

# 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 7, 2011**

## HOPE Confirmation Notes

As we approach Reformation Sunday in the church the confirmation students began to acquaint themselves with Martin Luther and his beloved Katie. They learned of his call into ministry, leaving the study of law behind. They learned of his love for the church, even as he saw things that he felt needed reform. They learned that asking questions about faith and life are good things and can lead to a stronger faith foundation. In the coming weeks we will continue to explore the ways our Lutheran tradition got its start and the gifts God gives; grace, faith and unconditional love.



Thanks to all who set aside this short time on Wednesdays to delve into our faith formation. Thanks to the families who feed us and to Julie Schmidt for leading us in music. Carl, Elissa, Jed and I covet your prayers as we continue in Christian education. A mighty fortress is our God 🎵 Pr. Sandy



## Attention HOPE Lutheran Youth of River Falls!

Make room among all your priorities for a time to gather with people of faith, fun, and fellowship. Many opportunities are coming up in the next month—as big as a \$1000 once in a lifetime gathering with 24,000 other youth in New Orleans—or as small as a free breakfast with faith friends at South Fork. Take time to consider your goals with your parents, and then let the congregation of HOPE help you make it happen! Call Jean Loudon with any questions 715-426-6082 or 715-821-7082 cell. Or e-mail at [jloudon@comcast.net](mailto:jloudon@comcast.net)

### Breakfast on Hope

Every third Sunday after church. **Next one is October 16**, 10:45 a.m. ish at the South Fork Café on Main Street. There's a rumor that the chocolate chip pancakes are not to be missed. . . or the cinnamon rolls. . . or the crispy potatoes. (All the above at one time is not recommended, though.) *Hope to see you there!*

*Register by Thursday October 20.*

### Northwest Synod "Godstock" High School Youth Event 11/11-13

8 pm Fri to Sun. noon at the Plaza Convention Center in Eau Claire; \$125 for lodging (5 in a room), program, and T-shirt; plus money for food. *Register by Thursday October 20.* (Form and fees to Jean Loudon or the church office; checks made out to Hope Lutheran)

*Register by Tuesday, November 1.*

### Church Youth Fest, Luther College on Saturday November 12, 2011

Through celebrations, workshops, relationship building, worship, and recreation, we will explore what it means to follow Jesus "now". Living out our faith doesn't begin after high school or after college or after the next assignment. CYF 2011 will explore how we live out our faith now, every day. \$30 per participant including fees and meals that day. (\$10 of each registration will benefit ELCA malaria campaign and ELCA disaster response.) Leave early Saturday morning and return Sunday, Nov. 13 (additional cost for Saturday night hotel.) Some financial support will be available from Hope. More information at [www.luther.edu/cyf/](http://www.luther.edu/cyf/) *Register by Tuesday, November 1.*



## HOPE LUTHERAN ENTERS PENNY CONTEST

Hope's Mission Committee has entered the Conference Wide Penny Race against Malaria. Hope's challenge is to collect more pennies than any of the 26 churches in our conference. The ending date for this contest is November 3rd when the conference churches meet at Ezekiel Lutheran Church for their fall meeting.

Each penny that Hope collects are points scored in the contest. **Hope will be collecting pennies every Sunday between now and November 3rd.** All the money collected by the 26 churches goes toward the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Malaria nets and medication are working to end malaria around the world as will be explained in future articles and by skits at Hope's services.

The Penny Race game makes serving together with the other 25 churches of our conference a lot of fun! Hope has a chance to win by collecting more pennies than any other church and will receive a golden bed net to display at Hope and pins for our synod assembly delegates to wear at the synod assembly saying: "Winner of the Golden Bed Net." Hope's mission committee has more ideas to help us win the contest but for now, PLEASE START SEARCHING YOUR HOMES FOR PENNIES!

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

General Fund -  
\$2,195.00

Building Fund -  
\$147.00

Moola for Milk -  
\$198.60

## Leading Us in Worship – October 9<sup>th</sup>

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sandy Johnson

Pianist: Phil Klacan

Usher: Ed & Gwen Paulson

Communion Preparation: Nancy Miller

Coffee: The Schmidt Family

Assisting Minister: Jerry Brandt

Reader & Prayers: Bill Berndt

Acolyte: Mason Shea

Communion Assistants: Dave & Nancy Peters

Baking Bread: Camryn Shea



HOPE's youth will be selling freshly pressed apple cider after church this Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. **Please bring donations of clean plastic bottles that are  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon or less with lids.** The confirmation students will deliberate and decide toward what charitable ends the proceeds from the sales will be applied. Thanks to the families of Laura & Mark Anderson and Paula & Phil Klacan for donating the apples and to Karen & Jeff Rodewald for bringing their apple press equipment.

