



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 July 15, 2026



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

July 19th
Flowers

July 26th
Communion Assistant
Flowers
Coffee/Fellowship

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](#)

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“The Parable of the Sower” as told through some very creative puppetry.

Thanks, Pastor Steve!





July 6, 2026

Hope Lutheran Church
3337 Kingsbarn Ave
River Falls, WI 54022

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of \$1,403.00 on June 29, 2026 to Feed My Starving Children through the River Falls FMSC Community MobilePack (2609-105EA River Falls, WI) is sending 4,837 MannaPack® meals to those around the world who need it most. Hope is greater because of you.

Though poverty is complicated, we know that hunger is fixable — one reliable meal at a time. Thank you for feeding hungry kids.

“... and they will do even greater things than these ...” — John 14:12

Until all are fed,

J.J. Slag
Executive Director/CEO

P.S. **We would be honored to be part of your legacy.** Including a provision for FMSC in your will or trust will ensure you're right there with us as we feed kids, feed spirits and empower communities for years to come. Learn more at fmsc.org/plannedgiving

Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law. EIN 41-1601449
No goods or services were exchanged for this donation.



Sasha says, “Дякую” (thank you)! When Sasha’s mom came to a refugee center in Ukraine seeking food, she found hope — for both herself and Sasha. The lifechanging MannaPack® meals nourished Sasha, who has since made friends, found faith and gained joy through the center’s community — a true transformation sparked by food. Your generosity provides dependable meals through partners like Mission Eurasia. Because of you, kids in conflict zones have stability — and hope.

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Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands

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HOPE's Worship Schedule for Summer

HOPE Summer Worship Schedule

7/12 Pastor Steve Meyers (Outdoor Worship)

7/19 Pastor Steve Meyers (Worship Inside)

7/26 Pastor Steve Meyers (Worship Inside)

8/2 Pastor Steve Meyers (**Outdoor Worship**)

8/9 Pastor Ben McWhorter-Rush, Journey House (Worship Inside)

8/16 Pastor Steve Meyers (Worship Inside) Blue Grass Service

8/23 Pastor Steve Meyer (Worship Inside)

8/30 Pastor Steve Meyer (Worship Inside)

9/6 Pastor Randy Olson, NW Synod (**Outdoor Worship**)

9/13 Pastor Rick Biederman (Worship Inside)

9/20 Pastor Kirsten Kelleher (Worship Inside)

9/27 Deacon Lidixe Montoya (Worship Inside)

This Week at HOPE July 15, 2026



National Night Out

In Sterling Ponds
Hosted by HOPE Lutheran
August 4th, 2026
5:30 to 8:00



Food, games for kids, music, raffles
and more!

Interact with local Police, Fire and EMT
River Falls Fire's ladder truck, plus more
Life Link III fly over


Give blood.
Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Scan to join!



National Night Out Blood Drive

HOPE Lutheran Church

3337 Kingsbarn Ave.

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

12pm – 6pm

Critical Summer Need! Fewer active donors decrease available blood resources
for patients – Join our **National Night Out Blood Drive** for food, fun,
community togetherness AND save up to 3 lives with 1 donation!

**Get a \$20 Amazon.com gift card via email, but the feeling you'll leave with is
priceless!**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) book your appointment or visit
redcrossblood.org and enter: **hoperf** in the search field to schedule an appointment online.

For any medical, medication or travel questions call 1-866-236-3276
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Feed My Starving Children comes to River Falls on September 8 and 9.

Because HOPE raised enough money to be considered a sponsoring church, members can sign up early to pack the meals before the signup opens to the public. Scan the QR code on the Save the Date postcard on the credenza or go to fmfc.org and enter the zip for River Falls (but it is too early to do that right now).

Sign up early in the morning on July 15 using the code #PACK26. Two packing slots are available on both dates: 2:00 and 6:00 p.m., both sessions at Tattersall.

THE PROCESS IS SIMPLE!

- Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients.
- Volunteers hand-pick the meals.
- Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world.
- Kids are fed and lives are saved!



SCAN THE QR CODE
Become a volunteer or donate!

100,000+ MEALS

WE CAN DO IT, RIVER FALLS!



Prefer to send a check?

Make check payable to: Feed My Starving Children

Memo: Event #2609-105EA

Sent To: Feed My Starving Children, 401 93rd Ave NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Hosted by Journey Church of River Falls thanks to contributions from River Falls State Bank, Tattersall, multiple churches, businesses, community groups, and individuals who make this event financially possible for the public to sign-up.

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Tools for School Lead

HOPE is looking for a lead person to represent our church with Tools for School.

You primarily will make announcements at church to remind members of the need for school supplies, be at the church for bin dropoff on July 19 and pickup on August 14 (Darcy Boock can help with these dates if you are unavailable), encourage members to sign up to help with the school supply distribution at UCC Church on August 17 and 18, although you yourself do not need to be there.

