

A purple-to-blue gradient graphic with white line-art icons of clouds, diamonds, and heads with hearts. The text is centered and reads: "You're Invited!" in a cursive font, followed by "ELCA Civic Life and Faith Discussion Series", "Discussion 1", "The Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery: What? So What? Now What?" in a bold, italicized font, "Sunday, June 9", and "10:45 am - 12:00 pm". At the bottom, it lists "Discussion 2, July 14 : A look at Draft Statement on Civic Life & Faith" and "Discussion 3, August 11: Now What?".

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ELCA Civic Life and Faith Discussion Series

Discussion 1

"The Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery: What? So What? Now What?"

Sunday, June 9

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Discussion 2, July 14 : A look at Draft Statement on Civic Life & Faith

Discussion 3, August 11: Now What?

Our first conversation in this series is on the 2016 ELCA Churchwide social policy resolution "Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery." This resolution led the ELCA council to adopt the "Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native People" which was then presented at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

Come learn more about the Church's role in the Doctrine of Discovery, what led to its repudiation, and why it matters for us today. Insights from our previous land acknowledgment conversations and book discussion on *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States are welcome, though not required as we engage in this conversation!*

Pastor Annie will lead our discussion and encourages you to check out the resources below in preparation for our conversation:

[Overview](#)

[2016 Repudiation Resolution](#)

[2021 Declaration to American Indian and Alaskan Native People](#)

To aid our conversation, please consider a scriptural connection that resonates for you. Other considerations from our liturgy, hymnody, and broader theology are also encouraged!

This Week at HOPE May 28, 2024



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
This Sunday**

The weather reports says it's going to be 79 degrees on Sunday so we are bringing out the ice cream with lots of choices of toppings.

Bring the kids as we will have cones as well as dishes.

Sorry, no coffee this week, but there's ICE CREAM!!

COME and ENJOY!!



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

CELEBRATE HOPE

SUNDAY • 23 JUNE, 2023
WORSHIP: 10:00AM
11:00-1:00

**FOOD TRUCKS, GAMES, BOUNCE HOUSE
& FUN FOR THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD!**

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
3337 KINGSBARN AVE, RIVER FALLS, WI

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On June 7-8th Pastor Annie, along with HOPE's voting members, Nancy Sailer and Carl Warren, will head to Eau Claire for the annual Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly. This is a special year as it is a Bishop's election year! The current Bishop, Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson, has announced her retirement and will not be seeking re-election. We are grateful for her many years in ministry on our synod staff both as Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission!

To prepare for a new bishop our synod has introduced a new election process where candidates were pre-identified during conference meeting elections. This allows time for full background checks on candidates, the opportunity to get to know candidates better during pre-assembly forums, and more time for the Spirit to move among our synod.

In addition to electing a new Bishop, the synod assembly is when voting members from all 195 congregations across the synod gather for worship, learning about our ministry partners, hearing what God is up to in other congregations, considering important resolutions, and conducting the faithful business of our synod's ministry. You can learn more about this year's resolutions, the bishop's candidates, and more [RIGHT HERE](#).

Finally, the assembly will serve as a final opportunity to give toward the Bishop's "Water Is Life" initiative to raise \$40,000 for 2 new wells in Malawi. HOPE's generosity throughout Lent contributed \$1,128 toward that goal! If anyone would like to make an additional donation, you will find a link on the synod website (linked above).

Please hold our Assembly in your prayers, that the Spirit would guide us toward the best leader to fulfill God's mission now, that Nancy, Carl, and I will have safe travels and a fruitful time with God's people, and that all who attend may be spiritually nourished and rejuvenated to continue living into our discipleship!

