

# ROAD TRIP ★ USA ★



June 2026  
Newsletter

# Pastor Letter

## Hold Fast and Meet!

Hebrews 10:23-25

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.-ESV*

The perennial question in the church age is, “how often do I need to go to church?” The busyness of our careers, the kids’ sports, very young children, travel, and so many other things inform our ability and consistency in spending time in worship. There is no more obvious test of that than when we move into summer months where we are seeking some rest and some meaningful time spent with our families.

The reasons we choose not to worship are always understandable, but they also miss out on the gifts and the benefits of gathering together. The divine service (weekend worship) is a time where God himself meets us and grants us his gifts. Our Father pours his Holy Spirit into us for our good, grants us the body and blood of his Son for our forgiveness, and reproves us with his Law for our correction and direction. It is a time that manifestly builds us up, sloughs off what is evil, and grants us the strength to meet the difficulties of our lives. God is faithful in his promise to us and so in turn we seek to be faithful in our time with him.

This time of meeting is for our good, but it is not only for our good. Your family will benefit, yet it is also for the family of God that you gather. The gifts you possess, the encouragement, experience, and love God has poured into you becomes a river of care for the family of God around you. Part of our calling is to “stir one another up” toward love and good works. Consider that when you miss worship, you do not deprive yourself alone, you have your sisters and brothers who miss out on what God is working in and through you.

Hebrews reminds us that the “Day” is drawing near, the wrap up of all things, the culmination of all God’s promises. There are stakes to the Christian lives we have, stakes for us, for our children, for the brotherhood of faith, and for the world around us. Knowing that that appointed day is coming every nearer, do not take lightly the time left. Cling close to each other, gather with the people of God, make this time a priority for you and yours.

Looking forward to every time I see you,

Pastor Devin Murphy

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# Celebrating Our Confirmation Students

Congratulations to our 17 Confirmands who, after two years of study, prayer, learning, and growth, publicly confirmed their faith and baptism before God and His people at Hope. Confirmation is an important milestone in the life of faith, but it is not the finish line—it is the beginning of a lifelong journey of growing in Christ, receiving His gifts, and living out faith within the church and the world. We give thanks for the many parents, grandparents, godparents, small group leaders, Sunday School teachers, ministry staff, and church members who have encouraged and supported these students along the way. As a church family, we celebrate with these students and continue walking alongside them as they grow in faith, worship, service, and connection at Hope. Please continue to keep our Confirmands in your prayers as they begin this next chapter in their faith journey.



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# Hope Happenings

## Congregational Assembly

The next Congregational Assembly will be held on Sunday, July 26, at 1 PM. Congregational Assemblies are an important opportunity for members to gather, hear updates about the life and ministry of Hope, and participate in the work of our congregation together. Additional information, reports, and reminders will be shared before the meeting so everyone has time to review materials and come prepared. Nursery care will be provided, and registration information for childcare will be released in July. We encourage all members to mark their calendars and plan to attend. Questions?  
[office@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranwf.org)

