



*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.*

**April 20, 2011**

## Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

### Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

### Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, the building will be open at 6:45pm to allow you to come early and journey through the Stations of the Cross. A brief devotional service will begin at 7:15pm, and the building will remain open for your meditation until 8:15pm, at which time the Stations of the Cross display will be dismantled. Please come and worship our crucified Lord. **Special Music: Carl Warren and Michael Stang**

### Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. (No Sunday School)

Special Music:

Anna Skelton (Granddaughter of Dick & Carolyn Jackson)

HOPE's Easter Choir

Easter Brass: David Brandt – Trumpet, Steve Koecher – Trumpet, Roger Tweiten – Baritone,  
Alyssa Boock – Trombone, Michael Stang – Trombone

### **Leading Us in Worship – April 21<sup>st</sup> – Maundy Thursday**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Carol Peterson	Assisting Minister: Jerry Brandt
Pianist: Phil Klacan	Reader & Prayers: Faye Perkins
Communion Preparation: Anne Anderson	Communion Assistant: Karen Hamilton & Joe McIntosh

### **Leading Us in Worship – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Carol Peterson	Assisting Minister: Gordon Hedahl
Pianist: Betty Lou Oppgard	Reader & Prayers: Keith Getschel
Special Music: Carl Warren & Michael Stang	
Altar Strippers: Nancy Peters, Karen Brohaugh, Verna Tweiten, Nancy Miller & Patti Albertson	

### **Leading Us in Worship – April 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Carol Peterson	Assisting Minister: Roger Tweiten
Pianist: Phil Klacan	Reader & Prayers: James Pratt
Ushers: Dave Hendrickson & Steve Koecher	Acolyte: Kaye Anderson
Communion Preparation: Anne Anderson	Communion Assistant: Ed & Gwen Paulson
Special Music: Anna Skelton and the HOPE Easter Choir	
Easter Brass: David Brandt, Steve Koecher, Roger Tweiten, Alyssa Boock, Michael Stang	

## Call Committee Update

Greetings from the call committee!

For everyone that missed the announcement on Sunday, the call committee met last Friday and unanimously voted to bring forward a candidate's name to the Executive/Personnel Committee and onto the council. The call committee is extremely thrilled with our decision and we are ecstatic for not only moving forward but for the potential future with this candidate. We even celebrated with champagne compliments of Jeff Carlson! In addition, the candidate was also contacted and she is also very excited and granted us permission to recommend her name to move forward. So, what happens from here? The synod has been contacted and they are aware of the happenings and have extended their help when/where they can which has been very helpful. On Tuesday night the Executive/Personnel Committee met and looked over the salary/benefits compensation for the candidate and we've come up with an amount for the entire package, which is within our MSP guidelines. From here the document was emailed to the synod office to make sure everything is calculated correctly. Next Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> the council will meet and review the compensation package that the Executive committee put together and either approve or disapprove. If approved, the council will move forward to schedule a special congregational meeting to reveal the candidate and schedule a vote. Keep in mind that the notice has to be announced 2 Sundays prior to the meeting and 10 days via written notice. Please be on the lookout for the notices coming up! During the special congregational meeting the call committee will discuss the candidate, the compensation package will be reviewed and there is a good possibility the candidate will submit a short video clip introducing herself to HOPE. Again, it's hard to put excitement in black and white, but the call committee has put in hard work, long hours, and spent time in discernment and prayer, and we are very excited about this candidate and the new possibilities of a new partnership in ministry. The committee cannot thank everyone enough for your thoughts and prayers throughout this time. Please continue with prayers throughout the remaining parts of the process. The candidate is still going through a time of discernment so we continue to keep the candidate and our congregation in our prayers. Let us give thanks to God for sending his only Son into the world and for guiding and leading us throughout the call process and providing a wonderful candidate; let us continue to give thanks throughout the Easter season! God is good!!

## Easter Bulletin Cover Design Contest

Congratulations to Kaye and Anna Anderson!!

Their artwork will be used in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

## Easter Flower Garden

With your help we can have a beautiful garden for Easter morning. There is a sign-up sheet at church or you can bring your plant(s) on Saturday morning between 10:00 and 11:00. Be sure to pick your flowers up after the service or let Nancy Peters know and she'll arrange a time for you to pick it up.

**P**rayers are requested for:  
Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Carrie Benson (niece of Gorden Hedahl), Fred Benson, Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Marlys Hammer, Jodi Hauk (HOPE member), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Mike Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's brother), Sandy Kurth (friend of Lisa Rydland), Family of Margie Loudon (Jean Loudon's mother), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Helen Perkins, Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), Ervin Schmidt (Lisa Rydland's father), Matthew Schultz (Pastor Carol's brother), SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted solidier of the Carlson family) and Steve Winters (Troy Lesmeister's uncle).

