THANK YOU!

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5)

I wish to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to all of you for the beautiful and unexpected surprise during worship last Sunday in honor of Pastor Appreciation Day. I am so grateful and blessed to join in ministry with each of you every day. The quote from Philippians is so fitting, because that is precisely how I feel!

As I enjoy the flower bouquet on my desk in my final days of preparing for my parental leave, I cannot help but feel bittersweet. I am incredibly grateful for your understanding and generosity in honoring the synod standards for parental leave. It will be precious and valuable time as we adjust to being a family of four. But, it will also be very hard for me to be away from you for 12 weeks! You bring so much joy and blessing to my life every day and each of you will be missed. I know you are in God’s good hands while I take this necessary time and you will remain in my prayers while I tend to my call as a mother and wife during this season. Thank you for the joy it is to be your pastor.
With Blessings,
Pastor Annie

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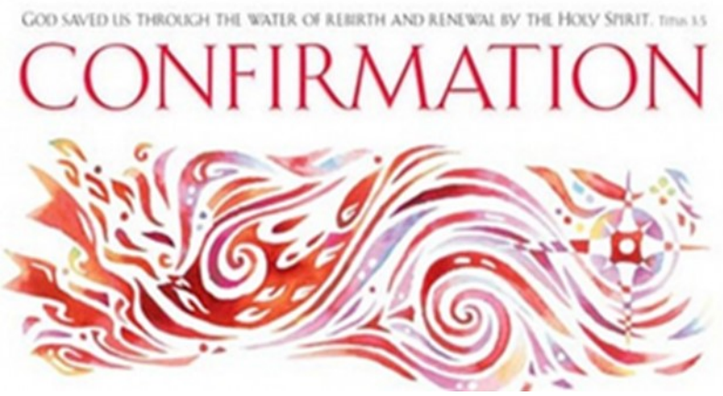


Affirmation of Baptism
October 17, 2021

Sean James

Morgan Torntore

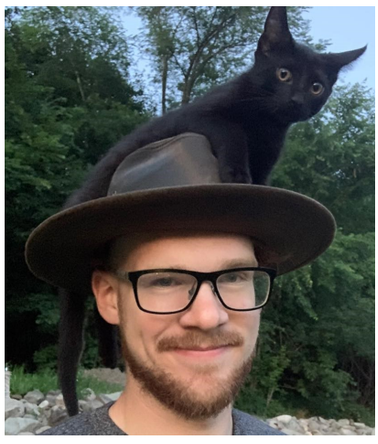
Please join us on Sunday, October 17th as we celebrate the continuing work of the Spirit here at HOPE!

Sean James and Morgan Torntore, will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda Yde - I was born and raised in Shawano, Wisconsin which is located 40 miles west of Green Bay so I am a big Packer fan. My husband, Mike, and I have been married for over 31 years, and we have a hobby farm southeast of River Falls. We have three adult grandchildren and, in a few weeks, will become great-grandparents.

I play trombone, piano and thanks to John Hamilton, ukulele. I am a member of the UW-RF Pep Band and also play with a Hudson low brass quartet. My favorite hobby besides music is reading.



Mickey Langlois - Mikey is a native of River Falls and graduated from RFHS in 2010. After high school, Mikey ventured northward and earned a degree in Biblical Studies and Missions from Alaska Bible College in Glennallen, Alaska. In 2015 he moved to Sacramento, California where he served formerly fostered youth as a Life Skill Specialist intern with Lutheran Social Services. Mikey worked in Sacramento's bustling nonprofit sector for 4 years. Mikey presently resides in River Falls and helps his dad with their janitorial and maintenance company. Mikey enjoys camping and traveling in his van, experiencing the Divine, and drinking coffee. His favorite bible verse is Mark 10:45.

