

Building an Inclusive Church



AN INVITATION FROM THE NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN

About a year and a half ago as part of a Lenten series of Mission Ministry Team guest speakers, entitled “Who Is My Neighbor,” we heard from a representative of Reconciling In Christ about ways we can expand our hospitality and welcome as a congregation. It was one of many guest conversations that gave us a general sense that we could likely grow in our understanding of what it means to welcome various neighbors into our mission.

Recently, the NWSWI (our Synod of the ELCA) has begun to explore what it means to expand the hospitality and welcome of our whole synod. As part of that exploration they are offering a day-long workshop on “Building an Inclusive Church” on Saturday, August 17th from 9AM-3PM at Bethel Lutheran Church, highlands campus. **This is a great opportunity for anyone who is genuinely curious about understanding their Christian call to hospitality and evangelism.** If you are interested in attending or wonder if this is right for you, feel free to reach out to Pastor Annie here at HOPE. You may also contact Rev. Sara Bishop, Synod Advocate for Right Relationships at synodadvocate@nswi.org with any additional questions.

For more information, please see the flyer below. You can register directly [HERE](#) and make sure to select the August 17th event in the drop down menu!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS FAST APPROACHING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

It runs from 5:30-8:00 p.m. with lots of opportunities for neighbors to get to know their neighbors and to promote police and community partnerships.

Local Firemen, Police, EMTs and more will be there to show their support for our community and their wishes to work together to make our neighborhoods safe.

A free light meal will be served.

Activities include:

- ◆ Bounce House,
- ◆ Bouncy Obstacle Course,
- ◆ Pickles the Clown Balloon Twisting,
- ◆ Zaney Janie ChArm/Henna Painting,
- ◆ Robotics,
- ◆ Popcorn,
- ◆ Basket Raffle,
- ◆ 50/50 Raffle to benefit Tools for Schools,
- ◆ Music by Phil Klacan and John Hamilton,
- ◆ Yard games.

Attendance is free but we ask for donations that will support Our Neighbors' Place, Turning Point, the Backpack Program, Tools for Schools, Wiley's Wardrobe, and the River Falls Food Pantry.

Monetary donations are always welcome. A list of items that are most needed by these organizations is listed in TWAH. If you are not currently on a ministry team, please reach out to any of the coordinators to see how you might be able to help.

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National Night Out Donations Needed

Our Neighbors' Place (most needed items):

Toothpaste
Body wash
Unscented lotion
Diapers (size 4, 6, 7)
Tuna in a pouch
Granola bars
Soup with pop-top opening

Turning Point:

Cleaning supplies:

- ⇒ All-purpose cleaners
- ⇒ Disinfecting wipes
- ⇒ Sponges
- ⇒ Antibacterial hand soap
- ⇒ Brooms/dustpans

Baby food (jars and formula)

Gas cards

Over the counter medications

- ⇒ Ibuprofen
- ⇒ Tylenol
- ⇒ Band aids
- ⇒ Infants/children's medication
- ⇒ Melatonin

Twin-sized bed sheets

Cotton balls

Can openers

Paper towels

Napkins

Coffee & filters

Disposable razors

Feminine hygiene products (tampons)

Plastic forks/spoons

Paper plates

Ziplock baggies

Automotive gift cards

Adult incontinence products

Tools for Schools (most needed items):

Washable thick & thin markers

Wide ruled notebooks (single subject)

Watercolor paints (8 count with brush)

Ultra fine point sharpies (black)

Adult-sized scissors

3-ring binders (1.5" & 3")

Wired headphones (no ear buds)

Any other school supplies as well



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*You're
Invited!*

**ELCA Civic Life and Faith
Discussion Series**

What? So What? Now What?

**Discussion 3:
"Now What?"**

Further discussion of previous topics and
what we'd like our next steps to be

**Sunday, August 11th
10:45 am - 12:00 pm**



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Blood Drive at Hope Lutheran August 6th 12-5:00.

Please help us by donating if you can.

Summer is our **biggest Critical Need challenge of the year** with donor activity at it's lowest due to people taking time off, traveling, celebrating upcoming holidays and festivities.

- ⇒ Yet, emergency situations & injuries are also on the rise, putting greater strain on available blood resources.
- ⇒ Ex: 1 car accident victim could need 100 units of blood.
- ⇒ Below is a look at our hospital's weekly inventory and orders for patients.

