



A Blessing for An (Extra) Ordinary Time

from Pastor Annie Ladnier

As we continue to enjoy these beautifully long summer days, and the busy-ness of the end of the school year, graduation parties, summer holidays, and that first family vacation slows down, we are granted just a few slow weeks to simply be.

This is about the time of the summer where kids might first moan about being bored, and adults grow anxious at how fast the summer is flying by. In the church, this is a notoriously quiet time. There are no major church festivals. Sunday attendance typically dips as trips to the cabin and lazy days in boats take precedence. This liturgical season, “the time after Pentecost” is also known as “Ordinary Time.” It stretches from the beginning of June until Advent. It is the time where we hear and learn about most of Jesus’ ministry in the everyday, ordinary moments. It is a gift—to simply have time. It was intended as a gift when God gave us the Sabbath. Summers in Wisconsin are a beautiful gift of Sabbath as well.

It is my hope and prayer that you are finding time to simply enjoy it...to simply breathe in the fresh air, to sit on porches and patios at dusk, swatting the mosquitos and listening to crickets. I hope you have time to gather with loved ones around grills and cold beverages. I hope you dip your toes in some water and take in the coolness of ice cream on a hot day. I pray you each are granted such moments of peace and gratitude this summer.

Here is a blessing for you on these days (written by Rev. Meta Herrick-Carlson):

*There is a season
that stretches like the days,
long and green until
you think there’s only this
one way of being alive.*

*There are prayers for sun and rain.
What we have planted bears fruit
and the gardens grow wild,
making us share and reminding:
There is enough for all.*

*When you dive into the lake
or wade with your legs in the river,
the cold water steals your breath
and your baptism comes to mind.*

*When you pack sandwiches and wine
and feast with neighbors and crickets
in the grass at sunset, and the meal is enough
with baskets left over, remember the supper.*

*These are ordinary times, of course,
but they are also extraordinary,
filled with promises that follow you
to the ends of the earth and back again.*

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HOPE RIVER FALLS DAYS BOOTH: “There’s No Place Like HOPE!”



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Summer Stretch
FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT
WEDNESDAYS, 6:30PM
JUNE 15-AUG 10
FREE!
Outdoor yoga, meditation, & reflection
bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!
3337 KINGSBARN AVE
WINDS OF THE SPIRIT PAVILION

The poster features a yellow background on the left and a purple yoga mat on the right. A small HOPE LUTHERAN logo is in the bottom right corner.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT...?
A SUMMER SERIES ON THE ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENTS
Sundays @ 10:30
June 12: Abortion
JULY 10: RECENTLY ADDED- Abortion Follow-Up
July 17: Community Violence
July 31: Civic Engagement
August 14: Next Steps
www.hopelutheranrf.com
@HOPElutheranriverfalls

The poster has a blue background on the left and a brown background on the right. It features a man's face looking up with question marks floating above him. A white arrow points from the text to the question marks. A HOPE LUTHERAN logo is in the top right corner.

**NEXT TOPIC AND DISCUSSION IS THIS SUNDAY, JULY 17!!
Here are some additional resources for discussion :**

- [ELCA Social Message on Community Violence](#)
- [Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's Statement on Gun Violence, March 30, 2021](#)
- [Living Lutheran Article on ELCA youth and gun violence 2018](#)
- [ELCA Response to Uvalde, 2022](#)
- [Our Moloch by Gary Willis, 2012](#)



**HOPE IS HOSTING A 3RD
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON
MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2022
SET UP 12 NOON
BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 PM
TAKE DOWN 6-7 PM**

SIGN UP SHEET (at church or call Kathy)

12-7 pm: Kathy Scott, 651-442-5189

_____ (name/phone)

Check people in and help with snacks:

1-3 pm: _____ (name/phone)

_____ (name/phone)

3-6: _____ (name/phone)

_____ (name/phone)

To sign up to give blood go to: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

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SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022, 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM



SONGS & SUDS



Join HOPE Lutheran's *Strings of Hope* at **Rush River Brewery, 979 Antler Court**, River Falls, for a fun-filled hour of ukuleles, singing and fellowship. See you there!



