

# This Week at HOPE May 24, 2023



## Pentecost Sunday

### “Touch Me With the Truth that Burns Like Fire”

By Ted Loder

Lord,  
send the gift of your Spirit  
to fill this place  
and myself  
and the world.

Touch me  
With truth  
that burns like fire,  
with beauty  
that moves me like the wind;

and set me free, Lord,  
free to try new ways of living;  
free to forgive myself and others;  
free to love and laugh and sing;  
free to lay aside my burden of security;  
free to join the battle for justice and peace;  
free to see and listen and wonder again  
at the gracious mystery of things and persons;

free to be,  
to give,  
to receive,  
to rejoice as a child of your Spirit.

And, Lord,  
Teach me how to dance,  
to turn around  
and come down where I want to be,  
in the arms and heart of your people  
and in you,  
that I may praise and enjoy you forever.

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## **Announcement of Congregational Meeting June 4, 2023**

Dear HOPE Family,

Please plan to attend a Congregational Meeting at 10:45AM on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

HOPE Lutheran received an insurance check in 2022 for replacement of the metal roof on the Winds of the Spirit building in the amount of \$30,983.34 which was deposited into our account.

The Property ministry sought bids for replacement, receiving two. One was in the amount of \$11,100 and the second was in the amount of \$22,400. No other bids were received. HOPE Ministry Council requested a third bid at the April, 2023 meeting. Property Ministry team members are still actively seeking a third bid to present at the congregational meeting. Property Ministry also checked into the cost of materials to replace the roof which they feel had cosmetic damage. Material costs were about \$1100.

Property Ministry recommendations to the Council for the May meeting were as follows:

- ⇒ Do not replace the WOTS roof
- ⇒ Pay off the WOTS loan (\$17,018)
- ⇒ Place the remaining balance (\$13,965) in the Capital Improvement Fund to be used on future major improvement projects (such as the roof project)

Rational for these recommendations included:

- ⇒ replacement costs were small
- ⇒ The settlement funds could be used to pay off the WOTS loan
- ⇒ The settlement funds could be used to purchase additional sanctuary chairs, maintain the parking lot, purchase a church building humidifier or replace the older asphalt roof, use for construction of a columbarium, or replace the roof if needed in the future.

The church council discussed these options thoroughly to make a decision without a majority in agreement with Property's proposal. Due to the fact that the dollar amount is over \$5,000, our constitution requires a vote by members of the congregation. Please make every effort to weigh in on this decision June 4, 2023, at 10:45 am after the worship service. Property ministry members will be there to answer questions.

Nancy Sailer, HOPE Ministry Council President

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**BRING YOUR WIND CHIME TO WORSHIP  
THIS SUNDAY, MAY 28, 9:30am**

Don't forget to bring a wind chime from home to church this Sunday, May 28. We will incorporate the sounds of wind chimes during our reading of the Pentecost text.

Please also remember to wear red to signify the start of the Pentecost season.

See you Sunday!

Thanks!

Phil

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# HOPE FOR CREATION-RF SUMMER SOCIAL

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Glen Park  
East Side Shelter**

**Learn More About  
Hope for Creation**

**Free Meal and  
Refreshments**

Contact:  
[hope4creationrf@gmail.com](mailto:hope4creationrf@gmail.com)

*You're  
Invited!*



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## **“Wednesdays of Wonder”**

**Every 3rd Wednesdays this summer, 6-8PM**

**June 16**

**July 19**

**August 16**

**Cross Generational nights for story telling, art,  
activities, food, & fellowship!  
More details to come!**



**Join this neighborhood celebration on Sunday, June 25th!  
Celebrating all the HOPE we see in our neighbors!**

**10:30- Worship: Celebration of gifts, ministries, volunteers & New Members!!!**

**11:30-1:00- Food trucks, bounce house, games, music, & more!**



## *Women's Cancer Support Group*

River Falls

*Join us*

- Third Tuesday of every month
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- St. Bridget Catholic Church  
211 East Division Street, River Falls

Gather with other women to share encouragement and wisdom about cancer and recovery.



