



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Richfield, MN

www.hoplc.org - 612-866-8471

House of Prayer is a gathering of God's people who value welcoming, relationships, compassionate community, and openness.

Welcoming

Relationships

Compassion

Openness

Community E-News

Here's an update about what is happening at House of Prayer!



Sunday Worship The Great Multitude

In Revelation we are offered a powerful image of what God's kin-dom looks like – but this isn't an image of some far off place after we have died - these powerful images inspire us for how we are called to live our lives here and now so that God's kin-dom is here on earth. Please contact Pastor Eric

at 612-866-8471, ext. 2, or at eluedtke@hoplc.org, if you have questions about worship.

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

9:30 am Liturgical

11:00 am ReFuel

HOP's YouTube Channel

[House of Prayer Lutheran-Richfield](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWGuAMVXeYe5BuxQWhkVWDA)

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Recordings will also be posted later in the week on HOP website
at <https://hoplc.org/recordings>

Click Here for This Week's
Bulletin

Liturgical Worship Service
Sunday, October 29, 2023 9:30am
[Worship Bulletin- Click Here](#)



ReFuel Worship Service
Sunday, October 29, 2023
11:00am





End of Daylight Savings Time

This weekend marks the end of Daylight Savings Time for the year. Please don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

November Game Meet-Up

Do you love card and board games? Want to learn some new ones or play old favorites?

Join Dave and Sara From 1:30 to 5:00pm on Friday, Nov 3rd, in the Narthex. Come in the door with the awning (main entrance).

We will have games to play, but you can also bring your own. It is your responsibility to keep track of your games. Covered drinks are allowed.

Want to take the bus?

77th St E & Chicago Ave S
Stop Number: 48623 Route 540

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Barnaby at anriasgames@gmail.com.



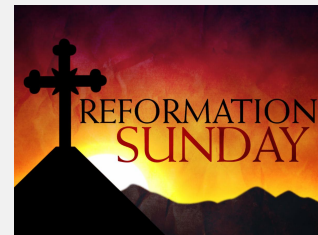
All Saints Sunday - This Sunday

This Sunday, we remember our place among the communion of Saints. In worship we will specifically name those members of our congregation who have died in the last year. We'll also offer the opportunity to light a candle for those who are on your heart and mind. We support one another in our times of grief, we

remember together and celebrate the lives of those we love, and we mark our place among the communion of Saints remembering that we are claimed as children of God. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org.

Reformation Sunday

This past Sunday, our church community came together to celebrate Reformation Sunday. It was a time to reflect on the history of the Protestant Reformation and the impact it has had on our faith. We sang hymns, prayed together, and heard a sermon that emphasized the importance of continuing to reform and renew our faith in Christ. Overall, it was a meaningful and uplifting service that left us feeling grateful for the many blessings we have received through our faith. If you have any questions about Reformation Sunday or our church community, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org.





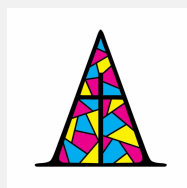
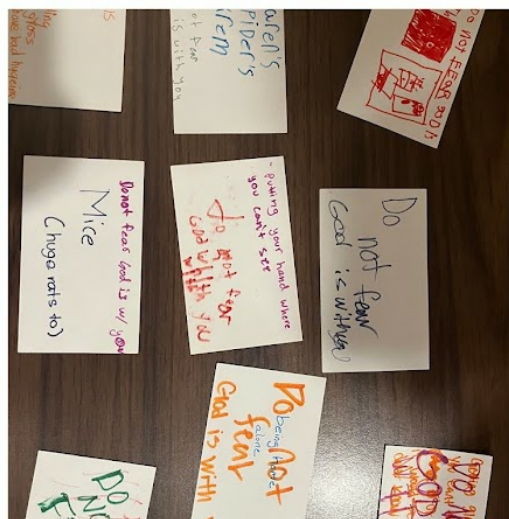
Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar

November 4, 2023 - Fall Festival
 November 5, 2023 - All Saints Sunday
 November 12, 2023 - 90th Birthdays
 December 12, 2023 - Festival of Carols
 December 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve Worship at 2pm (ReFuel) and 4pm (Liturgical)



RALY Night - Fear Factor

Another fun night at RALY with a Fear Factor themed evening. Our youth had a delicious supper, went through a variety of "fear factor" esque activities (tasting baby food & braving the icy waters with bare feet!), and did a devotion based on Isaiah 41:10, "So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God." What a brave group of youth! If you have questions about RALY, please contact Pastor Neal at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org, or Pastor Eric at eluedtke@hoplc.org.



