



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Jody Testaberg & his Family
Charles & Lucy Ramshaw (Gibson family friends)
Dorie (sister of Michelle Leisz)
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)
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 25th**

⇒ Presiding Pastor	Sandra Johnson
⇒ Assisting Minister	Carl Warren
⇒ Communion Prep	Kay Montgomery
⇒ Bread Maker	Cara Getschel
⇒ Communion Server	Nancy Abrahamson
	Gorden Hedahl
⇒ Ushers	Dan Malaney
	Nancy Peters
	Natalie Leisz
⇒ Greeters	Kathy Scott
⇒ Reader & Prayers	Stacia Johnson
⇒ Pianist	Phil Klacan
⇒ Fellowship	Melissa Kolb & Kathy Scott

Looking Ahead at HOPE

Tuesday November 20 th	6:30 – Council Ministry Meeting
Wednesday November 21 st	There will not be Faith Adventures, Confirmation, Pizza & Fellowship or Midweek Worship
Thursday November 22 nd	Happy Thanksgiving
Friday November 23 rd	Pastor's Sabbath Day
Sunday November 25 th	9:30 – Sunday Worship



It's Time to Deck the Halls at HOPE

We will be decorating the church for the advent season on **Friday November 30th, starting at 4pm**. We know that is early for some, but we wanted to begin when it was still daylight. Please come when you can, if so inclined. If we are not able to complete everything we will finish on Saturday morning, December 1, at 9am.

Please notify Bill Berndt via email wberndt@sbcglobal.net if you would like to help get HOPE ready for the Christmas season.



An Update From HOPE's Call Committee

- ▶ So far, we have had 7 candidates referred to us from the Northwest Synod.
- ▶ We declined 2 of them.
- ▶ One invited for an interview decided to stay at their current call.
- ▶ Four were interviewed personally. Of these, we declined further consideration of 2 of them. We are considering a 2nd interview with the remaining 2.

We have noted that none of the referred candidates were from the Twin Cities metro area, and we have wondered "why not?" with our Synod staff.

We suspect that part of the problem is the way the ELCA is organized and, as a result, in the way the web-based search & matchmaking process is organized. Candidates searching for opportunities must specify "Northwest Synod of Wisconsin", or "Region 5" [Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa], in order to find HOPE. Minnesota is in the ELCA's Region 3 [Minnesota and the Dakotas]. We suspect that metro area candidates are not aware that River Falls is so close to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and are not checking "Northwest Synod" or looking outside their own region when they are searching.

We are starting our own outreach strategy to see if there would be interest on the part of metro area rostered leaders. This will include posting our position at Luther Seminary, providing our profile to metro area church leaders that we know, and letting larger congregations (with associate pastors) know of our opportunity.

Also, we have a new Synod contact as Pastor Greg Kaufmann is phasing out his involvement. I will be meeting with Rev. Randy Olson in the next few days to get acquainted and share our process to date.

Questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome. Contact chair Bill Warner [william5997@att.net, 715-425-8394] or any Committee member.

HOPE Breaks Ground For Our Outside Worship Space





**HOPE YOUTH MISSION
FUNDRAISER: CHILD SITTING**

When: Saturday, December 15th

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Hope Lutheran Church
3337 Kingsbarn Avenue, River Falls, WI 54022

Cost: \$25.00 per family

Contact: Angela Bohnert at 715-781-3248 or email babymakesfour@yahoo.com
if you would like to sign your child or children up for either date.

We are limited in the number of children so sign up as soon as you can.

Children must be toilet trained. We will provide toys, games, activities and a G rated movie. We will not be providing food.



**Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner 11-1:00
All are welcome!**

St Bridget Catholic Church, 211 E Division St. will host this year's non-denominational, community wide event. We would like to invite you to join us for Thanksgiving dinner. We also deliver to River Falls addresses for those unable to attend. Free or free-will offering accepted. Delivery requests can be processed on St Bridget's website or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49A9A628A1F94-thanksgiving2>

You can call Esther Sykora 715-425-6282.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, kitchen, serving, delivery, and clean up. If you can help, please sign up on line through St Bridget's website <http://www.saintbridgets.org/> or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49A9A628A1F94-thanksgiving1>

For more info please contact Esther 715-425-6282.

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Lefse Day

You don't have to be Norwegian to spend an afternoon at HOPE making lefse. Please join us on Saturday, December 8th at 1:00 pm. 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 9th.



Christmas Bake Sale

Baked goods and holiday treats are needed for HOPE's Bake Sale on Sunday, December 9th. 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.



Carols and Candles Rehearsals and Program Dates and Times

The Carols and Candles Choir is a fun way to sing during Christmas. Carols and Candles is a peaceful and contemplative service during the midwinter sunset hour. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of Carols and Candles. No singing experience necessary.

Rehearsals

Wednesday, December 5, 7:15pm

Wednesday, December 12, 7:15pm

Saturday, December 15, 9:30am

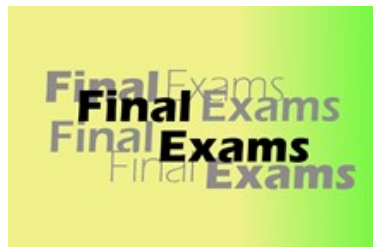
Program

Sunday, December 16, 4:00pm



Save the Date for HOPE's Children's Christmas Program

9:30 Service Sunday, December 9th



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 no later than November 21st



HOPE Book Clubs

The Evening Book Club will be meeting on Monday November 26th at 7:00 pm. We will meet at the home of Milo and Betty Lou Opegard 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 Opegards live at 1068 River Drive, River Falls. Telephone 715-425-7136 and email blopegar@gmail.com. Please RSVP to let them know if you can attend.

The Daytime Book Group will meet Monday, November 26th, at noon at HOPE. We'll be discussing **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate. This story is about children taken from their parents through kidnapping or subterfuge and then placed for adoption, for a price. The plot is based on actual incidents and are a shameful indictment of a set of people who preyed upon the vulnerability of children and/or their parents.



November Birthdays

Dianne H-Robinson	1-Nov
Lindsay Getschel	2-Nov
Greta Wunrow	3-Nov
Linda Jacobson	7-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

November Baptisms

- Karissa Bondhus
- McKenna Brill
- Karen Brohaugh
- Taylor Heinselman
- Zachary Heinselman
- Kermit Paulson
- Jane Terkelsen



November Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Nick & Stacia Johnson	08-Nov	10



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 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.