



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 April 15, 2026

A Weekly Word: By Pastor Annie Ladnier

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**" When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." - John 20: 19-23*

Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

In the midst of the disciples' genuine fear, standing behind locked doors, too afraid to have the slightest idea what to do next, Jesus enters saying, "Peace be with you." It is a moment to take a breath and remember who they were and who they had been following: the one who makes peace out of capital punishment tools and breaks into locked rooms to meet them in their fear.

This One comes to them now with not only a message and presence of peace, but a directive: "as the Father sent me, so I send you."

There has been an ending, and now some new beginnings, and the disciples are to begin again in the same manner in which Jesus was first sent.

Which is to say, they are to go out with healing and love and mercy to all the unexpected places and people.

Which is to also say, they will enter into death itself, just as the Father sent Jesus.

This Easter message-this Easter season- is a call to be raised up even after the worst seems to strike, because the worst that the forces which defy God have to offer, are not stronger than the life-giving force of God's own very Self.

And though we may walk in the valley of the shadow of death, we shall fear no evil, because we are children of a Resurrection God! That means that every time we expect things to only get worse, every time we are sure that death is inevitable, every time we lose steam or give right up, God proves otherwise.

God is here to say, "see I am doing a new thing!"

God is here reminding us that God throws out seedlings far and wide so that they might bear life somewhere.

God is out here making us set down our stones of death and take up our crosses of life.

And in doing so, God empowers us to join in the holy work of being sent for someone else's sake- being sent for the sake of another. God sends us to bear new life into this world, too.

Even in our fear.

And in our joy

And all the spaces in between- we are sent.

As a congregation, where do we believe Jesus is sending us today?

What locked doors are we standing behind, and what fears are locking us up just the same?

Can you hear Christ's message to us, "Peace be with you, now as the Father sent me, I send you!"?

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A Prayer: “Bring More of What I Dream” by Ted Loder:

O God,
Who out of nothing
 brought everything that is,
out of what I am
 bring more of what I dream
 but haven't dared;
direct my power and passion
 to creating life
 where there is death,
 to putting flesh of action
 on bare-boned intentions,
 to lighting fires
 against the midnight of indifference,
 to throwing bridges of care
 across canyons of loneliness;
so I can look on creation,
 together with you,
 and, behold,
 call it very good;
through Jesus Christ my Lord. (Amen).

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

Sunday, April 19th Needs: MAJORITY OF JOBS NEEDED

Assisting Minister
Ushers/Greeters
Reader & Prayer Leader
Acolyte
Communion Assistant
Altar Flowers
Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, April 26th Needs:

Assisting Minister
Ushers/Greeters
Reader & Prayer Leader
Acolyte
Communion Assistant
Altar Flowers
Coffee Fellowship

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

Want to help but not sure what the job entails?

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If you have not taken the opportunity to sign up for a portrait session on May 5th or May 6th for the church directory, you can click on the link below to select a time.

If you are having difficulty using the online scheduler, you can call Dan Malaney at 715-808-4186 to determine what time works best for you.

<https://schedule.ucdir.com/#/>



**PICTORIAL
DIRECTORY**
Sign up today!

We need YOU to make our church directory complete!

It is free! Every family gets a free 8x10. And a free directory.

**Family photos to be taken at HOPE.
Tuesday May 5th and Wednesday May 6th.
Both days 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm.**

Schedule your time here: <https://schedule.ucdir.com/#/>

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Puzzling Fun!



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The Green Team was busy this week helping to renew HOPE's prairie.





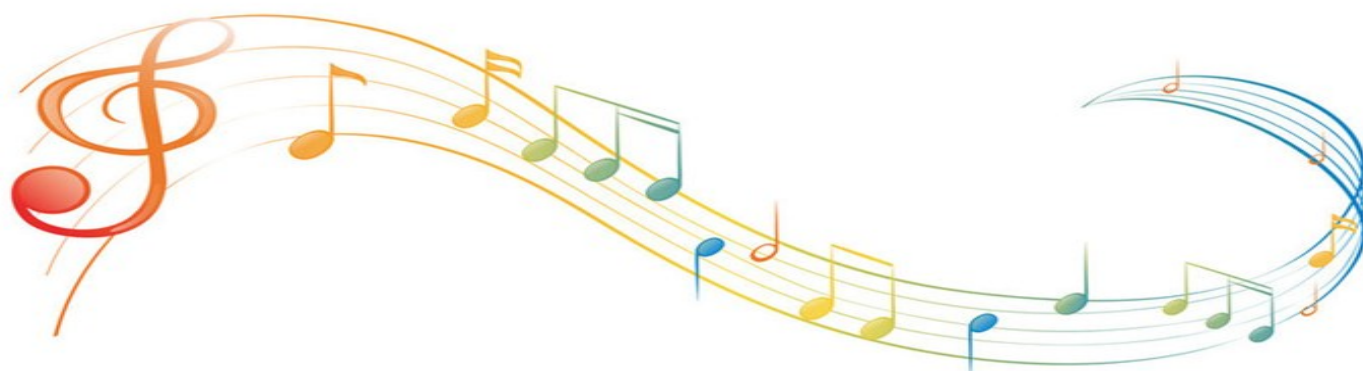
Wellspring Village (also known as the tiny house project)

Wellspring Village is a collaboration of River Falls area churches to provide transitional housing and supportive community for persons experiencing homelessness in River Falls, Wisconsin, and surrounding areas. Wellspring Village seeks to promote stability, dignity, and pathways toward permanent housing through housing, advocacy, and collaborative community support.

