



WEEK THREE: QUESTIONS FOR THE CURIOUS

Scripture
John 4:7-11

Following the story of the woman at the well, we consider and reflect on the following questions as we continue the discipline of *asking questions* this Lent.

Questions About Questions

- ✚ Can you describe a time when you learned about someone from a different culture through conversation?
- ✚ What questions did you ask, and how did that conversation make you feel?
- ✚ Can you remember a time when someone asked you very good questions about yourself?
- ✚ Did that conversation change your relationship with that person—or even with yourself?

Embodied Practices

If you are joining the Lenten Wednesday evening soup suppers and worship, you are invited to share in this practice as you gather for our meal tonight. If not, you are invited to share these questions with someone else you are in contact with today.

Create a new relationship through questions

The invitation: Today we're going to practice using questions to build a relationship with someone we do not know. Find someone at supper you do not know, or the person you know the least. You may have to cross the room to reach that person. Do it! Go to them! And ask them a question or two to get to know them. When you ask, try not to respond with a story of your own. Make sure you provide time for everyone in your conversation to share.

A great question for this week might be, "what was the most surprising part of your day today?"

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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 15th: Mr. Peter VanDuzartz- Director of Valley Behavioral Health-Health Partners on, *Who is my neighbor experiencing mental illness and chemical dependency?*

March 22nd: Ms. Duana Bremer of Grace Place on, *Who is my neighbor experiencing homelessness and housing inequality?*

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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](#)

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Spring Spectacular

A Celebration of Spring
Holidays in Handbells

March 26 | 4:00 p.m.

Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
5730 Grove St, Edina, MN



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Communications – Keith Getschel

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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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The logo for St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity, featuring a stylized house with three figures inside, one holding a flower. To the right of the icon is the text "St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity®".

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

TATTERSALL DISTILLING

1777 PAULSON ROAD, RIVER FALLS

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CASINO ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING:

ROULETTE - CRAPS - POKERLETTE

TEXAS HOLD 'EM - BLACK JACK

SILENT AUCTION & DESSERT DASH ARE BACK IN ACTION!

TICKETS STARTING AT \$80
TABLES STARTING AT \$280



REGISTER TODAY:
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Thank you Sponsors

The logo for Andersen Windows & Doors, featuring a stylized orange and black square icon followed by the word "ANDERSEN" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "WINDOWS & DOORS" in a smaller font below it.

The logo for Steiner Plumbing, Electric, Heating Inc., featuring the word "STEINER" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "PLUMBING • ELECTRIC • HEATING INC." in a smaller font below it.

The logo for Westconsin Credit Union, featuring the word "WESTconsin" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "CREDIT UNION" in a smaller font below it.

The logo for First State Bank and Trust, featuring the words "FIRST STATE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "BANK AND TRUST" in a smaller font below it, and the tagline "Achieve More. Together.™" below that.

The logo for Kraus-Anderson, featuring a stylized "KA" monogram.

The logo for Magic Wendy, featuring a stylized figure of a girl on a swing.

The logo for Hub 70 design & print, featuring the text "Hub 70" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "design & print" in a smaller font below it.

The logo for Security Financial Bank, featuring the letters "sfb" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with "SECURITY FINANCIAL BANK" in a smaller font below it.

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Journey House Campus Ministry

- A campus ministry serving the University of Wisconsin River Falls and CVTC -

**Journey House has a job opening
for a part time Outreach and Service Coordinator**

<https://journeyhousecampusministry.org/job-opportunities/>

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Join us for an upcoming grief webinar:

Coping With Grief After A Substance Use Or Overdose Death

Monday, April 24
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Virtual Webinar

Presenter: Gloria Englund, MA

Bakken Young
Funeral & Cremation Services



Julia, join us for a free grief webinar

Bakken Young Funeral and Cremation Services invites you to a free grief webinar for those who are coping with grief after a substance use or overdoses death. Speaker Gloria Englund will discuss topics such as:

- The stigma and shame that often comes with SUD/overdose death by providing the source of the stigma and understanding how that relates to the bereaved.
- The intersection of grief and trauma in a SUD/overdose death of a loved one.
- Resources for learning to grow with your grief.

Join us Monday, April 24th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM for the virtual webinar. RSVP today to reserve your spot and get the Zoom webinar information. Email grief coordinator Julia Rajtar with your questions.

RSVP for Grief Webinar

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

Fun for the whole family!



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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**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.**



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



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Nancy Sailer

Jerry Gibson (Karen Rodewald's father)

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

Milo Oppegard

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 |