



*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.*

March 24, 2011

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.



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.

**There will be no issue of HopeNotes distributed next week as I will be
lounging in the Carribean and thinking of anything but work!!
I will return to work on Tuesday, April 5th.
Teresa, Church Secretary**

Leading Us in Worship – March 27th

Presiding Minister: Pastor Bill Montgomery	Assisting Minister: Roger Tweiten
Pianist: Phil Klacan	Reader & Prayers: Trish Graves
Ushers: Joe McIntosh & John Hamilton	Acolyte: Mason Shea
Communion Preparation: Patti Albertson	Communion Assistant: Verna Tweiten & Patti Albertson
Coffee: Carlson Family	

Leading Us in Worship – April 3rd

Presiding Minister: Pastor Carol Peterson	Assisting Minister: Jerry Brandt
Pianist: Betty Lou Oppgard	Reader & Prayers: Mike Miller
Ushers: Ed & Gwen Paulson	Acolyte: Lindsay Gienau
Communion Preparation: Anne Anderson	Communion Assistant: Carol Poff & Jeff Rodewald
Coffee: <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Special Music: Mike Stang

Calendar

March 23, Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal @ First Congregational United Church of Christ (<i>see below</i>)
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service @ First Congregational United Church of Christ
March 27, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour & Sunday School (<i>No Adult Education class</i>)
March 28, Monday	12:00 p.m.	Book Group @ West Wind
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Book Group @ Carol Poff's House
March 30, Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Supper – Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
	7:00 p.m.	“Take me out to the ball park” theme service @ Luther Memorial
April 3, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Adult Education
April 4, Monday	5:30 p.m.	Com Com Mtg. @ Church
	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Committee Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Café
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Mtg. @ Office
April 6, Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation - St. Bridget's Catholic Church – 6:30 PM.- 8 PM
		No service, we will be sharing a faith formation class with students from St. B's

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 are 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!

A special gift was made by Nancy & Dave Peters
in honor of the birth of their new Granddaughter.

Prayers are requested for:
 Zora Anderson (HOPE member), Carrie Benson (niece of Gorden Hedahl), Fred Benson, the family of Pastor Sherry Billberg, 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), Jenny Peters Larson (daughter of Dave & Nancy Peters), 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 soldier 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.**

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.

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



3/3	Grant Klacan	3/11	Sue Katelhut
3/3	Madison Ziebarth	3/13	Linzie Gienau
3/4	Nicholas Snyder	3/13	Steven Koecher
3/5	J.P. Eaton	3/15	Amber Carlson
3/7	Braden Johnson	3/17	Carly Wunrow
3/9	Matthew Schmidt	3/23	Dave Peters
3/9	Eric Oppegard	3/23	Lee Getschel
3/9	Amanda Robinson	3/31	Ben Wunrow
3/10	Sharon Paulson		

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

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.)

Restorative Response Survivor Circles...talking circles for those impacted, those concerned and those wanting to offer support. For family and friends of those who have died by homicide, suicide, auto crash or accident.

Circles are **free** to all attendees. Circles will be held every week beginning April 7th and ends May 12th, 2011.

Restorative Response/Survivor Circles will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the *Circlespace* room at the Restorative Justice Center in River Falls. Trained facilitators and community members will also be Circle members. **Pre-registration is important** so we can plan for our space, chairs and facilitators. For more information call 715-425-1100 or email scvrjpinfo@gmail.com

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

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



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