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... And A Good Time Was Had By All!

The rain that soaked Rally Weekend failed to dampen the spirits of more than 4700 people who made their way to Hope to kick off the fall ministry season!



Construction Update

The construction team has been hard at work to improve current "living conditions," while making significant progress on the building expansion project. Extra parking has been added and the Ashworth Road entrance/exit is now open during service times.



Foundation work is complete, and concrete walls are being poured. Additional parking is expected to be completed before the snow flies. To view a live web cam of the site, visit www.hopewdm.org. You'll also find recent architect's drawings and photos of the construction's progress.

Please continue to pray for Building Hope 3D and all those working on the project.

News & Notes From Pastor Mike



Making Room!

Do you remember the first home you lived in as an adult?

For Sally and me, it was an extremely tiny and tight one bedroom apartment in the seminary's married student housing units. The kitchen was nothing more than a wall at one end of the living room, and the living room was barely large enough to accommodate one small couch! When relatives came to visit, finding room for everyone to stand – much less sit – presented a major challenge!

We definitely dreamed about the day when we would have more room. Even so, we really enjoyed our years in that cramped, little apartment and somehow managed to work through the space challenges.

I sense that we are in a similar stage of development as a church family right now.

Space is tight and there isn't much room for all the people who want to visit Hope. Still, these are really enjoyable years for us as a church, and somehow we will manage to work through the space issues.

In about a year or so, Hope will move into a new 2500 seat Worship Center. With great anticipation, we look forward to the Sunday morning when we will have more room for worship, parking, fellowship and children's ministry programming.

Until then, on Sunday mornings, it has become clear to me that it's going to be ... well ... a little tight, and a lot like trying to fit all those friends and family into one small apartment!

Here's why:

When construction started, we lost about 200 seats in the Worship Center and overflow seating areas. We still have some room for worship in the Gym and Chapel, but even those spaces are getting a little tight on Sundays at 9:30 am.

Meanwhile, weekend worship attendance continues to grow – up by an average of 500 people from one year ago! From a human perspective, it seems impossible that Hope could grow during this particular season of construction; but all things are possible with God! For us, it means we sacrifice some comfort and convenience, but what a small price to pay to experience this blessing of growth from God.

Here's what we're doing about it:

- ♦ The Sunday 9:30 am service is now dismissed around 10:30 am, instead of 10:40 am, providing additional time for transition between services. This has made a huge improvement already, particularly in the parking lot.
- ♦ The coffeehouse services in the Gym now include a live video feed of the sermons, rather than a taped DVD from the night before, so those who attend worship in the Gym get the same sermon at the same time as those who sit upstairs.
- ♦ We have worked with Larson & Larson, our general contractor, regarding the parking lot, creating as many stalls as we can for now, clearing more space for you, and opening up a two-lane outlet from the parking lot to Ashworth Road.
- ♦ We asked for and received permission to make Bank of the West (NW corner across the street from Hope) the "pastors and staff parking lot" on Sunday mornings.

- ♦ We are in communication with other organizations regarding the possibility of an additional satellite building in the area for Sunday morning worship. If anything opens up, we will let you know immediately.

- ♦ A new service for high school age youth on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm – Ignition – has already grown to over 200 students in just two weeks!

- ♦ Children's Ministry is working hard to make some adjustments for the large increase in attendance this year – about 1400 children are enrolled from age 3 - grade 6. These adjustments will already be in place by the time you read this newsletter, making more room for all who want to attend.

Here's what you can do to help:

