



Hope Scope

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 (NRSV)

When we read this passage from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. It reminds us that our faith is a gift. It is God that fills us with joy and peace in believing. It does feel sometimes like our faith is a choice, but we are assured in Scripture that it is always and only a gift. And what a gift!

I know that some of you would be able to share enough of your faith journey that we would be able to see how God's gracious gift of faith just came to you, through no effort of your own - maybe at a time when it was least likely and most needed.

Others could talk about what you did to find God or to develop or strengthen your faith. And all of these stories can be true of us. But looking back, we can see that even our choosing to seek out a stronger faith - even that choice - was made by the grace of God. It was God's Holy Spirit acting in and through you.

Still others might struggle with the whole question, because maybe you wonder very seriously if you have any kind of faith any more. You wonder why you may seem to have lost contact with God. You wonder if your faith was ever real, and if so, if you will ever get it back.

All of these and more are important parts of our faith journeys. Sometimes we are on a mountaintop and hardly have words for the joy and peace that faith in God brings to our lives. Sometimes we are in a dark valley and wonder if there is a way out.

But as the Psalm tells us, even in the darkest valley, our God is with us - leading us and guiding us. And what we generally find is that God is leading us to a better place. It may be a challenge getting there, but we are not alone. Our Good Shepherd always has us well in hand.

We are also not alone because we have each other. If you are struggling these days, I invite you to call me or to seek out a friend here at Hope. It's what we are here for. And when we have each other by the hand, doing whatever needs to be done, that is God acting in and through us again.

~ Blessings, Brian Jones

FAITH & Agriculture FARM TOUR

*Faith in Action Through
Stewardship of God's Creation*

Hosted By:
PRESBYTERIAN ELDER
BRUCE TIFFANY AND
THE TIFFANY FAMILY



Sun, Aug 9



3:00 pm



- rain or shine -

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. -Genesis 2:15

ALL ARE WELCOME! **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Come and See

HOW FAITH SHAPES LIFE ON THE FARM.

Join us for an afternoon of learning, worship, fellowship, and discovery at Tiffany Family Farms, LLC, in Redwood Falls.

Whether you are a farmer, retired farmer, landowner, gardener, church leader, pastor, or simply curious about agriculture, this tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the relationship between faith, stewardship, and modern farming.

Hear the story of how one Presbyterian family strives to care for God's gifts of soil, water, crops, wildlife, and future generations while continually improving their practice.

Observing. Learning. Celebrating.

FAITH. FAMILY. FARM. FUTURE

- See the beauty of the farm with its trees, Redwood River, grasses, and crops
- Observe soil and water conservation practices in action in the farm fields while riding on wagons
- Hear the story of Tiffany Family Farms long-term commitment to caring for God's gifts of soil and water
- Be inspired by worship
- Enjoy fellowship and refreshments



Bruce is an experienced farm tour host showcasing proven soil and water stewardship practices to urban, suburban, and rural audiences. If you google Bruce Tiffany you will read several citations of articles, podcasts, and radio interviews featuring Bruce.



-WHAT TO BRING-

- Wear appropriate clothing, shoes, and hats
- Water bottle, sun protection, and bug repellent
- Your curiosity, questions, and open heart
- Family, friends, neighbors, and community!



LOCATION

Tiffany Family Farms, LLC
32505 327th St
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Restrooms will be available.

RSVP

To help us plan for refreshments and attendance, please RSVP by Aug 5.



Questions: Please contact Rev. Tim Olsen at revtim93@gmail.com or the Presbytery Office at tina@minnesotavalleys.org.

The Giving Oven

The Giving Oven has started its inaugural season! What is “The Giving Oven” you ask? It is a wood fired oven designed to cook pizzas to perfection and feed our communities while giving back to area non-profit organizations!

Come join the fun this summer from 4:30-7:00 pm on the evenings of August 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer . Proceeds from the pizzas sold throughout the summer go towards the non-profit groups who help bake and serve the pizzas. You can order online at spicercommunitywoodfiredpizza.com ahead of time or walk-in to place an order that night! Our Belize Mission team will be benefiting from this fundraiser. Please help spread the word about this fun opportunity to help out the local non-profits! Hurry - August is the last month of this community fundraiser!



