

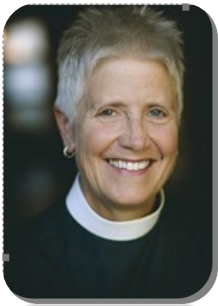
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*"For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

*Psalm 100:5*

Dear friends in Christ,

November is the month during which we are encouraged to be even more intentional in naming and being thankful for all that God gives. For me the list is long. It begins with God's love and grace, and includes my family, this community of faith, friends new and older, and the beautiful surroundings of the Kinnickinnic River valley.

I am thankful for the saints of HOPE who welcomed Jed and me into your mission and ministry eight years ago. As many of you know, I will be retiring at the end of this year and as we close out the year and our time together, know that I feel blessed to have spent this time with you. In my serving alongside you I have seen God's grace and love through your thoughts, words and deeds. Thank you.

Jed and I are grateful to have journeyed with you, sharing good times, challenging times, times of sadness and times of joy. We have worshiped and worked together, planted and painted, sung and sewed, built and baked, prayed and promised, laughed and cried, paraded and picnicked, strummed and strolled, cooked and cared for one another. Thank you.

HOPE will soon have new leadership and inspiration for the continued journey. In the meantime, hold fast to your place in God's world. It was twelve years ago that HOPE was recognized as a part of the ELCA and since that time you have been faithful to the wider church which means you have served God's people near and far. Keep up the good work. Your hands are doing God's work.

God is always making things new, and the upcoming chapters for HOPE and for me are all a part of God's work in our lives. "Listen, God is calling..."

May God be our guide in the coming days, weeks, months and years.

Yours in Christ,

*Pr. Sandy*



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

Elsie Karsky (great niece of Karen Brobaugh)  
 Robert Bakke (father of Debra James)  
 D'Marie Murray (relative of the Boocks)  
 Cody Castillo (friend of Linda Jacobson)  
 Jerry Kendall (Cara Getschel's father)  
 Santos Family - Asylum family  
 Gloria & Art Johnson and Family  
 Debi Forsyth (friend of Linda Jacobson)  
 Cheri Boock (relative of Boock family)  
 Jon Boyce  
 Lane Branson (relative of Boock Family)  
 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, November 11th**

⇒ Presiding Pastor	Bill Montgomery
⇒ Preaching Minister	Dale Bohnert
⇒ Assisting Minister	Steve Kaste
⇒ Communion Prep	Kay Montgomery
⇒ Bread Maker	Cara Getschel
⇒ Communion Server	Karen & Steve Kaste
⇒ Ushers	Dan Malaney
	Rod Bonnes
⇒ Acolyte	Natalie Leisz
⇒ Greeters	Karen & Steve Kaste
⇒ Reader & Prayers	Steve Kaste
⇒ Pianist	Betty Lou Oppegard
⇒ Fellowship	Mary Jo Clemmons & Kathy Scott

**Looking Ahead At HOPE**

Monday	12:30 – Communication Ministry Meeting
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – Congregational Life Meeting
	7:00 – Worship Ministry Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 – Strings of HOPE
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – Faith Adventures
	5:30 – Pizza and Fellowship
	6:00 – Midweek Worship
	6:30 – Confirmation Class
Friday	
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	All Day – Pastor's Sabbath
Sunday	
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – Sunday Worship



**Food Drive for the Refugee Family From Guatemala**

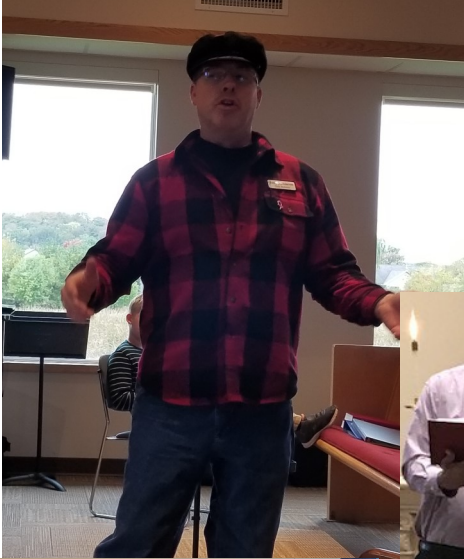
November 18th will once again provide an opportunity for you to give a donation to the Refugee Family form Guatemala.