## Hope Store – Now Open

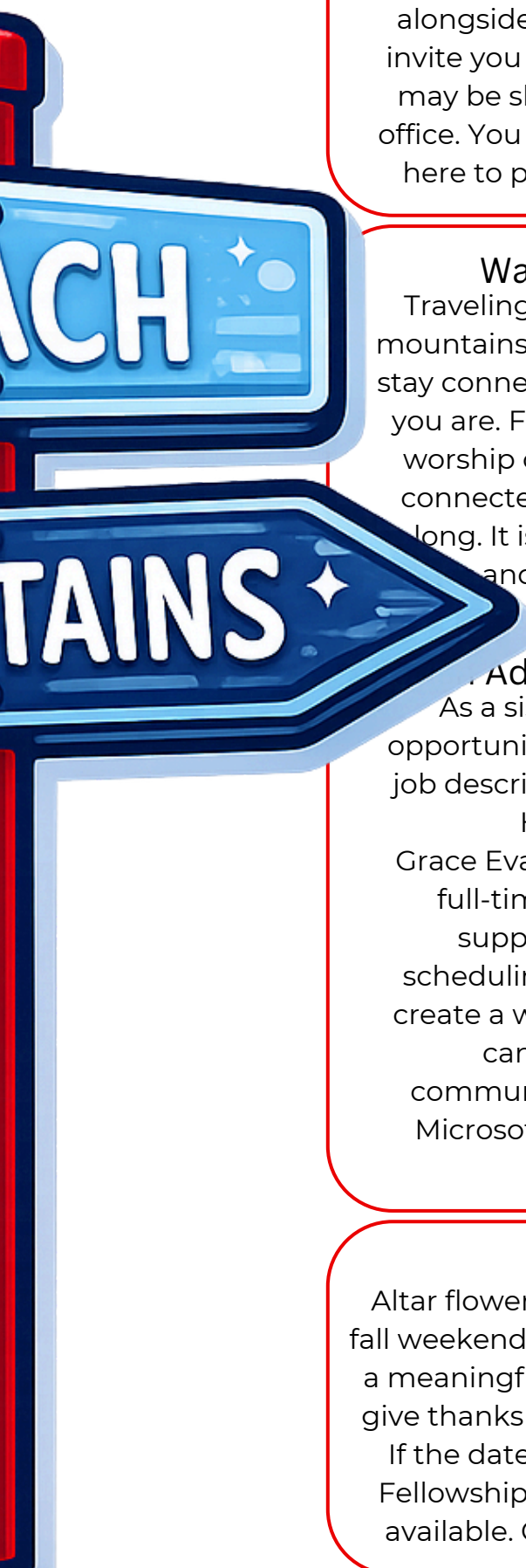
The Hope Store is now open both online and here at Hope. You can shop apparel anytime through our online store, which will continue to expand as we create new designs and apparel. If you have an idea, we would love to hear from you. You can also stop by the office area to see what is available in person as we continue building out our physical store with items like hats, cups, and more. Whether you are looking for everyday wear or a simple way to represent Hope in the community, this is a great time to take a look.



## Drive Carefully Around Hope

As summer begins and more children are outside enjoying time with family, friends, camps, and neighborhood activities, we ask everyone to be especially mindful while driving around Hope and the surrounding neighborhoods. Hope is home to multiple childcare programs, ministry events, small groups, and gatherings throughout the week, and many children and families are regularly coming and going around campus and nearby streets. Thank you for helping create a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for our church, our neighbors, and our community by driving carefully and patiently while on and around campus, especially near Trentini and nearby school areas.





### Prayer Requests Let Us Pray With You

We believe prayer matters, and we would be honored to pray alongside you through both the joys and challenges of life. We invite you to share your prayer requests with us. Prayer requests may be shared through the website or by emailing the church office. You do not have to carry things alone your church family is here to pray with you. Questions? [office@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranwf.org)

### Watch Hope From Anywhere This Summer

Traveling this summer? Heading to the beach, mountains, or visiting family? Don't forget you can stay connected to worship at Hope from wherever you are. Follow Hope on YouTube and join us for worship online while you are away and staying connected with your church family all summer long. It is also a great way to share Hope with friends and family wherever your travels take you.



### Parish Administrator Position – Grace Lutheran Church

As a sister congregation, we are happy to help share this opportunity with the Hope community. If you would like the full job description and application information, please contact the Hope office and we will gladly send it to you.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is currently seeking to fill a full-time Parish Administrator position. This role includes supporting daily church operations, communications, scheduling, ministry support, office coordination, and helping create a welcoming and organized ministry environment. Ideal candidates should have strong organizational and communication skills along with experience in areas such as Microsoft Office, Canva, Constant Contact, social media, and website management.

### Altar Flowers

Altar flower dates are filling quickly, with only a few fall weekends still available. Sponsoring altar flowers is a meaningful way to celebrate, honor, remember, or give thanks while helping beautify worship at Hope.

