

# BUILDING HOPE FOR TOMORROW

**"For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all."**

*Ephesians 4:4-6*



**GRIMES**

Fall 2024

## Dear Hope Family,

We've always been suckers for underdog stories. There's something about watching people with no hope defy the odds and come together to accomplish the incredible. Dare we say it, the impossible.

We see it in the movies all the time: Rocky, Finding Nemo, 300, The Pursuit of Happyness, October Sky, Hidden Figures, Just Mercy ...

And we read it in story after story of the Bible: Abraham, Moses, Ruth, David, Esther and the Disciples.

**God takes unlikely, ordinary people.**

**God works in them and through them.**

**God's power and God's people come together to build something eternal.**

**“All of you together are Christ's body,  
and each of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27**

We want to invite you to join us as our story and God's story come together to build something incredible. Hope Grimes was launched in September 2011 with gatherings at Summit Middle School in Johnston. In September 2018, we opened our current building and it has served us well until recently. Still Pastor Andy and Pastor Murph have received multiple questions around when the right time to expand is. Well, Hope Grimes, that time is now!

God has been building his church here in numerous ways and he is calling us to something new. The reality is, we have reached the point in our journey where our current building limitations hinder our ability to carry out the mission God has given to us.

God has taught us a great lesson over the last 13 years – we are “better together.” As each one of us discovers and puts into practice our God-given gifts and abilities, we discover this reality: the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. **And, the impossible – with God's help – becomes possible.**

So, friends, the time to build is **now!**

This fall, we will be **Building Hope for Tomorrow** by raising capital in the following five areas: clarity, community, commitment, capacity and contributions. We will build a place where the people of this growing community can be touched by the everlasting love of Jesus Christ.

That love changes everything.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Andy Hermanson & Pastor Murph Hutson



# 5 CAPITALS:

**Clarity:** We are asking God to make it as clear and as obvious as possible why we exist as a church, as well as who we are in Him.

**Community:** We are asking God to knit us together and connect us as one around a common identity, mission, vision and values.

**Commitment:** We are asking God to increase our sacrificial love for him and the people he has called us to serve as a church.

**Capacity:** We are asking God to increase our ability to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

**Contributions:** We are asking God to increase our total offerings of time, talent and treasure received.

**“Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”**

*Matthew 6:20-21*

# The Heart of Hope

## Mission

**“Reach out** to the world around us and **share** the **everlasting love** of **Jesus Christ.**”

## Vision

**“Powered** by the Spirit to bring Christ to **all cultures, revive the world** with God’s love and **make heaven more crowded!**”



## Core Values

### 1. Jesus is life. The rest is details.

“I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.”

*Romans 1:16*

### 2. Lost people matter to God and so they matter to us.

“Your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!”

*Luke 15:32*

### 3. We worship God, not tradition.

“The time is coming - indeed it’s here now - when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.”

*John 4:23*

### 4. Following Jesus is a growing experience.

“... equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ ... that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.”

*Ephesians 4:12-14*

### 5. We are one body, united in Jesus Christ.

“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”

*1 Corinthians 12:27*

# If They Come, We Will Build It!

*“To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.”*

*Luke 19:26*

- Hope is one of the **largest LCMC** (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) **congregations** in the nation - there are over 1,000 LCMC congregations.
- In 2022 Hope was the fastest growing Lutheran church in America by Outreach Magazine.
- **Over 100 children** participate weekly in Hope Grimes' Children's Ministry (HopeKids), and over **400 students** attend Hope Grimes' weekly Student Ministries (PowerLife and Ignition).
- Our student ministry is at such a capacity that we have **run out of space for groups** to meet in our building, with many having to be large (**20+ students**) and **meeting in places such as a table in the hallway**. Each grade meets at a separate time.
- **More than 800 adults are involved in Adult Ministries** (small groups, adult discipleship classes and events, volunteer ministries, and engaging with mission partners).
- **700 children and 400+ volunteers attended (either as registrants or guests) Hope Grimes' Vacation Bible School in July 2024.** We had to **cap attendance** due to space and safety limitations.
- Since adding a fourth worship service on Saturday at 5:00 pm, our worship attendance has **averaged 825+ each week** with some weekends **exceeding 900+**.
- In the last 2 years our worship attendance has **nearly doubled**.



# WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE TO HAVE AN EFFECTIVELY SIZED HOME FOR HOPE IN GRIMES?

## NEW WORSHIP CENTER

Imagine worshipping in a facility that provides ample room for everyone currently attending Hope with room for you to invite your friends and family to catch the wave of the Holy Spirit at Hope!

The beautiful and functional new **600-seat Worship Center** (with a 250-seat overflow space available in the considerably expanded atrium) will provide an intimate setting for worshippers to connect with the love of Jesus.



The Worship Center will be filled with natural light, comfortable seating and a large enough stage for major events like Christmas Eve, children’s programs and Easter!

Most importantly, the new Worship Center will provide room for unchurched people to come and meet Jesus and be a sanctuary (literally means “safe haven”) for those who already know Christ to come and worship him.

Our core focus at Hope Grimes is to **get people what they need to do what God has called them to do**. Doing so positions us best to **reach out to the world around us and share the everlasting love of Jesus Christ**. That’s our mission, and we have chosen to accept it!

## ROOM FOR THE KIDS

Imagine children learning the stories of the Bible and experiencing the love of Jesus in a space designed for large group worship with direct access to multiple small group classrooms. There will be expanded spaces where kids are free to learn about Jesus and worship with all the energy they can bring.

Imagine a spacious new nursery with a toddler-friendly restroom design for families with potty-training toddlers, where all nursery needs will be met on the same level of the building.

Imagine additional classrooms and large gathering spaces beyond what we currently have that will allow our children to invite their friends to come and hear about the love of Jesus Christ.



**“Jesus looked at them intently and said, ‘Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.’”**

***Matthew 19:26***

## SPACE FOR EVENTS AND MINISTRIES

Imagine a basement with another large room (in addition to The Gathering) for HopeKids, PowerLife, Ignition, Alpha, Men's, Women's, 50+, and Vacation Bible School. Imagine more classrooms for small groups to meet throughout the day and on Student Ministry Wednesdays. No more sitting in hallways or putting three student groups in The Gathering or Worship Center where they can hear each group's conversations while they try to discuss their personal journeys of faith.

Imagine Wednesday nights in which we have space for *HopeKids Wednesdays\**, PowerLife, Ignition, and Adult Ministries, all at the same time. In other words, the whole family can come together **to get what they need to do what God has called them to do.**

Imagine our current Worship Center being utilized for large gatherings such as breakfast all morning long on Sundays, special worship experiences, large gatherings, as well as general space to spread out, linger, and form community with others.

Imagine office spaces where care conversations with Pastor Andy and Pastor Murph don't require finding empty classrooms due to current limitations.

Imagine a kitchen that provides us with the ability to make our own food instead of needing to pick it up from elsewhere. Imagine a meal for students and families coming to PowerLife, *HopeKids Wednesdays* and *Wednesday Night Discipleship\**, where we can feed everyone's bellies and souls.

*\*Currently not possible to offer with our space limitations.*

# Dream BIG

**Depending on the offerings we bring to God for Building Hope for Tomorrow, we have three big goals:**

## **1. MIRACLE GOAL (\$4.6 million):**

We break ground on the building expansion, and have a new Worship Center and a framed out but unfinished basement.

## **2. DREAM GOAL (\$5.1 million):**

We get the new Worship Center, a finished basement with additional gathering spaces and classrooms, a new nursery and expanded office spaces.

## **3. VICTORY GOAL (\$5.8 million):**

We get all of the above plus a fully functioning kitchen capable of creating multiple meals a week for various ministries, including weddings and funerals.

