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WELCOME

to WINTER 2017 at Hope Church!

It is our desire that you have the information you need to **GATHER** on Sunday morning, **DEEPEN** your relationship with God, belong in a **GROUP**, **INVEST** in the Hope family, and **MULTIPLY** disciples.

No matter who you are, what your age or boot size, there is a place for you to connect and serve this winter!

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:00 & 10:30 AM - Beginning Sunday, January 8
(One Service on Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 AM)

For more information, please check out our website at HopeChurchOakdale.com or The City.

What's The City? Hope 24/7

The City is an online communication tool designed to lead Hope into deeper community, build connections, and be more effective in Christ's mission. It's a 24/7 ministry tool that helps everyone in our church stay engaged in daily life. How do I join The City? Please stop by the Connect Center or email Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

We look forward to connecting with you in 2017!

WINTER SERMON SERIES - SUNDAYS, JANUARY 1 - 29



The use and pursuit of power complicates our lives. Those without it are constantly striving for it. Those who have it are often tempted to misuse it. It's been said that power corrupts and that absolute power corrupts absolutely. They may be onto something when it comes to mere humans, but it's a whole different story when the God of absolute power became human. Jesus shows us what it looks like to use the power that we've been given for the glory of God and the good of people. Join us as we look at the **power plays** of Jesus in John 11-13. It's sure to be a powerful series!

SERMON PODCAST

Do you want to listen to a current or past sermon? Use your desktop, tablet, or mobile device to access our weekly sermon podcast and sermon archive at HopeChurchOakdale.com or search 'Hope Church - Oakdale MN' on your podcast app.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Each week, we provide discussion questions to use as you reflect on the week's message. Many of our adult groups (Community Groups) use them as a basis for discussion. Discussion questions are available on The City, at HopeChurchOakdale.com (attached to the sermon audio), and on the *YouVersion* app at YouVersion.com/mobile (choose the 'Live' option and search for 'Hope Church').

VISITOR & NEWCOMER OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 8 at 11:45 AM

Sunday, February 5 at 11:45 AM

Sunday, March 5 at 11:45 AM

If you're visiting or new to Hope, please join us for some light refreshments following the 10:30 AM service. Our staff and their families would love to meet you. This is an informal time to get acquainted, ask questions, and even tour the building if you wish.

STARTING POINT CLASS

Sunday, January 15 at 10:30 AM

Sunday, February 12 at 10:30 AM

Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 AM

Starting Point is a one-session class for newcomers or regular attenders that are ready to get connected and take the next step. We want you to be a part of the exciting things happening in our community! Discover the beliefs and mission of Hope and learn how to get plugged into a group.

MEMBERSHIP

If you consider Hope your church home, we encourage you to consider membership. Membership is an outward expression of your commitment to the church body and mission of Hope Church. For more information about membership, please contact Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29 at 6:00 PM

Members and regular attenders are highly encouraged to attend this Congregational Meeting. We will vote on new leadership for 2017 and receive an update on the Minister of Community and Mission search.

BAPTISM

Sunday, February 19 at 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Baptism is a profession of faith that a believer makes. It demonstrates that the one being baptized understands Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Interested in being baptized? Please contact one of the following:

Adults: contact Pastor Clay at Clay.Edens@HopeChurchOakdale.com

Kids (Parents): contact Katie Bliss at Katie.Bliss@HopeChurchOakdale.com

Students (Grades 6-12): Zach Boardman at Zachary.Boardman@HopeChurchOakdale.com

HOPE CHURCH DISCIPLEMAKING PATHWAY

At Hope we work hard to provide environments and resources where you can thrive on your mission of making disciples. Here is a clear and simple PATHWAY to help you move towards full maturity as a disciple of Jesus Christ at Hope Church. These are things we encourage everyone at Hope to engage in as they make disciples of themselves and others.

**GATHER: ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

The family of Hope Church gathers together each Sunday to celebrate and make a big deal out of the God of the universe.

**DEEPEN: CULTIVATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Engaging with God on your own and with your family through practices such as reading the Bible and praying is crucial to a faith that flourishes.

**GROUP: BELONG IN A GROUP**

Groups provide a place where we can find encouragement toward righteousness, protection from sin, support in hard times, and propulsion on mission.

**INVEST: INVEST IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**

At Hope we encourage everyone to invest in both the church family and their communities.

**MULTIPLY: MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES**

Everyone who has found hope in Jesus has the joy and responsibility of sharing that hope with others. As we live in the world and with our neighbors, we introduce others to Jesus and the new life he offers.

We believe that if you strive to incorporate these in your life it will help you flourish in your relationship with Jesus and in the core mission of Hope Church; bringing glory to God by making disciples...that make disciples!

