

This Week at HOPE March 8, 2023



Wednesday, March 8

“Can anyone enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

John 3:4, Nicodemus to Jesus

Reflect

Nicodemus struggles to apply regular logic to the strangeness of Jesus’ teachings. What parts of Christian faith or theology have you needed time to comprehend? About which do you still have questions?

Pray

Holy Spirit, if I wait longer, will you help me understand? If not, can you help me live with the things beyond my understanding?

Practice

Explore a mystery. Watch a movie or documentary. Read a book or article. If possible, choose something that doesn’t tie up neatly, and notice what it feels like to acknowledge that uncertainty.

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Lenten Resources for Deeper Questions

- ♦ Lenten Daily Devotional- Please see the attached document
- ♦ Spotify Playlists for Lent
 - ◇ [Lent Playlist](#)
 - ◇ [Seeking Playlist](#)



March 1st-March 29th
6:00PM Soup Supper
6:30PM Worship

As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbors. To SEE them, not through our own eyes, but as God sees and loves them. But that takes first getting to KNOW them...

Who IS Our Neighbor?

What are their JOYS?

Their HOPES? ...

Their CHALLENGES? ...

Their NEEDS?

How is Christ speaking to us through them?

Throughout our Lenten Journey together, we will be exploring these questions through the words and eyes of those who LIVE them ...

Join us, to hear from live guest speakers - our NEIGHBORS! - as we hear their stories, and wonder with them..

Guest Presentations

TONIGHT! March 8th: Mr. Salvador Valadez- "Who Is My Cross Cultural Neighbor?"

March 15th: Mr. Peter VanDuzartz- "Who Is My Neighbor Experiencing Mental Illness?"

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Holy Week 101

An All-Ages Workshop
March 29th 6-7:30PM

Answering the Questions:
"But what *IS* Holy Week?"
"Why do we do it?"

dinner church, artistic expression,
& take-home elements!

Wednesdays In Lent



"Who Is My Neighbor?"

SOUP'S ON!

There's no better place for conversation and curiosity than around the dinner table! There's something about breaking bread together that creates space safe for asking questions and growing closer. So this Lent we are reviving an old tradition of "The Lenten Soup Supper."

We had a great response to our Ash Wednesday supper and we have extended the invitation to help serve and nourish one another each week of Lent!

[**SIGN UP FOR SOUP SUPPERS HERE**](#)



EARTH FEST 2023

- CELEBRATING COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS -

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
GLEN PARK, RIVER FALLS, WI

"WHEN WE HEAL THE EARTH, WE HEAL OURSELVES."
- DAVID ORR

12-4 PM

FREE EVENT! ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR
PAST/CURRENT/FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY
EFFORTS & INSPIRE ONGOING CLIMATE ACTION



MORE INFO & EARTH MONTH EVENTS:
• HOPE4CREATIONRF.ORG
• FACEBOOK.COM/EARTHFESTRF



**PLAN
AHEAD!**

**WELL
WATER
TESTING**
BRING A SAMPLE
FROM HOME

**CLOTHING
SWAP**
BRING 1-2 GENTLY
USED ITEMS (ADULT
SIZES) TO TRADE

**BATTERY
RECYCLING
&
PRESCRIPTION
DISPOSAL**

**PARKING/
SHUTTLE
INFO**

Limited parking at Glen Park.
Free shuttle transportation from
several RF locations in collaboration
with the River Falls Bluegrass Festival.
Please consider biking/walking/carpooling!

MUSIC!

CHRIS SILVER*

CEDAR VALLEY BRASS - KICK-A-FOOT STRING BAND
UWRF WORLD MUSIC & PEP BAND - RFHS INSTRUMENTAL
OFFICIAL BLUEGRASS FEST VENUE



ACTIVITIES!

TREE PLANTING - ELECTRIC VEHICLES - KIDS ACTIVITIES
WELLNESS ACTIVITIES & MUCH MORE!

**SUSTAINABILITY &
WELLNESS FAIR!**

70+ EXHIBITS - ADVOCACY - PLEDGE BOOTH

FOOD!

FREE SAMPLES OF LOCAL & SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS

GIVEAWAYS!

