



*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 8, 2011

Call Committee Update

Greetings from the call committee! As previously reported the committee has finished with all of the first round Skype interviews. In addition, the reference checks have already been completed as of today (04.06.11). This was a change from last time when we elected to complete reference checks after coming for an in-person interview. We felt this would help move the process forward and we could also develop additional questions for an in-person interview. We still have 2 remaining candidates and we are very excited as the first is scheduled for Friday, April 8th and the second is scheduled for Monday, April 11th. We have also been able to view at least one sermon from both candidates as well. I know it's hard to show true excitement through words on a piece of paper but we are truly excited to meet both candidates face to face. We ask for your continued prayers during this time not only for the call committee and the congregation but for the candidates also. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Easter Bulletin Cover Design Contest

All Hope youth 18 and under are invited to submit an artistic drawing or digital photo for the cover of the Easter service bulletin. The cover theme is resurrection and should incorporate one of the following concepts - joy, rejoice, arise or new life.

Entries will be judged by the worship committee based on creativity, use of the theme and artistic quality. The winning entry will be used on the Easter bulletin cover and the winner will receive a prize. Entries not selected will be displayed at church. Entries should be 7"x7" in dimension or a digital print. **Entries are due by Sunday, April 17** and can be emailed to jeff.rodewald@gmail.com or given to Jeff Rodewald.

All youth are encouraged to participate in this fun activity.

HOPE to Jamaica will be hosting a "Thank you" reception on April 17th after worship. We would like to give thanks to everyone who supported the team's trip. Many people gave their time, money, supplies and prayers for this mission trip to take place. We will be serving Blue Mountain coffee, festival and sharing a video montage of the trip. Everyone is invited to enjoy the tastes of Jamaica and see what we were able to do. Thank you and hope to see you there.

Prayers are requested for:
Kris Allen (friend of Linda Jacobson & Bill Warner), Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Carrie Benson (niece of Gorden Hedahl), Fred Benson, the family of Pastor Sherry Billberg, Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Ken Giske (friend of Jerry & Naomi Brandt), Marlys Hammer, Jodi Hauk (HOPE member), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Mike Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's brother), Sandy Kurth (friend of Lisa Rydland), 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), Symes Family, 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.

**Prayer requests can be sent at anytime.
Please notify HopeNotes when you would like a prayer request removed.**

We also extend our condolences to Jean Loudon and her family as they mourn the death of Jean's mother, Margie Loudon.



Daytime Book Group

Monday, March 28 at the West Wind at 12:00 p.m.

We will discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Twin brothers, who are orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, are bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine. They come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

Evening Book Group

Monday, March 28 at Carol Poff's House (231 N. Wasson) at 7:00 p.m.

Marcus Borg's book, "Putting Away Childish Things" will be discussed. Borg is a gifted teacher, biblical scholar, and writer of nonfiction, but also a master of storytelling. In "Putting Away Childish Things", Borg weaves his insightful teachings on Christianity into a new form - fiction.

9 to Dine

Another evening of fellowship and good food is being planned for May 7 or 8. Our hosts will plan the menu and invite all guests to bring part of the meal. **Why 9 to Dine?** Singles as well as couples are welcome, thus the odd number. Anyone willing to host should contact Nancy Miller. Look for more information in coming weeks.

March 16, 2011

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

We and the children of Robin's Nest would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,000 to be used as project money while your team is visiting the Nest. We pray that 2011 will be a blessed year for you and yours!

We are humbled and blessed by the people who support Robin's Nest. Your support ensures that our children receive the care they need in a Christian environment. Donations are used towards payroll for staff, groceries, utilities and vehicle expenses in Jamaica. There is no paid staff in the U.S., all volunteers. There are approximately 30 children at Robin's Nest, please remember them in your prayers.

*God's blessings be yours,
The Board of Robin's Nest, Michelle Robinette – Founder
Matt & Joyel Wiley, Directors*

Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends
Who celebrate their birthday in April!



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!

Dear Friends,

Are you passionate about the biblical imperative to love neighbor? Are you energized by imagining how to faithfully continue in the covenant that God made with you in Holy Baptism - especially the part about serving all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? Does working on mission outreach that has a global and local impact excite you? Do you wonder how congregations and individuals can effectively respond to the issues of malaria, hunger, poverty and care for creation in our communities, as well as around the world?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then come and join together with others from around the synod as we strategize how to be faithful in **SERVING GOD'S WORLD** through global and domestic outreach initiatives. You are invited to make an impact on the way that the Global Mission Committee and the Hunger Action Committee of this synod attend to the intersections between God's mission, the church's purpose and the world's needs. If you are passionate about global concerns and issues of hunger and poverty - WE NEED YOU and YOUR IDEAS! No cost and no need to register - just come and participate!

SERVING GOD'S WORLD

Saturday, April 30, 2011

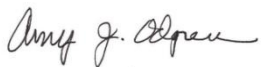
Central Lutheran

28 E. Columbia, Chippewa Falls, WI

Morning Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m.-Lunch provided at 12:30 p.m.

Questions? Call the synod office 715.859.6810

Servants Together,



Pastor Amy Odgren, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission

Community Announcements

Pottery for Prevention

Food... Wine ... Art ...

You are cordially invited to attend Turningpoint's 2nd Annual Pottery for Prevention. This is a semi-formal event to benefit the prevention of child abuse in Pierce and St. Croix counties. There will be a Silent Auction featuring pottery donated by local artists. Music will be by Sam Salter.

Saturday, April 9

715-425-6751 ext. 105 for more information

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SEASONS on St. Croix Gallery (401 2nd Street, Hudson)

Fee: \$25 with \$15 for guests before April 1

\$35 with \$25 for guests after April 1

River Falls Area Optimist Club – Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

River Falls Moose Lodge (620 N. Clark Street)

\$6.00 Adults

\$5.00 Seniors & Kids

Kids 5 and under eat FREE

Questions, call Deanna at 715-821-1894

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

(includes French toast, eggs and sausage, etc.)

Interfaith Volunteers of St. Croix County service individuals over age 60 and the following needs are current: escorting a couple for errands, respite for a woman and her husband northwest of RF, transportation for meetings for a woman in rural River Falls, light housekeeping requests from 3 individuals (apartment dwellers), transportation from RF to Hudson M or Th for adult day program; meal delivery in River Falls once a month (2 days open); and light housekeeping for a woman with asthma. For information or to apply contact Nancy at 715-381-4360 or email nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us

Handel's Messiah

On Palm Sunday the Phipps Center For The Arts Oratorio Society and orchestra performs Handel's Messiah, Parts Two and Three (crucifixions and resurrection portions), on Sunday, April 17 at 2p.m. at Bethel Highlands Church, 504 Frontage Road, Hudson. Music director is Tomas Dahle. General admission tickets are \$21 for adults and \$10 for students of all ages. Reservations may be made by contacting the Phipps ticket office at 715-386-8409 or online at www.ThePhipps.org.

Premiered in 1742, Messiah was first performed during Lent. In 1791 began the practice of Christmas time performances with which we may most identify. Parts Two and Three include many familiar solos and choruses, including the Hallelujah chorus.

Announcement Deadlines

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

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

Send **Bulletin** announcements to 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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