- ♦ Pray for God to continue to lead more people into a life-saving relationship with Jesus Christ through Hope and other churches in the area ... and that Hope will continue to put God's vision for mission above any personal preference on our part for comfort.
- ♦ Please keep a Christ-centered perspective – remain faithful in weekly worship, smile, practice patience and praise God for the blessing of growth. I can't think of a better reason for a traffic jam than people wanting to come and worship God!
- ♦ If you want to find a less crowded service, try worship a little earlier or later – Saturday evenings (4:30 or 6:00 pm), Sunday mornings 8:15 am), or Sunday evenings (5:00 pm) – same sermon, but more elbow room!
- ♦ Or, try the Sunday coffeehouse services in the Gym (9:30 or 11:00 am) which include a hot breakfast, live music and (as of two weeks ago) a live broadcast of the sermon from upstairs.
- ♦ Volunteer for Children's Ministry. Every new volunteer makes it that much easier for the Children's Ministry staff to make room for all of the children who want to attend Kingdom Quest.
- ♦ Sit in the front! There's almost always a seat or two still available there – this is a Lutheran church!
- ♦ At crowded services ... please move to the middle of your row, and leave the aisles open for those who come later.
- ♦ Park in the Bank of the West parking lot with the church staff, and take a nice brisk walk to church!
- ♦ If you live in the Ankeny area, try worship at Hope NorthBranch. For more info, call the church at 222-1520, or visit www.hopenorthbranch.org.

Thank you for faithfully and consistently putting the mission of Christ and the needs of others ahead of your own! I believe God will use this season of "tight spaces" to help prepare us for the new building addition, by growing us deeper as his servants and not allowing us to get too comfortable or start to think this church is all about our convenience. Let's be a church after God's own heart - servants first, not consumers – and enjoy the small, cramped "apartment" we currently reside in. While I have no doubt that we will most certainly appreciate the new space, someday we will also look back on this year of preparation and cramped quarters with great affection!

See you this weekend – bring a Bible and a friend! We'll make room somewhere!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mike Housholder

Children's Ministry

For more information about Hope's programs and events for children, please call 222-1520, ext. 196 or email Pam Haglund, Children's Ministry Director, at pam.haglund@hopewdm.org.

Weekly Opportunities for Kids

Kingdom Quest (KQ) (Hope's Sunday School)

Ages 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.

Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) begins Wednesday, Oct. 4 and

runs from 6:00-7:15 pm for students in grades K- 4. The evening includes time with a small group, as well as a large-group time including music, skits and drama. **Reach Out 56 (RO56)** is offered during the same time for kids in grades 5 & 6. This is an activity-based program that gets students actively involved in learning more about God in practical ways. (Please note that due to space constraints, programming will only be offered for children in grades K - 6.) Dinner is available starting at 4:45 pm in Cafe Hope.



How Do We Get Signed Up? How Can I Help?

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 to the Youth Booth on the lower level to register for classes.

Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade Students

Third graders and their parents are invited to a special event in the Chapel on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:00-10:00 am or Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm. Parents will present their children with a new Bible and then everyone will receive basic biblical information and instruction. This will be a memorable time for families – don't miss it! Register by contacting Children's Ministry at 222-1520, ext. 196.

Fall Festival -- Sunday, Oct. 29 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Join the fun in the Gym. . . crafts, face painting, a storyteller, photo opportunities and more! We ask that costumes not be worn to this event. Registration is not required, just show up! To volunteer, contact Jessica Mennen at 222-1520, ext. 139.

Mentoring Programs for 5th & 6th Grade Students

For Girls: Girls 4 God matches young women with high school gals for fun mentoring relationships. "Meet Your Mentor Night" will be Saturday, Oct. 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Rm 101. Cost is \$2. Mentor forms are due Oct 8; mentee forms are due Oct 15.

For Guys: Face 2 Face pairs students with high school guys. Meet Your Mentor Night is Saturday, Oct. 28 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Rm 101. Cost is \$2. Mentor forms are due Oct. 15; mentee forms are due Oct. 22.

Mentee and mentor forms for both programs are available at www.hopewdm.org/children, at all main entrances next to the "All Church" drop boxes or by contacting Emilie Hoffman at 222-1520, ext. 166.

Christmas Program Auditions

Auditions will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 4:30-5:30 pm and 7:15-8:00 pm and Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 4:30-5:30 pm and 7:15-8:00 pm in the sound

booth (below the Chapel - take the stairs near the elevator). Sign up for a time at the Youth Booth starting Oct. 1.

