

This Week at HOPE November 15, 2023



Thank You to Special Guest Rev. Sara S.V. Bishop



On Sunday, November 12th Pastor Sara Villareal Bishop, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin's Advocate for Right Relationships joined us for worship and learning about land acknowledgements and growing into better neighbors with our indigenous siblings. Her visit is part of our Mission Team's focus this year to grow in our understanding of our various neighbors and strive to be better neighbors.

Pastor Sara shared a beautiful sermon with us and led us in thought-provoking and inspiring conversation during coffee hour. Unfortunately, we experienced a glitch with our streaming software, so many of you were unable to watch/hear her message. We apologize for that inconvenience. Pastor Sara has given me permission to share her written manuscript of the sermon she shared with us, give or take a few adaptations she made while preaching live.

Please click on **PASTOR SARA'S SERMON** to read her inspiring message.

If you have further questions for Pastor Sara you can email her at: nwswisyn-odadvocate@gmail.com

She is happy to share further conversation with you one on one and she welcomes the opportunity to be with us again to engage in further discovery!

Pastor Sara's visit also aligns with **Native American Heritage Month**. November provides an opportunity for us to get to know more about our indigenous neighbors and how God is at work among their communities. Our native neighbors have rich gifts to share with us as it relates to our understanding of Creator God and our call to be part of Christ's reconciliation work for the whole world.

Here are some other helpful resources for engaging in this learning:

5 Commitments for Native American Heritage Month by Kaitlin Curtice. Indigenous Ministry & Tribal Relations of the ELCA

For further reading/learning here are 2 more personal/synod recommendations:

For a more accessible Non-Fiction read:

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

For a more challenging Non-Fiction read:

Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah.

For a Fiction read that has connections to our region of the country:

The Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

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On Sunday, October 29th we were invited to bring forward our 2024 financial commitments for joining God in the ministry here at HOPE Lutheran. In addition to blessing our commitments we were also given space to name our “Pie in the Sky” ministry dreams for 2024!

What dreams has God laid on your heart for our ministry at HOPE in 2024 and beyond?

How might God be using your individual passions, gifts, and financial contributions to make those dreams a reality?

If you have not already done so, please follow this link to the [2024 HOPE Commitment Card](#) or you can use the QR code:



Naming your commitment will help guide our Ministry Teams and Ministry Council in setting our collective ministry goals for 2024! I am excited to pair our learning from our Fall Cottage Meetings and our Grace In Action Stewardship focus in discovering, naming, and planning for what God is up to at HOPE this coming year and beyond!

You are blessed to be a blessing of Grace in Action for our world!

Pastor Annie Ladnier

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*Kindness is
in your blood*

Blood Drive

Hope Lutheran

3337 Kingsbarn Ave

Friday, November 24, 2023

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**American
Red Cross**

Below is the information you need for setting up an appointment to donate blood

- ⇒ Call 1-800-RED CROSS OR
- ⇒ Go to the website to sign up <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> with the following directions:
- ⇒ Enter zip code 54022 for HOPE Lutheran
- ⇒ Click on Find Drive
- ⇒ Click on Refine Search
- ⇒ Click on Choose My Dates
- ⇒ Change the calendar to November and then click on November 24, 2023
- ⇒ Click on Refine Results

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Advent Midweek Worship

How does a weary world rejoice?

WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS

MEAL: 5:15PM
WORSHIP: 6PM
(HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER)

ENDS 15.03.19
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The poster has a dark blue, textured background with golden stars and constellations. On the left, there is a circular logo with a blue and purple design. The text is in a mix of gold, white, and purple colors.

Advent Fair

Wednesday, November 15th
6-7:30pm

An Intergenerational Night of engaging the the
Advent stories through art & crafts for all ages!

The HOPE Lutheran logo is located in the bottom right corner of the poster. The background is a dark purple and blue textured surface with golden stars and constellations. The title "Advent Fair" is in large, colorful, outlined letters. The event details are in a white rounded rectangle.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DECORATING!

All are invited at 9AM on Saturday, November 25th to help decorate for the season!

We'll have treats, music, fellowship & fun!

Helpers are also needed to return pews/
chairs after our blood drive!



Native American Heritage Month

Did you know that November is **Native American Heritage Month?** This is an opportunity for us to get to know more about our indigenous neighbors and how God is at work among their communities. Our native neighbors have rich gifts to share with us as it relates to our understanding of Creator God and our call to be part of Christ's reconciliation work for the whole world.