(See pages 8-11 for the KidMin and Student Disciplemaking Pathways.)



GATHER: MODEL GATHERING WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY

Parents, attend Sunday Morning Worship with your kids.

SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:00 & 10:30 AM



GROUP: BE IN GROUPS

Kids learn about Jesus best when they GROUP together in both large and small groups. Large groups provide a place for kids to hear the truth about Jesus through Scripture, and a place to help them learn how Jesus and Scripture matter in their life. Small Groups are a safe place for kids to practice faith and learn a proper view of identity, worship, community, and mission.

Sunday 10:30 AM

Groups for Kids (Beginning Sunday, January 8)

Nursery: Birth - 2 Years Old (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

We offer a caring and safe place for little ones and a Bible lesson for 2-year-olds.

Preschool: 3 Years Old - Kindergarten

Children hear Bible lessons that affect their daily lives and are encouraged to explore, discover, and respond to God's Word.

Elementary: Grades 1 - 5

Kids are challenged to put into daily practice what they learn from the Bible.

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Groups for Kids (Beginning Wednesday, January 11)

3 Years Old - Grade 5

On Wednesday nights we partner with parents to help kids discover and embrace a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Mondays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Kid Builders:

A Day Program for Preschoolers for children ages 18 months - 5 years old
Kid Builders partners with parents by 'helping construct' each child's physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development in a loving and secure environment.

Contact: Joyce.Clark@HopeChurchOakdale.com.



HOME: PARTNER WITH PARENTS

The primary strategy of KidMin at Hope is to partner with parents, the primary influencers of kid's faith. We do this by coming alongside parents and encouraging them to have spiritual conversations with their kids.

CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

Sunday, March 5, 12:00 PM

Child Dedication is a chance for parents to dedicate their children to God and for the church to partner with them. We will discuss why we dedicate children and what KidMin is about. The class is required for parents dedicating children for the first time. The book Spiritual Parenting by Michelle Anthony is encouraged prior to this class and is provided FREE of charge. Children are welcome. *The next Child Dedication is scheduled for Sunday, March 26.*

PARENT/CHILD "REMEMBER ME" COMMUNION CLASS

Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Would you like your child to explore and discover more about the celebration of communion? We will take Jesus' command from Luke 22:19, "Do this in remembrance of me" and put it into an interactive experience called "Remember Me." The class is designed for children in grades 1-4 and their parents. Register at HopeChurchOakdale.com by Wednesday, March 22.



PARTY: CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS

Kids love to play and they learn and grow through partying together. PARTY events provide a place for kids to practice speaking life with gospel fluency with friends inside and outside the church. Parties are a place to grow deeper in relationships with each other, parents, leaders, and God.

PRESCHOOL PARTY

Friday, February 10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

This party is for kids ages 3-5 (who have not yet started Kindergarten) and their parents! You'll love this fun and wacky night for you and your friends. The cost is \$10 for kids; friends and their parents are free! Register on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Kindergarten - Grade 1: Friday, February 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades 2-3: Friday, March 10 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Moonlight Madness is a PARTY event where kids get a chance to have fun and bring friends to hear about Jesus. We play games, do crafts, eat dinner, and have a Bible Story. Moonlight Madness is a place to grow deeper in relationships with each other, parents, leaders, and God. We can't wait to PARTY together! Please register on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com.

RETREAT 46

Grades 4 & 5: Friday, March 31 - Sunday, April 2

Hope's KidMin is SUPER excited to offer a retreat for 4th and 5th graders! Join us for Retreat46 at Camp Shamineau. The cost is \$100 which covers meals, housing, and a ton of fun outdoor activities! Friends who are experiencing the Hope family for the first time are \$75. Please register at HopeChurchOakdale.com by Tuesday, March 21.

**GATHER: ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:00 & 10:30 AM

**GROUP: BELONG IN A GROUP**

Being in a GROUP is a core part of the Disciplemaking Pathway for students. Our preference is that students connect in the evening groups, but we also offer Sunday morning groups for those who are unable to attend the evening groups or for students who desire to do both.

PM GROUPS**Flash:** Grades 6-8

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:15 PM (Beginning Wednesday, January 11)

Flood: Groups for Grades 9-12

Sundays 6:30 - 9:00 PM (Beginning Sunday, January 8)

AM GROUPS**Flash & Flood:** Grades 6-12

Sundays 10:30 AM (Beginning Sunday, January 8)

**INVEST: IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**

Students have been gifted by God to INVEST in the church and the broader ministry of Jesus. Investing helps them grow in their own faith as a disciple. There are many opportunities within the broader church as well as within Student Ministries.