Registration for New Horizons Preschool 2007/2008

Hope members can register their child for the 2007/2008 school year at New Horizons Preschool on Saturday, Nov. 11 near the main Welcome Center from 9:00-10:00 am. Places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Children need to be three by Sept. 15, 2007 and completely potty trained. For more information, call Jan Hoyt at 222-1394.

Care Ministry

Hope offers many groups for encouragement, support and emotional and spiritual healing. Listed below are a just a few of the options available. For more information, check out the Fall Catalog, available at the Welcome Centers.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Saturdays from 9:00-10:00 am, Rm 212 and Sundays from 5:00-6:00, Rm 212

AA is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem.

Membership is open to anyone who desires to do something about his or her drinking problem.

AI-ANON, Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm, Rm 201A

AI-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics. It is designed to help the families of alcoholics by practicing the 12 steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic.

Alateen, Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm, Rm 201B

Alateen is a fellowship of young AI-ANON members, usually teenagers, whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking.

Narcotics Anonymous, Saturdays from 7:30-8:30 pm, Rm 215

NA is an international fellowship of men and women who are seeking or have found release from drugs. Membership is open to all drug addicts, regardless of the particular drug or combination of drugs used.



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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 in Rm 101. Contact Chrissy Oelberg at 222-1520, ext. 148 or email chrissy.oelberg@hopewdm.org.

... **PowerLife** ...

Ignition (Grades 9-12)

Ignition is Hope's Sunday night worship service for high school students. The evening begins at 5:00 pm in Rm 101 with a worship service featuring music and messages designed specifically for high school students. Small groups meet from 6:00-6:30 pm, and dinner will be 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.



Ignition Calendar and Speaker Topics

Oct. 1: "Lost People Matter to God and So They Matter to Us"
Josh Goodman

Oct. 8: Concert featuring local bands "Stallions vs. Unicorns" and "Beside Nothing"

Oct. 15: "The Call" (Luke 5:1-10)
Mark Brandt

Oct. 22: "The Choice" (Luke 5:11)
Dave Eickelberg

Oct. 29: "The Cost" (Luke 14:26)
Josh Goodman

Nov. 3-4: "Reveal" Fall Retreat -- details to come

Worship Ministry

Friday Night Fellowship Kicks Off New Season

Express Your Faith Ministry sponsors Friday Night Fellowship, a monthly, faith-based creative arts event for all ages. These programs are offered free of charge. (A free-will offering is taken to offset costs.) Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Wendi Henning@EYFHope@msn.com.

October 13 -- Heartland Youth Choir 7:00 pm in the Worship Center

You won't want to miss this evening of praise with the Heartland Youth Choir, directed by Barbara Sletto. Both the Chamber Choir (high school students) and Cantemus Choir (junior high students) will perform sacred, folk and ethnic music.

October 20 -- First Church Potluck Theater & Green Bean Casserole Band

7:00 pm in the Worship Center

Back by popular demand! This evening of fun will also serve as a fundraiser for Freedom for Youth Ministries. This highly energetic troupe will demonstrate through humorous sketches and songs how easy it is to have fun in church!

Make a Joyful Noise!

Musical opportunities abound at Hope. The groups listed below are open to everyone, no audition required. For more information, please contact Music Ministry Director Mike Horstmann at mike.horstmann@hopewdm.org or 222-1520, ext. 116.

Adult Choirs

Higher Ground Men's Choir
Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

PRAISE Adult Choir
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm

Adoration Adult Chapel Choir
Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45 pm

Kids' Choirs

1st - 4th graders
Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

5th & 6th graders
Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm

7th & 8th graders
Sundays, 10:45 am - noon

Instrumental Groups

Hope Orchestra
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Ring of Hope Bell Choir
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Omega Horns
Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm

Missions Ministry

37th Annual Des Moines Area Hunger Hike

**Sunday, October 8
at the State Capitol**
Entertainment starts at 1:00 pm
Walk starts at 1:30 pm

Gather your family or small group to collect money to be donated to local and international service agencies to provide free food or assistance to needy people.

Bring your donations and enjoy an autumn afternoon 10K (6.2 mile) walk along the scenic Des Moines River. Route maps will be provided the day of the hike.

For more information,
please call 279-1106.



