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**Branching
Out**

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Branching Out

by Melissa Schaser, Lead Pastor



Hope Church, As we enter this new season together, I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of joining you in the work God is already doing among us. Every conversation, worship service, and prayer has reminded me that God has been faithfully shepherding this church for generations. It is a joy to begin discovering how we will grow together in the years ahead.

As part of our five-year vision arc, this ministry year will center on the theme Branching Out. Together we will explore how following Jesus enables us to extend the gospel into our neighborhoods, our community, and the world. Healthy branches remain deeply connected to the life of the tree, grow outward to bear fruit, and intertwine with one another to create strength and shelter. That image beautifully captures the kind of church we long to become—a community rooted in Christ and continually growing deeper, wider, and closer.

September will begin with a four-week vision series that lays the foundation for the year. We will first explore what it means to be a Crossover Community—a people willing to cross boundaries in order to follow God's leading and invite others into his story. We will then spend a week on each of the three movements that shape our mission: going deeper with Jesus, going wider in the kingdom, and going closer in community. Together, these messages will provide a shared vision for where God is leading us.

Beginning in October, our fall sermon series, The Branches Before, will take us through the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1. What first appears to be a simple list of names becomes a testimony to God's faithfulness across generations. Week by week, we will encounter the men and women whose stories—marked by faith and failure, courage and uncertainty, hope and redemption—became part of God's saving work through Jesus Christ. Their lives remind us that God delights in working through ordinary, imperfect people to accomplish his extraordinary purposes.

As we explore Jesus' family tree, we will also reflect on our own place in God's story. What does it mean to remain deeply connected to Christ, our true source of life? How is he shaping us into disciples whose lives branch out for his kingdom? This series will especially invite us to embrace our mission of going deeper with Jesus, trusting him more fully and allowing his story to reshape our own.

The Branches Before will continue through Advent, culminating with the Holy Family as we celebrate Christ's coming into the world. Then, beginning in January and continuing through Lent, we will explore what it means to branch wider in the kingdom through mission and witness. After Easter and throughout the summer, our focus will shift to branching closer in community, cultivating deeper relationships and a stronger sense of belonging as the body of Christ.

I am excited for all that God has in store for Hope Church this year. Thank you for welcoming me so graciously into this church family. I look forward to worshiping, learning, serving, and growing alongside you as we remain rooted in Christ and become the branches through which his life and love reach our community and world.

With joy in Christ,

Pastor Melissa



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Branching Out from Fashion into Ministry

by Freedom Peters, Assistant Director of Vine + Branches

Fashion has always been more than an interest to me—it has been a passion. From a young age, I dreamed of becoming a fashion designer or owning my own boutique. As I grew older, that passion evolved into a love for sustainability. I found joy in thrifting, upcycling clothing, and imagining how fashion could be both creative and meaningful. Pursuing a degree in fashion merchandising allowed me to explore every aspect of the industry, from design and merchandising to styling, leadership, business ownership, and the balance between luxury and secondhand fashion.

During that time, God began shaping a dream that blended my passions with his purpose. He placed the idea of owning a thrift store on my heart—not simply to sell clothing, but to serve people and create a place that reflects his love. I didn't know when or how that dream would become reality, but I held onto it while continuing to seek opportunities in fashion.

After graduation, my classmates and I began taking different paths. Some moved to New York to work for luxury brands or become stylists, while others stayed closer to home to build careers in retail or launch their own businesses. It was inspiring to watch everyone pursue their passions.

My path, however, led me back home. I returned to a

familiar job and spent months interviewing, hoping to find where I belonged in the fashion industry. With every interview that didn't work out, discouragement grew. I questioned whether I was missing my opportunity.

Then God reminded me that his plans are often different from our own. Through volunteering at Vine + Branches, he reignited the dream he had placed in my heart years before. Soon after, he opened the door to the opportunity I have today. I absolutely love my job. Walking into this role has answered more prayers than I could have imagined, and every day I am reminded of God's faithfulness. How incredibly grateful I am. Thank You, Lord.

