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# Bartimaeus Meditation
## By Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.*
—Mark 10.46-52

Tarry over this story. Let it seep into your imagination. Pray your way through it.

Like Bartimaeus you sit on the edge of your Way, your life.
Jesus shares the road with you: walks on your Way, your life.
He's been there all along. Imagine that….

Something in you yearns for his presence and his grace. Let it cry out….

Voices tell you to be quiet, that your yearning is unwelcome.
But Jesus stops. He stands still.
Imagine Jesus, in no hurry….

Jesus calls to you. He wants to hear you.
Note how Jesus' invitation overrules those discouraging voices, and take heart….

Bartimaeus threw off his cloak to come to Jesus.
What do you need to throw off?…

You stand before Jesus. He looks at you calmly.
He says, "What do you want me to do for you?"
How does your heart respond?….

Jesus says "Your faith has made you well."
Your faith is not your beliefs: it's your reaching out.
Jesus meets it. Give thanks…

Jesus tells Bartimaeus to go his way, but instead he follows Jesus on the Way.
What Way does God's grace invite you to follow?….

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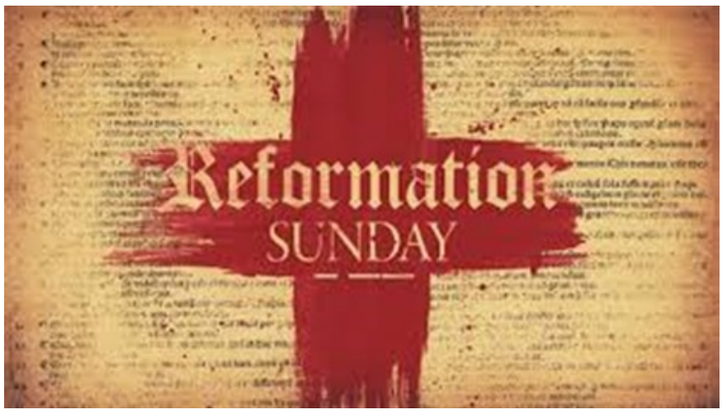


## REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

This year we will celebrate the 504th anniversary of Luther's Reformation!
***The color of the day is RED. You are invited to wear your red in celebration!***

On Reformation Day we honor that we are a denomination rooted in the past and growing into the future. We believe the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. It is also our prayer that, trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission across the globe.

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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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## Welcome New Members

***Bruce (Sam)  and Susan Schuettpelz***

***Linda Yde***

***Mickey Langlois***

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## Congratulations  On The Affirmation of Your Baptism

### Morgan Torntore

### Sean James

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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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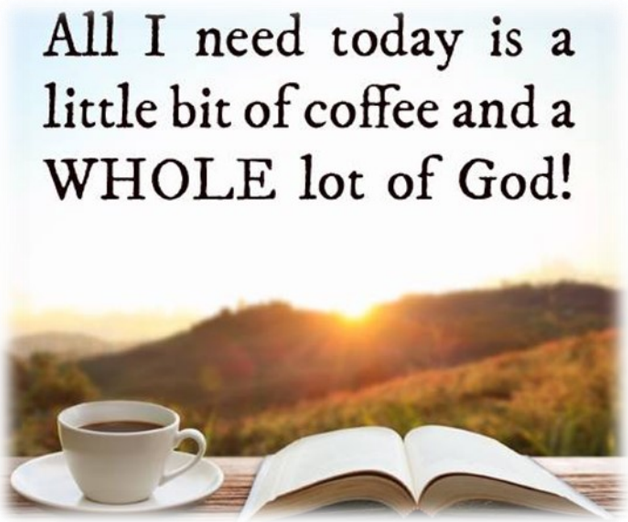
## COFFEE & FAITHFUL CONVERSATION
## TUESDAYS @ 11AM!

Join with others from HOPE online via **Zoom** every week for a time of prayerful sharing and studying our upcoming Sunday scripture texts! All are welcome!

