

# This Week at HOPE August 30, 2023



## What is a Cottage Meeting?

- A term often used when communities of faith desire to spend intentional time together reconnecting and dreaming for the future!
- A chance for a Pastor and small group (8-12 people) to spend time together in a more intimate environment
- An opportunity to grow in relationship with one another and God
- An opportunity to hear about our shared values, hopes and dreams as we plan for HOPE's future!

## When will these be?

- Meetings will begin as early as September 13 and wrap up by November 12
- An extensive option of sessions will be available for you to sign-up when it is convenient for you/your family!
- Weekday, weeknight, and Sunday afternoon options will be available

## Who are these for?

- EVERYONE who calls HOPE their faith community home!
- Adults, Families, Children, & Youth are all welcome!

## What is the format and location?

- Sessions ranging from 1-2 hours depending on conversation, will not exceed 2 hours
- A casual time with snacks or treats provided (not a full meal)
- A variety of HOPE homes, HOPE spaces, or community locations (breweries, restaurants, coffee shops) depending on your host!
- Conversation will build from 3-4 facilitated guiding questions!
- We are looking for host homes!

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## When can I sign-up?

Both in-person and online sign-ups will go live on **Sunday, September 3!** Get ready!



## Noisy Offering Alert!

It's time to start rounding up those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters! Sunday, September 10, as we begin to celebrate the Season of Creation, we will have a GREEN AND NOISY offering to fund our commitment to choosing cleaner, sustainable electricity sources by purchasing Renewable Energy Blocks (REB) from the River Falls Municipal Utility. Last year your gifts enabled us to purchase 31 REB per month for 2023. That's enough renewable energy to supply 100% of HOPE's electricity needs, as well as that of 8 other typical households in our neighborhood!

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God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is fast approaching on September 10. On that Sunday HOPE members will prepare Blessing Bags—ziplock bags filled with useful items for those in need. We will then distribute these bags to Grace Place, Our Neighbors' Place, and keep some at church for members to take with them to distribute. We hope to pack 100 Blessing Bags with your help. The following items are needed:

- Gallon Ziplock bags
- Warm socks men's and women's
- Gloves
- Tylenol packets
- Small deodorant men and women
- Small packages of tissues
- Band aids
- Disposable razors men and women
- Women's feminine products (pads)
- Finger nail clippers
- Combs
- Sewing kits
- Soap
- Small lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste trial size
- Hair binders
- Granola bars soft
- Crackers with cheese
- Crackers with peanut butter
- Tuna packets
- Trail mix pouches
- Mints
- Raisins
- Other snack items are welcome
- Poncho

There is a signup doc on Google docs and there will also be a sign up sheet at

 Blessings Bags -God's Work Our Hands

**Please have all items to the church by Thursday, September 7. Place items in the bins on the pews in either the Eidskog Room or next to the credenza or nearby and they will be found. Thank you. Packing of the Blessing Bags will take place in the sanctuary after the church service on September 10. All ages are welcome. Would love to have the kiddos participate too.**

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**Wednesdays of HOPE Resumes SEPTEMBER 20!!  
REGISTER NOW!**

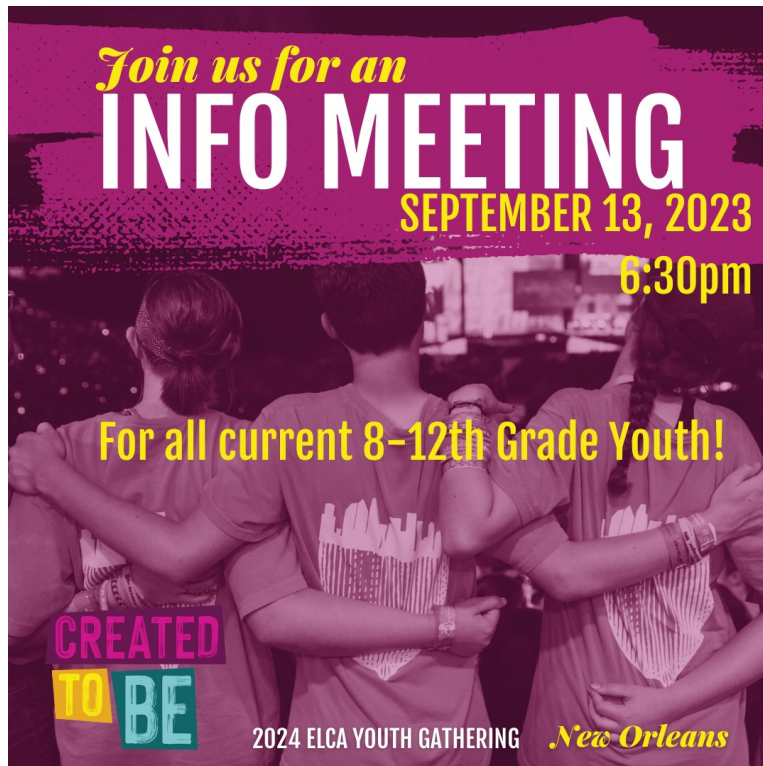
All K-10th+\* grade youth are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM for fellowship, family friendly worship & service, learning, and growing in relationship to Jesus and one another! Our evenings begin with a brief all family style worship, where children & adults help with leadership and a true sense of community is fostered. Youth are then divided into elementary (Faith Adventures) and middle/high (Confirmation) classes for deeper engagement with the evening's themes.

