



GATHER



DEEPEN



GROUP



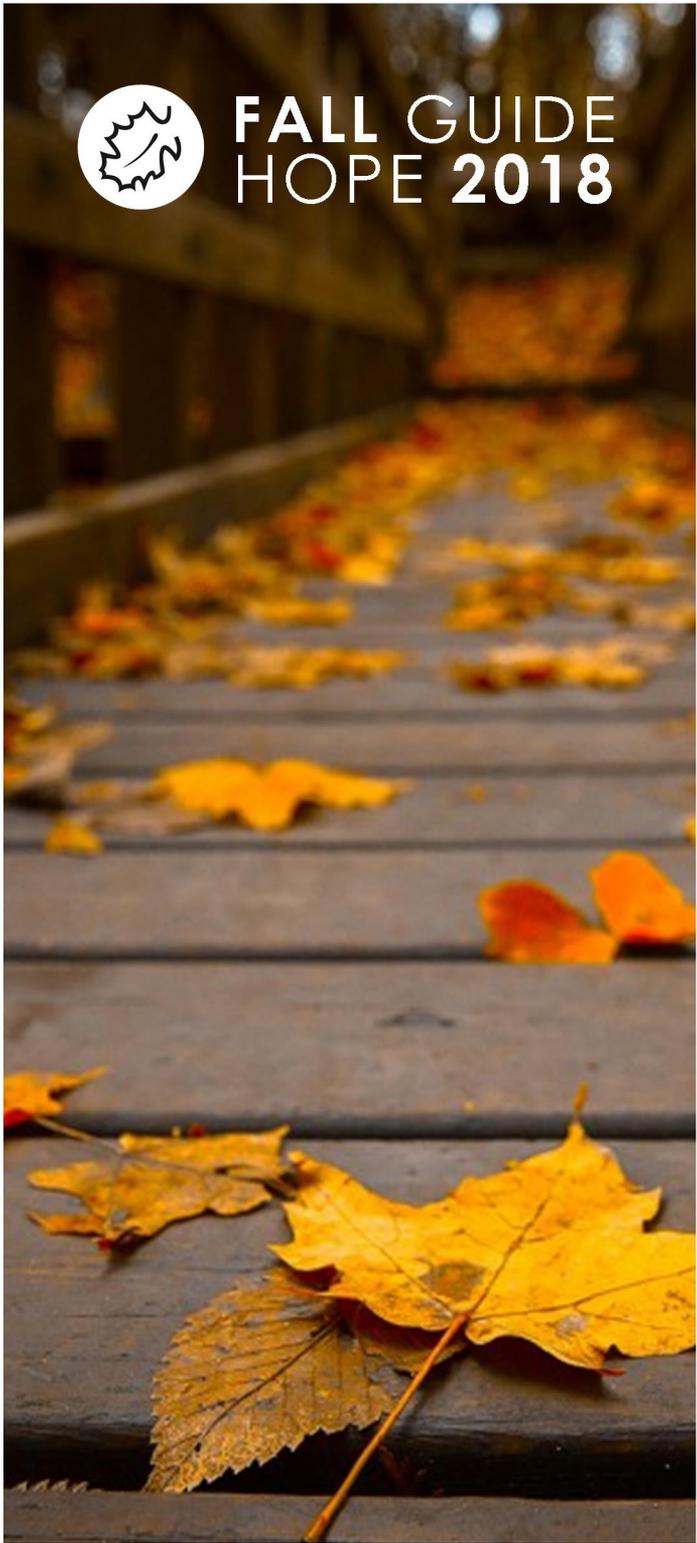
INVEST



MULTIPLY



FALL GUIDE HOPE 2018



KEY DATES AT A GLANCE



SEPTEMBER

- 2 One Service at 10:00 AM
- 9 Reducing the Risk Class, 9:00 AM
- 9 One Service at 10:00 AM
- 9 Women of Hope Gathering, 11:15 AM
- 9 Flood (Grades 9-12) Begins, 6:30 PM
- 11 Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:00 - 7:00 PM
- 12 Reducing the Risk Class, 5:30 PM
- 12 Flash (Grade 6-8) Begins, 6:30 PM
- 16 **Kick Off Sunday, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Services
Kid, Student, and Adult Groups Begin**
- 19 Wednesday KidMin Kick Off, 6:30 PM
- 23 Visitor & Newcomer Open House, 11:45 AM
- 30 Starting Point Class, 10:30 AM

