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Rally Weekend 2006 September 9 & 10

Reconnect and Renew

The kids are back in school, and that means it's time for a host of new classes, groups and events at Hope. Rally Weekend is the official start to the 2006-2007 ministry year. So what's that mean? Kingdom Quest and Kids for Christ kick off for the little ones age 3 - grade 6 (see page 3 for details). Student ministries introduces a new worship service designed specifically for high school students (info on page 4). Adults have nearly 100 classes, groups, mission opportunities and events from which to choose in the coming months.

After Rally Weekend worship services (see page 2 for a description of the 12 services available each week), stick around for hotdogs and burgers, fellowship, games and inflatables. Be sure to stop by the ministry tables to get the whole family registered for fall classes and events. Not sure where to start? Just grab a Hope staff member (look for the name tags!) and start asking questions.

The weekend will end with a New Member Class on Sunday from 5:00-8:00 pm. Come for 5:00 worship, then stick around for dinner and an official introduction to Hope. To register, please call 222-1520.

*Have a couple hours to help out at Rally Weekend?
Contact Gail Smith at 222-1520, ext. 110 or
gail.smith@hopewdm.org.*



Rally Weekend Schedule Sept. 9 & 10

Worship Services: Regular schedule (see page 2)

**Food, Games & Fun:
Saturday, Sept. 9 from 5:30-8:00 pm and
Sunday, Sept. 10 from Noon - 2:30 pm**

New Member Class: Sunday from 5:00-8:00 pm

Construction Update

The construction continues as Hope gears up for a packed schedule of fall programming. In order to accommodate the surge in activity, additional parking spaces will be available by Rally Weekend. In addition, the Ashworth Road entrance/exit will be open by Rally Weekend (during service times only).



As all Iowans know, the heat of summer will soon give way to winter chills. Please continue to pray for the construction project during this critical stage of work to be completed before the snow flies.

News & Notes From Pastor Mike



Dear Hope Family,

Here we go! Rally Weekend, September 9 & 10, is right around the corner, and there's a buzz of excitement already as Hope's super staff and volunteers prepare for a new season of ministries designed just for you!

Throughout this newsletter, you can discover what's available for children, youth and adults who want to get connected in community, grow deeper in faith and stronger in mission! Please take the time to read through and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the church at 222-1520 or email me at pastor.mike@hopewdm.org.

In this column, I'd like to put the spotlight specifically on worship, which stands at the heart of everything we do as a congregation. God wired us all up with a need to worship him, and Hope provides a wide variety of opportunities each week for you to do just that. Here's an overview:

Celebration Services in the Worship Center: *Saturdays at 4:30 or 6:00 pm, and Sundays at 8:15, 9:30 or 11:00 am or 5:00 pm.* The music most weekends is led by our very own beloved music man, Mike Horstmann, and a talented team of volunteers and choirs. These services are uplifting and inspiring, and the messages are all based on the same theme throughout the weekend.

A live simulcast of the Sunday 9:30 and 11:00 am services is available in the Chapel, a good option for easier access in and out of the building on crowded weekends!

Coffeeshouse Services in the Gym: *Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 am.* Worship in a very relaxed setting with "unplugged" music, recorded messages from the Saturday 4:30 pm service, and a hot homemade breakfast.

Traditional Communion Service in the Chapel: *Sunday at 8:15 am.* If you love the classic hymns and liturgy, this service is for you. It's a lively traditional service with weekly communion. Come early if you want to get a seat in the "Organist Appreciation Section" (the first few rows near the organ). Pastor Richard plays most Sundays

and happens to be one of the most accomplished organists in the Lutheran church!

Immersion: A Late Night Postmodern Worship Experience in the Worship Center: *Thursdays at 8:30 pm.* This service rocks, and I mean that quite literally! The music is unapologetically very loud, the lights are mostly off, the candles are mostly lit, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper is offered weekly, and the sermons are targeted at young adults in their 20s and 30s (but of course all are welcome). For more information, visit www.immersion.org.

