

This Week at HOPE November 9, 2022



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Dear Members of HOPE:

In Peter's first letter to early Christians in Rome, he celebrated and urged them as follows: ***God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully.*** 1 Peter 4:10

We of HOPE have so many reasons to reflect upon, and celebrate our God given gifts and the many ways that God has used them. During this upcoming season of giving thanks and stewardship, we will CELEBRATE HOPE and our Ministries with a short slide presentation during the offertory each Sunday from Nov. 13 thru Nov. 27. We hope that this review of our Ministries' acts of service, love, and commitment will be a catalyst for your thoughts on how God is calling you to support HOPE in the upcoming year.

Just as a quilt is pieced together from many individual squares to create a warm covering, God joins our individual commitments together to create the fabric that enables HOPE, through our Ministries, to share God's love in our community. This is a time of economic challenge for many, yet it may also be an opportunity for you to give from what you have been given, and possibly, even increase your support of HOPE in thanks.

Use this [commitment form](#) which is **due December 2, 2022** (*simply click the words commitment form*). Please contact Olive if you would prefer paper form send to you. Your financial commitments help guide our Ministry Council in making faithful decisions about how we can best follow God in the next year. Our Ministry Teams have prayerfully identified hopes and goals for 2023 and your faithful commitments enable us to follow God's lead! We look forward to sharing those with you in the coming weeks.

We are more than a building, we are more than a service project, we are more than a worship service. We are God's fabric of HOPE!

In celebration of God's gifts and call to serve,

**Pastor Annie
Ryan Brill
Lynda Meyers
Steve Leitch
Ellen Roose
Nancy Sailer**

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Welcome to HOPE Jason, Hallie, Heathley and Ainsley!



We are the Neuhaus family.

Hallie and I got married and moved to River Falls in 2004. We have been active in the community since then, especially through our kid's activities.

Heathley is 16 (as of this November 8) and Ainsley is 11. They are in High School and Middle School.

We enjoy visiting family and friends, trips to Disney, and participating in our kid's activities. The past two years we have loved becoming one of the River Falls marching band's biggest supporters, and are always looking for ways to participate in the community.

When not in church, Hallie is teaching middle school special education students, and Jason is busy in residential real estate.



POTLUCK November 13th

On Sunday, November 13th, we are celebrating during and after church services, all the musical gifts we at HOPE have received from Betty Lou over many years.

Congregational Life invites you to contribute to a ***Hopeful Potluck*** by bringing a main dish, salad or dessert. Beverages will be provided.

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The Green Team is getting ready for next spring with a controlled burn at HOPE.





WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER 20TH

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help lead our recent worship services! Sharing your gifts in this way is a sign of Jesus' hospitality to all who worship, especially our guests!

We are in need of the following roles for Sunday, November 20th:

1. Assisting Minister
2. Communion Prep and Clean-Up
3. Ushers/Greeters
4. Prayer Leader
5. Communion Assistants
6. Coffee Fellowship
7. Altar Flowers
8. Acolyte

Please contact Pastor Annie or [SIGN UP RIGHT HERE](#) to help!

EDUCATION MINISTRY DONATION REQUEST LIST

The HOPE Education Ministry team is seeking donations of the following items for our SUPER EXCITING ALL AGES ADVENT FAIR on Wednesday, Dec. 7th from 6-7:30PM.

1. Your dried orange/clementine peels
2. Dried cranberries
3. Cloves
4. Cinnamon sticks
5. Gold, blue, or purple ribbons $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ width WITHOUT WIRE (any shades of these are great)

**Please bring items to the drop off bins at HOPE by
Sunday, December 4!**

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Advent & Christmas *with HOPE 2022-2023*



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

11.30.22 | Advent 1

Telling the story with our bodies:
ADVENT YOGA 6-7PM (indoors)

12.07.22 | Advent 2

Telling the story through art &
creativity
INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT FAIR
6-7:30PM

12.14.22 | Advent 3

Telling the story through song with
the community
CAROLS, COOKIES, & KEGS @ RUSH
RIVER BREWERY 6:30-7:30PM

12.21.22 | Advent 4

Telling the story even in our grief
LONGEST NIGHT HEALING WORSHIP
6:30-7:30PM

SUNDAYS & CHRISTMAS

11.27.22 | Advent 1

9:30AM
There's room for every story

12.04.22 | Advent 2

9:30AM
God meets us in our fear

12.11.22 | Advent 3

9:30AM
We can choose a better way

12.18.22 | Advent 4

9:30AM
We see God in each other

12.24.22 | Christmas Eve

5:00PM
We tell this story

12.25.22 | Christmas Day

10:30AM
God dwells with us

01.01.23 | Epiphany

9:30AM
We keep seeking

DON'T MISS:

12.17.22: 10AM Lefse Making Day

12.18.22: All Generations Christmas Program & Bake Sale

12.24.22: 5:00PM ONE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ONLY

12.25.22: 10:30AM Sunday Morning Worship (bumped an hour)

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CALLING ALL SEASON OF CREATION ARTISTS! ART PICK-UP!

