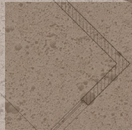


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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for picking up, opening up and reading through this **FAQ (frequently asked questions)** about the **Building Hope for Tomorrow** giving campaign. The fact that you are reading this shows you care about your church and the exciting future God has planned for us ... and I appreciate that.

Here in this booklet, I hope you'll find clear answers for your questions about **Building Hope for Tomorrow** – if your question isn't listed below, please feel free to call me at the church office (515-222-1520) or email me directly at pastor.mike@hopewdm.org.

Peace + Joy!

Pastor Mike Housholder

CAMPAIGN QUESTIONS

Q: What is Building Hope for Tomorrow?

A: Building Hope for Tomorrow is an outreach-focused, Christ-centered and Bible-based all-church giving campaign for Lutheran Church of Hope to create beautiful, God-honoring holy spaces that will open new doors for us to love and serve our neighbors and even more effectively carry out Christ's mission for generations to come as a faithful, vibrant and culturally relevant 21st century church after God's own heart!

Q: What is a giving campaign?

A: It's a relatively short season of life – just 23 days from Nov. 2 (Hope's 30th Birthday Weekend) to Nov. 24 (the weekend before Thanksgiving) – set aside for us as a church family to grow stronger in faith and purpose! It's a great time to be church together!

Q: Is a giving campaign the same thing as a fundraiser, just with a different name?

A: Actually, there's a significant difference between the two that's worth noting: Fundraisers typically include established methods, incentives and, in some cases, pressure and gimmicks to encourage people to make bigger donations, even providing recognition or naming rights and rewards for those who do. That might be appropriate for a nonprofit organization trying to raise money, but not for a church trying to teach a Bible-based model for giving as a matter of faith and spiritual discipline.

Q: Don't most churches hire a professional church fundraiser for a building project of this scale? Why doesn't Hope just do that?

A: Yes, most churches do hire professional fundraisers for building projects of this magnitude, but it's just not a good fit for us. It's expensive and some church fundraisers use tactics that aren't Bible-based. So, the giving campaigns we do at Hope are homegrown and led by a team of volunteers.

Q: Who are the volunteers leading Building Hope for Tomorrow?

A: Our co-directors (my heroes!) are Jenny & Andy Lashier and Chong & Dave Schwartz. They direct a team of more than 100 faithful volunteers from Hope who serve on the Building Hope for Tomorrow Leadership Team. I am grateful for every single one of them (it's a lot of work, but we're having a lot of fun serving together on this giving campaign)!

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Q: What plans do we have for building renovations?

A: A volunteer Design Team (Hope members who are interior designers, creative thinkers and church leaders) met together for months to dream and develop plans to refresh our church building for ministry in the 21st century. Their plans call for upgrades and renovations to the Worship Center, Atrium, The Bridge, Chapel, and classrooms – making all these rooms more accessible and more functional for our community and our congregation to worship, pray, connect, serve, work and play together.

Q: What plans do we have for additions to our church building?

The Design Team has developed an exciting list of new Building Hope for Tomorrow additions ...

- A **Hope on Wheels Outreach RV** to bring Hope to festivals, fairs, marathons, schools, big games, tournaments, tailgates and anywhere people gather in community on weekends (offering worship, prayer, connections and care), and also to serve and love our neighbors by going to areas of need throughout the week (free meals, disaster response, etc.).
- A new **Youth & Mission Outreach Center** to create space at Hope for regular outreach nights, food drives, packaging meals, mission events, recovery groups, community gatherings and more ...
- A new **Food Pantry** at Hope to serve our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity ... with the potential to develop other need-oriented outreach ministries in the future.
- A new **Prayer Cove** located at the heart of our church building – a peaceful and sacred setting for all to connect with God through prayer.
- A new **Teen Center** to provide safe and Christ-centered spaces where middle and high school youth will want to hang out with friends all throughout the week, not just on Wednesday nights.
- Two new **Family Rooms** within the Worship Center, and a new **Sensory Room**. Hope will still encourage all children, including those who make some noise, to worship together with the full congregation. These new rooms will simply provide new and improved options for families who prefer alternative spaces for worship.
- New free-to-the-community **Workstations & Meeting Rooms** throughout the church building with a new daily **Cafe & Missions Bookstore** (all profits go to Hope's mission partners).
- A new indoor **Play Space** for young children and their parents, open to our community (plus it provides another fun reason for kids to come to Hope!).

