

This Week at HOPE November 13, 2024



The Ministry of HOPE's Council: Naming Our Values Deep Look at Value 2

Last week I shared more details about the work the HOPE Ministry Council has done to name the congregation's four main values. (For further background on why that work was important please see previous week's TWAH articles). This powerful work was rooted in our current mission statement:

*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.*

Together we discerned HOPE Values...

- All people without exception
- **Serving generously**
- Spiritual Nourishment
- Our connection with creation

Our second value, "Serving Generously" also likely comes as no surprise! Repeatedly during last fall's Cottage Meeting conversations a wide representation across the congregation named this value through statements like:

- I see God in my everyday life
... in my desire to help other people
...when I read with children at elementary schools
...in my work with kids and people in crisis
- I have seen or experienced God at work through HOPE when...
...we collect supplies for Tools for School and volunteer the night of distribution
...people always stepping up to help others
...I've been trained to notice when I'm in the right place at the right time to help someone
...giving out free root beer floats at River Falls Days and inviting others to Trunk or Treat and National Night Out.
...everyone chipped in to build HOPE
- We sense God leading us
...to address hunger and homelessness in our community
...to work with other local congregations to make a bigger impact for the needs in RF
...to use our land/space to meet the needs of the community
- I think we value:
...Generosity
...community service
...caring for one another
...caring for others
...giving

Of course these are not exhaustive lists, but just a taste of how frequently these kinds of answers came up in our conversation. As we distilled these answers down, the council agreed that HOPE has a heart for caring not only for one another, but for our wider community and to respond generously however possible. We also named our strong desire to be more proactive in the ways we serve, hoping that we can discover ways to join great work already happening in our community to help make a bigger impact to prevent more people from experiencing hunger, homelessness, violence, or abuse in our community.

I hope this background helps you understand and live into our second HOPE value! Now, a year out from our initial conversations, what dreams do you sense God forming in you and across HOPE to "Serve Generously?" Next week we will explore more about why and how HOPE values "Spiritual Nourishment."

Blessings,,
Pastor Annie Ladnier

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**THIS SUNDAY WE NEED:
COMMUNION PREP, ACOLYTE, AND ALTAR FLOWERS
IF YOU CAN SERVE PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE!](#)**



 **Global Refuge**

Election **2024**
What the Results Mean for
Immigrants and Refugees

November 22, 2024
12 p.m. ET

Registration required.



Global Refuge, formerly known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), is a nonprofit serving newcomers seeking safety, support, and a share in the American dream. For 85 years, they have welcomed those seeking refuge, upholding a legacy of compassion and grace for people in crisis. They walk alongside individuals, families, and children as they begin their new lives in the United States through their work in refugee resettlement, welcome and respite services for asylum seekers, economic empowerment and employment, and family unification for unaccompanied children. To date, they have served over 750,000 people from around the globe. At Global Refuge, welcoming newcomers isn't just their duty—it's an inherent part of their identity, rooted in their Lutheran heritage and inspired values, and serving as a testament to our unwavering commitment to those in search of refuge. Global Refuge is an ELCA partner.

Immigration was a top issue in the 2024 election and you may be left wondering how the Church can continue in ministry with immigrants and refugees. With the election now decided, we are invited to join a special webinar, **Election 2024: What the Results Mean for Immigrants and Refugees on November 22, 2024 at 12 p.m. ET.** Global Refuge President & CEO Krish O'Mara Vignarajah and members of our senior leadership team will discuss where the work of welcome stands after the election and share our next steps as we support and advocate for immigrants and refugees.

[REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR HERE](#)



Join us THIS SUNDAY for a time celebrating God's many blessings and all we have to be thankful for! We will share in fellowship with one another while enjoying a delicious catered meal and naming our blessings together!

Carols and Candles

Sunday, December 8, 4pm

Carols and Candles Choir Rehearsals

Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30pm

Monday, Nov. 25, 6:30pm

Monday, Nov. 18, 6:30pm

Monday, Dec. 2, 6:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:30am

The Carols and Candles Choir welcomes all singers of all abilities, high school age and up. Attend as many rehearsals as your busy schedule allows. Join the choir this year, bring a friend, and enjoy Christmas in song!



WITNESS TO FAITH:

The Biblical Art of Sadao Watanabe

First Congregational Church is delighted to present *Witness to Faith: The Biblical Art of Sadao Watanabe*, featuring original works of graphic art by Japan's foremost Christian artist of the 20th century. Sadao Watanabe is a world famous artist who took his Christian faith and infused it with the ancient Japanese art of printmaking to create beautiful creations. Watanabe's art can be found in places like the Metropolitan Museum in New York, but seeing multiple copies of his work is unique!

