

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.*

September 8, 2011

HOPE Lutheran Celebrates

RALLY DAY

September 11

Worship at 9:30

Block Party from 10:30 – 12:30

Sunday School & Confirmation registration

Picnic Lunch, games, music by John Hamilton & David Peters, FUN

Bring Lawn Chairs!!



HOPE will be participating in "Moola for Milk" during the month of September. The churches in River Falls cooperate with the Salvation Army to collect money to buy milk for our local food shelf. Coins, bills, and checks are all welcome, and we will collect donations every Sunday in September.

Leading Us in Worship – September 11th

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sandy Johnson

Pianist: Phil Klacan

Usher: Jerry Brandt

Communion Preparation: Nancy Peters

Special Music: Grant Klacan

Assisting Minister: Roger Tweiten

Reader & Prayers: Ethel Johnson

Acolyte: Alex Martin

Communion Assistants: Jim Pratt & Jed Reiten

Flowers: Dick & Carolyn Jackson

Dear Congregational Leaders,

As you have read in other communication, I will be hosting "Beyond Our Doors" gatherings in each of our seven conferences during the beginning weeks of September. I ask two things: 1. [Register](#) yourself and the leaders of your congregation (all members, however, are welcome); and 2. If you cannot attend the scheduled gathering in your conference, make a reservation for another date and location.

- Thursday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. - Faith Lutheran, Balsam Lake
- Monday, September 12, 6:30 p.m. - Zion Lutheran, Stratford
- **Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. - Ezekiel Lutheran, River Falls**
- Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. - Eleva Lutheran, Eleva
- Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. - Trinity Lutheran, Rice Lake

During our time together, I intend to build upon the emphasis of our "Walking Together" events to assist and equip congregations in re-rooting in their communities for the sake of Christ's mission. We'll talk about strategies and mission opportunities in our local communities and emphasize new initiatives in the synod. You'll eat, listen, imagine, strategize, fellowship, and pray.

[Register online](#) or call the synod office immediately (715-859-6810) to indicate your presence (we need advance notification for food preparation), and make some phone calls to encourage your leadership and members to attend.

I look forward to being in conversation with you regarding what is most important about who we are as the people of God, how we witness and serve in Jesus' name "beyond our doors," and how we can partner together.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Pederson



Prayers are requested for:
Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Fred Benson, Amanda Brown, Mary Conroy-Johnson (friend of Karen Rodewald), Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Marlys Hammer, Jodi Hauk (HOPE member), 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), Matthew Schultz (Pastor Carol's brother), Thomas Vergenz (friend of Tonja Lesmeister), SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted solidier of the Carlson family).

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.**



***Please join Hope members and friends for
Brunch at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 25th.***

*Brunch includes warm bread, salads, several
pastas and dessert.*

*Adults \$19.00
Over 60 \$14.00
Children (12 and under) \$9.00
Children under 4 - free*

*Vino in the Valley is an alternative dining option in an open air pavilion
nestled in the heart of the Rush River Valley. Entertainment and horse
drawn rides make it an extra special occasion.*

*Vino is located 8 miles east of Ellsworth on Hwy 10.
Turn left (north) on 400th (Lost Creek Rd.)
After one mile turn right on 450th.
Cross the bridge and you'll see Vino off to your left.*

*Sign up at the Hope Table by September 22nd.
Contact Karen Brohaugh at brohaugh@att.net
or 715-425-2971 with any questions.*

	Current Month	Year to Date	Over (under)	Monthly	Loan Balance
	8/31/2011				
Offering Income	\$7,343.76	\$63,234.89	(\$5,627.11)	\$8,607.75	
Building Income	\$11,673.00	\$32,581.62	\$28,465.24	\$3,575.00	8/1/2011 \$226,375.00

The Building Income for August was increased by a \$10,000 gift by a HOPE pledging unit completing their 2011 pledge. This gift is very timely and will contribute significantly towards paying down the loan principle when our loan interest rate will go from 0% to 2% in about a year's time.

Calendar

Sept. 9, Friday	6:00 p.m.	Lay School of Ministry (Chippewa Falls, WI)
Sept. 11, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship – Rally Sunday
	10:30 a.m.	Block Party
Sept. 12, Monday	4:00 p.m.	Congregation Life Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	5:30 p.m.	ComCom Mtg. @ Office
	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Mtg. @ Office
Sept. 13, Tuesday		Tuesday Banquet
	6:30 p.m.	Bishop Pederson @ Ezekiel
Sept. 14, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class (Meal – 6:30, Class 7-8:00 p.m.) Class will meet at Servant of the Shepherd (4 th & Elm St.)
Sept. 18, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School , Coffee Hour & Altar Guild Walk-thru
Sept. 19, Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting @ RF Library
Sept. 21, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd
Sept. 25, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School , Coffee Hour & Altar Guild Walk-thru
	11:30 a.m.	Vino in the Valley Brunch
Sept. 26, Monday	12:00 p.m.	Daytime Book Group @ River Falls Golf Club
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Book Group @ Bill & Kay Montgomery's house
Sept. 28, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Servant of the Shepherd

**The Newman Center will have mass starting on Sept. 11th at 8 p.m.
Each Sunday after the 11th, Sunday Mass will be at 6 p.m.**

****All scheduling of the Newman Center/House for special services, rehearsals, meetings, etc. needs to be coordinated with Ed Paulson.**

Volunteers are Needed!!