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- A new **Outdoor Retreat Area** with a campfire, worship amphitheater, prayer path and outdoor recreation courts (basketball, pickleball and possibly sand volleyball) for the congregation and community.
- A new **Community Garden** to help stock the shelves of Hope's new **Food Pantry** with healthy fruits and vegetables.
- A new **Memorial Garden** that will include a beautiful columbarium.
- A new indoor **Walking Path** (mall walkers will have a new option!), and new indoor recreation courts (that double as space for children, youth and adult ministries), all for the sake of good health and building community.
- A new and even safer location for Hope's beloved and growing **Preschool & Daycare**.

We truly are Building Hope for Tomorrow ... and for decades of tomorrows to come!

Q: Don't we already have a nice enough church building? Why are we renovating it and adding to it?

A: We have a wonderful church building ... and if we were only interested in serving ourselves as a congregation, there'd be no need to do a major giving campaign like this. We could instead take a much easier path, embrace the status quo, hit the spiritual "cruise control" and just focus on making things a little nicer and more comfortable for ourselves ... but that's not Hope!

Lutheran Church of Hope is a mission church after God's own heart, and we believe that God has put us here as a church to love our neighbors, serve our community, and realize God's clear vision for us as a church to *"bring Christ to all cultures, revive the world with God's love, and make heaven more crowded!"*

It's not about us. It's about what God can do through us to change the world for the better ... and forever!

Q: Why are we putting so much emphasis on creating holy spaces for our church and our neighbors to find authentic community at Hope?

A: Acts 2:42 offers us a glimpse of a biblically faithful church: *"They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the **life together**, the common meal, and the prayers."*

Our culture isn't great at doing *"life together"* anymore. We live in a hurried world and a digital age that provides mountains of immediate information, but it also tends to isolate us and therefore it's not great for developing meaningful real-world friendships or authentic community. What our 21st century world desperately needs – genuine human community – Building

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Hope for Tomorrow can provide in meaningful and significant ways! We can help the world around us learn how to do *"life together"* again. Hope can become a true community center, not just on weekends and Wednesday nights, but all throughout the week, every week.

And if we do that, to quote a famous movie filmed in Iowa: *"People will come ... People will most definitely come"* ... to church!

"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."
Acts 2:47

QUESTIONS ABOUT GOALS

Q: What are the goals of Building Hope for Tomorrow?

A: The four goals of Building Hope for Tomorrow are (1) to **celebrate** 30 years of the miracle called Hope (Happy Birthday to us!), (2) **catch** the clear and exciting vision God has provided for Hope's future, (3) **connect** on deeper levels to God and to one another as a church family, and (4) **contribute** to the mission of this church as we discover together the joy of cheerful giving with special offerings for the Hope Building Fund to refresh old spaces and add new spaces for Hope to carry out our mission more effectively for generations to come!

Q: How will we *celebrate* 30 years of the miracle called Hope (Building Hope for Tomorrow Goal #1)?

A: It all kicks off on Celebration Weekend with **Worship Night** on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 5:00 pm, followed by an **After Party** complete with really good food and some classy touches in The Bridge!

On Sunday, Nov. 3, our 30th Birthday Celebration continues with **worship** (all the regular service times), creative and meaningful ways for you to participate during those services, and a special **Sunday Funday** after the 11:00 am service with activities and fun surprises for all ages!

Mark your calendars for two more all-church celebrations on Commitment Weekend... a spectacular **Christmas Tree Lighting** at the end of Hope's 5:00 pm service on Saturday, Nov. 23 ... and a **Commitment Sunday Reception** (have your (pan)cakes and eat them, too!) after every service on Sunday, Nov. 24.

Q: How will we *catch* the clear and exciting vision God has provided for Hope's future (Building Hope for Tomorrow Goal #2)?

A: It's easy – just show up for a 30-minute **Fireside Chat!**

Register now at buildinghopefortomorrow.org for one of 14 **Fireside Chats** (childcare provided) scheduled at Hope between Saturday, Nov. 2 – Thursday, Nov. 14. These 30-minute meetings will give you an opportunity to learn all about the details of Building Hope for Tomorrow in a friendly, relaxed and pressure-free setting (no offerings taken!).