As part of Pastor Stacy Johnson Meyers' sabbatical grant, she worked to bring this exhibit of over 30 pieces of his art to First for this season!

A SPECIAL PRIVATE HOPE VIEWING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Monday, November 25 at 6:30PM

First Congregational Church, 110 North Third Street, River Falls

[RESERVE YOUR SPOT HERE](#)

We will meet in the lobby of First Congregational Church that night.

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Lefse Day

You don't have to be Norwegian to spend a morning at HOPE making lefse. Please join us on **Saturday, December 14th 10:30**. Bring your own lefse dough, one quart ziploc type bags, griddle, turning stick etc. The tasty lefse will be sold during fellowship time on **December 15th**



Christmas Bake Sale

Baked goods and holiday treats are needed for HOPE's Bake Sale on **Sunday, December 15th**. Proceeds from your lefse, cookies, bars, breads, pies, cakes, snacks, candy etc. will be donated to the River Falls Backpack Program. Remember to bring your checkbook or cash so you can go home with some delicious homemade goodies.

Please price your baked goodies before the sale!



College Care Packages

Congregational Life & Membership would like to remember our college students as they are preparing to take their semester finals.

Please submit your students' addresses (your *children, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews*) addresses by November 24th.

You can fill their names and addresses to Olive via email to [hopelutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com](mailto:hopolutheranoffice.rf@gmail.com)



Give blood.

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

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Hope Lutheran

3337 Kingsbarn Ave

Friday, November 22, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: [hopepf](https://hopepf.com) to schedule an appointment.



Give Nov 18 to Dec 8 for two pairs of custom **FRIENDS**
+ Red Cross socks, ltd qty. Keep one, gift one!

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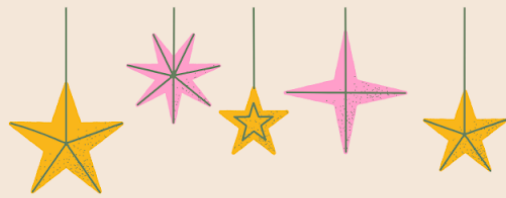
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DECK THE HOUSE



AND SOCIAL

JOIN OTHER FRIENDS AND OUR PARTNERS FOR A FUN CELEBRATION AS WE DECORATE THE HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP JOURNEY HOUSE?

- DONATE OLD CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS,
- GIFT A FINANCIAL GIFT,
- SIGN UP TO BE A JOURNEY HOUSE FRIEND.

DROP OFF DONATED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ANY TIME BEFORE DECEMBER 8TH.

12/8/2024
1:00PM -3:00PM

JOURNEY HOUSE
143 E. Cascade Avenue
River Falls, WI 54022



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On Sunday, November 3, we joyfully welcomed four new members to the HOPE family. We look forward to strengthening these new relationships and sharing in the ministry of the Gospel together! Read on to get to know them a bit better:

Rich Loney:

I grew up on a farm near Baldwin and have spent the last 46 years in the River Falls area. My wife Trudy, who passed the day after Christmas in 2022, and I were richly blessed with three adopted daughters, Kristin and Jenny who both live in the area and Emily who is in Waukesha. Our family also includes four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. I enjoy working outside, lawn and garden work along with various home maintenance activities in the warmer months and, yes, moving snow in the winter. Who knows, perhaps we're in for the Big One this season! I'm grateful for the warm welcome I received at Hope and look forward to growing with the congregation.

Ed Quinn:

My wife, Pam & our family have lived in the Town of Hudson for about 25 years. We have two adult, married children, so that just leaves Pam, myself & our 4 rescue cats at home (Pumkin, Spice, Latte & Junior). We were previously members of Bethel Lutheran in Hudson. I recently retired from the MN Dept. of Natural Resources where I supervised the natural resource management program for MN State Parks. I love playing & coaching soccer, hiking, as well as natural & human history. What drew me to Hope was the welcoming community and the participatory nature of the worship services.

