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ENGAGING EMPOWERING EQUIPPING

Living Hope Church welcomes you into the conversation as we prayerfully search for our next pastor. We are excited to learn more about you as we walk through this process together. Hopefully this package provides a good summary about our church, sharing our vision, and the passion of our family of believers.



# Meet Living Hope Community Church

Living Hope began in 1993 when a small group of people desired to find a place where they could worship and be free in expressing their love for God. A place to explore the depths of God's love, discover His grace and the purpose He has for each of us. LHC exists to share the love of Christ with our community so that all who come will know they belong, can come as they are and can safely seek God as they explore their relationship with Christ.

**OUR MISSION IS TO  
LOVE GOD,  
LOVE PEOPLE, AND  
TO MAKE DISCIPLES**



## Our Vision

That passion to fulfill our mission flows directly into our vision for LHC and our community.

### Engaging God

Psalm 115:1 & James 4:8.

Creating a church culture, environment, ministries, and worship where we encounter God in a way we cannot avoid him. We intentionally pursue a relationship with God.

### Empowering Life Change

John 14:6, I Peter 2:9

Maturing believers into strong Christians through sermons, small groups, Sunday school and the various ministries of the church. Growing an environment that creates confidence and maturity in our faith and the desire to serve God. Growing in the power of Christ through community.

### Equipping for Mission

Acts 1:8, Titus 3:14

We position ourselves to be trained in being doers of God's Word (James 1:22), so that our lives reflect Christ. The Holy Spirit works in us to be witnesses to the world by living gracious, grateful, compassionate, and generous lives. We will show the love of Christ through our time, mission and resources. We don't do this because we have to, we do this because we get to.

# Our Family

We are blessed with a growing church body, from young to old who love being with each other.

On average 120 people attend Sunday Services, yet we have more than 170 people connected to LHC via membership, baptism, other points, and occasional attendance including our online ministry.

Our demographics are split at 84 Female / 87 Male. Young families are growing and kids programs are well attended.

Small Groups and Adult ministries are active ministries helping our church connect at a deeper level, sharing life and supporting each other in love.



# Our Team

**Hello, my name is Keith Niemeyer.** I serve as the Worship Director at Living Hope and have been on staff for about two years. Our family, including my wife, Jess and daughter Eden (age 2) currently live in Waupun. We moved here about five years ago from Kansas, and absolutely love Wisconsin. As a worship director, my heart is to see Christ glorified. As a servant leader, I hope to join with fellow believers to worship through songs, scripture, and the message of Jesus.



We enjoy nature, as long as there are no snakes, and as new parents are excited to raise Eden in the local church and as a part of the local community. We are currently expecting our second child in early December!

At Living Hope; I do many things but my main focuses are organizing weekly worship services, leading a praise team through weekly practices, organizing the praise team and tech team schedules, updating our live stream and website weekly, assisting or leading worship nights in various communities, setting up our stage for Sundays and special services, and assisting in other areas as needed.

When Jess and I first came to Living Hope, it instantly felt like family; and the friendships we have built will hopefully last a lifetime. From small groups to Sunday morning fellowship, it's always a blessing gathering together to be among the LHC family. We look forward to the next chapter and are excited to see what God does through LHC, Fox Lake, and the surrounding communities.

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**Hi! My name is Chris Edwards.** I've been the Administrative Assistant at Living Hope for the past five years.



Bob and I have been married for 34 years. We have 4 grown sons. Currently, I have office hours at LHC on Wednesday afternoons and work from home as needed in the evening as I have other jobs. I appreciate LHC's Leadership Team allowing me flexibility in my schedule so that I can continue to take care of all the people in my life and the things that I have going on but also serve the Lord by using my skills at LHC.

I would describe my role at LHC as a caretaker. I take care of many things. As our new pastor, you really won't have any "office" type things to be responsible for. All communication goes through me. I take care of composing the bulletin, keeping the church calendar accurate, coordinating volunteer calendars and many other things.

The people of Living Hope are warm and friendly. I like that the congregation isn't stuck in tradition and are willing to think outside of the box when it comes to worship style, but they don't sway on doctrine. Our Director of Worship Arts is humble, kind, organized, a talented musician, and great with tech in addition to being a strong Christian leader. I hope you consider making Living Hope your next church and become part of our team in serving the people of Living Hope and our community.

# Our Community – Where We Live

Fox Lake, Wisconsin is a small, rural community nestled between two beautiful lakes with one bearing its name. It's a hard-working industrial / agricultural community that loves recreation like water sports, hunting, hiking, biking and all various ways to enjoy God's creation.

Fox Lake is located within 45 to 90 minutes of major metropolitan areas like Madison, Milwaukee, Appleton & Green Bay. Our location in South Central Wisconsin provides access to amazingly beautiful and peaceful nature, active recreation and yet also culture, shopping, and major sporting events. We have two wonderful Christian Schools locally and strong public schools with conservative roots.

Our small town has a population of 2,400 people but is also situated within 15 minutes of 40,000 or more people. Our location is prime for growth and outreach



A birdseye view of our church

# How We Serve

LHC has always been a church that believes in reaching out and serving our community. Over the years we have organized and participated in numerous mission trips both near and far.

Locally – we currently have an Events Ministry Team whose purpose is to organize and plan local events that encourage our church to reach out and take part in our community. Over the years our church has participated in many ways.

- Living Hope Food Pantry serves over 500 people per month with 100% volunteers.
- Living in Victory Bible study meets weekly and is open to community.
- Local Mission trips over the years included helping local families individually with projects or a day like Go Sunday when 200 LHC members went out in force to serve our community.
- Harvest Fun Night, Movie Nights, Car Wash for local park, Christmas Parade, Caroling, Hosting Concerts and other creative events all done in the name of Jesus.



Nationally / Globally – We have a Missions Team that organizes, raises funds, and encourages participation in Mission Trips. Most trips involved both youth and adults working together.

- Mission trips occur every few years. Recently they have included Haiti (twice), Zuni New Mexico (twice), and an Indian Reservation in Red Lake, MN.
- We also support 4 different Missionaries / organizations – all with ties to our church.



## Looking Forward - A New Senior Pastor

In our recent Church Survey, we asked the following question – Are you excited about the future of LHC? The overwhelming response was Yes!! (96.4%). In the last few months since losing our pastor – attendance is up, members volunteering has increased and there is a general upbeat atmosphere. In short – Living Hope Church IS READY to move forward!!!

READY, yes – Yet Patient in Prayer. We are committed to being fully devoted to following God’s leading and seeking His will as we journey this path toward a new Pastor.

If you are feeling led to join us at this important point in our history and you are ready to make a difference helping to develop disciples who are passionate about serving and reaching the lost for Christ, who aren’t afraid of standing out and trying new things, and who love worshiping God in the freedom of the Spirit, we invite you to contact us. We would love to meet you for consideration as our new Senior Pastor.



Attached you will find our entire Church Profile and information on how to reach us.