HOPE'S Advent Adventures: Round 2-2021

This Advent season HOPE's Mission team is inviting you to join us in Advent Adventures: Round 2. We are once again taking part in ELCA's Good Gifts opportunities to help in different ways in 88 countries including the USA.

Week 1 – Nov 28–Dec 4—Refugee Emphasis

Please give what you can during this first week of Advent. Whenever you read the word *refugee*, think "Child of God" when you prayerfully choose to help the 13,000 Afghan people now housed at Fort McCoy. Worldwide a $20 gift will feed 10 at a soup kitchen; $50 will feed a refugee family for one week. Please designate where you would like your gift to go.

Week 2 – Dec 5–11—Clinic Visit for a Child—$10

All monies collected during the week will be used to purchase clinic visits for children. In addition, take an ornament from the tree to go along with the clinic visit by purchasing a vaccination for a child ($30).

Week 3 – Dec 12–18—Blankets—$10

All monies collected during the week will be used to purchase blankets for survivors of emergency or natural disasters.

Week 4 – Dec 19–25—Care for Kids—$10

All monies collected during the week will be used to buy a backpack full of food for a child. In addition, take an ornament from the tree to provide school supplies for a child ($10) or school fees and a uniform for a girl ($40).

Week 5 – Dec 26–Jan 2—Bibles—$12

All monies collected during the last week of Christmas will be used to buy Bibles for growing Lutheran churches. Share the Word of God and support God's people.

You do not need to buy a whole item from the above list. You can give whatever monetary gift you would like and we will purchase as many of said item as we can. Partial monies left each week will go to the next. Please do not go out and purchase these items, but provide your money to HOPE earmarked for "Advent refugees", "Advent blanket", Advent backpack of food", "Advent pig", etc.

The children are also collecting money in their Advent Piggy Banks to purchase animals for God's Global Barnyard. You can help them by selecting an animal ornament from the tree and donating the amount needed for said purchase. Chicks are $10, roosters $15, honey bees $20, piglets $30, goats $50. Take these cute ornaments home and hang them on your tree.

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November 23, 2021

Dear HOPE family:

Paul wrote to those he was ministering to in Rome: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13) Jesus calls for us into a relationship with Him, and our world that is filled with hope. Giving becomes a cheerful, enthusiastic, and grateful expression of our relationship with Jesus that shares our hope with others!

The ministries of HOPE Lutheran are active and diverse, and include:

- education for children and adults,
- support of non-profit organizations locally and beyond, that aid people in need,
- caring for our building, land and the Winds of the Spirit space,
- preparing and sharing meaningful worship.

We are partners in our community and neighborhood, and we spread hope within and beyond our doors. It is your support that makes this possible.

How has hope been shared with you? What are some ways in which you have spread hope? What do you envision for HOPE's ministries in the upcoming year? Your gifts help change those visions into tangible projects of hope by HOPE. Therefore, we ask that you thoughtfully consider a pledge during this 2021 Stewardship season of "Spreading Hope." Simply click on this link https://forms.gle/qADVhSnih8QT6w1W8 to fill out your Covenant card.

Live a generous life through giving and engagement! We invite you to continue to spread hope when and where you feel called.

In faith and with hope,

Pastor Annie

Keith Getschel

Steve Leitch

Lynda Meyers

Nancy Sailer

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Milo's HOPE Story

"HOPE is called by God to look beyond ourselves. We walk together in faith, treasuring all people and sharing with them the love, hope, and acceptance that is in Christ."

This opening confession we make each Sunday morning is rich in stating who we are and our commitment to each other and those outside of our congregation. To look beyond ourselves is to follow Jesus' command to love and show compassionate to all. This is a strong command that we easily fail each day, however, we are reminded each time we make this confession of our commitment. The missions of our local congregation, our Synod and the ELCA at large makes possible compassionate treatment of people in need whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual. Betty Lou and I are certainly recipients of Hope's compassion and love. The great amount of help, support we received following the flooding of our home in late June, 2020, was so wonderful, an experience that has been a benchmark in our life. Certainly other people in need must experience similar relief when Hope or any other religious, charitable organization steps in to assist. We may have grown up in a community where our extended family lived and we enjoyed the support of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents in addition to our parents. Since many live some distance from childhood homes, Hope becomes an extended family that supports and cares for each of us; this is certainly true for us. The caring community at Hope has been a blessing for us.

Reflecting on the larger world, in particular our nation, I have a sense of a growing narcissistic self concern at the expense of social responsibility. This may show up in aggressive driving in traffic, lack of social skills evidenced in rudeness in personal relationships to others and politically where rude behavior is encouraged. I think much of this is a result of diminished participation in communal religious commitment. The words of Jesus comes back to me to love and be compassionate. I receive this encouragement at HOPE!

