



**BUILDING  
HOPE  
FOR TOMORROW**  
— WAUKEE —

**A Hope for Tomorrow!**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you  
hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*



## A Letter From Your Pastor

Dear Hope Waukee Family,

Growing up, as most young boys do, I loved using my imagination. I would dream up epic war battles in the basement, imagine myself hitting a home run in the World Series in our backyard sandlot, or play guitar as a rock star on the “stage” on our living room couch.

**When we’re young, it’s easy to dream—it seems to come naturally, and the opportunities before us seemed unending.** But something happens as we get older—we stop dreaming. We get busy being practical, serious adults that can easily grow cynical about the world around us.

**This Fall, I believe God is inviting us to dream again.**

Not about childhood ambitions, but about what He wants to continue to do in and through us as his church. So many of you have been first-hand witnesses to seeing many dreams and visions come to life in our first ten years as a church family. **God has done things beyond what we could have ever asked or imagined!** Marriages restored. Sickness healed. The chains of addiction broken. Hundreds baptized into new life in Christ. Children, students, and adults growing in discipleship. Hearts transformed. What a wild ride! But we believe the best is still yet to come!

As followers of Jesus, we are people of hope. This is way bigger than the name of our church, it’s about the ultimate hope we have in Jesus Christ! God promises his people that he has good plans for us—plans filled with hope for a future that are way better than we could ever imagine!

This Fall, we are being invited to dream about the next ten years of ministry and beyond! **Building Hope for Tomorrow** is an invitation to REmember what God has done, REimagine what God might want to do in our city, REdiscover what it means to be the church, REthink how our faith and finances connect, and REcommit to God’s mission through our time, talent, and treasure. Make no mistake- you are needed! Whether you’ve been here for ten years or ten minutes, join the mission!

I am so excited to move into this new season with all of you and watch what God can do as we Build Hope for Tomorrow!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jon and Tiffany Anenson and Family



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## THE HEART OF HOPE WAUKEE

### 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!

*"Others, like seed sown on  
good soil, hear the word,  
accept it, and produce a crop—  
some thirty, some sixty, some a  
hundred times what was sown."*

Mark 4:20

## 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 and is already here 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 and full grown, measuring up to the full stature of Christ."* Ephesians 4:12-14

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

*"Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it."* 1 Corinthians 12:27





## Growing Deep and Wide

Since moving into our current facility in 2015, God has been growing the Hope Waukee community deep (in our love for one another and God) and wide (in the amount of children, students, and adults attending worship and groups).

- In the past year, **weekly worship attendance** has grown from an average of 435 to 624, an **increase of 30%**.
- Since 2021, our **HopeKids ministry** for three year-old through grade 5 has increased from 75 each weekend to over 155 children each weekend, and **increase of 51%**.
- Since 2021, our **Hope Waukee Preschool** has grown from 107 children to over 130 today.
- Since 2021, **over 215 people have been baptized** into new life in Christ.

- This past summer, **1260 kids** experienced God's love at **Vacation Bible School!**
- This Fall, over 80 adults are participating in the **Alpha course** with close to 60 women participating in **women's ministry** groups and classes.

Student Ministry Growth Grades 6-12 Registration	
2020-21	500
2021-22	620
2022-23	760
2023-24	867
2024-25	921



## Current Facility Updates

Thanks to your continued generous giving, in the past year we've been able to accomplish several larger projects and additions to our facility and grounds!

- A newly painted atrium with a fresh look for weekly programming, community events, and weddings.
- Newly painted classrooms that are used for preschool, HopeKids ministry, student small groups and adult classes.
- Updated, energy-efficient lighting to the atrium and Crossway space to save on utility costs and provide excellence in weekly programming.
- A new, lighted, outdoor cross and patio space to grace the southeast side of our property (coming soon!).

# Building for the Future

*"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."*  
Jeremiah 33:3

## Q. What is the focus of the Building Hope for Tomorrow campaign?

A. Freeing us up as a congregation to dream and plan for an exciting future of building growth and renovation! Why? We're surrounded by growth!

