

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.*

October 28, 2011

New Member Sunday & Chili Lunch

Sunday, October 30, 11:30 am



Everyone is invited to come for lunch prepared by some of Hope's great cooks. Come vote for your favorite chili. There will be cookie decorating for the kids and the gym equipment will be out.

- * Several types of chili will be served
- * Come vote for your favorite
- * Chili, bread, salad and beverages will be provided
- * If you have a favorite chili you'd like to bring, please do so



Congregational Photo for the HOPE Directory

October 30th (after Worship Service)

Please make plans to participate in the photo.

Leading Us in Worship – October 30th

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sandra Johnson
Assisting Minister: Linda Jacobson
Pianist: Phil Klacan
Reader & Prayers: Bill Warner
Ushers: Jerry Brandt & Spencer Ziebarth
Acolyte: Lexi Getschel
Communion Preparation: Nancy Miller
Communion Bread: Camryn Shea
Communion Assts: Helen Traynor & Karen Brohaugh
Special Music: Brass Quartet (Faye Perkins, Steven Koecher, Alyssa Boock & Michael Stang)
Flowers: Congregational Life Committee - in honor of HOPE's New Members

Sunday, October 23rd

General Fund - \$1,702.00
Building Fund - \$557.00
Youth Ministries - \$275.00
Journey House - \$50.00

Attendance - 86

HOPE Confirmation News

We continue to explore the Reformation, our Lutheran traditions and the leadership of Martin Luther. Discussion about Dr. Martin Luther King finds its way into the conversation on occasion and then the students learn that while Dr. Martin Luther King lived during my lifetime, Martin Luther is a bit older. More important than that tidbit are the guided conversations Carl and Elissa and I have had with the youth concerning God's grace and love. Through them we explore the ways we can reflect the same through our thoughts, words and deeds. Their engagement is lively as you might imagine.



My time with the HOPE community has been equally engaging and rich. The time to plan much beyond the present has been challenging so I thank you for your patience. In the coming weeks the confirmation team will put together a more concrete schedule of dates and lessons as well as expectations for youth participation. Thank you, in advance for your partnership. Thank you too for encouraging the youth in ways that are evident when we gather for class.

Music Leader - Julie Schmidt

Confirmation Students: Remember that confirmation begins at 6:30 with music and a meal. It is okay to be a few minutes early :-)



Saturday, October 29th, will be Hope Lutheran Confirmation's second, almost annual (well...sort of...we'll claim traditions wherever we can find what appears to be a pattern) **Halloween/Reformation party**. It will be from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sue and Carl Warren's house (188 Radio Road, River Falls, WI 54022, 715-426-5215, winterlightfarm@hughes.net). Students should bring a pumpkin to carve, swimming suits and towels if they'd like to swim and warm jackets (we're going to roast hot dogs and s'mores over a campfire if it isn't too dry). **Please RSVP to the Warren's to let them know whether or not your student(s) can participate.** Also, contact them if you should need further information.

Stewardship

The HOPE Pledge for 2012 is an opportunity to consider how you would like to be involved in the HOPE Community in terms of worship, missions and financial support. Obviously, the work of HOPE occurs in part to the financial gifts that are given and we need to give this serious consideration. The work of missions both locally and in the broader world such as Malawi in Africa and our sister synod in Brazil need financial encouragement. The opportunity to be involved in a committee within the congregation gives one the feeling of active involvement, identity and vision for HOPE. Our children are watching and measuring our commitment to HOPE and the church of Christ. This our teaching moment for our children, this is our chance to pass on our heritage, values and faith to them in good order. Milo Opegard, Church Treasurer

Pledge cards for 2012 will be distributed this Sunday after the service. Please take a pledge card home and think & pray about them before returning them on November 13 & 20. Feel free to mail you pledge card to the church office (P.O. Box 287, River Falls, WI 54022 - Attn: Teresa). You may also email your pledge information to Teresa at secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org



PENNY COLLECTION FOR MALARIA NETS ENDS THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday is the final day for collecting cash for malaria nets. HOPE Lutheran's children have been eagerly collecting your offerings the past three Sundays. Since the penny jar still has plenty of room at the top, members are encouraged to bring any loose change, bills or checks. Remember, a malaria net costs just \$10 and Hope's goal is to purchase at least 80 nets to help save thousands of lives.

