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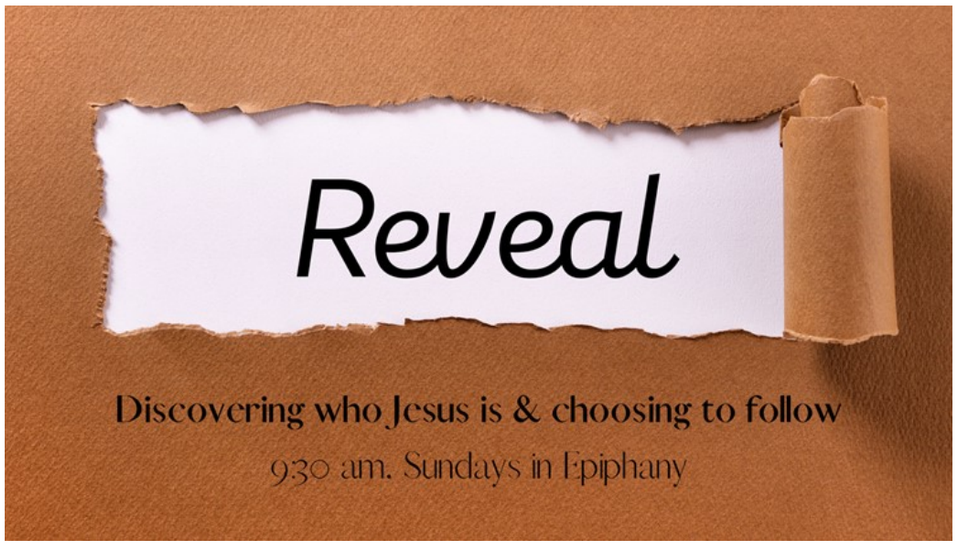


## STAR WORD CHECK-IN!

**By Pastor Annie Ladnier**

We are one month into our new spiritual practice of "Star Words." Each of you received a star word at the beginning of January. The idea is, like the magi were led to Jesus by the star, our words might reveal Jesus to us in new ways this year! You are encouraged to keep that word front and center in your life this year. This means physically placing the word where you will see it every day, but also keeping it at the forefront of your mind. How does centering on this word change your perspective?

What is the Holy Spirit whispering to you through this word?
How is Jesus being revealed to you?
How might you be revealing Jesus to others through this word?

My word this year is **commitment.** It sits taped to the top of my laptop screen, a place I spend plenty of time these days. I've noticed from week to week the emphasis changing: a commitment to preaching the Gospel, a commitment to my relationships, a commitment to our financial goals, a commitment to my physical well being. This week as we enter Black History Month, I am reminded of my commitment to the important work of being an anti-racist and broadening my knowledge of the lived experience of people with dark skin in our country. As part of that commitment, I would love to share some wonderful books I have encountered for both adults and children that might also aid you in your own anti-racism work:

| Books for Adults | Books for Children |
|---|---|
| *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving | *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz |
| | *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison |
| *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing | *This Little…* series by Joan Holub |
| *Eloquent Rage* by Brittany Cooper | *I Am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes |
| *Stamped from the Beginning* by Ibram X. Kendi | *Antiracist Baby* by Ibram X. Kendi |
| *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan | *Young, Gifted, and Black* by Jamia Wilson |

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## LIGHTING HOPE LUMINARY WALK

WHO: EVERYONE! Family, friends and neighbors!
WHAT: Enjoy a winter snowshoe/hike around our luminary-lit pond followed by a hot cocoa and cookie pick-up in Winds of the Spirit afterward!

***WHEN***: Saturday, February 27,  5:00 – 7:00 pm
***WHERE***: HOPE *Winds of the Spirit & Pond trail*
***WHY:*** A safe & family friendly activity during this socially distant time, chance to see & connect, get some exercise, and enjoy the beauty of nature at nighttime!

***HELP US BY:***

1. Please wear a mask and stay socially distanced from other families.
2. Donate your rinsed plastic ½ gallon and gallon juice and milk jugs! Please drop them in the recycling receptacle in front of the church **by Ash Wednesday, 2.17.21**

*(Thank You in advance!)*

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## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th at 6:30PM.

