



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.

November 4, 2010

Call Committee Update

Greetings from the call committee! The call committee is conducting the first in-person interview Friday, October 29th. We have 2 other in person interviews, one on Sunday, November 7th followed by the final candidate on Monday, November 8th. We have a very busy schedule coming up and we ask the congregation to keep the call committee and the candidates in their prayers.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers and continue to keep the call committee, the entire congregation, and candidates in your prayers. May we all come with an open heart and be ready to listen to God during this discerning process as the call committee continues its work and candidates are interviewed. Please keep in mind that the call committee must operate with a high level of confidentiality and will not be able to answer all questions, but we ask that everyone trust in the process and trust that God has already laid out a plan and we are journeying towards it.

Nine to Dine!

Saturday, November 6, 5:30 pm

Interest in Nine to Dine has been terrific so in addition to Gwen & Ed Paulson, the Rodewald's will also be opening their home to this event. There's always room for more so if you haven't signed up, please do so this Sunday.

You will be contacted about whose home you should go to and what to bring for the meal.

Paulson's 627 N Grove

Rodewald's 245 Hwy. 65

Leading Us in Worship – November 7th

Presiding Minister: Mark Hendrickson

Pianist: Betty Lou Opegard

Ushers: Joe McIntosh & John Hamilton

Communion Preparation: Anne Anderson

Coffee:

Assisting Minister: Gorden Hedahl

Reader & Prayers: David Peters

Acolyte: Aaron Schmidt

Communion Assistant: Ed Paulson & Anne Anderson

10-31-10

Offering:

Attendance: 79

General Fund - \$1,956.00

Jamaica Mission Trip - \$1,330.00

Building Fund - \$412.00

Moola for Milk - \$237.38

Hope Express Fund - \$115.00

Journey House - \$50.00

Food Shelf - \$20.00



“Relationships in Healthy Congregations”--Sunday mornings this fall.

We'll begin as soon after worship as possible, in the sanctuary.

Sessions are as follows:

Nov. 7th & 14th - No Sessions as the children will be using the sanctuary to practice a song

- November 21
2. Connecting
 3. Healthy Helping
 4. The Difficult Business of Helping

Prayers are requested for:

Nancy Abrahamson and family, Zora Anderson (Hope member), R. J. Banse (friend of Karen Brohaugh), Frances Benedict, Amanda Brown, Jody Fink, Eve Friedli (Ed Paulson's niece), Avery Gallagher, Jodi Hauk (Hope member), Kayla Hefner (friend of Gorden Hedahl), June Hirsch, Cindy Hogan, Stan & Gloria Jacobson (Linda Jacobson's parents), Sandy Kurth (friend of Lisa Rydland), Melissa Loven (Doc and Carol Berggren's granddaughter), Pat Lubich (Jeff Rodewald's aunt), Pastor Erin Wilhelm Nelson, Richard Phelps (Bill Warner's dad), Dorothy Schulz, Sharon Skiba, and Ruth Thomas (Dave Peters' mother), SFC Gerardo Viera (adopted solidier of the Carlson family).

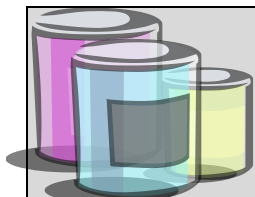
We pray for our sister parish, the Mwanza Mission Area in Malawi that they may grow in Spirit and grace. We also pray for our sister synod Sinodo Centro Campanha Sul in Brazil. And for the children, staff, directors and their families of Robin's Nest Children's Home, the orphanage Hope's team will be serving.

Prayer requests can be sent at anytime.

Please notify HopeNotes when you would like a prayer request removed.

Sunday, November 7th, is Food Shelf Sunday

We ask that each member bring one (or more!) non-perishable food items to fill our red food shelf bins that will be available at the altar or in the lobby.



CALENDAR

Nov. 6, Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Mitten Making @ Jackson's home
	5:30 p.m.	Nine to Dine @ Paulson's & Rodewald's
Nov. 7, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship (<i>Food Shelf Sunday</i>)
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Sunday School (No Healthy Congregations)
	10:45 a.m.	Intergenerational Choir Practice
Nov. 8, Monday	6:30 p.m.	Nurture Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Café
		Congregational Life Mtg. @ Dish & Spoon Café
Nov. 10, Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation at Warren's
Nov. 13, Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Mitten Making @ Jackson's home
Nov. 14, Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Intergenerational Choir Practice
	11:00 a.m.	Brunch & Silent Auction @ Rocky Branch Elementary