RALY Schedule

Nov 8 – RALY Leads (Dinner, games, Leadership training, plan upcoming events!)

Nov 15 – RALY Serves (Feed My Starving Children) - No dinner provided! Please sign up here ahead of time so we know who is coming! We will meet at House of Prayer at 6:30pm and return by 9:15pm. At Feed My Starving Children

we will help package meals for people in need around the world! Contact Pr. Neal Cannon (ncannon@woodlakechurch.org) ahead of time to sign up!

Nov 22 – No RALY - Thanksgiving Week

Nov 29 – RALY Adventure (Urban Air) - No Dinner Provided. We will meet at House of Prayer at 5:30, and return to House of Prayer by 8:30pm. \$40, scholarships available! Please sign up here ahead of time so we know who is coming! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Neal at ncannon@woodlakechurch.org.



Let's support Tapestry

We're fortunate to have Tapestry, a bilingual ELCA ministry, in Richfield. Over the past several years Tapestry has served the growing population of Spanish speaking neighbors in Richfield. From helping immigrants learn

English to providing translation services for legal documents to feeding our neighbors, Tapestry has stepped into the gaps in our community to welcome the immigrant among us from a grace-filled-faith-based perspective. Tapestry could use our help to close a projected shortfall in their 2023 budget and all we have to do is show up for a Brunch and Silent Auction, Saturday, November 18, 10am-Noon, hosted by St Stephen Lutheran Church, 8400 France Ave South, Bloomington.

Pastor Eric is sponsoring a table for the first 6 House of Prayer members who say "yes, I'll support Tapestry" just send him an email at eluedtke@hoplc.org or give him a call 612.866.8471 ext. 2. And your ticket into the event is covered. If you aren't part of the first 6, then, you can still participate, buying your own ticket for \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Let's show up for our neighbors and show them that House of Prayer is a caring and compassionate community wanting to be in relationship with our neighbors.



PLEASE JOIN US

SILENT AUCTION and BRUNCH

In celebration and support of Tapestry and the ministry to over 150 individuals in 2023! This fundraiser will help us reach our budget goals for year-end 2023! We hope our partners can join us.



Silent Auction items will include:

- * A Puerto Rican dinner with Pastora Melissa and Deacon Josue'
- * A homemade Venezuelan dinner
- * Yardwork completed by a team of Tapestry friends.
- * Christmas cards and other occasional cards drawn by Tapestry kids.
- * Homemade Lefse (just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas)
- * Translation and interpretive services
- * Restaurant gift certificates
- * Quilts and other handmade crafts

Great gift ideas and MORE!

If you would like to purchase tickets remotely, or offer support:
Or call/text

(612) 703-5223



**SILENT AUCTION
FUNDRAISER FOR
TAPESTRY**

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**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 18TH
10:00 A.M. – NOON**

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**\$20 PRE-PAID
ADMISSION
INCLUDES BRUNCH,
MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP
& FUN
(\$25 AT THE DOOR)**

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**EVERY TICKET
PURCHASED IN
ADVANCE IS
ELIGIBLE FOR A
DOOR PRIZE (MUST
BE PRESENT TO
WIN)**

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HOSTED BY:

**ST. STEPHEN
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
8400 France Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431



Minister of Congregational Care (MCC) Position Posted

During the Transition Team work before calling Pastor Eric and during the Cottage Meetings held last Spring there was a consistent need lifted up for a staff position to support visitation and networks of care at House of Prayer. At our June congregational meeting the budget was approved with a budget line

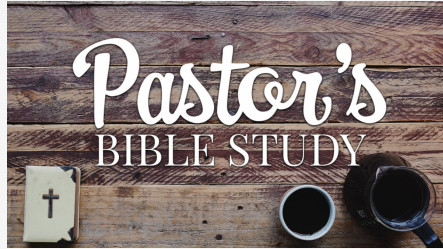
for a Minister for Congregational Care. The job description has been created and posted [\[Click here for job description\]](#) and we are working with our Minneapolis Area Synod to develop a pool of candidates to interview for the position.

This is a part-time position with primary responsibilities focused on visitation of homebound and hospitalized members. The ideal candidate will be able to build networks of care within the congregation and help our members look outward with their compassionate care toward others. We anticipate this candidate will be involved in the worship life of House of Prayer including preaching and leading worship about once a month. If you are aware of someone who might be interested in the position, please invite them to apply for the position or share their information with Pastor Eric so we can include them in the pool of candidates. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Eric eluedtke@hoplc.org or 612.866.8471, ext. 2.

