

This Week at HOPE October 4, 2023



*Then God said, let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.
+Genesis 1:26.*

Greetings, Grace and peace from the Hope Stewardship Ministry Team.

In the next four weeks we will reflect on how God generously puts grace into action, from home making to bridge building acts of mercy and how we, the children of God, created in the image of God, can do the same.

Let's start at the very beginning... a very good place to start. Right from the beginning of Genesis we see God as creator, organizer, decorator, feeder, teacher, gardener, and builder of this world we call home. In the beginning God separated the light from the dark and separated heaven and earth. He separated the dry land and the seas. He created his kitchen; God put forth vegetation, plants with seed and trees bearing fruit in which were their seed, then God organized it... not unlike the process to organize meals for Grace Place, or the bowling for Ukraine & Habitat, or an evening at Hope, where the proceeds will go to Turningpoint, the local domestic and sexual violence shelter.

God created lights in the heavens to separate day from night. As signs of the season, days, and year. God made two great lights- the sun and moon. The seasons, like the Season of Creation we celebrate at HOPE, affirm this.

Next God filled the oceans with swarms of living creatures and let the birds fly above and allowed them to multiply. He created creatures on the land according to their kinds. God created, organized, and decorated the world. Lastly, God created humans in God's own marvelous and mysterious image, and blessed them and gave them dominion overall. God graciously made the cosmos, and we are called to act in God's image by making HOPE Lutheran into a microcosm within that larger one, a place where everyone can feel at home. If you've found a home here, or have been moved by one of the ministries just mentioned, we hope you'll help make sure our little microcosm stays as graceful and active as possible.

On the next page, you'll find a brief testimony from Ellen Roose a homemaker in our midst. We hope you'll read her thoughts on God, home, and the microcosm we're building together at HOPE.

Linked here is also the **2024 HOPE Commitment Card**. We will include it over the next several weeks and whenever you see it, try praying the prayer printed within it. Spend time considering how you want to respond to God's Grace in Action. Then fill it out and submit it by Commitment Sunday, October 29th OR fill out a paper Commitment Card and bring it along on that Commitment Sunday when we will joyfully put our God-given grace into action together!

Grace and peace,

The 2024 Stewardship Team

(Denise Burkett, Keith Getschel, Martie Guthrie, Jason Neuhaus, Ellen Roose, & Pastor Annie)

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Ellen Roose

Moving during a worldwide pandemic was not the brightest thing I have done, nor the easiest. I was broken and lonely. My marriage was crumbling and none of the things I had been using to stay physically or mentally healthy were even a thing. Church was there but suffering too.

So I moved...and became even more lonely. I had occasional people speak to me, but I didn't recognize them if it happened again. I tried to volunteer – the answer was no.

One day I rewatched Shawshank redemption – I was at a get busy living or get busy dying point. That day I started to hike, cook, bake, read again... and look for a church.

All were in the running. It came down to HOPE and one other church. I found that HOPE challenged me to be a better me, were not afraid to correct me, and accepted me. When in person church started up again, I realized that HOPE checked all the boxes. I am thankful for this nourishing church body and the concern for each other, creation, and all people. That you strive to live your mission statement.

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An EVENING at
Hope

featuring musical guests
The Barley Jacks Duo

Join us for a fresh air fundraiser
October 14th, 2023
6:00-9:00PM

Enjoy Small Bites & Beverages
Raffle, Auction Items, and More!
\$25/person (includes 1 drink token)
Visit www.hopelutheranrf.com for tickets,
available at church and at door!

HOPE LUTHERAN
3337 Kingsbarn, Ave. River Falls, WI

Brian Wicklund and Mike Cramer sing original
vocals & play jaw-dropping instrumentals.
Skip through the realms of bluegrass, celtic, Appalachian
and jazz in one great evening of music and fun!

Winds of the Spirit - Hope Lutheran
www.hopelutheranrf.com Phone: 715-425-9750

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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Now that we have concluded our 2023 celebration of the Season of Creation, the HOPE Green Team is setting forth a new goal! **The team is seeking your assistance and participation in a mindful initiative to greatly reduce the use of plastic at HOPE.**

Plastic waste is ubiquitous, long lasting, and potentially quite harmful to many facets of the environment. As stewards having the privilege of caring for this special place where we gather to worship the Creator and to be nurtured by God's Spirit and the beauty of our surroundings, we strive to protect and restore, rather than neglect and harm. We all have the opportunity to be caring stewards when we choose to be responsible consumers of resources and producers of waste by reducing our use of plastic where possible.

Thinking of the words from Ezekiel and Pastor Annie's recent sermon, we hope all can embrace this initiative as an opportunity to "Turn and Live". As we turn away from the convenience and availability of plastic, and seek less harmful options, we are not only sustaining life for ourselves, we protect the necessary elements of life for our world neighbors. We take a small step of faith toward cleaner water, more breathable air, and uncontaminated food for all.

As we engage in our ministry together, we encourage you to be mindful of the use of plastic supplies and packaging. For example, during God's Work, Our Hands Kick-Off Sunday, our Congregational Life team used compostable products rather than plastic and opted to wash silverware rather than use plastic utensils. For our upcoming Trunk or Treat, our Education and Congregational Life teams are refraining from plastic goodie bags, opting for paper instead, and being careful not to purchase more one time use plastic trinkets as goodies. If your ministry team has a question about an upcoming event, please don't hesitate to consult with us and we can assist you in navigating more environmentally friendly possibilities!

