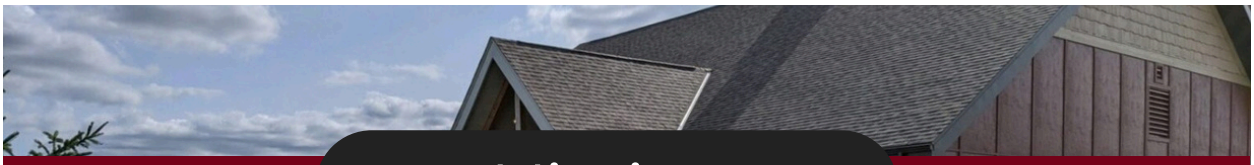
This Week at HOPE

October 21, 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:

Lectionary Focused Intergenerational Bible Study after Church
10:30-11:15 AM

Confirmation
Weds Night
6:00 - 7:00 PM

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Weekly Word

From the Desk of Pastor Rachel

Prayers

This week it came to my attention that one of the families associated with HOPE, the VanOverbekes, experienced what I can only describe as a tragedy.
Their son, Max, whom I believe HOPE knows from his confirmation age, attempted suicide. As of right now their caring bridge site (here) lists him as being in ICU still in extremely critical condition. The prognosis is not good.

I invite us to pray, and if you need to talk, cry, or scream, call me (563-419-5004).

Lord, we lift up your child Max, his parents, Ross and Tessa, and all of the community that surrounds them. We hear the words of your son “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Help us trust in those words for ourselves, for Max and for his family, when our burdens grow too heavy to bear. May you gather all those in need, like a hen gathers her brood beneath her wings. Guard us from despair and guide us through confusion and grief. We pray in the everlasting hope of the promise of eternal life with you through Christ Jesus, Amen.

Hope Gardeners!



A location has been established where you can place your plant material waste when you remove it from the Hope Garden. It is directly south of the large Cottonwood tree (see map below). Please place your herbaceous plant material here. Woody material can be placed on the brush pile. Please don't dispose of either in the wetland just west of the garden. Thanks! From your Property and Green Teams.



Legend

- Garden Plant Waste Disposal site
- Hope Garden
- Planted berry patch
- Pumpkin patch
- Wetland

All Saint's Day

Celebrated in Honor of all the saints

1st November 2026

We are collecting names of saints who have entered eternal life since last All Saint's Day. Please send your names to Olive by October 26th.



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

October 25th

Acolyte
Coffee/Fellowship

November 1st

Worship Assistant
Acolyte
Coffee/Fellowship

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Support the River Falls Diaper & Baby Wipes Drive! One in two families in RiverFalls 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 donationsto either: • **EzekielLutheranChurch** – 202 S. Second Street • **St.Bridget'sCatholic Church –** 211 E. Division Street • **FirstNationalBank**– 104 E. Locust Street, River Falls, WI 54022 •**RoyalCreditUnion**–1150 North Main Street, River Falls

- **QR Code**
  Search Facebook for our page, **RFDiaper Drive,** to access the QR code linkedtoWalmart.com. Any diapers and wipes you purchase through thislink will be delivered directly to the United Way Diaper Bank anddistributed in Pierce and St. Croix Counties.

Thank you foryourkindness and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of so manyfamilies!

Discover the Joy of Singing Together!

by Side Side Choir



WHO: People living with memory or thinking changes, their care partners, family, friends, and community volunteers who enjoy helping others.
WHAT: A welcoming choir where people gather to connect and thrive by sharing music, joy, and laughter!
WHEN: Join us weekly on **Mondays at 10 am** for our fall season of music and engagement. Rehearsals start on September 14, 2026 and will conclude following our concert on Saturday, December 5th at 10:30 am.
WHERE: We meet at the First Congregational Church, a comfortable and easy-to-access location: 110 N. Third St., River Falls, WI

To learn more or sign up contact: Norma Revels
Call 651 416-9530 or email:sidebysidechoir@gmail.com

Join SIDE-BY-SIDE CHOIR!

giving voice NETWORK

We are a proud member of the Giving Voice Network, a community of choirs around the world that are increasing well-being and redefining the narrative of dementia. Learn more at **givingvoicechorus.org**



Trunk or Treat!