FREE LED LIGHT BULBS! ^

FREE TREES! ^

ENTER TO WIN SUSTAINABLE/WEILLNESS PRIZES!

^ while supplies last

EVENT HOSTED BY:



Earth Fest

April 22, 2023 | 12-4PM



Earth fest is a free community celebration of the past, present, and future sustainability efforts in River Falls and the surrounding area. This family-friendly event includes live music, fun, family activities, food sampling, a sustainability and wellness fair, free giveaways, and more.

Interested in sponsoring Earth Fest 2023? Email
sustainability@uwrf.edu



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March Blood Drive

Lion up and be a lamb by donating blood.



Thursday, March 9, 1–7:00

Friday, March 10, 8:30 –2:30

American Legion, 701 N Main St., River Falls

**Appointments: Call Judy at 715-760-1144
or the Red Cross at 1-800-Red Cross or www.redcrossblood.org**

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**Don't forget to turn you clocks
ahead for Sunday!**



JOIN US FOR

Walking Together

Rebound: From Nostalgia to New



MARCH 11, 2023

Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake

8:00 - 4:00

\$25 Per Person

We hope you'll join us for Walking Together as we reflect on our theme **Rebound: From Nostalgia to New**. Come for inspiration, new ideas, helpful resources, and great conversation. You'll have several workshops to choose from and we'll enjoy a time of worship together.

SCHEDULE:

8:00 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:45	Worship
10:00 - 10:45	Workshop 1
11:00 - 11:45	Workshop 2
12:00 - 12:50	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45	Workshop 3
2:00 - 2:45	Workshop 4
3:00 - 3:45	Workshop 5

Bethany Lutheran Church
35 W Messenger Street
Rice Lake, WI 54868

For details and registration visit:

<https://nwswi.org/walking-together-epic/walking-together-2023>



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Presented by: 

Great news! The Habitat for Humanity Team has reserved five spots for us for our WOMEN BUILD project, March 11 in New Richmond. [Angela](#) and I will be there, so for now we're looking for three others (we might be able to add more). A great kickoff for our Lenten Theme: "Who is our neighbor?"

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A red bowling ball with a black dot in the center, resting on a wooden bowling lane. The background is blurred, showing other lanes and spectators.

**BOWLING FOR
HABITAT!**
@ St. Croix Lanes
Sunday, March 26th
1:00-3:00PM

Fun for the whole family!

The Habitat for Humanity logo, featuring a green house icon with three blue figures inside, and the text "St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity".The HOPE Lutheran logo, featuring the word "HOPE" in a large, stylized font with a church steeple integrated into the letter "O", and "LUTHERAN" in a smaller font below it.

FREE BOWLING WITH FREE WILL DONATION TO HABITAT!

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WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE

Lent: Feb. 22-March 29- All children, youth & families are invited to join with the entire HOPE congregation for Soup Suppers and Worship this Lenten season

SPRING SESSION: April 19- May 10, 2023

If you have not already registered for SESSION 3, please fill out the [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#).

Friends are always welcome!

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**SUMMER 2023
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

**Luther Point
BIBLE CAMP**

To register, go to: lutherpoint.org/summer-camp



**Inspiring Guest Speakers + Strengthen Faith
Service Learning + Meeting New People
Challenging Conversation
Great Music + Worship**

DETAILS

Open to youth who have completed 8th-12 grade at the time of the event
\$300 per participant; (\$50 due at the time of registration)
More Information found here: <https://nwswi.org/journey>

**\$50 DEPOSIT AND REQUIRED PAPERWORK
DUE BY APRIL 1, 2023.**

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A NEW GIVING OPPORTUNITY: THE HOPE MUSICIAN'S FUND

Do you LOVE the musical offerings here at HOPE?

Are you grateful for the gift of our fantastic Sunday pianists?

Would you love to see additional musical ensembles and guests join us?

Has music in worship been an important dimension of your spiritual life?

If you've answered YES to any of these questions, you may want to live into God's call toward generosity by giving a gift to our NEW "HOPE Musician's Fund."