And don't forget about our new Trex plastic film recycling bin, right here at HOPE!

In God's Love,

The HOPE Green Team

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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?

VARIOUS times/locations through early November! The next option is set for Wednesday, October 11 @10AM at the home of Connie & Leonard Juaire!

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!

When can I sign-up?

RIGHT HERE!!! OR on paper sign-ups on Sunday mornings!

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Bethay Lutheran Church invites you to a Biblical Faith Journey..

“STORIES FROM THE PAST,
Lessons for Today, Hope for the Future

“Incredible, poignant, piercing
through time right to the heart
of where we are living today.”
-Aglow International

“Gripping and engaging”
-Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowle

Friday, Oct. 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM
“Too Old, Too Busy, Too Sinful”
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM
Family Friendly Program
“Queen Esther, Lot’s Wife, The Lost Coin”

Bethany Lutheran Church
35 West Messenger
Rice Lake, WI 54868
Open to all: Men, Women, School Age Children
Free Will Offering
Contact Church at 715-234-9028 or
Mike Diercks
715-736-1981

performed by Anita Gutschick
WOMEN of the BIBLE
www.womenofthebible.com



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& PIE FOR DESSERT!

Thursday, October 19, 2023
at 5:00 - 7:00 PM

1097 SCOTT ROAD
BURKHARDT, WI 54016

FREE WILL OFFERING



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

**HOPE will hand out goodie bags at
Trunk or Treat, Sunday October 29th.
Wrapped treats are welcome!
Please leave at the church by October 22nd.**

Thank You!

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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!

ADULT HELPERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE

Have you ever wondered what our children and youth get up to on Wednesday nights here at HOPE?

Did you know that you are welcome to join the fun anytime?

This year we are extending a special invitation for all adults to serve as snack hosts and teachers!

Teachers and Snack Hosts 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 at the links above or contact Pastor Annie!

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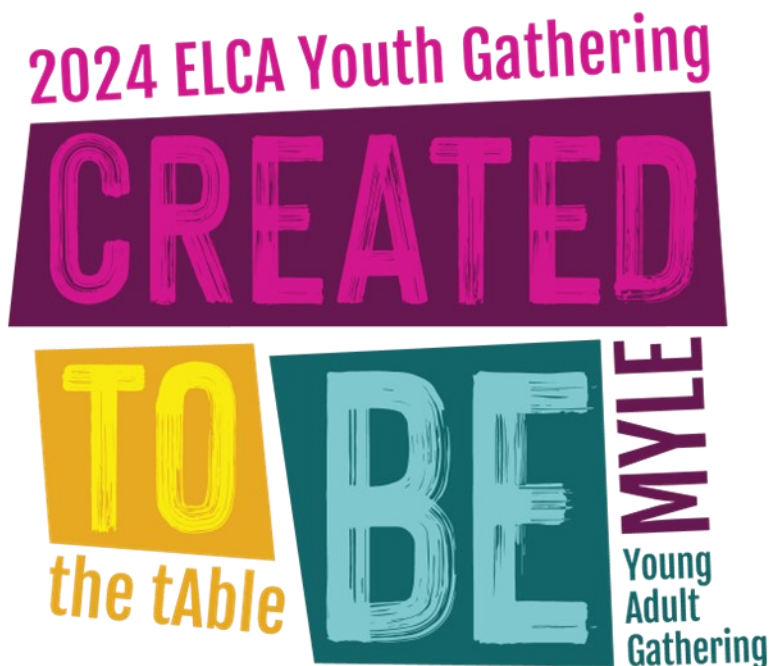
**FALL SESSION IS LIVE NOW-NOVEMBER 15!
ALL ARE WELCOME**

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 Snack Hosts 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 at the links above 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](#)

HOPE will be remembering our college students while they prepare for finals. Please submit your students addresses by November 19th. You can send them via email to

[hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hopolutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com)



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!

Green with
HOPE



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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

Betty Lou Oppegard and Family
Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)
Mary Louise Olson & Family (Friends Jeff & Karen Rodewald)
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)
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)
Naomi Brandt and family
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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October Birthdays	Date
Carolyn Jackson	2-Oct
Nancy Sailer	3-Oct
Debra James	5-Oct
Lucy VanOverbeke	5-Oct
Kevin James	10-Oct
Morgan Torntore	15-Oct
Kermit Paulson	16-Oct
Karen Brohaugh	16-Oct
Arol Thompson	20-Oct
Pastor Annie	20-Oct
Nathan Clark	22-Oct
Carrie Knudsen Hendrickson	29-Oct
Eden Ladnier	29-Oct
Nick Johnson	30-Oct

October Baptisms

Keith Getschel
Sarah Bondhus
Nancy Peters
Carolyn Jackson
Paula Klacan
Erin Nelson
Madison Ziebarth
Danielle Tokheim
Lillian Brill
Deb Tokheim
Camryn Glaubitz



October Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Dale & Jan Wegleitner	6-Oct	50
Roger & Verna Tweiten	21-Oct	62
Ryan & Samatha Brill	24-Oct	14

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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