# Building Plans

*“Upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”*

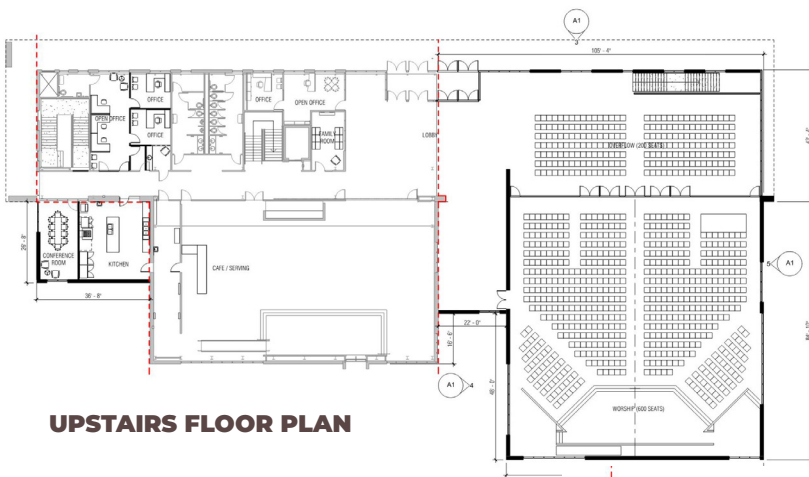
*Matthew 16:18*



**SOUTHEAST VIEW**



**ROUNABOUT VIEW**



**UPSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN**



**DOWNSTAIRS FLOOR PLAN**





**INTERIOR WORSHIP CENTER**



**INTERIOR OVERFLOW GATHERING**



**INTERIOR LOBBY**

# Strategy of Building Hope for Tomorrow

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand...”

*Philippians 4:6-7*

## 1. Gather

### WEEKLY WORSHIP

**Why? INSPIRATION:** Worship is a spiritual exercise for the body of Christ and a time for intimacy with God, healing for the hurt, sanctuary from chaos, water for dry bones and spiritual food for the soul; it’s a Holy Spirit hangout, hospital for sinners, a place of renewal and holy ground.

#### Celebration Services

Saturdays, 5:00 pm

Sundays, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

### ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Why? CONNECTION:** To learn about the vision and goals of **Building Hope for Tomorrow** and to give the people of Hope Grimes an opportunity to connect with one another.

**How?** You’ll be invited to attend a 75-minute informational meeting at Hope Grimes with Pastor Andy, Pastor Murph and the campaign leadership team. You can choose from any of the following:

- Sunday, November 3, 12:15-1:30 pm
- Thursday, November 7, 5:15-6:30 pm
- Saturday, November 9, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Sunday, November 10, 12:15-1:30 pm



## PARTY AT THE CELEBRATION NIGHT

**Why? CELEBRATION:** Give thanks for God's abundant blessings at Hope Grimes and dream together about the future – a full-blown family reunion for every person with a connection to Hope Grimes – a taste of heaven! This will include worship, fun and hors d'oeuvres.

### **How? ATTEND THE PARTY!**

Lutheran Church of Hope Grimes

**Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:00-7:00 pm** with refreshments afterwards

Casual attire

No offerings; no sales pitch; no pressure – just a joy-centered party!

All are welcome, including kids!

## 2. Grow

### DEVELOP A DAILY PRAYER ROUTINE

**Why? CONVERSATION:** Develop more effective communication patterns and a deeper bond between you and God.

#### **How?**

- Make good use of the daily devotional and prayer guides.
- **5 @ 5:** Commit to pray daily for 5 minutes at 5:00 pm for the campaign, and prayerfully ask God to guide your giving.
- Participate in the weekly prayer opportunities throughout the **Building Hope for Tomorrow** campaign.
- **Hope Grimes Prayer Walk** – Sunday, Nov. 17, 12:30-1:30 pm.

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.”

*1 Corinthians 3:11*

### DIVE INTO THE BIBLE

**Why? REVELATION:** Experience life-changing freedom as you immerse yourself in the living word of God.

#### **How?**

- Make good use of the daily devotional guide (printed or digital).
- Read the Bible daily together as a family or with friends.



## 3. Give

### DISCOVER THE JOY OF CHEERFUL GIVING

**Why? LIBERATION:** Find freedom in guilt-free, pressure-free giving - not under compulsion; but rather, we get to give cheerfully, generously and freely!

**How?** Understand that everything we have belongs to God:

- Pray
- Wait for God to answer
- Give as a matter of God's revelation, not human reason
- Give with a sense of God's timing for the eternal impact of our gifts

### BRING AN OFFERING TO GOD THROUGH BUILDING HOPE FOR TOMORROW

**Why? MISSION:** For the sake of fulfilling Lutheran Church of Hope's mission to "reach out to the world around us and share the everlasting love of Jesus Christ."