Lutheran Church of Hope NorthBranch at Resurrection Lutheran in Ankeny: *Saturdays at 4:30 pm.* I really enjoyed worshipping at Hope NorthBranch a few weeks ago. That service is alive and the sincere passion that comes from the 200 plus people who regularly attend NorthBranch is impossible to miss. This service is also targeted for younger generations of adults, but open to anyone. Visit www.northbranch.org for all the details.

NEW! Ignition: Worship for High School Students: *Sundays at 5:00 pm.* Hope's high school student ministry, called Ignition, will be re-introduced starting Sunday, September 10 as Hope's newest worship service. The music and the messages will be aimed at high school students, but anyone can attend! Check out www.hopewdm.org/student for more information.

Each service has its own "feel," yet all are richly blessed with the presence of God's Spirit! Feel free to try as many different services as you like, and find the one where you fit best, not so much as a "consumer" of worship (a sign of immature faith), but as one who comes into God's house to serve (a sign of growing, mature faith), lifting your praises and experiencing the grace and power of the One who created, saves and sustains us all!

See you at worship!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mike Housholder

Update Your Membership Information

If you have an email address, you can access Hope's information database. Go to www.hopewdm.org/ministries and click on the "Update Your Information" link. After you register, you'll receive a password that will allow you to see all the information Hope has regarding you and your family. If the information is incorrect, please put in a request for change.

Wish you had the phone number of someone you met in a class or during a service project? You can access listed home phone numbers and email addresses of anyone in your group. (If you do not wish to have your information made public, simply click on the My Personal Preferences link and indicate your wishes.)

Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting Dates Set

Lutheran Church of Hope's Church Council has scheduled budget hearings for the following dates and times: Thursday, Aug. 31 at 7:00 pm; Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:00 pm; and Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1:00 pm.

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 17 following the 11:00 am service. The following items will be on the agenda: approval of the 2007 budget, approval of the Building Hope 3D building finance package, and election of Council positions.

What's Happening at Hope?

See the new Fall 2006 Hope Catalog for a list of classes, events and activities for all ages.

Children's Ministry

Weekend and Wednesday Night Program Information

Kingdom Quest (KQ), Hope's weekend program for kids ages 3 - grade 4, starts a new year during Rally Weekend, Sept. 9 & 10. The program is offered during the 4:30 pm Saturday service, as well as the 9:30 & 11:00 am Sunday services. The hour offers spirited songs, dramas that teach the lesson, and Bible-based small-group activities or crafts that reinforce the lesson.

Kids for Christ (KFC) is offered during the same times as KQ for students in grades 5 & 6 and includes a fun, upbeat worship time, and time in small groups for the kids get to know each other better and grow in their faith.

Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) begins Wednesday, Oct. 4 and runs from 6:00-7:15 pm for students in kindergarten through grade 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 kindergarten - grade 6.)

Volunteer Training Dates Set

Dozens of volunteers are needed to have fun with the kids this fall. Trainings will be held for KQ on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8:30 pm, or Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9:00-11:00 am. Volunteers for WOW and RO56 will meet Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Fall Children's Ministry Registration

Registration for Children's Ministry programs is just a few clicks away! Descriptions for all programming for children ages 3 years through grade 6, as well as volunteer information, are on Hope's website (www.hopewdm.org). Child and volunteer registration forms are available online to print at home. Complete the appropriate papers, then mail or drop off the forms at the Sign-Up Centers located near the main entrances to the church. If you don't have web access, just stop the Sign-Up Centers for a packet.

Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade Students

Third graders and their parents are invited to a special event 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 starting Sept. 18 by contacting Children's Ministry at 222-1520, ext. 196.

Summer KQ Artwork on Display

Be sure to check out the works of art created by Summer KQ kids showing the "Seven Days of Creation," located in the hallway at the top of the Gym stairs, through Sept. 10.