Pastor's Bible Study - November 7th

Join us on Tuesdays at 9:30am for Bible study with Pastor Eric. The following are the verses for next week:

- Amos 5:18-24
- Psalm 70
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 25:1-13



We will meet via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81815908947> Meeting ID: 818 1590 8947 Or, you may come to Pastor Eric's office. Contact Pastor Eric with any comments, insights, or questions at eluedtke@hoplc.org / 612-866-8471.

Simpson Housing Meals

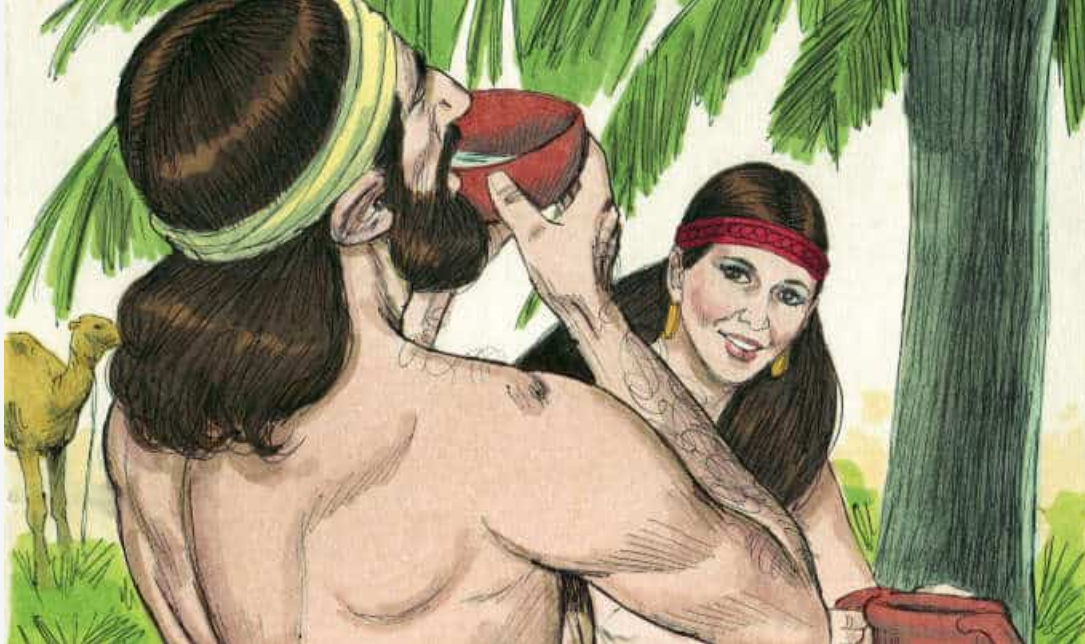
Our HOP team of Steve Pierson, Sue Holton, Darrell/Jenna/Allyssa Hyde, and Scott/Cara Wright cooked and served up a delicious dinner at Simpson Housing on Sunday evening, October 29th. We enjoyed beef stroganoff, vegetarian tofu stir fry, salad, french bread and brownies. Our goal is to serve about 55 folks staying in the shelter at Simpson's temporary location at the former Zion Lutheran Church on 33rd and Pillsbury in Minneapolis. Our next opportunity to serve is Sunday, November 19th. It's a fun evening of food and fellowship! If you would like to help, contact Leanne Hyde at maramom62@gmail.com.



HOP Sunday School

This week Sunday School kids will meet in the narthex under the Sunday School sign and move down to Sunday School classroom 1. The kids will be learning about another set of Old Testament heroes -- Isaac and Rebekah. The message of this week's lesson is that God can use ordinary things or ordinary people to do the extraordinary. We will be doing some science experiments with water, an ordinary thing, and talking about how God used water in this Bible story to help carry out God's promises. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Liu at klineo10@umn.edu, or Andry Jurcich at andryj@invisik.com.





HOP Preschool

Happy Halloween from HoPP! Thanks to Mary, Patti and Pastor Eric for handing out treats and goodies to the preschoolers on Tuesday. They loved to trick-or-treat! We also had a special snack, made a bat art project, and read lots of Halloween books. If you have questions about HOPP, please contact Nicole at nolson@hoplc.org





Climate Justice Theatre Performance

Chain Reaction Theatre Project invites you to a series of climate justice one-act plays hosted by Edina Community Lutheran Church (4113 W. 54th St, Edina) on Friday,

November 3rd at 7pm, followed by a talkback discussion led by Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light. Tickets are a \$15 suggested price, pay-as-you-are-able available online at: <https://chainreactiontp.simpletix.com/> and at the door.



House of Prayer Fall Festival This Saturday 9-3!