OCTOBER

- 5 Dinner Gatherings, 6:00 PM
- 7 Adult Learning Communities Begin, 10:30 AM
- 12 Moonlight Madness, K-Grade 2, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- 14 Child Dedication Class, 12:00 PM
- 24 Membership Class, 6:30 PM
- 26 Moonlight Madness, Grades 3-5, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- 27&28 Student Service Project, Family Place Meals
- 28 Baptism, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
- 28 Congregational Meeting, 6:00 PM
- 31 No Wednesday PM Groups

NOVEMBER

- 4 Child Dedication Sunday
- 4 Visitor & Newcomer Open House, 11:45 AM
- 4 Flood Game Night, 6:30 PM
- 7 Flash Dodgeball Tourney, 6:15 PM
- 11 Starting Point Class, 10:30 AM
- 18 Thanksgiving Praise Service, One service at 10:00 AM
No kid, student, and adult groups
No Wednesday PM Groups
- 21 No Wednesday PM Groups
- 30-1 Flood Lock-In (Grades 9-12) 9:00 PM - 8:00 AM

WELCOME

to FALL 2018 at Hope Church!

No matter who you are, what your age, your favorite football team, or favorite pumpkin patch, there is a place for you to connect and serve this fall!

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.



SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:00 & 10:30 AM - Begins Sunday, September 16
Groups for kids and students at 10:30 AM

12:30 PM - African Bible Fellowship

See page 14 for more information on ABF.

Thanksgiving Praise Service

Sunday, November 18 at 10:00 AM

No groups for kids, students, and adults

For more information, please visit our website at HopeChurchOakdale.com or The City*.

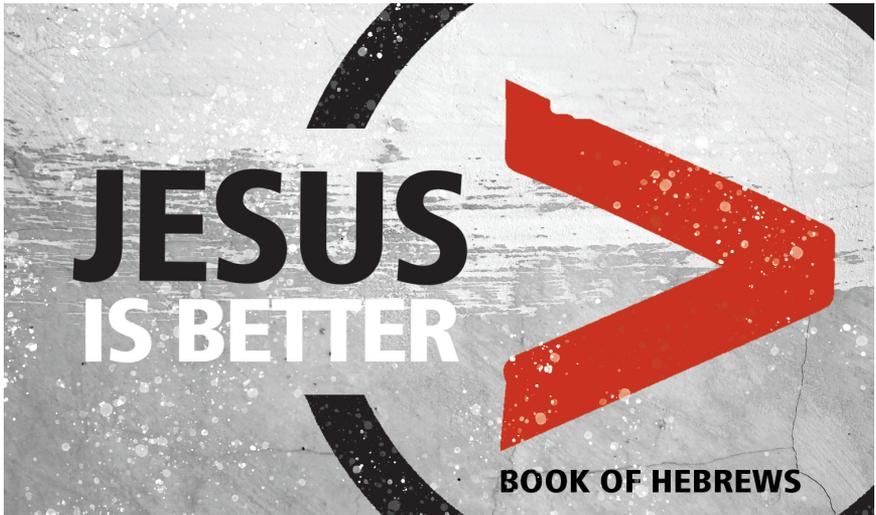
***What's The City? Hope 24/7**

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 Raean.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

**We look forward to connecting with you in
September, October, and
November!**

FALL SERMON SERIES



There are a myriad of fun, interesting, and helpful things within this world God has made. The challenge becomes learning how to enjoy all that life has to offer, while keeping Jesus at the center of it all. Jesus is better than anyone or anything this world has to offer. As we study the book of Hebrews this fall we will see over and over again how following Jesus offers us the path to the greatest love, hope, joy, and peace. With God's help we can avoid veering off course and chasing the distractions of life and keep Jesus at the center of our lives. *The Jesus is Better* sermon series begins Sunday, September 16.

