

# This Week at HOPE February 16, 2022



## FAITHFULLY ENGAGING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Week 3

By Pastor Annie Ladnier

Welcome to the third week of Black History Month! Over the last two weeks I have shared a bit about my own journey of intercultural development and antiracism work, and then have shared some resources I have found particularly helpful. The first week I shared three things to read. Last week I shared three things to watch. You can find the archived TWAH editions on the church website to see the resources I named over the last 2 weeks.

These resources are part of the personal goals I have set for growing in my intercultural competency. I've committed to engaging with more antiracism resources and specifically exposing myself to books, film, art, and music written and produced by black artists. I've kept 1 Corinthians 13 in the forefront as I do this work, "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."

This week I want to share **3 things to listen to** as we engage in this work:

1. Podcast: *Scene On Radio's* Season 2 series, "Seeing White.". *Scene on Radio* is the two-time Peabody-nominated podcast from the Center for Documentary Studies (CDS) at Duke University. Season 2 explores the questions, "Where did the notion of "whiteness" come from? What does it mean? What is whiteness for?" Our own Kathy Scott brought this series to my attention and we will be hosting a conversation on this 14 part series in the near future!
2. Song: "[Strange Fruit](#)" by Billie Holiday (click link to listen on Spotify). For more of the history of this song and a link to another resource to watch on Hulu check out this article: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/entertainment/music/2021/02/27/billie-holiday-strange-fruit-true-story/6834106002/>
3. Podcast: *Life Kit* podcast, episode, "Talking Race with Young Children." [This 20 minute listen](#) is a helpful tool for parents hoping to engage in this conversation well. The material also includes links to additional helpful resources for both children and adults, like Sesame Street's, "I Love My Hair" video.

Each week I'll share a few more of my top picks! Do you have a resource you'd love to add to these lists! Email me and let me know: [hopenlutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hopenlutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com). I pray you are blessed on your own journeys in this important work!

### 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!

**TONIGHT:** "The Exodus"

6:00PM All ages interactive worship

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

6:30-7:30- Confirmation



## Happy Belated Valentine's Day

Edie Ladnier wanted to wish everyone a "Happy Valentine's Day!" She realizes not everyone has been able to meet her yet, but still wants to know if you will "bee" her Valentine?



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### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Luther Point Bible Camp, located in Grantsburg, WI has opened their registration! WONDERFUL camp experiences for children, youth, and entire families are available this summer! Day camp options for our youngest friends, half-week overnights, full-week overnights, and some awesome FAMILY/Grandparent Camps too! Jr. High and High School camps also exist and for our 10-12 grade youth, the opportunity to be a camp B.U.D.D.I.E for 2 weeks is also an option! I highly encourage families to check this out!

### CALLING ALL AT-HOME READERS, GREETERS, & PEACE SHARERS!

As we continue to celebrate our new reality of hybrid worship and faith community we are hoping to engage more of our at-home audience! **We are looking for those willing to record the Sunday readings, good morning/welcome greetings, and messages of sharing the peace!** These recordings will be shared in our livestream service! Video recordings are preferred, but audio recordings of the readings will also be accepted! Participants can record themselves using their own device or set-up a time to be recorded at HOPE. This is a GREAT way for families with children to participate as well! We'd love to see more of our at-home faith family!

You can [SIGN UP HERE](#) if you are interested! You will be contacted with further instructions!

### Afghan Refugee at Camp McCoy

HOPE Mission Ministry is inviting members to support Afghan refugees from Camp McCoy with a special financial donation on the **third Sundays of February (This Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup>)**, March, and April. Because of the lack of public transportation and our geographical location, it will not be possible for River Falls agencies to resettle any Afghan neighbors in River Falls. However through the agencies of Lutheran Refugee Immigration Services (LIRS) and Lutheran Social Services, our gifts will go directly to support refugees being resettled in Eau Claire with personal needs including dental care.

Thank you for your hospitality and generosity.

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# Full to the Brim

*Even  
in the  
desert*

### 2022 ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 2, this year!

Our theme this year is *Full to the Brim: An Expansive Lent*. “The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, *Full to the Brim*, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It’s an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed.

*When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God’s lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.” Be on the look-out for more information on this year’s Lenten theme!*

Our Expansive Lent begins with these Ash Wednesday opportunities:

**12:00-1:00PM: Drive Up Ashes**

**7:00PM: Traditional Ash Wednesday Service both in person and livestream\***

**\*at-home Lenten Kits will be available for pick-up beforehand and will include take-home ashes**

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## 40 Days of Giving to Wiley's Wardrobe

HOPE's 40 Days of Giving will focus locally on Wiley's Wardrobe at the River Falls High School. Students in need of school supplies, undergarments, personal care items, clothing, and snacks can find them at Wiley's Wardrobe. During this Lenten season, our giving is paired with children's book titles to inspire you to donate what you can throughout the 40 days. All items will be taken to the high school after Easter. Bins will be set up in the church to collect your donations. Ash Wednesday is March 2, but the Mission Ministry wishes to give you a heads up in case you find sales now on items that can be donated to Wiley's Wardrobe.

*Think Big* is a book by Nancy Carlson. It is a story about someone small who wishes he were big, but let us Think Big in terms of giving generously to Wiley's Wardrobe, if not of the items mentioned in the flyer, then in a cash donation made out to HOPE Lutheran with Wiley's Wardrobe in the memo line. Thank you everyone.

