



**Happy Birthday Pastor Annie!**



40  
WHOLE YEARS  
OF BEING  
AWESOME





## **“Ecclesia Semper Reformanda, Semper Reformanda”: #Landback Movement**

### **One of the Top 5 Things to Know from the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly**

Two weeks ago I wrote about one of our biggest takeaways from the Protestant Reformation of the 1500s. We are reminded that “the church is always reformed, always reforming.: Every year we do this, but in the ELCA our triennial Churchwide assembly draws attention to specific, intentional, and important changes the collective church body takes as we continue to follow God’s call to be God’s people and disciples of Jesus in our world. The 2022 Churchwide Assembly was no exception. Those elected to serve as voting members of the assembly were steeped in prayer and worship as they diligently discerned God’s holy movement in our Church.

One important memorial that came forward was the Land Back Memorial. Through a series of amendments and discussion, the assembly approved a memorial that encourages *all ELCA members and entities to support “creative programs of restorative justice in partnership with Indigenous peoples.” That can include returning land to the appropriate Native American nations when selling or transferring property.*

The memorial also encourages ELCA members and entities *to explore making land acknowledgements a part of their public gatherings, to educate themselves about the Indigenous peoples whose land they inhabit and to deepen relationships with Indigenous peoples and tribal nations. (I am eager for us at HOPE to look more deeply into this important work and am seeking a few people who share this interest to do the important research so we can properly and faithfully acknowledge our land).*

This memorial came as a follow-up to our important work which began at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly when we officially declared a “Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.” Then in 2021 the “Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People” was published. The declaration was made as part of the implementation and obedience to the 2016 social policy resolution:

*to repudiate explicitly and clearly the European-derived doctrine of discovery as an example of the ‘improper mixing of the power of the church and the power of the sword’ (Augsburg Confession Article XXVIII, Latin text), and to acknowledge and repent from this church’s complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas, which continue to harm tribal governments and individual tribal members.*

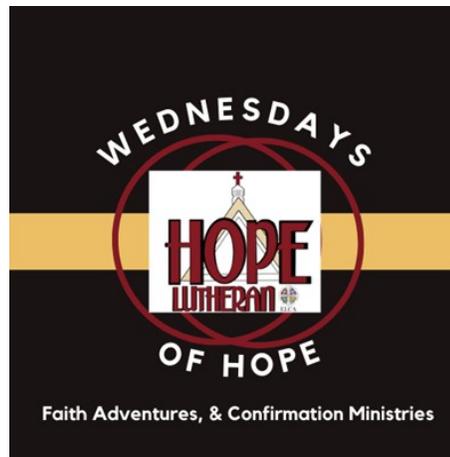
This is important work and a lived example of the communal necessity for repentance and confession before we can move forward as a whole Church.

The Declaration was then officially presented for the first time in person at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. The assembly also hosted a worship service designed and led by Indigenous Lutherans and an address by National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp.

I wanted to share this important work with all of you. For more detailed information on the many intricacies of this memorial and the previous work done to prepare for it, go to the [ELCA page on tribal relations](#). What do you hope to see HOPE do to live into this important work?

Blessings,  
Pastor Annie Ladnier

## This Week at HOPE October 19, 2022



### 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](#)**

**This Week at HOPE October 19, 2022**



**Mark your calendars for a Noisy Offering on November 6th!**

Our high school youth are adopting a Turning Point family for Christmas this year. Please bring your change for a noisy offering to help them shop for this family on November 6th!



**October 30, Reformation Sunday,**

HOPE will receive new members.

If you or your family would like to become a HOPE member, please notify Pastor Annie. We would be blessed to have you join us as HOPE journeys forward.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR ALL SAINTS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6!**

The first Sunday of November is All Saints Sunday, a day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of the feast to come!

During our worship together we will give special recognition to the names of all people we have lost since last All Saints Sunday. Names of ANYONE are welcome! This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend who has suffered a loss this year. Can we include their beloved's name and share in their grief and hope this year? **If you would like your beloved to be included in that list of names, please send it to Olive in the church office ([hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com)) by Monday, October 31st.**

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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



# This Week at HOPE October 19, 2022



## **VOTING and CARE for CREATION**

A message from River Falls Hope for Creation  
*Communities of faith partnering for a sustainable future*

Election Day is quickly approaching: Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Our vote matters. We have a chance and responsibility to cast votes for candidates who are working toward increased care for creation.

As you prepare to vote, please ponder these statements from the ELCA  
(Evangelical Lutheran Church in America):

We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are deeply concerned about the environment locally and globally, as members of this church and as members of society. Even as we join the political, economic, and scientific discussion, we know care for the earth to be a profoundly spiritual matter. (A Social Statement on: Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice: Prologue)

As members of this church, we commit ourselves to personal life styles that contribute to the health of the environment. Many organizations provide materials to guide us in examining possibilities and making changes appropriate to our circumstances.

We challenge ourselves, particularly the economically secure, to tithe environmentally. Tithers would reduce their burden on the earth's bounty by producing ten percent less in waste, consuming ten percent less in non-renewable resources, and contribution the savings to earthcare efforts. Environmental tithing also entails giving time to learn about environmental problems and to work with others toward solutions. (A Social Statement on: Caring for creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice: V. Commitments of this church, A. As individual Christians)

For further information please contact either Bill or Kay Montgomery, HOPE Lutheran Church representatives to Hope4Creation-River Falls.

Thanks for committing to vote.

# This Week at HOPE October 19, 2022



## **A NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITY: THE HOPE MUSICIAN'S FUND**

*Do you LOVE the musical offerings here at HOPE?*

*Are you grateful for the gift of our fantastic Sunday pianists?*

*Would you love to see additional musical ensembles and guests join us?*

*Has music in worship been an important dimension of your spiritual life?*

If you've answered YES to any of these questions, you may want to live into God's call toward generosity by giving a gift to our NEW "HOPE Musician's Fund." HOPE has shifted into a new season of paying our Sunday musicians a fair wage for their work, rather than expecting this on a volunteer basis. This expense emerged as a need mid-budget year, and so this fund will help meet this financial need and hopefully provide seed money to fund these positions in the 2023 budget year. In addition, our hope is for this fund to be used in the future to bring in special musical guests and ensembles in the months and years ahead!

Please prayerfully consider giving a seed gift to this important ministry as you are able!

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Sunday, November 27, 6:30 PM  
Meet at Veteran's Park  
All are welcome!



HOPE FOR CREATION INVITES YOU TO:

# Entering Advent

A CANDLELIGHT RIVER WALK



We will gather by our beautiful  
Kinnickinnic River to walk,  
reflect and greet Advent

Please bring a flashlight  
Check [www.hope4creationrf.org](http://www.hope4creationrf.org)  
in the event of bad weather



## 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**



# This Week at HOPE October 19, 2022



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

The Family of Carol Poff  
Miriam Monroe (Bill Montgomery's sister)  
Gary Blowers (Friend of Linda Jacobson)  
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 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)

# This Week at HOPE October 19, 2022



## 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

# This Week at HOPE October 19, 2022



## 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