We are once again offering 3 sessions for the 2023-2024 year! Families are welcome to sign-up for whatever sessions work best for them, one, two, or all three! (You can also register for additional sessions at a later time).

The 2023-2024 Wednesdays of HOPE Registration is LIVE now!  
Please register for the fall session by September 10, 2023!

**Teachers and additional onsite helpers are needed to make each night of Wednesdays of HOPE a safe, engaging, and welcoming time for all!** Please consider sharing your time and gifts to help! Sign-up to offer adult help at the September 20th WOH Kick-Off child/adult Orientation meeting, or contact Pastor Annie!

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## **2024 ELCA NEW ORLEANS YOUTH GATHERING INFO MEETING!**

All youth entering 8-12th grade in this fall are eligible to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering set for July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans, LA!! We are excited to be part of this opportunity and hope you are too! Join Pastor Annie for an informational meeting in person or via **Zoom** on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6:30PM.** To learn more go to: <https://www.elca.church/gathering>.



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# *Holy Yoga*

**FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT**

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM

JUNE 07-AUG 30

*Outdoor yoga, meditation, & reflection*

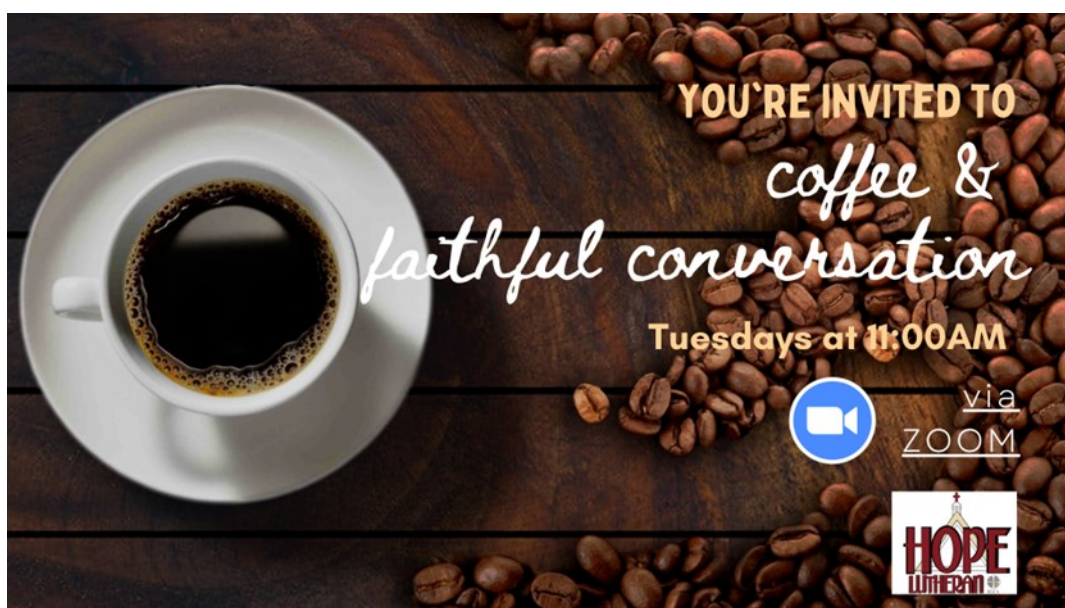
bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!

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!**

## **Bakken-Young Suicide Loss Grief Support Webinar**

To those who serve others whose loved one died by suicide, Bakken-Young is sponsoring a webinar on Thursday, Oct 12, 6:30-8 pm. This virtual event is titled: Living with the Shadow of a Suicide Death, and our speaker is Ciara Warden-Kinsella, LISW.

For more information or to register, please go to this link: <https://bakken-young.com/event/grief-webinar/>.

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## Please lift up the following people in prayer

Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)  
The Karshbaum Family  
Linda Jacobson  
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)  
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
Nancy Peters	30-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