

This Week at HOPE January 26, 2022



IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

By Pastor Annie Ladnier

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

-Psalm 121:8

I'm not sure what the best way is to convey that feeling of excitement in seeing people you've missed for the first time in a long time. Is there a word for that "squeal of delight/ feet jumping up and down/ running to embrace one another, moment? If there is, the early months of motherhood have vacated it from my mental word bank. But know that is precisely how I feel about returning to all of you!

And look at you! You look great! You've been busy being God's people in the world! You've cared for one another and welcomed new people into the fold. You've made important and faithful decisions about the stewardship of gifts in this place and done the ardent work to finalize those decisions! You've continued to adapt to this never-ending plague that is Covid-19 and its approximately 1 billion variants. You've made plans with new mission partners, strengthened relationships with our children, youth, and families, and even figured out what that weird black stuff on the ceiling is! You've helped plan and plot at least 16 worship services. You've boldly sang and read and prayed for a worldwide audience on our livestream, enabling the Good News to be heard from the safety of couches, Florida and Texas decks, and even cars. You gave extravagant gifts week after week to God's Global Barnyard this Advent. You set a 3 year in directed giving for the year- increasing by \$3,000 in 2021! And you proved that Jesus is. in fact, still born, with or without your regular pastor in the pulpit!

You did all of this while simultaneously showing compassion, care, and the love of Jesus to your pastor. Trust me when I say that is shockingly unique, more unique than it ought to be, but nevertheless, true. It is a beautiful thing to walk together in ministry with a group of people who genuinely love one another, the leadership included. I can return to you now being the best pastor I can be because you were the literal love and grace of Jesus to me and my family when we truly needed it. Thank you for continually being such faithful disciples. Thank you for being a congregation that exemplifies that love of Jesus and strives to grow in that love every opportunity you get. Thank you for being living proof that God absolutely "watched over my going out and my coming in" over the last 12 weeks. I know and trust that God will continue to do so for all of us together as we navigate and travel faithfully where God is calling us ahead!

I would be remiss to not say a special thank you to our 2021 council, especially the executive ministry team who handled the many challenges the year brought, topped off with a pastor who sprung the need for parental leave on them! You handled each challenge so beautifully and your leadership was Gospel in this place. A special thank you to Keith Getschel for his leadership during this time. You are a gift to this congregation. Keith shared Acts 16:6-15 with you, a passage your council has been steeped in over the last year. Through it we were able to navigate the many shifts in our own course for the year and were reminded that God often moves us to unplanned destinations in order to do the work of the Gospel. I encourage you to read over this passage as well and see what the Spirit lays on your own heart about our ministry moving forward, trusting that indeed, "the Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore." Amen.

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SIGN UP TO CATCH UP WITH PASTOR ANNIE!

I have missed you and a lot can happen in 12 weeks!
I'd love the opportunity to catch up with you and your family!
I've put together a set of times when I am available to do that.

You can sign up [HERE](#)

Please note: if none of these times work for you, send me an email and we'll set another time! While you are welcome in my office, I'm also happy to do a phone/zoom call instead, come to your home or meet somewhere local! Coffee's on me!

CROSS-GEN NIGHT TONIGHT! "SPIRITUAL & FAITH PRACTICES"

EVERYONE is invited to join us tonight at 6:30 for our next in a series of cross-generational ministry nights led by Deacon Laura Ramlow of the Northwest Synod of WI (of which we are a part!). This session will be a fun and HIGHLY INTERACTIVE night focused on helping us find engaging ways to connect with God and one another! This is the PERFECT night out if you've felt like the cold and dreary winter has left you disconnected from others and from God. If your prayer life could use a spruce-up (and let's be honest, who couldn't??), then come join the fun!

TONIGHT, 1.26.22 6-7PM

And mark your calendars for our next Cross-Gen event,
Wednesday, Feb. 23 6PM:

COFFEE & CONVERSATION TUESDAYS @ 11AM!

