

# This Week at HOPE November 20, 2024



## The Ministry of HOPE's Council: Naming Our Values Deep Look at Value 3

HOPE Values...

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

This week I'd like to share more with you about our third value, "Spiritual Nourishment." (For further background on HOPE Council's work on naming our values and information on the first 2 values, please see previous week's [TWAH articles](#)). As a reminder, all of our values branch out from our 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.*

In my listening during last year's Cottage Meeting conversations a very clear appreciation and continued longing for growing deeper in faith was evident. Many expressed a "hunger" for learning more about God and our faith together, many named the ways in which our music ministry has fed them, many named the significance of regular worship and the opportunity to commune weekly, many named the importance of strong preaching and teaching, and we recognized the ways we build, strengthen, and nourish the faith of the children and youth entrusted to us. Here is just a sampling of some of the comments:

- I see God in my everyday life
  - ... in rekindling my passion for music*
  - ...in my favorite hymn, "Borning Cry"*
  - ...though I struggle with "spirituality," HOPE has given me opportunities to grow*
- I have seen or experienced God at work through HOPE...
  - ...in participating in the musical small groups at HOPE*
  - ...during Coffee & Faithful Conversation on Mondays*
  - ...in strong sermons that make scripture relevant*
- We sense God leading us
  - ...to expand our musical offerings*
  - ...to expand opportunities for more church study groups*
  - ...to strengthen our children's ministry*
- I think we value:
  - ...Growing in discipleship*
  - ...a focus on Jesus as the center of all we do*
  - ...nourishing and uplifting worship*

During our council conversation we discussed how important this area is to our life as a congregation. Without spiritual nourishment, without growing in our Baptismal identities, without challenging what we think we know, without singing the songs of God's people, without teaching these things to our children, without doing this... we are not Christ's Holy Church. Without it we are simply another club, another fraternal organization, another social purpose committee. But we are claimed and called to be so much more than that, as last week's reading from Hebrews reminds us, *"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."*

So as we move forward in faith may joyfully continue to gather to be washed in the font, fed at the table, and nourished in song, word, and relationship, together. What kind of Spiritual Nourishment do you need? What do you hope for our children? How might we feed our wider community this good spiritual food? Next week we will explore our final value, "Our Connection with Creation."

Blessings,,  
Pastor Annie Ladnier

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**THIS SUNDAY WE NEED:  
USHERS, ACOLYTE, COFFEE HOST (DONUT SUNDAY!)  
& ALTAR FLOWERS  
IF YOU CAN SERVE PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE!](#)**

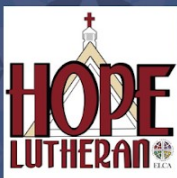
# ADVENT FAIR

Wednesday, November 20th

5:30-7:30pm

An evening of art, creativity,  
& meal fellowship!

Projects for every age to prepare  
our hearts for Advent!



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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 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DECORATING!**

All are invited at 9AM on Saturday, November 30th to help decorate for the season!

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We celebrated God's many blessings and all we have to be thankful for last Sunday!





## 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](#)

A festive poster for a holiday sing-along. The background is light beige with white snowflake patterns. Several Christmas ornaments in shades of blue, gold, and grey are hanging from the top. A red Santa hat is perched on one of the ornaments. The text "Songs & Suds" is written in a large, green, cursive font. Below it, "Holiday Sing-Along" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font. The event details "Monday Dec. 16, 6:30 pm @ Rush River Brewery" and "Everyone is welcome!" are in a green, sans-serif font. There are icons of a beer glass, a guitar, and musical notes.