Our goal is 100% participation! We want every Hope member to attend a Fireside Chat (non-members are welcome to attend as well)!

If you're already in a small group at Hope, you can host your own Fireside Chat wherever you want. Just attend one of the three Fireside Chats Host Trainings at Hope on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 12:15-1:00 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 7:00-7:45 pm, or Sunday, Nov. 3, from 12:15-1:00 pm. Then, take that information back to your small group.

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Hope members who don't attend a Fireside Chat will be hunted down and forced to have a meeting with our Collections Agents. Just kidding, but we will find a way to get the Building Hope for Tomorrow information packets to you ... so it would be easier for all of us if you show up for a fun and friendly Fireside Chat!

Q: How will we connect on deeper levels to God and one another (Building Hope for Tomorrow Goal #3)?

A: Spiritual growth happens when we carve out time for God, commit to worship weekly, pray and read the Bible daily, discover the joy of Christian community, and coordinate our gifts together as the body of Christ for a purpose and mission that is way bigger than us!

And that's what Building Hope for Tomorrow is all about!

It's not just an opportunity for us to give special offerings to further the cause of Jesus Christ in our world ... it's also an opportunity for us to grow spiritually in powerful ways. That's why we're providing you with a Building Hope for Tomorrow daily devotional, a prayer guide and inviting you to take part in a prayer walk, a 48-hour prayer vigil, and Fireside Chats where you can connect with old friends from Hope and meet some new friends, too!

The more you take part in this giving campaign, the more you will grow, connecting on deeper levels to God and to one another. Come and see!

Q: How will we discover the joy of cheerful giving as we contribute to the mission of this church (Building Hope for Tomorrow Goal #4)?

The Bible says that everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1), and that we came into this world with nothing, and we will leave with nothing (1 Timothy 6:7). In between, God blesses us with money and gifts to manage while we are here in this world. So, how much we give becomes a matter of faith and God's revelation, not human reason. It's between you and God, not you and someone from the church.

So, you are free, rather than obligated, to give. When we give freely and generously (Luke 12:48) out of love for God and to a mission with a positive and eternal impact (Matthew 6:19-21), it not only has the potential to change the world, it can also change us ... and set us free! And in that freedom, we will discover the joy of cheerful giving!

That's my hope for you.

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Q: Will someone from the church give me an idea of how much money I'm expected to give in order to cover my "fair share"?

A: I hope not. I'm certainly not going to tell you what to give, because I don't know. Only God does. This is a campaign that emphasizes cheerful giving and an offering based on prayerful consideration. I hope you don't decide what to give based worldly reason over divine revelation. Rather, I hope you will discover the joy and freedom of giving God's way, as a matter of faith ... and that won't happen if you let another human being, including me, tell you what to give.

Q: How do I determine how much money to give, then?

A: Pray about it. Ask God, "What do you want to do through me to accomplish your will for this church?" Then, respond faithfully to whatever amount God lays on our heart. No guilt. No pressure. No interference. Just an act of faith.

Q: How do I give an offering to Building Hope for Tomorrow?

A: The Building Hope for Tomorrow Leadership Team asks that everyone in our church family prayerfully consider giving both a **one-time special offering** on Commitment Weekend (Nov. 23 & 24) ... and pledge a **three-year commitment** to Building Hope for Tomorrow that will run from January 2025 – December 2027.

Q: I'm part of Hope's online congregation or a Hope Local Site. How can I participate in the Commitment Weekend offerings on Nov. 23 & 24?

A: We will set up our church website – hopewdm.org – to receive offerings during each of our six live online services on Commitment Weekend (Nov. 23 & 24) so Hope's online church and Local Sites can take part in the special offering for Building Hope for Tomorrow as it is happening live in West Des Moines.

Q: What if I don't have any money to give? Should I give my last dollar to the church in order to prove my faith?

A: Absolutely not. If you are down to your last dollar, the church should be giving to you, not the other way around. The church has a responsibility not to take your last coins (Luke 21:1-4 is one of the most misinterpreted texts in the Bible, and I'll do some teaching on that during this giving campaign).

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Q: I thought the Bible commanded tithing? Should I base my giving on calculating what a tithe amounts to for me?

