

This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin 2023 Assembly

On April 29th Keith Getschel and Denise Burkett served as HOPE's 2023 Synod Assembly voting members. We are so grateful they were both willing to take the time to serve in this capacity! The NWSWI is comprised of 199 congregations in the northwest portion of WI. We are 1 of 65 synods across the greater ELCA. Every year, 2 representatives of each congregation, plus rostered leaders and specialized ministry representatives assemble to faithfully conduct the business of the Synod. This year's assembly gathered around the theme "Rebound: From Worry to Wonder" as we explored Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-34, "*Do not worry.....but seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...*"

The word "synod" may be new to you! A synod in the ELCA is a group of congregations and specialized ministries in a specific area of a state or region. Together *we all are the synod*. Without faithful people gathering in congregations, there would be no synod. Similar to each congregation having rostered and lay leadership, each synod also has its own rostered leadership, typically composed of a Synod Bishop, Assistants to the Bishop, and a Director of Evangelical Mission as well as lay leadership, including a synod VP and a council made up of representative from each conference of our synod.. They nurture the work of our congregations and serve as a bridge to the greater Churchwide expression of the ELCA.

The Churchwide (greater ELCA) organization leads the church on a national and global level, and is responsible for things like Lutheran World Relief, The Youth Gathering, Young Adults in Global Mission, and a lot more. It too has its own rostered and lay leadership. While you may sometimes hear people say "the synod makes us" or "churchwide made us"...that is not how the structure of our Church works. Decisions are only made at a synodical or churchwide level when representatives of all the congregations and synods vote to make such decisions. In that respect, *we are the ELCA*.

At this year's Synod Assembly, all seven resolutions were passed. Half of these resolutions take place each year (synod budget, compensation guidelines, and other organizational details). The other 4 were a Constitutional Amendment on the Bishop's Election to allow for background checks on nominees, A Land Acknowledgment Resolution, A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision Statement, and a Campus Ministry resolution. [You can read more about all 7 resolutions here](#) (scroll down the page). We will have more to share about how the synod will be living into these resolutions in future weeks.

Thank you for being Christ's Church, in all of its beautiful expressions!

Blessings,

Pastor Annie Ladnier

This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Thank you to Winds of the Spirit work crew: Mark Bondhus, Dan Malaney, Jeff Rodewald, Doug Rudesill and Sam Schuettpelz. Sign was installed and storage area sheet rocked.



This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Thank you for the many generous gifts given for our most recent noisy offering. We raise over \$160.00 to be given to Hope For Creation in support of Earth Fest 2023.

This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Pastor Annie, Denise Burkett, and Keith Getschel attended Synod Assembly this past Saturday.

All 7 resolutions passed. 2 with minor amendments.

Site with the info:

<https://nwswi.org/synod-assembly-2023>

This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Holy Yoga

FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM

JUNE 07-AUG 30

Outdoor yoga, meditation, & reflection

bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!

Cost: FREE WILL offering

3337 KINGSBARN AVE
WINDS OF THE SPIRIT PAVLLION

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- 45-60 minute session of beginning to intermediate yoga
- Use of Christian Scripture for grounding
- Reflective meditation/prayer exercises
- Feeling renewed!
- Joyfully gathering with others!
- Enjoying the beautiful landscape!



This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Graduate Sunday

Join us on Sunday, May 21st
as we celebrate and bless our 2023 high school graduates.

A special blessing during worship
will be followed by a reception afterwards.

This Week at HOPE May3, 2023



ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH

GARAGE SALE!

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 - 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 - 8 A.M. - NOON

(Saturday Special: clothing \$3/bag and all other items ½ OFF)

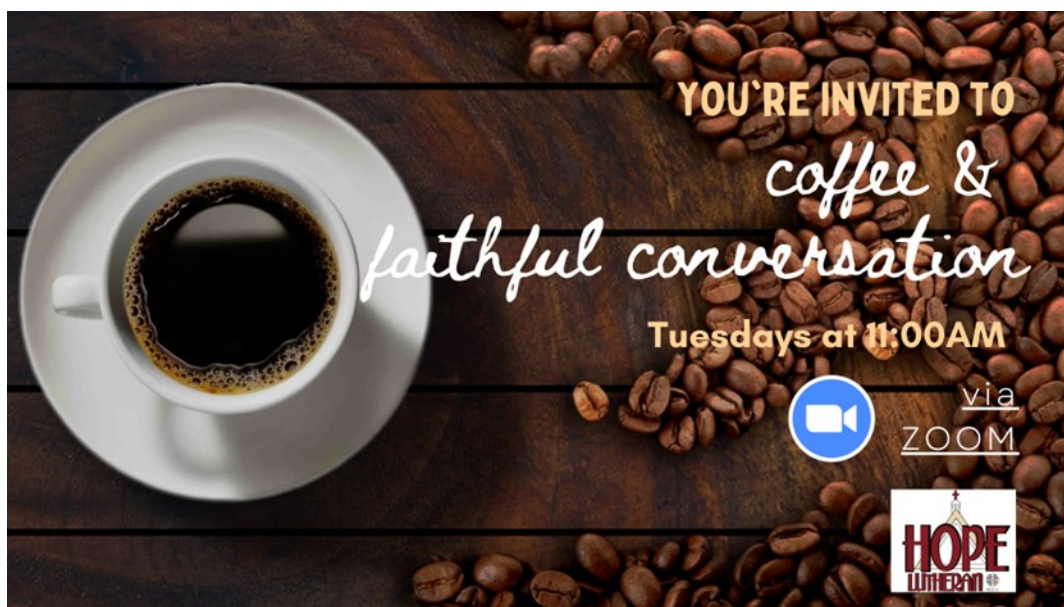
SALE HELD IN THE PARISH SCHOOL GYM-CORNER OF MAIN & DIVISION STREETS

This Week at HOPE May3, 2023



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us Saturday, May 13th at 9:00am for outside spring clean up at HOPE Lutheran. This will include the landscaping, Winds of the Spirit and grounds. Contact psrudesill@gmail.com if you can help.



