

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.*

May 26, 2011

Call Committee Update

Thanks be to God and all of the blessings he continues to pour out to each of us! We are excited to announce that after the congregational meeting, a call was extended to Pastor Sandy Johnson and on Friday, May 20th, she verbally accepted the call to serve HOPE! She and her husband Jed extended an invitation to the call committee to meet them for lunch that day and those that could make it met Jed and had some great discussions about River Falls and the future. Hopefulness, excitement, and enthusiasm was felt by everyone! On Sunday, May 22nd, the exciting news was shared during announcements and an extra long applause filled the Newman Center. From this point on, the Executive committee will be working hard to make sure all of the paperwork is completed and working with both Pastor Sandy and the Synod to work on an installation date and a smooth transition. Please keep Pastor Sandy, Jed, and both of her current congregations in your prayers during this time of transition and change.

As of now, Pastor Sandy and Jed are looking for houses, but until they find one, they are looking for a place to rent month-to-month. If you have any suggestions, whether it be a house or apartment to rent, please email me at samantha.schuettpelz@gmail.com and I will pass on the information to them. Again, we thank God for his blessings now and everyday and we are all thrilled and excited for the future as we start another journey at HOPE!

Jeff Rodewald tilling around the HOPE sign.



Five Hope members met on Saturday, May 21 to do some planting at the land site. A big thank you to Jeff Rodewald who tilled up ground around the large signs at either end of the property, where daylilies, iris, catmint, lupines, and bulbs from Hope's indoor Easter garden were planted. Jeff also tilled a small patch close by where several seeds for pumpkins and birdhouse gourds were planted. This was an initial attempt to do some work out on the property, and we look at it as a 'work in progress', so if you weren't able to come Saturday, you'll have a chance later as we hope to do more in the future, especially as more specific plans for the property are developed.



Diane Clark getting ready to dig – Jeff in background tilling a pumpkin patch.
Karen Rodewald & Nancy Miller plotting where plants should go.
Karen Brohaugh & Karen Rodewald having a little coffee break.



Leading Us in Worship – May 29th

Presiding Minister: Pr. Carol Peterson
Pianist: Betty Lou Opegard
Ushers: Doug & Susie Rudesill
Communion Preparation: Margaret Anderson
Coffee: Ethel Johnson

Assisting Minister: Gorden Hedahl
Reader & Prayers: Jerry Brandt
Acolyte: Mason Shea
Communion Assistant: Jeff/Karen Rodewald
Special Music: Katie Berndt & Carrie Hendrickson

Prayers 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), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Buck Nielson (Jeff Rodewald's uncle), Chris Pageant (friend of Jeff Carlson), Patrice Rasmussen (friend of Anne Anderson), Ervin Schmidt (Lisa Rydland's father), Matthew Schultz (Pastor Carol's brother), SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted son 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.

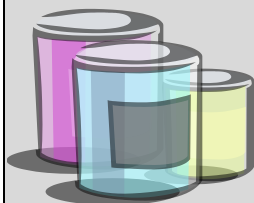
**Prayer requests can be sent at anytime.
Please notify HopeNotes when you would like a prayer request removed.**

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Offering:

General Fund - \$799.00
Building Fund - \$50.00
Grace Place - \$50.00

Attendance: 70



Next Sunday, June 5th, is Food Pantry Sunday

We ask that each member bring one (or more!) non-perishable food items to church and place them in the red bins. Monetary contributions are always welcome too!