Please contact Darcy at gdboock@gmail.com or text 715-307-5149 if you are interested. Each year the River Falls community helps with school supplies and tennis shoes for about 400 children. Please consider this important short-term mission.

SCHOOL SUPPLY EVENT

**For River Falls School District
Families In Need**

Location: First Congregational Church
110 N Third St

AUGUST 17 4:30PM-6:30PM SUPPLIES, SHOES & PICNIC MEAL
AUGUST 18 10:00AM-NOON SUPPLIES & SHOES

*First National Bank RF(through their 5K Fundraiser) donates all the shoes for the event-shoes cannot be guaranteed for every child

- To register, the parent/guardian and student must be in attendance
- Event volunteers will assist the students with supplies & shoes.
- Due to limited event space, parents/guardians will wait for their student on the main level of the church.

Thank You to our amazing sponsors, event partners & volunteers
We couldn't do this without you!

This Week at HOPE July 15, 2026

Dear HOPE Congregation,

As we navigate this season of transition and search for our next pastor, the church council and leadership team want to assure you that our pastoral care ministries remain fully active and supported.

During this interim period, we have established a dedicated care plan to ensure you and your family are supported through every milestone, crisis, and celebration. For all pastoral care needs—including hospital visits, prayer requests, grief support, and spiritual guidance—please reach out to our dedicated care team:

July: Pastor Steve Dow of Ezekiel Lutheran (River Falls) 715-716-6553 sdow@ezekiellutheran.org

August: Pastor Carolyn Staats from Rush River Lutheran (River Falls) 715-564-4465 pastor.rrlc@gmail.com

September: Pastor Melissa Hrdlicki from Joy Lutheran (Prescott) 920-676-7439 pastor@joy-church.org

The care minister is a distinct role separate from the pulpit supply pastors that have also been secured

We are incredibly blessed with a dedicated leadership team and guest speakers who will continue to provide meaningful worship and spiritual guidance on Sundays. You can stay updated on our pastoral search progress and upcoming events by visiting the This Week At HOPE or checking our weekly bulletin.

Thank you for your continued prayers, patience, and support as we seek the leader God has prepared for our church family.

In Grace,

Paula Klacan, Congregational President
HOPE Lutheran
651-253-2645 pswklacan@gmail.com

This Week at HOPE July 15, 2026



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Mary Lynn Wiskerschen & Family (Friends of Faye Perkins)
The Family of Jim Cather (Friends of Martie and Marc Guthrie)
Chuck Reid (Friend of Carl Warren)
David Anderson (Brother of Karen Brohaugh)
Caitlyn Huls (Granddaughter of Olive Olson)
Mark & Patti Johnson (Friends of Paula & Phil Klacan)
Kjersti Olson Duncan (Family friend of Diane Clark & Karen Rodewald)
The Family of Sue Ammerman (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
Steve Stocker (Friend of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Jerry Gibson (Father of Karen Rodewald and Diane Clark)
Lisa Perlth Farley (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Sam Morrisette (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)
Family of Betty Pierce (Friends of Mary Thompson)
Doug Rudesill
Rev. Ron Johnson (Friend of Karen Rodewald)
Sue Tarr (Friend of Faye Perkins)
The Family of David Boock
Mary Klacan
Lois Rosenthal (Mother of Jeff Rosenthal)
Leslie Randall (Sister of Vicki Siebold)
The Family of Jill Siebold (Daughter of Gary Siebold)
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)
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)
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 Brandt)
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson

This Week at HOPE July 12, 2026

July Birthdays



Name	Date
Bill Warner	7-Jul
Betty Lou Oppegard	16-Jul
William Berndt	18-Jul
August Rodewald	19-Jul
Jon Filarsky	21-Jul
Piper Rodewald	22-Jul
Erin Nelson	23-Jul
Payton Torntore	24-Jul
Joseph McIntosh	25-Jul
Ian Porten	25-Jul
Steve Leitch	28-Jul

July Baptisms

Will Bohnert
Alyssa Boock
Andrea Boock
Denise Burkett
Peter Nelson
Elizabeth Rodewald
Eric Rodewald
Hunter Rodewald
Douglas Rudesill
Spencer Ziebarth



July Anniversaries	Date	Celebrating Years
Jerry & Darcy Boock	3-Jul	50
Dean & Linda Simpson	12-Jul	46
Phillip & Paula Klacan	20-Jul	41
John & Karen Hamilton	26-Jul	35
Marc & Martie Guthrie	5-Jul	29
Jason & Hallie Neuhaus	10-Jul	22
Mitch & Erin Nelson	13-Jul	19

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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?
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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!