

This Week at HOPE March 22, 2023



Week Four: Questions that Change, Questions that Change You

This week we are immersed in the story of John 9, the story of a man born blind who receives his sight. For our further exploration this midweek, we are centering in on [John 9:18-28](#).

Take a moment to re-read this text, and then explore the following questions:

Questions about Questions

This week's preaching commentary notes that the Pharisees are bogeymen in the Gospel of John. A direct way to really understand their position is by identifying yourself with them. So humbly consider:

- ✝ When did you judge others before you knew what you know now?
- ✝ How did your questions drive others away?
- ✝ Or, consider a time when you were asking the wrong question about God or what God has done.
- ✝ What did you learn that opened your eyes to your mistake?

Practice

Admitting when questions have steered us down an unproductive path

The invitation: Today you are encouraged to think and share about a time when God surprised you, or a time when you felt the people at church were asking the wrong questions about God.

First, spend some time in prayerful journaling with these questions.

Second, if you join tonight's soup supper, you are invited to share these questions with your table mates for further exploration. If you have other plans this evening, then I encourage you to have a chat with a faithful conversation partner over the phone or throughout the rest of the week sometime:

- ✝ When was a time that God defied your expectations?
- ✝ What do you think we obsess about at church, and what better question would you like us to ask?

We would LOVE to hear the insights from your conversations! If you feel willing and able to share, please email Pastor Annie at hoperlutheranpastor.rf@gmail.com to share your wonderings and discoveries!

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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 22nd: Ms. Duana Bremer of Grace Place on, *Who is my neighbor experiencing homelessness and housing inequality?* Duana has been serving our local communities in this capacity for nearly 15 years. Her leadership, knowledge and more importantly her dedication to the less fortunate in our communities is what guides Grace Place's decisions, programming and care for our community. Recently Duana was invited to testify before Congress to speak about the needs in rural Wisconsin regarding homelessness and how changes in the way funding is dispersed can help make a difference for those in the most need in our communities. Join us tonight as we hear how we can be better neighbors both to Grace Place and the people they serve.

March 29th: No official Guest Presentation. Join us for an ALL AGES, congregation-wide exploration of Holy Week, with dinner church, learning about Good Friday, and creative art connections that will be used to decorate our Easter altar! Don't miss it!

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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!

Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY	APRIL 2ND, 9:30AM
MAUNDAY THURSDAY	APRIL 6TH, 6:30PM
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 7TH, 6:30PM
EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 9TH, 7:00AM SUNRISE 9:30AM TRADITIONAL



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FREE BOWLING WITH FREE WILL DONATION TO HABITAT!

Bowling for Habitat is THIS coming Sunday, March 26
from 1-3 at St. Croix Lanes!

In hopes of reaching our \$1000.00 goal, bowling and shoe rental are FREE!

If you cannot come out that day, or if you'd like to be able to donate with
credit/debit card instead of cash-

check out [this fundraising page](#) connected with our Thrivent Action Team for
this project!

All proceeds go directly to St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity!

[DONATE 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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SHARE YOUR GIFTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

Did you know that you can volunteer to help with parts of worship
AT ANY TIME!!!

Use [THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK](#) to sign-up to assist with our in-person worship! Or sign-up on the entryway table in person.

Greeters, readers, communion set-up & servers, acolytes, ushers,
Assisting Ministers & coffee fellowship hosts are all needed!

COFFEE & CONVERSATION TUESDAYS @ 11AM!

Join with others from HOPE online via [Zoom](#) every week for a time of prayerful sharing and Bible study of our upcoming Sunday scripture texts! All are welcome!

Pastor Annie is back and hopes you join us every Tuesday at 11!



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





WELCOME

TO Fabulous

STEEL TOES

&

STILETTOS

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 house 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:
SCVHABITAT.ORG

Thank you Sponsors

The logo for Andersen Windows & Doors, featuring a stylized orange and black square to the left of the word "ANDERSEN" in a 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 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 bold, sans-serif font, with "CREDIT UNION" in a smaller font below it.

The logo for First State Bank and Trust, featuring a stylized "F" and "A" in a square, with "FIRST STATE BANK AND TRUST" in a bold, sans-serif font, and "Achieve More. Together.™" in a smaller font below it.

The logo for Kraus-Anderson, featuring the words "KRAUS-ANDERSON" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "design & print" in a smaller font below it.

The logo for Hub 70, featuring the words "Hub 70" in a 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 bold, sans-serif font, with "SECURITY FINANCIAL BANK" in a smaller font below it.

The logo for Magic Wendy, featuring a stylized figure of a girl on a swing, with the words "MAGIC WENDY" in a bold, sans-serif font.

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Help Out A Young Entrepreneur in Our Midst:

This is a message from Madison Ziebarth:

Hello Friends!

I am Madison Ziebarth, I am 18 years old and I run a small bakery out of my home called MaddieZbakes.

To help jumpstart my business to a broader customer base, I am currently taking an Entrepreneurial training course at the St. Croix Valley Business innovation center, through the Small Business Development Center- University of River Falls.

Below you will find a link to my customer survey! This survey will help me get to know my current and future customers more! If you would, please take a moment to fill it out and help me improve my business plan!

Thank you for your help!

[FILL OUT THE SURVEY HERE](#)

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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

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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

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)

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