Mark your calendars for the July 17th Sunday service!

We will have special music by the St. Croix Chordsmen and HOPE's Strings of Hope.

After the service stay for an Ice Cream Social!

Can You Donate...?

The worship ministry team is asking for the following donations to assist in creating hospitality in our Winds of the Spirit pavilion

- † **New or gently used blankets for outdoor use** - to be placed in baskets for people to use if they get chilly!
- † **New or gently used yoga mats** - for our guests to use during Summer Stretch for Body, Mind, & Spirit if they forget one!

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT @ HOPE Tuesday, August 2nd

EVERYONE is invited to help make our 3rd annual NNO event a success! Our Ministry Team has coordinated a number of ways to help and we hope everyone can play a part in welcoming our neighbors for this family-friendly night centered on building community relationships!

Contact any of our ministry team chairs to get involved.

[SIGN-UP HERE FOR MISCELLANEOUS JOBS](#)

Members of the congregation who are not on a ministry team are encouraged to help furnish the following baskets for National Night Out. These baskets will be raffled off with proceeds going to pay our vendors and pay toward the Winds of the Spirit windscreens. All items can be put in the Eidskog Room and labeled as to which basket they are meant. This is what we currently have for "baskets"

- † Game/Puzzle Night Basket — Education Ministry
- † Backyard Bar-B-Q Basket — Congregational Life
- † Craft Basket (Adults & Kids) — Mission Ministry
- † Wine Country/Brewery Tour Basket — Worship Ministry
- † Basket of Sustainable Items/Green Products — Green Team
- † Gardening-Themed Basket — Property Ministry
- † Beer & Snack Basket — Communications Ministry

The baskets should be furnished with new/unused items totaling between \$25 and \$35 (or more) that fits the theme. All items can be placed in the Eidskog Room and labeled to which basket they are meant for. All items should be at church no later than July 25.

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The background of the poster is a dark space scene. A large, detailed image of the Earth is positioned on the right side, showing the Americas. Below the Earth, the surface of the moon is visible, with its craters and rocky terrain. The overall theme is space exploration and discovery.

THAT'S AWESOME!
God's Amazing World

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 1-4, 2022
9:00-11:30 AM
AGE 3-COMPLETED GRADE 5

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
110 N. 3RD ST. RIVER FALLS, WI

No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here!

FREE!

 To Register, scan the QR Code,
visit www.firstchurchr.org,
or call 715-425-2052

SCAN ME

All HOPE family and friends age 3 and up are invited to be part of First Congregational Church's VBS ministry this year! Pastor Annie is working with Pastor Stacy so all of our children and any interested middle/high school youth and adult helpers can be part of the fun! Please see the attached information to register. .

VBS for 2022 is called "God's World: That's Awesome!" The week's focus will be on experiences and ideas that are worth our awe and wonder. Dates are August 1 – 4, 2022, 9:00 – 11:30 am. Activities include: learning about space, expressing ideas through art, exploring music, working with wood, listening to Bible texts, and spending time with friends. Please register your child and spread the word. All are welcome!

Please contact Pastor Annie (hopelutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com) here at HOPE, or reach out to Pastor Stacy directly if you are interested in volunteering!

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FREE
ADMISSION!

A POOL PARTY WITH HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 30, 2022 | 6:15-7:30 PM | GLEN PARK POOL | ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOPE YOUTH KAYAK

WED, JUNE 15 6-7:30
TUES, JUNE 21 6-7:30
WED, JULY 13 6-7:30
WED, AUGUST 10 6-7:30

All HOPE youth are invited!
K-5th must be with a parent
Meet @ 249 State Rd 65N to kayak upper Kinni

**RSVP TO HOPELUTHERANPASTOR.RF@GMAIL.COM
BY DAY BEFORE**



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

WED. AUGUST 24TH 7:00PM

For all middle & high school youth!
Friends welcome!
HOPE Lutheran Church
3337 Kingsbarn Ave, River Falls



JOIN US FOR
REBOUND

Tri-Synod High School Youth Gathering

Dates: July 25-27, 2022
Location: UW River Falls
Cost: \$275* Per Participant

All **CURRENT 8-12TH GRADE YOUTH & FRIENDS** are invited to this fantastic event in lieu of the ELCA Youth Gathering (which was canceled due to Covid complications).