Join with others from HOPE online via [Zoom](#) every week for a time of prayerful sharing and Bible study of our upcoming Sunday scripture texts! All are welcome!

A BIG "thank you" to Gwen Paulson for helping facilitate this conversation while Pastor Annie was on leave! Great job!

Pastor Annie is back and hopes you join us every Tuesday at 11!

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Darcy Boock, Bill Montgomery, Ed Paulson, and Angela Bohnert all of HOPE's Mission Ministry recently toured Wiley's Wardrobe at the River Falls High School with its founder senior Olivia Redmond.

Wiley's Wardrobe will be the emphasis of HOPE's Lenten Ministry. Wiley's Wardrobe offers clothing, school supplies, personal care items, and snacks to students in need.



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February Birthdays

Name	Birth Date
Mason Filarsky	02-Feb
Bill Montgomery	04-Feb
Gwen Paulson	05-Feb
Susie Rudesill	05-Feb
Lisa Ziebarth	07-Feb
Michelle Hansen	10-Feb
Kyle Rudesill	10-Feb
Teresa Ginn	11-Feb
Connie Kurten	11-Feb
Dan Wunrow	15-Feb
Ryan Leitch	19-Feb
Diane Clark	20-Feb
Nikida Sandberg	22-Feb
Ryan Brill	23-Feb
Charles Eaton	24-Feb
Richard Jackson	25-Feb
Rosemary Nelson	25-Feb
Michael Hansen	26-Feb
Eric Rydland	27-Feb
Darcy Boock	28-Feb
Jody Rahn	28-Feb



February Baptisms

Cecelia Bernard

Jill Fritz

Kevin James

Grete Rebein

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Marilyn Lightfoot (Friend of Olive Olson)

Linda & Jesse Annoye Family (Relatives of Debra James)

Ray McIntosh Family (Joe McIntosh)

Greg Rosenthal (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)

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)

Tejai 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)



KIDS & TEENS IN GRIEF

AGES 5-18

YOU'RE NOT ALONE

When kids and teens hurt, we hope a band-aid and a hug will rid them of their pain. While this may work for a scraped knee, youth experiencing the death of a family member or close friend have wounds that go much deeper. With the help of a support group for kids and teens, families can work through their feelings of loss with the help of others in similar situations.

WE CAN HELP

Through participation in a support program, kids, teens, and caregivers alike learn they are not alone in coping with the painful reality of death.

Our trained facilitators will address each young person's needs, according to their age, maturity, and the complexities of their loss. They help the youth:

- Experience the pain of grief
- Accept the reality of their loss
- Discover new ways to cope in the absence of their loved one
- Reinvest energies in everyday activities
- Learn to love and trust again

ACKNOWLEDGE, PROCESS AND HONOR YOUR GRIEF

Each session focuses on specific objectives and offers activities that are educational and supportive. The five-week program encourages kids and teens with opportunities to express their grief through art, music, photographs, and group discussion.

 Lakeview Hospital
927 Churchill St W
Stillwater MN 55082

**TUESDAYS, JAN 25 –
FEB 22, 2022**

**VIRTUAL THROUGH
ZOOM**

6:00PM – 7:15PM

Free, preregistration
required in link below.
Registration deadline
January 20, 2022

<https://forms.gle/Zsx2XKgt5TDeF3qb6>

For more information contact:
Monique Dossall
Grief Group Coordinator
stcroixchaplaincvassoc@gmail.com

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

**Session 1: Welcome,
Getting Acquainted**

*What is death and why
do people die?*

**Session 2: Keeping
Memories Alive**

What are grief feelings?

**Session 3: Learning
Coping Skills**

*Finding comfort and
support*

**Session 4: Coping with
Role Changes and
Special Days**

*Expressing and
communicating feelings*

**Session 5: Sharing Our
Memories &
Celebration!**

*Remembering through
memorials*

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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

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFO FOR WEDNESDAYS @ HOPE THIS WEEK!

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!

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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.