

This Week at HOPE September 8, 2021



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



Sept. 12
2021

God’s Work, Our Hands Kick-Off Sunday! SEPTEMBER 12!

Come this **Sunday, September 12th** for a morning of worship, service, and fun!

9:30AM Outdoor Worship & Commissioning

10:00-11:15 Creation Care Service Projects

11:15 Meal, Fellowship, Fun, and Sending Blessing

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Wednesdays at HOPE to Resume September 15!!!

We look forward to joining together once again on Wednesday evenings for worship, Faith Adventures, & Confirmation! Our year will begin with an outdoor S'mores Worship and Fellowship Event on **Wednesday, September 15th!** Our night begins at 6PM and goes until 7PM for preK-5th graders and until 7:30 for our 6-10th graders.

We will meet weekly throughout the year for worship, learning, service projects, and activities! We are mindful of the Covid Delta variant and how it might impact our time together. **Please note that masks are required for all indoor gatherings at this time in order to keep you safe!** More info to come!

September 15: S'more Worship Kick-off for Faith Adventures & Confirmation!

This night will include an overview of both ministries and calendar

September 22: Cross Generational Night with Deacon Laura Ramlow on Creation Care!

This night is for ALL ages, parents and grandparents included!

Plan for 6-7:30

Beginning September 29 our weekly schedule is:

- ✝ **6:00-6:30** Opening Worship and Theme Intro
- ✝ **6:30-7:00** Faith Adventures (pre-K-5th Grade children)
- ✝ **6:30-7:30** Confirmation Ministry (6th-9th grade, 10th graders included in fall)

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JULY 24-28, 2022 in MINNEAPOLIS!

All current 8-12th grade youth are invited to be part of NEXT summer's ELCA Youth Gathering July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis! This is an AMAZING event that you will not want to miss! Over 30,000+ ELCA high school youth and adult leaders gather every 3 years for a week of unforgettable faith formation. Time is spent in service projects, with awe-inspiring speakers and musicians, interactive learning, worship, and fellowship. It's a hard experience to put into words, but you won't want to miss it! Information has been emailed to all eligible families. For more information contact Pastor Annie (hopelutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com). We will be partnering with Our Savior's Lutheran youth group for this event!

A youth registration form and \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by Wednesday, September 22! Financial assistance is available through the ELCA Youth Gathering. Contact Pastor Annie if you are interested in applying.

REINSTATING HOPE SMALL GROUPS!

Did you know that the word "liturgy" comes from Greek words that mean "public/lay" and "working." Our act of worship is dependent on the sharing of gifts of our whole community! The Worship Ministry Team is currently in the process of reinstating our HOPE Small Groups to assist with worship volunteer leadership. Groups have been restructured and leaders will be in contact with you shortly! Small groups will be assigned the worship tasks for 1-3 months for the year on a rotation. **Jobs to be filled by the small groups include: usher/greeter, communion prep, communion worship assistants, readers/prayer leader, acolyte (when indoor worship resumes), coffee fellowship hosts, and altar flowers.**

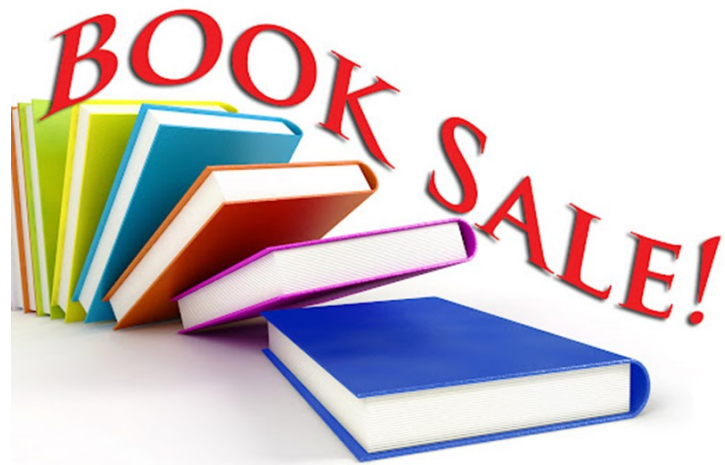
As we strive to get this up and running, we are still in need of helpers for the next few weeks of September. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and gifts with our congregation by:

Checking out [THIS GOOGLE DOC](#) to sign-up to help!

In addition, we are hoping to expand our A/V tech team! If you are interested in helping to continue our Sunday LIVESTREAM worship please contact Ryan Brill (Brillry@gmail.com).

If you would like to serve as an Assisting Minister or share special music please contact Pastor Annie directly (hopelutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com).

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Annual AAUW Book Sale

The annual AAUW book sale is the last three weeks of October at the former Global Made at 126 N. Main

- ◆ Thursdays (10-7)
- ◆ Fridays (10-7)
- ◆ Saturdays (10-4)

Bring donations to Family Fresh and Dick's Market, in River Falls and Country Market, Hudson after September 1st.

Drop off large quantities at the sale site on Wednesdays (4 to 6) and Saturdays (10 to 12) September 1st through October 9th .