To allow for a more personal and interactive service, we will be worshipping via **Zoom!**

*(the service will be recorded and posted the next day on YouTube)*

**At-home-Lent Kits will be available for pick-up at HOPE from Feb 11-Feb 15**

**Those unable to pick-up will have theirs delivered Feb 15-17**

***Kits will include ashes for you!***

**There are 2 options for the imposition of ashes this year:**

1. Use your at-home ashes **DURING the Zoom** worship service *(similar to celebrating communion from home)*
2. Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes: a brief imposition of ashes to precede your participation in the Zoom worship that evening. **2 options: 12-1pm, 5-6pm**

   *(those planning for this option can wait to pick up their at-home kits until this time OR please bring your at-home ashes with you!)*

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## LENT 2021: “Open My Life, Lord”

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 on ZOOM**
Meeting ID: 842 1690 1030
Passcode: 198284
**Sundays @ 9:30 on YouTube**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Lent is traditionally a contemplative span of 40 days when we strip things down and re-center ourselves on Jesus, practice repentance of the things which have turned us from God, and remind ourselves of the work of discipleship. We trust that God speaks to us anew in this season each year. It is a season where we are intentional about connecting to the Divine in a deeper way.

This Lent will also mark a full year of pandemic living and in many ways, our whole year has felt like Lent. Perhaps this year has afforded you opportunity to re-center your own lives on what has been important, or forced you to strip away layers of busyness to notice different gifts in your midst. So this year, we will take a pause to intentionally explore how God has used and is using this time to re-open us to God and our neighbor! Each Wednesday evening will serve as the interactive kick-off point for each week’s theme. Sundays will provide more personal reflection space on the same theme.

Week 1 (Feb 17 & 21): Open My Heart, Lord
Week 2 (Feb 24 &28): Open My Eyes, Lord
Week 3 (Mar 3 & 7): Open My Hands, Lord
Week 4 (Mar 10 & 14): Open My Ears, Lord
Week 5 (Mar 17 & 21): Open My Mouth, Lord
Week 6 (Mar 24 &28): Open My Life, Lord

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Our Neighbors' Place

## OUR NEIGHBOR'S PLACE ONLINE CASINO NIGHT!

Our Neighbors' Place has moved their annual Casino Night fundraiser to an online format this year.

Starting Mon, Jan 25th, visit our **website** to view the silent auction items. There is a great variety including food, recreation, entertainment, and the always popular director's purse of local gift cards! Truly something for everyone! Bidding will be open from February 1st-6th (closing at 6pm on Feb 6th) with a sneak peak beginning on January 25th.

In addition, 50/50 raffle tickets are now available to purchase, with the drawing being held on February 6th at noon. Purchase at the Day Center (122 West Johnson Street in River Falls - open 10am - 4pm Mon - Fri) or from any ONP Board Member (Thomas Pedersen, Paul Shepherd, Brian Manion, Laura Frost, Jackie Cobian, Kurt Helmrick, Janet Wilson, Liz Swank, Julie Larson, Jane Kelley, or Tanya Franta) or Executive Director Shelly Smith. Ticket prices: $5 for 1 ticket, $20 for 5 tickets.

Proceeds from the silent auction and raffle will support Our Neighbors' Place programming, which includes the Day Center, Clothing Closet, Transitional Housing, and Backpack Program.

## *Food Pantry Sunday– February 7th*

We welcome your gifts of non perishable food items, and of cash or checks that will be multiplied by 5 in purchasing power for the Food Pantry.

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Bakken-Young
Funeral & Cremation Services

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services sponsors a virtual six-week grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. We ask that you participate in all 6 sessions, if possible.

**Bakken-Young Grief Support Group meets**
**Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm**
**Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 2021**

This group will meet via Zoom meetings.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the group and the sessions are free.

Group Facilitator:
Julia Rajtar, M.A.P.S., BCC, Grief Support Specialist
Bakken-Young Grief Support Coordinator

To register please rsvp by Jan. 24, with your name, phone number and email at: julia.rajtar@bakken-young.com
For more information, call or text Julia at 715-781-4003.

Visit "Grief Support" at www.bakken-young.com
for additional groups and other grief support resources
or join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bakkenyoung

## Where should I get the COVID-19 Vaccine?

### Local Health Care Provider

Many providers in the area have vaccine. Please contact your healthcare provider first.

| Organization and location | Websites | Phone Numbers |
|---|---|---|
| Allina Health River Falls | https://www.allinahealth.org/ | 715-307-6600 |
| Hudson Physicians Hudson | https://hudsonphysicians.com/ | 715-531-6800 |
| Mayo Clinic Red Wing | MN Vaccine Scheduling Website: https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/index.jsp | 651-267-5000 |
| Stillwater Medical Group Stillwater | MN Vaccine Scheduling Website: https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/index.jsp | 651-439-1234 |
| Vibrant Health River Falls | https://www.vibranthealthclinics.com/ | 715-425-6701 |
| Western Wisconsin Health Baldwin | https://www.wwhealth.org/ | 715-684-1111 |
| Westfield Hospital & Clinic New Richmond | https://www.westfieldshospital.com/ | 715-243-3400 |

### Pierce County Public Health

Clinics are targeted for people over the age of 65 who are unable to get a vaccine through their regular doctor.