I realized that although I still love designing and styling, his calling for my life was something greater than the career I had imagined. He wasn't asking me to give up my passion—He was asking me to use it to serve others.

Whatever gifts God has given you, don't spend your time comparing your journey to someone else's. Instead, trust his timing, follow his direction, and be willing to take the path he places before you. The purpose he has for your life will always be worth pursuing.

As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." And Isaiah 30:21 promises, "This is the way; walk in it."

Telling the Good News of Hope Shores

by Aiden Penner, Hope Shores Communication & Media Supervisor

Hope Shores has done a lot of branching out recently. We've begun welcoming youth and family campers from several churches within ECO. And this year, a family came from a simple Google search.

This summer—my second at Hope Shores—I have the privilege of serving as the "Media Man," "Camera Guy," "Photographer" or, if you want to get official, "Communications and Media Supervisor."

It's a new role. One that fits my skills and passions as I pursue a university degree in media production. But what I've appreciated the most about it is the opportunity to help Hope Shores branch out.

For basically my entire life, I never thought I'd work in ministry, even for a summer. But an essentially seat-of-my-

pants decision had me working as a counselor and work crew last summer. That's when I learned how and why Hope Shores is special, to which I'm sure many reading this can relate.

I'm a natural storyteller. I often act out of curiosity-fitting for my other major in journalism. This summer has been full of opportunities for me to tell the many stories of Hope Shores.

I get to let the average Instagram user in on some Hope Shores lore through Reels asking staff ridiculous questions like, "What's something from Hope Shores you'd name your first child?"

I educate regular scrollers on Penguins through scenic and action shots of the morning tradition.

I get future youth campers excited for their week-long, Jesus-filled camps with my epic recap videos.

In short, Hope Shores is special, and anyone who knows that—I'm sure—wants to make it known to everyone else. That sounds a lot like the Gospel, actually.

I guess that means I'm using social media, from which we actually free ourselves at camp, to proclaim the good news: Hope Shores is a uniquely safe place to rest from a busy life and let Jesus change everything.

Or, as I recently realized, Hope Shores is a special place where kids get to be kids.

Sorry, Chuck E. Cheese.



(Left) Aiden Penner holds a camera on the shores of Rice Lake.

(Opposite) Doug Dye and Bill Gudim converse during Crossover Fellowship.

Live as a Sent One of the Lord

by Doug Dye, Covenant Partner

What does our theme of Branching Out mean to me? More than that, what does Branching Out mean to you and to us as the body of Christ at Hope?

You've likely heard the term "missional" used here at Hope. It's a word that captures the heart of branching out. It describes the Biblical call to live a life of mission and service. To be missional is to live as a sent one of the Lord. That is, missional living is to live with a lively awareness and a vibrant commitment to being sent by Jesus to share his love and gospel.

In John's Gospel, Jesus told his disciples when they first met after his resurrection: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you" (John 20:21). Jesus speaks these words to all his disciples—including us. He sends us into his creation. Jesus looks us in the eye and he says, I am sending you, Doug, and you... (fill in your name), I am sending you: Hope Church.

Branching out, living missionally, being sent by Jesus; they all mean the same thing. Jesus invites us, calls us, indeed, expects us to live as his sent ones sharing his love and good news.

So, how am I branching out and living missionally? One way is by serving with Frontier Fellowship—a mission group that

Hope supports. Its mission is to reach people groups without access to the gospel. I have had the extraordinary privilege of meeting with Muslim and Hindu background followers of Jesus in many places across the globe. Jesus has sent me, via Frontier Fellowship, to encourage brothers and sisters in Jesus as they live in places hostile to Christian faith. Equally important, in our Apple Valley neighborhood I try to manifest the fruit of the Spirit with the post-Christian skeptics, Muslims, and Hindus living next door to us (I suspect your neighborhood is similar to ours).

Hope Church is branching out in all sorts of ways—programmatically through things like Vine and Branches, Next Gen activities, and so much more! We could construct an amazing list of branching out ministries. I am excited about the days ahead as we respond to Jesus sending us out. Such a fantastic call—time for branching out!