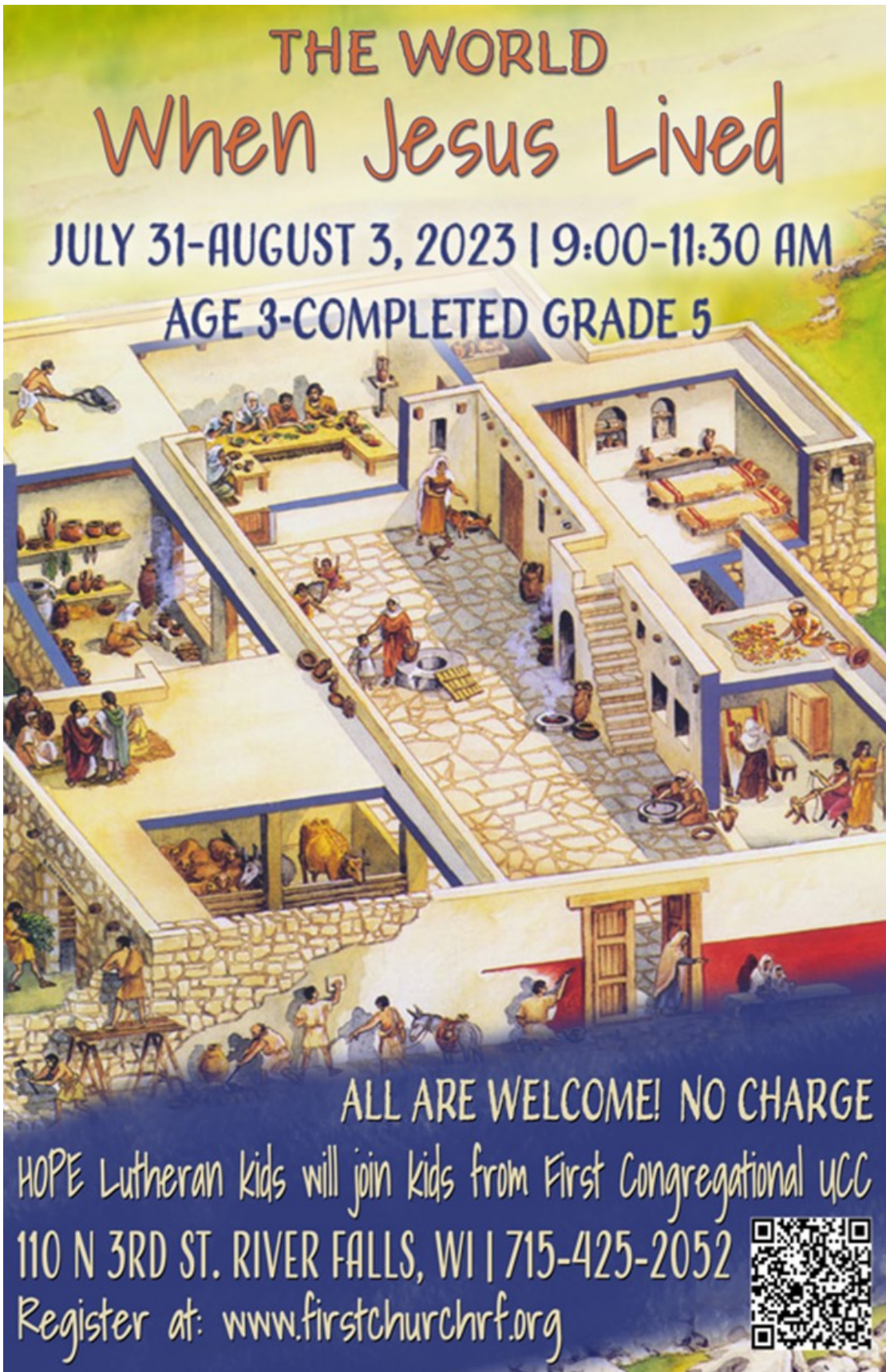
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# THE WORLD When Jesus Lived

