

This Week at HOPE September 21, 2022



The Burning Bush

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Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Season of Creation Week 3

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical movement to mark the month of September as a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. HOPE is joining the work of hundreds of congregations and faith communities across denominations during this season, but the work of creation care has been happening for decades, especially within the ELCA.

Recently, both the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin (NWSWI, our synod) and the Churchwide expression of the ELCA have made significant resolutions in regards to creation care! God is working in and through this Church for the renewal of creation. We at HOPE have been on the forefront of this work, meeting many of the expectations of the resolutions already and we have already been contacted to help support the wider work of other local congregations and the synod!

- ◆ The NWSWI has made the following commitments via our 2021 and 2022 Synod Assemblies:
 - **The 2021 Resolution of Creation Care:** Resolved that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin shall urge all members to exemplify personal and institutional care for Creation by practicing energy conservation, purchasing energy efficient items, investing in renewable energy, and eliminating single-use plastics; resolved to encourage all congregations in the synod to celebrate a four-week Season of Creation in the fall, which the Synod would provide preaching and worship resources for; resolved that the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin shall provide confirmation curriculum for all congregations to educate youth on Care for Creation; and resolved to create a section of the Bishop's report to collect information about each congregation's efforts to care for Creation.
 - In 2022, that work was expanded upon and the **Care of Creation Green Teams Resolution** passed. It calls for the congregations in the NWSWI to commit to taking the faithful step of caring for God's creation by forming congregational Green Teams whose ongoing purpose is to promote awareness while challenging the congregation to implement effective practices that protect and promote the health of creation; the NWSWI will provide training to equip members of these Green Teams as well as video materials appropriate for worship and/or educational events.
- ◆ **The recently held 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA** reaffirmed the commitment of this church to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, directing the churchwide organization to set a goal of a 50% reduction of net greenhouse gas pollution by 2030, with a long-range goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. This resolution was brought forward by 16 synods across the country!

The work of creation care is commanded by scripture in Genesis 1 and throughout the Psalms. Our catechetical understanding of the Creed acknowledges that we worship a God of creation and the giver of life. From the early years of the ELCA's existence, we have honored the importance of caring for creation in our [Church Social Statements](#). This is indeed Holy work. God has planted a word of concern for creation in prophets mouths for centuries and I believe the Spirit is clamoring for our attention, especially now.

What do you hear God saying to us about creation care?

What gifts has God blessed you with in service of creation care?

How do you see HOPE being an agent of creation care in our community?

Pray and dream with me! I look forward to doing this holy work with you in the years to come!

In Christ,
Pastor Annie Ladnier

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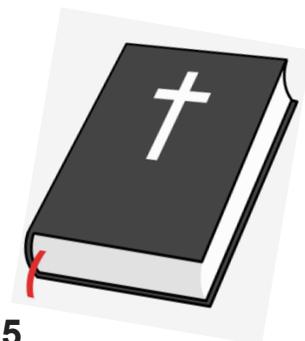


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Season of Creation HOPE Events:

- † **Sunday, Sept. 25 - Guest Presenter: Robin Boles from Whole Earth Co-Op-** Robin will give a presentation after worship dealing with making sustainable choices when shopping. We'll be serving the Co-Op's locally roasted coffee and enjoy some homemade zucchini bread straight from the HOPE gardens!
- † **Sunday, October 2- Blessing the Stars Forum** led by Milo Oppegard following worship. This is the beginning of a multi-week study!
- † **Thank you to all who gave to our 2nd annual Green Energy Blocks Noisy Offering!** You gave \$371.20!!! Stay tuned for details on how many energy blocks that will be! Donations are still being accepted to fund our 2023 energy block purchases!



Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 25

In preparation for Sunday worship, you may want to read and reflect on the upcoming passages. As you read these texts during the Season of Creation, be intentional about studying them through a lens of "creation care." Using our "Dwelling In the Word" questions:

1. What do you notice about creation? What sticks out to you?
2. What do you wonder about? What questions emerge for you in looking at these texts? Where do you see a connection with creation?
3. What do you think God might be giving you a nudge about in these passages this week? What might God be saying to our whole congregation in relation to the Season of Creation?

