



Dear friends in Christ,

August greetings to you all. As the summer months are unfolding it is my hope that you are enjoying a change of pace and preparing to meet the fall season at HOPE refreshed and renewed.

Even with a change of pace, HOPE's ministries have continued to meet throughout the summer months. Thanks to all ministry members for your commitment to the work of the church.

The Education Ministry, after making exciting plans for our Vacation Bible School, *God's Good Creation*, made the decision to postpone the event until next year. Our low registration numbers guided that decision. And while we were disappointed that our plans are put on hold, we remain excited about preparing for the upcoming faith formation programs that are in place for Faith Adventures and Confirmation.

The Mission Ministry continues to serve HOPE and the communities surrounding River Falls. Their dedication is reflected by their faithfulness and the fun they have together. Congregational Life continues to lead us in planning for special events and providing hospitality for the same. Watch for updates on HOPE's Got Talent and New Member Sunday, both in October.

HOPE's Communication Ministry keeps our web site current which is important in these days of online communication. They are working on new ways of introducing HOPE to a broader community as well.

The Property Ministry, together with the site planning committee, has brought us to a point where the construction of HOPE's outdoor worship space will take place this fall. Again, watch for updates, and then listen for the sounds of digging equipment followed by the sounds of hammers pounding nails or more likely the sounds of pneumatic tools.

The Worship Ministry helps plan our weekly worship and seeks to engage a wide variety of worshippers. I am grateful for their input. And I'm also grateful for all of the volunteers who help with Sunday morning services. Our accompanists, assisting ministers, ushers, communion preparers and servers, bread bakers, readers, prayers, acolytes, greeters and those who prepare food and treats for our fellowship...it takes a faithful and committed village!

Finally, as HOPE's call committee reaches out to meet and interview your next pastor, please keep their work in your prayers. God is at work in this process, guiding the committee, your potential new pastor and guiding Jed and me in this important journey. Prayers abound for all that is to come.

HOPE Journeys Forward,

Pastor Sandy



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Barbara (Host to crew 36 of the Mission trip)
 Jerry Kendall (Cara Getschel's father)
 Santos Family - Asylum family
 Hannah Forward
 Evie Weber (aunt of Gwen Paulson)
 Ed Paulson
 Lynda Olson (family member of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
 Gloria & Art Johnson and Family
 Wendy Slattery (friend of Linda Jacobson)
 Cheri Boock (relative of Boock family)
 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)
 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)

**Sunday Worship Volunteers
 Sunday, August 12th**

⇒ Presiding Pastor	Sandra Johnson
⇒ Assisting Minister	Dale Bohnert
⇒ Communion Prep	Karen Hamilton
⇒ Bread Maker	Kathy Scott
⇒ Communion Server	Lynda Meyers Karen Hamilton
⇒ Ushers	Larry Meyers Ryan Brill
⇒ Greeters	Judy Karshbaum
⇒ Reader & Prayers	Carl Warren
⇒ Pianist	Betty Lou Oppegard
⇒ Fellowship	Karen Rodewald & Diane Clark

Looking Ahead at HOPE	
Monday August 6 th	4:00 - Congregational Life Meeting 6:30 - HOPE vs First Covenant Hoffman Field #1 7:00 - Worship Ministry Meeting
Wednesday August 8 th	9:00 - Strings of HOPE 6:30 - Worship Without Walls 7:00 - Hymns of HOPE - Rush River Brewery
Friday August 10 th	All Day - Pastor's Sabbath
Sunday August 12 th	9:30 - Sunday Worship

Hymns & Hops



With
HOPE



Rush River Brewery

990 Antler Court Rivers Falls

7PM Wednesday, August 8

Outdoor sing-a-long, bring a lawn chair



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Following the completion of our Ministry Site Profile, HOPE's Call Committee has been meeting regularly this summer to keep our pastoral recruitment process moving.

We have enjoyed getting to know each other, and our meeting atmosphere is energetic and collaborative. The Synod manual for the call process has been reviewed, and we are ready to receive candidate names from our contact at the Synod office, Greg Kaufmann.

We have created a list of questions to ask during our interviews, to create as fair and consistent evaluation as possible. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 16, and will include a "practice interview" with another ELCA pastor who has graciously agreed to be our "test candidate". This will give us valuable feedback about our questions, and how we come across to candidates as congregational representatives, before we interview in earnest.

Synod guidelines require that the call committee meets in closed session, and we have to maintain strict confidentiality about many aspects of the call process, particularly in regard to candidates. HOPE members *are* welcome to submit names of potential candidates, in confidence, to Bill Warner, call committee chair [william5997@att.net; 715-425-8394].

Our working timeline envisions interviews in September and October, finalist contract work with the Council in October and November, and a congregational vote in November or December.