**Please note that this ministry WILL continue during Pastor Annie's leave! Gwen Paulson will lead the discussion!**



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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,

## 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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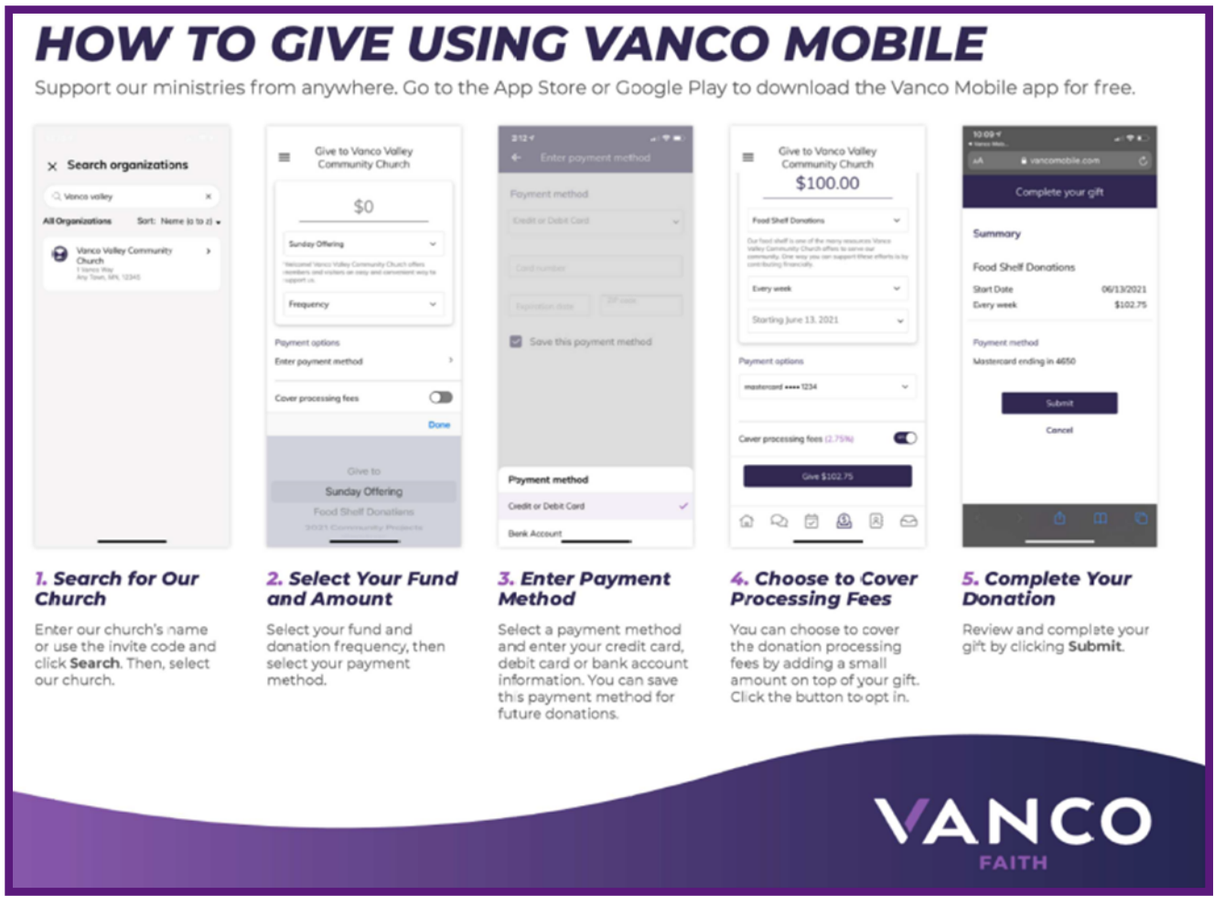

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## HOPE IS HOSTING A 2ND AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ON

**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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## HOPE SMALL GROUPS ARE ACTIVE ONCE AGAIN!

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 has reinstated 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.**

Group members can sign up for all positions using this link: **THIS GOOGLE DOC**

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).

## 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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**4/1**

**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.
8/1

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**
10/31

**UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY**
11/20

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## Please lift up the following people in prayer

Family of 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 | 16-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.