

This Week at HOPE August 7, 2024



All are invited to our third and final conversation of our Civic Life and Faith Discussion series, **this Sunday, August 11 at 10:45AM**. We will explore any follow-up questions you may have on our previous two conversations and have a collaborative discussion on our hopes for our next steps as a congregation. Perhaps you would like to see a Bible study further exploring civic life topics through the use of the prophets. Maybe you'd like to learn more about the advocacy branches of the ELCA. Perhaps you are eager to take the next steps toward an official Land Acknowledgement. Maybe you have another suggestion for a book or study, or you have a specific service project you would like us to engage. Bring your courageous and faithful ideas on Sunday!

As a recap here are some links to resources we have previously visited in our discussions:

[ELCA Repudiation Background/Intro](#)

[2016 ELCA Repudiation Resolution](#)

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

[Doctrine of Discovery background](#)

[ELCA's Draft Statement on Civic Life & Faith](#)

We look forward to our continued conversation!

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Sunday, August 11th - Special Offering for Falcon Links Fostering Success

This Sunday August 11th, we will be collecting a special offering to support Falcon Links Back to School Welcome Baskets.

We currently have a \$250 Thrivent Action Card to purchase supplies for the welcome baskets.

The goal of Falcon Links at UW-River Falls is to provide guidance, support, and resources for students who have been in foster care, homeless, or orphaned and who have an interest in pursuing higher education.

Each year they welcome their Falcon Links students with Welcome Baskets to ensure they have some basic needs to kick off the year as well as a few fun things for them.

These are their biggest expense of the year. The Mission Ministry will be collecting any donations this Sunday, combine it with the \$250 Thrivent Action Card, and purchase items for the Welcome Baskets.

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It's that time of year again! We are once again partnering with local congregations and businesses to sponsor this important annual community event!

All school supply donations are welcomed, but items listed below are of particular need for this year's collection:

Backpacks

- ⇒ Notebooks—both college and wide ruled
- ⇒ Pencil boxes
- ⇒ Glue sticks
- ⇒ Colored pencils
- ⇒ Markers-both wide and thin
- ⇒ Washable markers-both wide and thin
- ⇒ Pens
- ⇒ Pencils (Ticonderoga)
- ⇒ Mechanical pencils
- ⇒ Crayons
- ⇒ Earbuds
- ⇒ Folders
- ⇒ Highlighters
- ⇒ 3-ring Binders and filler paper

The HOPE collection runs through Monday, August 12th (bin located inside sanctuary during the week/on table in WOTS on Sunday mornings).

In addition to your donations, please prayerfully consider donating your time to this wonderful event! Volunteers are needed to help set-up and to accompany students with their shopping and shoe selection! **K-12 volunteers are welcome but can only help with set-up and tear down, as this is a sensitive event for their peers!** All adults are welcome! You can sign-up to volunteer Sundays at worship OR by emailing Stacia Johnso, HOPE's liaison: staciarjohnson@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed:

Monday, August 19th 10-11AM (set up help)

Monday, August 19th 4 M - 7PM (accompany students)*

Tuesday, August 20th 9:45AM- 12PM (accompany students)

**If this is your first time, please arrive at 3:30PM*

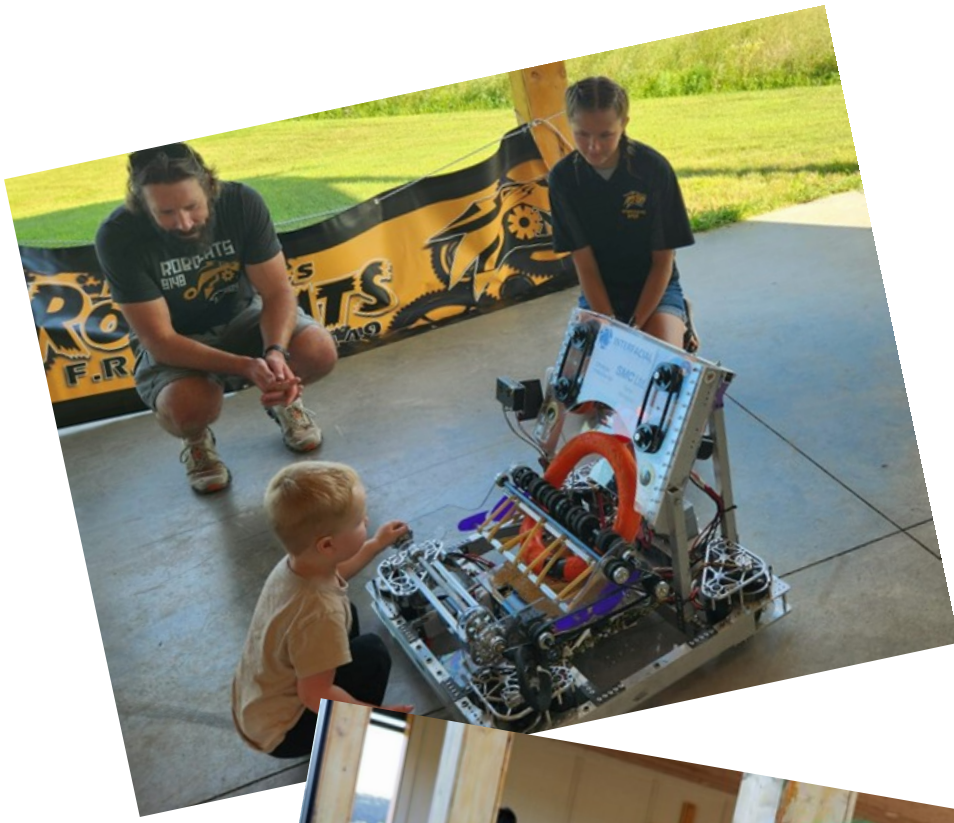
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Building an Inclusive Church



