# Welcome to New Hope Church

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.









GIVE ONLINE

**NEED PRAYER?** 

**NEWS & GIVING REPORT** 

#### **Financial Stewardship Elective**

Sundays, May 14 & 21, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Finances can cause stress, anxiety and conflict. Learn how God's design for your finances can bring peace, joy and purpose. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

#### **New Here Meet & Greet**

3rd Sundays (May 21), 10–10:30am, Conference Room. New Here? We'd love to get to know you! Meet staff, elders and Pastor Matthew and help us get to know you.

#### **Spring Brunch**

Sunday, May 21, 9:30–12:30pm, Family Center. A delicious light brunch supporting the Student Ministry Trip to Loveland, CO. Purchase tickets by May 14 in The Cafe, at the Reception Desk or at the lobby tables on May 7 & 14. Limited ticket availability at door.

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, May 21, 4:30pm, Family Center. Although voting is limited to church members, everyone is encouraged to attend. Celebrate God's grace to us. Details at newhopechurchmn.org.

#### **Care Seminar: Kids & Grief**

Saturday, June 3, 9am–12pm, Bien Aime Farm (Loretto, MN). Through art projects and experiences with horses, children (ages 6–10) learn how to process their grief. Parents meet seperately. Cost: \$10/child. Register by Friday, May 26. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/care or 763-536-3205.

#### **Ways to Give**

Thank you for your generous giving to New Hope Church. You can give online at newhopechurchmn.org/give, through the NHC App or text "newhopechurch" to 833-421-8615.

Get the most current information at

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## **Discussion Guide**

May 14, 2023

### SO I WILL COMFORT YOU Isaiah 66:13

#### CONNECT

1. We know of God as Father (e.g., "Our Father, who is in Heaven . . . "). But what is your reaction to the idea that God also has the posture of a mother?

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3. Consider Isaiah 66:12–13. In what ways is God presented here as both father and mother?

4. How does the imagery in these two verses shape or inform your view of God?

5. Beyond Isaiah 66:13, what other biblical storylines depict the Lord as a mother?

6. See the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 2:7. What do you think it looked like for Paul to be this and how can we be like this today?

#### **ACTION**

7. Think of that specific person you are going to seek out and comfort? Who is it and when will you make that effort?