SERMON PODCAST

Do you want to listen or watch a current or past sermon? Use your desktop, tablet, or mobile device to access our weekly sermon audio 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, pg. 12) use them as a basis for discussion. Discussion questions are available on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com (attached to the sermon audio).

CONNECT

VISITOR & NEWCOMER OPEN HOUSE

Sundays, September 23 & November 4 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 in the church office lobby. Our staff would love to meet you. This is an informal time to get acquainted and ask questions.

STARTING POINT CLASS

Sundays, September 30, November 11 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. Discover the beliefs and mission of Hope and learn how to get plugged into a group. We want you to be a part of the exciting things happening in our community!

DINNER GATHERINGS

Friday, October 5 at 6:00 PM

Adults, you are invited to attend a Dinner Gathering at a host home. This is a chance to meet someone new and get to know others better. If you desire to host or attend, register by Tuesday, September 25 at HopeChurchOakdale.com or on The City. Please don't miss this fun opportunity to build community and be with others from the Hope family!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Wednesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM

If you are not a member at Hope and 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 at Hope. If you would like more information about membership at Hope Church, please contact Raeann Linn at Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

BAPTISM

Sunday, October 28 at 9:00 or 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 Raeann Linn at Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 PM

Our annual Hope Church business meeting and family gathering is open to visitors, regular attenders, and members. We will vote on the 2019 budget and hear ministry updates from Elders and staff.

HOPE CHURCH DISCIPLEMAKING PATHWAY

At Hope we work to provide resources and environments 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 & 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.



MODEL GATHERING WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY

Parents, attend Sunday morning worship with your kids at 9:00 AM

Groups for kids are at 10:30 AM



BELONG IN A GROUP

Kids learn about Jesus best when they GROUP together. Large groups provide a place for kids to hear the truth about Jesus through Scripture and 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 Begin Sunday, September 16

Nursery: Birth - 2-Year-Olds (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

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

Preschool: 3-Year-Olds - 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 daily practice what they learn from the Bible and help kids grow into disciples who make disciples

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 8:00 PM Wednesday Groups Begin September 19

3-Year-Olds - Grade 5

We help kids discover and embrace a relationship with Jesus Christ. By showing kids that the Bible is the source of wisdom and truth, and they can trust God no matter what!

KID BUILDERS - Mondays and/or Tuesdays from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Kid Builders is a day program for ages 18 months - 5-year-olds. Kid Builders partners with parents by 'helping construct' each child's physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development. Questions? Please contact Joyce.Clark@HopeChurchOakdale.com.



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, October 14 at 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. Children are welcome at this class. Reading the book *Spiritual Parenting* is encouraged prior to this class and provided FREE of charge. ***The next Child Dedication is scheduled for Sunday, November 4.***



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.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Moonlight Madness is a PARTY event where kids 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 and God. We can't wait to PARTY together this fall! Please register on The City or at HopeChurchOakdale.com.

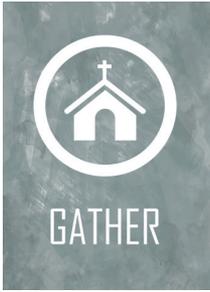
Kindergarten - Grade 2: Friday, October 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Grades 3-5: Friday, October 26 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is a chance for the entire church body to partner with KidMin to make an impact in the lives of children in desperate situations around the world. Have fun preparing gift-filled shoe boxes for kids to experience the love of Jesus. Our collection date is **Wednesday, November 14**. For instructions on how to fill your shoe box, visit SamaritansPurse.org.

