

# This Week at HOPE February 2, 2022



## FAITHFULLY ENGAGING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

By Pastor Annie Ladnier

Greetings in the name of Jesus! This month is Black History Month. As I continue to do the important work of intercultural development and antiracism, the more I challenge the notion that this is not, in fact, a month of celebrating, honoring, and lamenting our collective history. Black history *is* also my history as a white person. And the more I learn, the more I see especially how much it is my history as a Christian, both because my Christian faith demands that I embody love and seek justice for the oppressed, but also because Christians have misused and abused our scripture and theology for centuries to rationalize racist policies, infrastructure, violence, and attitudes.

I recognize this is a hot topic. I'm not sure why this evokes such strong emotion, other than because it does indeed hit us close to home. My pastoral care professor, Dr. Tony Everett repeatedly said, "the closer an issue is to one's sense of identity, the more painful it is; the more difficult it is to address; the more complex it is to resolve; the more help from others is needed; and the more dependent we are on God." I don't think I can think of an example more fitting for this quote than antiracism work. Even using the word, "antiracism" seems to evoke... a lot for people.

This month I've committed to engaging with more antiracism resources, especially those written and produced by black authors, film makers, artists, and creators. This is a lifelong journey. There are no easy solutions. The work of reconciliation is neverending, but oh so important. It is an act of love. It makes me think of our scripture from last Sunday: "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Could we commit to holding this up as our covenant when engaging in conversations about and working toward, antiracism? Is this not what Christ directly calls us to do?

I'd like to share a few of my top picks for engaging in this work:

1. My top nonfiction pick is Ibram X. Kendi's, *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*. This is a hefty read (500+ pages) but it does a superb job of laying out the roots of racism in our country. **This is the textbook I was never given, but should have had.**
  - a. For a shorter read perfect for middle & high school yout: *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
2. My top fiction read is *Homegoing: A novel* by Yaa Gyasi. This is an outstanding novel that tells the story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver. Homegoing traces the generations of family who follow, as their destinies lead them through two continents and three hundred years of history, as the legacy of slavery is fully revealed in light of the present day.
3. My top pick for those just delving into the conversation of race and who don't have a ton of time: *So You Want to Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. Oluo guides readers of all races through a range of subjects in an attempt for honest conversations about race, and about how racism infects every aspect of American life. This is a quick read and includes a wonderful discussion guide.

Each week I'll share a few more of my top picks! I pray you are blessed on your own journeys in this important work.

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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:

### **Wednesdays @ HOPE!**

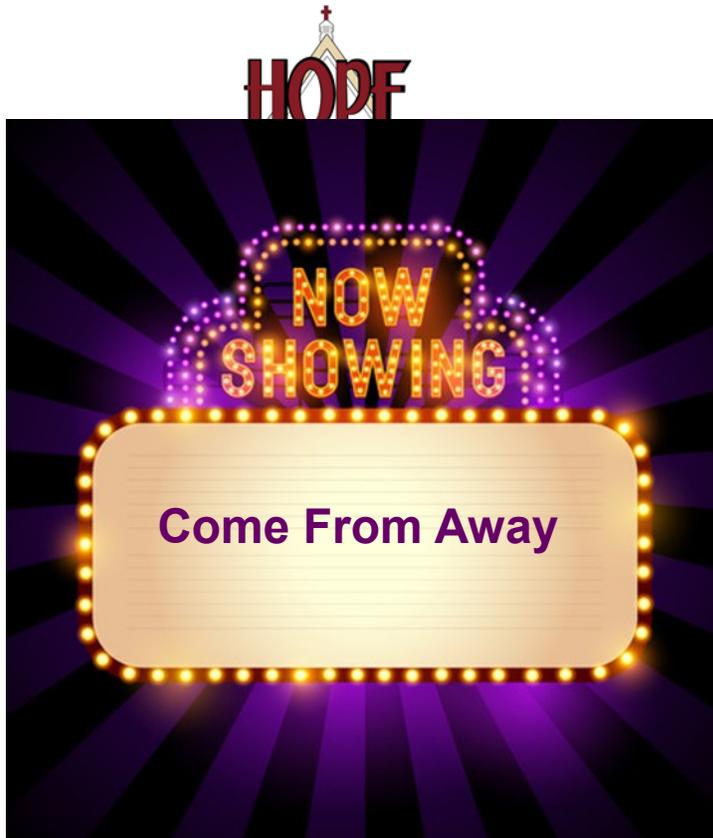
A reminder that we are still meeting in person with our children and youth! During the month of February we'll be exploring the story of Moses and the Exodus and seeing how it applies to the world around us today! Masks are required and we try to distance as best we can! These evenings are open to ALL ages for worship and we're always looking for extra adults to help with children & youth learning!

6:00PM - All ages interactive worship

6:30-7:00 - Faith Adventures (K-5th grade)

6:30-7:30 - Confirmation

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**Where:** At HOPE Lutheran  
**Date:** Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 1:00 pm

Join us to watch the film version of this heartwarming show **"Come From Away"** *It's an award-winning Broadway musical which tells the story of 7,000 people stranded in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland after all flights into the US are grounded on September 11, 2001. As the people of Newfoundland graciously welcome the "come from aways" into their community in the aftermath, the passengers and locals alike process what's happened while finding love, laughter and new hope in the unlikely and lasting bonds that they forge.*

Here is the link to a short trailer of the play. <https://youtu.be/KYjtD-SBpFw>

### **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!**

# This Week at HOPE January 26, 2022



## 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  
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)

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)

Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)

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 Doslall  
Grief Group Coordinator  
[stcroixchaplaincvassoc@gmail.com](mailto: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,  
Ryan Brill  
HOPE President

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## HOPE COVID POLICY

Updated 10.05.21

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4).*

On the advice of our local county health departments and the CDC, due to both St. Croix and Pierce counties being in "High Transmission" levels, our Worship and Exec ministry teams have currently updated our policy for indoor gatherings at HOPE due to increased infection numbers caused by the Delta variant of Covid-19.

1. **We are now requiring masks for all indoor gatherings/meetings, regardless of vaccination status.** We hope this requirement will be for a limited time until infection numbers decrease and vaccination numbers increase. With the beginning of another school year, we are particularly concerned for the well being of our youngest members, those who cannot yet receive a vaccination. Masking will help prevent sharing viral loads with children as well as parents and caregivers of little ones. It will also better serve those among us who are immunocompromised.

2. **Masking is not required for our outdoor gatherings,** but please continue to honor social distancing by family unit.

3. **Pastor Annie strongly encourages everyone who is eligible to do so, to receive a vaccine.**

a. Contact your family health provider for free vaccination for anyone 12+ **OR**

In St. Croix County: Vaccination clinics are held every Wednesday from 1-3PM at the St. Croix County service center in New Richmond, for everyone 12 and up. More info [HERE](#)

In Pierce County: Anyone 18+ who lives, works, or studies in WI is eligible. Appointments are at the Pierce County Public Health Department. You can schedule a vaccination [HERE](#)

\*Please be prepared that depending on the severity of infection rates at that time, our singing and communion practices may be altered. Masks will be enforced indoors until we are out of the St. Croix advisory zones of red and orange.

We acknowledge these steps are inconvenient and feel like a step back from some of the progress we made! Unfortunately it is a necessary inconvenience at this time so that we can continue to gather safely in person and protect those most vulnerable in our midst. We appreciate your patience, prayerfulness, and understanding.