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

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

- June 28** – Tyler Patrick Mollman, son of Patrick & Lori
- July 13** – Gabriel William Worthington, son of Brian & Victoria
- July 14** – Payton Michelle Drefke, daughter of Scott & Amy
- July 16** – Kieren David Chugg, son of John Chugg & Jessica Odegaard
- July 17** – Tyndal David Hervey, son of Ryan & Angie
- July 17** – Ty Dirk Sanders, son of Jason & Tammy Sanders
- July 18** – Ava Lynn Fredericks, daughter of Marty & Ann
- July 18** – Haley Ann Sammler, daughter of Nate & Kim
- July 19** – Ben William Goeders, son of Marc & Heather
- July 21** – Nolan Thomas Pick, son of Marc & Jodie
- July 22** – Timothy Warren Merritt, son of Paul & Jenn
- July 24** – Natalia Josephine Fortune, daughter of Ford & Debra
- July 25** – Bradley Edward Brodrick, son of Jimmy Brodrick & Teresa Palmer
- Aug. 1** – Ashley Suzanne Green, daughter of Craig & Angela
- Aug. 4** – Siena Mary Kriegel, daughter of Kraig & Christine
- Aug. 6** – Trevor Wayne Knupp, son of Spencer & Stephanie
- Aug. 8** – Courtney Celeste Ahlrichs, daughter of Mike & Olivia
- Aug. 10** – Laura Sophie Beck, daughter of Darwin & Leslie Beck
- Aug. 12** – Cameron Patrick White, son of Matt & Kim
- Aug. 13** – Grady Matthew Fowles, son of Matthew & Amanda
- Aug. 13** – Lauren Marie Schultz, daughter of Dave & Devi
- Aug. 16** – Lexi Lorraine Gabrielson, daughter of Mike & Kris
- Aug. 16** – Emily Anne Lowe, daughter of Mike & Suzy

BAPTISMS

- Aug. 6** – MaClain Marie Main, Sydney Jo Bilyeu and Carson Scott Clemmensen
- Aug. 12** – Mia Marie Burns, Mitchell Wilson Brasier and Jenna Lauren Roberts

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- Aug. 13** – Alexander Lee Jamtgaard, Ryder Thomas Stadlander, Kamryn Jayde Vogt, Grace Lydia Ohrtman and Julie Ann Ohrtman
- Aug. 19** – Gwyneth Brooke Bailey, Gabriel Ross Cahail and Samuel Jacob Frederes
- Aug. 20** – Kylie Marie Knief, Talan Michael White, Malia Laini Fischer, Roman Ellis Boley, Jase Jeffrey Stanbrough, Khloe Avalon Grasmick, Lillian Barbara Grasmick and Deborah Jean Schmutlach
- Aug. 26** – Destry Odell Riley, Bret Destry Riley, Chase Evan Riley, Raymond Alexander Riley, Cael Christopher Riley and Ethan Christopher Rehmer
- Aug. 27** – Lauren Elizabeth Hansen, Hanna Rose Bohnenkamp, John Patrick Bohnenkamp, Addison Kay Linder and Nolan Thomas Pick

WEDDINGS

- Aug. 5** – Jennifer Howell & Joey Braafhart
- Aug. 12** – Tracy Williams & Kyle Dirks
- Aug. 18** – Kerry Finnegan & Justin Wise
- Aug. 19** – Laurie Barr & David Cronin
- Aug. 19** – Alison Sapp & Dan Swaim
- Aug. 26** – Heather Gustafson & Travis Tweed
- Aug. 26** – Barb Matson & Don Wadling

DEATHS

- July 9** – Cliff Makohoniuk
- July 30** – Bryan Ruan
- Aug. 2** – Kenzie Bierbaum

Student Ministry

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Chrissy Oelberg, Student Ministry Administrative Assistant, ext. 148, chrissy.oelberg@hopewdm.org



Brandt



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Goodman



Noble



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PowerLife (Grades 7 & 8)

PowerLife is Hope's weekly program for junior high school students. This fall, seventh grade will meet from 6:00-7:30 pm and eighth grade will meet from 7:30-9:00 pm. Registration forms are in the Fall Catalog or you can download them from the Hope website.