Calendar

May 29, Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
June 1, Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg. @ Office
	7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Mtg. @ Global M.A.D.E
June 5, Sunday	9:30 a.m. Worship (Recognition of Graduating Seniors) – <i>Food Shelf Sunday</i>
	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
June 6, Monday	4:00 p.m. Cong. Life Committee Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Cafe
	5:30 p.m. Com Com Mtg. @ Office
	7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. @ Office
	7:45 p.m. Softball Game at Hoffman Park Field #1

Save the Date

- **Sunday, June 12, 9:30 a.m. – Outdoor Worship at Sterling Ponds. Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket. We will have a picnic following worship and ask that you bring your own lunch, beverage & utensils.**
- **Sunday, July 24, 2:00 p.m. - Kayaking the Kinni. Followed by 4:00 p.m. picnic and swimming at Rodewald's.**

Happy Birthday to the following Hope members & friends --



5/2	Melissa Kolb	5/18	Thomas Scott
5/4	Emily Snyder	5/19	Winifred Leifgren
5/4	Jordan Sather	5/19	David Hendrickson
5/6	Aaron Schmidt	5/22	Ascher Carlton
5/13	Maxwell Rotsaert	5/23	Spencer Ziebarth
5/14	Jeff Carlson	5/25	Kay Montgomery
5/15	Jim Pratt	5/30	Anna Parks
5/15	Debbie Rotsaert	5/30	Taylor Rotsaert
5/15	Tanner Heinselmann		
5/17	Anne Anderson		

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

HOPE Softball Schedule



May 30		OFF Memorial Day	
June 6	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. Faith Community	Hoffman #1
June 13	6:30 p.m.	Abundant Life vs. HOPE	Hoffman #1
June 20	7:45 p.m.	HOPE vs. St. Bridgets	PR's
June 27	7:45 p.m.	Luther Memorial vs. HOPE	PR's
July 4		OFF	
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.	HOPE vs. Faith Community	PR's
August 8	7:45 p.m.	Abundant Life vs. HOPE	PR's

Dear congregational leader,

Big news! I'm pleased to announce a new video contest for ELCA members and congregations. We're asking you: **What does it mean to live Lutheran?**

Your congregation could win a \$3,000 ministry grant, and individuals could win a \$1,500 cash prize. We also have prizes for the most popular congregation and individual video entries. Plus, we'll show a selection of videos at the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly this August for thousands to see.

Grab your calendar and mark these dates. We're accepting entries **May 17 to June 30**. You can also vote for your favorite videos beginning **May 17 until July 15**.

In 2009, we received hundreds of videos in our first ELCA Video Contest. It was inspiring to watch so many ELCA members and congregations doing God's work with their hands.

So, how would you answer our question? How do you live Lutheran in today's world? I hope you will enter the 2011 ELCA Video Contest and share your faith story with the rest of this church.

Visit www.livinglutheran.com/contest for information, including tips to help you get started. Don't forget! The contest launches on **May 17**.

God's peace,

Scott J. Hendrickson
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www.livinglutheran.com

P.S. Plan to enter, vote for your favorite videos and help spread the word! Special thanks to Odyssey Networks for serving as the contest sponsor.

Youth Ministry Opportunities



The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, in conjunction with the ELCA, wants to help every congregation have the best youth ministry it desires by providing the best resources and training in youth ministry to as many adult leaders as possible. The method is to offer seminars, webinars, events and coaching to every congregation. The first of these seminars will be offered in June.

Opportunity or Despair: The Landscape of Youth Ministry

This seminar will give an overview of where youth are today in their faith formation and what we can do as congregations to help them on their faith journey. Registration is required, but the event is FREE. You may register by sending an email to coppert@cltcomm.net or cdejardin@nswi.org. You can check in at the event 30 minutes before the presentation begins.

DATES AND LOCATIONS:

June 18 Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg and Zion Lutheran in Stratford (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

June 25 Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

June 26 Bethel Highlands in Hudson. (1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

Looking ahead to Fall 2011:

The second seminar, "*Youth Ministry as Faith Formation*," will go deeper into the conversation that began in June. Also, the following webinars will be offered:

September 18, 2011	Lutheran Theology: How God is at Work in the World
October 2, 2011	Lutheran Theology: How Lutherans Read the Bible
October 16, 2011	Your Role as a Leader
November 20, 2011	Strategic Planning
December 4, 2011	Leading a Small Group
December 18, 2011	Faith Conversations
January 8, 2012	Planning for the Unexpected

Announcement Deadlines

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

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

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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