Missional living is to live with a lively awareness and a vibrant commitment to being sent by Jesus to share his love and gospel.



Passing the Baton to Scott Lindquist

by Kathy Shafer, Deacon Moderator



Deacons are appointed to a 3 year term at Hope.

This means that, each year in August, we say a big thank you to several deacons who are finishing their term of service and a big welcome to several that will begin their term in September. I'm finishing my term as deacon and Moderator and would like to introduce our new Deacon Moderator, Scott Lindquist.

1. How/what age did you first make a decision to follow Jesus?

When I was about 10, my dad took me to a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. My favorite baseball player at the time, Bobby Richardson of the Yankees, talked about his faith journey. Later, when they asked for people to come forward and declare their faith in Jesus, I went up.

2. How long have you been attending Hope/what other ways have you served at Hope?

I grew up at Oliver Presbyterian Church and was there until the end—when Hope reached out inviting us to join with them in 2007. However, even before then, the churches did have some cooperative missions together. One of those was Hope's Time for Tots. I was employed by Metro Transit so I volunteered to be a driver for Time for Tots. This ministry was immensely gratifying for me. After joining with Hope church, I first was invited to serve where I had for 40 years—teaching kids. I taught elementary grade children for about 10 years. Then, mainly due to Covid, I went to help with Vine and Branches as a clerk. I still am a clerk and it is wonderful to have communication with the neighborhood as well as serving hundreds of people in need and being able to extend Jesus' love.

3. What are your other interests/hobbies?

My biggest interest is hiking. Starting during Covid, I made it my dream to hike in all 70 Minnesota state parks. I presently am just 2 short. I am active in a wood whittling club; which I can also do while hiking.

4. How have you grown/or want to grow in serving as a deacon?

I have grown in realizing the importance of prayer in my life. Deacons definitely stress prayer, and we pray for the deacon community and the church. What I have come to realize is that my prayers for others help me also. Those others I mentioned become not others but family, and not just the family of Hope, the family of God.

I have grown in my understanding of how Hope Church works. The pastors and staff are amazing to watch in action behind the scenes. So much work goes into making the services run each week as well as all the other weekly events.

I have grown in talking with the 75+ age attenders I have been given, I've come to appreciate Hope more and more. People talk with so much love and remembrance about how Hope has impacted their lives. I always want to hear more.

I have grown in my admiration for the Deacons as a group. As I am just ending my first year and had not been a deacon in the past, so I needed a lot of help. I am not shy about asking questions and the support I felt was humbling.



[Contribute online](#) to the general offering, the Deacon Fund, and more through Hope's giving portal.

Hope Overflowing Campaign Update Celebrating God's Faithfulness!

by Kevin Dybdal, Stewardship + Hope Fund Committee

At the end of May, our Hope Overflowing Mortgage Reduction campaign officially came to a close. As we look back on this three-year journey, we are filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness and the extraordinary generosity of the Hope Church family.

In 2022, following the completion of our \$9 million construction and renovation project, Hope Church assumed a \$4 million mortgage. Those new and renovated spaces have become a tremendous blessing, creating welcoming places for worship, discipleship, fellowship, children's and youth ministries, and community outreach.

Today, we are delighted to celebrate what God has accomplished.

As of August 19, our mortgage balance has been reduced to just \$388,964—meaning that 90% of the original mortgage has been paid off in only four years!

During the campaign, Hope Church received \$3,371,000 in pledges and gifts. In keeping with our commitment to generosity beyond our own congregation, we also tithed \$337,000 from the campaign to Nueva Esperanza, supporting kingdom ministry beyond our walls. What a wonderful testimony to God's provision and the generous hearts of his people.

To everyone who made a financial commitment, fulfilled a pledge, prayed faithfully, or encouraged this effort along the way—thank you. This milestone reflects the faith, sacrifice, and generosity of our entire church family. We are grateful for every gift and every prayer that helped bring us to this point.

