

# HOPE LUTHERAN ELCA

*Hope Journeys Forward*

*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.*

**August 25, 2011**

## **Outdoor Worship & Beach Picnic St. Croix Riviera Beach**

**The Rehbein & Oppegard families celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the St. Croix**



**Second photo: (L to r) Pastor Sandra Johnson, Betty Lou Oppegard, Chad Rehbein holding Alexis, Grete Rehbein, Milo Oppegard, Michelle Simpson (sponsor), Sue Rehbein and Dennis Rehbein.**

### **Leading Us in Worship – August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sandy Johnson  
Pianist: Phil Klacan  
Ushers: Jeff Rodewald & Kendra Lesmeister  
Communion Assistants: Doug & Susie Rudesill  
Special Music: Elissa Zoerb

Assisting Minister: Gorden Hedahl  
Reader & Prayers: Karen Hamilton  
Communion Preparation: Anne Anderson  
Acolyte: John Warner  
Coffee: Nancy & Mike Miller

Message to all HOPE High School Students.....**Please let us know ASAP if you plan to attend!!**

**YOU are Invited . . .**

**HOPE Lutheran High School Kayak and Pool Party**  
 Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Jeff & Karen Rodewald's  
 245 Hwy 65 (3 miles east of Shopko on 65)

5:00 – 6:30ish p.m. Kayak the upper Kinni  
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Pool, pizza & fellowship

**Bring: life-jacket, towel and clothes to change into**

*Please RSVP, so we can be sure to have enough kayaks and food!*  
 Call the church office at 715-425-9750.  
 Or email [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org)



**We hope to see you there!**  
 Pastor Sandy Johnson  
 The Nurture Committee

**Sunday - August 21, 2011**  
**Offering:** **Attendance: 47**  
 General Fund - \$467.00  
 Building Fund - \$272.00  
 Melody House Kitchen Supplies - \$25.00

**Below is a summary of Hope's financial picture through 7-31-11**

	Current Month	Year to Date	Over (under)	Monthly	Loan Balance
	to 7/31/2011				
<b>Offering Income</b>	\$8,675.30	\$55,891.13	(\$4,363.12)	\$8,607.75	
					07/01/2011
<b>Building Income</b>	\$3,017.00	\$20,908.62	(\$4,116.38)	\$3,575.00	\$229,950.00

# HOPE Lutheran Celebrates

# RALLY DAY

**September 11**

**Worship at 9:30**

**Block Party from 10:30 – 12:30**

**Sunday School & Confirmation registration**

**Picnic Lunch, games, music by John Hamilton & David Peters, FUN**

**Bring Lawn Chairs!!**

Jed and I have been with you for two months and you have helped make HOPE Lutheran and River Falls our home. In our time together we have covered some wonderful ground and or water. We have walked the land that will one day be HOPE's expression of worship to God and service to God's people. We have kayaked the Kinni and celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the St. Croix. We have sung, prayed, planned, sifted and sorted and in all of this we have begged God's guidance and energy for the tasks ahead.

The summer season will soon be fond memories as we move into autumn. With that shift will come a change in families' schedules, a little more routine to the days and weeks, and the anticipation of continued gatherings of the people of HOPE.

**Plan to join us on Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 for morning worship at the Newman Center.** On this, our Rally Sunday, we will help children and families register for Sunday school and prepare for this year's confirmation program. Weather permitting we will enjoy food and fellowship outdoors.

On our way rejoicing,

*Pastor Sandy*

**P**rayers are requested for:

Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Fred Benson, Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Marlys Hammer, Jodi Hauk (HOPE member), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Mike Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's brother), Tammy Johnson (friend of Tonja Lesmeister), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Chris Pageant (friend of Jeff Carlson), Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), Ervin Schmidt (Lisa Rydland's father), Matthew Schultz (Pastor Carol's brother), Thomas Vergenz (friend of Tonja Lesmeister), SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted solider of the Carlson family).

