

This Week at HOPE November 22, 2022



I hope and pray you are finding time to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday this week with whomever you've chosen to share a table. Some may find themselves at a table of close friends, others at tables which include family members, a few friends, and their guests. Still others might be serving a meal for those without homes or tables to call their own. Throughout the years I have found myself at a variety of Thanksgiving tables. I've participated in multiple "Friendsgivings" celebrations. I've been welcomed as the misfit offball with nowhere else to go, blessed by sharing in another family's traditions. I've packed and delivered turkey sandwiches to those working on the holiday. For years growing up, I gathered with extended family and a few collected friends who were like family. This year I will host my mother and sister around our simple table, the picky 4 year old, the gravy-haired baby in a high chair, and the border collie who doubles as a Roomba underfoot, all included. These holidays can be messy, but they are ours. And we gather across generations to share delicious food, and stories, and the blessed company of one another.

Three days later, on Sunday morning we begin our celebration of Advent. This year our theme is, "From Generation to Generation." Mary's magnificat set the tone for this theme:

*Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation. (Luke 1: 48b-50)

The creators from "A Sanctified Art" have this to say about the theme:

"Despite the challenges and vulnerability she faced, Mary could glimpse the scale and scope of the good news she was part of bringing forth. This good news transcends time and space—it was and is bigger than just her. Christ is coming for collective liberation: God's redemption is at work for years to come. Therefore, the promise is meant to be lived out and passed on from generation to generation.

We are invited to look at the characters in our scriptures and wonder: What did each character pass on or contribute? How did each character participate in God's liberation and love? Which characters try to thwart God's justice and what can we learn from them? What is our role now? What is our generation's task? What will we carry forth, and what should we leave behind?

The root word of "generation" is "gen" meaning "origin" or "birth." Our theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Who are the spiritual elders in your community who planted the seeds for the things that are now blooming? What seeds are you planting for the future?"

From Generation to Generation reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are woven together. In the midst of narratives, policies, and rhetoric designed to divide us, what does it look like to practice belonging to one another? The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us, however messy it is. This Advent season, we'll wonder together about how we will carry it forth.

Pastor Annie Ladnier

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Advent Mission Project - Generation to Generation

The theme for this Advent Season is Generation to Generation, shortened to G-2-G. Each week of Advent we will feature one age group—Seniors, Adults, Teens, Babies—although collections will take place throughout Advent. The Story of Christmas and our own family history stories are passed down from the older generations to the younger, so the first week will focus on seniors.

Sunday, November 27 - G-2-G Seniors will focus on residents of Comforts of Home and Our House. About 65 total seniors. We would like to put together small gift bags for them that include the following:

- ✝ Toothpaste
- ✝ Body Wash
- ✝ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ✝ Laundry Detergent (Perhaps we can ask for donations of large containers of pod detergent and divide the pods into smaller amounts; or purchase sheets of detergent, although those are more expensive)
- ✝ Holiday candy and/or a small table decoration (something festive)

Sunday, December 4 - G-2-G Adults will focus on Adoray Hospice Care and/or Area Resource Center—monetary donations—if writing a check, please state in the memo line where your money is to go

Sunday, December 11 - G-2-G Teens will focus on Meyer Middle School needs, which are listed below:

- ✝ Deodorant
- ✝ Body Wash
- ✝ Lotion
- ✝ Lip Balm/Chapstick
- ✝ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ✝ Bigger sizes of athletic pants/shorts for males

Sunday, December 18 - G-2-G Babies will focus on the Family Resource Center housed in Baldwin. Family Resource Center provides services for pre-natal through Kindergarten age children and their families living in Pierce, St. Croix, and Polk counties. Their needs are:

- ✝ Diapers (larger sizes 3–6)
- ✝ Baby Wipes
- ✝ Board Books (infant, toddler, preschool)

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Could this day be our Red Kettle Sunday for Salvation Army???