Season of Advent - Pick Up Your Devotionals

Advent begins November 28. In preparation for the birth of Christ, prepare your minds by reading weekly devotions, and daily verses or prayers from the Advent calendars. Choose one devotional *Advent Study* booklet per family and one or two (please choose two different ones) Advent calendars from the table inside the sanctuary. Then check your name off the list provided, so we know which families have received them. If you wish, stop by the little tree near the door and select a Good Gifts ornament to take home and hang on your tree. Rather than sending the money in on your own, submit it to HOPE designating it for the item on your ornament. These Good Gifts support ELCA ministries worldwide. If you would like the materials delivered to your home please notify Olive via email at hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com or call her at 715-425-9750.

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NO-BAKE BAKE SALE

Sponsored by Congregation Life

In support of the Backpack Program we are having a NO-BAKE BAKE SALE

Please submit one recipe for an item that you would normally donate to the bake sale. In return you will receive a document with all the recipes that have been submitted in time for your holiday baking.
Your recipe should be submitted to Olive by December 1st

You can make a donation of monies to Olive (if donating by check please put on the memo line Bake Sale) at the HOPE office by December 20th. in return for your donation she will send you a document of all recipes

Direct any questions to Olive at hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com or 715-425-9750.

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

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2021

12-6 PM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO:

- Clear the pews and chairs to the side of the sanctuary before the blood drive (11 am) 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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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES
RIVER FALLS FOOD PANTRY!

Every $1 donation equals $5 of food purchase power!
IT'S MAGIC!

GRUMPY OLD MEN FOOD DRIVE

Rick Bowen and Craig Miles are continuing the "Grumpy Old Men" legacy and will be holding the food drive in person on Tuesday, November 30th from 9 am to 6 pm at Veteran's Park. There is also a promotion online for monetary donations on November 29th and 30th.

DONATIONS NEEDED (current special needs underlined)

Meal kits that include all the ingredients
Pancake or muffin mix that only requires water
Canned soups, pasta, and meat
Baking supplies (flour, sugar, oil, shortening, baking soda/powder, vanilla extract)
Seasonings of all kinds (garlic, pepper, salt, chili powder)
Rice and beans
Cereal
Feminine hygiene products
Baby diapers and wipes
Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue)

Salad Dressing

Pet Food

Donations Can be Dropped Off at Side Door of Food Pantry When Open (not open Nov. 25th and 26th)

Monday:	10 am -12 pm & 6- 7:30 pm
Wednesday:	1-5 pm
Thursday:	6-7:30 pm
Friday:	10-12 noon
Saturday	10 am – 12 pm

To donate cash online via HOPE: http://www.hopelutheranrf.com/giveonline/ and select River Falls Food Pantry or mail/drop off a check with "Food Pantry" in the memo line to Hope.

RFC Food Pantry Contacts: phone: 715-425-6880, **email:** info@rfcfp.org, webpage: www.rfcfp.org, **physical location:** 705 st. croix st., river falls, wi 54022, **mailing address:** po box 341, river falls, wi 54022

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Dear HOPE,

As we get into the swing of indoor worship, please remember that our Ministry Council is requiring that ALL worshipers wear masks before, during, and after the service. The only exception is for the worship leaders or those making announcements - while they are up front. You may also drop your mask for taking communion from your seats. Remember to thank your friends if they happen to need to remind you. I appreciate your attention to this detail as we try our best to protect our whole faith community.

Sincerely,
Keith Getschel
HOPE President

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Upcoming Advent Events

Save the Dates:

December 12th-Encore Presentation of the 2020 Carols and Candles Service – 4:00 PM *This is a rebroadcast of the December 2020 Carols and Candles*

December 21st - Longest Night Service – 7:00 pm

December 24th - Christmas Eve Services

4:30 pm (at church and live on YouTube)

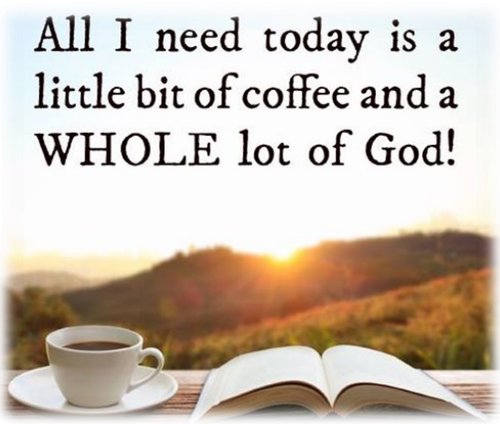
9:00 pm (at church)

More information to come!

