

This Week at HOPE October 5, 2022



"Ecclesia Semper Reformanda, Semper Reformanda"

October marks the anniversary month of the Protestant Reformation. We celebrate in worship on the final Sunday of the month every year. We wear our red in recognition of the Holy Spirit's work in leading our continual reformation activity. The phrase "ecclesia semper reformanda, semper reformanda" means "the church is always reformed, always reforming." Though it has been over 500 years since Luther's Reformation, we recognize that to be the church, is to be always changing and reforming.

A few months ago, I received an invitation to a social media group of pastors, deacons, and lay leaders of the ELCA by Rev. CeCee Mills titled, #Reformation2022 The Movement." It is important to note that this is NOT an official group of any synodical or churchwide expression of the ELCA. This is a grassroots movement among members of the ELCA. This "band of reformers, making changes" (as the About section denotes) was interested in engaging in conversations and proactive steps toward a renewed call to reformation in the ELCA. Led by a number of women of color, this movement was intentional, strategic, and heavily grounded in prayer and spiritual discipline. Our first steps together involved communal worship, sharing of prayer concerns, and reminders from Pastor CeCee to take time for personal devotion and prayer as we do this work.

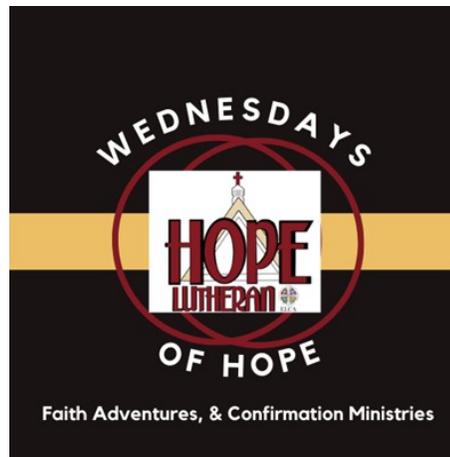
The first set of goals of the group were to work on memorials and resolutions for the 2022 Churchwide Assembly in Columbus, OH (Ryan Brill and Carl Warren of HOPE were voting members of this assembly). They organized to make sure that certain memorials would be removed from en blanc in order for the assembly to give them proper attention. These things included (but were not limited to): the consideration of first call pastors to be able to serve in specialized ministries, discussion on equitable parental leave policies, a study of pay gaps for church leaders specifically as they relate to women, people of color, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQIA+ community, to consider the pastoral care implications of the reversal of Roe v. Wade, separation agreement policies, and a restructuring of the governance of the ELCA. Each memorial sought to speak God's justice into our policies and procedures as a faithful church body in the 21st century.

We are living in a time full of change. I believe God is in and among that work to help restore our relationships to God and one another. As we've been exploring the book of Jeremiah this fall, I cannot help but wonder about the calls of today's prophetic voices. As we worry and fret over the changes in American Church culture, and assume we are failing because of lower numbers, less volunteers, etc., might those of us still here wrestling with it all be like the faithful remnant in exile? God has a way of doing important work with God's faithful people especially when they seem down on their luck. We were never promised to be seen as "successful" or "the dominant culture." Perhaps as the Church's role in society shifts and reforms, yet again, maybe God is at work to put us in our proper place- a place that is not easily confused with political or social power, a place that pushes back against those very entities for the sake of God's justice for "the least of these." I wonder.

What do you wonder? What do you think may need some reforming? Join me in prayerfully exploring those wonders in the next few weeks as we dive deeper into exploring some of the memorials and resolutions of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA and how they may or may not be doing the work of ecclesia semper reformanda, semper reformanda.

Peace, Blessings, & Hope to you,
Pastor Annie Ladnier

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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

- † Session 1: September 21- November 16
- † Session 2: January 18- February 22
- † 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!



OCTOBER 26, 2022

5:30-7PM

HOSTS, DONATIONS, AND HELPERS NEEDED!

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

THANK YOU
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Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of School Supplies. It is so important to have the necessary items to be successful in school. Your donation has directly helped numerous students at the River Falls school district have a great start to their school year.

Thank you again for your generosity and concern for students.

Take care
Jugun Graham - School Social Worker

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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





What is Assistance & Resource Center, Inc. (ARC)?

ARC is in its 14th year of providing short term financial assistance to residents of River Falls and Ellsworth to help them meet their basic needs. ARC is a 100% volunteer organization; a small local nonprofit which gives 98 cents of every dollar received in support back to clients in direct financial help. Since it began work in 2009, over \$800,000 has been provided to households facing a stressful shortfall in income resulting in an inability to keep up with basic bills and expenses.

Rent always comes due, heat and lights are expensive but necessary, grocery costs continue to rise. ARC is the “go to” local resource for folks to turn to for a “hand up” with looming bills in a confidential and timely manner. Let us help!

Your donation will be used to purchase the required steel toed boots and to put gas in the car of a young man excited to begin his new employment.

Your donation will help pay for new tires or brakes on a senior citizen’s car so that he can continue to get to the grocery store and medical clinic safely.

Your donation will help pay for before and after school care for the children of a mom wanting to return to work so that she can supplement the family income.

Donations and volunteers are most appreciated!

www.arcriverfalls.org

715-338-0755

PO Box 223, River Falls, WI 54022

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**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



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



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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Noah Sailer (Nancy Sailer's son)
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)
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)

Special Prayers

Please lift the Tom Roycraft family (Grant Klacan's father-in-law) in your prayers as Tom passed away last week.

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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