(See page 14 for a list of ways to invest at Hope.)

**RETREAT: ATTEND RETREATS**

There is something unique about RETREATING from our typical routine that allows us to focus on God and others in new ways. As part of bringing glory to God by making disciples, we desire to have everyone attend both of these retreats.

WINTER WIPEOUT

Flash (Grades 6-8) Friday, January 13 - Sunday, January 15 (Register by Wednesday, January 4)

Flood (Grades 9-12) Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29 (Register by Tuesday, January 17)

Hosted by Camp Shamineau, this retreat offers chapel times for worship and training, unique camp activities, and great bonding within the youth group. Students are challenged in how they live for God, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. Cost: \$135/regular attender, \$85/first time guest. Register at HopeChurchOakdale.com/registration. Scholarships are available.

CAMPING TRIPS

Flood (Grades 9-12) Camping Trip, Thursday, August 3 - Sunday, August 6

Flash (Grades 6-8) Camping Trip, Friday, August 18 - Sunday, August 20

Mark your calendar! These trips are for our students and friends to build Christian "family" relationships within the group. There are one-on-one student devotion times and plenty of fun camping experiences!

**MULTIPLY: MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES**

Disciples are called to MAKE DISCIPLES as Jesus commanded. This can happen through building Gospel-centered relationships by bringing people to church events, and groups, or by connecting in our schools, work, activities, and home.

BIG GAME PARTY

Sunday, February 5

Flood and Flash students and parents are invited to watch the big game and share some amazing food! Invite your friends! Watch The City for more details and potluck assignments.

FLASH LOCK-IN (GRADES 6-8)

Friday, March 3 at 9:00 PM - Saturday, March 4 at 8:00 AM

This overnight event is an opportunity to invite multiple friends to hear the Gospel in a clear and creative way filled with fun free time and unique team events. Cost is \$15 per student. Please register online at HopeChurchOakdale.com by Tuesday, February 28.

FAMILY PLACE MEALS

Saturday, March 11 & Sunday, March 12 (No Flood PM)

Each year we serve meals at a local family homeless shelter called The Family Place. Please sign up for one of three different meals to bless families by serving with your family! Come share God's love for others by serving and eating with them. If you have any questions, Please contact Zach Boardman at Zachary.Boardman@HopeChurchOakdale.com. Watch The City for more details.

**GATHER: ENGAGE IN SUNDAY AM WORSHIP**

SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:00 & 10:30 AM

DINNER GATHERING

Friday, March 31 at 6:00 PM

Adults, you are invited to attend a Dinner Gathering at host homes. This is a chance to meet someone new, get to know others better, or exercise the gift of hospitality. If you desire to host or attend, please register by Sunday, March 27 on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com.

**DEEPEN: CULTIVATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Engaging with God on your own and with your family through practices such as reading the Bible and praying is crucial to a faith that flourishes.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Learning Communities are groups of people who gather to study God's Word on Sunday mornings to apply and integrate it into their lives. Come to connect, build relationships, and learn together.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Sundays, January 22 - February 12 at 10:30 AM

This class will help us learn and appreciate the glorious aspects of our God; his holiness, love, eternal presence, all powerful, and all knowing nature. We will identify biblical support and discuss how these attributes benefit us and should stimulate a proper response. Led by Craig Miller.

A STUDY OF GENESIS

Sundays, February 19 - May 14 at 10:30 AM

Join us as we explore the foundational book of the Bible that is rich in theological themes and doctrines. It is a story of many beginnings; the world, man, sin, civilization, Israel and the journey to redemption with God. We will also discuss a number of issues where faith and science intersect concerning creation. Led by Rick Gimpel.

**GROUP: BELONG IN A GROUP**

Groups provide a place where we can find encouragement toward righteousness, protection from sin, support in hard times, and propulsion on mission.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are the primary way to connect with others at Hope and pursue a life of being and making disciples together – like Jesus and His disciples did. Groups of eight to twelve adults meet regularly to pursue what it means to be a disciple. We strive to accomplish this by providing comfort to each other in hard times, encourage each other in righteousness, protect each other from sin, and propel each other on mission (individually and as a group). To get more information, express an interest in, or to join a Community Group, please stop at the Connect Center in the Main Lobby or contact Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

MEN'S GROUP

Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:30 AM

Come connect with other men to study God's Word, encourage each other, share coffee and treats, and pray. This group meets weekly at Hope on Saturday mornings.

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturdays at 6:45 AM

You are welcome to join others from the Saturday Men's Group for breakfast at The Little Oven (Minnehaha and White Bear Ave) at 6:45 AM prior to the Men's Group at Hope.