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.**



## Daytime Book Group

**Monday, April 25 at the West Wind at 12:00 p.m.**

We will discuss *Comfort Me with Apples* by Ruth Reichl. Reichl, who is the editor of *Gourmet*, past restaurant critic at *The New York Times*, and food editor & restaurant critic at the *Los Angeles Times*, combines food writing, humor and memoir into an art form.



## Evening Book Group

**Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. (Jean Loudon & Gorden Hedahl's Home, 1765 Golf View Drive)**

Malcolm Gladwell's book *The Outliers: The Story of Success* will be discussed. In this provocative and inspiring book, Gladwell examines everyone from business giants to scientific geniuses, sports stars to musicians, and reveals what they have in common. He looks behind the spectacular results, the myths and the legends to show what really explains exceptionally successful people.

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## TUESDAY BANQUET MAY 10TH

Hope Lutheran is in charge of serving food at Tuesday Banquet on May 10th. Our job is to plan the meal, prepare the meal and serve the meal. Hope members are asked to volunteer this week and next so that plans can be made. You will be asked to work about two hours on May 10th. Please let Dick Jackson know by email: [rljacksn@comcast.net](mailto:rljacksn@comcast.net); phone: 715-426-9531. **Please note that this is a fun serving event. In serving a hot meal to those in need, you receive in return a good smile and a meaningful thank you.** Thanks for helping!

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## Bishop Pederson's Easter Message

"Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green."  
[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, No. 379]

Last fall, after the leaves had abandoned the trees, when the clouds looked dipped in a dreary gray, and the temperature was nearly cold enough to make a tongue on a pump handle unwise, we planted tulip bulbs at our house. That's not an unusual activity, unless you do it with a four-year-old.

Mya eagerly joined me in digging small holes in the soft dirt. Occasionally, a worm was discovered and the root of a weed pulled. Out of a bag filled with brown, tear-shaped orbs, she fetched one bulb after another and poked them into the holes. Apparently, the tips of the bulbs are to be pointed upward, but who knows which direction Mya pressed them into the ground? Finally, Mya lightly packed moist earth over the entire flower bed so that the bulbs would rest in their earthen tombs for the long winter to come.

As granddaughter and old man (yes, me) worked, we talked. Mya knew nothing about flower bulbs, and she could not conceive of how "those round things" we put in the ground were going to sprout into tulips. Nor could Mya conceive of the length of time that would pass before the bulbs would grow. Next spring might as well have been light years in the future.

We've now experienced that long winter, and we and all of creation await the warmth that will awaken the earth. Mya has long forgotten the planted bulbs, even though I occasionally speak of them and point to the edge of the driveway where a five-foot snow bank covers her gardening effort. Buried and gone and forgotten.

A grace moment will take place this spring. When Mya sees the tulips push their way up from their wintery graves to embrace the spring air and burst forth in color, we will not only talk about bulbs and tulips, we will also talk about Easter, about death and life, about Jesus, love, and hope. It will be time for resurrection talk.

Mya is now five, and I have no doubt that she will grasp the mystery and wonder of life rising from the earth in ways adults cannot. Seeds of faith will be planted within her that I trust the Spirit will cause to flourish. Mya will know of the Risen Christ, the one who loves her enough to be placed in an earthen tomb and raised to new life so that she might know a holy love. That, too, is my Easter prayer for you.

**"Now the green blade rises from the buried grain . . . Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green." Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

**Sunday, April 17, 2011**

**Offering:**

General Fund - \$2,898.50

Building Fund - \$1,010.00

VBS @ UCC - \$400.00

ELCA Japan Relief (Coin Boxes) - \$68.44

Grace Place - \$50.00

**Attendance: 88**

**Calendar**

April 21, Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
April 22, Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service (Stations of the Cross & Worship)
April 24, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Easter Service (no Sunday School & Coffee Hour)
April 25, Monday	12:00 p.m.	Book Group @ Westwind
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Book Group @ Jean Loudon's Home
	7:00 p.m.	Council Mtg. @ Church
May 1, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
	5:00 p.m.	9 to Dine @ Phil & Paula Klacan's Home
	5:30 p.m.	HOPE Softball Practice (Hoffman Park)
May 2, Monday	4:00 p.m.	Cong. Life Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Café
	5:30 p.m.	ComCom Mtg. @ Office
	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Café
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Mtg. @ Office
May 5, Thursday	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Softball Practice (Hoffman Park)
May 7, Saturday		Fifth Anniversary of HOPE's Charter
May 8, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship ( <i>Mother's Day</i> )
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
May 9, Monday	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Softball Game
May 11, Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Quilting Bee (Tie Quillows) @ Karen Brohaugh's



Volunteers are needed to serve Sunday morning refreshments.  
Treats can be simple and can be store bought.  
Please consider helping. The clipboard will be on the food table.