**P**rayers 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), 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

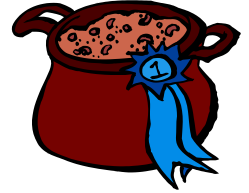
October 6, Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Executive Committee mtg. @ office
October 9, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School – Apple Cider Making
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
October 10, Monday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Mtg. @ Office
October 12, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
October 13, Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Mission Committee Mtg. @ Global M.A.D.E
October 16, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School (Baptism Danielle Tokheim)
	10:30 a.m.	Turning Point Presentation & Coffee Hour
October 17, Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting @ R.F. Library
October 19, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
October 23, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker Chris Casey & Coffee Hour
October 24, Monday	12:00 p.m.	Daytime Book Group @ R.F. Golf Club
	4:30 p.m.	Nurture Meeting @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Book Group @ Ed & Gwen Paulson's house
October 26, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
October 30, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship & Sunday School – <i>New Member Sunday – Congregation Photo</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Chili Lunch @ Rocky Branch

# Save the Date

## New Member Sunday Chili Lunch

Rocky Branch Elementary

Sunday, October 30, 11:30 am



Everyone is invited to come for lunch prepared by some of Hope's great cooks.

- \* 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
- \* Donations of bars will be accepted, please sign up at church
- \* Pumpkin cookie decorating for kids
- \* Gym equipment will be out for fun and exercise

**Saturday, November 5, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**, Willow House (formerly Southern Living at Home) Open House Fundraiser at Brohaughs. All proceeds, including consultants commission, will go to Hope youth programs. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Catalogs will be available at church.



Congregational Photo for the HOPE Directory

**October 30<sup>th</sup> (after Worship Service)**

Please make plans to participate in the photo.



HOPE would like to thank Anne Anderson for her service as past chair of the Altar Guild. We appreciate all that she and Margaret have done to support HOPE.

You are cordially invited to attend an  
Open House of the Our Neighbors' Place Homeless Shelter  
215 West Cedar Street, River Falls.

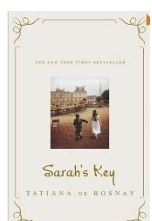
Saturday, October 8th, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday, October 9th, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**Dedication Ceremony, Sunday, October 9th, 1:00 PM.**

We want to thank all of you with sincere appreciation for making this day possible. With donations we were able to rehab the 4-plex for its future families and cover half the cost of the purchase of this shelter. Come help us celebrate one more step towards making this community a better place for all of its neighbors.

Thanks. Jim (for the Mission Committee)



## 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 on October 24th at noon.**

The group will be discussing Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay.

*From Publishers Weekly - Starred Review.* De Rosnay's U.S. debut fictionalizes the 1942 Paris roundups and deportations, in which thousands of Jewish families were arrested, held at the Vélodrome d'Hiver outside the city, then transported to Auschwitz. Forty-five-year-old Julia Jarmond, American by birth, moved to Paris when she was 20 and is married to the arrogant, unfaithful Bertrand Tézac, with whom she has an 11-year-old daughter. Julia writes for an American magazine and her editor assigns her to cover the 60th anniversary of the Vél' d'Hiv' roundups. Julia soon learns that the apartment she and Bertrand plan to move into was acquired by Bertrand's family when its Jewish occupants were dispossessed and deported 60 years before. She resolves to find out what happened to the former occupants: Wladyslaw and Rywka Starzynski, parents of 10-year-old Sarah and four-year-old Michel. The more Julia discovers—especially about Sarah, the only member of the Starzynski family to survive—the more she uncovers about Bertrand's family, about France and, finally, herself. Already translated into 15 languages, the novel is De Rosnay's 10th (but her first written in English, her first language). It beautifully conveys Julia's conflicting loyalties, and makes Sarah's trials so riveting, her innocence so absorbing, that the book is hard to put down. (*July*)

## HOPE Evening Book Group –

The evening book group will meet on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Gwen & Ed Paulson's house, 627 North Grove St. River Falls. The Paulson's phone number is 715-425-0250. Please call and let them know if you plan to attend. **(Book selection – will be announced soon!)**

**Missing**

**We have a mystery. The white Chapel ceramic water picture is missing from the sacristy at church. It is used for filling the fountain and for baptisms. Anyone know what happened to it?**

**Please contact Ed Paulson if you have any information. Thanks!**



## 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!**

**We are looking for a round table that can seat about 6 people for the HOPE office.**

Please contact Teresa, [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) if you have a table that you would like to donate.

**There are 2 wooden desks that are available ~ for FREE ~**

Contact Pastor Sandy at 715-425-9750 or [pastor@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:pastor@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) if you are interested.

*Pastor Sandy & Teresa would like to thank Jed Reiten and John Hamilton for being the "heavy lifters" and moving desks, file cabinets, tables etc. in the office for us. It looks fabulous!!*

## Community Announcements

### WALK TO EMPOWER – SATURDAY - OCTOBER 8, 2011

Join us for a 2 mile walk through Prescott and stay for food, prize raffle, kids activities, music and more!  
Benefits Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Inc.