Committee members are Jody Rahn, Alyssa Boock, Bill Berndt, Lynda Meyers, Sarah Bondhus, Dan Malaney, Phil Klacan, and Bill Warner. Feel free to contact any of us with questions or comments, and keep the Committee members and work in your prayers as we proceed. Thank you!

--bill W.

Live Generously!

Going on an extended vacation or planning a trip south for the winter? Don't forget to continue to support the Ministries of HOPE while you are away. HOPE provides a simple secure online giving option through Vanco services via a credit card, checking or savings account and can be a one-time offering or recurring .

To give online visit <http://www.hopelutheranrf.com/giveonline/>

For addition information on ways to give please contact the church office.

HOPE in Pictures for July

HOPE LUTHERAN

ELCA

Hope Journeys Forward



This Week At HOPE - August 6, 2018



Brunch for Believers
Thursday, August 16, 2018
9:30 A.M.



River Falls United Methodist Church - 127 S. 2nd Street

Speaker: Laura Ida

Topic: Water, Our Sacred Gift - Story of the Water Walkers

"We will be known by the tracks we leave"

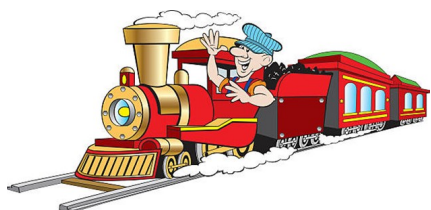
Dakota proverb

RSVP: Ellen Lotze - 715-425-9639

Karen Leichtle -715-425-8541

Church Office -715-425-6233

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All Aboard September 16th!

Save the date for HOPE's Fall Kick Off!

Mark Your Calendars! Sunday October 7th is New Member Sunday and HOPE's Got Talent

We will have a pot luck on that day. The variety of talent at HOPE is such fun! Make plans to be a part of this special day.





Saturday, September 29th
A Turning Point Fund Raising Event
SAVE THE DATE!

Honor and support women victims and survivors of violence by joining us for Turning-point's first **Empowered Women's Half-Marathon and Women's 5k on Saturday, September 29th.**

The scenic half-marathon route begins in Hudson and ends at beautiful Belle Vinez Winery in River Falls. The Women's 5k and Girls' One-Mile races take place at beautiful Belle Vinez.

Registration and further information about races, events and training programs can be found at www.turningpoint-wi.org.

HOPE Book Clubs



HOPE's Daytime Book Group will meet at HOPE on Monday, August 20th at noon. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your recommendations for our 2018-19 reading list. All are welcome to attend. We usually meet the fourth Monday of the month.

HOPE's Evening Book Club will meet Monday September 24th at Gwen & Ed Paulson's home to discuss "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" by Kent Nerburn. This Book draws the reader deep into the world of an Indian elder known only as Dan. It's a world of Indian towns, white roadside cafes, and abandoned roads that swirl with the memories of the Ghost Dance and Sitting Bull. Readers meet vivid characters like Jumbo, a 400-pound mechanic, and Annie, an 80-year-old Lakota woman living in a log cabin. Threading through the book is the story of two men struggling to find a common voice. Neither Wolf nor Dog takes readers to the heart of the Native American experience. As the story unfolds, Dan speaks eloquently on the difference between land and property, the power of silence, and the selling of sacred ceremonies. This edition features a new introduction by the author. This is a sobering, humbling, cleansing, loving book, one that every American should read."



BISHOP LAURIE SKOW-ANDERSON'S INSTALLATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018 2:00 P.M.

BETHEL HIGHLANDS 504 FRONTAGE RD. HUDSON, WI 54016

Reception on site to follow

All are welcome! If you wish to attend please RSVP to Liz Bartsch at 715-859-6810 or lbartsch@nswi.org



August Birthdays



Name	Date
Verna Tweiten	1-Aug
Morgan Leitch	9-Aug
Doug Sailer	12-Aug
Steve Kaste	18-Aug
Lauren Ziebarth	24-Aug
Angela Bohnert	25-Aug
Paula Klacan	25-Aug
Keith Getschel	26-Aug
Lisa Rydland	29-Aug
Nancy Peters	30-Aug

August Baptisms



Joseph McIntosh 1-Aug

August Wedding Anniversaries



Name	Date
Richard & Carolyn Jackson	2-Aug
Milo & Betty Lou Oppgard	10-Aug
Jeremy & Traci Wolfe	12-Aug
Kermit & Sharon Paulson	26-Aug
David & Nancy Peters	26-Aug
Jeff & Karen Rodewald	31-Aug



Prayer Requests

One of the privileges of being a part of the body of Christ is the opportunity to share in the joy and the sorrow of others. If you have a special prayer request or would like to place someone on the prayer chain, please contact the church office via email hopenlutheran.rf@gmail.com or call 715-425-9750, and we will make sure to add that person to our prayer list.

HOPE also has an email Prayer Chain. If you would like to participate in praying for people asking for our prayers, please contact Sarah Bondhus at sarahbondhus@gmail.com.

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.