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

New Here Meet & Greet

3rd Sundays (August 20), 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.

Be Baptized

Baptism Class: August 27, 10:30am, Conference Room. Learn more about the next steps toward baptism and be baptized on Sunday, September 10. Register at newhopechurchmn. org/baptism.

Fall Kickoff Sunday: Celebrate New Hope

Sunday, September 10, 10:30am only, Worship Center. An allchurch event to celebrate community, baptisms and the start of fall ministry season. Food and games on the front lawn. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Join the Mission

Find a place to serve at newhopechurchmn.org/serve.

Men's Retreat

October 13–14, Wood Lake Camp (Grantsburg, WI). For men of all ages. This year's focus is learning to live, love, and lead like Jesus. Cost: \$75. Register by September 13 at newhopechurchmn.org/men.

Bible Studies & Discipleship Groups

Bible studies and discipleship groups for women and men are starting up. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/women and newhopechurchmn.org/men.

Moms Together

2nd & 4th Thursdays, begins September 28, 9:15am. Open to women with children (birth-k). Encouragement and friendship with other moms in the same stage of life. Register at newhopechurchmn.org/women.



THE AROMA OF CHRIST 2 Corinthians 2:12–17

CONNECT

1. Tell each other about the smelliest thing you ever smelled? Was it animal, vegetable or other?

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- 2. Do you see walking with Jesus as something that is more of an individual, personal thing than a thing done together with others?
- 3. Pete Scazzero says, "Leadership is influence and everyone has influence." How does the example of Jesus' leadership (in the midst and among) guide our views on leadership. What do we consider our role is in leading others?
- 4. How easy is it for you to engage and understand people culturally and spiritually where they are, rather than expect them to engage and understand where we are culturally and spiritually? How does that affect the way you represent and promote the gospel of Christ.

ACTION

- 5. Consider people you know in your neighborhood who come from other cultures or different walks of life than you. This week, can you take the time to say hello to them, share some of your life and ask about theirs? If you feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit, pray with them.
- 6. Think about being the aroma of Christ yourself and then trusting the body of believers to speak graciously to you when you need help. If you feel willing, can you share ways you would like to be more like the aroma of Christ to the world in an area of your life? Pray for each other.