Lisa & Keith Ruehlow:

Keith is an ELCA pastor who retired in 2023 after serving 36 years in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. He and Lisa moved this past summer to River Falls from Amery where Lisa continues to work as the Director of the Foundation for the Amery Hospital and Clinic. Before her present job she taught English at Amery High School for 18 years. They are happy to be a bit closer in River Falls to a daughter living in the Twin Cities. They also have a daughter living in Massachusetts. Keith and Lisa love life on the water whether it is in a kayak or canoe, enjoying views of Lake Superior on the North Shore or walking down to the small creek behind their house. They have a Golden Doodle named Rudy. They love to sing and enjoy movies, theater and good books. Keith and Lisa were drawn to Hope by good preaching and the congregation's focus on mission and service. They are anxious to build relationships and find ways here to love God and serve the neighbor.



Join Us for a River Falls Community Diaper & Baby Wipes Drive!

One in two families in River Falls struggle with providing diapers and wipes for their children. Lack of diapers can limit access to childcare and lead to health issues and discomfort for children, so we are asking for your help!

The United Way St. Croix & Red Cedar Valleys Diaper Bank, along with the River Falls Rotary Club and Ezekiel Lutheran Church, invite you to make a difference from **October 7th to November 15th by purchasing diapers and wipes.**

How to participate:

- **Drop off at: Ezekiel Lutheran Church:** 202 S. Second Street or **St. Bridget's Catholic Church:** 211 E. Division Street, River Falls, WI 54022
- **Scan the QR code** to purchase diapers and wipes at Walmart.com. Purchased items will be shipped directly to the United Way diaper bank.
- **Go to RF Rotary Club Facebook** page for the direct link to Walmart.



All diaper sizes and baby wipe quantities needed. Please ensure all donations are in unopened, original packaging for safety.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and making an impact on the families in River Falls!



UPDATED INFO:

ELCA Truth & Healing Movement Opportunities!

Last November, Rev. Sara Bishop, NWSWI Synod Advocate for Right Relationship, joined us for an Indigenous People's service and learning opportunity on a synod resolution for Land Acknowledgements. Since then we have been studying and learning more from our indigenous siblings. We have read and discussed *An Indigenous People's History of the United States*, have learned more about the Doctrine of Discovery and the ELCA's repudiation of it, and broadened our conversation to wider civic life and faith concerns as we explore how our past informs our present. All of these efforts are in line with the ELCA's wider work, "The Truth and Healing Movement," which serves to put legs onto our official repudiation statement.

This fall there are a number of opportunities for further exploration, learning, repentance, hope, and looking toward a more just future together. Book studies, online presentations, classes and even a symposium are at your disposal through the [ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement website!](#) Make sure to check on the website for continual opportunities to expand your learning on this topic.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming opportunities and learn more at the link above:

1. GOING ON NOW: The ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement has introduced the "Truth and Healing Movement Reading Circle." Many congregations already have book clubs or study groups. HOPE has 2 existing groups and often does additional adult forums geared toward a book. This particular reading circle offers an opportunity to read and discuss a book written by an indigenous author, scholar, leader, theologian, etc. This year across the ELCA book groups are studying, *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto* by Vine Deloria Jr. (*Standing Rock Sioux*).

A HOPE ADULT FORUM ON THIS BOOK DATE WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 19, 2025!

2. November 18-19th: [Vine Deloria Jr. Theological Symposium*](#) - ONLINE ACCESS AVAILABLE. CLICK THE LINK FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

The Vine Deloria, Jr. Theological Symposium celebrates the life and legacy of Lutheran School of Theology Chicago (LSTC) alumni Vine Deloria, Jr., author, historian, and activist for American Indian rights. The focus of this year's symposium is Vine Deloria's first book "Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto", where he highlights the challenges imposed upon Indigenous people by non-Native people, the U.S. government, churches, and others.

The in-person program will include worship, a keynote speaker, a panel and Indigenous arts and crafts. Complimentary parking will be available at LSTC.

For those attending virtually, join the Zoom Meeting using the following link:

<https://lstc-edu.zoom.us/my/lstc.chapel>.

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WEDNESDAYS 5:45-7:15!
Fall Session: September 18th-November 20th

Fall session ends with our cross-gen Advent Fair on November 20th!

THIS DECEMBER:

All WOH families are invited to join the wider HOPE congregation for our midweek Advent meal & worship services:

Dec. 4, 11, & 18th

5:45: Meal

6:15: Holden Evening Worship

Winter Session: January 8th-February 26th

Exploring: New Testament stories, Parts of Worship, Souper Bowl, and BINGO

All K-10+ children and youth are encouraged to register and attend!

Friends are always welcome!

3 Sessions throughout the year:

Spring Session: April 30-May 21

MEALS NOW PROVIDED EVERY WEEK!