A: Tithing — setting aside the first 10% of our income for God — is a biblical guideline for giving, introduced in the Old Testament (Leviticus 27:30), and lifted up by Jesus as something good to do (Luke 11:42). Yet, in that same verse, Jesus insists that tithing as a religious action apart from love and justice is incomplete. Jesus wants us to give more than our tithes. He wants our hearts, and reminds us that our hearts and treasures hang out together (Matthew 6:20-21). He wants to set us free from living for things that won't last, and invest in eternal things. Biblically speaking, then, tithing is not a litmus test for righteous living, nor is it necessarily a maximum offering for believers (Luke 12:48, Luke 19:8). Tithing is a biblical guideline that many Christians apply as we seek to live out a life filled with freedom, peace and joy — even when it comes to money.

Q: What is Bible-based giving?

A: It's quite different from a worldly approach to giving. It steers completely clear of guilt, pressure, or gimmicks ... and there will be no plaque on a wall featuring the names of our big givers (1 Corinthians 13:3). Instead, Bible-based giving leads us to cheerfully bring our offerings to God for his glory, not our own (Psalm 115:1). We give as a matter of faith — freely, generously, and cheerfully in response to prayer, not a misplaced sense of duty or compulsion (2 Corinthians 9:6-12). We give to honor God, not to be recognized or honored by other people (Proverbs 3:9). We give to make an investment in a mission with the potential to produce results that will bless people forever (Matthew 6:19-21). This is Bible-based giving the way God teaches us to give, and it produces genuine joy deep down in our souls (Acts 20:35). For more on this, see the Bible-Based Giving Guide in this info packet.

Q: What is the most important bottom-line giving goal for this campaign?

A: The most important giving goal for Building Hope for Tomorrow is that every person in our church family would learn to give in a Bible-based way (see answer to the previous question). If we learn as a church to give in a faithful and joy-filled manner, we will be transformed as a congregation by Thanksgiving ... and the grand total will be precisely what God wants it to be (making this campaign a huge success!). That's our bottom-line giving goal. The manner in which we give (as a matter of faith) is more important than the amount (2 Corinthians 9:6-9, Matthew 6:21).

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Q: What are the specific giving goals that will allow us to start with building renovations and additions?

A: We have three specific giving goals that, once met, will allow us to begin construction on three different phases of construction ...

VICTORY GOAL: \$3 million=> Build Phase 1 ...

- New Hope on Wheels Outreach RV to bring Hope to community events and to serve our neighbors in need (free meals, prayer, care).
- New Prayer Cove at the heart of our church building for all to connect with God in prayer.
- New free-to-the-community Workstations & Meeting Rooms with a new Cafe & Missions Bookstore (all profits to missions).
- New classrooms for a growing church and for ministries currently capped for lack of space.
- New community gathering spaces throughout our church building for groups to gather.
- New Family Rooms in the Worship Center, and new Sensory Room.
- New Outdoor Retreat Area with campfire, worship amphitheater, prayer path, and outdoor recreation courts (basketball, pickleball) for the congregation and community.
- New Community Garden to help stock the shelves of Hope's new Food Pantry (which will get a permanent home in Phase 3 – see below).
- New Memorial Gardens that will include a beautiful columbarium.
- Refresh & renovate Hope's Worship Center, Atrium, The Bridge, Chapel, and restrooms.

MIRACLE GOAL: \$9 million=> Build Phase 2 (all of Phase 1 plus) ...

- Construct the large shell (before construction costs rise again) for a new two-story Youth & Mission Outreach Center building addition.

FINISH THE RACE GOAL: \$15 million=> Build Phase 3 (all of Phase 1 & 2 plus) ...

- Complete construction of a new two-story Youth & Mission Outreach Center with dedicated space for outreach nights, major food drives, meal packaging, a new Food Pantry, mission events and more.
- New Teen Center to provide safe and Christ-centered spaces where teens will want to hang-out with friends all throughout the week.
- New indoor Play Space for young children and their families.

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- New indoor Walking Path (alternative for mall walkers!) and new indoor recreation courts that double as space for children, youth and adults ministries, all for the sake of outreach and building community.
- New and even safer location for Hope's beloved and growing Preschool & Daycare.
- Upgrade parking lot lighting, two new entrances and add a new elevator ... all for improved accessibility and safety.
- Add even more new spaces throughout the new Youth & Mission Outreach Center for groups in our church and community to gather.

