

This Week at HOPE August 9, 2023



Holy Happy Hour Today

4:30pm @ Swinging Bridge Brewery

Roundtable Discussion

Last week I came across the following article in *The Atlantic* that a friend shared on social media. It is titled, “The Misunderstood Reason Millions of Americans Stopped Going to Church” and is an opinion piece by Jake Meador, the editor in chief of Mere Orthodoxy. See last week’s “This Week at HOPE” for more information, but we are hosting our 2nd roundtable discussion opportunity on the article and your thoughts it may have spurred! Join us this afternoon at Swinging Bridge (122 S. Main St, River Falls)

[MSN.com Link to Article](#)

[Direct Atlantic Link](#)

Have other articles, books, or other pop culture pieces you’d like us to discuss in future pop ups? Send them to me at hopelutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com

In Christ’s holy mystery,

Pastor Annie Ladnier



A Blessing for Volunteers

By Rev. Meta Herrick Carolson

It is not only what you do,
but how you connect and love
that can transform a role or task
into a gift from God.

God bless your showing up
and the details of your doing.

God bless your willingness
to fail and learn from the process.

God bless your humility and humor
in the heart of what you do best.

God bless your duty and your joy
for this community and impact.

God bless your candor
about what really matters to you.

God bless your flexibility
about the details and outcome alike.

God bless your observations
about who else might be invited to help.

God bless your stepping back
so another can participate more fully.

God bless your openness
to a process of becoming together.

For these are the gifts of God.
And so are you.

You are loved, beloved. Thank you for all you do. In recent weeks I have seen so many of you be the hands and feet of Jesus through our faith community. Know that you are seen and so appreciated! As we welcome and serve our neighbors may you be renewed by God's Holy Spirit! - Pastor Annie

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Saturday fun at the pool!

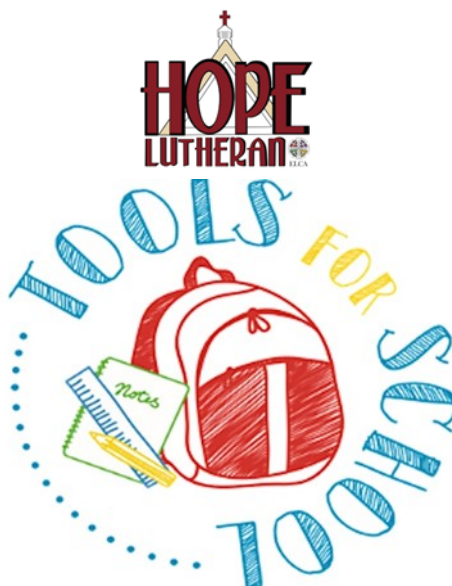




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It's that time of year again! We are once again partnering with local congregations and businesses to sponsor this important annual community event!

All school supply donations are welcomed, but items listed below are of particular need for this year's collection:

Backpacks

- ⇒ Notebooks—both college and wide ruled
- ⇒ Pencil boxes
- ⇒ Glue sticks
- ⇒ Colored pencils
- ⇒ Markers-both wide and thin
- ⇒ Washable markers-both wide and thin
- ⇒ Pens
- ⇒ Pencils (Ticonderoga)
- ⇒ Mechanical pencils
- ⇒ Crayons
- ⇒ Earbuds
- ⇒ Folders
- ⇒ Highlighters
- ⇒ 3-ring Binders and filler paper

The HOPE collection runs through Monday, August 14th (bin located inside sanctuary during the week/on table in WOTS on Sunday mornings).

In addition to your donations, please prayerfully consider donating your time to this wonderful event! Volunteers are needed to help set-up and to accompany students with their shopping and shoe selection! **K-12 volunteers are welcome but can only help with set-up and tear down, as this is a sensitive event for their peers!** All adults are welcome! You can sign-up to volunteer Sundays at worship OR by emailing Stacia Johnso, HOPE's liaison: staciarjohnson@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed:

Monday, August 21st 10-11AM (set up help)

Monday, August 21st 4-7PM (accompany students)*

Tuesday, August 22nd 9:45AM- 12PM (accompany students)

**If this is your first time, please arrive at 3:30PM*

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God's Work/Our Hands Sunday--Potluck

September 10 is our kick-off Sunday for remaining goals in the year. Membership and Congregational Life is asking you to contribute to a potluck that Sunday to be served outside in the Winds of the Spirit building.