Hope Lutheran Church is a major supporter of Wellspring Village and we encourage our members and friends to join us in our efforts to support our experiencing homelessness with dignity. There are a variety of ways to support them and the project. Please click on the link below.

<https://wellspring-village.square.site/volunteer->

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MUSICAL SUNDAYS IN MAY

Leading up to HOPE'S 20th Anniversary on June 7th, the many musicians at HOPE have enthusiastically volunteered their talents to enhance our worship experience. Take a look at the lineup and plan to be at worship. Bring a friend or a neighbor!

May 3.....Steve and Diane Meyer

May 10...Steve Kaste

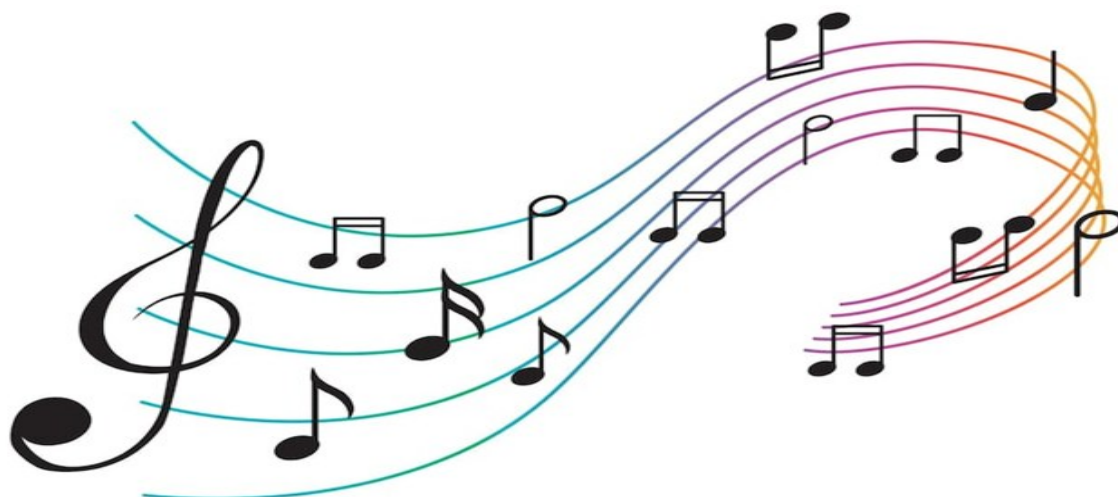
May 17...Dale Bohnert, Linda and Dean Simpson, Camryn Shea

May 24...Diane and Nathan Clark

May 31...Carl Warren and Andrea Boock, Keith and Lisa Ruehlow

June 7....John Hamilton, Diane Clark, Lynda Meyers (trio),
Phil Klacan..HOPE pick up choir.

THANK YOU to all the musicians for providing music for this special milestone
In HOPE'S history!!



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HOPE'S GREEN TEAM INVITED TO PRESENT AT ECOFAITH SUMMIT

HOPE's very own Green Team has been invited to present at a panel during this year's [EcoFaith Summit in Duluth, MN](#) on Saturday, April 18th!

Lynda Meyers will present on our behalf at the *Congregations Ignited for Creation: A Panel Discussion*. She is one of three presenters for this breakout session. She is will be joined by Rev. Amber Kolina of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod and Russ Schultz, of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod.

Together they will share how multiple congregations across the Upper Midwest are becoming "demonstration plots" for care for Creation. They will share what provided the spark, how care for God's creation can bring all generations together, become a form of outreach to our communities, and offer real hope in these challenging times. They will share stories and answer questions as they fire up the imaginations of what is possible across our various congregations!

If YOU are interested in attending the Eco Faith Summit in Duluth, there is still time!



**The 2026 EcoFaith Summit
of the Upper Midwest**

From Fear to Fire:

Igniting Community for a Planet in Peril

April 18, 2026 · 9:30am-5:00pm

Check-in, tables and coffee beginning at 8:30am;

Reception beginning at 4:15pm

First Lutheran Church, Duluth, MN and Online

The EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest gathers together people of faith and conscience to ignite community to act on behalf of our planet in peril.

The day includes: inspiring speakers, table exhibits, networking opportunities, hands on action stations, afternoon engagement sessions, day camp style program for children ages 2 through upper elementary, Friday lock-in for youth groups, young adult sleepover, and a group livestream experience planning guide.

