



There is still time to make a donation!

ANNOUNCING: FALCON LINKS FOOD DRIVE

Did you know that UWRF now has their very own social worker on campus to assist over 30 students who are system impacted?

This means they may have been in foster care, relative care, or orphaned; have incarcerated parents, experienced mental health hospitalization, or some other type of system impact. [UWRF Falcon Links](#) aims to provide guidance, support, and resources to these students so they can get their basic needs met and be successful college students. Many of the Falcon Links students are first generation college students. They often fall below the poverty line, lack a support system, and cannot get their basic needs met. Falcon Links helps to get students resources such as housing over school breaks, employment, food, hygiene items, access and navigation of healthcare, mental health resources, dental care, eye care, and other resources! If students can't get their basic needs met, it becomes nearly impossible to be a successful student. Falcon Links helps make both happen. Make sure to click on the link above to see the full scope of what Falcon Links does!

A few weeks ago, many of you came forward with generous gifts for a little boy, Breccan Olson, who was in the hospital with a severe GI infection that led to dialysis. His mother, Alyssa, just happens to be the Falcon Links social worker! When she was thinking of community partners, the personal generosity she experienced through HOPE caused her to reach out on behalf of her students! I have no doubt we will be just as eager to support these students!

So, during the month of April the HOPE Mission Team invites you to bring in the following items:

- ✝ Ready to microwave meals
- ✝ Granola bars
- ✝ Mac and cheese/pasta/sauce
- ✝ Soups
- ✝ Fruit cups
- ✝ Ready to microwave rice/rice meals
- ✝ Snacks
- ✝ Peanut butter
- ✝ Anything high protein
- ✝ Shelf stable milk
- ✝ Shelf stable chicken and tuna
- ✝ Spaghettios
- ✝ Poptarts
- ✝ Pedialyte/Gatorade
- ✝ Students are also able to accept gift cards that are \$25 in value without having it impact their financial aid.

The final day for our collection will be SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH!

Freddy Falcon joined the fun making Prayer Flags for Earth Day!



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There were many creative hands at work on Wednesday!



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Bishop Laurie-Skow-Anderson was here on Wednesday night to help the kids make their Prayer Flags for Earth Fest



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Great Job Everyone!



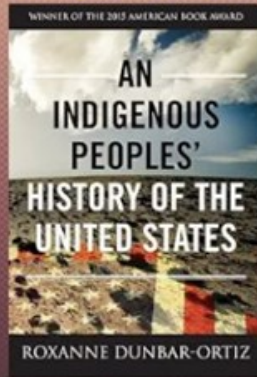
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You're Invited!

**HOPE Community
Book Read & Discussion
Discussion #3 April 28
following worship**

Chapters 9-12



Discussions related to the history of the United States from the Indigenous experience as a step toward Truth & Healing.
What does this mean for us as people of HOPE?

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WONDERFUL WORTH OF A WOMAN

The Joys, Challenges, & Influences



2024 WELCA Retreat

Wed. June 5 & Thur. June 6

Presenter: Pastor Lori Peper

Music: Northern Lakes Worship Team

Hosted by: Chippewa Valley Conf. Jacki Johnson – coordinator 715-864-1489

Held at: Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 ¼ Stret Chetek, WI

Full 2 day - Retreat - Early Bird Registration \$90 postmarked by 5/15/24. \$100 postmarked after 5/15/24
This includes 4 meals, overnight lodging in a handicapped accessible cabin, cabins sleep 6 women, Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for overnight stay: Bible and pen along with personal items, towels, pillows, bedding or sleeping bag, flashlight, swimsuit (if you want to swim), snacks, camera, and spending money.

One day only, Early Bird Registration \$60 postmarked by 5/15/24. \$70.00 postmarked after 5/15/24
This includes 2 meals, Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for one day retreat: Bible and pen along with swimsuit (if you want to swim), towel, camera, and spending money.

NO ONSITE Registration and *No early check-ins for Cabins*

Registration: Wednesday - 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. in the Ministry Center

Thursday - 7:30 A.M. – 7:45 A.M. in the Ministry Center

Retreat begins at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday and concludes at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday

A free will offering will be taken each day with proceeds going to WELCA and Feed My People

-----PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM AS NEEDED-----

Make Checks Payable to WELCA (not your church or Luther Park)

Send to: Barb Krug, 883 Brucker Street Medford, WI 54451 **Questions:** call or text 715-965-5696

Name: _____ **Is this your 1st retreat?** _____

Address: _____ **Email** _____

Telephone: _____ **Church and City** _____

If attending only one day – which day? _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? _____

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join us Saturday, May 11th at 9:00am for outside spring clean up at HOPE Lutheran. There is a variety of needs: flower-beds, bush trimming, table adjusting & cleaning, storage clean out, staining, carpentry (make benches, trim in WOTS), mowing training, and much more!

