, at 222-1520, ext. 125 or barb.crist@hopewdm.org.

The Power of the Fasted Life

Saturday, Feb. 10, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Rm 101

Do you want to experience a deeper, more energized prayer life? Do you want to experience more of God's power in your life? This seminar will explore the biblical principles and promises around fasting. Learn how God uses fasting to move us into a deeper partnership with his power and purposes in our lives. The cost of this one-day seminar is \$10. A light breakfast and lunch are provided. Childcare is not available.

Fitness Seminar: Body Built by God

Saturday, Feb. 17, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Gym

Join a variety of Christian medical professionals and spiritual leaders who will present valuable information about healthy living for our "Body Built by God." Presentations will include the importance of exercise and proper nutrition, demonstrations of home exercises and activities, and the spiritual component of healthy living. Personal fitness assessments for each participant will be provided by physical therapists, sports trainers, registered nurses, and nutritionists. Educational booths will include physician Q&A opportunities, nutrition, general health and fitness, and spiritual resources. The cost of the seminar is \$15 and includes a t-shirt, healthy snack and take-home materials. Please register by Feb. 4 so t-shirts can be ordered. Space is limited. Childcare is not available.

Stewards of Children --

Adults Resolving Child Sexual Abuse in Community

Saturday, Feb. 24, 9:00 - Noon, Rm 101

Stewards of Children is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivates them to courageous action. This class is for every adult who interacts with children. The fee for the class is \$10 to cover the cost of materials. Contact Cathy Aagaard at cathy.aagaard@hopewdm.org or 222-1520, ext. 115 for more information.



Experience Women of Faith with Women of Hope

April 20-21, Wells Fargo Arena

Visit www.hopewdm.org/adult_ministries and follow the Women's Ministry link for ticket information.

Welcome, Melissa!

The Adult Ministry team is please to welcome Melissa Johnson-Matthews as Hope's new Connections Coordinator. She brings a passion for connecting people to God and each other. When she's not connecting people, she can be found spending time with her husband Mitch and their sons Ben and Alex, painting or gardening.



For more information or to register for any class or event, visit www.hopewdm.org/adult_ministries, stop by a Sign-Up Center or contact the church office at 222-1520 or registrations@hopewdm.org.



Thursdays 8:30 pm

Want to know what's happening this week? Miss a talk? Want to help out? Check us out at beimmersed.com or beimmersed.blogspot.com.

**Immersion Contacts
222-1520**

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Christine Meggison, Immersion
Discipleship Coordinator, ext. 323 or
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Immersion

Immersion is a late-night ministry that seeks to reach out to young adults with the love of Christ in a culturally relevant way. Expect edgy music, yet a quiet meditation on the character of God. Expect a different way of communicating the love of God through Jesus Christ, yet a Spirit-filled reverence for who he is.

Immersion is more than a midweek worship service; it is a ministry that desires to let God change people's lives through Jesus Christ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

**Underground/XclaMATE
Valentine's Dinner**

Friday, February 16 at 6:15 pm
Embassy Suites in Des Moines

XclaMATE (Immersion's women's ministry) will enjoy a Valentine's dinner hosted by The Underground (Immersion's men's ministry). All women in their 20s and 30s are invited. To register, contact Justin Wise at 222-1520, ext. 111.

Spring Blitz

Thursdays, March 1 – April 5
Dinner starts at 6:15 in Rm 101

The Immersion Blitz series continues with a look at 40 Days of Community. We'll examine what it means to be in community with one another as the people of Immersion. The evening starts with dinner, followed by a teaching and small groups. We'll be done in time for Immersion – so come get Blitzed!

Kingdom Expansion & NorthBranch News

What is Kingdom Expansion Ministry?

But Jesus said, 'I must go preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.'

Luke 4:43

Though Hope has always been focused on expanding the kingdom, this past year saw not only the emergence of a pastoral position specifically resourcing kingdom expansion but also the birth of Hope's first satellite, Lutheran Church of Hope NorthBranch, in the northern suburb of Ankeny.

What is the role of Kingdom Expansion Ministry?

- **To pray** for God's vision for Hope outside of its own walls
- **To research** kingdom expansion possibilities, including potential satellite congregations, house churches, and partnerships
- **To equip** missionary leaders **to develop, launch and sustain satellites** and other projects
- **To partner** with seminaries, the emerging Hope Servant Leader Development Center and other institutions or individuals that can further the Kingdom Expansion vision
- **To help develop future leaders** for the wider Church, including oversight of Hope's internship program

How can I be involved in Kingdom Expansion?

- Consider being a part of the **Kingdom Expansion Dream Team** for prayer, research and visioning. This team will be selected and led by Pastor Mike Housholder and Pastor Molly Juntunen and will begin meeting soon. If you're interested in being a part of this team, please contact Pastor Molly. Participation in a future satellite is not required!
- Consider being a part of a **Future Launch Team**, beginning a satellite congregation or ministry in your area. Attend "interest meetings" when they arise.