Current Blood Inventory July 1st – July 7th:

- ⇒ Most patient orders for *Type O- blood have been reduced* due to limited quantities.
- ⇒ *All Platelet supply orders are experiencing "some" reductions* due to insufficient supplies.
- ⇒ *Type B- blood is experiencing "some" reductions* as well due to insufficient supplies.
- ⇒ All blood types are needed; *Type O Blood especially.*
- ⇒ *Power Red Donors critically needed.*
- ⇒ For donating, you will receive \$20 Amazon.com gift card via email from Amazon

Scan to make appointment





BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH TRAINING

Building an Inclusive Church is a *workshop* and a *toolkit* provided to participants which covers 6 tools and 11 steps. The workshop explains and expands on the tools in the toolkit to help people design and implement a journey towards becoming fully affirming and inclusive as faith communities. Participants will explore ways to create dialogue and deepen relationships as congregations move through the process.

COMPONENTS

- Key Concepts: Graceful Engagement & Relationship Building
- Tools: One-to-One Conversations, Storytelling, Framing, & Scriptural Engagement
- Opportunities to advance Intersectional Justice in faith communities
- Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Partner Commitments

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GOALS & OUTCOMES

- Discover how to implement a journey for your faith community to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and to commit to the work of racial equity
- Learn how to use the six core tools to move this holy work forward
- Develop skills needed for one-to-one and community conversations
- Identify opportunities and next steps for applying concepts and strategies to incorporate conversations about intersectional equity
- Explore your own Christian call to hospitality and evangelism

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

August 17, 2024: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm CT

Bethel Lutheran Church, Highlands Campus
504 Frontage Road, Hudson, Wisconsin 54016

www.reconcilingworks.org/trainings/bic/



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Holy Yoga
FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT
WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM
JULY 17- AUG 21, 2024
Outdoor Yoga Engaging the Psalms
bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!
Cost: FREE WILL offering
3337 KINGSBARN AVE
WINDS OF THE SPIRIT PAVILION

A rolled-up purple yoga mat is shown on the right side of the graphic, partially unrolled to show its texture.

Olive will be on vacation from July 25th to August 4th.

Office hours may vary during this time.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



ALL PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER CLEAN OUT

July 9-Aug 4

(clear for Blood Drive August 6th)

HOPE's Property Ministry has set up tables in the sanctuary with items currently held in storage to determine if items stored are still being used. Ministry Teams should set a time to go through and claim items they want held in storage. Please divide items by "Keep, Toss, Donate" and make sure to label your "keep" items with your team name and date.

Please direct questions to Alyssa Boock or Susie Rudesill.

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Songs & Suds
Summer sing-along at
Rush River Brewery

With Strings of HOPE

Monday, Aug. 12

6:30 pm



New songs to sing and
new people to meet!

Same great beer!
Bring a friend or two!



National Night Out
in Sterling Ponds
8.06.24
5:30-8:00PM

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Bounce Houses, Balloon Art, Face Painting,
FREE Meal, Raffle Prizes, Ice Cream Truck, 50/50
Raffle, Live Music, Games, donation collection,
local Fire/Police/EMT & More!!!



HOPE Lutheran Church, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave, River Falls

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YOUTH NEWS



FREE
ADMISSION!

A POOL PARTY WITH HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

08.03.23 | 6:15-7:30 PM | GLEN PARK POOL | ALL ARE WELCOME!

Treats provided!

ALL AGES AND FRIENDS OF HOPE WELCOME!

TIE-DYE PARTY

BRING ONE ITEM TO TIE-DYE

Wed, August 14th
3-5:30PM
@ HOPE
Friends Welcome!

DINNER PROVIDED

For all K-12th kids/families! We'll also be tie-dyeing pillow cases for Grace Place (provided)

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

This Week at HOPE July 24, 2024



VBS & Children's Musical with First Congregational Church!!

A vertical graphic on the left side of the poster features the word "CHRISTIANART" written in white, outlined letters. The background consists of four vertical panels of colorful stained glass patterns in shades of blue, red, yellow, and white.

July 29-Aug 1
9:00-11:30 AM
Age 3-completed Grade 5

First Congregational UCC
110 N 3rd St. River Falls
715-425-2052

TO REGISTER VISIT:
www.firstchurchrf.org



ALL ARE WELCOME!
NO CHARGE!

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!
Carl Huneke, CC BY-SA 4.0

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

Dinner and a Presentation: August 1, 6:30PM

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a green shirt and pants, sitting on the ground. He is surrounded by two golden lions. The background is a textured, brownish-yellow color.

RESCUE IN THE NIGHT: THE STORY OF DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

DINNER & SHOW: Aug 22, 6:30 pm
REHEARSALS: Aug 19-22, 9:00 AM-Noon
AGE: Completed Kindergarten - Grade 6

ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE! TO REGISTER VISIT: WWW.FIRSTCHURCHRF.ORG
First Congregational United Church of Christ | 110 N 3rd St. River Falls | 715-425-2052



Dinner and the Show: August 22, 6:30PM



Bakken Young
Funeral & Cremation Services

**Mindful Holidays: Navigating Grief with
Compassion and Presence**

**FREE! Join us via Zoom Webinar
Thursday, October 24, 2024 | 6:30 - 8:00pm**

The holiday season can intensify your sense of loss, affecting your mind, body, and heart. Whether you are newly bereaved or have been walking this path for some time, this webinar will offer you a deeper understanding of how to integrate mindfulness into your holiday experience, fostering resilience and self-care.



