



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 16, 2026

Moved In...mostly



Thank you to all who showed up to help move Dan and I into our apartment last weekend. I know there were those who showed up on time when we did not, and I want to thank you especially for being present and willing to help. We were so excited to see so many of you and feel so blessed to have shared our home, however briefly, with those of you who helped schlep things into our apartment. Special thanks to those who lent us the right wrench to put our kitchen table together and brought their own dolly!

I unpacked many of the boxes and sent the empties home with Dan. The picture this week is the results of emptying two boxes which held a small portion of our collected board games.

We also hung our TV, rolled out the rug, moved shelves around to where they may live more permanently, and unboxed the glassware we moved this trip. It feels more like a home, and less like a dorm already!

We do still have our cat and other things to move in, but by and large we are over the 50% mark of things we wanted to move here. Yippee!

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Over the four packing sessions held at Tattersall on Sep 8 & 9 for FMSC a total of 139,968 Manna Pack meals were packed over the two days.

Thirteen adults and children from HOPE, including Pastor Rachel, packed 32,832 meals on September 9, enough to serve 89 children one daily meal for one year.

We actually ran out of food to pack more!

Other HOPE members packed during other sessions—the Malaneys and Rosenthals—not sure if there were others. Such a wonderful experience for our children to participate!

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Remember to take the “CAT” (Church Assessment Tool) Survey!

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.

Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HOPELCRIVERFALLAWI>

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](mailto:hopolutheranoffice.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!

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

September 20th
Acolyte

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](#)

Noisy Offering Alert! Sunday, Sept. 27



Take your commitment to renewable energy
one > step > further

The average River Falls home uses 9,229 kilowatt-hours of energy per year.
This is equivalent to burning 3.5 tons of coal.

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

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

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

Simply purchasing a \$27 block of renewable energy is the easiest and cheapest way for you to pollute less and do your part in combating climate change.

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

For more information about the Block Program, please contact: riverfalls@powerfulchoices.org or visit www.riverfalls.org/block

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>



**RUSH RIVER
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

79th Annual
**Harvest Dinner
& Country Store**

September 27th, 2026
Serving 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Adults \$18 | Kids \$10

Cafeteria Style Meal that includes:
Hand-rolled Meatballs, Ham,
Lefse, Rommegrot and other
Traditional Norwegian Treats

Rush River Lutheran Church
N8623 Cty Rd Y River Falls

SCAN HERE
FOR UPDATES
& EVENT DETAILS!





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

This Week at HOPE September 9, 2026



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 Wogleitner	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 Wogleitner



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!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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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!