If you bring hot food we can put it in the oven or plug in any crockpots outside inside WOTS. Beverages will be provided.

We look forward to the nourishment that enables us to complete projects designed by the Mission Ministry or Green Team.

We look forward to the fellowship on September 10.



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Here is a snapshot of HOPE’s giving vs budget YTD.
Overall we are doing pretty well at this half way point of the year.

Respectfully,
Denise Burkett
Treasurer

General Giving	General Budget	Over/Under YTD + (-)
\$90,799.00	\$94,290.00	(\$3,490.00)
Mortgage Giving	Mortgage Budget	Over/Under YTD + (-)
\$30,058.00	\$31,731.00	(\$1,638.00)
WOS Giving	WOS Budget	Over/Under YTD + (-)
\$6,685.00	\$5,852.00	\$833.00

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Women of the ELCA

Synod Women's Organization of the
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Summer Retreat *St. Croix Valley Conference*

Saturday, August 26, 2023
Redeemer Lutheran Church

1097 Scott Rd., Burkhardt, WI



\$15 Admission Fee
(includes program and lunch)

8:30am—9:00am
Registration and Coffee

9:00am—11:30am
Event
Lunch to Follow

Meet our speaker, Deb Wyss (*pen name Ann Wyse*), who served as a missionary in Tibet for seven years. She will share her living experiences and faith journey. "Chasing Faith Among Yaks and Nomads" is the memoir of her experiences.

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YOUTH NEWS



Wednesdays of Wonder

3rd Wednesdays This Summer!

July 19

6-8PM

**Outdoor Scavenger Hunt
with PRIZES!**

August 16

**End of Summer Campfire Celebration
Dinner included!**



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Holy Yoga

FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM

JUNE 07-AUG 30

Outdoor yoga, meditation, & reflection

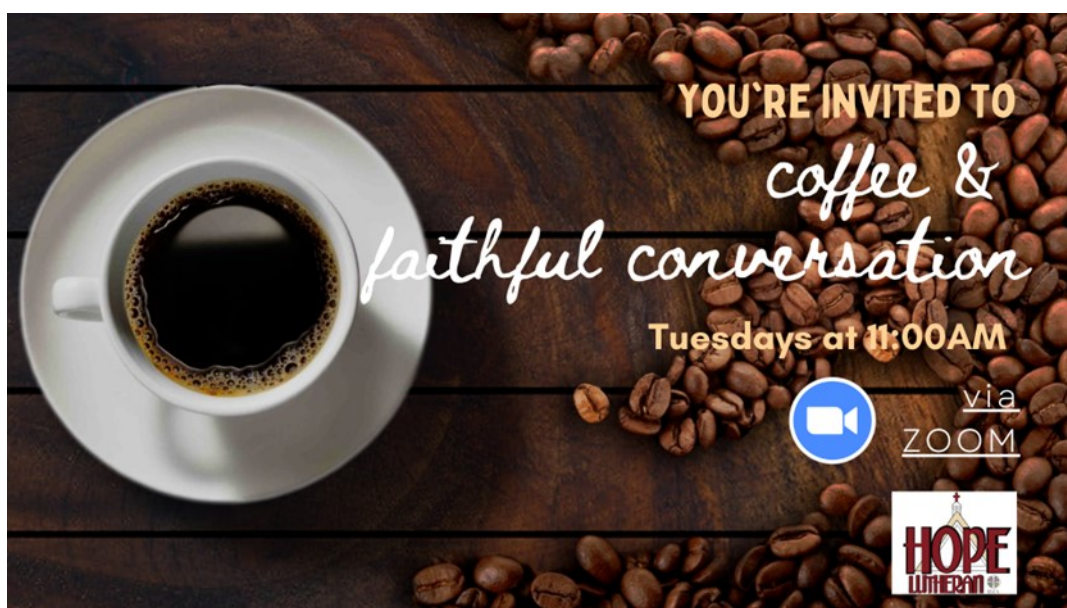
bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!

