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Future Faith: Discovering What God Is Doing Now

Because the news can often be a source of disappointment or discouragement, I wanted to share an intriguing, stimulating, and thought-provoking conversation I stumbled across while listening to Minnesota Public Radio last week.

Kerri Miller hosted a conversation on her morning program titled, “Future faith: How the pandemic is changing the ways we worship,” which centered especially on the ways the pandemic has shifted lives of faith for Generation X, Millennials, and Gen Z groups. Her guests included the ELCA’s own Director of Innovation, Mikka McCracken and Rabbi Esther Lederman, the Director of Congregational Innovation at the Union of Reform Judaism. While many of these shifts were taking place prior to the pandemic’s start, most of them have been hastened by it, or have brought about entirely new insights for people moving forward.

What do we do with this news as the Church? As those accustomed to in-person worship as a central component of our faith life, news like this can often make us feel defeated. But, we are in the good company of saints before us, whom God revealed new plans and new ways to throughout our scriptures.

I commend the conversation to you and you can check it out **HERE.**

I am hosting an adult forum on this in-depth conversation (in-person at HOPE), following worship on Sunday, August 8 and hope to see you there!

Trusting in the Spirit,
Pastor Annie Ladnier

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Congratulations Madison!

Crowned on the evening of Thursday, July 15, Madison Ziebarth, Lillie McMurray, Katie Olsen and Gwen Adams have a year as River Falls Royal Ambassadors ahead of them.

Through an expression of her love of baking and a tearful ode to her siblings during an onstage impromptu question, Ziebarth swept the judges away finding herself as the 2021 River Falls Grand Royal Ambassador. She was crowned by 2019-2020 Grand Royal Ambassador Emily Odegard, who received a $1,000 post-secondary education scholarship at the conclusion of her reign.

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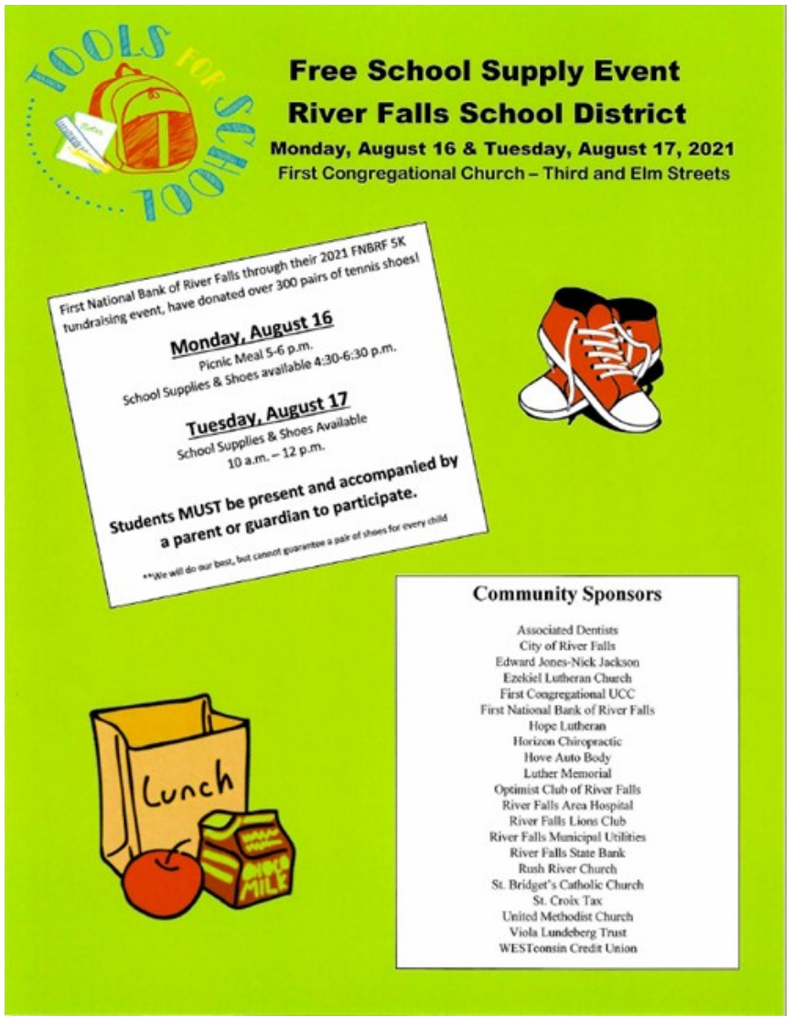
Blood Drive