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PowerLife Calendar

Sept. 13: Parent / Student Orientation Meeting in the Worship Center

6:00-7:15 pm: Seventh grade students and parents

7:30-8:45 pm: Eighth grade students and parents

Sept. 20: Get to Know You Night

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1: Seventh Grade Retreat at Riverside Bible Camp in Story City. Meet in the Hope parking lot Friday night at 5:50 pm and return by 1:00 pm on Sunday. More details to come!

Ignition (Grades 9-12)

Ignition, Hope's Sunday night program for high school students, kicks off Sunday, Sept. 10. The evening will kick off at 5:00 pm with a worship service featuring music and messages designed specifically for high school students. Small groups will meet after worship, and dinner will be served. The evening will wrap up by 7:00 pm.



The first Ignition sermon series, "Church Exposed," will run Sept. 10 - Oct. 1. The evening of Oct. 8 will feature a concert with local bands "Stallions vs. Unicorns" and "Beside Nothing."

Registration forms are in the Fall catalog, or you can download them at www.hopewdm.org.

Worship Ministry

Instrumentalists Needed for Worship Bands

The worship ministry has several openings for instrumentalists interested in joining one of Hope's worship bands. Participants play on a rotating basis for the weekend services and also attend a weekly rehearsal.

Electric guitarists, bass and keyboard players are encouraged to contact Michael Novotny at michael.novotny@hopewdm.org or 222-1520, ext. 202.

Choirs To Start Rehearsals

Hope's kids' and adults' choirs are ready to kick off a new year! There are choirs for everyone in first grade and older, so no matter what your age, range or favorite style of music, there's a place for you.

Children's choirs for kids in grade 1-8 start rehearsals in mid-September. Register online at www.hopewdm.org, or at the Sign-Up Centers.

For information about any of the adult choirs, pick up a Fall Catalog, or contact Mike Horstmann at 222-1520, ext. 116 or mike.horstmann@hopewdm.org

Orchestra Tunes Up for Fall

Hope's orchestra is made up of adult and high school musicians, and plays for the traditional service monthly, as well as special events during seasonal worship.

Instruments in the group include strings, woodwinds, brass and piano. The orchestra practices on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

For more information, please contact Bobbi Garringer at 222-7216.

Missions Ministry

Mission Ghana and Mission Navajo to Serve This Month

Hope is sending 29 missionaries to Ghana and New Mexico. Please come to services on September 2 & 3 to participate in a sending prayer and commissioning.

Mission Ghana (Sept. 6-16): Elizabeth Bierma, Hans Bunn, Denise England, Steve & Cindy Florer, April Gordon, Matt & Tricia Jones, Jim Knoblach, Jeff Nieting, Kaaren Olesen, Pastor Pat Quaid and Jeana Wescott.

Mission Navajo (Sept. 15-23): John & Joyce Feddersen, Dick & Jean Gates, Wayne Haines, Lynn & Sue Jesse, Bill & Lona Love, Carol Lucier, Ed & Deanne McCollom, Mark & Char Riley and Kent Risbeck.

Serve Homeless Families at Hope

Did you know that for one week, four times a year, Hope welcomes local homeless families as guests in our Father's house? The Interfaith Hospitality Network (www.nihn.org) organizes local congregations to provide shelter and meals to homeless families.

You can help by preparing meals, talking with guests, playing with children, helping with homework, setting up accommodations, staying overnight, organizing volunteer activities or donating items. Through all of these activities, you will participate in a mission to help homeless families achieve independence.

Volunteers are needed October 22-29. For more information contact Michelle Walke at 225-8265 or mwalkedesign@msn.com.

Missions Ministry Contacts 222-1520

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Upcoming Mission Trips and Informational Meetings

<u>Mission Name</u>	<u>Mission Trip Date</u>	<u>Meeting Date & Time</u>
Mission Ghana	Feb. 28 - Mar. 10, 2007	Sept. 17, 12:30-2:30 pm
Mission Mexico City (College Students)	Mar. 17-24, 2007	Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm or Sept. 24 at 12:30 pm
Mission Jamaica	Feb. 10-17, 2007 (adults only) or Mar. 17-24, 2007 (family trip)	Oct. 1, 12:30-2:30 pm
Mission Juarez	Feb. 10-17, 2007 or Feb. 17-24, 2007	Oct. 29, 12:30-2:30 pm

All meetings will take place in Rm 212. See the new Fall Catalog, available at the Welcome Centers, or www.hopewdm.org for more information. Or contact Missions Director Brad Krehlik at 222-1520, ext. 163 or email brad.krehlik@hopewdm.org.