Adopt A Family For Christmas

Hope will again partner with Bidwell Riverside to share Christmas with families around the Des Moines area who might not have some of the joys of Christmas without help from others.

The Christmas Sharing Program at Bidwell Riverside serves over 600 families. This year, Hope plans to adopt over 400 families. Hope's partnership with Bidwell Riverside began in 2002 and has been a blessing to those who have taken part as both recipients and providers.

What does it mean to adopt a family? You (or your small group) will provide gifts of toys and clothing, as well as a holiday meal, and deliver these items to the family you selected. Envelopes with family information will be available at all services November 18 & 19.

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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 norma.soethout@hopewdm.org.

BIRTHS

- Aug. 19** – Jaxson Tate Cathcart, son of Brad & Stephanie
- Aug. 20** – Alana Dawn Adrian, daughter of Ken & Dawn
- Aug. 22** – Alexis Kay Metzger, daughter of Brandon & Lindsey
- Aug. 22** – Chloe Lynn Beattie, daughter of Adam & Bradie
- Aug. 24** – Shawn Michael Burrell-Good, son of Mike Good & Shannon Burrell
- Aug. 28** – Kenady Ann Ridout, daughter of Ryan & Melody
- Sept. 1** – Bryson J. Hope, son of Brandon & Heather
- Sept. 3** – Allie Ann Fegenbush, daughter of Scott & Cheri
- Sept. 5** – Greta Kathryn Engelbert, daughter of Brent & Christi
- Sept. 8** – Ethan Keith Kratochvil, son of Keith & Darcy
- Sept. 9** – Faith Anna Leonard, daughter of Justin & Jenny
- Sept. 12** – Kelsie Louise Knapp, daughter of BJ & Carrie
- Sept. 12** – Donovan Dewey Prindle, son of Jason & Brandi

BAPTISMS

- Aug. 6** – MaClain Marie Main, Sydney Jo Bilyeu and Carson Scott Clemmensen
- Sept. 2** – Payton Michelle Drefke
- Sept. 3** – Nathan Allan Nevenhoven and Benjamin William Bratz
- Sept. 9** – Miles Gordon Mudd, Camryn Grace Mager and Michael Ryan Fulton
- Sept. 10** – Kate Alexis Hoover, Adam Timothy Bryte, Kanyon Tane Bryte, Megan Elizabeth Peterson and Kelli Kaye Van Egdom

BAPTISMS, CON'T.

- Sept. 16** – Keegan Drake Holdmeyer, Shay Mahone Holdmeyer and Jack Robert Pettit
- Sept. 17** – Jacob Nelson Forney, Laura Ann Grochala, Lauren Ann Miner, Ava Marie Miner, Alivia Rose Brunner, Luke Palmer Berg and Lauren Nichole Millang
- Sept. 23** – Caleb Charles Ochanpaugh, Malia Daisy Hubbard, Samuel Philip Swanson and Andrew Franklin Swanson
- Sept. 24** – Lola Madison Svec, Brooke Andrea Efnor and Kyan Kristin Sieverding

WEDDINGS

- Sept. 1** – Christy Jones & Lee Hart
- Sept. 3** – Mollie Krause & Joe Jorgensen
- Sept. 9** – Shelly McCulla & Jay Johnson
- Sept. 16** – Cristal Boldt & Brad Venema
- Sept. 22** – Heather Shields & Michael Novotny
- Sept. 23** – Paige Rogers & Steve Nordmeyer
- Sept. 30** – Meredith Pinckney & Brian Scott
- Sept. 30** – Sarah Dornink & Aaron Clutts

DEATHS

- Aug. 2** – Mike Crist
- Aug. 29** – Al Ney
- Sept. 7** – Phyllis Beemer

Adult Ministry

The Fall 2006 Hope Catalog has details on the classes below, as well as many other Bible study, Christian living and spiritual growth opportunities. Childcare is provided for all classes except as noted. For more information or to register, contact the church office at 222-1520 or registrations@hopewdm.org.

Discipleship

The Power of Prayer in Community

Saturday, Oct. 7, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Rm 101

Cost is \$15 and includes breakfast and lunch.

