



You're Invited on A Holy Journey this Holy Week.

It was a blessing to begin our Holy Week together on Palm Sunday with all of you either online or here in the HOPE sanctuary! My hope and prayer for each of you is that Jesus encounters you in surprising, powerful, and meaningful ways as we continue through this holiest of weeks together. Each year I am struck by the glorious surprise of the Resurrection, but after all that we have experienced in the last few years I have developed a deeper appreciation for the full celebration of the Great Triduum, or The Three Days.

Join me in the next few days, to walk Jesus' holy journey.

To join Jesus at the table and lovingly serve one another as He commands us to.

To remember how, in this world, everything can change in a blink of an eye, and the evils of death lurk around to throw us into the grave, but Jesus is with us even in the darkest moments.

To wait, and wonder, lament, and hope together.

To remember, that we do not get Easter morning, without Jesus' ultimate loving act of entering and defeating death and all which seeks to destroy us. And then...to joyfully celebrate the gift of Jesus' Resurrection.

Come and dwell with me in the most beautiful love story ever told:

☆ Maundy Thursday

6:30PM, Holy Communion around the table together

⊕ Good Friday

6:30 PM, hear the full story of Jesus' Crucifixion through story and song, led by vocalist, Carl Warren, pianist, Linda Simpson, and special guest cellist, Sonja Hinderlie.

7AM- Sunrise Worship outdoor worship with musicians Phil Klacan and Michael Stang

9:30AM-Traditional Easter Worship with HOPE Brass, the Easter garden, special procession, and more!

Holy Week Blessings, Pastor Annie Ladnier





HOPE's Easter Garden

You are once again invited to fill our Easter morning altar! Please have your flowers for our 2023 Easter Garden to the church by 1pm on Saturday April 8th!!

PASTOR ANNIE OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Annie will be on vacation April 10-17th. We welcome Pastor Steve Meyer on Sunday, April 16th to lead us in song and worship! For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Rev. Kim Suhr of Trinity Lutheran in Hammond: 715-821-6398.

NEW Art Display @ HOPE!

Paul Omen, "<u>Drawn to the Word</u>" artist
April 1- May 13, 2023
12 original watercolors
(original prints can be purchased)
Stay tuned for details about how YOU could win one!



Green with



From your Green Team

EARTH FEST!

Earth Fest - Saturday, April 22, 12-4 pm Glen Park (UWRF University Center Rain location) - HOPE will be represented at Earth Fest by the Green Team and other HOPE folks. We will be giving away paper bag kite kits (1 per family) to encourage exploration of earth friendly, outdoor family activities as part of a sustainable lifestyle. Kites can be assembled and flown at Earth Fest, and again at our June 25 "Celebrate HOPE" event. Questions? See any member of the Green Team - Dan or Jan Malaney, Sue Schuettpelz, Lynda Meyers, Bill Montgomery, or Pastor Annie.

Special Green & Noisy Offering - Sunday, April 23

Join us in celebrating Earth Day, and showing our appreciation and support for Hope for Creation and their commitment to Earth Care, with a special Green and Noisy offering. Share some of your green bills and/or noisy change to help H4C offset the cost of the community wide Earth Fest celebration. If you're not present in person and would like to contribute, you may send your gift to Olive labeled "Green offering".

* Have an interest in promoting sustainable actions to care and protect our Earth? We'd welcome you on our Green Team! See any GT member (listed above) to find out about our next meeting.

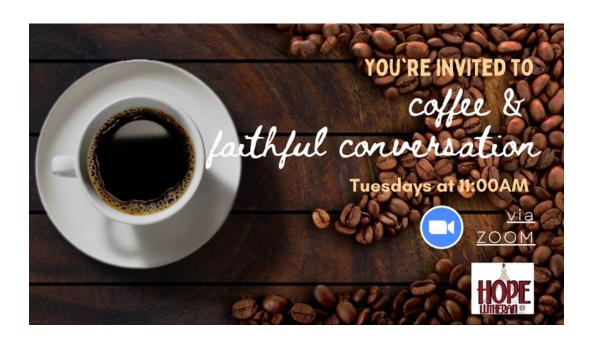




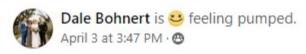
HOPE's Community Garden

Interested in organic gardening? HOPE Garden has plots available (10'x50' or 10'x25'). Garden Rules are on the HOPE website main page under announcements.