For more information, call 715-425-6751 ext. 101

[www.turningpoint-wi.org](http://www.turningpoint-wi.org)

**ARC-Assistance & Resource Center**  
**Truckload Sale: Sunday October 9th**  
**9:00am-1:00pm**  
**At the River Falls State Bank Parking Lot**  
**124 S Second Street**



**ARC-Assistance & Resource Center** is excited to announce that we are doing a Schwan's Home Service Fundraiser to help fund our organization. **You can come and purchase your favorite Schwan's items directly from a Schwan's Home Service representative at the River Falls State Bank parking lot on Sunday, October 9th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Pre-orders are encouraged!**

- **Pre-orders** can be made on one of the order forms, by calling 1-888-SCHWANS, or on-line at [www.schwansfundraising.com](http://www.schwansfundraising.com). When ordering, please use **campaign ID 36602**. All orders need to be placed by October 5th. Ask friends, family, and neighbors to place orders.



## **Fall Salad Luncheon**

Volunteers in Partnership with River Falls Area Hospital will host its fall salad luncheon, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 11 at St. Bridget Catholic Church, 211 E. Division, River Falls. Casseroles, salads, rolls, dessert and beverage will be served.

Tickets are \$9.00 at the door. Advance tickets for \$8.00 are available at the hospital information desk or gift kiosk until 4:00 pm Monday, October 10. The community is welcome to attend. Proceeds support scholarships for high school seniors and hospital projects.

**ALLY Training**  
**Wednesday October 26, 6 pm – 9pm**  
**Falcon's Nest – University Center**

**Ally Training** is designed to educate participants about how to be an ally to members of the GLBT community and how to interrupt systems of biphobia, homophobia, and transphobia. It includes basic information about the GLBT community and walks participants through common misconceptions and stereotypes about GLBT individuals.

**No advanced sign up required – Refreshments served prior to the event**

St. Bridget's Church in River Falls is sponsoring a stress management program on Oct 28th. This program uses Scripture together with traditional stress management techniques to show how the Bible can be used as a stress management resource. We are inviting members of other churches who are interested to attend one of the two programs being offered on that day. Contact [www.managingstress-randall.com](http://www.managingstress-randall.com) for more information.



## **River Falls Breast Cancer Support Group**

**Second Monday of each month 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (Boardroom)**

**River Falls Public Library, 140 Union Street**

**Whether you are newly diagnosed with breast cancer, currently undergoing treatment or a survivor living with the disease – you are welcome to attend.**

**For more information please contact**  
**Michelle Rinehart, Support Group Co-Chair 715-821-1468**

## FALL FILM SERIES: Bullying and Beyond

October 11

### **Stand By Me \***

Directed by Rob Reiner based on a story by Stephen King. The story of two groups of boys on a life-changing search for a dead body. The older boys are part of a gang of bullies; the younger boys are friends. What's stronger: bullying or be-friending?

Post-Screening Discussion:

What's stronger: bullying or be-friending? Tangible steps for creating cultures based on mutual affirmation and respect.

Discussion Leader: Rev. Ted Tollefson

Time / Location: 6:30 p.m. / Community Room of the River Falls Public Library

\* Note: This film is rated "R" R - Restricted. Children under 17 require accompanying parent or adult guardian.

October 18

### **Two Spirits**

The tragic story of a mother who lost her son, set in the Native American culture with their attitude of honor to persons with integrated genders. [www.twospirits.org](http://www.twospirits.org)

Post Screening Discussion: Can a cultural attitude or value be changed?

Discussion Leader: Donna LaChapelle & Rene Soberg

Time / Location: 6:30 p.m. / Community Room of the River Falls Public Library

October 25

### **Rats and Bullies**

Tells the powerful true story of Dawn-Marie Wesley, who at the age of 14, took her own life after being systematically bullied and threatened by three girls at her high school. The horrifying incident fueled a groundbreaking investigation by Canada's Crown. [www.ratsandbullies.com](http://www.ratsandbullies.com)

Post Screening Discussion:

Discuss the film in a Restorative Justice Circle process which utilizes a structured communication style focused on values.

Discussion Leader: Kris Miner, Executive Director,

St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program

Time / Location: 6:30 p.m. / UUSRF N8010 State Road 65, River Falls, WI

Film series is sponsored by organizations working to reduce bullying behaviors. The growing coalition currently includes: St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program (SCVRJP), River Falls Public Library, School District of River Falls, Interweave & Social Out-reach Committees of the Unitarian Universalist Society of River Falls (UUSRF), River Falls Peace & Justice Group, River Falls Partnership for Youth and the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

### **Interfaith Volunteer Program of St Croix County**

Volunteers are needed for a variety of opportunities in the Hudson, River Falls and Roberts areas. Transportation from Roberts to Stillwater on Monday at 8 am twice a month, transportation from River Falls to Hudson Thursdays at 8:30 am 2-3 times a month, transportation T or Th to Woodbury from N Hudson for dialysis at 2 pm, volunteer help for adult day program in Hudson Thursdays 2 x a month; companionship for a man or a woman outside of Hudson, transportation for a man to Hudson Fridays at 9 as a sub; companionship for a woman in Hudson, housekeeping for a man in River Falls, and assistance with leaf raking requests as they come in toward the end of the month. For information contact Nancy at 715-381-4360 or email [nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us), Interfaith Volunteer Program of St Croix County.



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

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**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**  
**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)

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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**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**

**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