# 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!

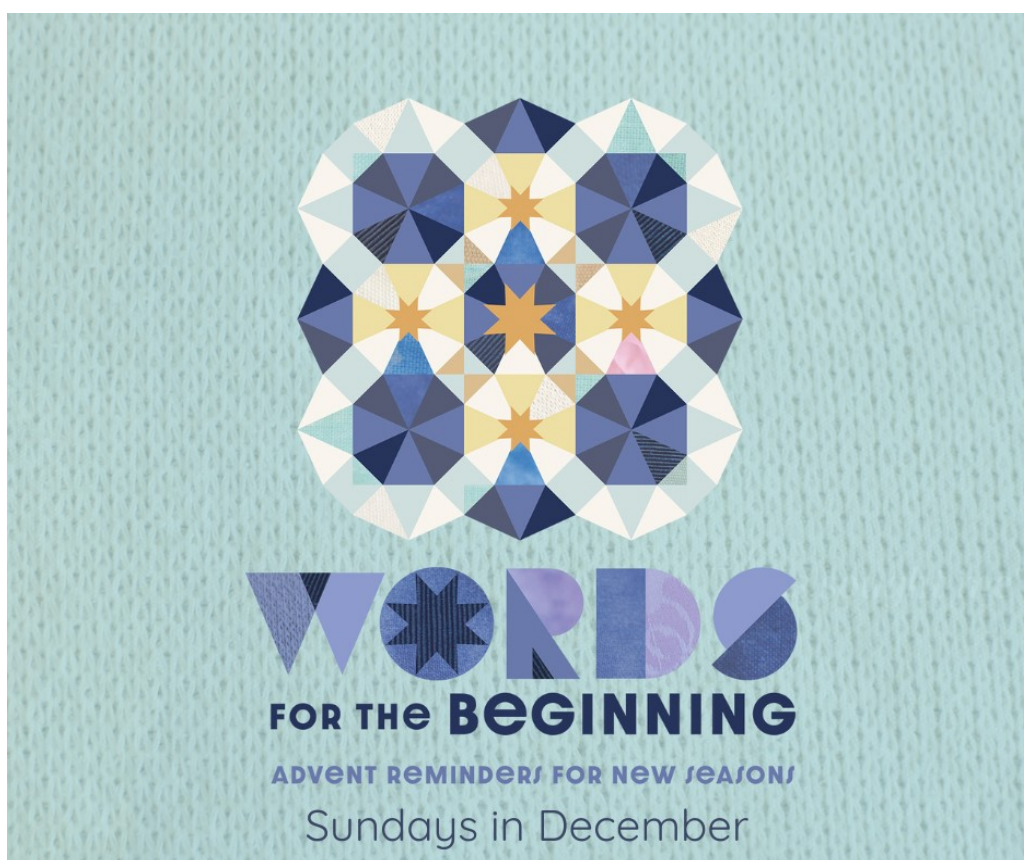
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## Did you know HOPE is on Facebook in TWO places?? Public HOPE Facebook Page

For public information, events, and Gospel sharing  
Private HOPE Facebook Group

For private events, picture sharing, sharing joys & prayer concerns,  
and living out our faith together  
**Make sure to like, follow, and join both to stay up to date!**







*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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: *hoperf* 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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[CLICK HERE to schedule an appointment.](#)



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

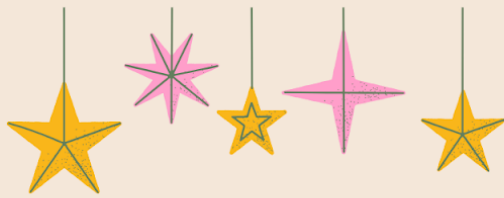
First Congregational Church, 110 North Third Street, River Falls

[RESERVE YOUR SPOT HERE](#)

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



# 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





## 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 have been a number of opportunities for further exploration, learning, repentance, hope, and looking toward a more just future together. As we move into the winter, opportunities continue to be available on the [ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement website!](#) Make sure to check back often to continue to challenge your understanding and grow in your love of our native siblings.

Our next upcoming opportunity will be on **January 19, 2025** when you are invited to join Pastor Annie for a discussion on *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto* by Vine Deloria Jr. (Standing Rock Sioux). This book has been commended to us through the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement's new Reading Circle. This is an opportunity for us to participate in a much wider conversation across the ELCA in its many expressions. This will be the second book written by an indigenous author that we will explore together in Christian community here at HOPE. This author brings with him a theological perspective, having graduated from one of our ELCA Seminaries, Lutheran School of Theology.

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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 mid-week 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](#)**



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](http://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!

HOPE FOR EARTH INVITES YOU TO:

# Entering Advent

A CANDLELIGHT RIVER WALK

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

Please bring a flashlight  
Check [www.hopeforearth.org](http://www.hopeforearth.org)  
in the event of bad weather



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### **Please lift up the following people in prayer**

Ethan Sailer (Family Friend of Faye Perkins)

Family of Rosina Hendrikson (Family of Mary Thompson)

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 Juaira

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](mailto:julia@bakken-young.com)

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

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