We are asking the members of HOPE's congregation to prayerfully consider donating to the organizations/groups listed above during the season of Advent. Bins will be placed on the side pew for collections. After Sunday's service on December 11, we ask for anyone and everyone to stay and help put the gift bags together for the seniors at Comforts of Home and Our House.

Generation to Generation provides a time to encourage you to fill out a pedigree chart for your family to pass down to younger generations. These charts will be available on the back table. Perhaps you will want to take one for yourself and one for your spouse. We would like to display these or similar charts around the church.

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Lefse Day

You don't have to be Norwegian to spend a morning at HOPE making lefse. Please join us on **Saturday, December 17th, 10:00**. Bring your own lefse dough, one quart ziploc type bags, griddle, turning stick etc. The tasty lefse will be sold during fellowship time on December 17th



Christmas Bake Sale

Baked goods and holiday treats are needed for HOPE's Bake Sale on **Sunday, December 18th**. Proceeds from your lefse, cookies, bars, breads, pies, cakes, snacks, candy etc. will be donated to the River Falls Backpack Program. Remember to bring your checkbook or cash so you can go home with some delicious homemade goodies.

Please price your baked goodies before the sale!



On Saturday November 26th at 10:00 we will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent. If you are available, please stop by.

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HOPE's 3rd graders received their Bibles on Sunday



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ADVENT
YOGA
WED., 11.30.22
6:00PM

A moment of peace in a busy season

The graphic features a central dark blue circle containing the text "ADVENT YOGA" in white, serif font. Below this, the date and time "WED., 11.30.22" and "6:00PM" are listed in a smaller white font. The circle is surrounded by a white, intricate mandala pattern. The background is a soft-focus image of blue fabric with gold sequins.

All Are Welcome This Christmas
Christmas Eve 5:00pm
Christmas Day 10:30am

HOPE Lutheran Church, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave. River Falls, WI

The HOPE Lutheran Church logo, identical to the one in the top section, is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic.



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!**

A collage of holiday-themed images including wrapped gifts, Christmas trees, and festive lights.

HOPE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
SERVICE PROJECT SHOPPING DAY!

Join us as we shop for our Turningpoint Holiday Program family, followed by dinner together!

DEC. 04, 3:00-7:00PM
BRING \$ FOR DINNER

**NEW DATE
DEC. 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
SONGS & SUDS:CHRISTMAS @ 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
4:00PM Carols & Candles

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:

12.11.22: 4:00PM, Carols & Candles

12.17.22: 10:00AM Lefse Making Day

12.18.22: 9:30 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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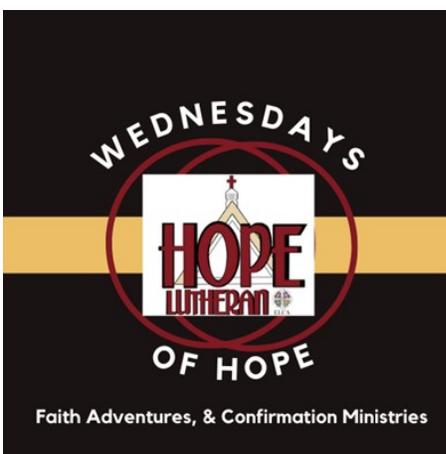
COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ADDRESSES NEEDED!

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 27*** 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: hoperlutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com

Thank you!



**WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE TAKES A BREAK
BUT DON'T MISS OUR ADVENT FUN!**

ADVENT EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

- † **November 30: A Moment of Peace Advent Yoga (6-7pm)**
- † **December 07: All Generations Advent Fair (engaging the advent texts through art, music, and fellowship together) (6-7/7:30pm)**
- † **December 14: Songs and Suds Christmas @ Rush River Brewery (6:30-7:30pm)**
- † **December 21: Longest Night Healing Service @ HOPE 6:30pm**

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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

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

2023

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| 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





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

Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)
The Family of Jim Pratt
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 Oppeward
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)
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
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

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| 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 |