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# HOPE LUTHERAN

## ELCA

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*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.*

**February 24, 2011**



**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday to bring donations for the Jamaica mission trip.**

**If people still have items and can't get them to church on Sunday, donations can be given to any of the mission team members through March 5<sup>th</sup>.**



Mark your calendar and join your HOPE family for a

**Mardi Gras potluck Sunday, March 6 @ 11:30 a.m.**

There will be food, music, fun, and of course, beads!

Mardi Gras (French), Fettisdagen (Swedish), Fastnacht (German), Carnaval (Dutch), Shrovetide (Great Britain), Fat Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday all refer to the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Lenten Season, a traditional period of fasting, abstinence, self-examination, and confession.

Fat Tuesday refers to the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before ritual fasting begins. In the U.S., many people associate Mardi Gras with the wild celebration, parades and partying held in New Orleans.

**You can choose to bring whatever you like to the potluck (Swedish meatballs are always a good choice!), but fun dishes you may want to consider include gumbo, jambalaya, dirty rice, red beans and rice, or beignets.**

Check websites like [www.cooks.com](http://www.cooks.com), [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com), [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com), or other pages dedicated to Cajun and Creole cooking.

## ADULT ED - FORUM

Theme of this series is "CALL TO COVENANT"

2-27-2011 Lesson 19 - Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry  
3-6-2011 Lesson 20 - Creative Transformation  
3-13-2011 Lesson 21 - Embracing Mystery

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### Lesson 19 - Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry

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|     | Tex Semple: | Man dying of Aids   |
| 2'  | Carcano:    | "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me". Picking cotton              |
| 5'  | Townes:     | We are called to share "He touched me"  |
| 7'  | Bell:       | Gift of music   |
| 9'  | Spong:      | Purity Laws-Jesus goes against them; it is people, not the laws                   |
| 11' | M. Fox:     | Luke 6: Compassion-a secret name for God  |
| 12' | Carcano:    | Compassion comes in two forms.....as we give we receive                           |
| 14' | Borg:       | What is our life with God?  |
|     | Fox:        | We're all interdependent  |
|     | Crossan:    | All families in Galilee were in tremendous stress                                 |
| 15' | Vargheses:  | Crumbs of table are left for the dogs   |
| 16' | Borg:       | Habitat for Humanity in Haiti--changed to world view of some conservative members |
| 19' | Video       | Habitat for Humanity at work in Haiti   |

### Sunday, February 20, 2011

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| <b>Offering:</b>           | <b>Attendance: 62</b> |
| General Fund - \$1,339.65  |                       |
| Building Fund - \$852.00   |                       |
| Jamaica Trip - \$310.00    |                       |
| Jamaica Mittens - \$100.00 |                       |
| Doughnut Fund - \$17.00    |                       |

### Leading Us in Worship – February 27<sup>th</sup>

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|---|------------------------------------|
| Presiding Minister: Pastor Carol Peterson | Assisting Minister: Jean Loudon    |
| Pianist: Phil Klacan                      | Reader & Prayers: Karen Rodewald   |
| Ushers: Jeff Rodewald & Kendra Lesmeister | Acolyte: Camryn Shea               |
| Communion Preparation: Nancy Miller       | Communion Assistant: Doug Rudesill |
| Coffee: Ethel Johnson                     |                                    |

## Calendar

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|--------------------|---|
| Feb. 27, Sunday    | 9:30 a.m. Worship   |
|                    | 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Adult Education     |
| Feb. 28, Monday    | 12:00 p.m. Book Group @ Westwind                            |
|                    | 7:00 p.m. Evening Book Group @ Kay & Bill Montgomery's Home |
| March 2, Wednesday | 6:30 p.m. Carl & Sue Warren's Home                          |
|                    | 7:00 p.m. Mission Mtg. @ Global M.A.D.E.                    |
| March 5, Saturday  | 9:00 a.m. Jamaica Team Packing Day                          |
| March 6, Sunday    | 9:30 a.m. Worship ( <b>Food Shelf Sunday</b> )              |
|                    | 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Education                  |
|                    | 11:30 a.m. Mardi Gras Potluck @ Rocky Branch Elementary     |
| March 7, Monday    | 4:00 p.m. Nurture Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Café                  |
|                    | 4:00 p.m. Congregation Life Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Café        |
|                    | 5:30 p.m. Communications Mtg. @ Office                      |
|                    | 7:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. @ Office                             |
| March 9, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service                             |

### **Ash Wednesday Worship** **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

**HOPE will NOT have midweek Lenten services but we will have services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in April.**

**P**rayers are requested for:  
Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Carrie Benson (niece of Gorden Hedahl), Fred Benson, Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Avery Gallagher, Katy & Ken Giske (friends 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), SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted solider 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. And for the children, staff, directors and their families of Robin's Nest Children's Home, the orphanage Hope's team will be serving.