Help our children successfully complete their project this Sunday.

Prayers are requested for:
Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Gordon Brandt (Jerry's brother), Amanda Brown, Mary Conroy-Johnson (friend of Karen Rodewald), Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Ken Hauggard, June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Mike Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's brother), Tammy Johnson (friend of Tonja Lesmeister), Living Water Lutheran Church (Cameron, WI), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Chris Pageant (friend of Jeff Carlson), Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), Ervin Schmidt (Lisa Rydland's father) 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, Oct. 30	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School – <i>New Member Sunday – Congregation Photo</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Chili Lunch @ Rocky Branch
Tuesday, Nov. 2	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
Thurs., Nov. 3	6:15-8:30 p.m.	St. Croix Valley Conference Gathering @ Ezekiel
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Mtg. @ Global M.A.D.E.
Saturday, Nov. 5	8–11:00 a.m.	Council Retreat
	11:00 – 2:00	Willow House Fundraiser @ Karen Brohaugh's
Sunday, Nov. 6	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School - Food Pantry Sunday
Monday, Nov. 7	9:30 – 11:00	Cottage Gathering on Ponderosa Road (Milo Oppedard hosting)
	4:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting @ Dish & Spoon Café
	5:30 p.m.	Com Com Meeting @ Office
Tuesday, Nov. 8		Tuesday Banquet
	6:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting @ Office
Wed., Nov. 9	9:30 – 11:00	Cottage Gathering on Ponderosa Road (Dick Jackson hosting)
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
Friday, Nov. 11		Fall Synod Gathering (Eau Claire)
Sat., Nov. 12		Fall Synod Gathering (Eau Claire)
	9:30 – 11:00	Cottage Gathering on Ponderosa Road (Karen Rodewald hosting)
Sunday, Nov. 13	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School
	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Cottage Gathering on Ponderosa Road (Mike Miller hosting)

HOPE Cottage Gatherings on Ponderosa Road

✚ Questions to consider at Cottage Gatherings

- What brought you to HOPE Lutheran?
- What do you sense God's call is for HOPE?
- How would you describe our congregation to someone new?
- What are the strengths of this community of faith?
- Where are the gaps?
- What is God saying to us ...about us...and through us?
- What other questions are important to consider?



Monday, November 7	9:30 - 11:00	Milo will host
Wednesday, November 9	9:30 - 11:00	Dick will host
Saturday, November 12	9:30 - 11:00	Karen R. will host
Sunday, November 13	6:30 – 8:00	Mike will host
Tuesday, November 15	2:00 – 3:30	Karen B. will host
Saturday, November 19	9:30 – 11:00	Faye will host
Tuesday, November 29	6:30 – 8:00	Sammy will host
Thursday, December 1	6:30 – 8:00	Jeff C. will host

Servant of the Shepherd

We are so grateful for the space Servant of the Shepherd has provided for our confirmation classes. It is good to work together.

Pastor Frank has asked that we join them in prayer for the ministry that they do. They are in need of a house that will provide safety and security for people in transition. The house that they use now has met its *max* and there is a need for more space. Please keep this vital ministry in your prayers.

Many thanks, *Pastor Sandy*



Danielle Tokheim's Baptism on Oct. 16th

WILLOW HOUSE FUNDRAISER FOR HOPE'S YOUTH

What: Fundraiser for our youth

When: Saturday, November 5, Open House from 11:00am - 2:00 pm

Where: Brohaughs

N8026 975th St.

715-425-2971 brohaugh@att.net

Directions: At the intersection of Hwy #29 and Cemetery Rd., drive 1/4 mile south on #29, take a left on 805th Ave. or Sun View Dr. Follow 805th, as the road curves it becomes 975th St. Our home is on the left, yellow two story, green shutters.