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YOUTH NEWS



**We have some fun events planned for this summer!
Keep your eyes peeled as we firm up details for:**

**Kayaking
Tie Dye Fun
Pool Party
& More!**

Vacation Bible School & Children's Musical with First Congregational Church, River Falls

Vacation Bible School 2024

Children age 3 through completed grade 5 are invited to the 2024 Vacation Bible School program. The theme is *Christian Art: Stop, Look, Listen and will feature Bible study, children's literature, Christian art and architecture, music, and an engaging variety of art projects from painting to felting.*

VBS is free and open to all community children. Join us!
Registration forms can be [FOUND HERE](#)

**Dates: July 29 – August 1, 9:00 – 11:30AM
Dinner and a Presentation: August 1, 6:30PM**

Summer Children's Musical 2024

Children who have completed grades 1-6 are invited to produce the musical *Rescue in the Night: The Story of Daniel in the Lions' Den*. Rehearsals include singing, learning lines, and working on the set and props. After four days of a whirlwind of rehearsals, the show will be presented on Thursday evening, August 22. The musical is directed by elementary music teacher Emma Cruciani and will be a fun week. All are welcome and there is no charge. Registration forms are available online or at church.

**Dates: August 19 - 22, 9:00AM – Noon for Rehearsals
Dinner and the Show: August 22, 6:30PM**

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Purchase Kwik Trip cards from Our Neighbors' Place:

We sell Kwik Trip gift cards (\$25, \$50 and \$100) and earn 5% of the purchase price back.

We also sell Kwik Trip Car Wash cards. Cards cost \$36 for 5 ultimate car washes and we earn \$16 per card sold. This is our best Kwik Trip fundraising option! Keep your car clean AND support Our Neighbors' Place!



Olive will be out of the office starting Wednesday, May 29th until Monday, June 10th.

Pastor Annie will be in the office, but may not be here for all regular office hours 8:00—3:00. Regular church office hours will resume when Olive returns.

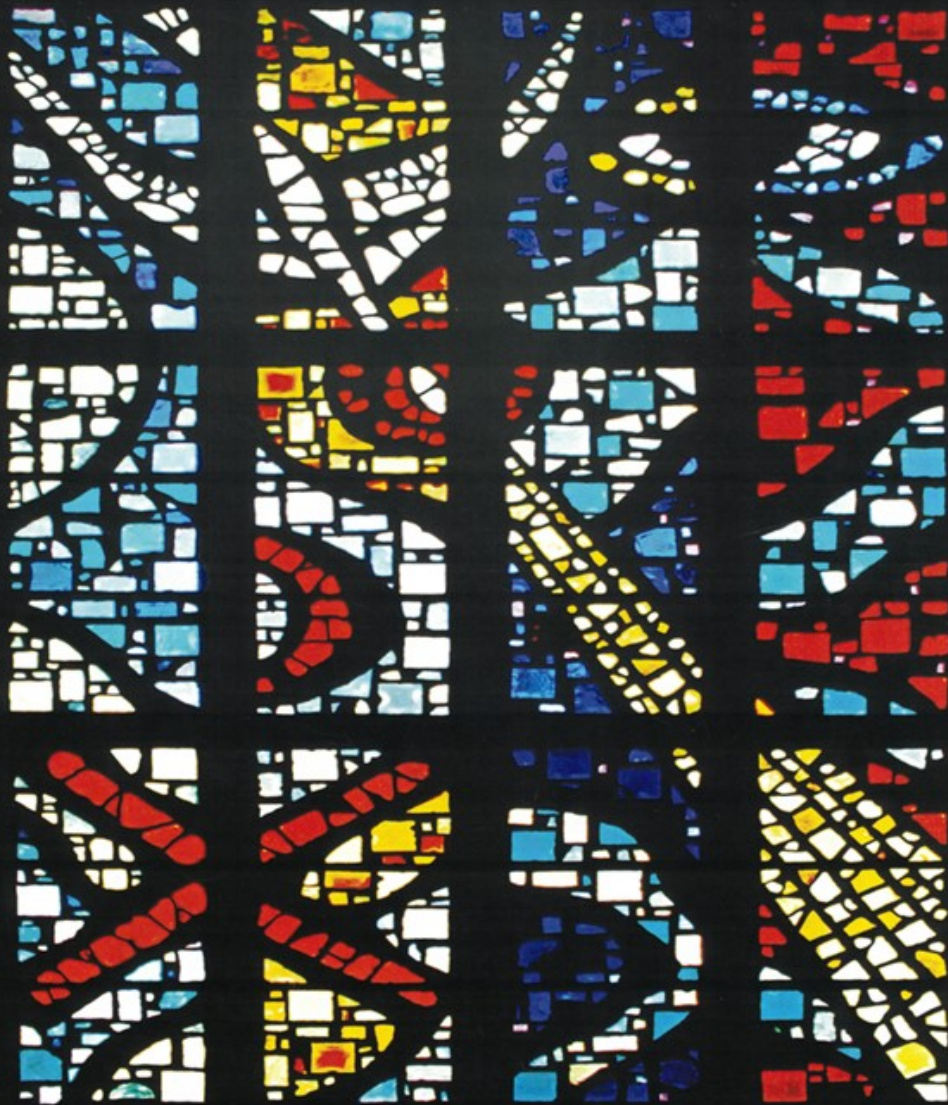
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July 29-Aug 1, 9:00-11:30 AM
Age 3-completed Grade 5
ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE!