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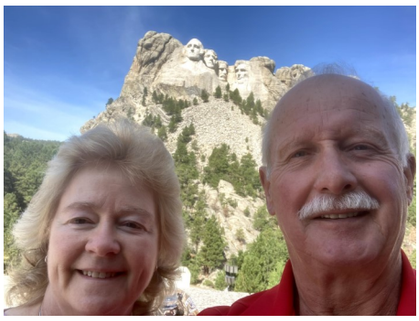

Bruce and Susan Schuettpelz - We are originally from Gillett, WI. Gillett is approximately 45 miles northwest of Green Bay. And yes, we are big Packer fans. Still trying to figure out how to get the games over here.

Bruce retired from Procter & Gamble in 2016. I recently retired this past August from CESA 8. We wanted to be closer to our kids and grandkids, so we made the decision to move to River Falls. We purchased our home in River Falls, and moved in on August 17. It's been quite a journey for us, as we had lived in our previous home for 30 years, which was in the country with a 2 acre lawn to mow! A person doesn't realize how much "stuff" you accumulate after this much time. We definitely wanted to & needed to down size. We moved everything by ourselves with the help of the kids. Lots of trips back and forth on Hwy 29 from Gillett to River Falls.

We have two adult children. You already know our daughter and her family. Samantha and Ryan Brill. McKenna and Lillian. Our son Andrew and his wife, Kendra live in Nibley, Utah. After being in our new home for about 3 weeks we did a road trip to visit them. One of the many perks of retirement is that you are not necessarily on a "time schedule." We were gone for about 3 weeks. Did some sightseeing on the way out and back and were able to spend 2 weeks at the kids house. In retirement we are hoping to do more traveling. Bruce loves trout fishing and wants to do more of this, as there are so many places in this area for trout fishing. I like to garden and am looking forward to doing more of this. Also hoping to learn some crafts and pick up some new hobbies. We are especially excited to be able to spend more time with McKenna and Lillian.

We have been attending Hope online since covid started and we are looking forward to being a part of your church and community.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFO FOR WEDNESDAYS @ HOPE THIS WEEK!

We have had an AWESOME beginning to our year together in Faith Adventures and Confirmation! We have been blessed by beautiful weather so far, allowing us to safely meet outdoors. It's looking like this Wednesday will be cooler and rainy, so we will likely need to move our activities indoors.

OUR CURRENT POLICY REQUIRES MASKS WHEN INDOORS AT HOPE. So, please make sure your child brings their mask and wears it over their nose and mouth during our time together. We plan for our FA kids to be in the main sanctuary area and our smaller confirmation group will meet in Eidskog with windows open for ventilation during the overlapping time with FA. We really appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our youngest saints safe at this time. **In the event the rain stops, we will try to be outside, so please dress for the weather.**

On Wednesday evenings our K-10th grade youth meet for worship, learning, service projects, and activities!

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 through October 13)

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ADDRESSES NEEDED!

Congregational Life will once again be sending small surprises to our college students before their first semester finals! Please provide your/your college student's address **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14** so we can send them in time!
Simply email the church office at: hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com
Thank you!

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SAVE THE DATE FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7!

The first Sunday of November is All Saints Sunday, a day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of the feast to come!

During our worship together we will give special recognition to the names of all people we have lost since last All Saints Sunday. Names of ANYONE are welcome! This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend who has suffered a loss this year. Can we include their beloved's name and share in their grief and hope this year? **If you would like your beloved to be included in that list of names**, **please send it to Olive in the church office (hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com) by Sunday, October 31.**

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EMMAUS: CONGREGATIONAL DISCERNMENT NETWORK

Congregations across the country will pray, discuss, and discern how they can best walk alongside refugees and migrants in their community and beyond. Based on the level of commitment discerned, congregations will be connected to the LIRS network of partners and affiliates for opportunities to accompany our migrant neighbors.

6/1

LIRS AMBASSADOR NETWORK

Engage passionate individuals in tangible acts of solidarity to create a long welcome for our migrant and refugee siblings. By raising local awareness, Ambassadors will speak about our work and grow the LIRS network of support in their immediate communities. They'll have access to roles that play to their own strengths and abilities, such as organizing state-level advocacy efforts, hosting small-scale fundraising events, or coordinating local interfaith vigils.