Sign up at church or contact psrudesill@gmail.com



Interested in organic gardening? HOPE Garden has plots available (10'x50' or 10'x25'). Garden Rules are on the HOPE website main page under announcements. If interested or questions, contact psrudesill@gmail.com by April 26th. Gardens open May 1st.



YOUTH NEWS



Spring Session begins April 10th!

Join us as we explore:
“Faith in Daily Life”

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!

This spring we are focusing on “Faith in Daily Life” and we’ll be learning about and experiencing different dimensions of our discipleship:

April 10: Exploring different ways to pray

- ✝ April 17: Faith in Service with HOPE’s Green Team to prep for EarthFest with guest BISHOP LAURIE SKOW-ANDERSON
- ✝ April 24: Exploring Our Faith through ART (with special leader Karen Rodewald)
- ✝ May 1: Holy Communion Milestone Night 1: exploring how Holy Communion nourishes us to live out our faith (night 1 of 2)
- ✝ May 8: Holy Communion Milestone Night 2 & END OF YEAR WRAP UP!

If you have not already done so, you can register for the Winter session here:
[2023-2024 Wednesdays of HOPE Registration](#)

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 St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Week

[YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR A BUILD DAY HERE](#)

Workdays are from 9-3:30, with half shifts available

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old,

Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

This year's build is a bit different – rather than a new, ground-up build, we will be rehabbing a town home in Somerset! We're very excited to be expanding the scope of our projects in this way, as a shorter construction period will allow us to take on more builds and serve more families! Spring schedules can be busy, so talk with your HOPE friends about a day/time that works best for you and sign-up! Women and men are welcome on these project days.

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All are invited & needed to participate in the leading of worship!
Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Want to help but not sure what the job entails?
Learn more in our [Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

2024 ALTAR GUILD/COMMUNION SET-UP HELP STILL NEEDED!

We are still in need of people willing to prepare the Altar for Sunday morning worship each week. This opportunity allows you the opportunity for a monthly rotation. Please sign up here:

[COMMUNION SET-UP/ALTAR GUILD HELPERS](#)

For a description of how to fulfill this role check out the [Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP HOST STILL NEEDED!

We have been blessed with a pretty steady return of our Sunday fellowship time, but we do have an opening this coming Sunday!

You can [SIGN UP HERE](#) or contact Pastor Annie if you are able!

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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!



CHANGE IN EGG SALES

Going forward, if you would like to purchase eggs in support of HOPE's Youth Ministry, please contact Karen Rodewald at 715-222-2551.

You can either pick them up at HOPE or come to our farm at 249 State Rd 65 River Falls.

This will ensure the freshest eggs for you!

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Please continue to hold Karen Hamilton in your prayers as she recovers from a very rough fall that she had while in San Diego, CA. She will be in recovery for multiple weeks. You can send her some cheer and encouragement at the following address:

Karen Hamilton
% Torrey Pines Assisted & Senior Living
13101 Hartfield Ave
San Diego, CA 92130

Please lift up the following people in prayer

Jacob Dan and family (Friends of Jeff Rodewald)
Karen Hamilton
Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)
Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)
Sharon & Kermit Paulson
The Family of Barbara McIntosh
Brooke Grant (niece of Margaret Anderson)
Family of Mike Roy (Friend of Karen Rodewald)
Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy & David Peters)
David Anderson (Karen Brohaugh's brother)
Ed and Gwen Paulson
Randy Dopkins (Family friend of Olive Olson)
Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)
John Weller (Cousin of Karen Brohaugh)
Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)
Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)
Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)
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)
Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)
Hannah Forward
Amanda Olson (daughter of Olive Olson)
Ella Conover (Phil & Paula's Klacan's Niece)
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)
Teajai Schmidt (Relative of Boock family)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson

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April Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Will Bohnert	2-Apr
John Hamilton	2-Apr
Sawyer Filarsky	4-Apr
Michael Stang	5-Apr
Jean Loudon	11-Apr
Traci Wolfe	11-Apr
Cathy Wunrow	11-Apr
Faye Perkins	14-Apr
Lori Leitch	29-Apr

April Baptisms



Margaret Anderson
Louis Bernard
Charles Eaton
Marc Guthrie
Hazel Ladnier
Sharon Paulson
Jack Stang
Maxwell VanOverbeke
Ben Wunrow
Amanda Ziebarth



		Celebrating
Gary & Vicki Siebold	21-Apr	23 Years
Eric & Lisa Rydland	30-Apr	19 Years