

# 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 9, 2012**

<b>Leading Us in Worship</b>			
	<b>February 12</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>February 22 (Ash Wed.)</b>
	<b>NTF</b>	<b>Setting #4</b>	
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Sandra Johnson	Pastor Sandra Johnson	Pastor Sandra Johnson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mike Miller	Gorden Hedahl	Elissa Zoerb
<b>Pianist</b>	Phil Klacan	Betty Lou Oppegard	Phil Klacan
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	Dave Peters	Camryn Shea	
<b>Ushers</b>	David Hendrickson & Steve Koecher	Ed & Gwen Paulson	John & Erik Warner
<b>Special Music</b>	Roger Tweiten		
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	<i>No Communion</i>	Helen Traynor	Helen Traynor
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<i>No Communion</i>	Dave & Nancy Peters	Camryn Shea & Kendra Lesmeister
<b>Acolyte</b>	Quinn Huhnke	Lexi Getschel	Aaron Schmidt
<b>Coffee</b>	Melissa Kolb	Jean Loudon	No Coffee
<b>Bread Bakers</b>	Jan Gerber	Jan Gerber	Jan Gerber
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Melissa Kolb		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**

**February 5, 2012**  
 General Fund - \$2,901.04  
 Building Fund - \$467.00  
 Food Shelf - \$95.00  
 Our Neighbor's Place - \$20.00

**Attendance 85**

## HOPE Confirmation News



### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students Serving...

On Saturday, February 4th, the 9th grade confirmation students traveled to New Richmond to participate in a servant project. A hearty “thank you” goes to Keith Getschel for driving. I think the toughest part of the work for the students on that day was getting out of bed on a Saturday morning in order to leave town at 8:00. (I promised them the next project wouldn't begin at what they, no doubt, consider the crack of dawn.) The ReStore in New Richmond has a connection with Habitat for Humanity and that was where we had the opportunity to sort and organize unique items used in home construction. They were unique in that the students weren't always able to identify when or where a particular something would be used in building a home. Is this for plumbing or electrical or...? It was wonderful to see them pitching in.

It is our plan to find additional ways we can serve our neighbor by volunteering with various entities that do that on a daily basis.

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

**P**rayers are requested for:  
 Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Gordon Brandt (Jerry's brother), Amanda Brown, Karen Fasching (Carol Poff's daughter), Jody Fink, George Field (HOPE member), 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.**

## Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 12	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School <i>Baptism for Jackson Brown</i>
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour & Adult Forum
Wednesday, Feb. 15	6:30 pm	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
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	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, Feb. 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour & Adult Forum
Monday, Feb. 27	12:00 pm	Daytime Book Group @ RF Bowling Alley
	7:00 pm	Evening Book Group @ Carol Poff's house
Wednesday, Feb. 29	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Exec. Mtg. @ Church after Lenten Service



**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 27<sup>th</sup> - 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

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!**

## Community Announcements

### Daddy Daughter Dance

The River Falls YMCA will be hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm at the River Falls High School. Girls age 3-10 should be escorted by a Dad/Grandpa/Brother. Formal attire is requested. The price is \$30 per couple. Call 715-425-9778 for more information. It will be a special night of fun!!

## **COMMUNITY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Monday, February 13th, St. Bridget Catholic Church, 211 E. Division Street, River Falls, will have a pancake supper to benefit the River Falls' homeless. Serving will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the church Dining Hall. Menu includes homemade pancakes, eggs, ham, fresh fruit, coffee and milk. Cost: donation.

### **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** assist those over 60 and currently need transporters for errands in River Falls, companionship for a woman in town, companionship for a man, transportation to the YMCA in Hudson once a week, and an activity helper substitute Thursday at the Hudson adult day program (fun). For information and to volunteer contact Nancy at 715-381-4360 or email [Nancy.Abrahamson@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:Nancy.Abrahamson@co.saint-croix.wi.us)

Nancy Abrahamson, Caregiver Support Coordinator  
Aging and Disability Resource Center, 1101 Carmichael Rd, Hudson, WI 54016  
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**Quick Links** - Please click on the following links to visit these suggested sites:

**NWSWI**

**Synod Resource Center**

**ELCA**

**Living Lutheran**

**Cherish Our Children**

**Lay School of Ministry**

**Robins Nest Children's Home**

#### **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



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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](http://hopelutheran-riverfalls.org)

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