Meal Groups

We have already reached a year doing meal groups! This means it is time to switch them up! If you are interested in continuing with participating in a meal group or weren't involved the first round but would like to be this next round, please sign up on the Volunteer board in the Fellowship Hall by September 13th to be included in a new group. Any questions, please ask Steph! Thanks!



Thank you so much for making our 60th wedding anniversary special with your presence, cards, and many verbal “Happy Anniversary” wishes. We thoroughly enjoyed the day Resa and Alissa planned for us.

We are so grateful for our Hope family! All of our lives, Elroy and I have seen part of Hope Church and the precursor - a 3-point parish with one pastor preaching at all 3 churches on Sunday mornings. We were baptized, confirmed, and married during this time. Elroy was in the New London church, and I was in the Spicer church. The New London and Spicer churches voted to merge on July 15, 1968, and were fortunate to move in 1973 into the Hope Church that we worship in today.

Thank you Hope family for your friendship, kindness, and support throughout our lives! We feel blessed!

~ Elroy & Sharon Jones

Christian Education Youth & Families

Respectfully submitted by Tyann Jones

Mission statement:

Through Christ, at Hope Presbyterian, we meet people where they are to provide opportunities for faith formation and growth to help transform individuals to become who God created them to be.

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“God’s word is a seed” Luke 8:11



**The New London Water Days Parade
was a lot of fun!**

**Our theme was
“Growing in God’s Word”**

**Thank you Pam Sigafoos and Bob Barr for
working your magic on the watering can and corn stalks and to everyone
else who helped make float decor, decorate the float, and walk in the
parade: Stephanie, Joni, Tyann, the Appleby family, George’s friends, Kelli,
and Pastor Brian.**





Children's Church

We had children's church during worship on July 19th. The next children's church time will be on August 9th. All youth are welcome!!



The youth planted 2 tomato and 2 pepper plants in tubs in the backyard at the church. This tomato is our first harvest so far. Dave Helmstetter took this home for his lunch.

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Our beautiful addition is nearly complete. Taatjes Landscaping has done some wonderful work by our new side door. Beside the stone slab leading to the sitting alcove, you will see some stones decorated by our WOW students. We are all blessed to be part of God's Story!

Clearwater Forest Camp time again!!

The theme for this year is “**Fruitfull Faith**”

We have 5 youth going to camp August 2nd - 7th.

We send Madelyn and Evelyn Titus, Shayla Sampson, Isaac Taatjes, and Eli Twernbold off to camp with our prayers and best wishes for Fun & Faith!

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VALLEY FAIR DAY IS AUGUST 15TH - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
SIGN UP AT CHURCH BY AUGUST 1ST.

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Fridge Bridge

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| August 2-7 | Clearwater Forest Camp |
| August 9 | Children's Church |
| August 15 | Valley Fair Day!!!! |
| August 26 | Teacher Training and meal starting at 5:30 – Tyann Jones |
| August 30 | Rally Day Theme: “Growing in God’s Word”
Kids singing in church
Commissioning Christian Education Leaders during church
Introduce youth to their teachers for the new year
Kids’ table
Potluck Meal and outside games after church |

Because of the way Labor Day falls on the calendar, we will be doing Rally Sunday BEFORE Labor Day this year. Then we will start classes the Wednesday right after Labor Day, September 2nd, with some Mental Wellness presentations – more on that coming soon.

August's CARE Pantry Challenge products are... Paper Towels & Facial Tissue!



Please place your donations in the CARE Pantry box by the mailboxes. Thank you for your continued support of the CARE Pantry's mission!