**Make an Appointment** **Online:** https://piercecountycovid19vaccine.as.me/
**or Call:** 715-307-9567 Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM

PIERCE COUNTY Public Health

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## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in helping to make our Sunday LIVESTREAM worship possible, we'd love to incorporate your gifts! Pastor Annie is still looking for readers/prayer leaders for the next 4 weeks and we are always open to others willing to learn the A/V technology! Check out THIS GOOGLE DOC to sign-up to help!

HOPE's piano is in need of a new home. Faye Perkins adopted the piano last fall, however now Faye and Joe have sold their house and will be moving on March 15th. We need to find a new home for HOPE's piano. If you are interested in having this beautiful piece of furniture in your home please notify Faye via email at faye.j.perkins@uwrf.edu or you can contact Olive at the church office at hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com or 715-425-9750.

## LEAVING A LEGACY WORKSHOP!

The Northwest Synod of WI is hosting a wonderful opportunity to learn how to plan now to make future gifts from your estate that support the work of Jesus. The session is led by Cindy Halverson, Regional Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation. There are 2 date options:

1. Thursday, February 11 6-7:30PM
2. Saturday, February 13 9-10:30AM

For more information and to register go HERE and see the attached flyer!

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## FEBRUARY CONFIRMATION SEEDS OF FAITH ZOOM CLASS:
## JESUS & THE GOSPELS!
## WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10, 6:30-7:15PM

All youth currently engaged in our Seeds of Faith Confirmation ministry are invited to attend this 45 minute Zoom Class on Wednesday, Feb.10 at 6:30PM. This class will help meet 1 of 5 required experiences for "Strength & Growth: Reading the Bible" (see page 17 in your notebook). We'll spend some time learning and some time just checking in with one another!

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87371755500?pwd=Y1M2MkZIL0VkbVFQMW9lRkdxeDhaQT09
Meeting ID: 873 7175 5500

## SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM FORUM STARTS THIS WEEK, FEB. 7!

### Holding Space Together:

*Entering in Civic Discussion Faithfully*

In June of 2020, the ELCA published a social message on the rather timely and pertinent topic: Government and Civic Engagement in the Unites States: Discipleship in a Democracy. **This forum is a 4 week discussion series on this social message**, utilizing ELCA prepared resources. In preparation for our time together, I encourage you to read the full message! Of course while all 24 pages of it are helpful, if you have limited time, centering on pages 14-18 will be particularly beneficial.

You can access that document and download it for your own study here:

ELCA Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy

There is also a full participant's Study Guide we will use for our conversation.You can download that here: Social Message Study Guide

You are invited **to hold space together on this each Sunday in February at 10:45AM via Zoom**.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87242470037?pwd=NDJKZ3l6NE5XQ3luNVJESEtKRXdtQT09

Meeting ID: 872 4247 0037

Passcode: 413427

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## Coffee & Faithful Conversation

Join Pastor Annie and others every Tuesday morning at 11AM for "Coffee & Faithful Conversation." This time has proved to be incredibly fruitful as many of us remain socially distanced from others. We spend time each week checking in on one another and engaging a series of faith-based questions/topics as we grow in faith together!

So brew your own cup and join us via Zoom meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/424556345?pwd=TllRQTlKY1dDdkkvK3RHdnl6a0Jjdz09

Meeting ID: 884 1915 5061

Passcode:593674

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Please lift up the following people in prayer
Kathy Anderson (Karen Brohaugh's sister-in-law)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Kris Miner (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Roger Hammer's Family (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Candy Simpson (Cameron Shea's aunt)
Barb Grubba (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Duane Hall (friend of the Brohaughs)
Judy Karshbaum
Becky Anderson (Jan Malaney's sister)
Susan Traynor (Friend of Kathy Scott)
Carol Moenke
Gary Siebold
Oak Reile (Nancy Sailer's Cousin)
David Hendrickson
Rev. Tommy Lineberger (friend of Pastor Annie)
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Bud Ziebarth (Mark's father)
Jerry Brandt
Lisa Sigfrids (relative of the Boocks)
James Glaubitz
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Marilyn & Fred Schmidt (Darcy Boock's sister-in-law)
Steve & Beth Pugh (friends of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