A \$100 deposit and medical release form are due to Pastor Annie ASAP!

Youth who DID NOT initially sign-up for the Gathering now have the opportunity to attend this event! Youth families should check email for further details!

Individual HOPE member cost will not exceed \$175 (hopefully less)

All youth previously signed up for the ELCA Youth Gathering have already made their deposit, but must verify that you plan to still attend!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Did you know that you can volunteer to help with parts of worship **AT ANY TIME!!!**

Use [THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK](#) to sign-up to assist with our in-person worship!

Greeters, readers, communion set-up & servers, acolytes, ushers, Assisting Ministers & coffee fellowship hosts are all needed!
We pray you seriously consider serving your faith family in this way!



It's time to place your order for the delicious



Washington State Peaches!



Single layer box \$23.00 or
Two or more single layer boxes for \$21.00 each box

The peaches should be arriving late August at
First Congregational Church
110 North Third Street, River Falls, WI
We will call when pick up begins.

3 WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Email: office@firstchurchrf.org
2. Sign up on website (under Connect):
www.firstchurchrf.org
3. Call: 715-425-2052 – order Mon-Thurs from 9:00 am
to 3:00 pm or leave a message

ORDER DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1

When placing an order, please provide your name, phone
number and the number of boxes you would like to order.

Thank you for your support!

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

David Stageberg (Carolyn Jackson's brother-in-law)
Bill Warner and family
Carin Perkins (Faye Perkins sister)
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)
Jerome Rodewald (Jeff Rodewald's father)
Thomas & Dawn Wirth (Tessa Van Overbeke's parents)
Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)
Chuck Eaton
Linda Hidding (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Ruth Sylte (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Kathy Granquist (Karen Brohaugh's niece)
Barbara McIntosh (Joe McIntosh's mother)
Linda & Jesse Annoye Family (Relatives of Debra James)
Greg Rosenthal (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)
Boyd Huppert (Rodewald family member)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Tom Roycraft (Grant Klacan's Father-in-Law)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
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)

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July Birthdays

Name	Date
Janet Gerber	7-Jul
Bill Warner	7-Jul
Ross VanOverbeke	7-Jul
Lucas Ladnier	11-Jul
Danielle Tokheim	15-Jul
Betty Lou Oppegard	16-Jul
William Berndt	18-Jul
Luke Stang	18-Jul
Jon Filarsky	21-Jul
Piper Rodewald	22-Jul
Erin Nelson	23-Jul
Payton Torntore	24-Jul
Joseph McIntosh	25-Jul
Steve Leitch	28-Jul
Taylor Heinselman	30-Jul
Nancy Peters	30-Jul

July Baptisms

Will Bohnert
Alyssa Boock
Andrea Boock
Denise Burkett
Cole Frisch
Peter Nelson
Milo Oppegard
Carol Poff
Elizabeth Rodewald
Eric Rodewald
Hunter Rodewald
Douglas Rudesill
Ross VanOverbeke
Spencer Ziebarth



July Anniversaries	Date	Celebrating Years
Jerry & Darcy Boock	03-Jul	46
Phillip & Paula Klacan	20-Jul	37
John & Karen Hamilton	26-Jul	31
Robb & Kathy Scott	25-Jul	30
Mitch & Erin Nelson	13-Jul	15

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SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP

The HOPE Executive Ministry and Worship Ministry teams want to apologize for incomplete communication regarding our summer worship plan! Please note the following in regards to our summer worship services:

We plan to worship outside in the Winds of the Spirit pavilion from June 5-September 4, 2022.