# 40 Days of Lent

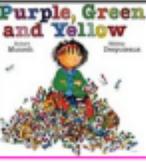
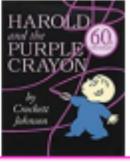
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**River Falls High School**

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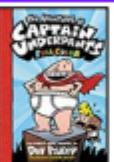
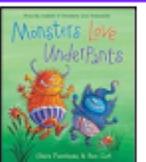
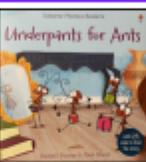
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 March 2 – 12



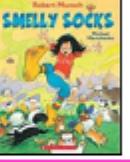
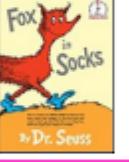
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**Week 2**  
 March 14 – 19

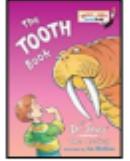
Briefs/Boxers – Guys XS – XXL  
 Bikini Cut/Briefs – Gals XS – XXL

Ankle or Low Cut Socks for Guys and Gals

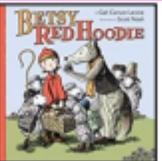
**Week 3**  
 March 21 – 26

**Week 4**  
 March 28 – April 2



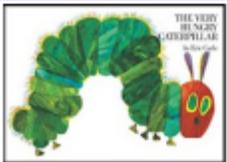

Toothbrushes | Toothpaste | Ponytail Holders  
 Shampoo | Conditioner | Body Wash  
 Deodorant | Feminine Hygiene Products

T-Shirts | Long-Sleeved T-Shirts | Hoodies  
 Sweatshirts | Pants/Jeans | Joggers

**Week 5**  
 April 4 – 9

**Week 6**  
 April 11 – 16




Granola/Protein Bars | Applesauce | Beef Jerky  
 Instant Oatmeal | Mac 'n Cheese Cups |  
 Ramen Noodles/Microwavable Soup Cups  
 Juice Boxes | Water | Peanut Butter & Crackers

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**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 26TH  
6-7:30PM**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3337 KINGSBARN AVE

ALL ARE INVITED!  
ENJOY COCOA & COOKIES



**WHO:** EVERYONE! Family, friends and neighbors!

**WHAT:** Enjoy a winter snowshoe/hike around our luminary-lit pond followed by a hot cocoa and cookie pick-up in Winds of the Spirit afterward!

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 26, 6:00 -7:30 pm

**WHERE:** HOPE *Winds of the Spirit* & Pond trail

**WHY:** A safe & family friendly activity during this socially distant time, chance to see & connect, get some exercise, and enjoy the beauty of nature at nighttime!

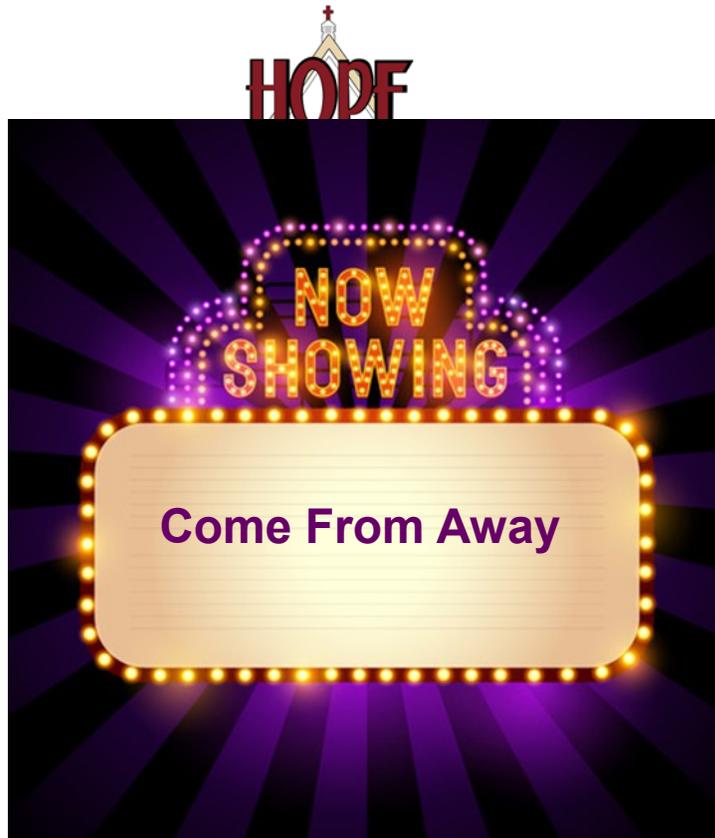
*Please wear a mask and stay socially distanced from other families.*

**Volunteers are needed at 3PM to help set the luminaries out!**

**This is a great service project for younger families!**

**Contact Pastor Annie or Karen Brohaugh if you can help!**

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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!

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

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**Relay For Life of River Falls**-Pierce County has returned to an in-person event scheduled Friday, April 1, 2022 (no fooling)! This community event, open for all, will be held at River Falls High School (schedule below).

**We encourage family, friends and co-workers to create or join a team** to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. **Fighting cancer takes a team!** Funds help those battling cancer, help with life-saving research, service programs, free rides and/or lodging to treatment, education and advocacy. Team sign up, secure donations and additional information about the event is found at [www.RelayForLife.org/RiverFallsWI](http://www.RelayForLife.org/RiverFallsWI)

If you prefer to write a check, please make checks payable to: American

### **CROSS-GEN NIGHT: EVERYONE IS INVITED!** **“Racial Equity & Faith”**

EVERYONE is invited to join us **Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6PM** 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 interactive evening is a great way to engage Black History Month and wrap up our month focusing on the Moses story in Faith Adventures/Confirmation.

This is an all ages appropriate evening designed to help faithfully explore this topic. We hope to see you there!

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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  
Kevin James  
Grete Rebein

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## **Please lift up the following people in prayer**

Kathy Granquist (Karen Brohaugh's niece)

Jerome Rodewald (Jeff Rodewald's father)

Barbara McIntosh (Joe McIntosh's mother)

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)



## 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](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



## 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.