[First Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15](#)

[Psalm 146](#)

[2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)

[Gospel: Luke 16:19-31](#)



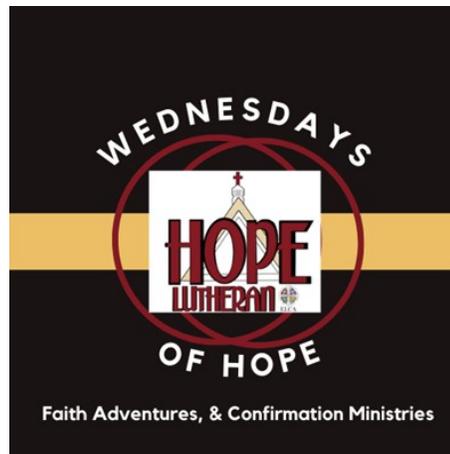
Season of Creation coffee hour
presentation this Sunday, Sept. 25

**"Shopping for Sustainability"
with Robin Boles from the WE CoOp**

Join us after worship for WE CoOP coffee and HOPE gardens' zucchini bread as we learn shopping strategies to live more sustainably!



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WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE: JOIN US!

Join us tonight for “Wednesdays of Hope,” our midweek faith formation opportunity! All K-10th+ grade youth (members AND friends) are invited to participate in either Faith Adventures (K-5) or Confirmation (6-10+). **Additional parents and adults are needed to assist with teaching, projects, and outings!**

We are using a session format for this year. Families are able to register for 1, 2, or all 3 sessions!

ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO REGISTER!

YOU CAN REGISTER [ONLINE HERE](#), through our website

Important Dates

1. 9.21.22: First night of Session 1 learning (6-7PM)
2. Session 1: September 21- November 16
3. Session 2: January 18- February 22
4. Session 3: April 19-May 10

In addition to our main sessions we will have additional service learning, art, milestone, and fun event nights throughout the year! All are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE!

TO HOST A TRUNK, DONATE CANDY/PRIZES, OR HELP [SIGN-UP HERE](#)

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NEW ART INSTALLATION: “Listen to the Voice of Creation!”

If you have not already done so, please make sure to stop by the HOPE sanctuary to check out our new Season of Creation Art Installation, “Listen to the Voice of Creation!”

Thank you to EVERYONE who has so richly blessed this faith community with your creative works! What beautiful photography, sewing, beadwork, wood art, paintings, mosaics, and more that have been inspired by God’s beautiful creation! Thank you to Paula Klacan who has helped organize the display and put the finishing touches on it! It is our prayer that it serves as another tool of faith for your prayerful reflection during this Season of Creation.

While our display shelves are getting full, we do still have some wall space if you would still like to share a piece of art or prose! Pieces can be something you have already created that fits the theme or something new that this season has inspired for you! We love creations from ALL ages!

If you are looking for scriptural inspiration, here are the texts we will be using for the Season of Creation, which runs from September 11th- October 2, 2022.

- ✠ Old Testament Readings: Jeremiah 4: 11-22, 22-28, Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9:1, Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15, Lamentations 1:1-6
- ✠ Psalms: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, Psalm 14, Psalm 79:1-9, Psalm 91: 1-6, 14- 16, Psalm 137
- ✠ New Testament Readings: Philemon 1-21, 1 Timothy 1: 12-17, 1 Timothy 2: 1-7, 1 Timothy 6: 6-19, 2 Timothy: 1-14
- ✠ Gospel Readings: Luke 14: 25-33, Luke 15: 1-10, Luke 16: 1-13, Luke 16:19-31, Luke 17: 5-1

When bringing in items, please label them with your name, so we know who to credit and return items to at the end of the season!

Please contact Paula Klacan or Pastor Annie with any questions.

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POWERED by ELECTRICITY



A National Drive Electric Week event

EXPERIENCE ALL THINGS ELECTRIC!

Saturday, September 24, 2022 • 10 am - 2 pm

University of Wisconsin - River Falls • North Hall • 410 S. 3rd St.

For more information:



Schedule of Events:

In the Auditorium:

Benefits of Community-Scale Solar 10:30-11am
Mark Johnson, Member Services Manager at St. Croix Electric Cooperative

Electricity: The Key to a Brighter Future 12-12:30pm
Jeff Springer, Manager of Innovative & Efficient Electrification at Dairyland Power Cooperative

(All presentations will allow time for Q&A.)