6/22

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

(June 20 but will be celebrated by LIRS on June 22)

10/12

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With the support of our hundreds of partners across the country, we share hope with our friends effected by immigration detention by collecting hand-written holiday cards and collecting gifts for children. Help LIRS to remind them that they are not forgotten during the holiday season. www.Lirs.org/hope

March | April | May | June | August | October | November

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
3/8

EARTH DAY
4/22

STAND UP, SPEAK UP
Virtual Prayer
(Toolkit launched April 12)

Join LIRS' new program **Stand Up, Speak Up**, *a national virtual interfaith prayer vigil focused on prayer, reflection, and advocacy explored through the stories of migrants and refugees. The virtual interfaith prayer service and resources for coming together and taking action will be available at* www.Lirs.org/speakup.

5/23

GATHER: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

A Refugee Cultural Experience for Families, Friends, and Community Learn about the food, music, history and culture www.LIRS.org/Gather.

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REFORMATION SUNDAY
10/31

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY
11/20

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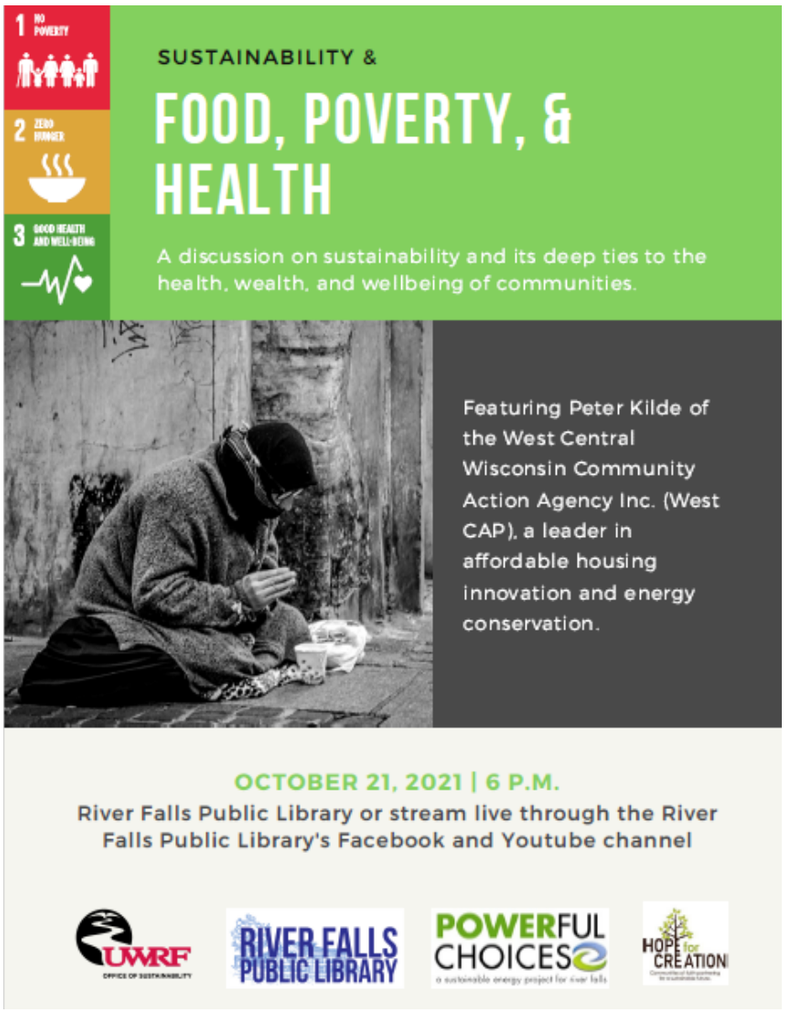

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SIGN-UP ONLINE TO HOST A TRUNK HERE

We'd like the children to "Trick or Treat" at least 15 cars. Please join us if you would like to decorate your trunk and have treats available for the children.

