



Mission & Values

MISSION

**HOPE is called by God to look beyond ourselves.
We walk together in faith,
treasuring all people and sharing with them
the love, hope and acceptance that is in Christ.**

HOPE VALUES

**All people without exception
Serving Generously
Spiritual Nourishment
Our Connection with Creation**

This Week at HOPE January 21, 2026

WEEKLY WORD:

Lament is Holy, Scriptural, and an Appropriate Response in The Face of Trauma and Grief

By Pastor Annie Ladnier

"The condition of truth is to allow suffering to speak" -Cornel West

Read [Psalm 94](#)

"A Prayer of Lament" from *All Creation Sings*, p. 61

As you prepare to say this prayer in your own devotional space, you are encouraged to light a candle. Then take a few moments just to breathe:

INHALE: *How long, O God?*

EXHALE: *This is too much to hold.*

INHALE: *I am not okay*

EXHALE: *God, with you I am safe.*

Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you.
We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace.
Come quickly to help us, O God; save those who call upon your name.

A time of silence may follow each lament and response. Name specific people, situations, or places.

We hear of hateful violence and senseless killing . . .
. . .and your people cry: How long, O Lord?
We feel the suffering, sorrow, and shame of the oppressed . . .
. . . and your people cry: How long, O Lord?
We fear that justice will again be delayed or denied . . .
. . . and your people cry: How long, O Lord?
We recognize patterns of privilege and systems of discrimination . . .
. . . and your people cry: How long, O Lord?
We weep for the victims of . . .
. . . and your people cry: How long, O Lord?
We pray for an end to . . .
. . . and your people cry: How long, O Lord?
We long for a day when . . .
. . . and your people cry: How long, O Lord?

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding—the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray.

Amen.

As you end the prayer, using a small bowl of water, trace a cross on your forehead as a reminder of your baptism. Once again take a few deep breaths:

INHALE: *I don't have to hold every pain at once.*

EXHALE: *I can feel and not be consumed.*

INHALE: *Tears are sacred*

EXHALE: *and hope is resistance.*

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We still have the following roles open in the next 2 weeks!
Please consider signing up:

January 25th: ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

Ushers
Altar Flowers

****Everyone is invited to bring entries for Best Soup & Best Bar****
Additional set-up/clean-up help is welcome!

February 1st Needs:

Assisting Minister
Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up
Ushers
Acolyte
Altar Flowers

IF YOU CAN SERVE PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

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

**ANNUAL
MEETING
& MEAL**



**Enter to Win:
Best Soup
or
Best Bar**

DATE
JANUARY 25, 2026

TIME
10:45 AM

Come celebrate another year of God's amazing ministry and lift up our dreams for 2026!

IF YOU ARE OUT OF TOWN, PLEASE JOIN US VIA
[THIS ZOOM LINK](#)

**TO VOTE FROM HOME:
USE THE 2026 HOPE Annual Meeting Voting Links/QR Codes
for each voting category, found below:**

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2026 BUDGET APPROVAL

Voting link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8Hu4sxNrQn9r78UQHtkGo_MsRP8Nc-b72bRkZdb0fyMzD9g/viewform



ALL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

(Use this link if voting unanimously for all positions)

Voting link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQs1N7xh4X1y5z2YpGROFAnXjjCqxN_iwllFZWawO4zkQNbA/viewform



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EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Voting link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4sEq9GrwDi3plrvKVjIIZTYNtBejuHKUUA8N7MgqyMbB6GA/viewform>



SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Voting link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ-fPgHEHfv9--yervMBRiq4IHnP9KKJBjs7UwsJzF8ieuOq/viewform>



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Voting Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLa-tzksT2Z9819lrEjT0XnrUQvcCxiYC9gXvcE--DZGX3ig/viewform>



COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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RIVER FALLS TINY HOME SUMMIT

**THURSDAY, JAN. 29TH
6:00PM
Luther Memorial Church**

Every night in River Falls, people experience homelessness. You are invited to join seven River Falls churches, in cooperation with Our Neighbor's Place, to learn about a project to build Tiny Homes to help reduce homelessness in our community

- ✓ **Learn**
Hear the history, research, and hope for our community
- ✓ **Consider**
Are you called to help address this crisis with us?
- ✓ **Support**
Volunteer opportunities abound! Use your gifts!

**WE
HOPE
YOU COME!**

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Recently The Strings of Hope played for the Montessori School in River Falls. Here are some of the sweet thank you cards from the students.



12/31/2025

Strings of Hope

Dear strings of Hope Musicians,
I really enjoyed listening to
your music. It sounded
really good when you came to
Harmony. Your music filled
the room with joy. I love that
you let us sing along. My
favorite song was the one
that went over the river and
threw the woods, to grandma
mabers house we go.

THANK YOU
STRINGS of HOPE!!

— Nora Kaufman
P.S. Please come back!!