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Q: What's the difference between Hope's General Fund and Building Fund?

A: General Fund offerings support all of Hope's ongoing ministries. Building Fund offerings are designated only for church building renovations and additions, and cannot be used for General Fund expenses. All giving to Building Hope for Tomorrow goes to the Building Fund.

Q: Didn't Hope promise during our last giving campaign to never take out another loan for a building project at Hope in West Des Moines?

A: We did, and we won't. We paid off our building loan and burned our mortgage in 2012. At that time, we vowed that any future church building renovations or additions connected at Hope in West Des Moines would happen without a new mortgage. No interest. No debt. No loans. We'll build when we have the money to pay for it.

Q: Since we won't take on building debt at Hope in West Des Moines, does that mean Hope's Building Fund needs to reach \$3 million before we start Phase 1?

A: Yes.

Q: What if we don't reach the Victory Goal of \$3 million?

A: We'll wait to build Phase 1 until we meet that goal. The Building Fund will remain active and open. As soon as it tops \$3 million, we'll start building ... whether that's by the end of 2024, three years from now, or 10 years from now. Same deal with the other specific giving and building phases for Building Hope for Tomorrow. When we reach \$15 million, for instance, we'll start with Phase 3 of construction and Finish the Race! Until then, we'll wait.

Q: But what if construction costs rise and \$15 million doesn't cover construction costs 10 years from now?

A: I think we all expect construction costs will rise in the future (historically that's almost always true), so we hope and pray that early giving to Building Hope for Tomorrow – the one-time special offering on Nov. 23 & 24 – will be strong (before building costs rise again).

The closer and the sooner we get to our Victory Goal of \$3 million, the more likely we will be able to start Phase 1 of construction before construction costs rise.

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That said, our finance leaders at Hope have included a contingency fund in the Phase 1 and Phase 3 construction budgets in anticipation of building costs going up. Still, there are no guarantees it will be enough to cover significant cost increases. If the day comes at some point in the future when anticipated giving goals do not meet real world construction costs, we will inform the congregation publicly, prayerfully consider all options, come up with a new plan, and decide together what to do, and what to build (and not build) as a church family. In other words, we'll do what we always do at Hope when it comes to money. We'll be transparent and honest with you every step of the way ... and we'll praise God no matter what!

Q: What if (on a more optimistic note) giving to Building Hope for Tomorrow goes above the Finish the Race Goal of \$15 million?

A: If that happens, we'll praise God and use any additional Building Funds for future building projects at Hope in West Des Moines.

Q: If we're doing fine financially, why not wait until the economy improves and then have a giving campaign?

A: At Hope, we try to make decisions based on God's timing, not the world's. If we wait for the economy to get "good enough," we might never make a move. As the Church Council and I prayerfully pondered the potential for a giving campaign this fall, God's timing came clear. Your enthusiastic approval for a giving campaign at a congregational meeting in July to move forward with Building Hope for Tomorrow brought additional confirmation. It's time to build.

Q: Should I stop giving offerings to Hope's General Fund so I can give to Building Hope for Tomorrow instead?

A: Only if God directs you to do that. But the existing ministries of this church depend on General Fund offerings to carry on, so please prayerfully consider your giving to the General Fund of our church in addition to and separate from your Building Hope for Tomorrow contribution. We don't want to "rob Peter to pay Paul," sacrifice one fund for the sake of another, or defund Hope's current ministries.

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Q: Could we renovate and do these building additions just by spending less on certain line items in Hope's General Fund budget, like programs, meals, video screens, coffee, set designs, etc.?

A: No. Hope's operational costs are quite low relative to other churches. Our Church Council has a long-standing reputation for faithfully preparing and proposing church budgets (approved by church members at the annual meeting) that do not include wasteful or extravagant spending. Items that might seem excessive actually break even or save the church money. Our weekly meals in The Bridge tend to break even with free will offerings. The video projection screens pay for themselves by cutting the need for more paper, copies, songbooks, hymnals, etc. Coffee costs are covered by those who buy it at Cafe Hope with 100% of any proceeds going directly to our mission partners, not to Hope. Set designs for worship are created from inexpensive materials — they look good because our Design Team is amazing! The church's financial books are open to all members. Financial integrity is a high value for us. We take seriously the responsibility to be faithful stewards of all offerings given to Lutheran Church of Hope.