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

Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends  
who celebrate their birthday in February!



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| 2/3  | Latīdā Lesmeister | 2/15 | Mischa Carlson        |
| 2/4  | Bill Montgomery   | 2/21 | Paul Perkins-McIntosh |
| 2/5  | Gwen Paulson      | 2/24 | Charles Eaton         |
| 2/5  | Susie Rudesill    | 2/25 | Dick Jackson          |
| 2/8  | Dorothy Hansen    | 2/26 | Olivia Szatkowski     |
| 2/10 | Kyle Rudesill     | 2/27 | Eric Rydland          |
| 2/11 | Teresa Ginn       | 2/27 | Lindsey Young         |
| 2/15 | Dan Wunrow        | 2/28 | Darcy Boock           |

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

## HOPE Evening Book Group

In January, the Monday Evening Book Club discussed "The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir" by Kao Kalia Yang. This is a family saga written by Yang about her family's struggle and life after being forced into the jungle after the fall of Vietnam and their journey through refugee camps and finally placement in St. Paul, Minnesota. It was an insightful book to read and discuss. If you have been to the History Theater in St. Paul, you may have seen some plays by Yang.

Please list these dates for the upcoming months:

### **February 28, 2011 7 - pm**

Wm. Stacy Johnson's book, "A Time to Embrace" will be discussed. Johnson presents a brilliant analysis of the religious, legal and political stakes in the debates over gay marriage, civil unions, and the place of committed gay couples in a democratic society. **We will meet at Kay and Bill Montgomery's home at 75 E. Woodridge Dr., River Falls.**

### **March 21, 2011 7 - pm**

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. **We will meet at Carol Poff's home, 231 North Wasson, River Falls.**

### **April 25, 2011 7 - pm**

Malcolm Gladwell's book, "Outliers" 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.

**Book for May will be decided later.**

All are welcome.

## February Daytime Book Group



The daytime book group will meet at the West Wind on Monday, February 28 at noon. We'll have lunch and then discuss *The Late Homecomer* by Kao Kalia Yang.

In search of a place to call home, thousands of Hmong families made the journey from their war-torn jungles of Laos to the overcrowded refugee camps of Thailand and onward to America, but their history remains largely unknown. Driven to share her family's story after her grandmother's death, Kao Kalia Yang's memoir is a tribute to the remarkable woman whose spirit held them all together. All are welcome to join the discussion.

## Community Announcements

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Please join us for an afternoon of sharing ideas, networking and supporting one another as we re-enter the wonderful world of parenting in a grand way. We will meet on Thurs. March 3 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Hudson Public Library Room 5. Contact Diane Kinney at 715.386.8989 or 715.220.2774 for more information.

**Interfaith Volunteers of St Croix County** are needed to help with light housekeeping for individuals (some in apartments, some in homes) in River Falls and Hudson; with home meal delivery on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in Hudson and 3 days a month in River Falls. For information contact Nancy at [nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us](mailto:nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us) or call 715-381-4360. Applications and information can be found on [www.saint-croix.wi.us](http://www.saint-croix.wi.us)

### Living Well with Chronic Conditions Leader Training

The ADRC is in search of **VOLUNTEERS** who have a personal experience dealing with an ongoing health concern, living with a family member with a chronic illness, are comfortable presenting information, or committed as a volunteer to helping others with their health concerns. We are seeking volunteers to help individuals living with chronic health conditions to increase their quality of life. This will be a free, evidence-based training for our citizens and is a joint project for Pierce and St. Croix County Aging and Disability Resource Centers. This is a large scale initiative as we intend to improve the health and lives of many of our residents over age 60.

The Living Well workshop is taught by trained leaders. You will be taught new strategies that will give participants the confidence, motivation, and skills needed to manage their challenges of living with a chronic health condition. You will co-lead one six-week workshop. Materials are prepared and provided to you. Formal training will be provided March 28, 2011 to all the volunteers. If you prefer to volunteer to market the program we are accepting those calls as well.

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of people Living with a Chronic Condition and become a lay leader please contact Nancy or Stephanie at **715-381-4360** or **1-800-372-2333**.

### **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**