Hope Lutheran

3337 Kingsbarn Ave

Monday, August 9, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

American Red Cross



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HELPERS NEEDED

Helpers are needed for set-up, welcome,food service, games, and clean-up!

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT & ELCA YOUTH GATHERING INFO SESSION WED, AUGUST 11TH 6-9pm

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us in the Winds of the Spirit pavilion on Wednesday, August 11!

6PM: Informational session on NEXT SUMMER'S ELCA Youth Gathering & Mission Trip

This meeting is for everyone currently entering grades 8-11th

7-9PM- Movie showing with snacks & treats (open to all 6-12th grade youth)

All attendees will receive raffle tickets for a few fun prizes as well!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

Check out **THIS GOOGLE DOC** to sign-up to help!

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

1. readers/prayer leaders for upcoming weeks
2. additional ushers for resuming in-person worship
3. Those willing to learn the A/V technology!

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Annual Historic Kinnickinnic Church Ice Cream Social

The Annual Historic Kinnickinnic Church Ice Cream Social will be held in the churchyard on Sunday, August 1st, from 2 - 6 p.m. The church is located on County Road J, less than a mile off of Hwy. 65, near River Falls. Ice cream, homemade pies and root beer floats will be served, as well as, other beverages. Music will also be provided. Educational tours of the nearby historic cemetery are scheduled at 2:30 and 4:00 during the social. Proceeds support the over 150 year old church, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. See our Facebook page at Kinnickinnic Historical Association for more information.

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National Night Out

HOPE will host a National Night Out event for the Sterling Ponds Neighborhood and HOPE congregation and friends on Tuesday, August 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Admittance is free but please bring one or more items listed below to support Turning Point, Our Neighbors' Place, and/or the River Falls Food Pantry. Items needed include hair brushes, ponytail holders, lotion, men's and women's deodorant (small), men's and women's disposable razors, shaving cream (small), shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, cans of tuna, salad dressings, cake mixes, frosting, any other items for the Food Pantry.

We also need donations of prizes for both children and adults. The money made from the sale of tickets for the prizes will help defray the costs of the event; any extra will go toward the windscreens for Winds of the Spirit. Prizes should be new or slightly used and could be handmade items and gift cards . No clothing please, but accessories are acceptable. Leave prizes in the Eidskog Room by Sunday, July 25. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5 purchased the day of the event.

Congregational Life will serve food. Activities include face painting, balloon art, "Bingo" Get-to-know Your Neighbor, nature walk, lawn games, kid's games, etc.

We also need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and supervise events during the evening. Please contact Darcy Boock at gdboock@gmail.com or

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St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity®

SIGN UP NOW for HOPE's next HABITAT for HUMANITY DAYS! 🌞⛏️🏡For those who missed the great time serving the Flores Family in New Richmond last month, NOW's your time and here's your CHANCE!

We currently have openings for two Saturdays: July 24th (8:00-3:30) and August 21st (8:00-3:30.

NO EXPERIENCE or TOOLS necessary!

Just sign up, show up and we'll put you to work. Help of ANY kind is welcome! If you want to swing a hammer or hang some dry wall GREAT! Feel more comfortable organizing materials or handing out waters PERFECT!

Please sign up using this Google Doc OR contact Dale (dalebohnert@gmail.com / 715.781.3249) or Angela (715.781.3248)

https://docs.google.com/.../1-yLcF9dnruR3URj66sn9.../edit...

