

## This Week At HOPE - August 27, 2018



Dear Friends in Christ,

September ushers in a new season. Have you seen some of the signs of autumn? Leaves turning colors, the woods opening up as plants die back and go to seed, cooler temperatures, shorter days, school busses rolling...

With Memorial Day Weekend activating our summer, Labor Day Weekend is the “bookend” that signals closure. The seasons guide the ways we live our lives and being residents of the great state of Wisconsin there is always something to anticipate. With that in mind, it is great to be at HOPE in September!

Over the Labor Day weekend Jean Loudon and others will lead worship on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am grateful for her gifts of leadership as she is joined by other dedicated HOPE leaders.

Pastor Mark Hanson will be at HOPE on September 9<sup>th</sup> to help lead worship and to facilitate a forum after worship; “Is There Hope for the Church?” Pastor Mark has been with us before and it is always good to welcome friends. He will likely challenge us all to examine our life in Christ and discern just what God is calling us to do in this time and place.

HOPE’s **Kick-Off Sunday** is September 16. We begin this day in worship with Strings of HOPE helping lead our service. Afterwards we will enjoy food and fellowship and outdoor activities on the land. Watch for more details that will be upcoming.

Our **Kick-Off Sunday** is also an opportunity to register for our fall programming with Faith Adventures and Confirmation. There are enriching plans in place for the students and adults who participate. If you would like to be a part of the team, don’t hesitate to contact our Office Administrator, Olive and she will put you in touch with the right people.

And on Wednesday, September 19 we are bringing a special service back to the land, **HOPE’s Blessing of the Animals**. The song, “All God’s Creatures Have a Place in the Choir!” is our invitation. Bring your pets, or if you prefer, bring a photo of the pet or animal you would like to receive a blessing. We’ll begin gathering around 6:30 and the blessing service will start at 7:00.

**HOPE’s Blessing of the Animals Service – friends and companions**



I thank God for you and for the opportunity to serve alongside dedicated, creative, faithful folk.

Blessings,  
*Pr. Sandy*



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

Jerry & Mary Monson (friends of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner)  
 Cody Castillo (friend of Linda Jacobson)  
 Jerry Kendall (Cara Getschel's father)  
 Santos Family - Asylum family  
 Evie Weber (aunt of Gwen Paulson)  
 Ed Paulson  
 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, September 2nd**

- ⇒ Preaching Minister      Jean Loudon
- ⇒ Assisting Minister      Nancy Abrahamson
- ⇒ Ushers                      Kathy & Robb Scott
- ⇒ Greeters                    Karen & John Hamilton
- ⇒ Reader & Prayers      Gorden Hedahl
- ⇒ Pianist                      Betty Lou Oppegard
- ⇒ Fellowship                Jane Terkelsen

<b>Looking Ahead at HOPE</b>	
Tuesday August 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 – Jazz & More Meeting
Wednesday August 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – Strings of HOPE 6:30 – Worship Without Walls
Friday August 31 <sup>st</sup>	All Day—Pastor's Vacation
Sunday September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 – Sunday Worship All Day-Pastor's Vacation

**Worship Ministry Announcement**

The Worship Ministry welcomes HOPE member, Jean Loudon, to the pulpit Sunday, September 2nd. Jean is a retired English and Speech teacher, having taught fifteen years in the River Falls School District. Jean has participated in HOPE's Education Ministry for many years as both a teacher and as an education coordinator. Her sermon title for September 2nd is "Jesus Surprises Us... Again."



**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 [hopelutheran.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hopolutheran.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](mailto:sarahbondhus@gmail.com).

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**Bakers Needed!**



There will be a sign up sheet for bars and cookies to bring to HOPE's Fall Kick Off on September 16th! Please sign up to bring your favorite cookies or bars to share.



**All Aboard September 16th!  
Save the date for HOPE's Fall Kick Off!**

Kick Off HOPE's fall season after Sunday service with

- ⇒ **Walking Tacos**
- ⇒ **Family Games & Fun**
- ⇒ **Youth Registration for Faith Adventures and Confirmation**
- ⇒ **Come Ride the Train!**

**Mark Your Calendars!  
Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>**



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.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**FRIDAY NOV. 2ND 2018**  
*St. Bridget Parish Hall.*  
*Doors open at 6:00pm*  
*Wine, Appetizers, Dessert*  
*Silent Auction*

**LIVE MUSIC FROM:**  
**AFTER HOURS JAZZ QUARTET**  
*Tommy Bentz*  
*Joe Coughlin*  
*Jason McLean*  
*Alex Burgess*

**DONATION OF \$25**  
**PURCHASE TICKETS FROM A HOPE MEMBER OR AT THE HOPE OFFICE**

**HOPE LUTHERAN ELCA**  
*Hope Journeys Forward*



**God's Work Our Hands On September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at HOPE**

God's work. Our hands." These days are an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ

- ◆ every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life
- ◆ flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018! View this [video](#) to see what other congregations have planned for "God's work, Our hands."

HOPE has 5 activities planned for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Some activities will have HOPE members working at the church and some activities will be in the community. Further details will be presented during announcements and in This Week at HOPE.

**HOPE Book Clubs**



**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."



**Join us outdoors at HOPE  
Wednesday, September 19**

For our **Blessing of the Animals** service. We'll begin gathering around 6:30 and the blessing service will be at 7:00.

"We care for creation.

We nurture our animals.

We celebrate the circle of life with them!"

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.

August HOPE in Pictures

