

This Week at HOPE September 20, 2023



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

As we celebrate this Season of Creation, and as we celebrate the fall equinox this week, I share with you this prayer for autumn:

“Waken in Me A Sense of Joy”

A Poem Prayer for Autumn written by Ted Loder in *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*, p. 132

O extravagant God,
in this ripening, red-tinged autumn,
waken in me a sense of joy
 in just being alive,
joy for nothing in general
 except everything in particular;
joy in sun and rain
 mating with earth to birth a harvest;
joy in soft light
 through shyly disrobing trees;
joy in the acolyte moon
 setting halos around processing clouds;
joy in the beating of a thousand wings
 Mysteriously knowing which way is warm;
joy in wagging tails and kids' smiles
 and in this spunky old city;
joy in the taste of bread and wine,
 the smell of dawn,
 a touch,
 a song,
 a presence;
joy in having what I cannot live without—
 other people to hold and cry and laugh with;
joy in love,
 in you;
and that all at first and last
 is grace.



MINISTRY TEAM SUPPORT NEEDED!

We have been blessed to hear from each of our HOPE Ministry Teams over the last few months. I hope you have enjoyed hearing more about how God is at work through each of our teams, putting faces with names, and hopefully wondering where your own gifts might align with what God is up to in this place!

Due to some personal moves we have found that 2 of our teams are in particular need of your leadership/gifts at this time:

1. Education Ministry Team

- a. This team plans, prays for, and leads faith formation opportunities for all ages, but with a significant emphasis on our K-12th grade youth.
- b. At this time we need a chair for this team, as well as some new members
- c. Prayerfully consider if you are being called to help our young people come to know and love Jesus and the world God made.

2. Worship Ministry Team

- a. This team plans, coordinates volunteers, and leads our communal worship gatherings with emphasis on our weekly Sunday services, but also for midweek Advent, Lent, and Holy Week worship.
- b. At this time we need a new chair as our old chair, Michael Stang, has taken a new job and is in the process of moving. We thank Michael for his years of leadership on this team.

Prayerfully consider if you are being called to shape the worship life of our congregation.

Contact Pastor Annie or Nancy Sailer, council President if you are interested!

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MAKING MUSIC
IN THE VALLEY

Collaboration Concert with Music Saint Croix
and the St Croix Jazz Orchestra

Trinity Lutheran Church
Stillwater, MN

September 30, 2023

MAKING MUSIC IN THE
VALLEY

Saturday, September 30, 2023 - 7:30pm

Come and join us for our Collaboration Concert with
Music Saint Croix and the St Croix Jazz Orchestra. This is
our gift to you - the concert is free!



29
OCTOBER
2023

ALL ARE WELCOME!!
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
3337 KINGSBARN AVE, RIVER FALLS, WI

SUNDAY
5:30-7 PM
NIGHT



Spread the word to neighbors & friends!
NOTE: It's on a SUNDAY evening this year!
TRUNK HOSTS NEEDED! SIGN UP HERE!

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Save the date for An Evening at Hope, Saturday, Oct 14 6pm - 9pm

We are excited to announce the return of Hope's social event of the fall, now called An Evening at Hope! Music, food and fun will be the order of the evening, at our beautiful Winds of the Spirit pavilion, Saturday, October 14th, 6pm to 9pm.

As before, great music and great food will be the draw for Hope members and community friends alike. Valuable items will be available for auction, with auction proceeds going to a local charity.

Hope members are needed to volunteer to make this evening a success. Please contact the church office to choose where you can help!

Please consider donating an auction item, this year with a higher minimum value of \$50, (to simplify the evening's checkout process). Auction items will need to be submitted by Wednesday Oct. 11.

Tickets can be purchased online at Hopelutheranrf.com

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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?

- ⇒ OUR NEXT MEETING OPTIONS ARE Monday, Sept. 25 at 7PM & Wednesday, October 11 @10AM
- ⇒ Multiple sessions are available for you to sign-up when it is convenient for you/your family!
- ⇒ Weekday, weeknight, and Sunday afternoon options are available-some spots still need hosts!

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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All are invited to join Pastor Annie for this weekly small group conversation and Bible study!

This is a great chance to grow in relationship with God and one another.

We meet via Zoom so all can join from wherever you are!



Eggs will be back this fall for purchase.

The donations will go to Youth Ministry events.

Thanks for supporting our youth here at HOPE!!

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**Wednesdays of HOPE STARTS TONIGHT!
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.

