

HOPE Welcomes It's Newest Member Eden Pearl Ladnier!



This Week at HOPE December 29, 2021



HOPE Lutheran Annual Meeting Notice

Please mark your calendars to attend HOPE's Annual Meeting on Sunday January 23, 2022 beginning at 10:45 am CT. This meeting can be attended in person or online. Details for how to attend online will be given later. Regardless of how you attend, we still need 30 members present to conduct our business. So mark your calendars.

Thank you

No - Bake Bake Sale

Thank you to all who supported the No-Bake Bake Sale. \$270 was donated and all will be forwarded to the River Falls Backpack Program.

HOPE's Congregational Life Ministry

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HOPE'S Advent Adventures: Round 2-2021

This Advent season HOPE's Mission team is inviting you to join us in Advent Adventures: Round 2. We are once again taking part in ELCA's Good Gifts opportunities to help in different ways in 88 countries including the USA.

Week 1 – Nov 28–Dec 4—Refugee Emphasis

Please give what you can during this first week of Advent. Whenever you read the word *refugee*, think "Child of God" when you prayerfully choose to help the 13,000 Afghan people now housed at Fort McCoy. Worldwide a \$20 gift will feed 10 at a soup kitchen; \$50 will feed a refugee family for one week. Please designate where you would like your gift to go.

Week 2 – Dec 5–11—Clinic Visit for a Child—\$10

All monies collected during the week will be used to purchase clinic visits for children. In addition, take an ornament from the tree to go along with the clinic visit by purchasing a vaccination for a child (\$30).

Week 3 – Dec 12–18—Blankets—\$10

All monies collected during the week will be used to purchase blankets for survivors of emergency or natural disasters.

Week 4 – Dec 19–25—Care for Kids—\$10

All monies collected during the week will be used to buy a backpack full of food for a child. In addition, take an ornament from the tree to provide school supplies for a child (\$10) or school fees and a uniform for a girl (\$40).

Week 5 – Dec 26–Jan 2—Bibles—\$12

All monies collected during the last week of Christmas will be used to buy Bibles for growing Lutheran churches. Share the Word of God and support God's people.

You do not need to buy a whole item from the above list. You can give whatever monetary gift you would like and we will purchase as many of said item as we can. Partial monies left each week will go to the next.

Please do not go out and purchase these items, but provide your money to HOPE earmarked for "Advent refugees", "Advent blanket", Advent backpack of food", "Advent pig", etc.

The children are also collecting money in their Advent Piggy Banks to purchase animals for God's Global Barnyard. You can help them by selecting an animal ornament from the tree and donating the amount needed for said purchase. Chicks are \$10, roosters \$15, honey bees \$20, piglets \$30, goats \$50. Take these cute ornaments home and hang them on your tree.

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Ray McIntosh Family (Joe McIntosh)
Greg Rosenthal (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)
Barb & Ray McIntosh (Joe McIntosh's parents)
Gordon Hendrickson (Mary Thompson's brother)
Boyd Huppert (Rodewald family member)
Keith Brill (Ryan's grandfather)
Family of Darcy Livingston (Naomi & Jerry Brand's Daughter)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Jean Loudon and Family
Mary Thompson and Family
Tom Roycraft (Grant Klacan's Father-in-Law)
Katie Drablos (cousin of Linda Jacobson)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Kris Miner (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Duane Hall (friend of the Brohaughs)
Judy Karshbaum
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Jerry Brandt
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Fred Schmidt and family (Relatives of the Boocks)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

Special Prayers for the McIntosh family.

Joe McIntosh's father, Ray McIntosh, passed away peacefully on December 17th. He has been in a skilled nursing facility since September and never regained his strength after a bout with pneumonia. He was 92-years old and lived a full life; Barb and Ray lived in their own home until a little over a year ago.