Come for a fun time of shopping for holiday gifts or for yourself. Willow House Consultant Heidi Whiting will have a variety of products on display. Willow House is the former Southern Living at Home. Hearty refreshments will be served so come hungry! Can't make it on the 5th? Catalogs and order forms will be on the Hope Table.

Browse the catalog after worship and place an order. **Please don't take the catalog home with you.** Orders can also be placed online. Go to <http://heidiwhiting.willowhouse.com>

Host rewards and consultant commission will all be donated to our youth to help with youth convention expenses and other gatherings of the ELCA youth. **Hope you can join us on the 5th and bring a friend(s) with you!**



HOPE SERVES TUESDAY BANQUET NOVEMBER 8TH

Hope congregation is responsible for preparing the meal on the first Tuesday of November. A Thanksgiving dinner is being planned: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, beans, buns and dessert. Charis and Alan Hartleben are the lead cooks assisted by Pastor Sandy and Jed, Karen Brohaugh, Dick and Carolyn Jackson.

Hope members are being asked to provide the following:

- dinner buns (3 people, 35 buns each)
- brownies (3 people 35 each)
- pail ice cream, 2 people, 1 each)

If you can help with these 3 items, please inform Dick Jackson of the item and amount at rljacksn@comcast.net. These items can be dropped off at St. Bridget's on November 8th in the kitchen before 5:00 p.m.

Your help and support of Tuesday Banquet is appreciated.

Mission

A big thank you to all of you who helped make the homeless shelter on Cedar Street a reality. There are 5 adults 13 children currently housed at the shelter. How wonderful it is to live in a community where people really care. There are many ways we can help:

- The Campaign For Hope- Donations to help pay off the mortgage.
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors -This is a program in which individuals give \$10.00 a month toward the rent, utilities and operating expenses of the Day Center.
- Kinnickinnic Backpack Program -Backpacks are provided with nutritious food that children can prepare and eat over the weekend during the school year.
- The Closet -Donate clothing.
- Tutoring -Provide help to children currently housed at the Cedar Street shelter.
- For more information contact Nancy Peters (425-5085).



Hope now has a team--Bowling for Hope--on the every-other Friday night co-ed bowling league! Team members are Faye Perkins, Joe McIntosh, Pastor Sandy and Jed, Jeff and Amber Carlson, and Steve and Lara Koecher. Bowling starts at 6:45 at St. Croix Lanes in River Falls. C'mon down and cheer the team on!!

Dates: Oct 28, Nov 11, Dec 9 & 23, Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3 & 17, March 2, 16, & 30.

SASSY - The new club in town! Students and Seniors Sharing Youth

This new high school group is dedicated to connecting community and building relationships across generations. Do you know someone who is homebound and would like a friendly visit? Do you know someone who could use assistance with fall chores or winter shoveling? Do you or a friend live at Wellhaven and have an interest in getting together with some of the energetic youth of River Falls? SASSY began so caring high school students can lend a hand or a listening ear or engage in a rousing game of BINGO. Call the church office for details and a contact number. There are young people very interested in meeting you.



Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends

10/2	Carolyn Jackson	10/11	Kaye Bird
10/5	Jennifer Elsesser	10/11	Lara Koecher
10/5	Connor Malaney	10/16	Karen Brohaugh
10/5	Karissa Bondhus	10/22	Charles Pratt
10/6	Tonja Lesmeister	10/23	Heidi Anderson
10/7	Kermit Paulson	10/26	Troy Lesmeister
10/10	Jackie Steinhoff	10/30	Kristin Eaton



Happy Anniversary to the following Hope members & friends

10/10	Heidi & Fred Lemke
10/19	Lori & Mark Snyder
10/21	Verna & Roger Tveiten (50 years)
10/24	Sammy & Ryan Brill
10/26	Naomi & Jerry Brandt

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

Community Announcements

There will be an opportunity to recycle electronic equipment and appliances this **Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11-3:00** in the River Falls High School parking lot. 5 R Processors Ltd. are offering recycling in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo that will be held in the HS Commons at the same time.