Wednesday, October 28th
5:30—7:00

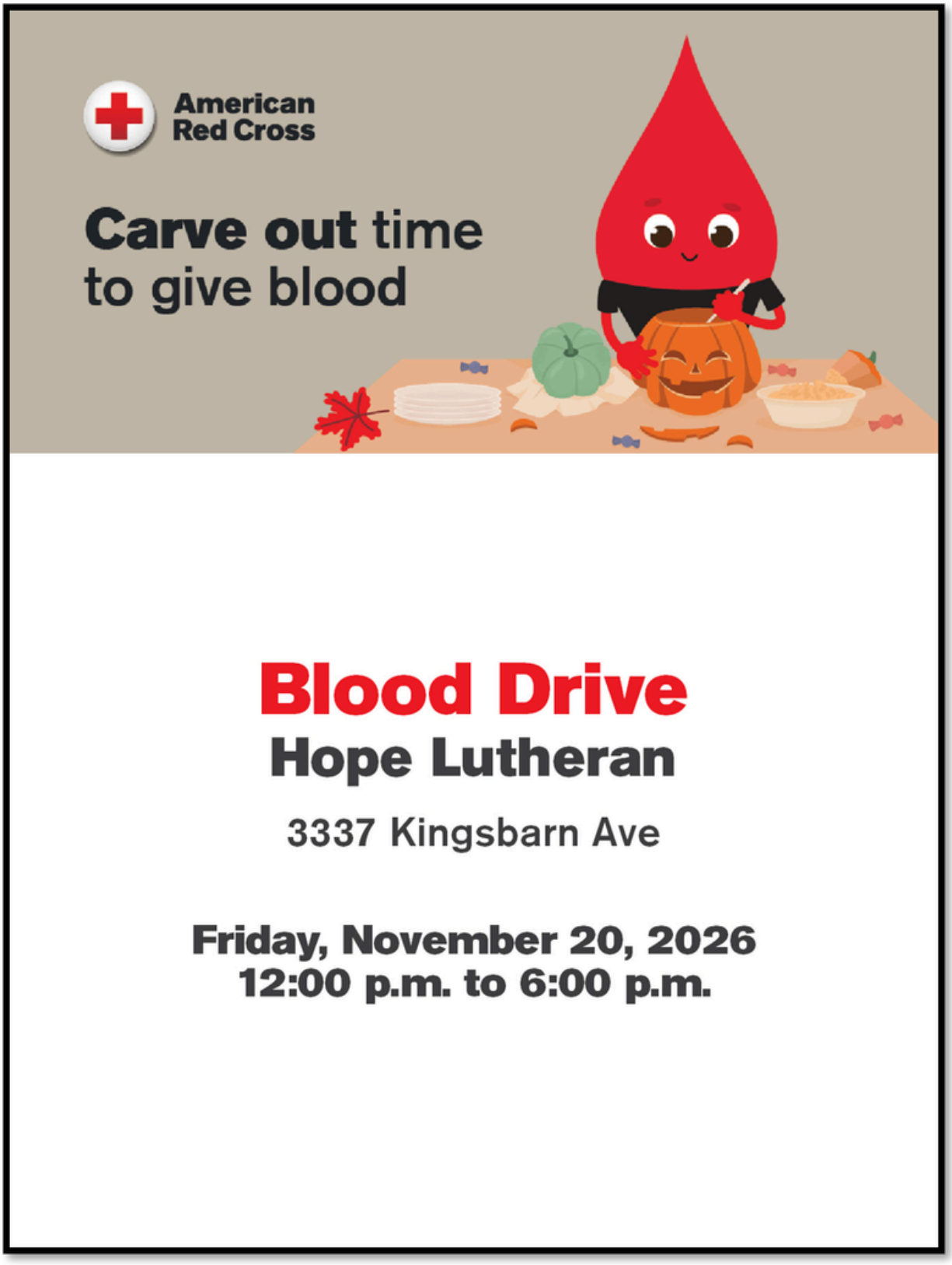
Trunk set up by 5:15
Trunk or Treat Hours for Treaters 5:30—7:00
Please plan for 150-175 kids
Sign up with your trunk team on the table in the back of the church.

If you have questions call
Sue Schuettpelz at 920-855-2551
Vicki Siebold at 612-877-0039

Congregational Life would like to thank you in advance for participating in our 2026 Trunk or Treat event. We are grateful for your participation. We know that the kids and the parents really appreciate Hope doing this for the community.

Again, please note that trick or treaters are expected at 5:30, so please have your trunk ready. The event does end at 7:00, and we ask that you do not pack up your trunk before that. Last year, some trunks started packing up early due to a gap in trick or treaters. However, we did have some kids that came shortly before 7:00, and we want to make sure we do not exclude anyone. Thank you again.


JOIN US FOR OUR
ADVENT
Fair
CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US!
Join us for a joyful evening of fellowship, creativity, and holiday fun as we prepare our hearts for Christmas!
NOVEMBER 18
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Light Snacks
PROVIDED
Crafts
FOR ALL AGES
Bring your family and friends for a
wonderful evening of Advent celebration!
Everyone is Welcome!
WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!
Hope Lutheran Church


American
Red Cross
Carve out time
to give blood
Blood Drive
Hope Lutheran
3337 Kingsbarn Ave
Friday, November 20, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Free Event for the Public

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

We believe education is one of the most



Please lift up the follwoing people in prayer

The Family of Greg Slind (Brother of Susie Rudesill
The Family of Jean Lemire Anderson (Sister-in-law of Karen Brohaugh)
David Anders (Brother of Karen Brohaugh
The Family of Jeff and Ann Rosenthal
Dr. Wendolyn Slattery (Friend of Linda Jacobson)
Mary Lynn Wisdershen & Faimly (Friends of Faye Perkins)
Chuck Reid (Friend of Carl Warren)
Kjersti Olson Duncan (Friend of Diane Clark & Karen Rodewald)
Steve Stocker (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)
Jerry Gibson (Father of Karen Rodewald and Diane Clark)
Lisa Perlt Farley (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Sam Morrissette (Friend of 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)
Gwen Paulson and her son Chad Sequin (Friend of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Amanda Olson (Daughter of Olive Olson)
Jim Deming (Friend of Marc & Martie Guthrie)
Cathy Hjersjo(Friend of Darcy Boock)
Sylvia Secrist (Frend of Paula & Phil Klacan)
Brent Larson (Friend of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Gary Siebold
Fatama Aljarra (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Daryl Kleeman (Brother of Darcy Boock)
David Hendrickson
Marcus Stack (Friend of Steve & Karen Kaste)
Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)

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October Birthdays	Day
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