**How?** In addition to regular general fund offerings, offer a one-time gift, and/or a 3-year commitment to **Building Hope for Tomorrow** on Commitment Weekend - Nov. 23 & 24.

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# Discover the JOY of Cheerful Giving!

**“You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”**  
**John 8:31-32**

It's not complicated.  
It's a matter of faith.  
It's God's revelation,  
not human reason!

## **STEP ONE: PRAY.**

Ask God this question: “Lord, what do you want to do through me to accomplish your will for Hope Grimes?”

*“Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened.” - Matthew 7:7*



## **STEP TWO: LISTEN TO GOD.**

Keep asking until you “hear” God's answer. If you don't get anything – in other words, if you don't get a pretty strong indication in your heart, soul or mind as you pray each day throughout this campaign – then quiet your life until you can. Be still. Listen to God, not people. God will write a number on your heart, soul or mind.

*“Be still, and know that I am God.” - Psalm 46:10*

## **STEP THREE: TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH.**

Trust God enough to do whatever he calls you to do, believing that he will provide the means to make it happen (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). And, now you're giving as a matter of faith – and thus, experiencing the joy and freedom of Bible-based giving without anyone telling you, other than God, what to give! Enjoy the feeling!

**“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’”**  
*2 Corinthians 9:7*

“All goes well for those who are generous, who  
lend freely and conduct their business fairly.”

*Psalm 112:5*

## Dear Hope Community,

This is an exciting time to be a member of God’s church and especially here at Hope Grimes! We are honored to serve as part of a larger team of volunteers who have a heart for Hope Grimes and its future, made possible through this **Building Hope for Tomorrow** campaign. Hope Grimes, with its beautiful cross shining brightly in our community, has become a beacon to those who have a spiritual need. God has blessed this church with a growing stream of people seeking to know and to be known by Christ and his church. This campaign is about more than making people comfortable but, more importantly, being prepared for His future for us. We believe God is calling us to raise all five capitals and to make room for more people to seek and find a relationship with him.

The strategy of this campaign is three-fold: **Gather, Grow and Give**.

First, we want our Hope family to **Gather**. This will begin with weekend worship. Also, we hope you will participate in planned events - meeting new people and building new and strong relationships with each other. We all know how important it is to stay connected to others in vital and meaningful ways. The upcoming events included in this campaign are specifically designed to help you meet this critical need.

Second, our desire for you is to **Grow**. Growth can come in multiple forms. First and foremost, opportunities abound to grow your personal relationship with God. This campaign offers a chance to kick-start healthier habits when it comes to connecting with God through prayer and Bible reading. Do not miss the life-giving resources and opportunities available to you through our campaign packets and website.

Growth also comes in the form of people. The mission of Lutheran Church of Hope is to “reach out to the world around us and share the everlasting love of Jesus Christ.” If you have attended a worship service, you have seen the amazing growth in attendance over the past couple years.

In addition, we struggle to find space for our rapidly increasing student ministry, preschool, and Vacation Bible School. The last two years we have been forced to limit the number of kids able to attend so we can ensure their safety. Simply put, God’s growth of our church body has limited our ability to serve our target demographic and necessitated the need to expand. Our calling as Christians is to expand God’s kingdom both here in Granger, Grimes and Johnston, as well as, the world around us. Our mission here is not done.

The final component of our campaign strategy is to **Give**. We understand this is a personal decision. All we ask of you is to prayerfully consider what it looks like for you to further the mission of Hope with your time, talent and treasure. Our heart during the campaign is not to pressure anyone into giving but to assist people with resources to determine what amount can be given *joyfully and freely* as God intends. Please take the time to pray about how God can accomplish his mission and desires through you.

This campaign seeks to address our greatest ministry barriers through providing additional worship space and classrooms. Whether it is our over-crowded junior high and high school groups, or our inability to offer additional care classes, recovery groups and adequate space for our Vacation Bible School, we are leaving ministry opportunities on the table and are asking God to help us expand our capacity to meet the needs. You are invited to be part of God's answer to our prayer.