Acceptable Items List

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| ❖ Monitors/Terminals | ❖ Calculators |
| ❖ Scanners | ❖ Mainframe Equipment |
| ❖ CPU's | ❖ Mid-range Equipment |
| ❖ Laptops | ❖ Networking Equipment |
| ❖ Docking Stations | ❖ Circuit Boards |
| ❖ Copy Machines | ❖ Wire/Cabling |
| ❖ Fax Machines | ❖ Aluminum |
| ❖ Printers | ❖ Cash Registers |
| ❖ TV's | ❖ Keyboards/Mice |
| ❖ VCR's | ❖ Stereo Equipment |
| ❖ Phones | ❖ Microwaves |
| ❖ Telecommunication Equipment | ❖ Uninterrupted Power Supplies |
| ❖ Audio Visual Equipment | ❖ Video Boards |
| ❖ Typewriters | ❖ Misc. Electronic Equipment |
| ❖ Fax Cartridges | ❖ Printer Cartridges |
| ❖ White Goods (Freon units \$25.00 each) | |

If you enjoy being in costume for Halloween and dancing to a live, big band, this is your opportunity. The second annual Broomstick Gala, co-sponsored by the Renaissance Academy and the College of Education & Professional Studies to raise funds for the Renaissance Academy, the alternative charter high school in River Falls, will be held Saturday October 29th from 6:00pm – 10:00pm in the Falcon's Nest of the University Center. There will also be wonderful hors' d'oeuvres, photo opportunities, a silent auction, palm reading. Please see the link below for more information! You may purchase tickets in advance from Faye Perkins for \$30.00. Tickets at the door are \$35.00.



Broomstick Gala
Saturday
October 29, 2011
6:00pm-10:00pm

- Costume Attire
- Live Music
- Silent Auction
- Prizes
- Complimentary Gourmet Hors d'Oeuvres

Click here for more information

Interfaith Volunteer Program of St Croix County

Interfaith Volunteers are needed to assist individuals over age 60 with the following: transportation from Roberts to Stillwater at 8 am Monday mornings twice a month, transportation between River Falls and Hudson twice a week for therapy, companionship for a woman in Hudson, help with organization for a woman in Hudson, bridge players for a woman in Hudson, socialization and activity help for the Hudson adult day program on Thursdays, errands once a week for a man in Hudson, snow shoveling requests for Hudson (in town or rural). For information and to volunteer contact Nancy at 715-318-4360 or nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us

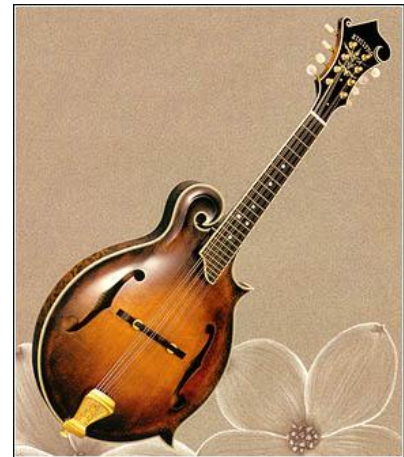
Rush River Lutheran Church
N8623 Cy. Rd. Y (east of River Falls off St Hwy 29)
715-684-3701
~Sue West~ & Strictly Traditional String
Friday, Nov. 11
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sue and friends will give a special concert traditional/original folk and old timey music at Rush River Lutheran Church.

All are welcome to this informal community event.

Friends of Rush River will sell chances for special gift baskets, freewill donations and cd sales will go to benefit the church. Light refreshments will be served following the concert in the fellowship hall.

“Rush River Lutheran Church ~ Reaching Out In Love”





HOPE Lutheran Church
Pastor Sandy Johnson

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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
10:30 – 12:30 a.m.

Feel free to contact Pastor
Sandy to schedule an
appointment!

HOPE's website:
hopelutheran-riverfalls.org

Pastor Sandy's email:
pastor@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org

Teresa's email:
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Quick Links - Please click on the following links to visit these suggested sites:

NWSWI

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Cherish Our Children

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