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## February Birthdays

| Name | Birth Date |
|---|---|
| Bill Montgomery | 04-Feb |
| Gwen Paulson | 05-Feb |
| Susie Rudesill | 05-Feb |
| Lisa Ziebarth | 07-Feb |
| Michelle Hansen | 10-Feb |
| Kyle Rudesill | 10-Feb |
| Teresa Ginn | 11-Feb |
| Connie Kurten | 11-Feb |
| Dan Wunrow | 15-Feb |
| Mischa Carlson | 15-Feb |
| Ryan Leitch | 19-Feb |
| Diane Clark | 20-Feb |
| Paul Perkins-McIntosh | 21-Feb |
| Nikida Sandberg | 22-Feb |
| Ryan Brill | 23-Feb |
| Charles Eaton | 24-Feb |
| Richard Jackson | 25-Feb |
| Rosemary Nelson | 25-Feb |
| Michael Hansen | 26-Feb |
| Eric Rydland | 27-Feb |
| Meghan Malaney | 27-Feb |
| Darcy Boock | 28-Feb |
| Craig Olson | 28-Feb |
| Jody Rahn | 28-Feb |

## February Baptisms

Cecelia Bernard
Grete Rebein

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## Holy Communion in the Time of Pandemic

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,*
*you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes…*
*For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body*
*eats and drinks judgment on himself…*
*So then, my brothers when you come together to eat, wait for one another"*
*1 Corinthians 11:26, 29,33*

As we make the difficult, but faithful choice to worship from home in care of our neighbor at this time, we acknowledge that this time is mostly unprecedented. There is no scripture that specifically guides us on how to celebrate the Eucharist during a pandemic! So we lean on a few things to faithfully guide us: what scripture *does* say, how Christian history, our theology, and those who have navigated similar situations in the past can inform us, and where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

For the last few months I have spent time in prayerful consideration and study about how best to move forward with our celebration of Eucharist in the midst of a pandemic. I have listened to the guidance of our synodical and national leadership and wrestled with my own theology of the sacraments. As Lutherans, we confess that it is necessary to be gathered together as the body of Christ to celebrate this Holy Meal. In my ordination vows as a minister of word and sacrament, I promised to nourish God's people with the word and sacraments and to hold the celebration of our sacraments "in good order." In the Lutheran church we have two sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. These are always celebrated in the context of our Christian community, except for in the case of an extraordinary circumstance, such as a hospitalization or other crisis. **It is within *this* framework of understanding that I feel we can faithfully move to the celebration of in-home communion while we gather for worship until further notice. This means there will no longer be drive-thru communion during cold months.**

This is absolutely an extraordinary circumstance, and as we enter our ninth month of pandemic living, we are called to make some extraordinary adaptations. As we do so, we trust that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is faithfully present with us across time and space to unite us from our many tables into one body with Him. We trust that God welcomes and affirms any attempt of ours to gather in Christ's name to worship and glorify our creator and redeemer. We trust that God IS present, through the work of the Holy Spirit, in our online spaces. Christ *does* join us as we livestream on YouTube or share in holy conversation via Zoom, or learn together via webinars. That is just as equally holy space, as our physical sanctuary. And we also acknowledge this is an extraordinary way to celebrate the Eucharist in an extraordinary time, **so in faithful hope, we commit to our return to one table together when it is safe to do so, marking that we are *not* normally called to celebrate communion, apart.**

**PASTOR ANNIE INVITES YOU TO:**

1. Make preparations for the celebration of Holy Communion from your at-home worship space. *This means, not waiting until Sunday morning, but engaging in a spiritual practice of giving this thought ahead of time*. If you need to purchase something, please do.
2. Please have *actual* bread or crackers ready.
3. Please have *actual* wine or fruit juice ready.
4. Please remember this is a holy meal, so we eat of the bread and drink of the cup in reverence, remembering the night in which he was betrayed…
5. At the appropriate time in the livestreamed worship, lift up the elements with Pastor Annie during the celebration of the Lord's Supper. If gathered with others, serve one another the bread and wine. If gathered solo, know that your Christian community celebrates this meal with you in Spirit.
6. If you still prefer an in-home communion visit from your pastor, I am happy to do so (distanced and masked). Do not hesitate to make this request!

Now, come to the banquet, for all is now ready!