Presenter, Heather Stang will discuss:

- Discover coping techniques, such as breathing exercises and meditation, to help you manage the pain of loss.
- Learn practical strategies for creating new holiday traditions that honor your grief and balance the needs of you and your family.
- Develop tools for mindful and compassionate self-care, including setting limits and emotional regulation during holiday gatherings.
- Discuss how to model healthy grieving for children and teens.
- Utilize a personalized worksheet to plan your winter holiday season, ensuring continuous support and a mindful approach.

Heather Stang, MA, C-IAYT, is the author of [Living With Grief](#) (formerly [Mindfulness & Grief](#)) and the guided journal, [From Grief To Peace](#). She holds a Master's Degree in Thanatology from Hood College, and is a Certified Phoenix Rising Yoga Therapist.

Register at: bakken-young.com/event/fall-2024-webinar

**Questions? Contact Julia Rajtar, Grief Support Coordinator
(715) 781-4003 or julia@bakken-young.com**

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services
River Falls (715) 425-8788 | info@bakken-young.com | New Richmond (715) 243-5252
Visit our grief support page for more information on events and resources at: bakken-young.com

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Bakken-Young

Funeral & Cremation Services

Grief Support Groups

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services sponsors a six-week grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one.

Group held in New Richmond, 6:00-7:00pm

Mondays, Sept 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 14, 2024

at New Richmond United Methodist Church,
209 E Second Street, New Richmond, WI 54017

RSVP by Sept 8, with name, phone number, and email.

Group held in River Falls, 6:00-7:00pm

Mondays, October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

at St. Bridget Catholic Church

211 East Division Street, River Falls, WI 54022

RSVP by Oct 18, with name, phone number, and email.

Living with a Suicide Death Support Group

Offers a place where adult suicide loss survivors (*family and/or friends whose special person has died by suicide*) can

- Feel less isolated by sharing their experiences with others who understand from their own personal experiences
- Experience a place where they can speak openly and where people will listen without judgment and truly understand
- Encounter an opportunity for loss survivors to learn from each other

Once a month, 2nd Thursday of each month

6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Please call Julia Rajtar, Bakken-Young Grief Support Coordinator, AFSP Facilitator Trained, at [715-781-4003](tel:715-781-4003), for more information.

Bakken-Young Grief Webinar

Mindful Holidays: Navigating Grief with Compassion and Presence

Zoom Webinar

Thursday, October 25, 2024 | 6:30pm—8:00pm CST

Bakken Young Funeral and Cremation Services invites you to a free grief webinar for those coping with grief around the holidays.

(I am also attaching the flyer which you are welcome to share)

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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

Want to help but not sure what the job entails?
Learn more in our [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.

Discussion time includes group check-in, opening meditation, and study of the week's worship texts.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88419155061?pwd=di9hUXlraeDdzM0dCK0pPMDNtbHczZz09>



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

Joe McIntosh

Brad Hermann (Friend of Pastor Annie)

Jerry Sather Family (Brother of Karen Hamilton)

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)

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)

Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)

Gary Siebold

David Hendrickson

This Week at HOPE July 17, 2024



July Birthdays



Name	Date
Janet Gerber	7-Jul
Bill Warner	7-Jul
Lucas Ladnier	11-Jul
Danielle Tokheim	15-Jul
Betty Lou Oppegard	16-Jul
William Berndt	18-Jul
Luke Stang	18-Jul
Jon Filarsky	21-Jul
Piper Rodewald	22-Jul
Erin Nelson	23-Jul
Payton Torntore	24-Jul
Joseph McIntosh	25-Jul
Ian Porten	25-Jul
Steve Leitch	28-Jul
Nancy Peters	30-Jul

July Baptisms

- Will Bohnert
- Alyssa Boock
- Andrea Boock
- Denise Burkett
- Lucas Ladnier
- Peter Nelson
- Elizabeth Rodewald
- Eric Rodewald
- Hunter Rodewald
- Douglas Rudesill
- Spencer Ziebarth



July Anniversaries	Date	Celebrating Years
Jerry & Darcy Boock	03-Jul	48
Phillip & Paula Klacan	20-Jul	39
John & Karen Hamilton	26-Jul	33
Marc & Martie Gutherie	25-Jul	27
Jason & Hallie Neuhaus	10-Jul	20
Mitch & Erin Nelson	13-Jul	17