We pray for our sister parish, the Mwanza Mission Area in Malawi that they may grow in Spirit and grace. We also pray for our sister synod Sinodo Centro Campanha Sul in Brazil. We also pray for Robins Nest Children's Home & Melody House Home for Girls.


**Prayer requests can be sent at anytime.**

**Please notify HopeNotes when you would like a prayer request removed.**

## Calendar

August, 28, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	5- 8:00 p.m.	High School Kayak & Pool Party @ Rodewald's
Sept. 1, Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Mission Mtg. @ Global M.A.D.E.
Sept. 4, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Sept. 9, Friday	6:00 p.m.	Lay School of Ministry (Chippewa Falls, WI)
Sept. 11, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship – <b>Rally Sunday</b>
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Block Party</b>
Sept.12, Monday	4:00 p.m.	Congregation Life Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	5:30 p.m.	ComCom Mtg. @ Office
	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Mtg. @ Office
Sept. 13, Tuesday		Tuesday Banquet
	6:30 p.m.	Bishop Pederson @ Ezekiel

*Congrats to the 2011 HOPE Softball Championship Team on a great season!*



### **Sunday, September 4th, is Food Shelf Sunday**

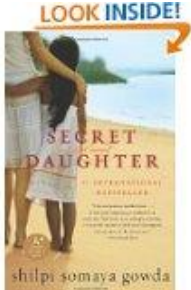
We ask that each member bring one (or more!) non-perishable food items to fill our red food shelf bins that will be available at the altar or in the lobby.

Also, we will be participating in "**Moola for Milk**" during the month of September. The churches in River Falls cooperate with the Salvation Army to collect money to buy milk for our local food shelf. Coins, bills, and checks are all welcome, and we will collect donations every Sunday in September. Could you put that announcement in next week's Hope Notes and then every week during September? Thanks.

## HOPE Daytime Book Group



The group meets the fourth Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. **We will meet at the River Falls Golf Course for the months of September and October at noon.**



“*Secret Garden*” by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

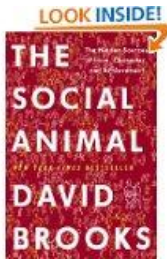
Told from the viewpoints of three females; two Indian born and one American born. All are women who have a strong feeling about motherhood--and about their own mothers. In addition, each woman sees a different India and comes to appreciate the country in different ways even as they realize that "Mother India does not love all her children equally."



## HOPE Evening Book Group

The evening book club will be reading and discussing "*Social Animal*" by David Brooks. September 26th is meeting date and time is 7pm. Place to be announced . See you all there and all are invited. God bless.

**Guest Reviewer: Walter Isaacson on *The Social Animal*** **Walter Isaacson**, the CEO of the Aspen Institute, has been chairman of CNN and the managing editor of Time magazine. He is the author of [Benjamin Franklin: An American Life](#) and of [Kissinger: A Biography](#), and the coauthor of [The Wise Men: Six Friends and the World They Made](#). He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and daughter.



David Brooks has written an absolutely fascinating book about how we form our emotions and character. Standing at the intersection of brain science and sociology, and writing with the wry wit of a James Thurber, he explores the unconscious mind and how it shapes the way we eat, love, live, vacation, and relate to other people. In *The Social Animal*, he makes the recent revolution in neuroscience understandable, and he applies it to those things we have the most trouble knowing how to teach: What is the best way to build true relationships? How do we instill imaginative thinking? How do we develop our moral intuitions and wisdom and character? Brooks has always been a keen observer of the way we live. Now he takes us one layer down, to why we live that way.

## "Kitchen Shower" for the young women at Melody House in Jamaica

The Mission Committee in Conjunction with the "Hope to Jamaica" Team, will be collecting gently used and or new household kitchen items. (pots, pan, bowls, cookie sheets....etc.)