If the date you are hoping for is already reserved, Fellowship & Coffee hosting opportunities are also available. Questions? [office@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranwf.org)



# Sunday School

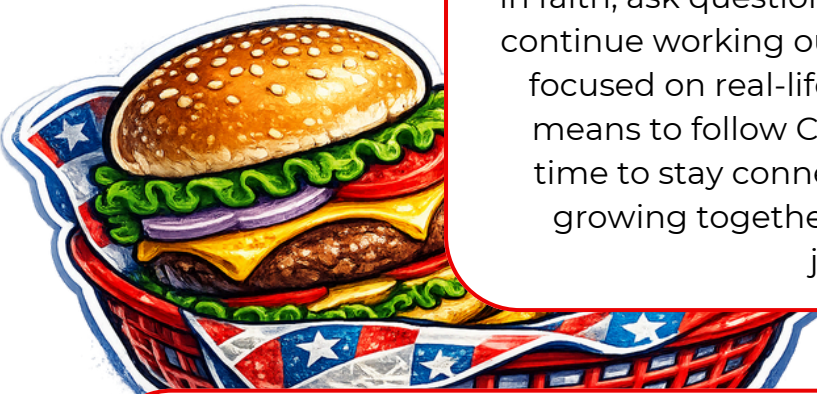
## Adults: The Second Telling of the Law

Join us throughout June for an Adult Sunday School study on the book of Deuteronomy, often called “The Second Telling of the Law.” Together we will walk through Moses’ final words to the people of Israel as they prepare to enter the Promised Land, exploring both the faithfulness of God and the repeated struggles and faithlessness of His people. This study is a meaningful opportunity to grow deeper in Scripture, better understand God’s promises, and reflect on what these words continue to teach us today.



## Youth: People of the Bible

Youth Sunday School continues through the summer as middle and high school students gather each week to grow in faith, ask questions, and connect with one another. We will continue working our way through Scripture and discussions focused on real-life faith, helping students explore what it means to follow Christ in everyday life. Summer is a great time to stay connected, build relationships, and continue growing together, whether you are here every week or joining when you can.



## Kids: Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School kicks off 6/7 with a fun Summer Road Trip theme across Kids Ministry. Each Sunday, kids will explore faith through Bible lessons, activities, games, and connection in an engaging summer environment designed just for them. Whether your family is around all summer or joining us when you can, there is always a place for kids to jump in and be part of the fun.

Classes meet Sundays from 9:45–10:45 AM:

- Preschool–1st Grade: Preschool Classroom Room 1
- Level 23: Level 23 Room
- Club 45: Club 45 Room

Join us this summer as we grow in faith and travel together through an exciting season of Sunday School.

# Supporting Hope



## Because of Your Generosity

Because of your generosity, ministry happens every day at Hope Lutheran Church.

Each weekend, more than 600 people gather for worship, growing in faith through God's Word and music. Over 100 children learn about Jesus each week through Sunday School, while more than 100 middle and high school students gather for youth ministry to build friendships and deepen their faith.

Throughout the week, the life of our church continues to grow through ministries that bring people together.

## Realm Giving

- Give through the Realm Connect App or Website (Realm account required)
- Securely donate using a saved payment option through your account
- Monitor your giving history and manage recurring donations

## Envelope Giving

- This option is for Hope Members only.
- For those who regularly give via the offering plate.

## Online Giving

- Convenient for guests and one-time givers.
- Easily donate through our new giving form on the Hope Website.

## More Information:

Kelly Faris at  
kfaris@hopelutheranwf.org

## Additional Giving Options

- IRA Charitable Giving: If you're over 72 and taking required minimum distributions, you may be able to donate directly to Hope through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)
- Thrivent Choice Dollars: Thrivent members can designate "Choice" dollars to Hope
- Stock Donations: Members can donate stocks or securities to support our ministries

## Please Remember

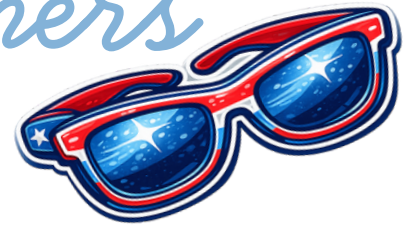
Hope's pastors, nor any of Hope's staff, will ever ask you to give monetary funds outside of these official methods.