Although the Hope Overflowing Campaign has officially concluded, we are happy to continue receiving contributions toward the remaining mortgage balance. If you have an outstanding pledge or feel led to make an additional gift, every contribution will help us move closer to becoming mortgage free, freeing additional resources for ministry and mission.

Above all, we give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast faithfulness. He has provided abundantly through the generosity of his people, and we are excited for all he will continue to do through Hope Church in the years ahead.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever." —Psalm 136:1

Thank you, Missy!



Missy Cumbe will be concluding her role as Director of Hope Preschool and Kidventure on October 2. We celebrate her years of ministry at Hope Church! Thank you, Missy!



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ALPHA MONDAYS

6:00–8:00 pm | Portland Worship Center
Sep 14–Nov 9

Do you have questions about your faith? Are you looking for community and a place to share openly what you think? Do you need a refresher in your faith? Join us for Alpha! Each night we'll gather for a meal, watch a short film series on a specific Christian topic, and have time to discuss at our tables. Scan the QR code to learn more and register. lauren@hope-pc.org

Register



FORMATION GROUPS

Meeting at various times + locations
Early October–mid November (6 weeks)
Launch Night + Dinner | Oct 7 | 6:00–8:00 pm
Portland Worship Center

Are you wanting to grow closer in community and go deeper in your faith? We'd love for you to join a Formation Group this fall. Groups will be meeting in different locations and on different days. We will have 12–15 groups to choose from. Some will meet at church, in homes, or at coffee shops. Men's, women's, and mixed group options. Sign up online or in person in the Commons in September. lauren@hope-pc.org

SERMON ON THE MOUNT: THE JEWISH TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Sep 16, 23, 30 | 6:30 pm | Portland
Worship Center

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) contains some of Jesus's most famous teachings. The discourse includes the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and many more sayings that are central to Christ's message. Yet, because Jesus's words from the mountaintop are so familiar to many Christians, it can be easy to miss what they meant to their original Jewish listeners. Join Dr. Nick Schaser (Macalester College) for an examination of the Sermon on the Mount, its relationship to the Old Testament, and its continued relevance for us today. Scan the QR code to register. lauren@hope-pc.org



Register



(Bernadette Lopez, <https://www.evangelie-et-peinture.org/>)

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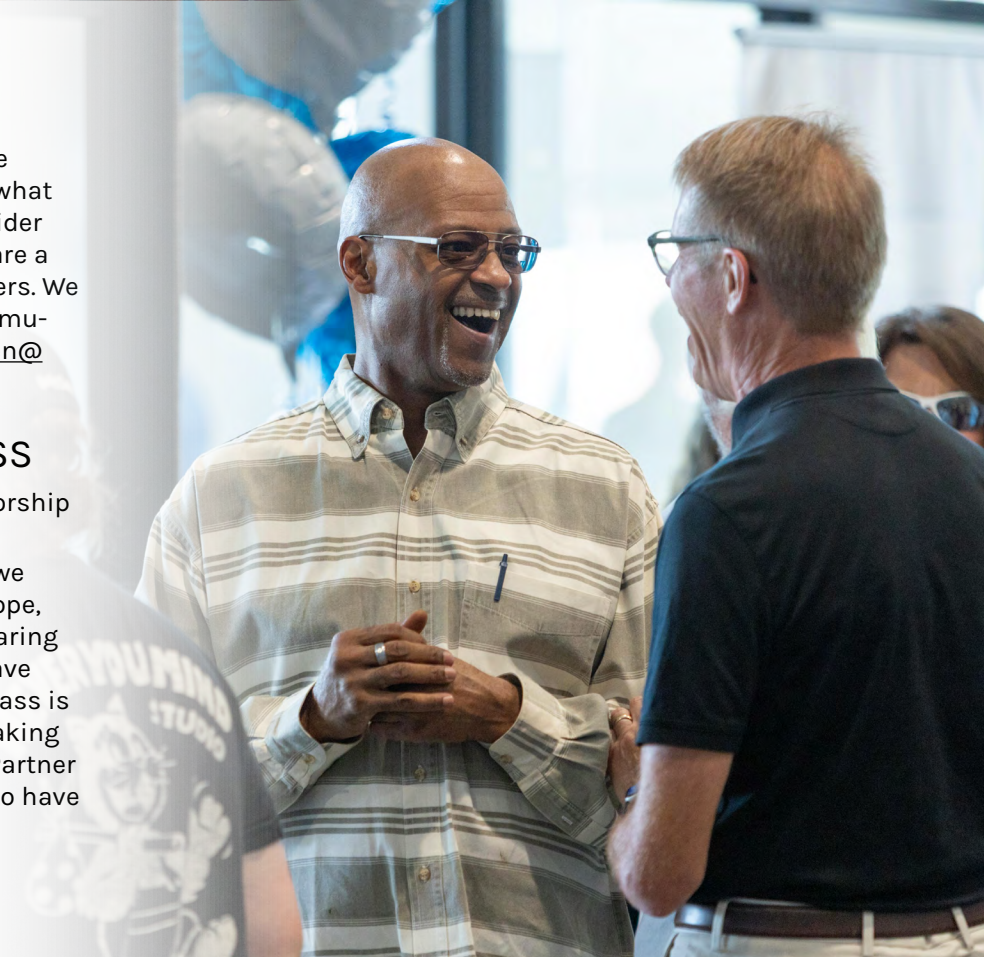
Oct 4 | 12:00 pm | Chapel