STUDENTS



ENGAGE IN SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:00 AM
STUDENT GROUPS: 10:30 AM



BELONG IN A GROUP

Belonging 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

Flood: Groups for Grades 9-12
Sundays from 6:30 - 9:00 PM - Begins September 9

Flash: Groups for Grades 6-8
Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:15 PM - Begins September 12

AM GROUPS

Flash & Flood: Grades 6-12
Sundays at 10:30 AM - Begins Sunday, September 16



INVEST IN THE HOPE FAMILY & 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.

For a complete list of ways to invest at Hope, please see the **#hopewhyinvest** flyer available at the Connect Center, watch the bulletin, or check The City for up-to-date opportunities.



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 retreats. Lives are changed, relationships are strengthened, and glory is given to God.

WINTER WIPEOUT AT CAMP SHAMINEAU

Flash (Grades 9-12), Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20, 2019

Flood (Grades 6-8), Friday, January 25 - Sunday, January 27, 2019

CAMPING TRIPS

Flood (Grades 9-12), Thursday, August 1 - Sunday, August 4, 2019

Flash (Grades 6-8), Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18, 2019



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.

FAMILY PLACE MEALS

Saturday, October 27 & Sunday, October 28

Serve meals at a local family homeless shelter called The Family Place. Come share God's love for others by serving and eating with them.

FLOOD GAME NIGHT (GRADES 9-12)

Sunday, November 4 at 6:30 PM

Invite your friends to this evening focused on connecting new people to our church through fun night games.

FLASH DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT (GRADES 6-8)

Wednesday, November 7 at 6:15 PM

Students are encouraged to create and fill half of their team with students who don't have a church home or a youth group family of their own.

FLOOD LOCK-IN (GRADES 9-12)

Friday, November 30 at 9:00 PM to Saturday, December 1 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.

ADULTS



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

LCs are for adults to gather to grow in their faith through study and discussion. Come cultivate your relationship with God and learn together.

“The Will of God as a Way of Life” Led by Dave Downey/Mark Sandquist Sundays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 AM

What is God’s call for my life? This question arises during times of transition: empty nest, graduation, retirement, frustrating job, laid off... How can we discern our calling and how can our mindset and decision-making reflect that call? Based on Jerry Sittser’s book, *The Will Of God As A Way of Life*.

“Seasons of God” Led by Dave and Deb Sagisser Sundays, November 4, 11, 25, and December 2 at 10:30 AM

We all go through periods in our lives that have particular characteristics. Difficult times. Joyous times. Time of struggle. Times of growth. God has a plan for the different seasons in our lives. Based on Richard Blackaby’s book, *Seasons of God*.



BELONG IN A GROUP

Groups provide a place where we can develop meaningful relationship in order to experience 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. Groups of 8-12 adults meet regularly to pursue what it means to be a disciple. We strive to accomplish this by providing support in hard times, encourage each other in righteousness, protect each other from sin, and propel each other on mission. To get more information, or to join a Community Group, please stop at the Connect Center in the Main Lobby or contact Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

AFRICAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The African Bible Fellowship Gatherings are Sundays at 12:30 PM at Hope

ABF is a ministry of Hope Church. The majority of ABF families are from South Sudan and Ethiopia. All are welcome to experience and worship God alongside our African brothers and sisters. These Hope family members long to be further equipped for mission and to make disciples at home and abroad. They also desire to build Christ-centered relationships with others in the Hope family. Please feel free to stop by any Sunday. *You may even decide to become a regular!*

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. You are also welcome to join us for breakfast at The Little Oven (Minnehaha and White Bear Ave.) at 6:45 AM prior to group.

WOMEN OF HOPE GATHERING

Sunday, September 9 at 11:15 AM

All women are invited to welcome fall with some chili and cider following the service on Sunday, September 9. Please sign up on The City to bring a side, dessert, or salad. Beverages and chili are provided.

WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASSES - Fall 10-Week Session

Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:35 PM - Beinning Tuesday, October 2 **and/or**

Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:05 PM - Beinning Thursday, October 4

Women, join us for a fitness class called Integrity and Grace. This class is for all levels of fitness. Your first class is free! For detailed information and pricing options, contact Robyn Sandquist at RobynSan@me.com or Janine Ford at JanineFord50@gmail.com.

Fitness Class Sampler and Kick Off

September Sampler: Tuesdays, September 11, 18 & 25, 5:30 - 6:35 PM

Kick-Off Event "Freedom Party": Saturday, September 15, 9:00 AM

WOMEN OF HOPE EVENT

Saturday, December 1 at 6:30 PM

This annual women's dinner is where we get to serve you for just being incredible women! Hostesses decorate tables, food will be catered, and conversation will be flowing. *It's a night you don't want to miss!*

WOMEN OF HOPE and MEN OF HOPE GROUPS ON THE CITY

To stay connected to what's going on for men and women at Hope, please join the Women of Hope or Men of Hope groups on The City. On the navigation menu on The City click Groups, click Search for Groups, group name, click search, then click Ask to Join. Questions? please contact Raeann.Linn@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

ADULTS



MAKE DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES

We have the joy and responsibility of sharing Jesus with others. Opportunities for mission are all around us as we develop meaningful relationships with our neighbors and coworkers.

What is a disciple?

A person who reorients his or her life around the Gospel and Jesus' mission. At Hope Church we encourage everyone from children to adults to live as a disciple:

- Living out our IDENTITY in Christ
- Responding in WORSHIP to who God is, what He has done, and what He is doing
- Investing in COMMUNITY with others, intentionally sharing our lives together
- Pursuing a life on MISSION to reflect God to the world around us

What is discipling?

Bringing people into right relationship with God, developing them to full maturity in Christ through intentional growth, that they might multiply the entire process in others.



INVEST IN THE HOPE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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

For a complete list of ways to invest at Hope, please see the **#hopewhyinvest** flyer available at the Connect Center, watch the bulletin, or check The City for up-to-date opportunities.

ONLINE GIVING

Online 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. If you have any questions regarding giving, please contact Marlene Dolney at Marlene.Dolney@HopeChurchOakdale.com.

At Hope we are passionate about being a good neighbor. We partner with organizations, social workers, and ministries to care for the physical and spiritual needs in our community. We support schools, host blood drives, love our refugee neighbors, and work with social services to improve the quality of life for children in need.

NEW! HANG @ HOPE / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hang @ Hope is a after-school program for Skyview Middle Schoolers on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:30 PM at Hope. We are looking for volunteers who can help weekly or once a month. To learn more, please contact Penny Sitz at plsitz@comcast.net.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 11 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM

The Red Cross is the largest single supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. Be a part of this life-giving process, whether as a donor or a volunteer. To schedule an appointment 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 are outreach ministries to our Somali neighbors. **SALT** volunteers tutor English and help them prepare for the citizenship exam. SALT contact: Cynthia Crooks at clcrooks@comcast.net, **Rajo** ministry is a team of women who meet at Hope the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings with Somali women for fellowship and sewing. Rajo contact: Jackie Felt at rfelt@comcast.net.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Thursday, December 13 - Saturday, December 15

Hope partners with a local non-profit organization to host a Toys for Tots Drive and distribution for families in need in the Oakdale area. Last year over 700 families were served. Join us by donating toys, gifts cards, or volunteering with set up. To volunteer to help in one of these areas, please register at [Placeof HopeMN.org](http://PlaceofHopeMN.org).

For more information on our local mission partners, please visit our website at HopeChurchOakdale.com/local or contact Pastor of Community and Mission, Dave Downey, at David.Downey@HopeChurchOakdale.com.