## Give Here

If you have a Realm account make sure to sign in.



# Caring for Others



## Mobile Food Ministry Training

Interested in serving with Mobile Food Ministry? Join us on 6/6 from 9 AM–12 PM at Hope in the parking lot for a hands-on training opportunity. This training is designed to help new volunteers learn what to expect, how the ministry operates, and the different ways you can be part of serving our community. Whether you are interested in cooking, packing, delivering, or supporting behind the scenes, this is a great opportunity to get connected and learn more about this impactful outreach ministry.

Questions?

[gismay@afcurgentcare.com](mailto:gismay@afcurgentcare.com)



## Brown Bag Ministry

### June Gathering

Join Brown Bag Ministry on 6/20 from 11 AM–1 PM for a meaningful time of fellowship and service as we prepare and distribute lunches in our community. This ministry is a simple but impactful way to care for others while serving alongside fellow members of the Hope family. Whether you are helping pack lunches, distribute meals, or simply spending time in community together, there is a place for everyone to be involved. If you are unable to attend, donations of granola bars are always appreciated, and prayers for this ministry are always welcome. Questions?

[kapernan@gmail.com](mailto:kapernan@gmail.com)



## Join the Prayer Chain

Looking for a meaningful way to support and care for others at Hope? Consider joining the Hope Prayer Chain. Members of the Prayer Chain receive prayer requests by email and help lift up the needs, concerns, celebrations, and thanksgivings shared by our church family and community. This ministry is a simple but powerful way to care for others through prayer and stay connected to the life of the church. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, email the church office to get connected. Questions? [office@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranwf.org)

# Small Groups



## Tabletop Gamers

Looking for a fun and casual way to connect with others this summer? Tabletop Gamers is a small group for anyone ages 10 and older who enjoys strategy, teamwork, and games beyond the usual classics. Bring a snack to share and join us for a night of laughter, friendly competition, and connection together.

Whether you are an experienced gamer or just curious to try something new, there is a place for you at the table. Please note that children under 10 will need separate childcare arrangements, as the games played are geared toward older participants. Questions? [jslaldin@yahoo.com](mailto:jslaldin@yahoo.com)

## Men of Hope

Men of Hope is more than just a monthly breakfast—it is a place to build friendships, grow in faith, and serve alongside other men at Hope. Each month, men gather for devotion, fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to use their gifts in meaningful ways throughout the church. From supporting ministries like the Prayer Garden and Wednesday Night Alive dinners to helping with projects around Hope, there are many ways to get involved and be part of something bigger. Whether you have been at Hope for years or are simply looking for a place to connect, Men of Hope is a welcoming place to jump in, share life together, and grow in Christ alongside other men. Questions? [rwhall57@gmail.com](mailto:rwhall57@gmail.com)

## Grandparents Small Group

The Grandparents Small Group is a place for grandparents and grandparent figures to connect, encourage one another, and grow in faith together. Through Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and conversation, this group creates space to share both the joys and challenges of grandparenting while building meaningful relationships within the Hope family. The group also hopes to help connect “adoptive grandparents” with families and individuals who may not have local grandparents nearby. Whether you are a grandparent, soon-to-be grandparent, or simply feel called to encourage and support younger generations, this may be a great place for you to connect. Questions? [hopegpsg@gmail.com](mailto:hopegpsg@gmail.com)

## Prime Timers

Prime Timers is a fellowship group for adults 55 and older looking to stay connected, build friendships, and enjoy time together throughout the year. The group gathers for a variety of activities including movies, plays, picnics, outings, and more. Whether you are looking to meet new people or reconnect with familiar faces, Prime Timers is a great way to stay involved and enjoy community together. Questions? [phieter@nc.rr.com](mailto:phieter@nc.rr.com)

# Summer Opportunities

## Wine & Watercolor

Grab a friend and join us for Wine and Watercolor on 6/5 from 7–9 PM in Wake Forest. This fun evening is all about creativity, conversation, and spending time together with other women from Hope. Whether you paint all the time or have never picked up a paintbrush, you are welcome. Bring your favorite wine, enjoy some laughs, make a new connection, and leave with your own watercolor creation. Questions? [bagner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bagner@hopelutheranwf.org).