Thank you so much for all of your wonderful contributions to our Season of Creation art installation! You helped each of us experience the beauty of God's creation and the gifts of our community! In preparation for Advent, we have taken down these items and ask that **you please pick up your items at your earliest convenience. Please let us know if you need us to drop them off to you!** Be on the look-out for future opportunities to contribute to additional art installations after the holidays! Thank you to Paula Klacan for helping make this project possible.

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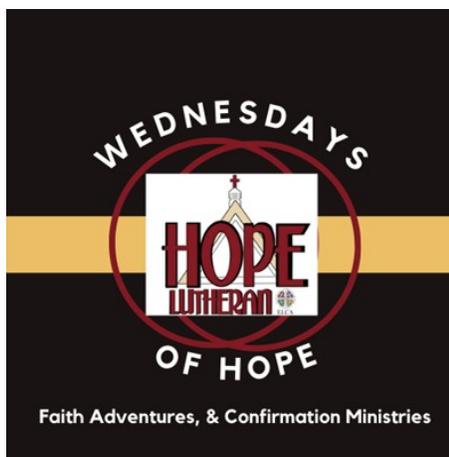
COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ADDRESSES NEEDED!

Congregational Life will once again be sending small surprises to our college students before their first semester finals! Please provide your/your college student's address **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23** so we can send them in time!

Is there a college or graduate student in your life who we could bless with a note of encouragement to help them get through finals? Please add their name and address to the sign up.

Simply email the church office at: [hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hoperlutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com)

Thank you!



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!

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First Sunday of the Month Special Collections

The River Falls School District has 112 children signed up for the Backpack Program this year. This program falls under the auspices of Our Neighbors' Place and is primarily funded by The Black Tie Affair held every April and donations. It does not receive any help from the River Falls Food Pantry.

Therefore, the Mission Ministry through HOPE would like to start collecting donations for the Backpack Program on the first Sunday of each month alternating with the Food Pantry.

The Magic Box works in the same manner as for the Food Pantry, whereas each dollar magically will have \$5 of purchasing power. The next opportunity will be November 6, when your generous donations will support the Backpack Program.

First Sunday of the Month Special Collections Schedule

2022

November 6	Backpack Program (BP Program)
December 4	Food Pantry (FP)

2023

January 1	Backpack Program
February 5	Food Pantry
March 5	Backpack Program
April 2	Food Pantry
May 7	Backpack Program
June 4	Food Pantry
July 2	Backpack Program
August 6	Food Pantry
September 3	Backpack Program
October 1	Food Pantry
Nov 5	Backpack Program
December 3	Food Pantry

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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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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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River Falls Community 2022 Thanksgiving Dinner Pick up or delivery request form

Delivery requests must be made no later than 5:00 pm Monday, November 21 and will be delivered starting about 11:00 am. Thursday.

Take out requests are also due Monday at 5:00 pm, Those requests will be by time slot, to allow us to better manage our food and traffic flow. Take-out starts at 11:30.

Need a meal on Thursday: If your plans changed or you forgot to sign up please drive up between 12:45-1:00 pm and you will be served based on availability

When using this paper form return it to location you received it from or in the drop box to the left of the north door at St. Bridget Church.

Name: _____

Telephone # _____

Delivery Request: _____ Number of meals
(Drivers leave church between 10:45-11:15 am)

Address: _____

Pick-up Request :
11:30 -12:00 pm _____ Number of meals
12:00 -12:30 pm _____ Number of meals
12:30 - 1:00 pm _____ Number of meals



If you change your mind and no longer want the meals call 715-821-5011. We want to help as many people as possible

This is a non-denominational event

The dinner is provided at no charge by various businesses, individuals and by free will offerings. If you have any questions call 715-821-5011

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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
in the event of bad weather

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2022 Proud Sponsor of

River Falls
Community Dinner

TO-GO!

Thanksgiving Day

*A Non-Denominational
Event*

November 24, 2022

11am - 1pm

*Curbside Pickup or
Delivery from*

*Saint Bridget
Catholic Church*

We would like to invite you to pickup a Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Bridget's. We also deliver for those unable to drive up. FREE, or free will offering. Please place your orders by Nov. 21 on the St. Bridget website or get paper forms from local churches, office or the food pantry. Thank You

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Dawne Green and Family (Friends of Olive Olson)
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)
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)
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)

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November Birthdays

Dianne H-Robinson	1-Nov
Linda Yde	1-Nov
Greta Wunrow	3-Nov
Linda Jacobson	7-Nov
Grace Hansen	8-Nov
Charles Bricton	16-Nov
Mallory James	16-Nov
Mikey Langlois	16-Nov
Karen Rodewald	21-Nov
Phillip Klacan	22-Nov
Deb Tokheim	29-Nov



November Baptisms

McKenna Brill
Karen Brohaugh
Russ Jiskra
Kermit Paulson
Jane Terkelsen
Lucy VanOverbeke
Dan Rodewald
Linda Yde



November Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Karen & Bernie Brohaugh	30-Nov	37
Nick & Stacia Johnson	08-Nov	14
Annie & Lucas Ladnier	07-Nov	7