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110 N 3rd St. River Falls | 715-425-2052
To register visit www.firstchurchrf.org



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RESCUE IN THE NIGHT

The Story of

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

Emma Cruciani, Director; Marsha Pearson, Accompanist



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

REHEARSALS: Aug 19-22, 9:00 AM-Noon

DINNER & SHOW: Aug 22, 6:30 pm

AGE: Completed Kindergarten - Grade 6

TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.FIRSTCHURCHRF.ORG
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All are invited & needed to participate in the leading of worship!
Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Want to help but not sure what the job entails?
Learn more in our [Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

2024 ALTAR GUILD/COMMUNION SET-UP HELP STILL NEEDED!

We are still in need of people willing to prepare the Altar for Sunday morning worship each week. This opportunity allows you the opportunity for a monthly rotation. Please sign up here:

[COMMUNION SET-UP/ALTAR GUILD HELPERS](#)

For a description of how to fulfill this role check out the [Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

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All are invited to join Pastor Annie for this weekly small group conversation and Bible study!

This is a great chance to grow in relationship with God and one another.

We meet via Zoom so all can join from wherever you are!



CHANGE IN EGG SALES

Going forward, if you would like to purchase eggs in support of HOPE's Youth Ministry, please contact Karen Rodewald at 715-222-2551.

You can either pick them up at HOPE or come to our farm at 249 State Rd 65 River Falls.

This will ensure the freshest eggs for you!

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

Woody Fangmeier (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)
Family of Kermit Paulson
Marcus Stack (Friend of Steve & Karen Kaste)
Janet Cudd (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)
Jeremy Martinson (Brother-in-Law to Elise Forward)
Family of Molly Gerrish (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Mary Alice Jones (Martie Guthrie's mother)
Family of Teajai Schmidt (relative of the Boocks)
Jacob Dan and family (Friends of Jeff Rodewald)
Karen Hamilton
Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)
Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)
Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy & David Peters)
Ed and Gwen Paulson
Randy Dopkins (Family friend of Olive Olson)
Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)
John Weller (Cousin of Karen Brohaugh)
Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)
Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)
Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)
Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)
Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)
Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)
Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)
Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)
Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)
Hannah Forward
Amanda Olson (daughter of Olive Olson)
Ella Conover (Phil & Paula's Klacan's Niece)
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)
Teajai Schmidt (Relative of Boock family)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson

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June Birthdays



Name	Birthday
Leila Jiskra	01-Jun
Cara Getschel	2-Jun
Carol Knudsen	5-Jun
Russ Jiskra	6-Jun
Peter Nelson	7-Jun
Naomi Brandt	9-Jun
Elizabeth Rodewald	14-Jun
Eric Rodewald	14-Jun
Louie Bernard	15-Jun
Mark Ziebarth	15-Jun
Ainsley Neuhaus	17-Jun
Denise Burkett	26-Jun
Douglas Rudesill	26-Jun
Jack Stang	27-Jun
Daniel Malaney	29-Jun
Hannah Forward	29-Jun
Edward Paulson	29-Jun
Jaxon Jiskra	29-Jun
Steve Meyer	29-Jun



June Baptisms

Shane Bondhus
Erik Eaton
Martie Guthrie
Sean James
Gary Siebold
Luke Stang
Leila Jiskra



	Date	Celebrating Years
Larry & Lynda Meyers	06/05	42
Douglas & Susie Rudesill	06/07	44
Joe and Connie Kurten	06/11	53
Mark & Lisa Ziebarth	06/12	37
Bill & Kay Montgomery	06/17	63
Joseph McIntosh & Faye Perkins	06/18	39