Care Ministry

The Fall Catalog is now available at all the Welcome Centers. Be sure to pick one up for details on the classes and support groups that are offered. Opportunities include Christ-Life Solution, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), AI-ANON, Alateen, H.E.L.P Depression Support Group, Divorce Care, Divorce Care 4 Kids, Eating Disorder, Five Wishes -- Funeral Pre-planning, Grief Share, Hope@Work, Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Open Hearts (for family members and friends of people dealing with same-sex attraction issues), SET PHREE: Survivors of Sexual Abuse/Violence (for Women), Hope Stampers, Church Mouse (a ministry that keeps college students connected to Hope during the school year), Hospital Visitation Training and Stephen Ministers Training.

For more information on Christ-Life Solution classes, contact Lisa Davidson at 222-1520, ext. 324 or email lisa.davidson@hopewdm.org. For more information on other groups or classes, contact Lela Griffin at 222-1520, ext. 149 or email lila.griffin@hopewdm.org.



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Adult Ministry

The Leadership Summit 2006 Recap

Almost 300 servant leaders representing 35 churches from Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio experienced The Leadership Summit 2006 at Hope, August 10-12. Of those in attendance, 160 call Hope their church home.

The Leadership Summit 2006 - live via satellite from the Willow Creek Association in Chicago - transformed, renewed and refocused the lives and ministries of over 60,000 attendees across the US, Canada and Russia. A combination of powerful teachings, worship and fine arts blessed this God-inspired event.

"This was the best leadership conference I've ever attended," said one attendee. "Great speakers and inspiration! I love being with other leaders who 'get' kingdom mindedness," said another.

The Leadership Summit is broadcast annually to over 120 sites. This is the first year Hope has been honored as a host site.

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 Alpha Course

Sundays, Sept. 17 – Nov. 19, 5:30-8:00 pm (includes dinner)

Holy Spirit Retreat: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 & 28

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith today. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity with many opportunities for critical and constructive discussion.

Introduction to Small Group Leadership

Thursday, September 5, 6:00-8:00 pm

Learn foundational concepts for small group leadership, including the purpose of groups, servant leadership, resources and group dynamics. Whether you've been leading a group for two months or ten years, this class will give you tools to understand the true role of a small group leader.

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.

Men of Hope

The QUEST for Authentic Manhood

Tuesdays, Sept. 12 – Dec. 5, 6:00-8:00 am (Childcare not available)

"QUEST" is the foundational teaching of "authentic manhood." This 24-session study focuses on man's core identity and gives an overview of basic manhood issues. It is designed to help men embrace a bolder and more noble concept of manhood. It will empower a man to build a compelling vision of masculinity that will bless both his life and the lives of those around him.

Women of Hope

Lunch With Jesus -- "Pathway to Purpose Series"

Wednesdays, Sept. 13 – Dec. 6, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

God has uniquely designed you and uses your life experiences to prepare you for your specific calling. Learn how to connect your "to-do" list and your passions with God's purposes for your life.

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

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

Written by author Beth Moore, this faith-building study of prophecy will teach you how to shine for Christ in our modern culture and will show you how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.

Women's Worship and Prayer

Mondays, starts Sept. 18, 10:00-11:15 am

We were created to communicate heart to heart with God. If you desire to experience "being still and knowing God," this opportunity is for you. Personal prayer ministry will be available.

Marriage & Parenting

Running the Rapids –

Guiding Teenagers through the Turbulent Waters of Adolescence

Wednesdays, Sept. 13 – Nov. 1, 6:00-7:15 pm

This class incorporates Dr. Kevin Leman's wise and honest message in a video presentation, with an opportunity for small-group discussion following. Dr. Leman is a well-known Christian psychologist and parent of five.