HOPE now pays our Sunday musicians a fair wage for their work, rather than expecting this on a volunteer basis. This expense emerged as a need mid-budget year, and so this fund will help meet this financial need and hopefully provide seed money to fund these positions in the 2023 budget year. In addition, our hope is for this fund to be used in the future to bring in special musical guests and ensembles in the months and years ahead!

Please prayerfully consider giving a special Christmas Seed Gift to this important ministry
as you are able!

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March Birthdays

Name	Birth Date
Maxwell VanOverbeke	02-Mar
Carl Warren	03-Mar
Madison Ziebarth	03-Mar
Grant Klacan	03-Mar
Addyson Wolfe	09-Mar
Sharon Paulson	10-Mar
Carly Wunrow	17-Mar
Karen Ottney-Kaste	22-Mar
Joseph Kurten	22-Mar
Margaret Anderson	23-Mar
David Peters	23-Mar
Andrea Boock	31-Mar
Leonard Juaire	31-Mar
Roger Tweiten	31-Mar
Ben Wunrow	31-Mar



March Baptisms

- Darcy Boock
- Samatha Brill
- Luke Flirasky
- Sara Filarsky
- Lexy Getschel
- Richard Jackson
- Debra James
- Mallory James
- Connie Juaire
- Katherine (Klacan) Schilling
- Morgan Leitch
- Gwen Paulson
- Kyle Rudesill
- Susie Rudesill



Celebrating

Mark and Sarah Bondhus 15-Mar 43 Years

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Please lift up the following people in prayer

George & Mary Klacan (Phil's Parents)
Ella Conover (Niece of Phil & Paula Klacan)
Elliot Wold (Friend of the Klacan's)
Linda Stroth (Friend of Olive Olson)
Laura McDonald (Sister of Jean Loudon)
Mary Babler (Friend the Dan Malaney)
Beth Lindgren (Sister-in-law Dan Malaney)
Betty Lou Oppegard
Anna Peterson's Family (Friend of Olive Olson)
The Trudy Loney family
Darwin & Margaret Bredahl (Karen Hamilton's sister & brother in law)
Olive Olson & family
Bruce Young (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)
Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)
Dawne Green (Friend of Olive Olson)
Miriam Monroe (Bill Montgomery's sister)
Gary Blowers (Friend of Linda Jacobson)
Naomi Brandt and family
The family of Jim Pratt
Milo Oppegard
Kevin Rodewald & family (Jeff Rodewald's brother)
Carin Perkins (Faye Perkins sister)
David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)
Nicholas Simpson (Boock family friend)
Linda Hidding (Nancy Sailer's cousin)
Kathy Granquist (Karen Brohaugh's niece)
Linda & Jesse Annoye Family (Relatives of Debra James)
Greg Rosenthal (Relative of Karen Brohaugh)
Boyd Huppert (Rodewald family member)
Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)
Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)
Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)
Lee Hill (friend of Naomi & Jerry Brandt)
Judy Karshbaum
Gary Siebold
David Hendrickson
Jon Boyce
Jay and Jeri Jorgenson (friends of the Bohnerts)
Fred Schmidt and family (Relatives of the Boocks)
Rod Cina (son of Mary Solum)



First Sunday of the Month Special Collections

The River Falls School District has 112 children signed up for the Backpack Program this year. This program falls under the auspices of Our Neighbors' Place and is primarily funded by The Black Tie Affair held every April and donations. It does not receive any help from the River Falls Food Pantry.

Therefore, the Mission Ministry through HOPE would like to start collecting donations for the Backpack Program on the first Sunday of each month alternating with the Food Pantry.

The Magic Box works in the same manner as for the Food Pantry, whereas each dollar magically will have \$5 of purchasing power. The next opportunity will be November 6, when your generous donations will support the Backpack Program.

First Sunday of the Month Special Collections Schedule

2023

January 1	Backpack Program
February 5	Food Pantry
March 5	Backpack Program
April 2	Food Pantry
May 7	Backpack Program
June 4	Food Pantry
July 2	Backpack Program
August 6	Food Pantry
September 3	Backpack Program
October 1	Food Pantry
Nov 5	Backpack Program
December 3	Food Pantry