FOR YOUR SEASON OF PENTECOST LISTENING PLEASURE

Many of you have shared how much you've enjoyed music playlists in previous seasons. Here is a new one for the Season of Pentecost (which, yes, is the longest season of the church year). Check it out while your working at the office, home office, out on a walk, or working in the garden. You can access spotify for free with adds, or you can pay for a subscription. If you want to listen on a non-computer device, simply download the Spotify app!

PENTECOST PLAYLIST

May your listening time prove to be a time of devotion and renewal.

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CURRENT WORSHIP PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES!

As of Sunday, June 20th, our worship protocols have been updated. Thank you to the ad-hoc Covid team and HOPE council for guiding this process.

1. Masks are no longer required if you are fully vaccinated, but remain optional.
2. We strongly encourage those who are not fully vaccinated to continue wearing a mask to worship.
3. Out of our desire to continue in-person worship as safely as possible we are following the WI Council of Churches advice to maintain 2/3 best practices (outdoors, distanced, masked):
    1. We will remain outdoors for worship throughout this summer
    2. We are emphasizing clearer 6 foot distancing guidelines.
    3. We encourage you to maintain distancing, particularly with unvaccinated people during any fellowship time following worship. If you see someone wearing a mask, please be considerate of their space.
4. You are NO LONGER REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR WORSHIP
5. You DO NEED TO SIGN-IN WITH AN USHER AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP (this is to help avoiding passing sign-in books and to help us with attendance and worship preparation for future weeks)
6. We are continuing to pause any coffee fellowship, with the hopes of resuming it by August or September **based on our volunteer capacity to do so**.
7. We are still in need of worship volunteers to serve as ushers, readers, and communion preparers. Please consider sharing your gifts. We hope to resume our small group volunteer teams in August or September.

We understand many of you may still not feel comfortable returning yet, and that is okay! We also celebrate a number of people who join us for worship from various locations! We will continue to livestream our worship service on the **HOPE YouTube Channel** each Sunday at 9:30. **Please continue to bear with us as we deal with the impacts of weather on our technology! If you lose a stream, always check back for the next installment that day!**

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility during this time!

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Mary Thompson and Family
Tom Roycraft (Father of Emily Roycraft & Grant Klacan's future father-in-law)
Katie Drablos (cousin of Linda Jacobson)
Steve Kaste
Gordon Hedahl
Don Bohnert & Family (death of Dale Bohnert's father)
Julian Grev (Friend of Betty Lou Oppegard)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
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
Susan Traynor (Friend of Kathy Scott)
Carol Moenke
Gary Siebold
Oak Reile (Nancy Sailer's Cousin)
David Hendrickson
Jim and Ila June Pratt
Jerry Brandt
James Glaubitz
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Marilyn & Fred Schmidt (Relatives of the Boocks)
Steve & Beth Pugh (friends of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

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July Birthdays

Name	Date
Nathan Rahn	2-Jul
Sarah Bailey	4-Jul
Janet Gerber	7-Jul
Bill Warner	7-Jul
Danielle Tokheim	15-Jul
Betty Lou Oppegard	16-Jul
William Berndt	18-Jul
Luke Stang	18-Jul
Jon Filarsky	21-Jul
Erin Nelson	23-Jul
Joseph McIntosh	25-Jul
Robert Perkins-McIntosh	26-Jul
Steve Leitch	28-Jul
Taylor Heinselman	30-Jul
Nancy Peters	30-Jul
Aaron Robinson	31-Jul

July Baptisms

Henry Bailey
Will Bohnert
Alyssa Boock
Andrea Boock
Cole Frisch
Peter Nelson
Milo Oppegard
Carol Poff
Elizabeth Rodewald
Eric Rodewald
Hunter Rodewald
Douglas Rudesill
Julia Rydberg
Spencer Ziebarth

July Anniversaries	Date	Celebrating Years
Jerry & Darcy Boock	03-Jul	45
Phillip & Paula Klacan	20-Jul	36
John & Karen Hamilton	26-Jul	30
Robb & Kathy Scott	25-Jul	29
Mitch & Erin Nelson	13-Jul	14