

## INTRODUCING PASTOR SANDRA JEAN JOHNSON



Hope's Call Committee voted unanimously April 15, 2011 to call Pastor Sandra Jean Johnson as Hope's next pastor.

"Pastor Johnson has spiritual maturity, a strong devotional life, is balanced, has the unique gift of being at ease and is a ray of sunshine," said one of her references.

Pastor Sandy was raised in Rice Lake, WI the 4th born of 5 girls. She was an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church. Following high school, she attended and graduated from the Minnesota School of Business and was employed as a freelance court reporter for 12 years. In 1993, she received

















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**January 16, 2005**  
First five full members at  
Trinity Episcopal Church,  
River Falls

**June 2005**  
Recognized as "Congregation in  
Development" in the Northwest  
Synod of WI, ELCA. Ordained  
clergy began to lead worship  
and offer communion.

**September 11, 2005**  
First worship service at St. Thomas  
Hope Lutheran Center, River Falls, WI.  
Office: 311 N. 27th St., River Falls

**September 24, 2005**  
Approved as a "Congregation  
in Development" by the  
WI Synod Council

**May 7, 2006**  
Charter Sunday  
219 individuals joined Hope Lutheran  
Potluck dinner at St. Andrew's gym

**June 2, 2006**  
Synod Assembly, Eau Claire, WI  
Hope Lutheran approved as an ELCA  
Congregation with a unanimous vote  
and a standing ovation from the  
assembly.

**June 10, 2006**  
First wedding  
Nancy Salter and  
Brent Abrahamson

**July 2006**  
First Hope Potluck stand  
during River Falls Days



**January 2007**  
First Burning of the Greens  
in celebration of Epiphany

**March 3, 2007**  
Dedication service of 117 WEA  
hymnals, a gift from congregations  
of the Northwest Synod of WI

# HOPE LUTHERAN

ELCA

Hope Journeys Forward

**February 2008**  
Property History inspired  
discussion on purchasing  
land at Sterling Ponds



**May 13, 2009**  
Hope members received  
letters of resignation  
from Pastor Joan Gail and  
Congregation President  
Jillius Christoff



**August 2010**  
Hope's Call Committee  
began the Call process

**April 12, 2010**  
Closing on land purchase,  
8.3 acres in Sterling Ponds

**May 23, 2010**  
First Worship service on new property  
First Baptism on new property,  
Zoe Marie Torkelson  
New members received  
Installation of Call Committee

**January - June 2011**  
Pastor Cara Johnson began  
as interim pastor, journeying to  
lead worship



**April 2011**  
Call Committee voted unanimously  
to recommend that Hope Lutheran  
Call Pastor Sandra Johnson

**March 2011**  
Hope's first mission trip  
to Jamaica - Robin's team

2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

**September 28, 2005**  
First Congregational Meeting  
Voted to ask the synod to  
contract Pastor Joan Gail as  
part-time pastor of Hope  
Lutheran, effective  
November 1, 2005

**October 23, 2005**  
First Eucharist, Madison Ann Zebarth  
Officiated by Rev. John Henning



**November 6, 2005**  
Pastor Joan Gail installed  
as part-time pastor under  
contract

**November 13, 2005**  
First Hope Lutheran potluck dinner  
held at St. Andrew's Catholic School  
gym



**September 17, 2006**  
Letter of Call extended to  
Pastor Joan Gail to be  
full-time pastor of  
Hope Lutheran

**October 3, 2006**  
Pastor Joan Gail's  
installation



**December 3, 2006**  
First Christmas Caroling  
throughout River Falls

**December 17, 2006**  
First Carols & Candies  
Service



**May 13, 2007**  
New Member Sunday  
29 members received

**September 9, 2007**  
First Rally Day Block Party

**September 27, 2007**  
First Rite of Confirmation service  
Five Hope youth confirmed

**November 23, 2007**  
First participation in  
River Dazzle Parade



**June 23, 2008**  
Protestant Flood Relief for  
Wisconsin Flood victims. Hope  
members donated \$1,428 for  
flood relief

**May 31, 2008**  
Received Big Cheese Award at  
Synod Assembly for congregation  
with highest percentage of  
giving per member

**August 10, 2008**  
Congregation voted unanimously  
to approve the purchase of the  
recommended Sterling Ponds site,  
not to exceed \$400,00

**July 2009**  
Pastor Mark Hendrickson  
began work as interim pastor



**August 12-15, 2010**  
First Hope Lutheran booth at  
Pierce County Fair funded by Hope  
members and Mr. Hendrickson

**November 30, 2010**  
Pastor Hendrickson is set for  
an interim in Peabody

**December 2010**  
Pastor interim Hendrickson  
provided pupit support for  
Sunday morning worship



**May 2011**  
Hope Lutheran voted to  
extend a Call to  
Pastor Sandra Johnson

**June 26, 2011**  
Installation service for  
Pastor Sandra Johnson  
followed by dinner  
reception at Luther Home

**Fall 2011**  
Coffee meetings at Pastor  
Sandra and Jeff's home



























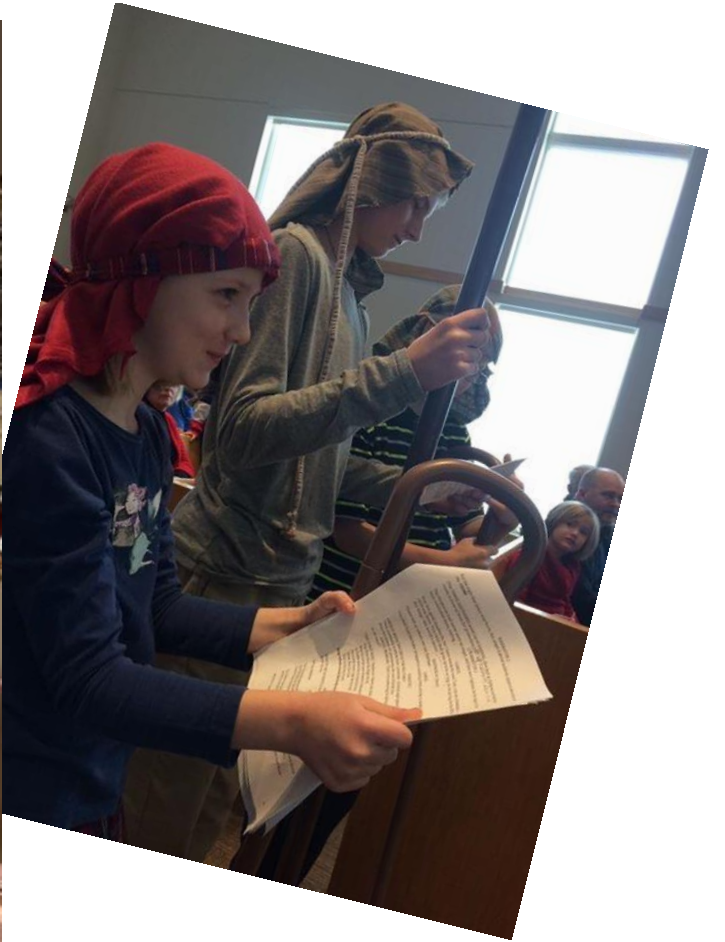






































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Eight Years of  
Love, Song,  
and Devotion

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