This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Communion Bread Bakers Needed!

Do you like to bake?

Are you looking for an easy way to volunteer your gifts without having to be “up front?”

Then become a communion bread baker!

3 months in 2023 still need bakers: August, September, & December

SHARE YOUR GIFTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

Did you know that you can volunteer to help with parts of worship
AT ANY TIME!!!

Use [THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK](#) to sign-up to assist with our in-person worship!
Or sign-up on the entryway table in person.

Greeters, readers, communion set-up & servers, acolytes, ushers,

This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE STARTS BACK TONIGHT!!!!

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM

K-10th grade & friends welcome!

6-6:30: Cross Gen Worship (ALL are welcome)

6:30-7: age appropriate learning (k-5th Faith Adventures, 6th+ Confirmation)

This spring we will learn all about creeds and
wrap up our year with a hands-on service project night.

Hope to see you there!

SPRING SESSION: April 19- May 10, 2023

If you have not already registered for **SESSION 3**, please fill out the [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#).

Friends are always welcome!

This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



Mindful Pause Retreat

for Cancer Thrivers

SAT. MAY 6

ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, RIVER FALLS, WI

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Schedule a day for spring renewal in body, mind, and spirit.

Coach Cami will guide you on a path to personal growth this spring:

- gentle yoga
- mindfulness practices
- create your wellness vision
- expressive art experience
- group dialogue
- self-reflection



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
MKLAKE@COMCAST.NET**

WWW.GUIDEDRESILIENCE.COM

This Week at HOPE May 3, 2023



May Birthdays

Lillian Brill	12-May
Stacia Johnson	13-May
Hunter Rodewald	14-May
Cecelia Bernard	15-May
Camden Roquette	15-May
David Hendrickson	19-May
Shane Bondhus	20-May
Brady Sailer	22-May
Spencer Ziebarth	23-May
James Malaney	23-May
Kay Montgomery	25-May

May Baptisms



Lee Getschel
Grant Klacan
Jean Loudon
Bill Montgomery
Rosemary Nelson
Faye Perkins
Eric Rydland
Mason Shea
Zoe Tokheim
Carly Wunrow



May Anniversaries

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years to Celebrate</i>
Linda & Mike Yde	5-May	33
Bruce & Susan Schuettpeiz	8-May	41
Leonard & Connie Juaire	23-May	36
Michael & Michelle Hansen	28-May	
Bill Warner & Linda Jacobson	30-May	30

This Week at HOPE May3, 2023



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Richard Burns (Grandfather of Luke & Jack Stang)
Judy Branson (Relative of the Boocks)
Hannah Forward
The Webb family (Family of Russ Keri Jiskra)
Amanda Olson (Olive Olson's daughter)
Jerry Gibson (Diane Clark and Karen Rodewald's father)
George & Mary Klacan (Phil's Parents)
Ella Conover (Niece of Phil & Paula Klacan)
Laura McDonald (Sister of Jean Loudon)
Mary Babler (Friend the Dan Malaney)
Beth Lindgren (Sister-in-law Dan Malaney)
Betty Lou Oppegard
Anna Peterson's Family (Friend of Olive Olson)
Darwin & Margaret Bredahl (Karen Hamilton's sister & brother in law)
Olive Olson & family
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)
Miriam Monroe (Bill Montgomery's sister)
Gary Blowers (Friend of Linda Jacobson)
Naomi Brandt and family
Milo Oppegard
Carin Perkins (Faye Perkins sister)
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)
Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)
Linda Hidding (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi Brandt)
Judy Karshbaum
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)

This Week at HOPE May3, 2023



First Sunday of the Month Special Collections

The River Falls School District has 112 children signed up for the Backpack Program this year. This program falls under the auspices of Our Neighbors' Place and is primarily funded by The Black Tie Affair held every April and donations. It does not receive any help from the River Falls Food Pantry.

Therefore, the Mission Ministry through HOPE would like to start collecting donations for the Backpack Program on the first Sunday of each month alternating with the Food Pantry.

The Magic Box works in the same manner as for the Food Pantry, whereas each dollar magically will have \$5 of purchasing power. The next opportunity will be November 6, when your generous donations will support the Backpack Program.

First Sunday of the Month Special Collections Schedule

2023

January 1	Backpack Program
February 5	Food Pantry
March 5	Backpack Program
April 2	Food Pantry
May 7	Backpack Program
June 4	Food Pantry
July 2	Backpack Program
August 6	Food Pantry
September 3	Backpack Program
October 1	Food Pantry
Nov 5	Backpack Program
December 3	Food Pantry