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Jill Fritz	3-Jan
Kenna Frisch	6-Jan
Katherine (Klacan) Schilling	11-Jan
Camryn Shea	11-Jan
Mary Thompson	13-Jan
Jan Malaney	15-Jan
Crystal Roquette	15-Jan
Connie Juaire	16-Jan
Samantha Brill	18-Jan
Sydney Wolfe	19-Jan
Lexy Getschel	21-Jan
Mason Shea	21-Jan
Sean James	22-Jan
Makayla Ziebarth	23-Jan
Amanda Ziebarth	28-Jan
Jeremy Wolfe	31-Jan



Gregg Heinselman
Mark Bondhus
Wendy Tokheim
Lisa Ryland
Karen Rodewald
Susan Schuettpelz
Bruce Schuettpelz
Greta Wunrow

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Dear HOPE,

As we get into the swing of indoor worship, please remember that our Ministry Council is requiring that ALL worshipers wear masks before, during, and after the service. The only exception is for the worship leaders or those making announcements - while they are up front. You may also drop your mask for taking communion from your seats. Remember to thank your friends if they happen to need to remind you. I appreciate your attention to this detail as we try our best to protect our whole faith community.

Sincerely,
Keith Getschel
HOPE President



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is having a difficult time finding someone to accept nomination for the Secretary or Vice President position on Church Council. If you have an interest to serve in one of these positions or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Ryan Brill at (920)627-3941 or at brillry@gmail.com.



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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFO FOR WEDNESDAYS @ HOPE THIS WEEK!

We have had an AWESOME beginning to our year together in Faith Adventures and Confirmation! We have been blessed by beautiful weather so far, allowing us to safely meet outdoors. It's looking like this Wednesday will be cooler and rainy, so we will likely need to move our activities indoors.

OUR CURRENT POLICY REQUIRES MASKS WHEN INDOORS AT HOPE. So, please make sure your child brings their mask and wears it over their nose and mouth during our time together. We plan for our FA kids to be in the main sanctuary area and our smaller confirmation group will meet in Eidskog with windows open for ventilation during the overlapping time with FA. We really appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our youngest saints safe at this time. **In the event the rain stops, we will try to be outside, so please dress for the weather.**

On Wednesday evenings our K-10th grade youth meet for worship, learning, service projects, and activities!

Our weekly schedule is:

6:00-6:30 Opening Worship and Theme Intro

6:30-7:00 Faith Adventures (pre-K-5th Grade children)

6:30-7:30 Confirmation Ministry (6th-9th grade,



Farm Fresh Eggs!

Help support our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July, 2022.

Eggs are raised at Jeff & Karen Rodewald's with a suggested donation of \$3/dozen.

They are located just inside the church with a donation jug sitting next to them. 100% of your donation will go to help defray expenses in sending our youth to this amazing event!



HOPE Indoor Worship During Covid

1. Masks will be required, regardless of Covid vaccination status.
2. Over the last year plus we were served very well by having a matrix that our wonderful 'Covid subcommittee' put together. Similarly, we are going to follow a matrix by St. Croix County for our mask wearing recommendation.
 - o Follow: <https://infogram.com/st-croix-county-covid-19-dashboard-1h9j6qggxzn754g?live>
 - o See the "Current Level of Community Transmission" rate near the bottom of that page.
 - o Follow the "fully vaccinated" line.
 - o As of last week, we are still in the "High" category.
3. Anyone who is not vaccinated, though eligible, we kindly ask to worship from home for now. Our services will continue to be broadcast via YouTube. We believe this is the safest path for children and other high risk groups.
 - o We will never ask about vaccination status.
4. If you are having any Covid style symptoms we kindly ask you to worship from home that week.
5. No registration will be needed to attend service.
6. We ask that you follow spacing guidelines within the church. 6ft between family units.
7. Singing will be allowed, while still masked.
 - o Worship leaders can choose for themselves whether to be masked or not.
 - o Congregation will be 12-15ft back from worship leaders.
 - o We may do less singing.
8. Service attendees will pick up communion elements when they arrive at service. Communion will be taken from your seats.
9. The Property Ministry will be setting up an air quality check inside the church.
10. We will address Christmas services as we get closer to Christmas.
11. This process will continually be assessed by Council. If you have comments, please contact anyone on the Executive Committee: Keith Getschel, Ryan Brill, Alyssa Boock, and/or Ryan Leitch.