- **Do informal research.** Know of an area where people would connect to a Hope satellite or ministry if it existed? Let us know!
- **Pray** for Kingdom Expansion Ministries and satellites

NorthBranch News

NorthBranch continues to impact Ankeny for the Kingdom of God! Worship attendance is rising, as is a heart for service and for growing deeper. More than 130 people are now worshipping at NorthBranch each week! This winter's Alpha session will see 50 more guests asking the big questions of life and faith, Pastor Scott Rains teaches a book study Thursdays at a local coffee shop, and NorthBranch will soon begin the Hope-wide 40 Days of Community Connections Series. Desiring to offer Sunday morning worship, NorthBranch has begun to prepare to move to a different facility beginning in March. Watch for details! Thank you, Hope West Des Moines, for your vision, prayer and support of Hope NorthBranch.



NorthBranch worships at 4:30 pm each Saturday at Resurrection Lutheran Church, located at 914 NW Ash Drive in Ankeny. The weekly message features the previous week's topic from Hope in West Des Moines either via video or with live preaching by Hope's preaching team. Quality childcare is provided for children 0-3.

Have a question about Kingdom Expansion? Contact Pastor Molly Juntunen at molly.juntunen@hopewdm.org or 222-1520, ext. 162. Want to know more about NorthBranch? Visit www.hopenorthbranch.org or contact Pastor Scott Rains at 222-1520 or scott.rains@hopewdm.org.

Weekend Worship Schedule

SATURDAYS:

4:30 pm – Contemporary service at NorthBranch Satellite Church,
located at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 914 NW Ash Dr. in Ankeny.

4:30 & 6:00 pm – Contemporary services in the Hope Worship Center.

SUNDAYS:

Contemporary Services: **8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 am & 5:00 pm** in the Worship Center (Extra seating in the Chapel for 9:30 & 11:00 am)

Coffeehouse: **9:30 and 11:00 am** in the Gym (“Unplugged” music with a big-screen message ... and breakfast!)

Traditional Communion Service: **8:15 am** in the Chapel

Ignition Worship for High School Students: **5:00 pm** in the Chapel

Care Ministry

For more information about Care Ministry opportunities, please contact
Lela Griffin at 222-1520, ext. 149 or lela.griffin@hopewdm.org.

Lutheran Church of Hope would like to congratulate the following individuals for completing all three phases of Christ-Life Solution. After completing this 52-week journey, they are commissioned to go among the Lutheran Church of Hope family as well as the world and spread the Good News. Congratulations to Erin Boyd, Chris Coleman, Sherry Connolly, Melanie Gavin, Holly Gerdes, Tim Gibson, Julie Havel, Pam Hildman, Gayle Lindell, Jan Newell, Christopher Peterson, Mark Riley, Cheri Stone, Kristin Taylor, Darren Whitmore, Roxanne Whitmore and Patty Horton.

Funeral Pre-planning/5 Wishes, Thursday, Feb. 8 or April 19, 7:00-8:00 pm, Rm 201

A Five Wishes living will helps make your wishes known regarding how you would like to be cared for in case of a serious illness.

Equally important in planning your end-of-life care is putting your funeral and burial wishes in writing. This class will help you create a personalized, detailed blueprint of your final arrangements, alleviating the emotional and financial strain on loved ones in the future. To register, contact Lela Griffin at 222-1520, ext. 149 or email lela.griffin@hopewdm.org.

Check out Lutheran Church of Hope online – www.hopewdm.org

Solid Rock Resources

Hope's Bookstore

(Temporarily located in the north hallway)

Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 pm and 5:30-6:00 pm

Sundays: 9:15-9:30 am, 10:30-11:00 am,
noon - 12:30 pm, 6:00-6:30 pm

DVDs featuring all four Children's Programs, the Cantata and the Christmas Eve Service will be available in the bookstore in early February. Cost: \$5.

February Worship Themes

Sermons by Pastor Mike Housholder unless otherwise noted.

Please Pass the Salt - Hope Stories

Feb. 3 & 4 - "Who Cares?"

Pastor Pat Quaid and Pastor Richard Webb

Feb. 10-11 - "Outside In"

Feb. 17-18 - "Express Your Faith"

40 Days of Community

Feb. 21 Ash Wednesday - "Repent"

Services at Noon, 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Student Ministry Director Mark Brandt

Feb 24-25 We're Better Together

Staff Pastors: Mike Housholder *Senior Pastor, Richard Webb Worship, Prayer & Immersion, Patrick Quaid Missions & Care, Caroline Boehnke-Becker Adult Ministries, Merv Thompson Leadership Development, Molly Juntunen Kingdom Expansion; Scott Rains NorthBranch*

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