

This Week at HOPE

October 14, 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**

**Council, Call team
and transition team meeting
Tuesday Oct 20
council: 6:00-6:30
+ call, transition: 6:30-8:30
CAT survey presentation**



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Weekly Word

From the Desk of Pastor Rachel

In the Pews with preaching

As part of our weekly bible study, I plan on working forward from this week onwards- which means instead of covering Sunday the 18th's text on Sunday the 18th, I will look at Sunday the 25th (or Reformation Day) for our bible study. This is partly inspired by the Fall Retreat preaching sessions with Dr. Shauna Hannan, who now serves as LSTC's President but was for many years a Professor of Homiletics.

This will helpfully further connect me with where the congregation is struggling with the text and help encourage congregational members to also recognize their own voices in proclaiming the good news of scripture. One of Dr. Shauna's hopes for this style of study was to help congregational members engage with the joy of preaching. Yes -you- could take the pulpit someday and say a good Word about Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, and/or their part in your or our lives. No worries, I won't make anyone do it, but I hope people will feel encouraged to share where God is showing up for them in our Sunday texts.



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.





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

October 18th

Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Coffee/Fellowship

October 25th

Acolyte
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](#)

SECOND MILE HAITI FUNDRAISER

LOCATION
MOUNT ZION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
505 13th Street South

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 14, 2026
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Feed your body

Bake sale

Meal (free will donation)

Feed your soul–

Good Neighbor Ukelele concert

Purchase silent auction items

5:00 SOUP AND SANDWICH MEAL

BAKE SALE OPENS

6:00–6:45 UKELELE CONCERT

6:45 SILENT AUCTION CLOSES



The poster features a light gray background with a subtle pattern of small white dots. It is decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, scattered around the text. The word "FALL" is in a large, dark red, serif font, while "festival" is in a smaller, orange, cursive font. Below the title, the text "COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!!" is in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The date and time are prominently displayed in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The phrase "Parent's day out" is written in a dark red, cursive font. The entry information is in a dark red, serif font. The bottom section contains an invitation and contact information in a dark red, sans-serif font.

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!



Discover the Joy of Singing Together!



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!



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

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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 Schuettpelez 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.

American Red Cross

Every 2 seconds, someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

*Give blood.
Help save lives.*



Blood Drive
Hope Lutheran

3337 Kingsbarn Ave

Friday, November 20, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Please lift up the following 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)
Cory Heaton and Family (Friends of Nancy Sailer)
The Family of Jeff and Ann Rosenthal
Dr. Wendolyn Slattery (Friend of Linda Jacobson)
Mary Lynn Widershen & Family (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 Perlman Farley (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Sam Morrisette (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 Hjernsjo (Friend of Darcy Boock)
Sylvia Secrist (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)
Brent Larson (Friend of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Gary Siebold
Fatima 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)



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