For more information and to register yourself and your group:
ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2026

This year's Summit is Co-Presented by: Lutheran Advocacy – MN, Minneapolis Area Synod, Northeastern MN Synod, Northwestern MN Synod, Northwest Synod of WI, Saint Paul Area Synod

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**EARTH
FEST
2026**
12-4PM

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
UW-RIVER FALLS UNIVERSITY CENTER
RIVER FALLS, WI

HOPE for EARTH
Partnering for a Sustainable Future

Mark your calendar for this year's Earth Fest on Saturday, April 25th!
[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

HOPE's Green Team will, once again, host a booth. This year's booth centers on prayers for peace as we recognize the impact that global conflicts have on our natural environment! Make sure to stop by on the upper level!

JOIN US FOR

**COFFEE &
CONVERSATION**

**NOW ON
MONDAYS**

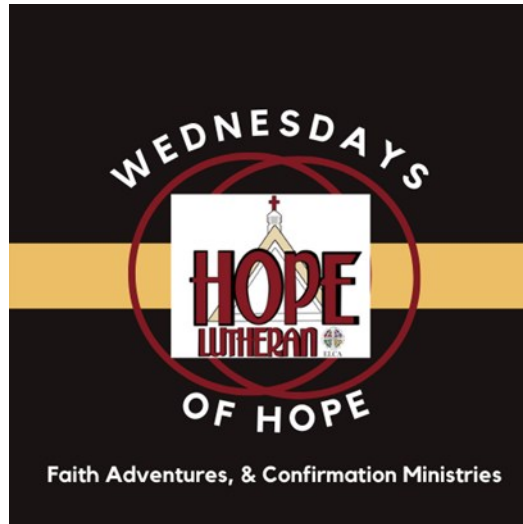


**HOPE
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**10:00AM EVERY MONDAY
ON ZOOM**

[USE THIS ZOOM LINK TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION](#)

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Spring Session

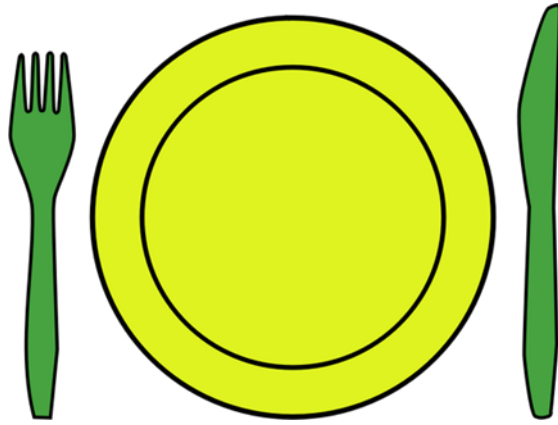
Join us April 8-May 13

This spring we delve into New Testament stories,
our Holy Communion Milestone,
& Faith in Action Service Nights!

Don't miss the fun!

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](#)

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MEAL HOSTS NEEDED FOR Wednesdays of HOPE

Please consider hosting a meal for, “Wednesdays of HOPE”
WOH is our midweek faith formation night for K-high school youth!

[Winter Session runs through Feb. 11th \(BINGO Night\)](#)

[Spring Session: April 8-May 13](#)

Simple, kid-friendly meals are needed to feed 15-20 people
Hosts help serve and clean-up the meal (parents will help too)

\$40/meal is available if needed to make hosting possible!

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.

Bakken-Young
Funeral & Cremation Services

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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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Kjersti Olson Duncan (Family friend of Diane Clark & Karen Rodewald)
Steve Feyereisen (Uncle of Jeff Rodewald)
Sue Ammerman (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
Steve Stocker (Friend of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Deanna Monson & Family (Mother of Lisa Ruehlow)
The Family of Ted Bauer (Friend of Olive Olson)
Jerry Gibson (Father of Karen Rodewald and Diane Clark)
Lisa Perlt Farley (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Sam Morrissette (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)
Mark Willink (Brother of Paula Klacan)
Family of Betty Pierce (Friends of Mary Thompson)
Doug Rudesill
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
Jean Lemire Anderson (Sister-in-law of Karen Brohaugh)
David Anderson (Brother of Karen)
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)
Family of Rosina Hendrikson (Family of Mary Thompson)
Marcus Stack (Friend of Steve & Karen Kaste)
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)
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



April Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Will Bohnert	2-Apr
John Hamilton	2-Apr
Sawyer Filarsky	4-Apr
Jean Loudon	11-Apr
Traci Wolfe	11-Apr
Cathy Wunrow	11-Apr
Ann Rosenthal	12-Apr
Faye Perkins	14-Apr
Ed Quinn	20-Apr
Lori Leitch	29-Apr

April Baptisms



- Margaret Anderson
- Louis Bernard
- Marc Guthrie
- Hazel Ladnier
- Ben Wunrow
- Amanda Ziebarth
- Sharon Paulson
- Jan Wegleitner



Celebrating

- Gary & Vicki Siebold 21-Apr 25 Years
- Eric & Lisa Rydland 30-Apr 21 Years

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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!

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All are invited & needed
to participate in the leading of worship!
Please prayerfully consider sharing y
our 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!