Are you new to Hope? Come hear more about Hope Church—who we are and what we're about. We'd love for you to consider making Hope your church home. We are a family that loves Jesus and loves others. We want people to feel connected in community. A light lunch will be served. lauren@hope-pc.org

COVENANT PARTNER CLASS

Oct 14, 21 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Portland Worship Center

Join us for this two-part class where we will take a deep dive into all things Hope, all things ECO and all things YOU—hearing your spiritual journey and how you have come to know and trust Jesus. This class is for anyone who wants to commit to taking the next step to become a Covenant Partner (member) of Hope Church. We'd love to have you! lauren@hope-pc.org



SUNDAYS

Traditional Worship

9:00 am | Sanctuary

Adult Connect

9:00 am | Flex Room | Begins Sep 13

Each week we welcome adults to gather together for fellowship and study. You'll meet new people and grow closer in community! No preparation required as we read through the sermon scripture before 10:30 worship! heidi@hope-pc.org

Crossover Fellowship

10:00 am | Commons

Lao Worship

10:30 am | Community Events Room

Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Portland Worship Center

Oasis

10:30 am | Chapel | Begins Sep 13

An open learning community that enjoys a variety of speakers. lauren@hope-pc.org

WEDNESDAYS

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm | Chapel | Begins Sep 9

Whether you are a seasoned singer or interested in getting involved, sanctuary choir is the place for you! The choir rehearses on Wednesday nights and leads in worship on Sunday mornings at the 9:00 service. hilary@hope-pc.org

GROUPS

Prayer with the Pastors

Mondays | 10:00 am | Portland Worship Center

Join Pastor Melissa and Pastor KC for a time of prayer as we seek God's presence. We'll begin with a brief devotional, followed by personal reflection and prayer. Ask God to lead and strengthen his kingdom work among us as we pray for our church, ministries, mission partners, and community. Whether you're new to prayer or have prayed for years, you're warmly invited to join us.

Caring Card Ministry

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 9:30 am–12:00 pm | Chapel

Grow closer in community while serving our congregation. Create cards for the use of the staff and deacons. Drop in for an hour or stay the whole time. Contact Kris McWilliams at k.mcwill51@gmail.com.

GriefShare

Tuesdays | 1:30–3:30 pm | Chapel | Sep 15–Dec 15

GriefShare is a 13-week ministry involving a video series, group sharing, and a valuable workbook. Understand the common emotions people feel in grief and receive practical tips to find peace as you cherish your loved one's memory. To register, contact Judy Berkness at 651-335-5336.

Becoming God's Family: Why the Church Still Matters Book Study

Thursdays | 10:00–11:30 am | Conference Room | Online option available | Sep 10–Nov 19

Does the church still matter? *Becoming God's Family* speaks to the challenges we face in the global and intergenerational family he has made. God still keeps his promise—when God's people gather, God shows up. Contact Mary Beth Monsma at marybethmonsma@gmail.com.