Proceeds will be used for scholarships.

Thank you for your support.

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ROCK THE BLOCK in River Falls

I am helping with this Habitat Project in September, My role is to coordinate plant donations so we can redo all the gardens by the apartments in this housing complex. Habitat will build 19 new sheds behind each of them, the playground will be renovated, trees and shrubs will be planted. This is a partnership with the City of River Falls.

I have received confirmation for plants from the River Falls Garden Club and St Croix Master Gardeners. However, we will need help planting about 200 plants (all perennials) including digging holes, watering plants, filling holes.

I am looking for digging helpers which could include high school students, boy scouts, 4-H members, Hope members and friends of the aforementioned. Anyone interested can reach me at njsa8853@gmail.com or by phone, 715-307-3298. Questions are encouraged if you need clarification before volunteering. I believe we will be completing the landscape improvement on Sept. 25 and 26 (that's Saturday and Sunday.) I have a call into Kristi, Habitat Director, regarding details like hoses, portapotties etc.

I'd like to hear from any of you who are interested by September 15, so I can coordinate work groups and planting supervisors. There are a lot of gardens so the more who volunteers the quicker the work will be completed. Should be a lot of fun to beautiful this complex.

Thanks in advance for volunteering
Nancy Sailer



Dr. Mark Seeley

Meteorologist / Climatologist

CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR OWN BACK YARD

Climate change is here...

Climate change isn't limited to coastal cities. It's right here in our own backyard.

In this presentation, Dr. Seeley will share his findings in tracking weather in the Midwest and its effects on our infrastructure, living conditions and ways that communities can prepare for change.

This program is suitable for adults and students of all ages.

Dr. Seely provides information gathered from scientific resources and his own data gathered over the course of his career as an Extension Climatologist and Meteorologist at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Seeley speaks on Minnesota Public Radio, providing a weekly commentary on weather and climate on Morning Edition.

All are welcome to
this FREE event

Saturday, October 9
10 – 11 AM

Online presentation
via zoom

To register in advance,
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and search for

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Vernie Hagestuen and family (Nancy Sailer's Aunt & family)

Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)

Linda Hidding (Nancy Sailer's cousin)

Jean Loudon and Family

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

Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)

Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)

Kris Miner (Friend of Faye Perkins)

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)

Gary Siebold

Oak and Kirsten Reile (Nancy Sailer's Cousin)

David Hendrickson

Jim and Ila June Pratt

Jerry Brandt

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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September Birthdays

Sarah Bondhus	3-Sep
Zachary Heinselmann	6-Sep
Mariah Sandberg	8-Sep
Keri Jiskra	8-Sep
Jane Terkelsen	10-Sep
Jeff Rodewald	12-Sep
Isaac Hansen	20-Sep
Dan Rodewald	27-Sep
McKenna Brill	30-Sep
Vicki Siebold	30-Sep

September Baptism

Nancy Sailer
Vicki Siebold



September Anniversaries

Keith & Cara Getschel	16-Sep
Tyson & Wendy Tokheim	23-Sep
James & Debra James	27-Sep

Celebrating Years

32
21
19

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UPDATED HOPE COVID POLICY

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4).

On the advice of our local county health departments and the CDC, due to both St. Croix and Pierce counties being in “High Transmission” levels, our Worship and Exec ministry teams have currently updated our policy for indoor gatherings at HOPE due to increased infection numbers caused by the Delta variant of Covid-19.

1. **We are now requiring masks for all indoor gatherings/meetings, regardless of vaccination status.** We hope this requirement will be for a limited time until infection numbers decrease and vaccination numbers increase. With the beginning of another school year, we are particularly concerned for the well being of our youngest members, those who cannot yet receive a vaccination. Masking will help prevent sharing viral loads with children as well as parents and caregivers of little ones. It will also better serve those among us who are immunocompromised.
2. **Masking is not required for our outdoor gatherings,** but please continue to honor social distancing by family unit.
3. **Pastor Annie strongly encourages everyone who is eligible to do so, to receive a vaccine.**
 - a. Contact your family health provider for free vaccination for anyone 12+ **OR**
 - b. In St. Croix County: Vaccination clinics are held every Wednesday from 1-3PM at the St. Croix County service center in New Richmond, for everyone 12 and up. More info [HERE](#)
 - c. In Pierce County: Anyone 18+ who lives, works, or studies in WI is eligible. Appointments are at the Pierce County Public Health Department. You can schedule a vaccination [HERE](#)

We acknowledge these steps are inconvenient and feel like a step back from some of the progress we made! Unfortunately it is a necessary inconvenience at this time so that we can continue to gather safely in person and kick-off our children’s programming this fall as planned! We appreciate your patience, prayerfulness, and understanding.

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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):
 4. We will remain outdoors for worship throughout this summer
 5. We are emphasizing clearer 6 foot distancing guidelines.
 6. 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.
7. You are NO LONGER REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR WORSHIP
8. 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)
9. 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.**
10. 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!