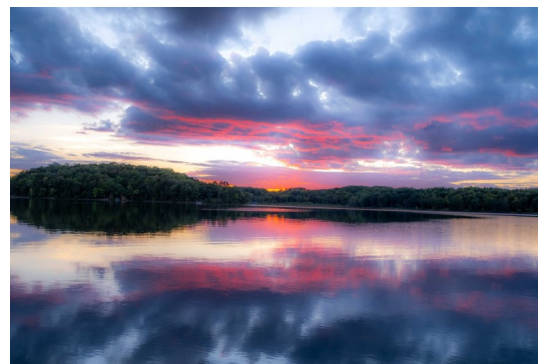
Weeders needed...

We could use some more people to help weed around the church grounds. This includes around the youth center, around the church building, around the Gazebo, in the chapel, and in the Prayer Garden. If you have a few free hours here or there, please feel free to come and pull some weeds!

Clearwater Forest Work Weekend

The Fall work weekend will be Friday, September 18th through Sunday, September 20th. Some of the work that needs to be done and other fun experiences you will have include:

- ⇒ Taking out docks and beach equipment
- ⇒ Any odd jobs needing to be done
- ⇒ Walks in the woods
- ⇒ Fellowship around the campfire
- ⇒ Fishing off the dock
- ⇒ Falling leaves



If you are interested in participating for the weekend or even just a day, please sign up on the Volunteer board in the Fellowship Hall. There are limited cabins to stay in if you don't have a camper or tent. Please see Jonelle or Harold Foreman to reserve a cabin. Any questions, contact Harold Foreman (320-894-0298), Pete Bratberg (320-894-5074), Duane Taatjes (320-894-8380), or Daryl Taatjes (320-894-3030).

Because of how the 4th Monday of the month landed in July, the Session meeting occurred after the printing of this Hope Scope. So stay tuned for September's Hope Scope for July's meeting highlights. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



MISSION & MINISTRY OPERATING SNAPSHOT

Our giving reminds us that we do not own our possessions, but they are an extension of God's grace and care. The kind of giving that matters is when it is worshipful, sacrificial, and generous.

	Month of June 2026	Year to Date Monthly Avg.	Year to Date June 2026	Prior Year to Date June 2025
Operating Support Received	\$ 18,537.60	\$ 21,477.94	\$ 128,867.63	\$ 128,813.24
Ministry Operating Activity	\$ 24,643.38	\$ 25,255.29	\$ 151,531.72	\$ 141,344.33
Operating Mission Plan Variance (Loss)	(\$ 6,105.78)		(\$ 22,664.09)	(\$ 12,531.09)
Support Needed to Meet the Mission Plan				\$ 27,674.40
Per Capita Commitment for 2026				\$ 7,144.00
Per Capita Support Received Through 06/30/2026				\$ 2,945.00

Report prepared by Kristene King, Treasurer

In 2026, Per Capita has increased to \$47.00 per active member.

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

8:30 A.M. Outdoor Worship in the Chapel
9:15 A.M. Fellowship Hour
10:00 A.M. Indoor Worship in the Sanctuary
Also on Facebook Live &
on Radio 96.9 FM

TV - Channel 18 or Channel 181 - Sundays 2:15 pm, Tuesdays 11:30 am &
3:00 pm, or Thursdays 8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Members with Health Issues:

Sharon Jones, Arlos Jones,
Ruth Birkeland, Dick Lindahl



Family and Friends with Health Issues:

Connie (Sarah Sampson's grandma), Brent Barber (Shelly Peralta's relative),
Roger Beck (Velda Jones' neighbor), Peter (Joni Lamphere's nephew),
Danny (Sandy Wersal's brother), Rita (Sue Schiro's friend),
Karen (Sue Schiro's sister-in-law)

Grieving:

Family of Joan Stempel (Melissa Mangen's mom)

****Please Note** If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card found on the table by the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall and return it to an usher or Pastor Brian.

August Deacons of the Month: Bob & Carol Sampson

August Coffee Servers

August 2nd: Liz & Jason Windingstad

August 9th: Kathy & Daryl Taatjes

August 16th: Deb & Myron Ficek

August 23rd: Kelli & Matt Haglund

August 30th: Brenda & Pete Bratberg family