The Gathering

2nd Thursdays | 11:45 am | 12:00 pm meal | 1:00 pm program | Community Events Room

Enjoy a great meal and an informative and entertaining program. Contact Dan and Kory Everson at 612-866-7606 or danandkory@gmail.com.

Sep 10 | Carlie and Dan will kick off our season with a variety of musical favorites.

Oct 8 | Singer Tara Brueske will favor us with well known standards and sacred pieces.

Nov 5 | D.A.S. Trio, a classical music trio with Hope's Dan Ritchie will perform.

Dec 10 | The Grace Notes are back to present a Christmas program.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

3rd Thursdays | 1:00–3:00 pm | Commons Fireplace

Enjoy prayer, devotions, fellowship, and treats. If you are a knitter or crocheter (or would like to learn), we would love to have you join us. Contact Cheryl Hauer at 612-861-5853.

MEN'S MINISTRY

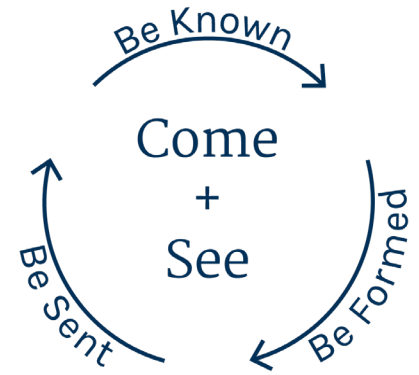
Men's Bible Studies

Saturdays | 8:00 am | Zoom

Mondays | 8:00 pm | Zoom

Both meetings: zoom.us/j/93078610437

Rich fellowship, prayer, and discussion on the Scripture for Sunday worship.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Bible Study: God's Invitations to Trust Him—then + now

Thursdays | 9:30-11:30 am | Chapel | Sep 10-Dec 10

Through Old Testament stories we will explore God's invitations to his people then, and discern his invitations for us today. Please sign up in advance with Susie Prin at suzala45@gmail.com so we can make room for you.

Praise, Prayer, and Pumpkin Spice

November 5 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Worship isn't dependent on life's changing circumstances—it's grounded in God's unchanging character, promises, and faithfulness. Enjoy a time of praise and worship, promise-filled prayers spoken over you, and cozy fall drinks from volunteer baristas. \$5 free-will offering at the door. Pre-registration requested: email maryblazanin@gmail.com to sign up so we can plan accordingly!

Lighting the Way: An Advent Gathering

December 1 | 6:30-8:30 pm

As the Christmas season begins, take an evening to slow down and enjoy what matters most. Join us as we paint beautiful Advent candles, enjoy festive treats and warm conversation, and share a simple Advent reflection. \$5 free-will offering at the door. Pre-registration requested: email dbell5124@gmail.com to sign up so we can plan accordingly!



ABIDE!
ECO WOMEN'S
RETREAT

Abide! ECO Women's Retreat

September 25-27 | Hope Shores | Register by September 21

ECO women are invited to this weekend retreat at Hope Shores. We can't wait to see what God will do as we carve out time to get away with him in the beauty of his creation, as we gather to explore his Word, relax, draw near and worship him together.

Debbie Knutson will be our teaching guide. Debbie is a mom, grandma, retired ECO Pastor, and former business owner. She knows what it is to be busy and understands many various seasons of life. She loves to share the hope, joy, and peace we have in Jesus and continues to serve in our Presbytery, mentoring new Pastors and helping the ECO Ordination team.

Come and Abide! Scan the QR code or visit hope-pc.org to register.

Contact lauren@hope-pc.org.



SUNDAYS

Sunday Funday

9:00–10:00 am | Garden Room | Infants–5th Grade
Kids 5th grade and under are invited to an hour of play and Bible time. julie.lewis@hope-pc.org

Wiggly Worship

10:30–11:30 am | Nursery (0–2 y.o.) + Garden Room (3–5 y.o.)

