



530203 Perichoresis is a painting by Jutta Bluehberger

## **A Blessing for Holy Trinity Sunday**

By Meta Herrick Carlson

Let's forget for today  
the urge to sort God out  
with formula or creed.

Let this be a field trip  
to dance in the throne room,  
to squeeze in among angels  
and sing with wonder  
that does not need proving.

Let those holies resound  
in that shining hall, and we'll smile  
because there is enough,  
and mystery does not need solving,  
only adoration and company  
with the One  
who was and is and will be  
even still.

Let's forget for today  
we prefer knowing for certain,  
and instead rejoice  
in the fullness of love.

# This Week at HOPE May 31, 2023



## Announcement of Congregational Meeting June 4, 2023

Dear HOPE Family,

Please plan to attend a Congregational Meeting at 10:45AM on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

HOPE Lutheran received an insurance check in 2022 for replacement of the metal roof on the Winds of the Spirit building in the amount of \$30,983.34 which was deposited into our account.

The Property ministry sought bids for replacement, receiving two. One was in the amount of \$11,100 and the second was in the amount of \$22,400. No other bids were received. HOPE Ministry Council requested a third bid at the April, 2023 meeting. Property Ministry team members are still actively seeking a third bid to present at the congregational meeting. Property Ministry also checked into the cost of materials to replace the roof which they feel had cosmetic damage. Material costs were about \$1100.

Property Ministry recommendations to the Council for the May meeting were as follows:

- ⇒ Do not replace the WOTS roof
- ⇒ Pay off the WOTS loan (\$17,018)
- ⇒ Place the remaining balance (\$13,965) in the Capital Improvement Fund to be used on future major improvement projects (such as the roof project)

Rational for these recommendations included:

- ⇒ replacement costs were small
- ⇒ The settlement funds could be used to pay off the WOTS loan
- ⇒ The settlement funds could be used to purchase additional sanctuary chairs, maintain the parking lot, purchase a church building humidifier or replace the older asphalt roof, use for construction of a columbarium, or replace the roof if needed in the future.

The church council discussed these options thoroughly to make a decision without a majority in agreement with Property's proposal. Due to the fact that the dollar amount is over \$5,000, our constitution requires a vote by members of the congregation. Please make every effort to weigh in on this decision June 4, 2023, at 10:45 am after the worship service. Property ministry members will be there to answer questions.

Nancy Sailer, HOPE Ministry Council President

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## **Celebrating Holy Baptism**

This Sunday we celebrate the baptism of Jaxon John Jiskra, son of Keri and Russ Jiskra, and younger brother of Leila! Jaxon was born June 29, 2022 and we are excited to officially welcome him into Christ's family.

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# HOPE FOR CREATION-RF SUMMER SOCIAL

**Thursday, June 8, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Glen Park  
East Side Shelter**

Learn More About  
Hope for Creation

Free Meal and  
Refreshments

Contact:  
[hope4creationrf@gmail.com](mailto:hope4creationrf@gmail.com)

*You're  
Invited!*



**This Week at HOPE May 31, 2023**



**“Wednesdays of Wonder”**

Every 3rd Wednesdays this summer, 6-8PM

June 14

July 19

August 16

**Cross Generational nights for story telling, art, activities,  
food, & fellowship!  
More details to come!**

**HOPE Pool Party!**

**Save the date for Saturday, August 5th 6:16-7:15**

**EVERYONE is welcome**

**Fun & a special treat!**



**Join this neighborhood celebration on Sunday, June 25th!  
Celebrating all the HOPE we see in our neighbors!**

**10:30- Worship: Celebration of gifts, ministries, volunteers & New Members!!!**

**11:30-1:00- Food trucks, bounce house, games, music, & more!**





## *Women's Cancer Support Group*

River Falls

*Join us*

- Third Tuesday of every month
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- St. Bridget Catholic Church  
211 East Division Street, River Falls

Gather with other women to share encouragement and wisdom about cancer and recovery.