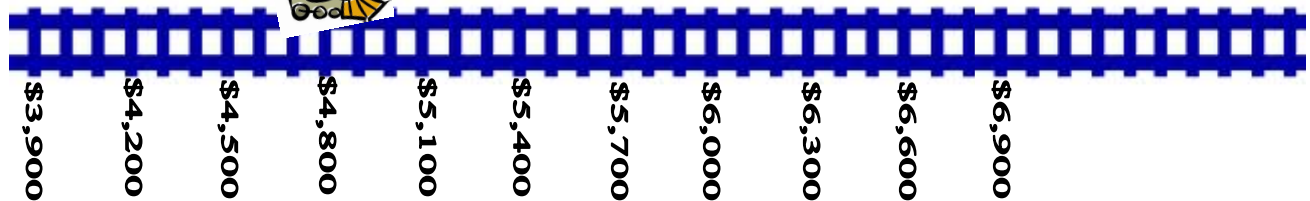
THE HOPE Express! PREPARES FOR CONNECTION WITH THE PLEDGE Express!

The Conductor of The **HOPE** Express! will be sharing the rails with The **PLEDGE** Express! beginning Nov. 14th, 2010. They will journey forward **together** – but they will move in different directions. Our old friend The **HOPE** Express! **will** continue to need fuel to seek out a new pastor, look for alternative depots, and make-up for any back tracking that happened in 2010. The **PLEDGE** Express! **will** be putting a new **shine** on the old rails!

Hitting 'em hard and right on schedule - asking for your 2011 pledge. Pledge as much as you are able - so that next year The **HOPE** Express can take a well deserved **vacation from solicitation!**

KEEP BOTH EXPRESSES WITHOUT STRESSES!!!

Contributions as of 11/4/10 \$4,710.00



Help!

Nurture is looking for ideas for a children's program or other involvement during the service on December 12. Send ideas to Jean Loudon at <jloudon@comcast.net> or phone 426-6082 or join us at our meeting Nov. 8 at 6:30. We could use some great ideas or would just like to hear fond memories of your own or your children's experiences with Christmas programs.

Thanks to the Transition Task Force!!

The Transition Task Force met on Monday, October 25th and, after spending some time evaluating their work, determined their work is finished. They did a great job for Hope! Please express your thanks to the individual members:

Laura Anderson
Mike Miller

Tonja Lesmeister
Paula Klacan

Faye Perkins
Ed Paulson

Keith Getschel



Walking Together: A Congregational Resource Event will be held on Saturday, March 26. Planning is underway and we look forward to seeing lots of you there. Bring your friends, bring your pastor, bring your congregation; we can't wait to share this year's workshops with you! At the most recent planning meeting we discovered that we had some very creative ideas from last year's evaluations. Now we need your help:

- Admin 101-Meetings, constitutions, Web Technology
- Long Range Planning
- Global Visits
- Young Adult & Children's Ministry
- Lutheran Education for Adults
- Mission Planning
- Strategic Planning
- Sunday School Drop Off concern
- Outreach to new ethnic neighbors
- Employment Ministry

If you or a group within your congregation or community would be willing to do a 40 minute workshop on one of the above topics please contact: Liz at lbartsch@nswi.org or 715.859.6810

And don't forget to put **MARCH 26, 2011** on your calendar



Keep in touch with a Hope friend!

Deb Goree
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Brunch and Silent Auction

What: An Opportunity to Support Mission
When: Sunday, November 14 after Worship

Who: Hope Members and Friends
Where: Rocky Branch Elementary School

Support the RF Food Shelf, ELCA Hunger Appeal and the Jamaica Mission Trip by bringing items for a silent auction and bidding on others. You'll find great items for holiday gifts. This has been a fun and very successful event so plan to attend.

Good items for the auction are:

baked goods	preserves	homemade candy	CDs
homemade wine	theme baskets	gently used toys	DVDs
holiday decorations	original art	craft items	books
wood working	theater tickets	quilting	knitting

handmade items of clothing
provide music at a special event
offer a meal at your home for "x" number of people
contract promise of baked goods (i.e. pie or batch of cookies) 1X per month
services: babysitting, yard work, painting, house cleaning, washing windows
small appliances that you no longer use



Following the silent auction, Michelle Robinette, the founder of Robin's Nest, will be giving a presentation about the "Nest." Please join us to hear the rest of her story.

When her husband left her, Michelle found herself alone to raise her five children. But though she didn't realize it then, she was not alone because the Lord Jesus was with her. He had a plan for her life, which began unexpectedly with a chance meeting of an old friend who invited Michelle's whole family to lunch.