Please consider donating much needed items in this family's diet, white rice, black beans, pinto beans, sugar, oil and cans of tuna and/or monetary donations on Sunday, November 18th,



*This Week At HOPE - November 5, 2018*

# ***HOPE—October in Pictures***



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**Asylum Family Fundraiser**  
**November 14th**



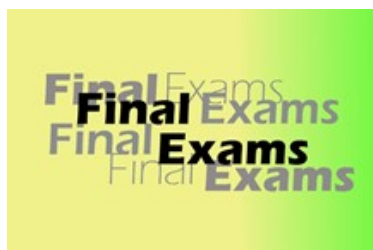
The River Falls United Methodist Church is hosting a Fundraiser Taco Feed for the Ecumenical Asylum Committee on Wednesday, November 14th at 5:30 pm.

Heidy and family will be present to offer an update on their lives and an EAC Representative will briefly report on the committee's work.



**Don't Forget Pizza and Fellowship Wednesdays at 5:30**

Don't rush to eat at home, come and enjoy the pizza of your choice and some conversations with HOPE members and guests. Join us for Pizza and Fellowship every Wednesday at 5:30 following Faith Adventures and before or 6:00 Midweek Worship Service.



**Names & Addresses of HOPE's College Students Needed!**

HOPE would like to send a small gift to our college students as they prepare for finals. **College parents**, please send names and addresses of college students to Olive at [hovelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hovelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com) no later than November 21st

**HOPE Book Clubs**



**The Evening Book Club** will be meeting on Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will meet at the home of Milo and Betty Lou Oppegard to discuss "Disconnected: **How to Reconnect with Our Digitally Distracted Kids**". By Thomas J. Kersting. In Disconnected, renowned psychotherapist and longtime school counselor Tom Kersting explores the device-dependent world our children live in and how it is impacting their mental and emotional well-being. Research shows that too much time in the cyber world is re-wiring kids' brains, affecting their ability to flourish in the real world as anxiety, depression, and attention issues soar. Thankfully, it is not too late to save our children. Kersting provides simple strategies to help reduce screen time as well as a host of meditative and mindfulness techniques to help our kids reclaim their brains, and their lives.

The Oppegards live at 1068 River Drive, River Falls. Telephone 715-425-7136 and email [bloppegar@gmail.com](mailto:bloppegar@gmail.com) . Please RSVP to let them know if you can attend.

**Daytime Book Group** will be meeting Monday, November 26th at noon at HOPE. We'll be discussing "**Before We Were Yours**" by Lisa Wingate. More Information to follow. All are welcome.



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**November Birthdays**

Dianne H-Robinson	1-Nov
Lindsay Getschel	2-Nov
Greta Wunrow	3-Nov
Linda Jacobson	7-Nov
Helen Carter	9-Nov
Erik Warner	10-Nov
John Warner	10-Nov
Gregg Heinselman	14-Nov
Kieran Johnson	21-Nov
Karen Rodewald	21-Nov
Kari Heinselman	21-Nov
Phillip Klacan	22-Nov
Andrew Pratt	26-Nov
Deb Tokheim	29-Nov



**November Baptisms**

- Jacob Anderson
- Karissa Bondhus
- McKenna Brill
- Karen Brohaugh
- Taylor Heinselman
- Zachary Heinselman
- Kathryn Kolpin
- Kermit Paulson
- Jane Terkelsen



**November Anniversaries**

**Date**

**Years to Celebrate**

Nick & Stacia Johnson

08-Nov

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**HOPE's Call Committee:  
God is Making Something New**

God is at work, always making something new through the members of the call committee, the Synod staff and the potential pastoral candidates. In this time of transition for HOPE, as the call committee is preparing to call a pastor, please remember this process in your prayers.



**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:hopelutheran.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).

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.