Dear strings of hope thank you for playing for
r f p m e! my favorite song was Super-
Cala-fragile-listic-expe-ola-doe-
shis. I also liked doe-ray-me. Sincerely,

Jude

electric guitar maracas

acordion

Dear strings of hope, thank you
for performing. I enjoyed all the songs
you sang and played. It made me
feel happy and calm inside. It's cool how
you took time away from your day
to come and perform for us. I hope
in the future that when there are
new fifth and fourth graders that you
guys can come back in and sing and
play music. I wrote this letter to let
you know how grateful I am to have you.
guys play music!

-Lolo



Dear strings of hope, thank you so much for performing your beautiful songs. All of your instruments sounded so great together. In my opinion my favorite song you play was "Lion sleeps tonight." The songs you played made me feel warm inside and comforted. We appreciated that you came to our school and played magnificent songs to us. Thank you so much strings of hope!

Sincerely,

Na'ela

Dear strings of hope, thank you for performing my top two songs that you sang "were The lion sleeps tonight" and "Don't worry, be happy". I felt excited hearing you guys play music. I hope you are able to come back to play music again. Thank you again for singing.

-Isaiah

Dear strings of hope
thank you for coming to RFP me
my favorite song was Lion
King it made me feel joy.

Sincerely: Barb
10/26

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WALKING TOGETHER

Church Without Walls

March 21, 2026
8:00 - 4:00
\$25 Per Participant
Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake, WI
Keynote Speaker: Natalia Terfa



Register and Details Here:
<https://nswi.org/walking-together-event>



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



BINGO NIGHT

February 11th
5:45 Meal
6:15 Bingo



Fellowship, Prizes, & Fun for ALL AGES!

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PHILANTHROPYUSA

february 28, 2026



A winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness... because it's cold out there.



walk | fundraise
donate | volunteer
team up with friends
cnoy.com

Registration is free:
www.cnoy.com/hudson

February 28, 2026
Walk starts at 5 pm



This Week at HOPE January 21, 2026

Event Tickets \$75
Purchase online at www.ourneighborsplace.org
or at the ONP Day Center M 1-4 or T-F 10-4 (cash or check)
122 W Johnson St * 715-426-9000



Scan for Tickets

Our Neighbors' Place

February 7, 2026

Casino Night

Kilkarney Hills Golf Course
6:00-9:00 PM

Drink Ticket
50/50 Raffle
Table Games
Live Music by Half Shebang

Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts

Buy 50/50 Raffle Tickets:
\$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets
from a board member or at the Day Center 122 W Johnson St
715-426-9000
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Silent Auction

Our Neighbors' Place

Thank You, Corporate Sponsors:



Foundations of Hope: 30 Years of Building Together

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 • 5:30-9:30 PM
KILKARNEY HILLS GOLF CLUB
163 RADIO ROAD, RIVER FALLS

We're celebrating our 30th anniversary and 5th annual gala, and raising funds to build a home for a healthcare worker! Registration is open now. Join us for cocktail hour, a silent auction, heavy appetizers, our Dessert Dash, live auction, & more!

Thank You To Our Sponsors:

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Event Partners

Fladboe Advancement, Kilkarney Hills, Mason Jar Marketing, OneCause

Register at onecau.se/Celebrate30 by Sunday, March 15



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MEAL HOSTS NEEDED FOR Wednesdays of HOPE

Please consider hosting a meal for our Wednesday evening faith formation ministry, "Wednesdays of HOPE"

WOH Resumes January 14!

Winter Session runs through Feb. 11th (BINGO Night)

Simple, kid-friendly meals are needed to feed 15-20 people

Reimbursement is available, just save receipts!

This is a great way to get to know our youth and a chance to partner with other HOPE members to co-host! Fun for everyone!

[SIGN UP HERE TO HOST](#)

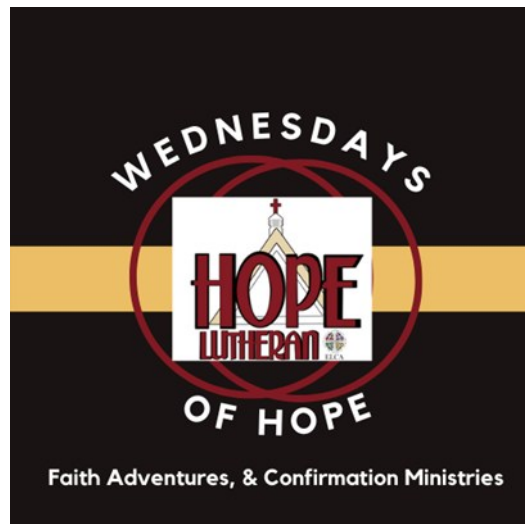


Faith Adventures Instructor Sign-Up

We welcome anyone interested in helping lead our K-5th grade students Wednesday evening lessons. All materials are provided easily through our online curriculum through Sparkhouse.

Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) to teach a winter or spring lesson.

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**WINTER SESSION KICK OFF POSTPONED
TO JANUARY 14!**

Winter Session January 14-February 11, 2026

All K-5th grade children are invited for "Faith Adventures!"