Cost: FREE WILL offering


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WINDS OF THE SPIRIT PAVILLION


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!



YOU'RE INVITED TO
coffee & faithful conversation
Tuesdays at 11:00AM

 via
ZOOM



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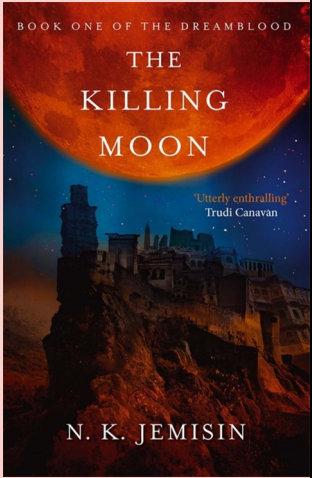


All are invited to participate in the leading of worship!
Ushers, Communion Prep & Assistants, Readers, Prayer Leaders,
Fellowship Hosts, Special Music, Altar Flowers, & Worship Assistants
all add to the beauty of our worship together!
We can help you if this is your first time!
[YOU CAN SIGN UP HERE FOR ANY UPCOMING SUNDAY!](#)

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Upcoming Synod Summer Book Discussions

You are invited to join lay people, pastors, and deacons from across our Synod for thought-provoking conversation on these two books:



The Killing Moon

August 30, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Lead by Pastor Sara Villarreal Bishop

Click [HERE](#) for Zoom link

Meeting ID: 847 5561 7233

The story follows Ehiru, one of the most experienced Gatherers, as things go awry during one of his commissions. Despite his wish to serve a time of penance for his failure, Ehiru is ordered to gather a woman judged corrupt. It soon becomes clear that things are not what they seem: there's a conspiracy lurking at the heart of the Hetawa, shaking the very foundations of Ehiru's faith; more worrisome, though, is that someone is gathering souls in Gujaareh in both the waking and dreaming realm, but their departures look anything but peaceful. Accompanied by his apprentice, Nijiri, Ehiru must team up with the woman he was sent to kill in order to investigate.



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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Please lift up the following people in prayer

The Karshbaum Family
Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Karen Brohaugh and Family
Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)
Family of Marc DuPaul (Nephew of Naomi Brandt)
Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
Charli and Sam King (Friends of Faye Perkins)
David Anderson (Brother of Karen Brohaugh)
Family of Romeo Thompson
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)
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)
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)
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)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi Brandt)
Judy Karshbaum
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)

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August Birthdays



Name	Date
Mitch Nelson	1-Aug
Verna Tweiten	1-Aug
Samuel Leisz	5-Aug
Morgan Leitch	9-Aug
Amelia Forward	10-Aug
Natalie Leisz	13-Aug
Brynn Leitch	13-Aug
Steve Kaste	18-Aug
Lauren Ziebarth	24-Aug
Angela Bohnert	25-Aug
Paula Klacan	25-Aug
Keith Getschel	26-Aug
Lisa Rydland	29-Aug



August Baptisms

- Joseph McIntosh
- Kay Montgomery
- Betty Lou Oppegard
- Camryn Glaubitz
- Tanner Heinselman
- Cameron Leitch
- Alexis Rehbein
- Avery Tokheim

August Anniversaries



Name	Date	Celebrating Years
Richard & Carolyn Jackson	2-Aug	62
Kermit & Sharon Paulson	26-Aug	62
David & Nancy Peters	26-Aug	62
Milo & Betty Lou Oppegard	10-Aug	55
Jeff & Karen Rodewald	31-Aug	38
Grete & Chad Rehbein	15-Aug	14
Russ & Keri Jiskra	24-Aug	4
Jeremy & Traci Wolfe	12-Aug	



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