# Vision 2024

#### HOPE LOWERTOWN

This Weeks Sermon: Direction for LT in 2024 Acts 1:6-8

# Hope Lowertown



The church is the body of people called by God's grace through faith in Christ to glorify him together by serving him in his world.



Mark Dever, The Church: The Gospel Made Visible (Nashville, B&H, 2012), 3.

# Not just what a church can do for you and how to meet your needs...

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# Governance Team Supported

### Elder Led

### Staff Run

Member Mobilized

# NEW AMSTERDAM





# 2023 Year in Review:







NOMEN OF HOPE



BRUNCH & BIBLE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD @ 10AM LOWERTOWN WOMEN'S



DECEMBER 1ST-2ND STARTING @ 6PM ON THE 1ST

# SMASHBURGERS

Nolan's House







CONTACT BRIAN@HOPECC.COM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED



#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH @ 11:00AM

370 OWASSO BLVD N SHOREVIEW, MN 55126









# BABY SHOWER



in honor of Alyssa Oliversen

Saturday, September 23rd @ 3pm



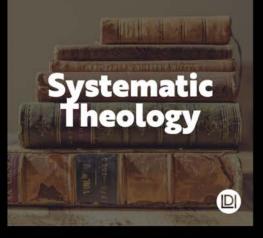








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# NURSERY/CHILDREN'S SOUNDBOARD HOSPITALITY WORSHIP

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CONNECT & GROW. WE TRAIN & SUPPORT.

























# And everything else...



When your aim is community, you almost never get community. When your aim is mission, you almost always get community.

# Total Church – Tim Chester



# John 10:24-28

<sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me,
<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.
<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.



## **Ezekiel 34:1-6**

The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? <sup>3</sup>You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. <sup>4</sup> You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost.

# Ezekiel 34:1-6

You have ruled them harshly and brutally. <sup>5</sup>So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. <sup>6</sup> My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

## Ezekiel 34:7-10

<sup>7</sup>" Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: <sup>8</sup> As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:

## Ezekiel 34:7-10

<sup>10</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.

## Ezekiel 34:11-16

<sup>11</sup>" 'For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

## Ezekiel 34:11-16

<sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

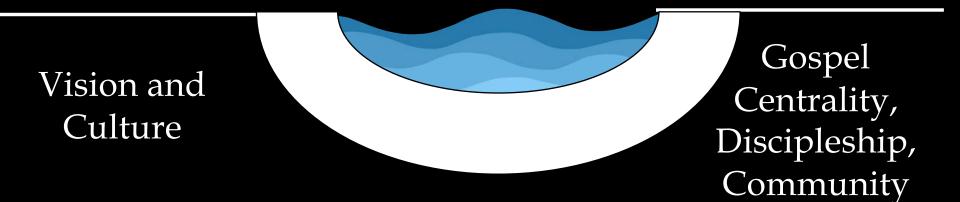
### Vision

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"The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom."

#### **Vision Statement of Hope Community Church**

"To honor God by helping as many people as possible become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."



#### Vision for Hope Lowertown

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#### 1. Who are we committed to reach? Neighborhood of Lowertown, St. Paul

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 How do we know if we are successful? How many people are walking to church

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Morning Service 18-20
Change of Worship – aging into our own independence 18-20

Covid 20-21

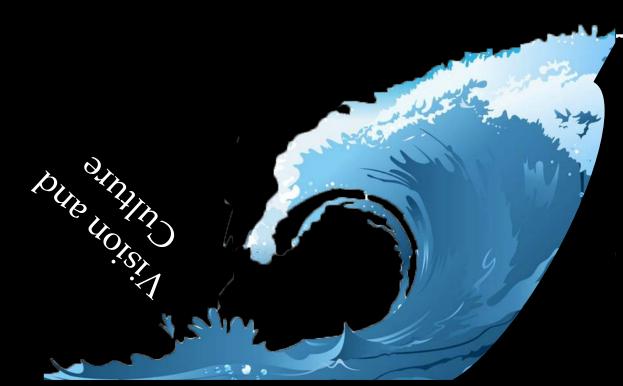
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### Proverbs 29:18a

<sup>18</sup> Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint...



Gospel Centrality, Discipleship, Community





In times of stress people need to move from isolation to intimacy

Hemmablind: "home-blind," and refers to that universal human truth that one never appreciates the things in one's own back yard.



The Soul of a Leader of Leaders in Church Planting - Keri Ladouceur

# The blood of the covenant is thicker than the water of the womb.

EVERYDAYPOWER



A TIME FOR VISION AND PLANNING FOR 2024. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU! SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH | 10:00 AM 499 WACOUTA ST. | SAINT PAUL.





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<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

## **Gospel Application**

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