



*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.*

**September 29, 2011**

## **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)*

**Register by Thursday October 6!**

### **2012 ELCA Youth Gathering “Citizens with the Saints” July 18-22, 2012 in New Orleans**

This is a not-to-be-missed every three years event. **Register by Thursday October 6** with a nonrefundable deposit of \$125 to Pastor Sandy, Jean Loudon, or the church office. Make checks out to Hope Lutheran. You will also need to complete a registration form. Pastor Sandy has volunteered to chaperone. Estimated total cost is \$1000 for lodging, transportation, meals, conference, etc. Members of Hope are anxious to help interested youth raise funds. More info at <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Youth-Ministry/Youth-Gathering.aspx>

### **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!

## Leading Us in Worship – October 2nd

Presiding Minister: Pastor Carol Peterson  
Pianist: Phil Klacan  
Usher: David Hendrickson & Bill Warner (Sub)  
Communion Preparation: Nancy Miller  
Coffee: Patti Albertson

Assisting Minister: Carl Warren  
Reader & Prayers: Margaret Anderson  
**Acolyte:**  
Communion Assistants: Jeff & Karen Rodewald  
Baking Bread: Camryn Shea

## Sunday, September 25th

General Fund - \$1,185.00      Attendance - 74  
Building Fund - \$137.00  
Grace Place - \$50.00  
Food Shelf - \$15.00



HOPE's youth will be going apple picking this weekend in preparation for making Apple Cider on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. **We need donations of clean plastic bottles that are ½ gallon or less with lids.** Please bring them to church. The freshly pressed apple cider goes quick so be prepared for this annual event!!

## HOPE Confirmation Notes

On Wednesday, Sept. 28 the focus of our confirmation lesson was justice, kindness, and walking humbly with God. In reading scripture we explored the practice of jubilee and caring for the orphan and widow.

Thanks again to Julie Schmidt for leading us in music. We look forward to a time when the youth can share their music with the congregation. Thanks too for the wonderful meals prepared last week by Nancy Peters and this week by Melissa Kolb, Cole and Kenna.

Our gathering was smaller in number this week. For planning purposes, both for meal preparation and for the lessons, if you know you will be out of town, please contact the office. It is my hope that our time together in confirmation - faith talk - is a priority in the life of the youth of HOPE. Thank you for your commitment.

**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), the family of Nancy Jergens (family members of Troy Lesmeister), 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).

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 2, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Pr. Carol Peterson) & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
October 3, Monday	4:00 p.m.	Congregational Life Committee mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	5:30 p.m.	Com-Com Committee mtg. @ office
October 5, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
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	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Mtg. @ Global M.A.D.E



The date for the Congregational Photo for the HOPE Directory  
**has been changed to October 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
 Please make plans to participate in the photo.

**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.**

*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)



**Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends**

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|------|---------------------|------|--------------------|
| 9/2  | Ken Lee             | 9/16 | Rodal Sylte        |
| 9/3  | Sarah Bondhus       | 9/19 | Heidi Lemke        |
| 9/4  | Rod Holldorf        | 9/21 | Sandy Johnson      |
| 9/6  | Zachary Heinselmann | 9/27 | Daniel Rodewald    |
| 9/10 | Jane Terkelsen      | 9/28 | Carrie Hendrickson |
| 9/12 | Jeff Rodewald       | 9/29 | Nathalie Rotsaert  |
| 9/13 | Jerry Katelhut      | 9/30 | Sarah Casper       |
|      |                     | 9/30 | Jacob Anderson     |



**Happy Anniversary to the following Hope members & friends**

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|------|-----------------------|
| 9/16 | Cara & Keith Getschel |
| 9/23 | Wendy & Ty Tokheim    |
| 9/28 | Laura & Mark Anderson |

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

**The HOPE office is getting a makeover!!** We are in the process of updating our office with some newly donated desks and equipment. We will be donating the older office desks to the Salvation Army. We are looking for a round table that can replace the rectangular one that is used for meetings held in the office. Please contact Teresa [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) if you have a table that you no longer need.

## Community Announcements



### 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.

## 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)

**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**



## **Our Neighbor's Place - Closet Help Needed!**

Do you have a couple of hours to spare? If so, the Closet at Our neighbor's Place could use some help! It would involve sorting and displaying clothing.

Contact Nancy Peters at 425-5085.

Help is needed to unload trailers at Cedar Street Sat. Oct.1 at 9:00 A.M. There is a ton of little stuff that needs to be moved. If you can help please call Our Neighbor's Place at 426-9000. There will be an Open House on Sunday the 9th of October. Jammer's Jam which supports Our Neighbor's Place will be available at Hope.

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.

**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!**

- Over 350 quality products to choose from. Certainly something to fit every eating occasion, flavor profile and nutritional need.
- **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.
- Gift cards for future purchases can be ordered by calling 1-888-SCHWANS. When ordering, use the **campaign ID 36602**. Gift card sales count the same as food sales for the fundraiser.
- No waiting for products; you are able to take them home the day of the sale and there is no markup on any products.
- Schwan's donates up to 20% of total sales from the event to ARC.
- Pre-orders will be bagged according to who ordered it, so if you are picking up for someone have their names handy. If someone forgets to pre-order, we will have a truck filled with a variety of items to purchase on the spot.

Thank you in advance for your support!  
ARC-Assistance & Resource Center

# FALL FILM SERIES: Bullying and Beyond

**October 4**

*Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case That Made History*

The story of Jamie Novotny, who endured bullying for his entire school career, finally fought back and won a court case against school administration in Ashland, WI.

[www.tolerance.org/bullied](http://www.tolerance.org/bullied)

**Post Screening Discussion:**

**Can bullying be overcome?**

**Discussion Leader: Rev. Nancy Holden**

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

**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  
American Association of University Women (AAUW)



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**Pastor Sandy Johnson**

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**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:  
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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

