

HOPE+ELIM

STUDENT MINISTRY

2022-2023 Guide

POWERLIFE: 5-8 GRADE
IGNITION 9-12 GRADE

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

POWERLIFE

PowerLife is an opportunity for junior high students (grades 5-8) to explore the Bible and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. Each week during PowerLife we seek to help students discover who God has created them to be. We learn and practice spiritual disciplines while encouraging students to read Scripture and apply their faith to everyday life.

NOTEABLE DATES

- 5/6 Retreat: Oct. 21, 22, 23
- 7/8 Retreat: Nov. 4, 5, 6
- 8th Grade Confirmation: May 7

IGNITION

Ignition is our high school ministry program for students in grades 9-12. During the school year, Ignition meets on Wednesdays with large group teaching and small group discussion. Students can connect with other students and adult leaders; grow in their faith; and get equipped to serve their friends, family and community.

NOTEABLE DATES:

- Retreat: March 3, 4, 5

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM



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Director of Youth &
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Coordinator



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Student Worship
Leader

HOPE'S CORE VALUES

Jesus is life. The rest is details. Jesus Christ alone is our hope, and the only real and lasting hope for the world (John 14:6). We love him. For this reason, we don't apologize for the gospel or for putting our relationship with him first in our lives (Romans 1:16). We strive to respond faithfully to the call of Jesus to follow him above all else in this world, which so often competes for our time, energy and attention (Luke 14:15-24).

Lost people matter to God and so they matter to us. Jesus was sent to reconcile a lost world to God (Luke 15:1-32), and he calls us to do the same. We like unchurched people, and we know what a difference Jesus can make in their lives. For this reason, we seek to reach out to the world around us and share the everlasting love of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20, John 20:21, 1 Corinthians 9:19-27, Lutheran Church of Hope mission statement).

We worship God, not tradition. Where tradition helps to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and further the mission of our church, we embrace it. Where tradition becomes a wall between God and his people, we seek to tear it down (John 2:13-22, Matthew 23:13-36, John 9:1-41). While the gospel message of Jesus Christ remains unchanged (Hebrews 13:8), the manner in which it is proclaimed must change for it to be communicated effectively in a changing world (Mark 2:21-22). In our worship and in our ministry, we intentionally offer a wide variety of options from traditional to contemporary and we remain open to new waves of innovation sent to the church by the Holy Spirit of God - all for the sake of Christian mission (Psalm 146-150, Acts 2:1-42).

Following Jesus is a growing experience. We can't outgrow Christian faith. As modern day disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to move from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity (Philippians 3:13-14, Ephesians 4:12-14). For this reason, we strive to bring people into an ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19). This growth best happens in small groups (Acts 2:42-47). As we grow in faith, we turn our hearts to God, giving of ourselves and our resources -- freely and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7).

We are one body, united in Jesus Christ. We are a church of individuals, different in many ways, yet called together by God to be one in ministry and mission. As members of the same body, we become more effective when we work in harmony as a unified whole (John 17:20-23). Among us, love for one another is the norm (John 13:34, Romans 13:8), conflicts are resolved according to the teaching of Jesus (Matthew 18:15-17), and we seek to build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We rejoice together, and we suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:25-27).

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!

CALENDAR 2022-2023



FALL DATES

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|-----------------|--|
| August 31 | Parents Meeting (5:30pm or 7:30pm) |
| September 7 | Kick off! Popsicles in the Park |
| September 14 | Small Group + Service Night |
| September 21 | Family Bible Class with Pr. Jon |
| September 23-24 | Tentative Ignition Lock-in |
| October 21-23 | 5/6 Riverside Recharge Retreat |
| October 25 | Trunk & Treat Service Night |
| November 4-6 | 7/8 Riverside Recharge Retreat |
| November 23 | Thanksgiving Dinner! (PL/IG optional) |
| December 21 | Christmas Celebration (PL/IG optional) |
| December 28 | NO PL/IG |

SPRING DATES

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|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| January 4 | PL/ IG Resume |
| January 18 | At the Palms Movie Outing |
| February 22 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 3-5 | Ignition Spring Retreat |
| March 15 | No PL/IG (Spring Break) |
| April 5 | Holy Week |
| April 19 | Spare Time Spring Retreat! |
| May 7 | Confirmation Sunday (eighth grade) |
| May 21 | Graduate Recognition Sunday |
| May 31 | Graduation + End-of-Year Celebration! |

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

POWERLIFE

6:00pm

Optional
Dinner

6:30pm

Community
Worship

6:45pm

Social
& Snack

7:00pm

Small Group
& Games

7:40pm

Large Group
Teaching

8:15pm

Parent
Pick-up

IGNITION

6:00pm

Optional
Dinner

6:30pm

Community
Worship

6:45pm

Social
& Snack

7:15pm

Large Group
Teaching

7:40pm

Small Group
& Games

Check-in: Please have your student check in at our computers in the Lobby before going to worship/third floor.

Community Night Dinner: Every Wednesday from 5:00-6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Community Worship: In the Worship Center, students are encouraged to sit in the Student Section (to the far left) or to worship with their family! They will be dismissed after announcements to head to the third floor.

Large Group Teaching: Large group teaching will take place in Room 304 and is an opportunity to learn more about Scripture and how we can apply it to our lives. Teachings are developed to be interactive and age relevant.