- to serve as communion assistants
- to make communion preparations
- to serve coffee & bring treats
- to serve as ushers

Please sign up on the appropriate sheet at the HOPE table.



The Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers to care for communion set up and clean-up. We would like to have twelve participants so that each person is responsible for just one month of the year. This is an important part of our worship yet doesn't require much of our time.

We will have a walk through to explain what needs to be done following worship on September 18 and 25. Please notify Paula Klacan if you are willing to help or simply attend either of the walk through sessions.

Dear Hope Confirmation Parents,

This is a reminder that this Sunday, September 11th is Rally Sunday at HOPE Lutheran Church. Following the service there will be a block party with food and games and an opportunity for families to register their children for Confirmation and Sunday School. If you are unable to register at Rally Sunday but would like your child(ren) to participate in Confirmation, please let us know via e-mail or telephone (715-426-5215). **The first Confirmation class will be Wednesday, September 14th.** This year we will meet at Servant of the Shepherd which is located at 4th and Elm in River Falls. We will begin by gathering downstairs for a meal at 6:30. Confirmation class will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We look forward to the coming year.

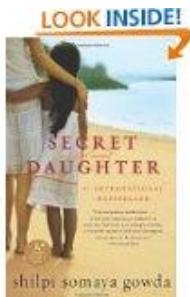
Students may bring a friend or friends, if they wish. Just let us know so we can plan the food. Blessings,
Carl and Sue Warren, Pastor Sandy

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 for the months of September and October at noon.



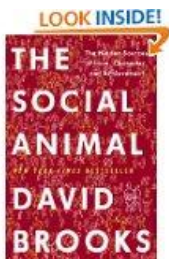
“*Secret Garden*” by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

Told from the viewpoints of three females; two Indian born and one American born. All are women who have a strong feeling about motherhood--and about their own mothers. In addition, each woman sees a different India and comes to appreciate the country in different ways even as they realize that "Mother India does not love all her children equally."

HOPE Evening Book Group



Monday evening book club will meet on Sept. 26, 7 pm at **Bill and Kay Montgomery's home**, 75 East Woodridge, River Falls. "Social Animal" by David Brooks will be discussed. All are welcome, call Bill and Kay and let them know you are attending, 715-425-5426.



David Brooks has written an absolutely fascinating book about how we form our emotions and character. Standing at the intersection of brain science and sociology, and writing with the wry wit of a James Thurber, he explores the unconscious mind and how it shapes the way we eat, love, live, vacation, and relate to other people. In *The Social Animal*, he makes the recent revolution in neuroscience understandable, and he applies it to those things we have the most trouble knowing how to teach: What is the best way to build true relationships? How do we instill imaginative thinking? How do we develop our moral intuitions and wisdom and character? Brooks has always been a keen observer of the way we live. Now he takes us one layer down, to why we live that way.

Stewardship Opportunity

An opportunity to celebrate a special occasion in your life such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., or honor a friend or relative with a gift to Hope Lutheran Church is being made possible. A box containing envelopes is available for this purpose and can be found by the hymnal rack. Please list your name and occasion on the envelope and whether or not it is all right to announce the event in the bulletin. Thank you for participating!

HOPE recognizes the following special offerings:

Bernie & Karen Brohaugh –

In honor of Dick & Carolyn Jackson's 50th Anniversary and Dave & Nancy Peters 50th Anniversary

John & Karen Hamilton –

In honor of Dick & Carolyn Jackson's 50th Anniversary



Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends

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

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!**

Community Announcements



Customer Appreciation Day

When: Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 8:00 a.m. – Noon Rain or Shine

Where: In the Market - Corner of 2nd & Locust Streets

What: Kids' Activities, Educational Resources, Prizes & More!

Our Neighbor's Place

Our Neighbors' Place Homeless Shelter, at 215 W. Cedar St., is almost ready to house 4 families at a time from Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Plans are to **Open the Beginning of October**. Carpenters are needed for finishing work and general repairs, paint, lay flooring, landscape, etc. **All skill levels are welcome!** Come as teams of volunteers or as an individual.

Wednesday and Thursday Evenings in September: 6:00-9:00PM

Saturdays -September 11, 18, 25,

October 1: 9:00-1:00AM and 1:00-4:00PM

To Volunteer Our Neighbors' Place Day Center 715 426-9000 or ourneighborsplace@gmail.com or
Contact Tom Bowman - (maintenance@stbparish.com)

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



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
9:30 – 11:30 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:
secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org

Facebook:
[hopelutheranchurchriverfallswi](https://www.facebook.com/hopelutheranchurchriverfallswi)

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

