

# This Week at HOPE September 28, 2022



## Listen to the Voice of Creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

### The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

#### Season of Creation Week 4: Blessing the Animals

This Sunday will mark our final week of this year's Season of Creation celebration. I hope you have felt inspired, challenged, and renewed in your appreciation of God's beautiful creation and our call to care for it (Genesis 1:26 and 2:15).

In the first chapter of Genesis God recounts the magnificent act of creation. There is earth, light, water, evening and morning, vegetation of every kind, and living creatures in the waters, the earth, and the sky. *All of that happens before humankind is created.* This earth in all of its awe from sunrise to sunset, creeks to oceans, tumbleweed to rainforest, microorganism to elephant was here long before we entered the scene. God made all of that and called it good, and tasked us to tend to it. Creation is worthy of our time, attention, and nurturing love.

Saint Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) is known for his patronage of animals and the natural environment. He arranged for the first live nativity scene in 1223 and composed the Canticle of the Sun (ELW 835, "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!") shortly before his death. In it, God is praised by all of creation, named as our siblings and parents in this life (brothers wind and fire, sister water, and mother earth). The hymn commands each creature to find its voice, praising God by and in their very beings:

All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

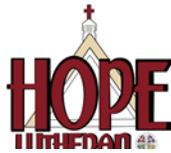
All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
still make your song amid the tears:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Many churches across denominations honor St. Francis with a blessing of the animals on his feast day (October 4). As part of our celebration of the Season of Creation, take a few moments in the next week to reflect on the creatures you are most grateful for. Many of you have pets at home or even some farm animals! Write down the names of the animals God has put in your care. Then on or before next Tuesday, October 4, I invite you to share this blessing with your animals:

**Gracious God,  
in your love you created us in your image  
and made us stewards of the animals  
that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea.  
Bless us in our care for our pets and animals (*name your animals here*)  
Help us recognize your power and wisdom  
in the variety of creatures that live in our world,  
and hear our prayer for all that suffer overwork, hunger, and ill-treatment.  
Protect your creatures and guard them from all evil, now and forever.  
Amen.**

Blessings in your enjoyment of creation,  
Pastor Annie Ladnier

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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, October 2

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: Lamentations 1:1-6](#)

[Psalm 37:1-9](#)

[2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

[Gospel: Luke 17:5-10](#)

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*Thank You*

### **A Big "THANK YOU!"**

To all who stayed for our special Season of Creation coffee hour presentation with Robin Boles from the WE CO-OP last Sunday. She shared useful information, and cool products, for making shopping choices that support sustainable living.

In addition, your generous gifts made it possible for HOPE to buy a membership in the CO-OP (as well as enough left over to purchase a bar of solid dish soap and scrub brush for our HOPE kitchen!).

We are pleased to be part of the WE CO-OP and their efforts in our community to support social responsibility, environmental stewardship, and local growers and makers in our community.

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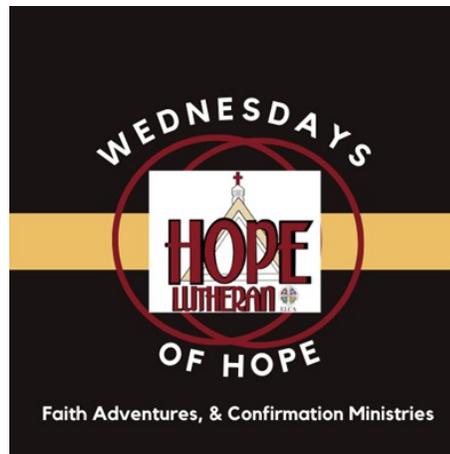
## Mark your calendars today for HOPE's Carols and Candles Service, December 11th at 4:00 PM

**Carols and Candles** We're excited to announce the return of a live, in-person version of Carols and Candles this year. In case you've not attended or participated before, Carols and Candles is HOPE Lutheran's Christmas lessons -and-carols program. This contemplative and quiet service has a long tradition at HOPE, and all are welcome to participate. If you'd like to sing in the Carols and Candles choir, consider yourself invited. The choir will rehearse four times in the three weeks prior to the program (see the graphic) and the choir is open to all singers from middle-school on up. Don't be concerned if you're not a reader of music. We'd love to hear you in this choir. And even if you don't want to sing in the choir, please mark your calendars so that you can attend Carols and Candles this year. Make time to reflect, be at peace, and enjoy our sanctuary at the time of winter sunset.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call or text Phil Klacan at 651.260.4790



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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. Session 1: September 21- November 16
2. Session 2: January 18- February 22
3. 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.**



## 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](http://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](mailto:angelsonearthgivingtree@gmail.com)**

**Phone: 612-314-3636**

**A program of Assistance & Resource Center**





## Velkommen

# Our Savior's 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutefisk Supper Thursday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

**Dine-In time reservations required:**

Online Link: [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info)

Church Office Phone: 715-273-4570

Email: [admin.os@hbc.com](mailto:admin.os@hbc.com)

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
N6450 530<sup>th</sup> 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)  
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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## October Baptisms

Keith Getschel  
Sarah Bondhus  
Nancy Peters  
Carolyn Jackson  
Paula Klacan  
Erin Nelson  
Madison Ziebarth  
Danielle Tokheim  
Lillian Brill  
Deb Tokheim  
Camryn Glaubitz



## October Birthdays

### Date

Carolyn Jackson	2-Oct
Nancy Sailer	3-Oct
Debra James	5-Oct
Lucy VanOverbeke	5-Oct
Kevin James	10-Oct
Morgan Torntore	15-Oct
Kermit Paulson	16-Oct
Karen Brohaugh	16-Oct
Arol Thompson	20-Oct
Pastor Annie	20-Oct
Nathan Clark	22-Oct
Carrie Knudsen Hendrickson	29-Oct
Eden Ladnier	29-Oct
Nick Johnson	30-Oct
Kristin Eaton	30-Oct



## October Anniversaries

Roger & Verna Tweiten  
Ryan & Samatha Brill

### Date

21-Oct  
24-Oct

### Years to Celebrate

61  
13

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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