Childcare is not available.

Designed for small groups and their leaders, this seminar will focus on experiencing God's presence through prayer within small group community. Pastor Richard and his team will lead a time of worship, presentations, and hands-on experience.

David: A Man After God's Own Heart - Developing the Character of a Leader

Wednesdays, Sept. 13 - Nov. 29, 7:30-9:00 pm, Rm 214

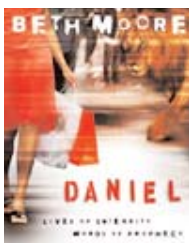
We are all called to grow in our faith and character as God molds us as servant leaders. To learn more about the character of a leader, please join other servant leaders and people of faith as we explore the life of David through a series of weekly classes. Each class will include teaching, time for interaction and activities designed to help strengthen our character for God's service.

Women of Hope

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

Tuesdays, Oct. 3 - Nov. 7, 6:30-8:15 pm, Rm 101

Written by author Beth Moore, this faith-building study of prophecy will teach you how to shine for Christ in our modern culture. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures - to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture and to confront temptations and threats - today's believers face many of the same trials. This video and discussion study will show you how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.



Marriage & Parenting

Teen Parenting Forums

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, Family Room (off the Chapel)

Due to the candid nature of these discussions, these forums are for adults only.

Parents of students in grades 5-12 are invited to three forums featuring knowledgeable and experienced Christian speakers.

Presentations will include in-depth information on each topic and time for Q & A.

October 25: *Teens and the Internet*

November 1: *Teens and Sexuality*

November 8: *Teens and Drugs*

Anderson Joins Adult Ministry Team

Adult Ministry would like to welcome Susan Anderson to the team.



Anderson

As the Discipleship Coordinator, Susan will oversee Alpha and walk alongside churches that are joining Hope for Alpha training. She will also oversee and develop discipleship classes and events. Susan brings a huge volunteer's heart to her new position. Since she became a member in 1998, Susan has taught See Through the Scriptures and has been active in Alpha, the Stephen Ministry and VBS.

Adult Ministry Contacts (222-1520)

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NorthBranch News

NorthBranch Kicks Off Fall Programming



Lutheran Church of Hope NorthBranch, Hope's satellite in Ankeny, began its own fall programming on September 10 with Rally Day "Sundaes on Saturday." Ice cream and toppings flowed as kids began a year of NorthBranch Kingdom Quest and adults prepared to begin Alpha on September 24. Due to God's mission for NorthBranch growing so quickly, the congregation anticipates the hiring of a full-time pastor within the next two months. Please continue to pray for this mission congregation of Lutheran Church of Hope.

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. For more information, contact Mark Brandt at 222-1520, ext. 119 or mark.brandt@hopewdm.org, or visit www.hopenorthbranch.org. For more information about Hope's Kingdom Expansion Ministry, please contact Molly Juntunen at molly.juntunen@hopewdm.org or 222-1520, ext. 162.



Immersion

Immersion is a late-night ministry for people in their 20s and 30s who are seeking God or desire to know him more deeply in their lives. You can 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.

Thursdays 8:30 pm

Miss a talk or want to get involved?
See beimmersed.com

OCTOBER IMMERSION SERMON TITLES

Oct. 5: Matthew 20:20-34
How to Get Ahead
Mitch Matthews

Oct. 12: Matthew 22:1-14
The Mother of All Parties!
Mark Brandt

Oct. 19: Malachi 1:1-29
Thou Shalt Not Mess Up Your Worship!
Christine Meggison

Oct. 26: Malachi 2:10-16
Thou Shalt Not Screw Around with Your Relationships!
Pastor Richard Webb

Immersion Fall Blitz Continues Through Nov. 2
The Immersion Fall Blitz is a Bible study Thursday nights at 6:15 pm in Rm 101. Enjoy dinner while you study the book of Genesis with speakers and co-ed small groups. You are welcome to join at any time!

If you have questions or want to register, contact Justin Wise at justin.wise@hopewdm.org or 222-1520, ext. 319.