Click below for more info & to register:

[2024-2025 WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE REGISTRATION](#)

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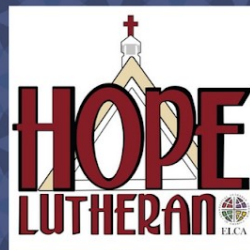
ADVENT FAIR

Wednesday, November 20th

5:30-7:30pm

An Inter-Generational evening of art,
creativity, & fellowship!

**NOW SEEKING
PROJECT HOSTS!**



**Have a fun Advent/Christmas project idea and want to lead it?
We are seeking projects for kids, teens/adults, and all ages!**

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE

TEACHERS NEEDED

FOR K-5TH
GRADE KIDS

5:45-7:15PM

[TEACHER SIGN UP HERE](#)

River Falls
Community Dinner
DINE-IN
OR TO-GO

*A Community
Non-Denominational
Event*

Thanksgiving Day
November 28, 2024
11am - 1pm

Held at
*Saint Bridget
Catholic Church*

We would like to invite you to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is Welcome, young, old, home alone, shut ins, travelers or just because you want to. We offer take-out or delivery for those unable to attend. FREE, or free will offering. We would be pleased to have you attend. Thank You

Please register between Oct 23 - Nov 25 in spotlight area on saintbridgets.org

Designed by:

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WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE MEAL HOSTS NEEDED! SIGN UP HERE AT THIS NEW LINK!

This year we would like to provide a SIMPLE, kid-friendly meal each Wednesday evening for our Wednesdays of HOPE ministry. This helps families participate in our ministry with one less thing to worry about on a busy weeknight, helps our youth and mentors connect over a meal, and provides an opportunity for other HOPE adults to engage with our children and youth!

Meals need to be ready at 5:45 and we expect to serve 15-20 people total. *Free Will donations will be collected to offset expenses. Donations of money for pizza nights are also being accepted.*

Please prayerfully consider if you/your ministry team would like to host a meal this year! Fall session is currently our biggest need!

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Sunday, December 1, 6:30 PM
Meet at Veteran's Park
All are welcome!

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HOPE FOR EARTH INVITES YOU TO:

Entering Advent

A CANDLELIGHT RIVER WALK

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We will gather by our beautiful
Kinnickinnic River to walk,
reflect, and greet Advent

Please bring a flashlight
Check www.hopeforearth.org
in the event of bad weather

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

John Hamilton

Ellen Roose

Andy Haugen (Relative of Ellen Roose)

Derrek Lettich (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)

The Family of Teresa Jonas (Friend of Kay & Bill Montgomery)

Connie Juaire

Scott Uring (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)

John Cain (Family friend of Olive Olson)

Robb Scott

Jerry Sather Family (Brother of Karen Hamilton)

The Family of Woody Fangmeier (Friends of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)

Family of Kermit Paulson

Marcus Stack (Friend of Steve & Karen Kaste)

Jeremy Martinson (Brother-in-Law to Elise Forward)

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)

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)

Hannah Forward

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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November Birthdays

Dianne H-Robinson	1-Nov
Linda Yde	1-Nov
Greta Wunrow	3-Nov
Diane Meyer	5-Nov
Linda Jacobson	7-Nov
Grace Hansen	8-Nov
Heathley Neuhaus	8-Nov
Charles Bricton	16-Nov
Mallory James	16-Nov
Mikey Langlois	16-Nov
Karen Rodewald	21-Nov
Phillip Klacan	22-Nov
Deb Tokheim	29-Nov



November Baptisms

McKenna Brill
Karen Brohaugh
Russ Jiskra
Jane Terkelsen
Dan Rodewald
Linda Yde



November Anniversaries

Steve & Diane Meyer
Nick & Stacia Johnson
Annie & Lucas Ladnier

Date
25-Nov
08-Nov
07-Nov

Years to Celebrate

46
16
9

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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](#)



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>

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Bakken-Young

Funeral & Cremation Services

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services sponsors an in-person six-week grief support groups for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. We ask that you participate in all 6 sessions, as you are able.

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

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

at St. Bridget Catholic Church

Garden View Room

211 East Division Street, River Falls, WI, 54022

All adults are welcome to participate in the group and the sessions are free.

Group Facilitator:

Julia Rajtar, M.A.P.S., BCC

Bakken-Young Grief Support Coordinator

To register please rsvp by October 18th, with your name, phone number, and email at: julia@bakken-young.com

For more information, call or text Julia at 715-781-4003.

Visit "Grief Support" at www.bakken-young.com
for additional groups and other grief support resources
or join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/bakkenyoung