Thank you to all who are putting their time, talents and prayers into the **Building Hope for Tomorrow** campaign. As a community, especially God's beloved community, we believe anything is possible through Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions or comments about the campaign, please do not hesitate to contact one of us - you can email us at [admin@hopegrimes.org](mailto:admin@hopegrimes.org).

Let's do this Hope Grimes!

Hope Grimes Campaign Directors



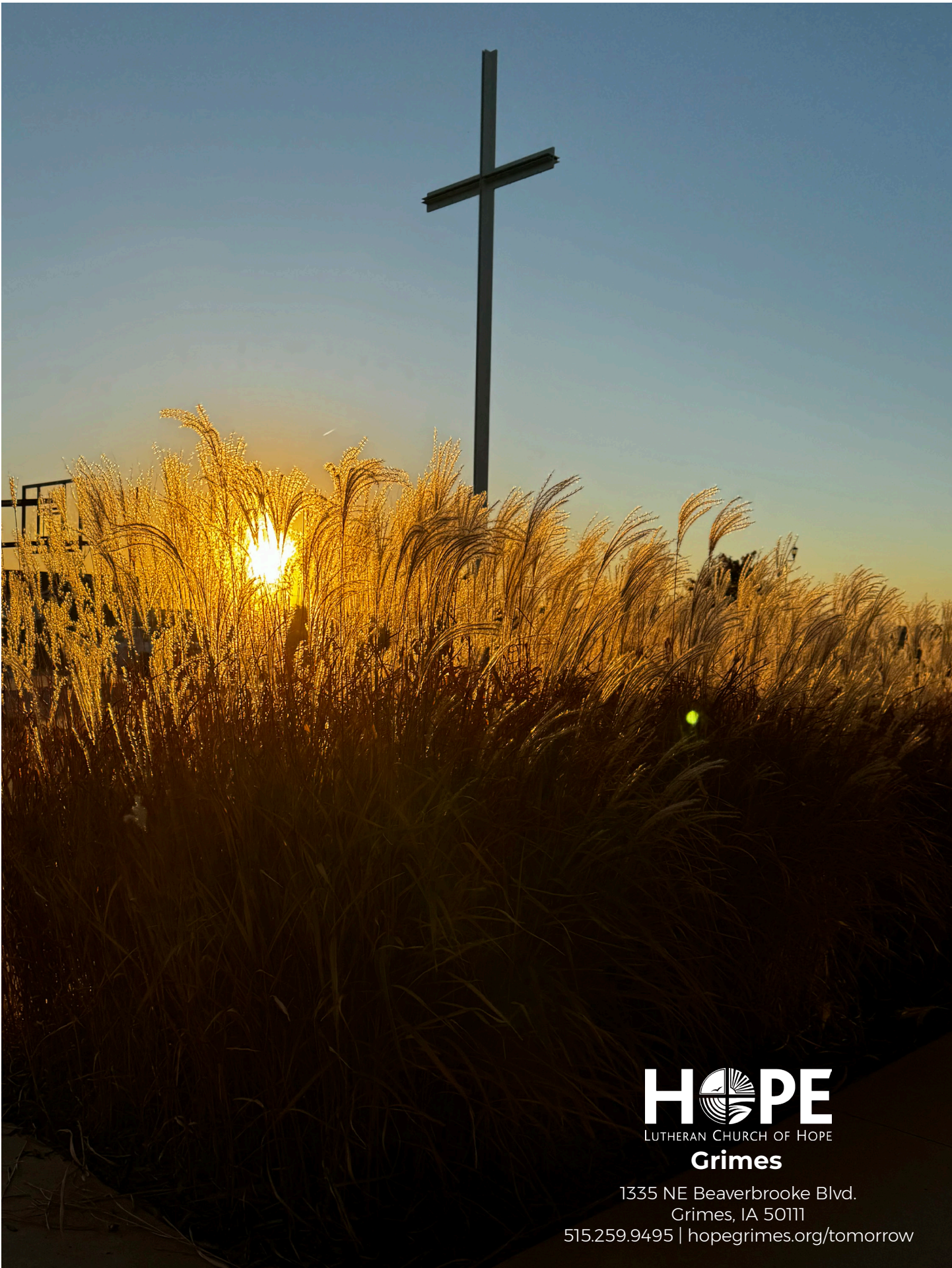
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