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!

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God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

Join us on Sunday, September 8 for our annual
God's Work, Our Hands Kick-Off Sunday!
Project details TBA

Please bring a POTLUCK side item or dessert for our meal together that day!



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

Building an
Inclusive
Church

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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RIVER FALLS COMMUNITY PACKING EVENT

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2024!!

HOPE has 2 blocks of time reserved for packing:

Wednesday, 9/11 from 6-8PM (13 spots for Faith Adventures/Confirmation & adults)

Thursday, 9/12 from 6-8PM (10 spots for anyone 5+)

This is a community-wide event where people from across River Falls will come together to feed God's hungry children.

SIGN UP TO COME WITH HOPE HERE!!!!

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Holy Yoga

FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM

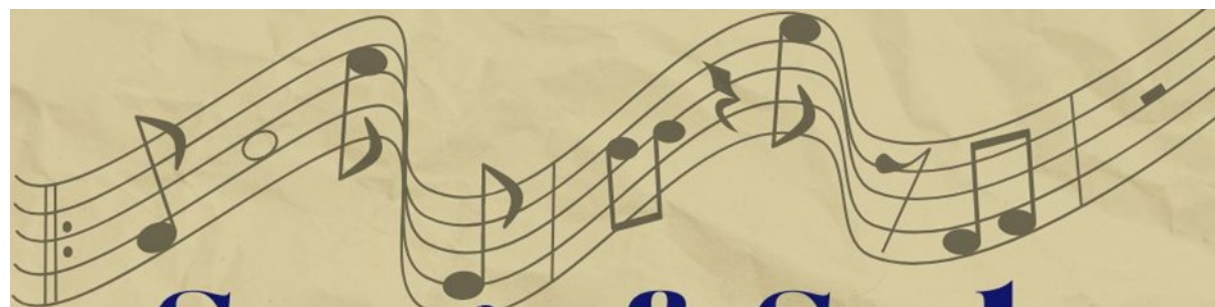
JULY 17- AUG 21, 2024

Outdoor Yoga Engaging the Psalms

bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!

Cost: FREE WILL offering

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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!



For all K-12th kids/families! We'll also be tie-dying pillow cases for Grace Place (provided)
[SIGN UP HERE](#)



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

SAVE THE DATES!

Look for details on 2024-2025 Faith Adventures & Confirmation Ministry NEXT WEEK!

For now: Save these dates!

9.11.24:

HOPE Youth & Family FMSC Packing Night 6-8PM

9.18.24:

Wednesdays of HOPE Kick-Off Night for youth & families 6-7:15 PM, meal provided

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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

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August Birthdays



Name	Date
Mitch Nelson	1-Aug
Verna Tweiten	1-Aug
Samuel Leisz	5-Aug
Morgan Leitch	9-Aug
Amelia Forward	10-Aug
Natalie Leisz	13-Aug
Brynn Leitch	13-Aug
Steve Kaste	18-Aug
Lauren Ziebarth	24-Aug
Angela Bohnert	25-Aug
Paula Klacan	25-Aug
Keith Getschel	26-Aug
Lisa Rydland	29-Aug
Nancy Peters	30-Aug



August Baptisms

Joseph McIntosh
Kay Montgomery
Betty Lou Oppegard
Camryn Glaubitz
Tanner Heinselmann
Cameron Leitch
Ainsley Neuhaus
Alexis Rehbein
Avery Tokheim

August Anniversaries



Name	Date	Celebrating Years
Richard & Carolyn Jackson	2-Aug	63
David & Nancy Peters	26-Aug	63
Jeff & Karen Rodewald	31-Aug	39
Grete & Chad Rehbein	15-Aug	15
Russ & Keri Jiskra	24-Aug	5
Jeremy & Traci Wolfe	12-Aug	
Ian & Morgan Porten	12-Aug	2