Contact Olive at the church office (hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com or 715-425-9750)or sign up Sunday morning if you'd like to have some fun with the kids.

We are seeking 1-2 people/a family willing to help set up our decorations that afternoon!

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INSTEAD OF BLOWING, BAGGING, & DUMPING...

Rake your leaves into piles or layers several inches thick and find a place where you can leave them undisturbed for the winter, such as underneath trees, in a corner of your yard, or in your garden. This will provide necessary habitat for beneficial overwintering insects.

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Farm Fresh Eggs!

Help support our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July, 2022.

Eggs are raised at Jeff & Karen Rodewald’s with a suggested donation of $3/dozen.

They are located just inside the church with a donation jug sitting next to them. 100% of your donation will go to help defray expenses in sending our youth to this amazing event!

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HOPE IS HOSTING A 2ND AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2021

1-6 PM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO:

- Clear the pews and chairs to the side of the sanctuary before the blood drive (12 noon) and put the pews and chairs back after the blood drive (6 pm)
- Check people in (1-2 volunteers per 3 hour shift)
- Tend the snack area (1 volunteer per 3 hour shift)

If you are interested in helping please contact
Kathy Scott, 651-442-5189 or keps54@gmail.com

To sign up to give blood go to:
https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Darcy Livingston (Naomi & Jerry Brand's Daughter)
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
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)
Fred Schmidt and family (Relatives of the Boocks)
Steve & Beth Pugh (friends of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)

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October Birthdays	Date
Carolyn Jackson	2-Oct
Nancy Sailer	3-Oct
Debra James	5-Oct
Connor Malaney	5-Oct
Lucy VanOverbeke	5-Oct
Karissa Bondus	7-Oct
Kevin James	10-Oct
Morgan Torntore	15-Oct
Kermit Paulson	16-Oct
Karen Brohaugh	18-Oct
Arol Thompson	20-Oct
Pastor Annie	20-Oct
Nathan Clark	22-Oct
Charles Pratt	28-Oct
Carrie Knudsen Hendrickson	29-Oct
Nick Johnson	30-Oct
Kristin Eaton	30-Oct

October Baptisms

Keith Getschel
Sarah Bondhus
Nancy Peters
Carolyn Jackson
Paula Klacan
Erin Nelson
Madison Ziebarth
Danielle Tokheim
Lillian Brill
Deb Tokheim

October Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Roger & Verna Tweiten	21-Oct	60
Jerry & Naomi Brandt	26-Oct	58
Ryan & Samatha Brill	24-Oct	12

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HOPE COVID POLICY

Updated 10.05.21

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**
4. Our **current plan** is to stay outside as long as weather permits. We are taking it on a week by week basis through October with a plan to move inside on or before November 7, 2021.*

*Please be prepared that depending on the severity of infection rates at that time, our singing and communion practices may be altered. Masks will be enforced indoors until we are out of the St. Croix advisory zones of red and orange.

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 protect those most vulnerable in our midst. We appreciate your patience, prayerfulness, and understanding.

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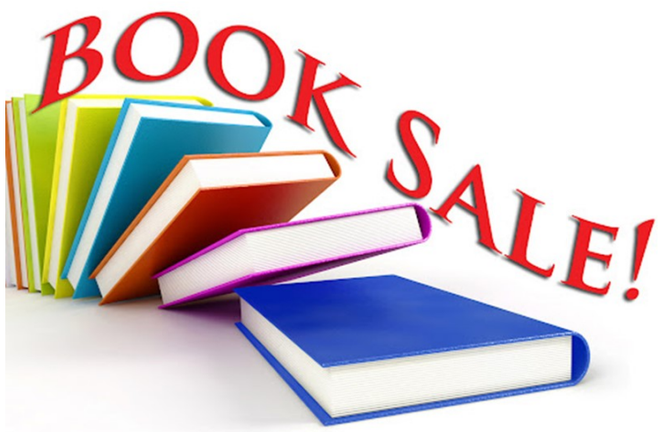

Annual AAUW Book Sale

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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