The Fall Festival team is ready to WELCOME you! Here is some important information for the festival happening from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- The day's activities will take place in **Fellowship Hall (downstairs)** and parking will be encouraged in the back lot, as our SDA worshippers are here that day.
- Your **handmade crafts** are needed for our HOP craft table. Please bring them to church on Friday 11/3. (Enter in back).

· **Bring baked goods to the church on Friday, 11/3.**

· There will be several craft vendors, a book sale, and a bake sale (including **LEFSE!**)

The FF team welcomes your ideas and energy! Please contact Julie Bonebrake if you have any suggestions at jabonebrake@yahoo.com.

We still need volunteers to help clean up after the festival. Please contact Julie if you can help.



National Lutheran Choir

Join the NLC for the inaugural season with new artistic director, Jennaya Robison! The season will begin with All Saints concerts (Nov. 3rd and 5th), where we will commemorate those who have passed as well as celebrate the new life of those who have been born. For tickets, passes, and more information about the entire season, visit NLCA.com.

One Step Closer to Aster Commons

Beacon Interfaith Housing is pleased to report that the Richfield Planning Commission unanimously approved the land use request for Aster Commons, a proposed 40 unit apartment building focused on providing housing for low-income young



Building Home, July 2023

adults, particularly those who are neurodivergent or have experienced homelessness. The proposal now goes before the Richfield City Council on November 14th & 28th. If you are able to attend in support of Aster Commons or want more information visit www.beaconinterfaith.org/events/ or contact Pastor Eric eluedtke@hoplc.org or 612.866.8471 ext. 2

Every Meal Distribution Volunteers Needed

We are excited to be supporting Every Meal in our Richfield community as the distribution partner at Richfield STEM. This means that every week a team of volunteers from House of Prayer will distribute food to lockers of the children who have signed up to receive Every Meal food assistance. Our team typically delivers on Thursday afternoons at 2:20pm (may vary on vacation weeks) by meeting at the school, gathering the distribution, and putting items into lockers.



If you are able to help us each week or occasionally, please use this Signup Genius link to join the crew: [Sign up Link](#) or contact Kim Houle at wifeofadrummerguy@gmail.com for more information.

Together we can fight child hunger in our community.

"Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are."
- Augustine of Hippo

Winter Clothing Needed!

We are looking for winter clothing! We continue to welcome people, mostly immigrants from various Latin American countries to Tapestry primarily through worship,



Community Meal and classes. People arriving are already cold! See this link for sizes and winter clothing for Tapestry people and friends. It will be updated as we receive donations and as new people continue to arrive. Here is the link to see our list of requested clothing along with sizes: [Winter clothing](#)

Please contact Melissa Melnick-Gonzales at pastormelilymel@gmail.com if you want to participate, or if you have questions.

VEAP's Wishful Doing Gala!

Improve the lives of people in our community. Get your tickets today!

Saturday, November 11, 2023
5:00-8:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Bloomington



Join us for what's sure to be the most enchanted event of the fall, VEAP's Wishful Doing Gala!
\$175 per ticket
\$1,750 Sponsored Table of 10

Can't join us in person? You'll still be able to participate online! Our silent auction bidding opens on November 4th.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Fall 2023 Grief Support Coalition

Thursday, September 21-November 9, 2023

4:30-6:00pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church

8600 Fremont Ave. So.

Bloomington, MN 55420

November 2: Missing our Son- Chris and Bob Lewis

November 9: Navigating through the Holidays- Erin Hente



HOP Online Giving - Check It Out New Easy to Use Website

Enroll in HOP Online Giving, our preferred platform to contribute your recurring gifts in a secure, confidential, and reliable manner. We offer a few options to use this service:

- visit HOP Online Giving at hoplc.org/give to self-enroll or manage your account
- or use the QR code: Use your phone camera to scan the QR code below. Click the pop up to go to HOP Online Giving to self-enroll or manage your account.
- or print a paper enrollment form here: [2023 HOP Online Giving](#), or request one from our financial administrator Patti at pbenson@hoplc.org, 612-682-3158 ext 4.



To ensure your full donation goes to HOP, we suggest using an automatic bank transfer (ACH) which incurs no fee to you or HOP. Or if using a credit card, please consider covering the processing fees. All our gifts come from God and we are called to give back to the church and our world. Your gifts to House of Prayer contribute to our ministry and mission and are always greatly appreciated.

For Help Enrolling: Contact Patti Benson at pbenson@hoplc.org or stop by to see Sara Barnaby, HOP Treasurer, on Sunday mornings in the Narthex in September.



Get In Touch With LMT

Feel free to get in touch with anyone on the Leadership

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