Small Group: This time is set aside for students to connect on a deeper level with their peers. We split the groups by grade (5/6, 7/8, 9-12) and gender (M/F).

Parent Pick-up: We ask that parents pick up their student in the Lobby at 8:15 pm.

CURRICULUM

| Sermon Series | Description |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Breaking Chains | Identity, purpose and freedom countered with talking about anger/violence and how we can choose peace and patience |
| Making Promises | Talking about God's promise to humanity and the value of our voice/words, self-talk |
| Made for More | Covering the 10 Commandments, story of Moses, talk about today's plagues and how we can bring positive change (new year) |
| Let's Talk About You & Me | Covering our relationship with God, ourselves and others. |
| Where My Help Comes From | Covering provision and generosity |
| Where's Your Chill? | Talking about rest in a busy world, justice and Sabbath |
| The Greatest Command | Covering God's character, the greatest command and how we can love with our heart, soul and strength |

We've developed a four-year curriculum with the intended design to take students from Genesis to Revelation. We believe that biblical literacy is a necessity for our youth and helping them engage with the biblical narrative is an invitation for them to connect deeper to God and the love he has for us.

HOPES FOR THE YEAR

- Our students follow Jesus because they're captured by his heart.
- Our students are comfortable sharing doubts and questions that ultimately strengthen their faith.
- Our students get to know each other and practice discipleship together.
- Our students grow in their relationship with God, better understand who they are and are confident in showing God's love to their neighbors.



EXPECTATIONS

ATTENDANCE

We HIGHLY encourage students to be present every week to deepen their relationships and build upon their learning.

PARENT SUPPORT

We recognize that Student Ministry is a small time commitment in the scheme of things. That's why your role in your student's faith journey is so important! We will be sending out monthly emails to bring you along on the journey and encourage dinner conversations and presence during family activities.

BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to treat each other's and church property with kindness and respect. They will get two warnings before bringing parents in for accountable action steps.

CELL PHONE POLICY

We ask that students aren't on their phones during large group or small group times (unless otherwise directed!). This helps with presence of mind and engagement. If there is an emergency, please contact the church at 515-282-4481.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

We love when students come to worship on Sunday mornings! Being able to worship alongside family and friends is deeply impactful for each of our faith journeys. We ask that, as a family, you make it a priority to come together!

SNACKS

While we do offer snacks, we ask that students respect that privilege by not taking more than they need and cleaning up after themselves.

WEATHER

There's a lot of unpredictability with weather! With that being said, we will make the determination on whether or not class is in session based on weather and road conditions and will inform families no later than 2:00 pm Wednesday with an email and/or text message.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Different ways you can support your student:

- **Encouragement:** Thank you for your role in encouraging your student's faith! Your enthusiasm has a direct impact on your student's engagement.
- **Involvement:** You are key in the function of this ministry! Whether through encouraging your student's attendance, or through serving as a host or small group leader, we appreciate you! If you'd like to get involved, please email Morgan directly at morgan.foldes@hope-elim.org.
- **Worship:** You are an advocate for your student - making it a priority for your family to worship together helps students understand the value of their relationship with God!
- **Family Discussion:** Each Wednesday night, we want to challenge you to ask your student what they learned! This is a great processing space and opens the door for Holy Spirit to move in your home.
- **Family Night:** Family Night happens once a month and is an opportunity for families to serve together, and for parents to join in the fun on Wednesday nights! You will have the opportunity to help with Community Night Dinner alongside your student, join in for our large group teaching and get to know some of the people who are walking alongside your student in faith. Dates will be shared in advance with a sign-up.

RETREATS & ACTIVITIES

We offer opportunities for students to go on retreats together and opportunities for fun off-site! These are for relationship building and fun, and will be communicated in advance with costs.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is traditionally for our eighth grade students. We will have a day retreat in the spring to prepare students for their faith statements, and will offer an optional course if students want to take a deeper dive into their faith prior to confirmation. Details will be shared for that in December.

PRODUCTION & WORSHIP TEAMS

We have some incredibly talented students! If your student has an interest to serve on the worship or production teams, please reach out and we'll get them connected!



NOTES FROM MORGAN

I've been on staff with Hope+Elim since October 2021 and have loved my time so far! I serve as the Student Ministry coordinator and Missions coordinator, so helping young people get to know the Father's heart and then learn the art of discipleship is such a gift! When we practice discipleship, we are saying (like Paul) "Follow me as I follow Christ" - This plays into our relationships and rhythms of life, radically transforming the world we live in.



Through Student Ministry, it's my prayer that your student will learn to receive the Father's abundant love for them, fall head over heels in love with him and then reflect that love into the world around them. I hope you'll join me in this prayer and that we get to share in the joy of freedom found in Christ.

FUN FACTS ABOUT ME:

- I love coffee and Mexican food (you can never go wrong with chips and salsa!)
- Relationship building is super important to me! Let me know if you ever want to get coffee and chat.
- I have "Aunt Status" and LOVE IT.
- I love being a fan (sports, show choir, etc.) - Let me know how I can support your student from the sidelines!
- I've spent time in 22 countries (lived in Thailand and Spain).
- I enjoy reading, being creative, organizing (seriously fills my cup), and spending time with friends and family.

CONTACT INFORMATION

At the bottom of the page are all the contact details! In addition, I'll be sending out monthly newsletters that give you a glimpse of the past month and set us up for the next month!



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