

Spring migration is well underway, and it's the perfect time to reconnect with nature after a long winter, and a "somewhat delayed" Spring. Therefore, the Green Team and Congregational Life are Co-hosting a BWBW (Before Worship Bird Walk) on Sunday, May 21, at 8:15 am. No birding experience is necessary! If you have binoculars, bring them, but don't worry about it if you don't. Dress for the (hopefully beautiful) weather and a leisurely walk around the pond. We'll be finished in time for a cup of coffee before worship!



If there is a need to cancel due to weather - a message will be posted on the HOPE FaceBook page. Or call Lynda Meyers @ 705-220-9708 with questions





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.





Council has scheduled a congregational meeting on June 4 after worship at 10:45 am. The purpose is to discuss and vote on the Property Committee recommendation to re-purpose the \$32,000 insurance payment (received and in our HOPE account) for replacing the hail-damaged roof on the WOTS structure.

More details will be forthcoming with specifics. A consensus couldn't be reached at the Council meeting on May 16 and because the amount money of in question is over \$10,000 a congregational meeting is required.

Nancy Sailer, President





"Wednesdays of Wonder"

Every 3rd Wednesdays this summer, 6-8PM
June 16
July19
August 16

Cross Generational nights for story telling, art, activities, food, & fellowship!

More details to come!



June 25th
New Member Sunday / Celebrate HOPE
More Information to come!



Thank You!

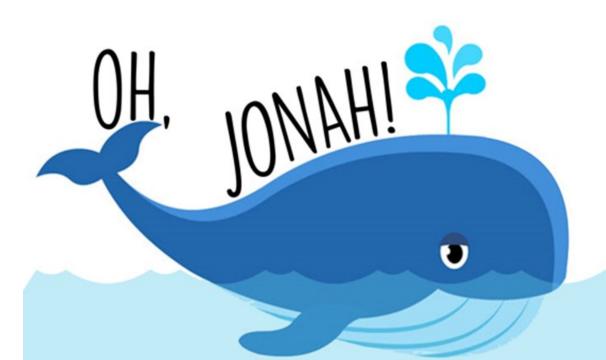
Thank you to everyone who helped with HOPE's outside clean up on Saturday.











CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

July 17-20th, 2023 9:00-noon

Dinner and Performance July 20th, 6:00 PM

Completed Kindergarten - Grade 6
ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE



HOPE Lutheran kids will join kids from First Congregational UCC 110 N 3rd St. River Falls, WI | 715-425-2052 Scan QR code to register or visit: www.firstchurchrf.org









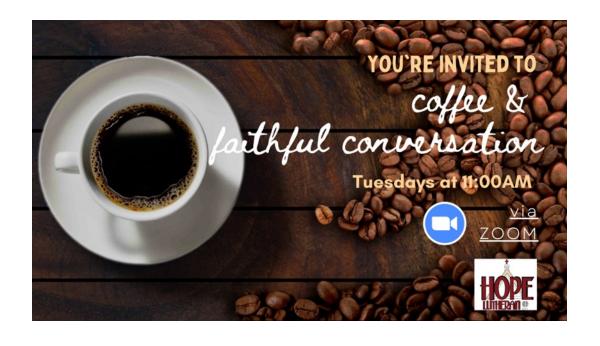
THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

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







Communion Bread Bakers Needed!

Do you like to bake? Are you looking for an easy way to volunteer your gifts without having

Then become a communion bread baker!

to be "up front?"

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,





Please lift up the following people in prayer

Dorothy Webb (Russ Jiskra's grandmother)

Marc DuPaul (Nephew of Nomi Brandt)

Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)

Richard Burns (Grandfather of Luke & Jack Stang)

Judy Branson (Relative of the Boocks)

Hannah Forward

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)

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)



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



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May Anniversaries	Date	Celebrate
Linda & Mike Yde	5-May	33
Bruce & Susan Schuettpelz	8-May	41
Leonard & Connie Juaire	23-May	36
Michael & Michelle Hansen	28-May	
Bill Warner & Linda Jacobson	30-May	30



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