It is also a time for us to learn how to be better neighbors to our indigenous siblings. Yesterday, I received this article from the Wisconsin Council of Churches that I found helpful: **5 Commitments for Native American Heritage Month by Kaitlin Curtice.**

In September, the Northwest Synod of WI hosted Vance Blackfox, the Director of Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations as our speaker for our Fall Ministry Retreat. Vance shared about indigenous theology and it was an eye-opening and thought provoking presentation. You can learn more about Vance's and the ELCA's work **HERE.**

On Sunday, November 12th Pastor Sara Villareal Bishop, the Synod Advocate for Right Relationships will be with us to share more about the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement, and help us discover what our role in this work might be. She will share some background on the 2023 Synod Assembly Land Acknowledgement Resolution and what our faithful response to that resolution might be. We will have two opportunities to learn with Pastor Sara during the sermon and an adult forum following worship that Sunday! I hope you can join in this meaningful time together!

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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!



YOUTH NEWS



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:hopenlutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com)

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The poster has a warm, autumn-themed background with orange and yellow swirls, leaves, and a cornucopia-like shape on the left. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout.

River Falls
Community Dinner
DINE-IN
OR TO-GO *A Non-Denominational Event*
Thanksgiving Day
November 23, 2023
11am - 1pm *Held at*
Saint Bridget Catholic Church

We would like to invite you to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is Welcome, young, old, home alone, shut ins, travelers or just because you want to. We offer take-out or delivery this Thursday, for those unable to attend. FREE, or free will offering. We would be pleased to have you attend. Thank You

Please register in spotlight area on stbridgets.org

Designed by: 

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REGISTER TODAY

You are invited to join Deacon Lidixe Montoya and Michelle Pride to Trouble the Waters. Based on the ELCA's Social Statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture" this 18-session course explores the power, privilege, and prejudice that belongs to White Christians.

Many of us know racism is a sin – a mix of power, privilege, fragility, and prejudice. As leaders and members of primarily White congregations in a White denomination in a mostly White state, we are called upon to recognize the power of implicit bias and whiteness in order to live more fully as the people of God.

Join as individuals or with a group for awareness & growth and to work for change together within your congregations and communities. We will examine the history of the United States, the church, and your own personal history for the legacy of White Privilege. This is an intentional journey to enter into addressing hard questions, or what needs to die in order for new life to rise.


Sign up to join your neighbors in Troubling the Waters here:
<https://subsplash.com/northwestsynodofwisconsin/lb/ev/+m45ms55>

Access Participant Materials here:
<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Racial-Justice>

To learn more contact:
Deacon Lidixe Montoya: neighbor2neighbor@nswi.org. or
Michelle Pride: mapride@hotmail.com



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Troubling the Waters

Course Schedule

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
via Zoom

Advent	
• December 5	Behold God's Vision
• December 12	Remembering Stories
• December 19	Brokenness and Promise
Epiphany	
• January 9	Listening and Learning
Lent	
• February 20	Searching for What is Lost
• February 27	Entering the Story of the United States
• March 5	Examining Attitudes of Privilege
• March 12	Entering the Story of the Church
• March 19	Examining the Construction of Culture
• March 26	Entering My Story of Privilege
Easter	
• April 9	Entering the Healing Waters
• April 16	Walking the Journey Toward New White Identity
• April 23	Building Toward a Multicultural Church
Pentecost	
• May 7	Stepping Out in Faith
• May 14	Beholding God's New Vision
• May 21	Taking Steps to Act
• June 4	Reporting Back and Reflecting
• June 11	Experiencing Change...Praising God...Continuing the Journey



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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!



**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
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

John Weller (Karen Brohaugh's cousin)
Greg Rosenthal (Family member of Karen Brohaugh)
Ken Jones Family (Martie Guthrie 's father)
Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)
Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family 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)
Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
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)
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)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi Brandt)
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson

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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!](#)



November Birthdays

Dianne H-Robinson	1-Nov
Linda Yde	1-Nov
Greta Wunrow	3-Nov
Linda Jacobson	7-Nov
Grace Hansen	8-Nov
Charles Bricton	16-Nov
Mallory James	16-Nov
Mikey Langlois	16-Nov
Karen Rodewald	21-Nov
Phillip Klacan	22-Nov
Deb Tokheim	29-Nov



November Baptisms

McKenna Brill
Karen Brohaugh
Russ Jiskra
Kermit Paulson
Jane Terkelsen
Lucy VanOverbeke
Dan Rodewald
Linda Yde



November Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Nick & Stacia Johnson	08-Nov	15
Annie & Lucas Ladhier	07-Nov	8

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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