As a member of Project Increase, a non-profit organization ministering in Jamaica, Michelle had firsthand knowledge of the people's problems in this third world country. The needs were staggering, and once she had come in contact with those sad, pleading eyes of the street boy, she knew God was doing something in her heart. "I couldn't get his eyes out of my mind -- they were there when I went to sleep and there when I woke up. On a particular Sunday during that time, when opening my Bible at church, it fell open to Isaiah 6, as God asks, 'Who should I send?' and Isaiah answers, 'Lord, send me.' The words jumped off the page at me and I said, 'O.K. if that's what you want, God, I'll go.'"

There I was on Jamaican soil -- January 17, 1998. I could hardly believe that it had finally happened, but it had and I was there. Alongside were my three foster children that I adopted in the US to bring with me and start a new life -- a life in a country foreign to us.

In the US, we have learned how important 0-3 years of age are in a child's life. The effects of a lack of nurturing are evident in the world today. Michelle acknowledges the great need to love and nurture children, especially at this time in Jamaica and says, "I thought Robin's Nest would be an appropriate name for the snug, secluded 'nest' I wanted to give those babies and younger children in Jamaica who may otherwise be homeless or living in overcrowded, understaffed orphanages." She beams as she continues, "I want the children nurtured and rocked, bathed and baby-oiled, sung to and told Jesus loves them."

Children have come to make their home permanently or temporarily at Robin's Nest through many different circumstances and in many different stages of physical health. Some of the babies are children of Jamaican women who have worked at Robin's Nest, and others arrive from a nearby women's shelter, from orphanages or through direction of the courts.

"That's why I knew I should come to Jamaica. Because when I'm here, I feel God's pleasure. I miss my children and grandchildren more than I can tell you, but here I feel God's pleasure, and I know this is His will for my life."

Upcoming Events



November Dates for Mittens

Mitten Workshop at Carolyn Jackson's home, 1870 Golf View Drive

In addition to this Saturday, November 6,
mitten making will continue Saturday November 13 @ 9:00 a.m.

***Everyone is invited to purchase mittens at the
High School Craft Fair on Saturday, November 20.***

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR

An Intergenerational Choir is organizing to sing at the November 21st worship. The choir and the Sunday School children will sing together the beautiful anthem, "*The First Song of Isaiah*," which is written for all voices, SATB and unison.

Come, everyone who would enjoy singing with your son or daughter, friend or spouse.

It will be fun and there is a minimum rehearsal schedule as follows:

Nov. 7& 14 @ 10:45 am following worship

Nov. 21 @ 8:45 am for a short warm up

Coffee Fellowship - Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

Please consider preparing coffee, juice and treats for Sunday morning fellowship. There is a sign-up clipboard with the dates and at this time; we have limited volunteers for this fall. Directions for making coffee are on the clipboard. The treats should be simple and no one objects to cookies/crackers from the grocery store or Best Maid. The third Sunday of the month has been designated as **Catholic Donut Sunday**. This involves picking up the donuts at St. Bridget's kitchen and returning the trays after church. Nancy Peters will provide information on the cost and ordering procedure. Look for the coffee clipboard this Sunday when there are lots of dates still open!

Carols and Candles Choir SAVE THESE DATES

All singers (from middle-school age on up) are invited to sing in the Carols and Candles Choir. Please save the dates below for rehearsals and performances. Any questions? Call Phil Klacan at 715.425.1054.

Rehearsals (all at Newman Center Chapel):

Wednesday, November 17,	7:00pm-8:15pm
Wednesday, December 1,	7:00pm-8:15pm
Wednesday, December 8,	7:00pm-8:15pm
Wednesday, December 15,	7:00pm-8:15pm
Saturday, December 18,	9:30am-11:00am

Program

Sunday, Dec. 19, 4:00pm
(choir reports at 3:00pm)



Trip to Minnesota History Theatre to see "The Christmas Schooner"

Sunday, November 21, 2:00 pm

Tickets:

Adults/Seniors \$25

Students up to college \$10

20 tickets have been reserved. That number can be altered through Nov. 7.

Payment is due Nov. 7.

Please sign up on the Hope Table.

For information about the play go to: www.historytheatre.com



LIKE TO READ?

Hope's Book Groups will meet Monday, November 22.

The daytime group will meet at the West Wind at noon and the evening group will meet at 7:00 pm (location to be announced). The book for November will be *The Help* by Katherine Stockett.

Everyone is welcome (men & women)! Books have been selected through February for both the daytime and evening group.