If interested or if you have questions, contact psrudesill@gmail.com by April 26th. Gardens open May 1st.







HAPPY APRIL, People of HOPE!!

We are excited to offer this next opportunity to join us for HABITAT for HUMANITY in New Richmond, Saturday April 22 (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)!

NO DIY EXPERIENCE NEEDED (and all tools will be provided!)

Reply here, or send me a message (Facebook Messenger or text, 715.781.3249) if you are interested or have any questions.

CAN'T WAIT!!

https://fb.me/e/37ocOUdzd



SAT, APR 22 AT 9 AM

HABITAT for HUMANITY

1135 Rich River Way, New Richmond, WI 54017-6751, United States Dale Bohnert invited you **⊘** Going

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Communion Bread Bakers Needed!

Do you like to bake?

Are you looking for an easy way to volunteer your gifts without having to be "up front?"

Then become a communion bread baker!

3 months in 2023 still need bakers: August, September, & December CLICK HERE to sign up, scroll to page 2 for the recipe!

SHARE YOUR GIFTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

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

Use <u>THIS GOOGLE DOC LINK</u> 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!





"Black Tie Fffair"

Our Neighbor's Place asks you to skip this imaginary "Black Tie Affair"

Stay home & donate what you would spend on tickets, fancy clothes, and dinner to the **Our Neighbors' Place Backpack Program!**

Your contribution can start feeding hungry children in River Falls immediately!

Please help us feed hungry children.

The backpack program meets the needs of children who may go hungry on weekends during the school year. Weekly backpacks contain 7-9 pounds of non-perishable food and vouchers for milk, meat, produce, bread and eggs.

Typically, we distribute to an average of 80 students per week - however for the 2022-23 school year, we have seen enrollment jump to 120 students per week.

The program is 100% operated by volunteers - it takes about 30 volunteers a month for the program to run smoothly. In partnership with the River Falls Lions Club, we offer a summer backpack program when school is not in session.

Please join us as we work to provide for our most vulnerable neighbors - our youth!

CLICK HERE TO DONATE DIRECTLY



Help Out A Young Entrepreneuer 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.

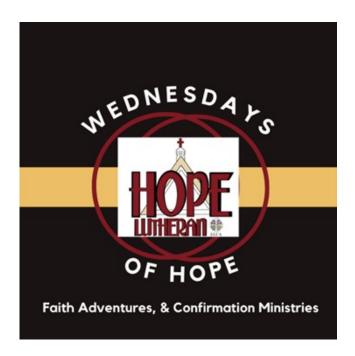
Below you will find a link to my customer survey! This survey will help me get to know my current and future customers more! If you would, please take a moment to fill it out and help me improve my business plan!

Thank you for your help!

FILL OUR THE SURVEY HERE







WEDNESDAYS OF HOPE

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!







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 <u>REQUIRED PAPERWORK</u> DUE BY APRIL 1, 2023.







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 <u>sustainability@uwrf.edu</u>









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!



April Baptisms





April Birthdays

Name	Birthday
Will Bohnert	2-Apr
John Hamilton	2-Apr
Sawyer Filarsky	4-Apr
Michael Stang	5-Apr
Jean Loudon	11-Apr
Traci Wolfe	11-Apr
Cathy Wunrow	11-Apr
Faye Perkins	14-Apr
Lori Leitch	29-Apr

Margaret Anderson
Louis Bernard
Charles Eaton
Hazel Ladnier
Sharon Paulson
Jack Stang
Maxwell VanOverbeke
Ben Wunrow
Amanda Ziebarth



Brian & Crystal Roquette 02-Apr 21 Years
Gary & Vicki Siebold 21-Apr 22 Years
Eric & Lisa Rydland 30-Apr 18 Years





Please lift up the following people in prayer

Nancy Sailer

Jerry Gibson (Diane Clark and Karen Rodewald's father)

George & Mary Klacan (Phil's Parents)

Ella Conover (Niece of Phil & Paula Klacan)

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)

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 (Fave 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)

Teajai Schmidt (Boock family friend)

Rev. Sarah Mayer-Flatt (Friend of Pastor Annie)

Dave Hallquist (Friend of Bill Montgomery)

Lee Hill (friend of Naomi 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)



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