Please bring your items on Sunday morning. Troy and Tonja will be delivering these items to Melody House in the coming months. If anyone has questions, they can contact Melissa Kolb, 425-8206 or 425-6665. **Donations will be collected for the next three weeks.**



## Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends

8/06	Lanelle Baerenwald	8/25	Paula Klacan
8/10	David Szatlowksi	8/26	Keith Getschel
8/21	Alan Hartleben	8/29	Lisa Rydland
8/24	Lauren Ziebarth	8/30	Nancy Peters



## Happy Anniversary to the following Hope members & friends

8/04	Sandy & Rod Holldorf
8/05	Carolyn & Dick Jackson (50th Anniversary!!)
8/10	Betty Lou & Milo Opegard
8/15	Grete (Opegard) & Chad Rehbein
8/25	Lanelle & Steve Baerenwald
8/26	Sharon & Kermit Paulson (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!)
8/26	David & Nancy Peters (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!)
8/29	Helen Carter & David Szatkowski

**\*Please contact the church office if a birthday/anniversary has been missed!**

# Save the Date



Sunday, September 25 - Brunch at VINO in the valley after worship.

### We're on Facebook!

It has been a busy week for those attending the Churchwide Assembly in Orlando. I hope you have been able to follow the assembly using the live streaming on the ELCA website.

The ELCA Facebook page, and our own synod's Facebook page, have been updated regularly with assembly information and photos.

For the latest news, find us on [Facebook!](#)

Be sure to "like" us when you're there.

Visit the [ELCA Facebook](#) page, too.

**The Newman Center will have mass starting on Sept. 11th at 8 p.m.  
Each Sunday after the 11th, Sunday Mass will be at 6 p.m.**

## **Community Announcements**

### **Our Neighbor's Place – Cedar Street Refurbishing Update:**

Hello Volunteers:

Painting is almost finished and we are now bringing in carpenters this next week to do flooring. If you can lay laminate, we need you this Saturday or next Wednesday and Thursday nights! After that it is back to cleaning, washing windows, and prep for furniture. If these are your skills, fear not, we can use your help yet in September. Bless you all for your help.

Mary Jo

#### The Schedule

Wednesday - August 31, September 7 - 6:00-9:00

Thursday - September 1, September 8 - 6:00 - 9:00

Saturday - August 27, September 10 - 9:00-1:00, 1:00-5:00 pm

**We will NOT be working Labor Day weekend - we need a break too!**

### **Interfaith Volunteers Needed:**

#### **River Falls**

- ◆ Home meal delivery once a month in town
- ◆ Transportation Mondays or Thursdays for a rural woman to Adult Day Respite program in Hudson 8:45 a.m. or 3 p.m.
- ◆ Companionship for a woman weekly
- ◆ Companionship & errands for a man
- ◆ Companionship, errands & help with meal prep for a couple

**Contact Nancy Abrahamson at 715-381-4360 or email [nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us)**



## **Customer Appreciation Day**

When: Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 8:00 a.m. – Noon Rain or Shine

Where: In the Market - Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Locust Streets

What: Kids' Activities, Educational Resources, Prizes & More!



**HOPE Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor Sandy Johnson**

**P.O. Box 287**  
**River Falls, WI 54022**  
**715-425-9750**

**Office address:**  
**117 E. Maple St., Suite C**  
**(Entrance behind**  
**Travel Leaders/Suntime Travel)**

**The HOPE office is staffed**  
**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**  
**9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Feel free to contact Pastor**  
**Sandy to schedule an**  
**appointment!**

HOPE's website:  
[hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](http://hopelutheran-riverfalls.org)

Pastor Sandy's email:  
[pastor@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:pastor@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org)

Teresa's email:  
[secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org)

Facebook:  
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**NWSWI**

**Synod Resource Center**

**ELCA**

**Living Lutheran**

**Cherish Our Children**

**[Lay School of Ministry](#)**

**Announcement Deadlines**

Send announcements to [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org)

**Website** by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays  
**Hope Notes** by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays  
**Bulletin** by 9:00 a.m. on Fridays