December 27 – (No book discussion) The daytime group may meet for tea and book exchange (TBA)

January 24 - The Late Homecomer by Kao Kalie Yang

February 28 - A Time to Embrace by William Johnson

CARE Boxes for College Students

* Congregational Life, Outreach and our confirmation students will once again organize treat boxes to send to our college students before final exam week.

* You can help by making donations of food items or money to help pay for postage and mailing supplies.

* Names and addresses of students are needed.

* Look for sign ups on the Hope Table.

Please limit food donations to the following: Rice Krispy Bars, Special K Bars, Microwave Popcorn, Packages of Cocoa Mix and Mini Candy Bars.

Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, November 28.

Thank you for thinking of Hope's College Students!



Lefse Baking

Lefse Saturday

December 11, 9:00 am, UCC Kitchen

Sign up sheets will be on the Hope Table in November

Holiday Bake Sale

December 12 Following Worship

Lefse will be for sale and donations of baked goods will be most welcome!



If you need to reserve the Thomas More Chapel for any Hope related use, please do so through Ed Paulson (715-425-0250 or GEPaulson@comcast.net)

Items below this point are repeated from previous HopeNotes.

Community Announcements will continue to be listed at the end of Hope Notes.



We are forming a junior bell choir and are looking for adults who have bell experience to help with the choir. Contact Sue Warren for more information.

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!

Community Announcements

Interfaith Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in River Falls and surrounding area to assist those over age 60 with errands, light housekeeping or companionship. Both women and men are looking for assistance in River Falls. For information and to apply contact Nancy at nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us or call 715-381-4360.

"Come As You Are"...Women's Retreat

Monday, November 15th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Bridget's Church

Our retreat entitled, *The Spirituality of Humor: An Evening of Laughter & Healing* will be lead by national speaker, educator, consultant and author Linda Hutchinson who has over 30 years of professional experience.

Prior to the retreat, there will be a Soup Supper from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m

Please register by calling the parish office (715-425-1870)

For more information email Carolyn Johnson cjohnrf@pressenter.com

River Dazzle Extravaganza

Friday, November 26, 2010

The annual River Dazzle Extravaganza will once again be celebrated the day after Thanksgiving. Many of the events will remain the same including the lighted parade and the chili crawl. This year the River Falls Theater will be sponsoring Alpha & Omega a film for all ages. The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street. In addition, Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be in Veterans Park along with their reindeer and other animals. There will be hay rides and Costumed Carolers around town. For more information on any of these events please visit the Chamber website. www.rfchamber.com

Lakeview Hospice warmly invites you to join us on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. for our Tree of Remembrance Ceremony. This will be held at The Gables Auditorium in Boutwells Landing. During this ceremony we will gather together to celebrate the special memories of our patients, families and friends. For a donation of \$10 or more, we invite you to remember a loved one by dedicating a star on the Tree of Remembrance; for \$75 a string of lights will be dedicated. This celebration is open to the public. www.lakeview.org



Journey House Students would like to learn how to make Lesfe - we have scheduled our December 8th 6:30-8pm Create and Connect event to do so. If you are a Lesfe maker and would be willing to teach us we would greatly appreciate it. You may contact Yvonne Wilken at ywilken@earthlink.net or 651-398-7729 if you are able to help. Thank You!

Journey House goes to the White House

Hello All,

Just as the letter heading says Journey House is headed to the White House in Washington D.C. Student Qurina Khan and myself were selected by *Interfaith Youth Core* to attend the Interfaith Leadership Conference this coming weekend. It is an honor to be chosen and we are looking forward to collaborating with other campus ministry organizations. The weekend will be spent answering the question "*What if. . . Better Together: It all starts with a question. Religion is a powerful force in the world. It can divide or unite us. What if we took action together to build our global community? Prove we're Better Together. Start by asking, What if?*". If you would like to know more about Interfaith Youth Core you can check out their [website](#).

Here's where you come in - we need your help. Airline tickets cost \$1165 and while we have taken this out of our annual budget we cannot afford to do so, so we are asking for your help. Would you please consider making a donation to help cover our airline expenses? So far we have raised \$425. You may make a donation by dropping off or sending a check to Journey House. If by the grace of God we raise more than we need we will add the overage to our spring break mission trip fund.

Please keep us in your prayers as we Journey to the White House to answer *What if. . .*

Sincerely,
Yvonne Wilken

Announcement Deadline Wednesday - Send bulletin information and Hope Notes to hopenotes@hopelutheran-riverfalls.org

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