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Brandt



Juntunen



Meggison



Webb



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Other News & Notes

Annual Meeting Update

Hope's Church Council conducted the congregation's annual meeting on Sept. 17 with approximately 85 members in attendance. The following people were elected as officers and council members: Steve McCullough (President), Jill Oman (Vice President), Scott Porter (Treasurer), Eric Idehen (At Large), and Craig Schoenfeld (At Large). The fiscal year 2007 church budget was approved, and a resolution was approved authorizing the council to borrow up to an additional \$10,750,000 for the purpose of construction under Building Hope 3D.

Design Team Opportunities

Glorify God at his table! No special skills are required, you just need a desire to serve God. Have fun being creative, enjoy fellowship with others and help decorate for weekly, Christmas and Easter services. For more information, please contact Linda Folden at 223-5301 or hkgirl0705@hotmail.com.

Celebration of Family Walk

Saturday, Oct. 7 at Jordan Creek Town Center Lake.

Registration: 8:00 am; Opening ceremonies: 8:45 am

Bring the whole family for a great fundraiser for Children and Families of Iowa's Family Violence Center. Walk laps around the lake, stopping for fun activities along the way. Win prizes and enjoy hot bagels and coffee. For more information, please contact Mary Wood at 225-6272 or marywood1@aol.com.

Christmas with Wartburg

Hope has access to 60 tickets to *Waiting for the Child*, presented by the Wartburg College Choir, Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines at 8:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets must be paid for in the church office by Friday, Oct. 6 in order to secure your order. For more information or to tentatively reserve your tickets, please contact Mike Horstmann at mike.horstmann@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 Rm 101

A Sampling of Ministries

Adult Bible studies/classes: Dozens of options; pick up a Hope Catalog, go to www.hopewdm.org, or call 222-1520.

Alpha: An introduction to Christianity: the next session of this very popular course will run Jan. 14 - Mar. 18, 2007.

Care: Support groups for depression, grief, divorce, etc. Call Lela Griffin at 222-1520, ext. 149.

Children: Kingdom Quest (KQ) and Kids for Christ (KFC) for children age 3 - grade 6 on Saturdays 4:30 pm, Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 am. Call 222-1520, ext. 196.

Fellowship Volunteer Opportunities: Dozens of opportunities for fellowship and to serve one another. Call Jen King at 222-1520, ext. 203.

Junior High & Senior High: Fun opportunities for students in grades 7-12. Contact Chrissy Oelberg at 222-1520, ext. 148.

Men: Get connected to other men through classes, small groups and special events. Contact Larry Lang at 222-1520, ext. 320.

Music: Praise! Adult Choir at 6:00 pm Wednesdays; Chapel Choir at 7:30 pm Wednesdays; Bell Choir at 6:30 pm Mondays; Hope Orchestra at 6:30 pm Mondays; Higher Ground Men's Chorus at 7:30 pm Tuesdays. Call Erin Cox at 222-1520, ext. 146.

Media: Volunteer to help with the audio and visual side of worship. Call Josh Kaiser at 222-1520, ext. 136.

Missions: Get involved with local partnerships and short-term mission trips. Call Brad Krehlik at 222-1520, ext. 163.

Prayer: Healing prayer services on the fourth Monday every month; plus prayer groups. Call Pastor Richard at 222-1520, ext. 113.

Small groups: A wide variety of groups within the church. Call Barb Crist at 222-1520, ext. 125.

Women: A wide range of classes, small groups and events for women of all interests and ages. Call Jaci Gordon at 222-1520, ext. 312.

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

Hope Cookbooks are available for \$5 while supplies last. Every penny goes to missions.

A DVD of the Easter service at Vets, including the Concert of Praise, is available for \$4.

October Worship Themes

Old Testament Action Heroes!

Sermons by Pastor Mike Housholder unless otherwise noted

Sept. 30/Oct. 1 Dollars & Sense Connection

Oct. 7-8 Joshua

Oct. 14-15 Deborah

Pastor Caroline Boehnke-Becker & Pastor Pat Quaid

Oct. 21-22 Samson

Oct. 28-29 David

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