

# This Week at HOPE October 25, 2023



*Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." -John 8:31-32*

Dear HOPE Family,

Over the last few weeks, we've been exploring what "Grace in Action" looks like, for God and for us. This week, as we approach our Commitment Sunday on October 29th, we also celebrate Reformation Sunday in the Lutheran Church! For us it is *all about God's good and amazing grace!* John's words above remind us that following in the way of Jesus is to walk in the truth of God's love and grace, and living in *that way sets us free to love like Jesus.*

It sets us free to be homemakers for God's Kingdom here and now, to share God's welcome, forgiveness, and hospitality in exceedingly generous ways, to respond to the needs of our neighbors without fear or hesitation, and to be reformed and always reforming when God calls us to new ways of being God's people and Christ's Holy Church in the world!

This week, we also hear scripture from Jeremiah 31 and Psalm 46. Psalm 46 ends with "Be still and know that I am God." We are reminded that God is always with us no matter what. Trusting in this empowers us to boldly share the gifts God has given us to use in service of God's love. We do this every Sunday in worship and song, in baptism and in forming the faith of our children and youth, in our wide welcome of neighbors, and our desire to be a compassionate community of faith.

The prophet Jeremiah declares, "*Behold the days are coming says the Lord when I will make a new covenant..this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*" We have God's own loving desire written on our hearts! And this Sunday, as we come forward with our new financial covenants, we do so trusting that God has given us everything we need in order to respond to the holy invitations for homemaking, prodigal hospitality, and merciful love of our neighbors.

The gifts you share support the work of others using their gifts to serve on a ministry team, to teach our children, or to reach out in new ways to our neighbors. Your financial commitment helps us care for our building that serves as our practice field for doing God's work in the world. Your commitment helps us enhance our audio visual equipment for better hearing for all and better inclusion for those who join our community online, serving to get God's word to all. Your commitment enables National Night Out, project support to Habitat for Humanity, handing out 538 free root beer floats during River Falls Days, and so much more!

Today, prayerfully consider how God is inviting us into new ways of sharing God's grace & love with our world and how your financial commitment serves as a response to that holy invitation. Then **FILL OUT YOUR ONLINE COMMITMENT CARD** or print and bring in your hard copy THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th ready to be filled out with grace upon grace!

Bless each and everyone,

The HOPE Stewardship Team

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A Stewardship Story by Denise Burkett:

As we now draw our stewardship time to a close, I ask myself, what is my new covenant to HOPE and its works or God's "Pie in the Sky" dreams for us?

Being new to the congregation I've tried to become active in the many opportunities HOPE has to offer. I attended the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly as a representative of HOPE this past year which was very informative. Just learning of the Synod's goals for the Church this year and knowing the hours spent behind this meeting, just warms my heart because of God's work through so many.

I helped set up for a funeral one Saturday in Winds of the Spirit (WOTS). Just observing how many members came out and worked together to get this set up in a short time made me glad I was part of this family of Hope.

I see God's work in the many people who prepare for each Sunday service, especially with the outside services being more work. But it is such an amazing space for services! Enjoying God's gift of nature while worshiping is the greatest.

Coming together for National Night Out is months of preparation and such a well attended time with young and old.

I see God's works when we open our church up for blood drives.

I've seen God's work during my all time favorite yoga classes in WOTS.

These are just a very small portion of God's work through each one of us here at HOPE.

My "Pie in the Sky" dream is seeing HOPE grow into a bigger family in service to God and our community. What's yours?

This Sunday, bring your "Pie in the Sky" dreams to worship and complete your **2024 Commitment Card either in person or online**, so we can continue to do God's work together!

Wishing you God's Peace

Denise Burkett

HOPE Treasurer & 2023 Stewardship Team member

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## Thank you to all who have participated in our Fall 2023 HOPE Cottage Meetings!

We have had wonderful, meaningful, heartfelt, and inspiring conversations and I am excited to share more details with you in coming weeks.

I know not everyone who wanted to participate was able to do so. If this applies to you, I strongly encourage you to [CLICK ON THIS FORM](#) to provide me with some dates and times that might work for you in the next few weeks. We definitely want to hear from as many people connected to HOPE in any way, as possible!

In addition to some meeting times with Pastor Annie at church, a number of hosts made these meetings possible! Thank you to:

- ⇒ Nancy Sailer
- ⇒ Alyssa Boock
- ⇒ Connie & Leonard Juairé
- ⇒ Vicki Siebold
- ⇒ Karen & Jeff Rodewald
- ⇒ Dan and Jan Malaney

I look forward to further conversations and seeing where the Holy Spirit takes us next!

Blessings,

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## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 5!**

The first Sunday of November is All Saints Sunday, a day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of the feast to come!

During our worship together we will give special recognition to the names of all those whom we have lost since last All Saints Sunday. Names of ANYONE are welcome!

This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend who has suffered a loss this year. Can we include their beloved's name and share in their grief and hope this year?