JULY 31-AUGUST 3, 2023 | 9:00-11:30 AM

AGE 3-COMPLETED GRADE 5



ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE

HOPE Lutheran kids will join kids from First Congregational UCC

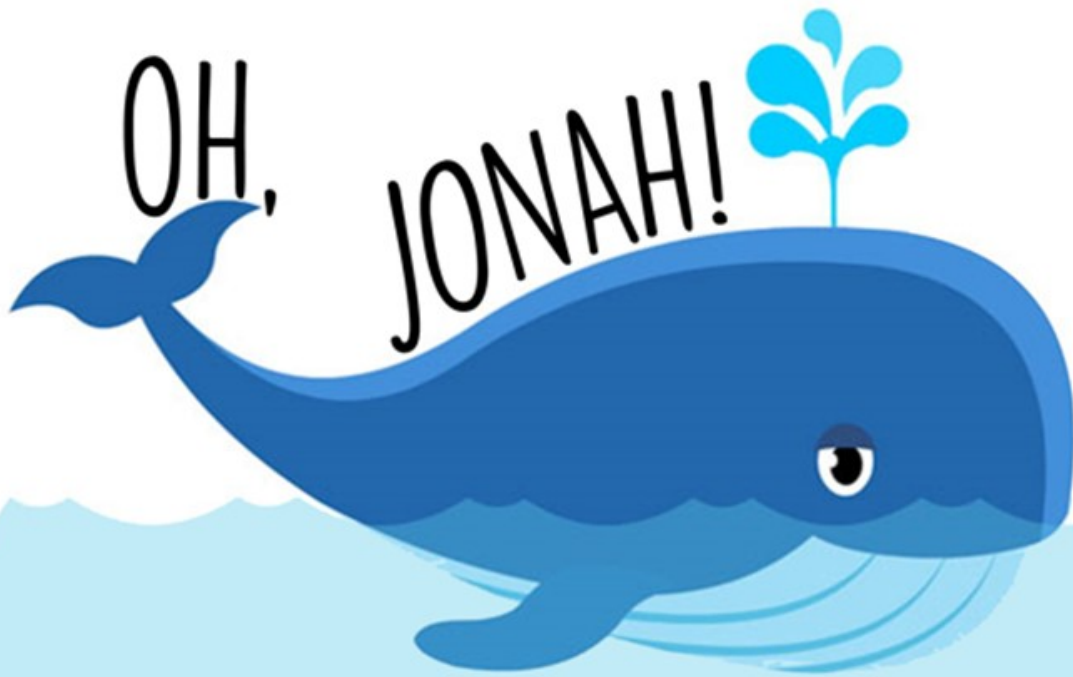
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Register at: [www.firstchurchrf.org](http://www.firstchurchrf.org)





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# CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

July 17-20th, 2023

9:00-noon

Dinner and Performance July 20th, 6:00 PM

Completed Kindergarten - Grade 6

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# *Holy Yoga*

FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM

JUNE 07-AUG 30

*Outdoor yoga, meditation, & reflection*

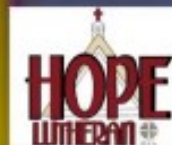
bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!

Cost: FREE WILL offering

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WINDS OF THE SPIRT 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!





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ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH

# GARAGE SALE!

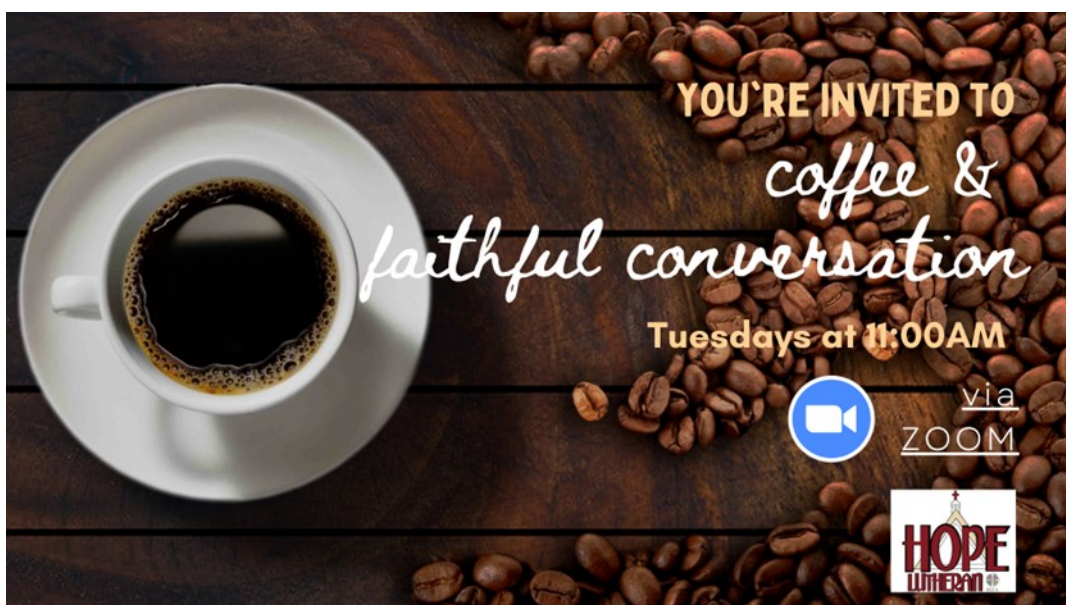
THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

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





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## 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,

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## Please lift up the following people in prayer

David Anderson (Brother of Karen Brohaugh)  
Family of Romeo  
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 Getschel
Grant Klacan
Jean Loudon
Bill Montgomery
Rosemary Nelson
Faye Perkins
Eric Rydland
Mason Shea
Zoe Tokheim
Carly Wunrow



<b>May Anniversaries</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Years to Celebrate</b>
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





**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