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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FREE COFFEE CONCERTS

The UWRF Music Department hosts coffee concerts throughout the year. All concerts are held at noon in the William Abbott Concert Hall located in the Fine Arts Building., are FREE and open to the public.

November 19

Dan Chouinard, accordion (Prairie Home Companion) & Bill Chouinard, organ

December 3

Mark Billy, MN Opera Vocalist with Dennis Evstuhin, piano

December 10

St. Croix Trio: Natalia Moiseeva, violin, Tanya Remenikova, cello &
Ivan Konev, piano

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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,

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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Ringing in the Season 2021

Each year at this time we ask community residents to assist in the Salvation Army's bell ringing campaign. If we can only have an hour or two of your time, you can make a difference for many families and individuals.

We use the funds to help St. Croix County residents with emergency lodging, evictions, assist with gas/electricity shut offs, medical and emergency transportation issues.

Last year we raised $155,000. We are hoping to do even better in 2021. If you can *"Ring the Bell"* this holiday season, we will find a spot for you.

Please help us to help those in need by calling:

715-529-1283

Sign up to the ring the bell at:

www.registertoring.com

THE SALVATION ARMY

Salvation Army
505 W 8th Street
New Richmond, Wisconsin 54017
"Doing The Most Good"

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Barb & Ray McIntosh (Joe McIntosh's parents)
Gordon Hendrickson (Mary Thompson's brother)
Family of Nic Gutierrez & Priscila Pozzi
Boyd Huppert (Rodewald family member)
Keith Brill (Ryan's grandfather)
Family of Darcy Livingston (Naomi & Jerry Brand's Daughter)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Jean Loudon and Family
Mary Thompson and Family
Tom Roycraft (Grant Klacan's Father-in-Law)
Katie Drablos (cousin of Linda Jacobson)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Kris Miner (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Duane Hall (friend of the Brohaughs)
Judy Karshbaum
Gary Siebold
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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November Birthdays

Dianne H-Robinson	1-Nov
Linda Yde	1-Nov
Lindsay Getschel	2-Nov
Greta Wunrow	3-Nov
Linda Jacobson	7-Nov
Grace Hansen	8-Nov
Jacob Ginn	10-Nov
Erik Warner	10-Nov
John Warner	10-Nov
Gregg Heinselman	14-Nov
Charles Brictson	16-Nov
Mallory James	16-Nov
Mickey Langlois	16-Nov
Kieran Johnson	21-Nov
Karen Rodewald	21-Nov
Kari Heinselman	21-Nov
Phillip Klacan	22-Nov
Deb Tokheim	29-Nov

November Baptisms

Karissa Bondhus
McKenna Brill
Karen Brohaugh
Taylor Heinselman
Zachary Heinselman
Russ Jiskra
Kermit Paulson
Jane Terkelsen
Lucy VanOverbeke
Dan Rodewald
Linda Yde

November Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Karen & Bernie Brohaugh	30-Nov	36
Nick & Stacia Johnson	08-Nov	13
Annie & Lucas Ladnier	07-Nov	6

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HOPE Indoor Worship During Covid

1. Masks will be required, regardless of Covid vaccination status.
2. Over the last year plus we were served very well by having a matrix that our wonderful 'Covid subcommittee' put together. Similarly, we are going to follow a matrix by St. Croix County for our mask wearing recommendation.
    - Follow: https://infogram.com/st-croix-county-covid-19-dashboard-1h9j6qggxzn754g?live
    - See the "Current Level of Community Transmission" rate near the bottom of that page.
    - Follow the "fully vaccinated" line.
    - As of last week, we are still in the "High" category.
3. Anyone who is not vaccinated, though eligible, we kindly ask to worship from home for now. Our services will continue to be broadcast via YouTube. We believe this is the safest path for children and other high risk groups.
    - We will never ask about vaccination status.
4. If you are having any Covid style symptoms we kindly ask you to worship from home that week.
5. No registration will be needed to attend service.
6. We ask that you follow spacing guidelines within the church. 6ft between family units.
7. Singing will be allowed, while still masked.
    - Worship leaders can choose for themselves whether to be masked or not.
    - Congregation will be 12-15ft back from worship leaders.
    - We may do less singing.
8. Service attendees will pick up communion elements when they arrive at service. Communion will be taken from your seats.
9. The Property Ministry will be setting up an air quality check inside the church.
10. We will address Christmas services as we get closer to Christmas.
11. This process will continually be assessed by Council. If you have comments, please contact anyone on the Executive Committee: Keith Getschel, Ryan Brill, Alyssa Boock, and/or Ryan Leitch.