

This Week at HOPE

September 28, 2026



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

Important This Week:

Remember to take the CAT: Church Assessment
Tool Survey!

Here is the LINK:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HOPELCRIVERFALLAWI>

The online survey is now open and ready for your participation. This is your opportunity to add your voice to our congregation-wide effort to formulate plans for Hope's future and help in the process of transitioning to a new pastor.

Read more about the CAT on Page2!



More on the CAT Survey

We want every member of our congregation 16 and older to participate in the "CAT" online survey. It takes about 25 minutes & needs to be completed in a single sitting. For those without online access or familiarity with computers, assistance can be provided by friends or family members. The survey doesn't require a unique IP or email address so the survey can be completed by more than 1 person on the same computer. Help can also be provided by the church. Please contact Olive Olson at Hope ([715-425-9750](tel:715-425-9750)), Email: hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com) and we'll arrange a time to assist.

The survey will close on Sunday Oct. 4th so please take it as soon as possible. Your responses are completely anonymous. You can read more about the CAT at holycowconsulting.com.
Thank-you!

Vote for your favorite Pastor Rachel bio photo!

How: Place a Red bead in the bowls provided at church, call or email Olive or Pastor Rachel with a general description of your favorite photo. One of us will make sure your vote is counted!



Weekly Word

From the Desk of Pastor Rachel

Canva Attempts

As we go through a period of transition, another thing that is transitioning is our Newsletter style. Microsoft is no longer supporting Publisher Online, and so this week Olive and I are working through using Canva! Luckily for both of us Pastor Annie or some other loving soul took care of ensuring we had access to the Non Profit version of Canva, which gives us access to quite a few more tools than the free version. This means we have access to logos, themes, templates and things that we would not otherwise be able to use for free!

So if things look different and feel different for a few weeks, or maybe even months, its because both Olive and I are new to this and figuring out how to get the most out of Canva!

I've used Canva before mostly for poster generation and Marquee making as part of the board for the Chequamegon Theater Association in Ashland, but I've never used it to make a newsletter before.

It will certainly be an adventure to make sure its a) readable, b) shows up well on smart devices, and c) supports and is in line with Hope's values and mission!

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

October 4th

Reader/Prayer Leader
Acolyte
Flowers
Coffee/Fellowship

October 11th

Usher/Greeters
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](#)

The Green Team had a great turnout for our habitat improvement session around the pond!



Many thanks to those who were able to come out!

We enjoyed beautiful weather and each other's company as we celebrated the space we share with so many other living things.



FALL festival

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!!

Parent's day out

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18 2026

1 PM TO 3 PM

Entry is free

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO CELEBRATE AND PARENTS TO RELAX

YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING A FOOD PANTRY DONATION

RSVP Requested by Tuesday Oct 12

To: Deb @ 715-441-2954

Hope Lutheran Church

3337 Kingsbarn Ave

River Falls, WI



Support the River Falls Diaper & Baby Wipes Drive! One in two families in River Falls struggle with providing diapers and wipes for their children. A shortage of diapers can prevent access to childcare and cause serious health and comfort issues for little ones.

From October 1st to October 31st, the **River Falls Rotary Club**, in partnership with the **United Way St. Croix & Red Cedar Valleys Diaper Bank**, invites you to help local families by donating diapers and baby wipes.

All diaper sizes and baby wipe quantities are appreciated. Please make sure all items are in their original, unopened packaging to ensure safety.

How You Can Help:



Bring your donations to either: • **Ezekiel Lutheran Church** – 202 S. Second Street • **St. Bridget's Catholic Church** – 211 E. Division Street • **First National Bank** – 104 E. Locust Street, River Falls, WI 54022 • **Royal Credit Union** – 1150 North Main Street, River Falls



QR Code

Search Facebook for our page, **RFDiaper Drive**, to access the QR code linked to Walmart.com. Any diapers and wipes you purchase through this link will be delivered directly to the United Way Diaper Bank and distributed in Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

Thank you for your kindness and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of so many families!

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Trunk or Treat!

Wednesday, October 28th

5:30—7:00

Trunk set up by 5:15

Trunk or Treat Hours for Treaters 5:30—7:00

Please plan for 150-175 kids

Sign up with your trunk team on the table in the back of the church.

If you have questions call

Sue Schuettpelz at 920-855-2551

Vicki Siebold at 612-877-0039

Sign up deadline is October 14th



Please lift up the following people in prayer

David Anderson (Brother of Karen Brohaugh)
Jeanie Anderson (Sister in law of Karen Brohaugh)
Naomi Brandt
The family of Jeff & Ann Rosenthal
Dr. Wendolyn Slattery (Friend of Linda Jacobson)
Mary Lynn Wisderschen & Family (family friends of Faye Perkins)
Chuck Reid (Friend of a Carl Warren)
Caitlyn Huls (Granddaughter of Olive Olson)
Kjersti Olson Duncan (Family friend of Diane Clark & Karen Rodewald)
Steve Stocker (Friend of Karen & Jeff Rodewald)
Jerry Gibson (Father of Karen Rodewald and Diane Clark)
Lisa Perlman Farley (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Sam Morrisette (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)
Doug Rudesill
Rev. Ron Johnson (Friend of Karen Rodewald)
Sue Tarr (Friend of Faye Perkins)
The Family of David Boock
Mary Klacan
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)
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)
Daryl Kleeman (Brother of Darcy Boock)
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson



October Birthdays	Date
Carolyn Jackson	2-Oct
Nancy Sailer	3-Oct
Debra James	5-Oct
Kevin James	10-Oct
Morgan Torntore	15-Oct
Karen Brohaugh	16-Oct
Linda Simpson	17-Oct
Arol Thompson	20-Oct
Nathan Clark	22-Oct

October Baptisms

Keith Getschel
Sarah Bondhus
Nancy Peters
Carolyn Jackson
Paula Klacan
Erin Nelson
Madison Ziebarth
Lillian Brill
Debra Tokheim
Camryn Shea



October Anniversaries	Date	Years to Celebrate
Dale & JanWegleitner	6-Oct	53
Roger & Verna Tweiten	21-Oct	65
Ryan & Samatha Brill	24-Oct	17