

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.*

February 16, 2012

Leading Us in Worship			
	February 19	February 22	February 26
	Setting #4	Ash Wednesday	Setting #4
Presiding Minister	Pastor Sandra Johnson	Pastor Sandra Johnson	Pastor Sandra Johnson
Assisting Minister	Gorden Hedahl	Elissa Zoerb	Elissa Zoerb
Pianist	Betty Lou Oppegard	Phil Klacan	Betty Lou Oppegard
Reader & Prayers	Camryn Shea		Dan Wunrow
Ushers	Ed & Gwen Paulson	John & Erik Warner, Latidra Lesmeister	Jeff Rodewald & Kendra Lesmeister
Special Music	Hope Four Phil Klacan, Mike Miller, Michael Stang & Roger Tweiten		
Communion Preparation	Helen Traynor	Helen Traynor	Helen Traynor
Communion Assistants	Dave & Nancy Peters	Camryn Shea & Kendra Lesmeister	Karen & Jeff Rodewald
Acolyte	Lexy Getschel	Aaron Schmidt	Nathan Clark
Coffee	Jean Loudon	No Coffee	Karen Brohaugh
Bread Bakers	Jan Gerber	Jan Gerber	Jan Gerber
Altar Flowers		Melissa Kolb	

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 at the St. Thomas More Chapel beginning on Ash Wednesday February 22 for worship, imposition of ashes and communion. On the following Wednesdays we will continue to meet at 7:00 for a Lenten reflection concluding around 7:30. Since these worship services will take the place of the regular confirmation class, the students will shift from learners to participants and be involved as ushers, acolytes, readers, etc. Students are encouraged to arrive at 6:45. Mark these Wednesday dates on your calendar.

Ash Wednesday – February 22
Lenten Worship – February 29
Lenten Worship – March 7
Lenten Worship – March 14

Lenten Worship – March 21
Lenten Worship – March 28
Maundy Thursday – April 5
Good Friday – April 6
Easter Sunday – April 8

Come and join the Adult Forum after services this Sunday.
 The video and discussion will be:

Taking the Bible Seriously

HOPE Confirmation News

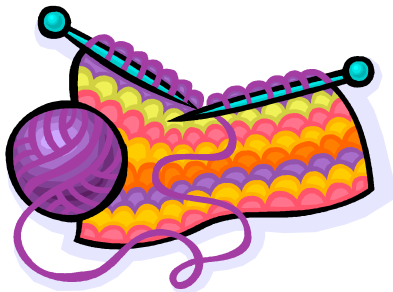


Confirmation students have been preparing for the upcoming Lenten season. They will all have the opportunity to assist during the Wednesday Lenten services and we look forward to their participation.

Beginning this Ash Wednesday, February 22, and for the following Wednesdays leading up to Holy Week we will meet at the St. Thomas More Chapel at 6:45 to prepare for the 7:00 worship service. I look forward to many of our HOPE family joining us as we all journey in faith together.

9th grade confirmation students, remember we will meet on **Sunday, February 26th after worship** in order to continue to make our plans for this spring. Invite your parents to join us.

Many thanks,
Pr. Sandy



HOPE Knitting Group

During the Lenten season, anyone who is interested in knitting is invited to join together at The Lutheran Home to knit prayer shawls and fellowship together. The residents of Lutheran Home and Wellhaven are very excited about us coming and will be anxious to watch, chat & enjoy the company. Coffee will be provided.

The knitting group will meet every Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor lounge of the Lutheran Home. Call the church office if you have any questions.

Prayers are requested for:
 Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Gordon Brandt (Jerry's brother), Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Nancy Gerber (Pastor Sandy's sister), Thomas Gresen (Amber Carlson's Uncle), Ruth Hilleren (Sue Warren's mother), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Gloria Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's mother), Mike Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's brother), Lynn Jermal (friend of Linda Jacobson), Tammy Johnson (friend of Tonja Lesmeister), Living Water Lutheran Church (Cameron, WI), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Hannah Manche & the Manche Family (friends of Teresa Ginn), Chris Pageant (friend of Jeff Carlson), Elaine Peterson (Sharon Paulson's mother), Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), Ervin Schmidt (Lisa Rydland's father), Emily Snyder (Lori Snyder's daughter), Shawna Stimeling (friend of Karen Rodewald) and Matthew Schultz (Pastor Carol's brother).