Q: Why not just do a giving campaign for missions, or to serve the poor, or to help other Hope campuses with their building projects, instead of funding renovations and building additions in West Des Moines?

A: Four things in response to this good question ...

First, we do special giving campaigns for missions at least twice a year every year through Hope's annual Lenten Projects and Advent Projects.

Second, Building Hope for Tomorrow is an outreach-focused giving campaign. Most of what we hope to build and renovate is for the sake of strengthening Hope's missions and outreach ministries.

Third, it's worth noting that Hope gives a higher percentage of total offerings to missions than almost any church in America. Last year, Hope gave \$5.4 million to missions – financial support for over 60 local and global mission partners like Bethel Mission (homeless shelter), Lutheran Services in Iowa, Globeserve (new churches & clean water wells in Africa), Many Hands for Haiti, Convoy of Hope (disaster response), Bible Camps, and many more. Our annual goal is to give half of total offerings to missions. The more we grow as a church, the more we can do for missions, and the more potential we have to start new campuses who also have a heart for missions. Hope has been able to give millions to missions every year, launch new campuses, and start new local missions that serve our community only because we have grown deeper in faith, wider in generosity, and stronger in

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size and potential. So, providing room for Hope to grow, and building up our congregation in West Des Moines, is one of the best ways to ensure that Hope will be able to continue to expand our missions and outreach efforts for decades to come.

Fourth, if Hope's Mission Fund, or a giving campaign for another Hope campus, is where the Holy Spirit leads you to give generously, please do so ... with my blessing and full encouragement! Hope Ames (new building), Hope Grimes (building addition), Hope Ankeny (building debt reduction), and Hope Waukee (building debt reduction) are all doing giving campaigns this fall. Those funds are active and open, and you can give to them anytime.

MINISTRY CONNECTIONS QUESTIONS

Q: Will Hope's other campuses contribute to Building Hope for Tomorrow in West Des Moines?

A: They are not being asked to do so, but certainly can if the Spirit moves them. We are one church that meets in multiple locations. We support and pray for one another and share much in common. When giving campaigns arise at one Hope campus, we let all of the other campuses know, invite all to pray, and trust the Holy Spirit to guide our giving decisions. Beyond that, we just don't stress about it, or try to control it. Wherever God leads you to give at Hope, please follow.

Q: How can I get my kids involved in Building Hope for Tomorrow?

A: Talk to them about faithful giving, what we are learning as a church about generosity, and why we give to support the mission of God's church. Bring your children to HopeKids on weekends and Wednesday nights where they will receive coin banks so they can discover the joy of cheerful giving and participate in the all-church processional offerings during worship (a spiritual experience they will likely remember for a long time to come). When kids give, they feel genuine joy – and we're called to follow their example and do the same!

Q: What about older students, young adults, and other ministries at Hope – will they also be involved in Building Hope for Tomorrow?

A: Yes! Our goal is for all generations to take part in Building Hope for Tomorrow – this is an all-church giving campaign! A Ministry Connections Team will reach out to every ministry at Hope to encourage them to get involved in creative and important ways.

A FINAL (MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED) QUESTION

Q: I'm excited about Building Hope for Tomorrow! What can I do to help?

A: I'm pleased to report that I saved the best question for last ... and this is, by far, the most frequently asked question that I've heard over the past few weeks. Thank you for that, Hope!

My answer is that I encourage you, and everyone at Hope, to take part fully, worship weekly, pray daily, take part in the Prayer Walk or Prayer Vigil, dive into the daily devotionals, attend one of 14 Fireside Chats at Hope (or do the same in your small group), come to the four big celebrations to kick off and wrap up this campaign. Finally, pray about your contribution to Building Hope for Tomorrow, and give whatever God lays on your heart through a 1-time special offering and a three-year commitment (January 2025 – December 2027) at Hope's weekend services on Nov. 23 & 24. If we do that, together, as a church family, then this giving campaign will be a great and God-glorifying success! Thank you for making it so through your full participation and help!

I am blessed to serve as a pastor for such an amazing congregation, and to be church together with each and every one of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Housholler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.



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