OVERHAUL MEN'S RETREAT

Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5, 2017

Overhaul - "take apart, examine and repair if necessary". This Men's Weekend at Camp Shamineau in Motley, MN is a great time to get away and do just that! Overhaul is designed to give you a chance to relax, refresh, and refuel! Watch for further details.

Questions about Men of Hope? Please contact Del Rahn at DelRahn@q.com.

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASS

WINTER SESSION: Tuesdays, January 10 - March 14 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Women, join us for our fitness class called Integrity and Grace. This class is for all levels of fitness. The fee is \$5 per week or \$30 for the winter session. Come check it out. Your first time is free! Childcare is available with prior notice. To register or for more information, please contact Robyn Sandquist at RobynSan@me.com or Janine Ford at JanineFord50@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF HOPE EVENT

Saturday, February 4, 6:00 PM

This is an evening to connect with other women and have fun! Save the date. More details to come.

SET APART

Friday, March 3 - Saturday, March 4, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM at University of Northwestern

Set Apart, a faith-filled conference for women, offers a time for women to listen, learn, connect and be encouraged in their faith. Keynote Speakers: Susie Larson and Ann Voskamp with workshop leaders Jo Saxton and River Jordan. For more information please visit SetApartConference.com.

“WOMEN OF HOPE” GROUP ON THE CITY

Interested in additional opportunities for women? Please join the Women of Hope group on The City. To join Women of Hope on The City: In the navigation menu on The City click Groups, then click Search for groups, enter Women of Hope, click search, then click Ask to Join. If you have any questions about the group or The City, please contact Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

Wondering how to connect with other women at Hope?

Please contact Women of Hope Director Penny Sitz at plsitz@comcast.net.

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**INVEST: INVEST IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**

At Hope we encourage everyone to invest in both the church family and their communities.

Here is a list of ways adults and students can connect and serve kids, students, or adults at Hope:

- **KidMin:** Sunday AM or Wednesday PM; Leaders, Assistants, Story Tellers, Hosts,
- **Nursery:** Sundays 9:00 or 10:30 AM; Adults and Students
- **Students:** Sunday AM or PM or Wednesday PM, Small Group Leaders
- **Adults:** Learning Community Teacher, Community Group Leader, Men/Women Ministry
- **Host Team:** Greeters & Ushers, Hospitality Team, and Connect Center
- **Worship Music Team:** (vocal & instrumental), Drama Team, Tech (sound, lights, & video), Brass, Soloists, Visual Arts (décor), Seasonal Choir, Student Ministries Worship Team

ONLINE GIVING

On-line giving is provided for your convenience and as a way to facilitate your faithful stewardship of God's resources. To give online visit HopeChurchOakdale.com or click Giving on The City navigation menu; enter a recurring monthly pledge and create and view your own giving statement. Questions? Please contact Marlene Dolney at Marlene.Dolney@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

MISSION – LOCAL

At Hope we value investing in the local community, and partner with organizations, social workers, and ministries to provide opportunities to invest. We work with the community to support schools, host blood drives, tutor adults and children, and work with social services to improve the quality of life for children in need. Below is a list of some of the local partners we support.

HOPE'S RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, January 10, 1:00 - 7:00 PM

Schedule an appointment in the Lower North Lobby, call Dave and Sandy Pauly at 651.436.7278, register through The City, or online at RedCrossBlood.org.

SALT AND RAJO

SALT (Somali Adult Literacy Training) and Rajo (Somali word for hope) are outreach ministries to our Somali neighbors. SALT Volunteers meet weekly in Somali homes to tutor English and help them prepare for the citizenship exam. Rajo ministry is a team of women who meet at Hope every other Tuesday morning with Somali women for fellowship and sewing. For more info, visit ArriveMinistries.org, for SALT contact Cynthia Crooks at clcrooks@comcast.net, and for Rajo contact Jackie Felt at rfelt@comcast.net.

NEW LIFE FAMILY SERVICES

NLFS opens their doors to women and men who believe abortion is the “only” solution to an unplanned pregnancy. Through practical and spiritual counsel, they provide education and support with the hope each client will make a life-affirming decision for their child. NLFS is also a licensed adoption agency. Hope is collecting diapers! The diapers go to support families who cannot afford to buy diapers. Place your donation in the basket located in the West Lobby.

CARE IN ACTION

CIA is a non-profit organization focused on improving the quality of life for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. CIA provides community education and develops partnerships with faith-based communities and county Child Protection Services. Hope works with a Washington County social worker to meet these needs. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbie Atkins at BarbieAtkins@gmail.com.