## Instrumental Music Group

The Music Ministry at Hope is forming a new Instrumental Music Group beginning this summer. This group will rehearse throughout the church year and share their musical gifts during worship services and special opportunities throughout the year. Brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion, guitar, piano, organ, and more are welcome. Summer rehearsals will take place on Sundays in the Sanctuary. Interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to learn more and get involved. Questions? [rvarner@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:rvarner@hopelutheranwf.org).

## Young Adult Tubing Trip

Young adults ages 18–35 are invited to join BREW and Connections for a tubing trip on 6/13 at Tar River Life. Come enjoy a fun and relaxing 3-hour trip down the Tar River while spending time together outdoors and building connections with others in a similar stage of life. Whether you are already involved or looking for a way to get connected, this is a great opportunity to jump in and meet people. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot.

Questions?

[mnicotera@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:mnicotera@hopelutheranwf.org),



## Summer at Xplore Camp

Summer at Xplore Camp is packed with fun, creativity, and new experiences each week at Hope in the Children's Center. Kids will enjoy themed weeks like Wonderful World of Disney, Summer Olympics, Water Fun, Christmas in July, and Cowboy Up, plus many more. Each week brings something different, making it easy to find the right fit for your child. Xplore will be closed the week of 6/22–6/26 for VBS, as well as the weeks of 8/24–8/28 and 8/31–9/4. Visit the Xplore page to view the full schedule and learn more about each week. Questions? [xplore@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:xplore@hopelutheranwf.org).

# VBS 2026: Updates

## Prep & Work Days

VBS starts long before the first child arrives, and we need helping hands to bring Road Trip USA to life. Throughout June, volunteers will gather to prepare supplies, make decorations, organize materials, and transform spaces around Hope for an amazing week of VBS. Whether you can help for a short time or stay for an entire work session, every bit of help makes a difference. No special skills are needed—just a willingness to jump in, serve together, and have some fun along the way. Youth are welcome to help, and we encourage families to serve together whenever possible. Designated youth drop-off work times will also be available throughout the month. Visit the VBS page for detailed work day dates, times, and additional information.

Questions? [vbs@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:vbs@hopelutheranwf.org)



## Evening VBS Registration

There is still space available for Evening VBS at Hope. Join us for Road Trip USA, Hope's one-of-a-kind VBS experience, as kids travel across the country discovering how Jesus walks with us through every part of life. Evening VBS runs 6/22–6/26 from 5–8 PM and includes Bible adventures, music, games, snacks, crafts, and more in a fun and faith-filled environment. This evening option is a great fit for families needing a later schedule, but spots are limited, so sign up today. Questions?

[vbs@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:vbs@hopelutheranwf.org)



# Grade Transitions

Beginning on and after 6/7, all Kids and Youth at Hope will transition into their next grade-level groups as we begin an exciting summer season together.

This includes:

- Rising Kindergarten → K1 Crew
- Rising 2nd Grade → Level 23
- Rising 4th Grade → Club 45
- Rising 6th Grade → Middle School
- Rising 9th Grade → High School
- Graduating Seniors → BREW & Continuing HS through Summer

These transitions apply to Sunday School, Youth Groups, and ministry events throughout the summer and upcoming year. Families are encouraged to make sure students are attending and registering for the correct groups and activities moving forward. We are excited to welcome all to these next steps as they continue growing in faith, friendships, and connection at Hope. Questions? [office@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranwf.org)

# Quick Links

Hope Website:



Office Email:



Events Page:



Giving Form:



Worship Info:



Sermons:



Ministries:



Sunday School:



Prayer List:



## How to Use QR Codes

To help make registration and event information easier to access, you'll see QR codes throughout this month's highlights. You can scan a QR code by simply opening your phone's camera and pointing it at the code—your phone will automatically pull up the link for you. If you're reading the digital PDF version of the newsletter, the QR codes are also clickable and will take you directly to the linked information. We hope this makes connecting with events, registrations, and ministry opportunities at Hope even easier and more convenient.