



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 September 9, 2026



MOVING!

Where: 1875 Paulson Rd

When: ~ 2 PM Saturday September 12, 2026

Contact: Nancy Sailer
715-307-3298

Many of you have asked “when do you need help?”, and I now have at least a reasonable semblance of an answer!

We have rented a uhaul for the bulk of our household furniture for this coming weekend. We intend to pack it in Ashland on Friday afternoon, and drive it down to River Falls Saturday morning, with the intent to unload Saturday afternoon and send it back to Ashland with my husband on Sunday.

I would hope to be in River Falls by around 2 PM on Saturday the 12th. If folks who are interested would like to contact Nancy Sailer, and then meet us at the Upland on 1875 Paulson Road around that time, help would be most welcome. The apartment complex comes with a number of different moving implements like dollies, carts, and such, and I’ve rented an appliance dolly for other stacks of boxes, so hopefully we limit the strain on all of our backs. There’s also an elevator at the apartment.

I will be in contact with Nancy Sailer about any potential timing issues, as it is a 3.5 hour drive and we’ll likely need some kind of break in that period if time of driving and that may alter our ETA, so if you want a more exact time than “2 ish” she would be the best person to connect with regarding any thing that might happen to us on the road back south.

It seems God’s work, Our hands this year can also include moving the Pastor!

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

September 20th
Assisting Minister
Reader
Acolyte
Coffee/Fellowship

September 27
Usher/Greeters
Acolyte
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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**Beyond the Rainbow: Garland at Carnegie Hall
History Theatre
Sunday, November 22 2:00 pm**

The production retraces Judy Garland's legendary 1961 Carnegie Hall concert and her life journey from Grand Rapids, MN to Hollywood.

Group tickets are \$35 per person if ordered by September 13. Please sign up at church; payment can be made to Karen Brohaugh.

Sponsored by Membership Congregational Life

**We need 4 more people to attend this event in order
for HOPE to get the group rate for tickets.
Please let Karen Brohaugh know if you want to attend
by September 10th!**

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God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 13. This is an annual day of service to our neighbors and our church celebrated by the ELCA nationwide. If you remember, last year we were very busy making teddy bears that were delivered to various service agencies, planting trees, and writing notecards to our shut-ins. This year our projects will include:

1. Helping to complete the first Tiny House that is part of Wellspring Village. The main task will be staining the outside of the house. Some inside work may also be done. No prior experience is needed; a supervisor will be on hand to assist. The Tiny House is housed inside the pole shed on the farm across from the church on the corner of Huppert Street and Chapman Drive. Please sign up on the clipboard on the back table if interested.
2. Preparing Welcome Bags for the "new" neighbors on Husby Way. Tasks will include:
 - a. Writing 20 welcome note cards which will welcome them to the neighborhood with an invitation to join a worship service at HOPE
 - b. Coloring 20 bookmarks
 - c. Making 20 prayer chains with beads and charms

Please consider serving in one of the above activities after Sunday worship and a shared meal.

Noisy Offering Alert! Sunday, Sept. 27



Take your commitment to renewable energy

one > step > further

The average River Falls home uses 8529 kilowatt-hours of energy per year.
This is equivalent to burning 7.5 tons of coal.

Will you take it one step further? Will you go all the way?

Without renewable energy blocks (current level)	Take the next step (Purchase first or add an additional block)	Go all the way! (Purchase enough blocks to go 100% Carbon Dioxide free!)
Sum 2.5 tons of coal annually	Reduce the burning of 1 ton of coal annually	100% Carbon Dioxide free!

Purchasing 1 block prevents 1 ton of coal from being burned.

When purchasing a 2nd block of renewable energy, it has the added benefit of preventing 1 ton of coal from being burned.

River Falls is the most renewable-friendly city in Wisconsin.

For more information about the Block Program, please contact Janna Witt: janna@hopeenergy.org or visit www.hopeenergy.org

It's time to start rounding up those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters! **Sunday, September 27**, as we continue to celebrate the Season of Creation, we will have a special GREEN AND NOISY offering to fund HOPE's commitment to choosing cleaner, sustainable electricity sources by purchasing Renewable Energy Blocks (REB) from the River Falls Municipal Utility. HOPE has been "100 % Renewable" since 2022. Last year your generous gifts enabled us to purchase 37 REB per month for 2026. That's enough energy from renewable sources to supply 100% of HOPE's electricity needs, as well as that of about 12 other typical households in our neighborhood!

If you are a RFMU customer, you can also participate in the REB program as an individual household. Find more information at <https://www.rfcity.org/FormCenter/Utilities-11/Renewable-Energy-Program-Sign-Up-Form-44>

Habitat Improvement Session

WE'd love to have
you join us! Sign up at
church, or email
Lynda Meyers
lymeyer@gmail.com

THE GREEN TEAM IS
CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF
CREATION & GWOH

(2 FOR 1 SPECIAL! :-)

WED. 9/16/26 9:30-11:30 AM

Bring work gloves, pruning shears, loppers, rakes if you
have them, and a sack lunch for afterwards if you'd like

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Sunday, September 13th

HOPE Welcomes Pastor Rachel Sieja to her second Sunday as our interim Pastor so she can get to know us better please bring a dish to share!



Congregational Life Upcoming Events

You are invited to join in any of the upcoming activities hosted by Congregational Life. Members and visitors can register on the clipboard on the table in the sanctuary or you can call the host of the event or the church office (Olive) 715-425-9750 or email hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com to register

Registrations are due by August 5th for the Golf Outing and August 15th for the play at the Guthrie. The hosts will contact those registered for the dates and fees for the events.

Karen Brohaugh	Guthrie play and dinner	715-220-6488
Nancy Sailer	Asian Dinner/Social	715-307-3298
Ed Paulson	Grief Group/3 rd Wed of the month	715-381-8708

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

David Anderson (Brother of Karen Brohaugh)
Jeanie Anderson (Sister in law of Karen Brohaugh)
Naomi Brandt
Corey Heaton & Family (Friends of Nancy Sailor)
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)
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
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)
Rhannon 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



September Birthdays

Sarah Bondhus	3-Sep
Garrett Larson	8-Sep
Dale Wegleitner	8-Sep
Jane Terkelsen	10-Sep
Jeff Rodewald	12-Sep
Dan Rodewald	27-Sep
Morgan Porten	29-Sep
McKenna Brill	30-Sep
Vicki Siebold	30-Sep



September Baptisms

Lanelle Baernwald
Ryan Leitch
Keith Ruehlow
Nancy Sailer
Vicki Siebold
Dale Wegleitner



September Anniversaries

**Celebrating
Years**

Ed & Pam Quinn	21-Sep	41
Keith & Cara Getschel	16-Sep	37
James & Debra James	27-Sep	24

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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!

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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!