Little ones will listen to a Bible story, sing songs, make friends, and play. julie.lewis@hope-pc.org

Kids Church

During 10:30 am Service | Mountain Room | K–5th
After the children's message, kids are dismissed to worship and engage with God's story of love in kid-friendly ways. Kids will rejoin their parents at the end of the service. michaela@hope-pc.org

Breakfast Club

9:00–10:00 am | Youth Room | MS + HS Youth
Begins Sep 13

In the weeks leading up to our ECO Youth Fall Retreat, students are invited to join us for a 4-week series on "How to Raise Your Parents." Three guest speakers will join us to share on themes of conflict, forgiveness, love, and prayer within parent-teen relationships. Breakfast Club is designed for our youth community to connect before worship and intentionally study God's word together. Afterwards, we will join the adults for worship and sit together in the PWC. Contact clara@hope-pc.org if your student would like to attend this 4-week series.

High School Connect

6:00–8:00 pm | Youth Room | HS Youth
Begins Sep 13

This fall, high school youth are invited to High School Connect each Sunday in the Youth Room. We will gather to share food, fellowship, and study God's Word, as we explore Hope's Discipleship theme of Branching Out. Contact Clara at 309-533-8107 or clara@hope-pc.org if your high school student would like to participate in High School Connect this fall!

WEDNESDAYS

KWAM

6:30–7:45 pm | Community Events Room | Door 12
K–5th Grade | Begins Sep 16

Kids. Will. Always. Matter. K–5th graders are invited to a weekly gathering where they'll experience God's big story of love through music, games, Bible stories, and small groups. michaela@hope-pc.org

Middle School Connect

6:30–7:45 pm | Youth Room | MS Youth | Begins Sep 16
Middle school youth are invited to engage in Christ-centered community through games, worship, and God's Word! Invite your friends and join us for a fun-filled fall of branching out at Middle School Connect! Middle school families are invited to reach out to Clara at 309-533-8107 or clara@hope-pc.org with any questions.

High School Leaders-in-Training

6:00–7:45 pm | Commons Fireplace | HS Youth
Begins Sep 16

High school youth are invited to grow in their faith through leadership and join the High School Leader-in-Training (LIT) Team! Experience discipleship in your own faith journey as you serve with Middle School Connect or KWAM programs. Clara Pogue will lead and equip you to serve and grow as a leader in the kingdom work at Hope Church. LITs are invited to Volunteer Training on September 9 in the PWC, with programs starting the following week on September 16. clara@hope-pc.org

Listen.

Love.

Learn.

Lead.

Launch.

EVENTS

Hope Shores Fall Work Day

Oct 24 | 9:00 am–3:00 pm | Hope Shores

Make your way up to Hope Shores and help clean up the facilities and do small projects to close the camp for the season. It's a joy to serve with others! Hope Shores is a special place, so help us close the camp for the season. Lunch will be provided. To volunteer, please RSVP to Greta Schutte at greta@hope-pc.org.

KWAM Fall Harvest Party

Oct 28 | 6:30 pm | Door 12

Families with 5th graders and under (yes, preschoolers too!) are invited to this fun night of costumes, games and treats!

KWAM's Got Talent + Dinner

Nov 18 | 6:00 pm Dinner | 6:30 Talent Show

The whole family is invited to this special night where families share a meal together and kids get to show off their talents!



ECO Youth Fall Retreat

Oct 9–11 | Hope Shores

Middle school and high school youth are invited to a formative weekend of growing closer with Jesus, experiencing Christ-centered community and exploring what it looks like to live out our faith! clara@hope-pc.org

SERVE

Community Emergency Service | 1900 11th Ave S

Pack grocery bags for outdoor food lockers, sort food rescue, help with food shelf setup.