Making the Most of Marriage

Wednesdays, Sept. 13 - Nov. 1, 7:30-9:00 pm

This class incorporates the wisdom and insight of Dr. Kevin Leman in a eight-week course featuring a video presentation with small-group discussion. Dr. Leman is a well-known Christian psychologist whose candid and humorous style will encourage and challenge you and your spouse. This class is relevant for all marriages as well as for those contemplating marriage.

Staff Updates

The Adult Ministries team would like to thank Victoria Worthington for her service as Hope's Women's and Connections Ministry Coordinator. Victoria recently made the decision to stay at home with her son, Gabriel, whom she and husband Brian welcomed into the world in July. Victoria brought tremendous passion and gifts to her ministries, laying an incredible foundation on which to build.

The AM team is pleased to welcome Jaci Gordon as Hope's new Women's Ministry Coordinator. Since joining Hope in 2004, Jaci has facilitated various classes, including the Sisters In Christ Mentoring program. She was a Christian women's/couples counselor for 16 years in private practice before joining the Hope staff. Jaci and her husband, Sid, live in West Des Moines.

Immersion



Thursdays 8:30 pm

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

SEPTEMBER IMMERSION SERMON TITLES

Aug. 31: Ready, Set, Wait - Timing

Sept. 7: Matthew 5:1-16
The Blessed Motley Crew

Sept. 14: Matthew 6:19-34
Weird Financial Advice

Sept. 21: Matthew 8:18-34
Dealing with your Demons

Sept. 28: Matthew 10
Doing the Job Right

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.

Immersion Fall Blitz Starts Sept. 14

The Immersion Fall Blitz is a Bible study Thursday nights at 6:15 pm in Rm 101, running Sept. 14 - Nov. 2. Enjoy dinner while you study the book of Genesis with speakers and co-ed small groups. 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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Christine Meggison, Immersion Associate Director of Discipleship, ext. 323 or christine.meggison@hopewdm.org

Justin Wise, Immersion Men's Ministry, ext. 319 or justin.wise@hopewdm.org



Brandt



Juntunen



Meggison



Webb



Wise

Immersion Ministry Kick-Off For Men and Women

Sept. 7 at 7:00 pm

Men meet in Rm 101 and women meet in Rm 214.

NorthBranch News

Alpha at NorthBranch

This fall, Lutheran Church of Hope NorthBranch will partner with Resurrection Lutheran (the congregation whose building we share) to offer Alpha, the wildly popular course that thousands at Hope West Des Moines have already experienced. Alpha begins at Hope's Ankeny location on Sunday, Sept. 24 and continues through Nov. 19. Those experiencing Alpha in Ankeny will enjoy a mix of teaching via video from West Des Moines and live at NorthBranch. The two groups will come together for the Holy Spirit Retreat on October 27-28. Check out www.hopenorthbranch.org for more information, or contact Kathy Shortley at 641-752-1399 or mom4as@msn.com.

Leadership Transitions

Though Hope is "one church, two locations," NorthBranch is, in many ways, a vibrant community itself and is already ready for a big step. With Pastor Molly Juntunen's ordination and official call to Hope as Kingdom Expansion Pastor, transitions in leadership of Lutheran Church of Hope NorthBranch will occur. In order to develop Molly's broader position as developer of new satellites and to provide focused leadership and support of NorthBranch, the Lutheran Church of Hope Council has authorized the formation of a call committee to begin seeking a full-time pastor for the NorthBranch location. Watch for updates on this exciting new phase of NorthBranch's growth.



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.

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: next session of this very popular course runs Sept. 17 - Nov. 19.

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.

September Worship Themes

What the Bible Really Says About. . .

Sermons by Pastor Mike Housholder unless otherwise noted

Sept. 3-4 The Faith & Work Connection
(Labor Day Weekend) *Pastor Molly Juntunen & Intern Justin Wise*

Sept. 9-10 Making Time for Life
(Rally Weekend)

Sept. 16-17 Body by God

Sept. 23-24 Sex, Love & Marriage

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