### Population Growth!

First, Waukee is now the fastest growing city in Iowa! This brings incredible potential over the next decade to reach thousands of new residents for Christ in Waukee and the surrounding area. We want to be ready to expand our capacity in spiritual maturity and physical space to meet the growing needs around us.

### Church Growth!

Secondly, Hope Waukee is a healthy, growing, thriving congregation, and because of that, we want our facility to keep up with our growing mission! Worship attendance has increased by over 30% in the past year. Over 700 students join us on Wednesday nights, maxing out our building capacity. We've become a true community center all throughout the year hosting and partnering with community groups and gatherings. In addition to our numerical growth, our facility, (originally completed in 2007), needs multiple upgrades including lighting, HVAC, and kitchen infrastructure.

### Future Expansion!

Finally, we believe God is leading Hope Waukee to consider future expansion of the facility including a new worship center and additional classrooms and gathering spaces.

### The Time is Now!

Given these realities, our focus now is a one-year debt-reduction campaign. Hope Waukee current has approximately \$2,900,000 of debt from our building purchase and renovations. Church leadership determined a healthy level of debt during the original purchase and

renovation of our current facility, and thanks to your generosity, we have been faithfully paying down that amount for the past several years. However, making an increased, intentional, all-church effort to pay off our debt will not only save us approximately \$60,000 in annual interest, but set us up to start planning for future building renovations and expansion.

### Let's Prepare for the Future!

Our current interest rate of 2.7% is locked in until 2026. At that time, interest rates are projected to increase to 5-7%, significantly increasing our annual interest payments. Paying down our debt now will not only save us thousands of dollars that could be spent on ministry and mission, but free us up to pay more upfront or take on new debt (if needed) for future expansion of our facility!

Current Financial Outlook	
\$755,309.35	Land Value
\$3,514,122.74	Building Value
\$473,179.64	Fixed Assets with building
<b>\$4,742,611.73</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>

\$1,063,538.28	Campaign Gifts Made for Building
\$746,129.14	Additional Building Gifts Made Building Gifts Without Pledged Amount
<b>\$1,809,667.42</b>	<b>Paid on Building</b> (Total Assets-Building Debt)

Interest/Debt Summary	
\$672,438.55	Internal Loan (no interest at this time)
\$2,260,505.76	External Debt (2.7%)
\$2,932,944.31	Total Building Debt
\$18,155.84	Annual Savings on Internal Loan
\$61,033.66	Projected Annual Interest Owed
\$79,189.50	Annual Interest if all External Debt

Projected Annual Interest	
Annual Interest When Loan Renews in 2026	
5%	\$146,647.22
6%	\$175,976.66
7%	\$205,306.10

Giving Goals	
Victory Goal	\$500,000.00
Dream Goal	\$1,000,000.00
Miracle Goal Debt Free!	<b>\$2,932,944.31</b>



## Dream Big

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Eph. 3:20-21*

### Can You Imagine?

1. **A new worship center**, equipped for the 21st century with updated audio/video/lighting equipment, wide aisles for funerals and weddings, a new large cross, and comfortable, accessible seating.
2. **A new or renovated student center**, equipped with a gym, indoor/outdoor after school activity space that would not only host the largest student ministry in the state, but provide a hub for the thousands of students in Waukee and beyond.
3. **A new or renovated kitchen** to provide excellent, delicious food and hospitality for our growing number of meals and food service ministry.
4. **An expanded partnership and/or dedicated space for area social services**, allowing Hope Waukee to truly become a community center that meets the spiritual, material, physical, and emotional needs of our community.

These are just a few of the many dreams that are growing up out of the Hope Waukee family. Who knows if these and other dreams could be possible with freedom from our debt and a church full of passionate believers?!

During the Building Hope for Tomorrow campaign, we're inviting you to dream with us about how God wants to use Hope Waukee for decades to come, making an eternal impact in the lives of thousands of people. We don't know what the future holds, but God does, and He's looking for hearts that are willing to join Him in this mission!