*Our hope was to be able to write a personal note to each one of you who took the time to send a card, or attend Sherry's funeral or visitation, who called, gave a memorial or encouraged us in these last days. However, we soon discovered that the love and care that we have received has been more than overwhelming.*

*So please know that this "thank you" comes from the heart. We are grateful for you, and the many ways you have expressed your kindness and care.*

*To know, and live, and work beside someone like Sherry, and then all of a sudden to realize that she is no longer there, feels very empty right now. She filled our lives with so much that is good and right. She loved her family so much, and gave us so much to hang on to.*

*In her last sermon she used the following quote, "dance like there's nobody watching, love like you'll never be hurt, sing like there's nobody listening, and live like it's heaven on earth." That's how Sherry lived her life. She filled our lives with song, laughter, and always much love. She let her light shine in simple yet profound ways, and left behind in us the best that she was.*

*Sherry served with dignity, grace, and strength. She had a pastor's heart, and her sermons, studies, and caring ways always reflected the love of God and the hope that is ours in Christ.*

*Thank you for entering into our grief, and for sharing your stories and remembrances that now mean so much. Sherry was loved beyond words, and she will be greatly missed, but the legacy she leaves and the promise that is ours in Christ continues to encourage us and lead us on.*

*God's peace,  
Greg, Liz & Aaron*

# Save the Date

- Sunday, May 1, 5:00 p.m. **Nine to Dine** at Phil & Paula Klacan's house.
- Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 pm **Old Fashioned Quilting Bee** at Brohaughs to tie quillows for Hope's High School grads.
- Saturday, May 21, 9:00 am **Spring Planting** Dig up some of your hardy perennials and bring them out to plant on Hope's property at Sterling Ponds
- Sunday, July 24, 2:00 pm Kayaking the Kinni followed by 4:00 pm picnic and swimming at Rodewald's

Hey Team!!! Are you ready to go????!!! The softball schedule is below.

**Our first game is May 9!!**

Weather permitting; we'll have practice on the following two days for those of you who can make it:  
 Sunday, May 1, 5:30 - 7:00, Hoffman Park  
 Thursday, May 5, 6:30 - 7:30, Hoffman Park

The main rule is that men have to use a 29" bat with an ASA softball stamp on it. If you find any cheap (\$30-70) bats, pick it up. I think the church will reimburse us for a bat or two or three. Women may use ASA bats up to 34". We will go over the rest of the rules at practice. The most important rule is to have fun!!!



Let's wear our Hope SB t-shirts to church on Sunday, May 8 to open up the season. I'll be in Iowa that weekend so I might wear my t-shirt the Sunday before. Whoever is at church can talk up the team and invite the congregation to our home opener on May 9!!

See you on the diamond! Play ball!!

Faye

## HOPE Softball Schedule

May 9	6:30 p.m.	UCC vs. HOPE	PR's
May 16	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. Servant of the Shepherd	PR's
May 23	6:30 p.m.	The River vs. HOPE	PR's
May 30		<b>OFF Memorial Day</b>	
June 6	9:00 p.m.	Servant of the Shepherd vs. HOPE	Hoffman #1
June 13	6:30 p.m.	Abundant Life vs. HOPE	Hoffman #1
June 20	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. St. Bridgets	Hoffman #2
June 27	7:45 p.m.	Luther Memorial vs. HOPE	PR's
July 4		<b>OFF</b>	
July 11	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. UCC	Hoffman #2
July 18	6:30 p.m.	Servant of the Shepherd vs. HOPE	Hoffman #1
July 25	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. The River	Hoffman #2
August 1	6:30 p.m.	HOPW vs. Faith Community	PR's
August 8	7:45 p.m.	Abundant Life vs. HOPE	PR's

**HOME TEAM IS LISTED SECOND**

Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends --



4/2	John Hamilton	4/23	Laura Anderson
4/4	Kyle Snyder	4/23	Kendra Lesmeister
4/5	Michael Stang	4/25	Erik Eaton
4/11	Jean Loudon	4/27	Jerry Brandt
4/11	Cathy Wunrow	4/29	Sam Anderson
4/14	Faye Perkins		
4/17	Cole Frisch		
4/20	Ruth Lee		
4/21	Linnea Baerenwald		
4/22	Sophia Schmidt		

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

## Community Announcements

Interfaith Volunteers needs helpers for the following requests of people over age 60. Please contact Nancy at 1-800-372-2333 or email [nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us) for information.

### River Falls

- ◆ Housekeeping & errands for a woman in town
- ◆ Companionship
- ◆ Light housekeeping & companionship for a woman in apt.
- ◆ Light housekeeping for a rural couple
- ◆ Light housekeeping & companionship for woman in apt.
- ◆ Companionship for a man and errands for his wife in town
- ◆ Meal preparation for a couple in town

### Announcement Deadlines

Send **Website** announcements to [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Send **Hope Notes** announcements to [hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Send **Bulletin** announcements to [secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org](mailto:secretary@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Fridays.

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**The HOPE office hours are : Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 – 11:30**



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