This winter we dig into some of our favorite Old Testament stories like: "The Battle of Jericho," "David & Goliath," and "Jonah & the Big Fish"!

All 6th- 10th+ youth are invited for our Confirmation Ministry!

Join us this winter for a deep dive into Lutheran History & Theology, The Creed, and The Lord's Prayer

**THE WHOLE CONGREGATION IS INVITED FOR OUR ANNUAL
BINGO NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, 2026**

5:45: Meal & Fellowship

6:15-7:15: Games & Learning

WE WELCOME NEW TEACHERS AND MEAL HOSTS!!!!

Spring Session 3:

April 8-May 13

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](#)



Grief Support Group

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services offers both virtual and in-person grief support groups. This six-week grief support group is for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. We ask that you participate in all 6 sessions, as possible.

Grief Group held in person in New Richmond

Mondays, 6:00-7:00 pm

April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2026

New Richmond United Methodist Church

209 E Second Street, New Richmond, WI 54017

RSVP by Sunday, March 29, with your name, phone number, and email.

Anyone is welcome to participate in the group, and the sessions are free.

Group Facilitator:

Julia Rajtar, M.A.P.S., BCC, Grief Support Specialist
Bakken-Young Grief Support Coordinator

To register, RSVP with your name, phone number, and email at:

julia@bakken-young.com

For more information, call or text Julia at 715-781-4003.

Visit "Grief Support" at www.bakken-young.com
for additional groups and other grief support resources
or join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bakkenyoung

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DON'T FORGET! MISSION TEAM HAS YOUR KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS & CAR WASH CARDS!

HOPE's Mission Ministry reminds you that Kwik Trip Gas cards and Car Wash cards are available to you as part of our fundraising for Our Neighbor's Place!

Gas Cards: \$25/\$50 amounts

Car Wash Cards: \$36 for 5 Ultimate Washes

*Portion goes directly to ONP!

Cards available every Sunday and Mon-Wed, 8:30-3:00 in the church office.

Checks payable to "Our Neighbor's Place," cash also accepted.

Office Admin, Olive Olson, Pastor Annie, or any member of our Mission Team can assist you in getting a card.

Thank you for your continued support of Our Neighbors' Place!

Luther Point BIBLE CAMP

Winter Camp

February 6 – 8, 2026
6th – 12th Grade
\$95/camper

Theme

Building Community
How very good and pleasant
it is when kindred live
together in unity!
-Psalm 133:1



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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Mary Lynn and Len Wiskerchen (Friends of Faye Perkins)
Rev. Ron Johnson (Friend of Karen Rodewald)
Sue Tarr (Friend of Faye Perkins)
The Family of David Boock
Mary Klacan
Charlie Sowa and Family
Jean Lemire Anderson (Sister-in-law of Karen Brohaugh)
David Anderson (Brother of Karen Brohaugh)
Kirsten Reile (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Chantel Ashton (Friend of Olive Olson)
Lois Rosenthal (Mother of Jeff Rosenthal)
Leslie Randall (Sister of Vicki Siebold)
The Family of Jill Siebold (Daughter of Gary Siebold)
Ed Paulson and family
Gwen Paulson and her son Chad Sequin (Friend of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Amanda Olson (Olive Olson's daughter)
Jim Deming (friend of Marc & Martie Guthrie)
Cathy Hjersjo (Friend of Darcy Boock)
Sylvia Secrist (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)
Carol Prince (Friend of Betty Lou Oppeward)
Brent Larson (Friend of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Bob Schuder (Father of Sarah Bondhus)
Mavis Wegleitner (Family of Dale *Wegleitner*)
Family of Rosina Hendrikson (Family of Mary Thompson)
Marcus Stack (Friend of Steve & Karen Kaste)
Jacob Dan and family (Friends of Jeff Rodewald)
Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)
Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)
Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)
Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)
Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Hannah Forward
Daryl Kleeman (Brother of Darcy Boock)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson

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Mark Bondhus
Wendy Tokheim
Lisa Ryland
Karen Rodewald
Susan Schuettpelz
Bruce Schuettpelz
Greta Wunrow
Jason Neuhaus



Hallie Neuhaus	1-Jan
Jill Fritz	3-Jan
Hannah Hoglo	3-Jan
Teegan Johnson	6-Jan
Genevieve Range	9-Jan
Katherine (Klacan) Schilling	11-Jan
Camryn Shea	11-Jan
Mary Thompson	13-Jan
Jan Malaney	15-Jan
Connie Juairé	16-Jan
Samantha Brill	18-Jan
Sydney Wolfe	19-Jan
Mason Shea	21-Jan
Sean James	22-Jan
Makayla Ziebarth	23-Jan
Amanda Ziebarth	28-Jan
Jeremy Wolfe	31-Jan

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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](#)



Did you know HOPE is on Facebook in TWO places??

[Public HOPE Facebook Page](#)

For public information, events, and Gospel sharing

[Private HOPE Facebook Group](#)

For private events, picture sharing, sharing joys & prayer concerns, and living out our faith together

Make sure to like, follow, and join both to stay up to date!