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.**

*The HOPE family sends love and peace to
 The Field family and the Poff/Fasching families
 During their time of loss.*



Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 16	6:00 pm	Church Ladies Cook-off (UCC)
Friday, Feb. 17	6:45 pm	Bowling for HOPE
Sunday, Feb. 19	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour & Adult Forum (<i>Donut Sunday</i>)
Monday, Feb. 20	7:30 pm	Council Meeting @ RF Library
Wed. Feb. 22	1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Lutheran Home, 2 nd Floor Lounge)
	6:45 pm	Confirmation students meet prior to service
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, Feb. 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School (Baptism of William Scott Imrie)
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour & Adult Forum
Monday, Feb. 27	12:00 pm	Daytime Book Group @ RF Bowling Alley
	6:45 pm	Confirmation students meet prior to service
	7:00 pm	Evening Book Group @ Carol Poff's house
Wednesday, Feb. 29	1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Lutheran Home, 2 nd Floor Lounge)
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Exec. Mtg. @ Church after Lenten Service

February 12, 2012
 General Fund - \$2,618.00
 Building Fund - \$1,242.00

Attendance 98



Daytime Book Group - Our February book has changed from The Thorn by Beverly Lewis to **Grand Opening by John Hassler**. Hassler's book has been chosen as the book for **River Falls Reads**. The committee has asked all book groups to read and discuss Grand Opening this month. We'll meet at noon on Monday, February 27 in the bowling alley restaurant. All are welcome. A brochure listing events throughout the month is available at HOPE. **River Falls Reads** is from February 1 - March 7.

Evening Book Group -
Monday, 7:00pm on February 27th - Losing Moses on the Freeway by Chris Hedges at Carol Poff's house.

Save the Date

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 am

Congregational Life will be serving a **PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Rocky Branch Elementary. Please mark your calendars.

Look for more information in the coming weeks.



Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends

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| 2/3 | Latidra Lesmeister | 2/20 | Diane Clark |
| 2/4 | Bill Montgomery | 2/21 | Paul Perkins-McIntosh |
| 2/5 | Gwen Paulson | 2/24 | Charles Eaton |
| 2/5 | Susie Rudesill | 2/25 | Dick Jackson |
| 2/8 | Dorothy Hansen | 2/26 | Kelly Holldorf |
| 2/10 | Kyle Rudesill | 2/26 | Olivia Szatkowski |
| 2/11 | Teresa Ginn | 2/27 | Lindsey Young |
| 2/15 | Mischa Carlson | 2/27 | Eric Rydland |
| 2/15 | Dan Wunrow | 2/28 | Darcy Boock |



Happy Anniversary to the following Hope members & friends

(No February Anniversaries)

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

Financial Summary from the Treasurer

Income	Current Month 1/31/2012	Year to Date	Over (under) monthly budget	Monthly	Loan Balance 1/1/2012	Annual Budget
Offering	\$8,246.50	\$8,246.50	(\$2,481.50)	\$10,728.00		\$128,737.00
Building	\$2,263.00	\$2,263.00	(\$1,312.00)	\$3,575.00	\$208,500.00	\$42,900.00
Mission gifts	\$156.00	\$156.00				
Benevolence NWSynod	\$824.65	\$824.65				\$12,874.00
Youth Ministry	\$10.00	\$10.00				

Community Announcements

Event: Church Ladies' Cook-Off and Author/Humorist Janet Martin

Speaker Topic: Hot Dishes, Hot Pads & Hot Flashes

Date: February 16, 2012

Time: 6pm Cook-Off; 7pm Speaker

Thursday, February 16, 6:00 pm at First Congregational Church, there will be a Church Ladies' Cook-Off followed at 7:00 pm with Janet Martin, author and humorist, giving a talk "**Hot Dishes, Hot Pads and Hot Flashes**". Bring your family to sample the entries and vote for your favorite. If you'd like to donate a hot dish or jello, recipes for HOPE's contest entries are available at church. HOPE is doing an overnight chicken hot dish and Ethel Johnson's delicious red jello with fruit. Tickets for the event are \$1.00 and can be purchased at the library or from Nancy Miller Sunday mornings.

Interfaith Volunteers are needed to support those over age 60 through companionship, transporting for errands or to the YMCA, or light chores.

For information contact Nancy at 715-381-4360 or email Nancy.Abrahamson@co.saint-croix.wi.us

The **Lutheran Night at the Minnesota Wild game** is quickly approaching on **Tuesday, February 28th**.

Does your church have their tickets yet?

Order today—tickets are nearly sold out.

Save over 40% on ticket prices for this game only!

4 people will be selected to ride a Zamboni for Lutheran Night!

Quickest way to order tickets:

<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=wild&o=8618843&g=421>

Enter Special Offer Code: **Lutheran**



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(Entrance behind
Travel Leaders/Suntime Travel)

The HOPE office is staffed
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10:30 – 12:30 a.m.

Feel free to contact Pastor
Sandy to schedule an
appointment!

HOPE's website:
hopelutheran-riverfalls.org

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Quick Links - Please click on the following links to visit these suggested sites:

NWSWI

ELCA

Cherish Our Children

Robins Nest Children's Home

Synod Resource Center

Living Lutheran

Lay School of Ministry

Announcement Deadlines

Send announcements to 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

