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Hope Journeys Forward

This Week At HOPE - June 4, 2018

A note from Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Monday, June 4, 2018

The sprouting gardens, blossoming trees and the fragrance of the flowers are all a part of God's good creation, and they are gifts to us. We have survived the long winter and, in some ways, skipped spring and moved right into summer. That is part of the beauty of the seasons; we never know quite when they arrive or when they will make their exit. May we all find ways to step back and enjoy the opportunities that warm weather and sunshine offer.

Over the weekend I had the opportunity to join Kathy Scott and Jed at the synod assembly in Eau Claire. It was a wonderful gathering of dedicated and faithful folk from throughout the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin addressing the work of the synod. The theme of the assembly was "Growing Young." We listened to "Ted Talks" from some representatives of congregations that are connecting with youth in faithful and meaningful ways. We can use what we learned to help shape what HOPE does as we plan for the youth and families of our congregation and community.

Part of the work of the synod assembly this year was our election of a new bishop. Pastor Laurie Skow Anderson has accepted the call to serve as our next bishop and she will be installed on Saturday, August 25th at Bethel Lutheran in Hudson. Please remember Pastor Laurie in your prayers, as well as the other members of the synod staff, in this time of transition.

We at HOPE are also in a time of transition. As I anticipate retirement, HOPE's call committee is in the process of calling your next pastor. There is a clear process in place and guidance is provided by the synod. This time in HOPE's life offers another opportunity for prayer, asking that God guide, inspire and encourage both our call committee and pastors who are seeking to lead a congregation new to them.

HOPE is a vibrant and committed congregation. Your dedication to the mission and ministry of God's kingdom here and now is part of what makes HOPE such a vital congregation and participant within the Northwest Synod and beyond. May the coming months continue to shape us as faithful followers of Jesus, doing what he would do in times that require insight, care and compassion.

This month HOPE will send a team of youth and adults to Green Bay for a mission trip. We are grateful for the leaders of this team for their organizational skills and commitment to the youth. This Sunday we will have a "Sending" to honor the team and send them with God's blessings and with our prayers. Remember them in your prayers in the days leading up to their trip.

One last note. Summer is the time that many of you travel and explore new parts of the state, nation and world. I pray that you enjoy your adventures, and I pray for your safe return. Please keep the circle of prayer going as you hold HOPE in your thoughts and prayers.

God's blessings to you,

Pr. Sandy

We can lean on God's good guidance
remembering these words from **Psalm 32,**

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go."



Please lift up the following people in prayer

- Hannah Forward
- Nomi Brandt
- Evie Weber (aunt of Gwen Paulson)
- Mel Knudsen (brother of Carol Knudsen)
- Marvis Hallberg (sister of Carol Knudsen)
- Ed Paulson
- Lynda Olson (family member of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
- Kathy Widdecombe (niece of Kathy & Rob Scott)
- Gloria & Art Johnson and Family
- Wendy Slattery (friend of Linda Jacobson)
- Carrie Knudsen Hendrickson (daughter of Carol Knudsen & Dave Hendrickson)
- Cheri Boock (relative of Boock family)
- Dawn Baier (sister of Holly Stein)
- Jon Boyce
- Lane Branson (relative of Boock Family)
- Mike and Rae Farley (friend of Marcella Field and Paula Klacan)
- Dan Forrest (cousin of Robb Scott)
- Nancy Hawkinson (relative of Paula Klacan, friend of Darcy Boock)
- Troy Hubing (relative of Brandt family)
- Ardis Johnson (friend of Betty Lou Oppegard)
- Bekka Johnson (niece of Betty Lou Oppegard)
- Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
- Craig & Jane Olson and family
- Brian Roquette
- Marilyn Schmidt (Darcy Boock's sister-in-law)
- Valerie Wietzke (sister of Karen Ottney-Kaste)

Please contact the office if you would like to have the name of a loved one added to the prayer list.

After 30 days names will be removed unless you request that they remain.