Charging Across the Nation: Co-ops are Meeting the Challenge 1:30-2pm
Nate Boettcher, President of CHARGE EV, LLC and President & CEO of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services

In the Parking Lot:
EV Drivers Round Tables 11:15am & 12:45pm
Moderated by Dave Chavie, Energy Innovation & Operational Technology Manager at Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services

Plus:

- Electric Vehicle (EV) Showcase
- EV Test Drives
- E-Bike Test Rides
- Electric Tools & Equipment Demonstrations & Vendors
- Electric Cooperative Information Stations
- Brat & Hotdog Fundraiser for St. Croix Valley SART

Enter to Win!

EGO Power+ 21" Single Stage Snow Blower Kit – with Peak Power™ technology, it's the only cordless snow blower that's as powerful as gas (includes two 5.0Ah 56V ARC Lithium Batteries with Fuel Gauge and Rapid Charger)

Snow Blower winner drawn from all registered attendees. Register at the UW-RF Office of Sustainability table.



Milwaukee M18 FUEL™ 16" Chainsaw Kit – delivers the power to cut hardwoods, cuts faster than gas and delivers up to 150 cuts per charge

Chainsaw winner drawn from all St. Croix Electric Co-op members who attend. Enter the drawing at the SCEC registration tent.



DEWALT 2X20V MAX 21.5" Brushless Cordless Push Mower – features a direct drive motor that delivers up to 75 minutes of runtime – cut through thick grass with ease

Mower winner drawn from all Pierce Pepin Co-op members who attend. Enter the drawing at the PPCS registration table.



Drawings will take place at 1:50pm.

Winners who are not present will be contacted about pick up details.





Need a little help this Christmas?

Families that live in River Falls qualify for the Angels on Earth Giving Tree Program.

Applications will be available October 1 on our Facebook page or online at www.arcriverfalls.org.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 5.
The program will attempt to fulfill requests received after this date, but gifts are not guaranteed.

Email: angelsonearthgivingtree@gmail.com

Phone: 612-314-3636

A program of Assistance & Resource Center





Velkommen

Our Savior's 74th Annual Lutefisk Supper Thursday, Oct 27th, 2022

MENU: Lutefisk with Butter and Cream Sauce
Meatballs and Gravy
Riced Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls
Grot, Norwegian Delicacies, Coffee, Milk
Serving 2:30 – 6:00PM

Cost: \$20 adult ~ \$12 youth ~ \$7 child ~ 5 & under free

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Limited tickets – Order early – Deadline October 17th, 2022

Take-Out option: Call Office to reserve pick up time.

Dine-In time reservations required:

Online Link: www.oursaviorschurch.info

Church Office Phone: 715-273-4570

Email: admin.os@hbc.com

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
N6450 530th St
Beldenville, WI 54003

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Darel Getschel (Keith Getschel's father)
Katie Kay (family friend of Olive Olson)
Naomi Brandt and family
The Family of Beverly Lowe
Tom & Judy Jensen (Friends of Nancy Sailer)
Meg Heaton Family (Friends of Nancy Sailer)
Milo Oppgard
Kevin Rodewald & family (Jeff Rodewald's brother)
David Stageberg (Carolyn Jackson's brother-in-law)
Carin Perkins (Faye Perkins sister)
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)
Thomas & Dawn Wirth (Tessa Van Overbeke's parents)
Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)
Chuck Eaton
Linda Hidding (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)
Tejai 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)

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September Birthdays

Sarah Bondhus	3-Sep
Zachary Heinselmann	6-Sep
Mariah Sandberg	8-Sep
Keri Jiskra	8-Sep
Jane Terkelsen	10-Sep
Jeff Rodewald	12-Sep
Isaac Hansen	20-Sep
Dan Rodewald	27-Sep
McKenna Brill	30-Sep
Vicki Siebold	30-Sep

September Baptisms

Brynn Leitch
Nancy Sailer
Vicki Siebold



September Anniversaries

		Celebrating Years
Keith & Cara Getschel	16-Sep	33
Tyson & Wendy Tokheim	23-Sep	22
James & Debra James	27-Sep	20

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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 worshipping 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