# 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** 

## Surviving the Holidays

November 13, 9am or November 21, 10:30am. Connect with others and recieve support, encouragement and tools to help you deal with the pain of grief during this holiday season. Cost: \$5. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

#### **Hymn Sing**

1st Thursdays (November 4), 2–3pm, Worship Center or livestream. An old-fashioned hymn sing, led this month by Julie Andersen, Care Director. Stay after for fellowship hour in Sandberg Chapel. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/seniors.

#### Art Gallery: In the Garden

October 24–November 21, Atrium. Take a walk "in the garden" and see how God uses nature to symbolize who He is and how the human soul can thrive in His creation. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/arts.

## **Immigrant Among Us**

Sunday, November 7, 4–5pm, Family Center B. With our ever changing world, now more than ever, we have many immigrants among us. Come learn how you can partner with Arrive ministries and New Hope Church to welcome them. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

#### **Thanksgiving Offering**

Our church family has charted a valuable legacy of giving generously to the annual Thanksgiving offering, 50% of which we give to a strategic organization. This year's donations will be shared with Arrive Ministries. Donations accepted now through November 30.

#### **Need Prayer?**

Share requests and pray for others on an interactive prayer wall. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/prayerwall.

Get the most current information at newhopechurchmn.org







# **PRAISE** Song of Solomon 4:1, 5:10

# CONNECT

1. What's the most meaningful compliment you could receive? How does the impact of it differ when it's from someone close to you versus bring from a stranger?

# **GOING DEEPER**

2. Take a look at Song of Solomon 4:1–7 and 5:10–16. How do you react to this kind of romantic poetry?

- 3. In what ways do words of praise and encouragement build and sustain a healthy relationship?
- 4. Read Proverbs 12:18 and 18:21. Where have you seen or experienced the "healing" and "life" of wise words or the "sword thrusts" of foolish words?
- 5. In Song of Solomon 2:3, the woman likens Solomon to an apple tree under whose shadow is a "great delight." What's it like to be under your shadow? Is it a place of safety and nourishment or discomfort and pain?
- 6. Consider how your words impact your closest relationships. Are yours words of blessing or cursing? Do those around you find great delight being in the shadow of your words?

# ACTION

- 7. Take some time to prayerfully reflect. Are there patterns or specific words that you need to apologize for? Confess that to the Lord, and then take the step to make things right in that relationship.
- 8. In Matthew 12:34, Jesus tells us, "For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." What step can you take this week to fill your heart with God's Word and grace?