- ◆ You do NOT need to bring your own chair, though you are welcome to if you prefer!
- ◆ Windscreens will be utilized as we are able and as the weather necessitates them. We do have a broken motor and we are waiting on the part. Supply chain issues continue to be a reason for our patience.
- ◆ All services will still be livestreamed except for in the event of an emergency.
- ◆ A blanket basket will be available as added hospitality, of course feel free to bring your own!
- ◆ This is worship in a relaxed pace for the summer- please feel free to dress comfortably (as always) and for the weather.
- ◆ In the event of severe weather, service will move inside (severe storms, excessive heat, frigid temps).
- ◆ Why are we doing this?
 - To celebrate God's beautiful creation and allow people the chance to be outside while the weather is nice! Oftentimes people skip worship when the weather is nice because they don't want to be "stuck inside." Our property lends itself as a tool to encounter God in nature!
 - To honor the stewardship of gifts made in order to make the WOTS pavilion possible, especially your generosity in providing funds for the windscreens!
 - To be a visibly gathered community for our neighbors as they drive by, walk our paths, or have their apartment windows open!
 - We have made the plan to move out for a set period of time due to the work it requires to move the AV equipment outdoors. We simply do not have the people-power to move in and out weekly nor do we have double sets of all the necessary equipment!
- ◆ We hope you look forward to worshipping in our beautiful space and we look forward to the ways the Spirit connects with us this summer! If you have further questions or comments, please feel free to contact Pastor Annie or any member of the HOPE Ministry Council!

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UPDATE TO HOPE'S COVID GUIDELINES

3.16.22 Update

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. -Psalm 118: 1,23-24

On Tuesday, March 15, the HOPE ministry council met and discussed our next most faithful steps in responding to Covid-19. Early in the pandemic, we committed to following the advice put forth by our local health department professionals, specifically that of the St. Croix County Health Department. So, today we are excited to announce an update to our Covid protocols, in alignment with the St. Croix County Health Department's update effective on March 7, 2022!

You can find the SCCHD most recent information at the following links:

[Current Covid-19 Guidance](#)

[Current Covid-19 County Level to determine current guidance](#)

HOPE will follow the county's active recommendations based on this chart:

Level	Stay up to date on vaccines	Get tested if you have symptoms	Wear a mask
Low (Green)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Optional
Medium (Yellow)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Encouraged. Those at high-risk should talk to healthcare provider.
High (Orange)	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended

We are currently in a LOW (Green) level in our county, so **HOPE is currently making masks optional inside our building.**

As we move forward, we definitely enter a "new normal." We trust God to offer new ministry possibilities as we continue faithfully navigating this unique season! As we make this next faithful step, we encourage you to keep the following in mind:

1. While masks are optional as of TODAY, our masking policy WILL LIKELY CHANGE BASED ON RISK LEVEL. Please be prepared to be flexible as needed.
2. Please be respectful of the individual/family choice to wear or not wear a mask. There is no need for additional commentary about someone's choice. Trust that every person is making the best choice for themselves. Please still be respectful of people's personal space. This is a big adjustment for some people, and a simple, "is it ok if I hug you?" or "Is it ok for me to sit by you?" goes a long way. It is ok to tell someone you are not yet comfortable with close contact.

A few other notes:

1. **Holy Communion:** We began processing forward for the celebration of Holy Communion. Pastor will once again distribute the elements to you, with some offered for you to pick up if you prefer. As always, the pastor can come to you as needed! For those worshiping from home, please remember the Eucharist is intended to be celebrated in Christian community, within the context of worship, and at-home communion is being practiced only until we can all safely return together. Pastor is always available for homebound communion visits.

2. **Offering:** We will resume passing the offering plate for in-person worship as soon as we have ushers to assist. Online giving opportunities remain in perpetuity and you are encouraged to sign up!

Fellowship Time: We have been able to have fellowship for many weeks now, but have not had people willing to serve it. We would LOVE to resume this practice. You can sign up to host this time on our [HOPE Worship Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

1. **Hand Hygiene:** In light of updates for Holy Communion and Offering, please continue to practice good hand hygiene, taking advantage of the hand sanitizers placed around the sanctuary.

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