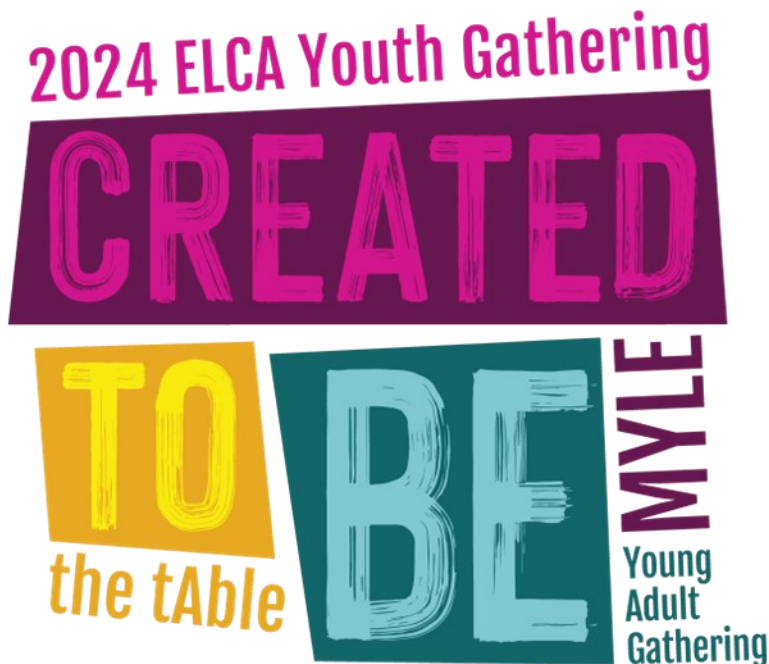
We are once again offering 3 sessions for the 2023-2024 year! Families are welcome to sign-up for whatever sessions work best for them, one, two, or all three! (You can also register for additional sessions at a later time).

The **2023-2024 Wednesdays of HOPE Registration** is LIVE
now!

PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO

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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**REGISTRATION FORMS AND NON-REFUNDABLE
\$75 DEPOSIT**

DUE BY OCTOBER 1ST!

**All current 8-12th grade youth & friends are invited to
The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in
NEW ORLEANS, LA!
July 16-20, 2024!**

[FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK HERE](#)



Battery recycling now available at HOPE

PREPARE

**These types of batteries must have their
terminals covered by clear tape:**

Lithium primary (including button cells),
Lithium ion, Sealed lead-acid, any battery
greater than 9 volts. If you're not sure -
tape the terminals.

LOOK!

for the "Battery Solutions" recycling
bucket near the entry.



Deposit your batteries in the bucket!

Thank you!



Special Offering for Renewable Energy Blocks Still Open!

If you were unable to contribute last Sunday to the special offering that allows HOPE to buy Renewable Energy Blocks for our electricity needs, as well as for others in our community, you may easily still do so by mailing or dropping off your gift to Olive in the main office. We had a wonderful response in giving last Sunday, and are well on our way to being able to purchase our goal of about 35 REB per month in 2024, but could still use a bit more help in getting there.

Thank you from the Green Team!

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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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Are you wondering where the Holy Spirit might be directing the church in the future? Come and see! Join us for the

FRESH EXPRESSIONS WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1:

October 21, 2023

10:00 - 12:30 - Eau Claire Library

Workshop 2:

January 13, 2024

10:00 - 12:30 - Eau Claire Library

Workshop 3 - Celebration!

April 20, 2024

12:30 - Luncheon

The Brewing Project - Eau Claire, WI

"Fresh Expressions is a movement of the Holy Spirit cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations to reach a changing world."

Deep Roots, Wild Branches, pg. 53



Register at: <https://nswi.org/home/calendar>



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Ken Jones (Father of Martie Guthrie)
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)
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)



September Birthdays

Sarah Bondhus	3-Sep
Zachary Heinselman	6-Sep
Mariah Sandberg	8-Sep
Keri Jiskra	8-Sep
Garrett Larson	8-Sep
Dale Wegleitner	8-Sep
Jane Terkelsen	10-Sep
Jeff Rodewald	12-Sep
Isaac Hansen	20-Sep
Dan Rodewald	27-Sep
McKenna Brill	30-Sep
Vicki Siebold	30-Sep

September Baptisms

Brynn Leitch
Nancy Sailer
Vicki Siebold
Dale Wegleitner



September Anniversaries

Celebrating
Years

Keith & Cara Getschel	16-Sep	34
Tyson & Wendy Tokheim	23-Sep	23
James & Debra James	27-Sep	21

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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