

This Week at HOPE March 1, 2023



This Lent we ask, “*Who Is Our Neighbor?*”

This Lent we come together in bold vulnerability to acknowledge that one of the most faithful things we do as the people of God is *ask questions*. To wonder, to ask, or to doubt are signs of our longing to know God better. One way we can understand our God better, is through seeking to understand *our neighbors* better, for we know that we are each made in the *imago Dei* (image of God), and as we grow in our understanding of one another, then we certainly come to understand more about the fullness of God.

Over the last few weeks our Mission Ministry team invited you to share about neighbors you were interested in learning more about. We have heard your wondering and are bringing speakers to join us each week to guide us in learning about these neighbors. We encourage you to come and listen with open and curious hearts, minds, and spirits for what God is hoping to reveal to us about God's very self through the next few weeks.

This week brings us two beautiful opportunities for such listening and wondering:
THIS SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP: “Building An Inclusive Church” Informational Session (Who is my LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC Neighbor?)

All are invited to participate in this introductory informational session on the Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) congregational training. BIC training helps design and implement a journey for your faith community to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and incorporate a commitment to the work of racial equity. Building an Inclusive Church equips you with ways to create dialogue, deepening relationships throughout your faith community rather than sparking debate and division. For this conversation we welcome Deacon David Behling (of UWRF's Journey House Campus Ministry) who will guide us in our exploration and wonder about this process. [You can learn more HERE.](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th: Who Is My Cross-Cultural Neighbor?

Mr. Salvador Valadez, who grew up in Mexico and currently lives in Baldwin while working in the Cities, will join us to share his perspective during worship. He will share about his present social location, his dreams, his challenges, and how we might strive to be better neighbors to those like him.

I pray you make the time for these valuable conversations and listen for what God is speaking to us through our neighbors. There is still time to respond to the Mission Ministry Team's "[Who Is My Neighbor](#)" survey. Simply click the link! Blessings, Pastor Annie Ladnier

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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

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

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

March 22nd: TBA

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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](#)

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JUST 2 DAYS LEFT IN OUR EASTER GERTEN'S FUNDRAISER!

Click [ON THIS LINK](#) to view all the beautiful options and secure your taste of Spring!

Proceeds will benefit the outdoor spaces at HOPE for seeding to restore natural prairie and do more native landscaping! Green for Green!

This is different from the spring fundraiser the RFHS band. These are potted flowers that will be ready in time for Easter. So if you are looking for an Easter hostess gift, centerpiece, or something for our own HOPE Easter garden, this is a great local delivery option, while supporting our church!

Store ID code for Hope Lutheran Church: 645

Orders open until 10 PM on Thursday, March 2.

We cannot accept any late orders past the deadline.

Order pick up is afternoon of April 6th at HOPE Lutheran Church, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave, River Falls, WI

****PLEASE NOTE:** Quantities are limited on fundraiser items. If an item sells out, it will be marked sold out on your website and customers will not be able to continue to order that item.



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>



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***Lighting HOPE Event
February 18th***





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 Note from HOPE Mission Ministry

Dear HOPE family,

The HOPE Mission Ministry is seeking your help for our 2023 Lenten project. This year's theme is "Neighbors." We are looking to expand our vision and understanding of who our neighbors are. In order to get to know our "neighbors" we feel it's important to ask, seek, and *listen*.

Who is my neighbor?

How can we be better neighbors?

How do we build up our neighbors?

Instead of collecting items as we've done in the past, we plan to bring in speakers to help us learn more about our neighbors as we engage in the mission of listening and learning.

THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN!

You can help guide our conversations/discussions as we enter the Lenten season by helping us with your feedback:

1. Who is a neighbor you are interested in learning more about?
2. Who is a neighbor you feel is misunderstood
3. Who is a neighbor you feel is underrepresented or not represented at all in our community?
4. Who are we called to be a better neighbor to?
5. Who are our neighbors?

[SIMPLY CLICK ON THIS LINK HERE](#) to respond to the above questions!

Thank you for your time!

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FAMILY BOWLING EVENT

**Sunday, March 26th
1:00-3:00PM**

@ St. Croix Lanes, River Falls



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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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**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

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)

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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