**Sunday Worship Volunteers
Sunday, June 10th
Mission Trip Sending**

- ⇒ Presiding Pastor Pastor Sandy
- ⇒ Assisting Minister Carl Warren
- ⇒ Communion Prep Sarah Bondhus
- ⇒ Bread Maker Melissa Kolb
- ⇒ Communion Server Madison Ziebarth
Racheal Rahn
- ⇒ Ushers Diane H-Robinson
Alyssa Boock
- ⇒ Greeters Dale and Angela
Bohner
- ⇒ Reader & Prayers Peyton Most
- ⇒ Acolyte Jayden Serene
- ⇒ Pianist Phil Klacan
- ⇒ Special Music Carl Warren
- ⇒ Fellowship Dick & Carolyn

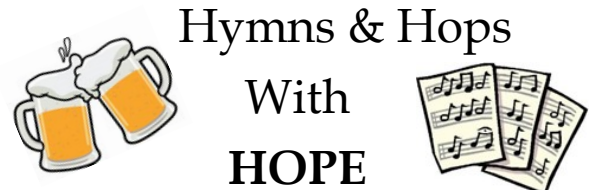
Looking Ahead at HOPE

Monday 12:30 – Communication Ministry Meeting
June 4th 4:00 – Congregational Life Ministry Meeting
 7:00 – Worship Ministry Meeting

Wednesday 9:00 – Strings of HOPE
June 6th 6:30 – Worship Without Walls

Thursday 5:30 – Property Ministry Meeting
June 7th 7:00 – Mission Ministry Meeting

Sunday 9:30 – Sunday Worship
June 10th



Rush River Brewery
990 Antler Court Rivers Falls

7PM Wednesday, June 27
7PM Thursday, July 12
7PM Wednesday, August 8



Worship Without Walls

Over late Spring & Summer months, as our days grow longer and weekends warmer, you are invited to join your faith family member for informal gatherings on Wednesday evenings here at HOPE, starting around 6:30, ending whenever you wish or as the fireflies lead you home.

Each Wednesday, there will be light discussion following the previous sermon, and whatever or wherever the Holy Spirit leads those who come together.

Bring a comfy chair, as weather permitting! Our intent is to worship and wonder under the dome of perhaps God's grandest cathedral – our beautiful outdoors.



Thanks to our Thrivent members who have applied for and received the Thrivent Action Cards. We have been able to use them for **HOPE's Blessing Bags**, our **Year End FA/Confirmation Celebration**, the **Mission Trip Fund Raiser** and our planning for the August VBS - **God's Good Creation!**



Music by Heart presented by the Dementia Friendly Community Coalition on Sunday, June 10, at 1 pm in Lakefront Park, Hudson. Bring your family, picnic and sing with us. We'll be doing older standards that are in our memories so those with dementia can join in. Music also by the O'Briens, a family vocal group. Cookies and lemonade available and an information ta-



July 23rd & 24th - Save the date!

This year HOPE is going to publish a picture directory of our membership. There will be more information in the coming weeks. For now please mark the dates on your calendars.

SAVE THE DATE!

HOPE's Vacation Bible School - *God's Good Creation*
August 13-16 from 9:00 - 11:15



Come to learn about our connections to creation through presentations, live animals, songs, scripture, crafts, snacks and games. Bring a friend and enjoy making new friends.

If you would like to know more about what's happening at HOPE please contact the office. Olive will be happy to send you Ministry Reports, Council Minutes and Financial Reports.



June Birthdays



Name	Birthday
Cara Getschel	2-Jun
Beverly Engesether	5-Jun
Carol Knudsen	5-Jun
Zane Heinselmann	6-Jun
Naomi Brandt	9-Jun
Julia Rydberg	9-Jun
Kathy Scott	9-Jun
Julie Schmidt	10-Jun
Elizabeth Rodewald	14-Jun
Eric Rodewald	14-Jun
Louie Bernard	15-Jun
Carol Poff	17-Jun
Milo Oppegard	22-Jun
Douglas Rudesill	26-Jun
Jack Stang	27-Jun
Daniel Malaney	29-Jun
Edward Paulson	29-Jun

June Baptisms

- Waylon Bailey
- Shane Bondhu
- Erik Eaton
- Jane Olson
- Aaron Schmidt
- Sophia Schmidt
- Kathryn Scott
- Luke Stang



HOPE vs St. Bridget's

HOPE's first softball game of the season is scheduled for Monday, June 4th at 6:30, at Hoffman Park, on Field #1. Come and cheer our team on as they kick off the season with HOPE vs St. Bridget's



HOPE's Email Prayer Chain

HOPE's prayer chain is open to any and all who want to participate. If you have a prayer request, a concern, or a celebration please email me at sarahbondhus@gmail.com.

I will forward your prayer to the email pray-er participants.