Thursdays | Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 | 9:30–11:30 am

Contact peggy@hope-pc.org

Good Neighbor Team — Refugee support + friendship

Offer practical support and friendship to a refugee family. Serve with other Hope volunteers as your schedule allows. Training provided by Arrive Ministries. peggy@hope-pc.org

Loaves + Fishes To Go Meals Distribution

Thursdays | Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22

Tuesdays | Nov 24, Dec 29

3:00–4:30 pm | Food prep and setup

4:30–6:00 pm | Meal packing, distribution, and cleanup

Contact peggy@hope-pc.org or sign up to serve other weekdays at tinyurl.com/HopeLoavesandFishes

Parent Share Class + Children's Team

Thursdays | Oct 8, Nov 12

Class | 6:15–8:00 pm

A support group discussing parenting and other issues affecting families facilitated by Tamara Dauphin-Whear, Mental Health Counselor and Coach.

Contact Tamara at 612-388-8514 or tamarawhear@gmail.com

Children's Team | 6:00–8:15 pm

Help with activities for children during Parent Share. peggy@hope-pc.org

USA Homestays: Host an International Student

Students from around the world attend local universities and many would love to connect with an American family. Host short-term (1–2 weeks) or long-term (3+ months). Contact Ben Robison at benr@usahomestays.org or 612-770-0031.

PRAY

Pray for mission partners—contact peggy@hope-pc.org

Pray with others serving refugees

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays | 2:30 pm | Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81236437761>

DONATE

Donate funds to our community partners serving neighbors in need:

Community Emergency Service — cesmn.org/donate

Loaves and Fishes — loavesandfishesmn.org/donate

VEAP — veap.org/ways-to-give/donate-funds

Every Meal — everymeal.org/give

Donate food items to Community Emergency Service and VEAP—bring to the marked grocery cart in the Link. For most needed items lists go to:

cesmn.org/donate-2/

veap.org/ways-to-give/most-needed-items

Donate welcome bag items for the ACTS program at Union Gospel Mission—bring to the marked grocery cart in the Link or contact peggy@hope-pc.org.

3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/soap

Hand sanitizer

Razors and shaving cream

Toothpaste

Socks

Alarm clock

\$10 Walmart/Target gift card

VINE + BRANCHES

Store clerks are needed for the following shifts:

Wednesdays | 4:45–8:15 pm

Thursdays | 12:45–4:15 pm

Saturdays | 9:45 am–1:15 pm

Do you have an interest in making those in our community feel valued, dignified, and cared for? Volunteer for one 3 1/2-hour shift per month. Responsibilities include opening and closing the store, working at the check-out counter, stocking clothing, and most importantly, welcoming all our customers and showing them the love of Jesus. Contact anne@hope-pc.org or 612-866-1359 for more information.

Store Hours

Wednesdays | 5:00–8:00 pm

Thursdays | 1:00–4:00 pm

Saturdays | 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Donate clothing and household items to Vine and Branches. Biggest needs for this upcoming season: men's jeans, sweatpants, pajamas, and underwear. Bring clothes and household donations to the marked bin in the Link. For more information, visit hope-pc.org/hope-center/vine-branches



UPCOMING EVENTS



Walk 4 Water

October 11 | 9:00 am breakfast | 10:30 am Worship | Walk following worship | Hope Church
Raising funds for water projects and ministry in Africa and Southeast Asia
Contact peggy@hope-pc.org.

Branching Out Day

October 24
Get to know neighbors and serve with local mission partners. Contact peggy@hope-pc.org.

Congratulations to:

Isabel and Quinn Trusty on the birth of Jack Walker on June 3, 2026.
Marta and Kier Oxnard on the birth of Brooks Samuel on July 14, 2026.
Kennedy and Tyler Wanous, who were married on July 31, 2026.
Chloe and Eli Johnson on the birth of Auden James on August 18, 2026.

Sympathy and Prayers to:

The family of Kirk Ransom who died April 26, 2026.
The family of Emily Taylor who died May 18, 2026.
The family of Bill Anderson who died June 9, 2026.
The family of Carolyn Ring who died June 12, 2026.
The family of Jacky Austin who died July 7, 2026.
The family of Pat Pederson who died July 13, 2026.



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Walk 4 Water
October 11

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Sunday Worship | 9:00 am Traditional | 10:30 am Contemporary