If you would like your beloved to be included in that list of names, please send it to Olive in the church office ([hovelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hovelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com)) by **Tuesday, October 31st.**

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**CELEBRATES**  
*New Members*

**Sunday November 5, 2023  
9:30 Worship  
Reception following**

Contact Pastor Annie if interested:  
[hoveluthernanpastor.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hoveluthernanpastor.rf@gmail.com)

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Spread the word to neighbors & friends!  
NOTE: It's on a SUNDAY evening this year!  
**BE A TRUNK HOST! [SIGN UP 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:hovelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com)**

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**FALL SESSION 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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The background of the poster is dark blue. It is decorated with several white snowflakes and golden musical notes. The musical notes are arranged in flowing lines, some with treble clefs and sharp symbols. The text is centered and uses a mix of gold and white colors.

*CAROLS &  
CANDLES*

*ANNOUNCING:  
THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE*

**MONDAYS @ 6:30PM  
NOV. 13  
NOV. 20  
NOV. 27**

**DRESS REHEARSAL  
SAT., DEC. 9 9:30AM**

**CAROLS & CANDLES SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00PM**

**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR CHOIR!**

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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!



### **The Daytime Book Club Is Back!**

The daytime book group will meet Thursday Oct. 26 at 1:00 at Hope. Bring your books, ideas and a friend. Looking forward to seeing you all. It has been too long!



## Our Faithful Response to Israel-Hamas War

*Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me. -Psalm 142:6*

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble- Psalm 46:1*

There is no way that we can understand the full complexities of the current conflict we are witnessing. There are years, centuries, millenia of religious, political, and economic histories at play that we as American Christians can only begin to comprehend.

But I do know that our God abhors violence. I know that God weeps at the death and loss of any part of God's good creation. I know Jesus commands Peter to put his sword back in its sheath and in Peter's first letter he tells us not to repay evil for evil. I know that Jesus tells us that he has sheep in other folds. I know that God desires that all would come to know God's love and mercy. I know we worship a Savior who stands on the side of the oppressed and who, in his parables and stories, painted a just picture of God's Kingdom.

I know that we can pray for God's peace to reign.

I know that we can do our part to tend to those who are wounded physically, spiritually, and mentally in the wakes of war.

I know that we can seek to better understand our global neighbors.

So here is a prayer:

*Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Here is a way to help:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**

And here are some resources to guide you in your learning:

### **Books:**

*Blood Brothers by Elias Chacour (Pastor Annie has a copy you can borrow)*

*I am A Palestinian Christian: God and Politics in the Holy Land: A Personal Testimony by Mitri Rehab*

### **News Pieces/Interviews:**

What Israelis are Thinking and Feeling since the Hamas Attack

Fresh Air for Oct. 11, 2023: The deadly foundations of the war between Israel and Hamas

Link to ELCA resources including Bishop's statements, partner statements and more

May God guide our world into the way of peace,  
Pastor Annie Ladnier



SCAN FOR TICKETS



TICKETS \$25 & UP (18+)  
\$10 (AGES 8-17)  
KIDS 7 OR UNDER FREE



Our Neighbors' Place  
715-426-9000

EVENT AT ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH, 211 E DIVISION ST, RIVER FALLS  
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE, AT THE DOOR, OR AT THE ONP DAY CENTER

OCT. 26, 2023 5-7 PM



# EMPTY BOWLS

Benefitting Our Neighbors' Place RF Backpack Program and Day Center

DELICIOUS SOUPS DONATED BY:



BREAD DONATED BY RISE BAKING / DESSERTS DONATED BY GAGA'S KITCHEN



## **Velkommen**

### **Our Savior's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Lutefisk Supper Thursday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

MENU: Lutefisk with Butter and Cream Sauce  
Meatballs and Gravy  
Riced Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls  
Grot, Norwegian Delicacies, Coffee, Milk  
Serving 2:00 – 6:30PM

Cost: \$20 adult ~ \$12 youth ~ \$7 child ~ 5 & under free

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**Limited tickets – Order early – Deadline October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Take-Out option: Call Gina Place at 1-715-441-9086**

**Dine-In time reservations required:**

**Online Link: [www.oursaviorschurch.info](http://www.oursaviorschurch.info)**

**Church Office Phone: 715-273-4570**

**Email: [office.osbeldenville@gmail.com](mailto:office.osbeldenville@gmail.com)**

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
N6450 530<sup>th</sup> St  
Beldenville, WI 54003



**DON'T BE TRASHY  
RECYCLE YOUR  
PLASTIC!**

**PLASTIC FILM  
RECYCLING**

**Clean, dry, and empty plastic accepted, including:**

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Dry cleaning bags
- Stretch wrap
- Ice bags
- Plastic shipping envelope



- Produce bags
- Ziploc and other food storage bags
- Cereal bags
- Case overwrap
- Salt bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Newspaper sleeves



**EMAIL [HOPELUTHERANOFFICE.RF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOPELUTHERANOFFICE.RF@GMAIL.COM)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**This Week at HOPE October 18, 2023**



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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### Please lift up the following people in prayer

Dave and Deb Haugen (Friends of Ellen Roose)  
Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Friends of Ellen Roose)  
John and Lisa Davis (Friends of Dale & Jan Wegleitner)  
Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)  
Lorraine Brask Family (Mother of Karen Kaste)  
Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)  
Betty Lou Oppegard and Family  
Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)  
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)  
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)  
Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)  
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)  
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