# Building Hope for Tomorrow: Campaign Goals

Larger than meeting financial goals, our ultimate goal of this campaign is the further discipleship of Hope Waukee in our understanding of Biblical stewardship. With the projected general fund deficit of Hope Waukee (\$90,000.00 for the current fiscal year), we see the campaign as an opportunity to directly impact the joy-filled, generous giving of

the congregation in our general fund as well. Regardless of capital improvements, if we are able to grow in our Biblical understanding and application of God's Word to stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure, the campaign will be a success. **To this end, our goals for the campaign will be to:**

## 1. GATHER | Weekly Worship

**Why? Inspiration:** Worship is spiritual exercise for the body of Christ and a time for intimacy with God, healing for the hurt, sanctuary from chaos, water for dry souls, and spiritual food for the soul; a Holy Spirit hangout, hospital for sinners, a place of renewal, and holy ground. Make weekly worship a priority for yourself, your students and children during the campaign to catch the exciting vision of where God is calling us as a church!

**How? Weekly Services**

- Sundays, 9:00 and 11:00 am

**Student Ministry**

- Wednesdays, for Grades 6 through Grade 12

**HopeKids Ministry**

- Sundays, for Age 3 through Grade 5

## Informational Meetings

**Why? Information:** We ask that everyone in the Hope Waukee community choose to attend one of several informational meetings held throughout the campaign at the church. These meetings will be an opportunity to meet others, hear a video presentation on the campaign vision, receive a full campaign packet of materials, and ask any questions you have about the campaign in a smaller, relaxed atmosphere.

**How?** Visit [hopewaukee.org/tomorrow](http://hopewaukee.org/tomorrow) for a full listing of available meetings.

*He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:16*







## 2. **GROW** | Develop a Daily Prayer Routine

**Why?** **Conversation:** The most important voice you could hear in your life is that of God. Take time to develop more effective communication patterns and a deeper bond between you and God.

- How?**
- Make good use of the **prayer guide** available in your campaign materials or online at [hopewaukee.org/tomorrow](http://hopewaukee.org/tomorrow)
  - **5@5** - Commit to pray daily for five minutes (or more!) at 5:00 pm each day during the campaign wherever you are and ask God to guide your giving.
  - Include the "Building Hope for Tomorrow" campaign in your **daily personal or family prayer time**.

### Dive Into the Bible

**Why?** **Revelation:** Experience life-changing freedom as you immerse yourself in the living Word of God and discover God's heart for stewardship and financial freedom!

- How?**
- Engage with the **campaign daily devotional guide** found in your packet or online at [hopewaukee.org/tomorrow](http://hopewaukee.org/tomorrow)
  - Continue to attend or begin attending **men's or women's ministry** weekly offerings or your small group to engage with God's Word in community with others
  - Continue with or begin your **"Whole Holy Bible in a Year"** reading plan found at [hopewaukee.org](http://hopewaukee.org)

## 3. **GIVE** | Discover the Joy of Cheerful Giving

**Why?** **Liberation:** Find freedom in guilt-free, pressure-free giving; not under compulsion, but 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.

### Begin or increase the giving of your Time, Talent, or Treasure

- For some, God might be calling you to **start giving** to Hope Waukee's general fund, supporting our ongoing ministries, staff, and facilities
- For some, it might a gift of your **time and talent**, stewarding your service to one of dozens of ministries. Visit [hopewaukee.org/volunteer](http://hopewaukee.org/volunteer)
- For some, it might be giving **above and beyond** your regular tithe to the campaign...

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13



## Bring an offering to God through “Building Hope for Tomorrow”

**Why?** **Mission:** For the sake of fulfilling Hope Waukeee’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 new, one-year pledge to “Building Hope for the Future” in one of the following ways:

- Online by designating “Hope Waukeee Building” at [hopewaukeee.org/give](http://hopewaukeee.org/give)
- Bring or mail your gift to the church office
- During worship at Hope Waukeee in the giving boxes with cash or check designating “Hope Waukeee Campaign” on the check or envelope.

### Commitment Sunday:

Bring your campaign **commitment card with your gift of time, talent, or treasure to build God’s kingdom on commitment Sunday, November 24 at the 9 or 11am worship service.**

A special processional offering will be taken led by our HopeKids.





## Discover the Joy of Cheerful Giving: Try These Steps

### Step One | Pray

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

*"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 silent, 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). 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!

*"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal"* Isaiah 26:4

*"You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully."*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares  
the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to  
harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11



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