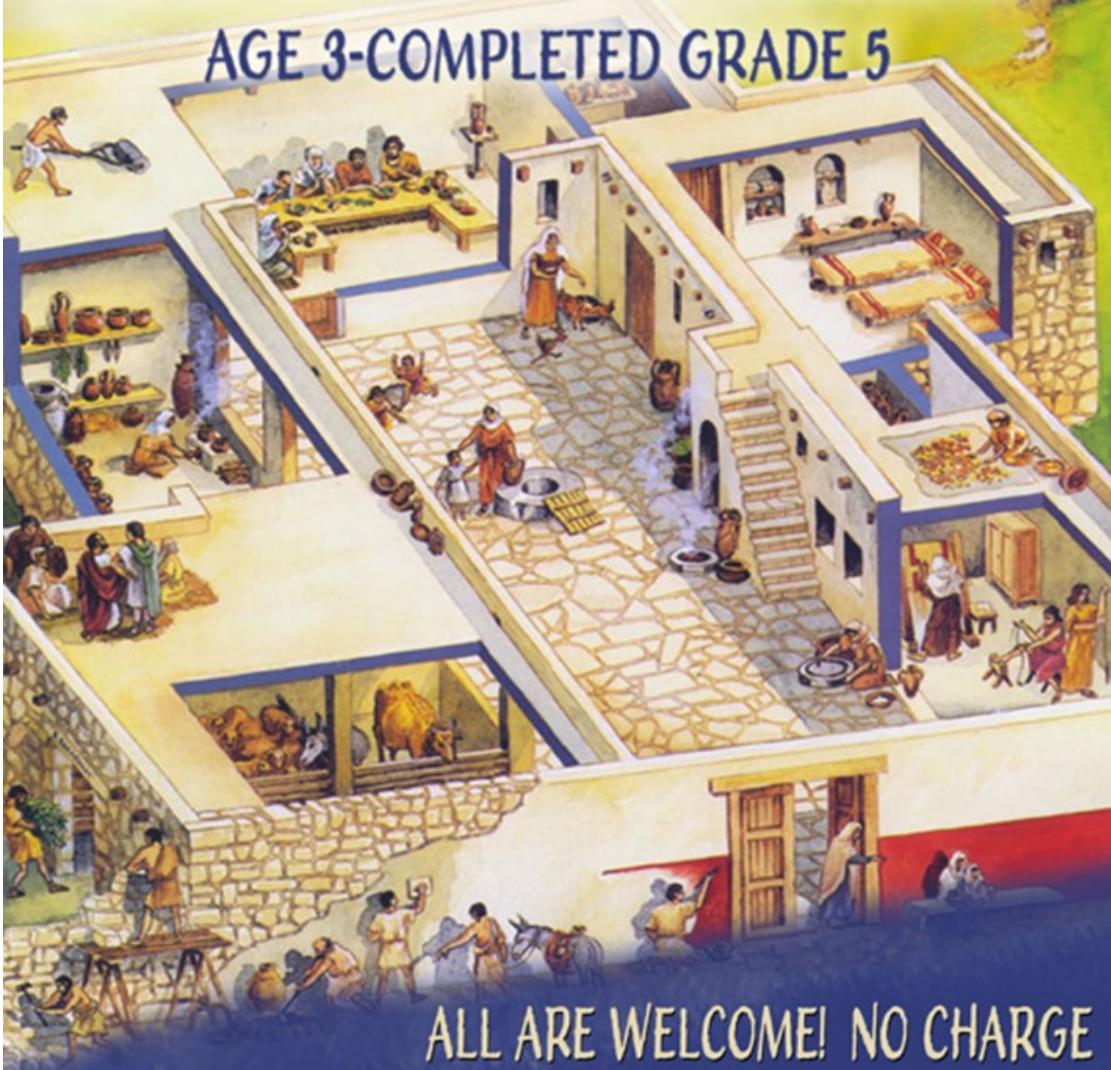
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# THE WORLD When Jesus Lived

JULY 31-AUGUST 3, 2023 | 9:00-11:30 AM

AGE 3-COMPLETED GRADE 5



ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE

HOPE Lutheran kids will join kids from First Congregational UCC

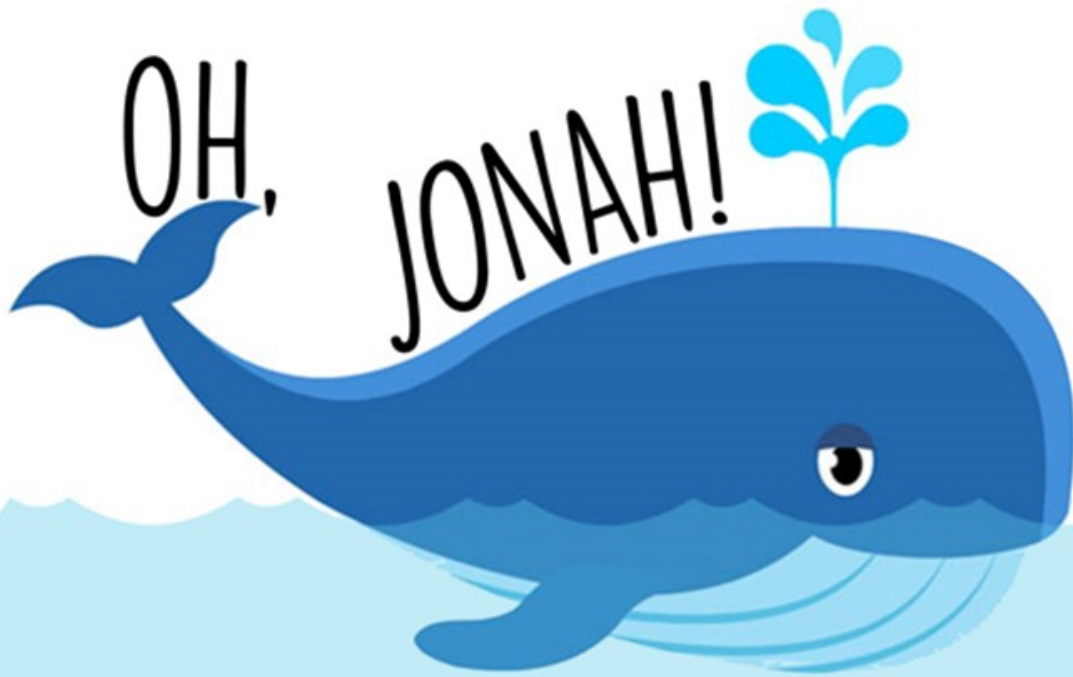
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Register at: [www.firstchurchrf.org](http://www.firstchurchrf.org)





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# CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

July 17-20th, 2023

9:00-noon

Dinner and Performance July 20th, 6:00 PM

Completed Kindergarten - Grade 6

ALL ARE WELCOME! NO CHARGE



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# *Holy Yoga*

FOR BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00PM

JUNE 07-AUG 30

*Outdoor yoga, meditation, & reflection*

bring a yoga mat, water bottle, & yourself!

Cost: FREE WILL offering

3337 KINGSBARN AVE  
WINDS OF THE SPIRIT PAVILLION

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- 45-60 minute session of beginning to intermediate yoga
- Use of Christian Scripture for grounding
- Reflective meditation/prayer exercises
- Feeling renewed!
- Joyfully gathering with others!
- Enjoying the beautiful landscape!



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ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH

# GARAGE SALE!

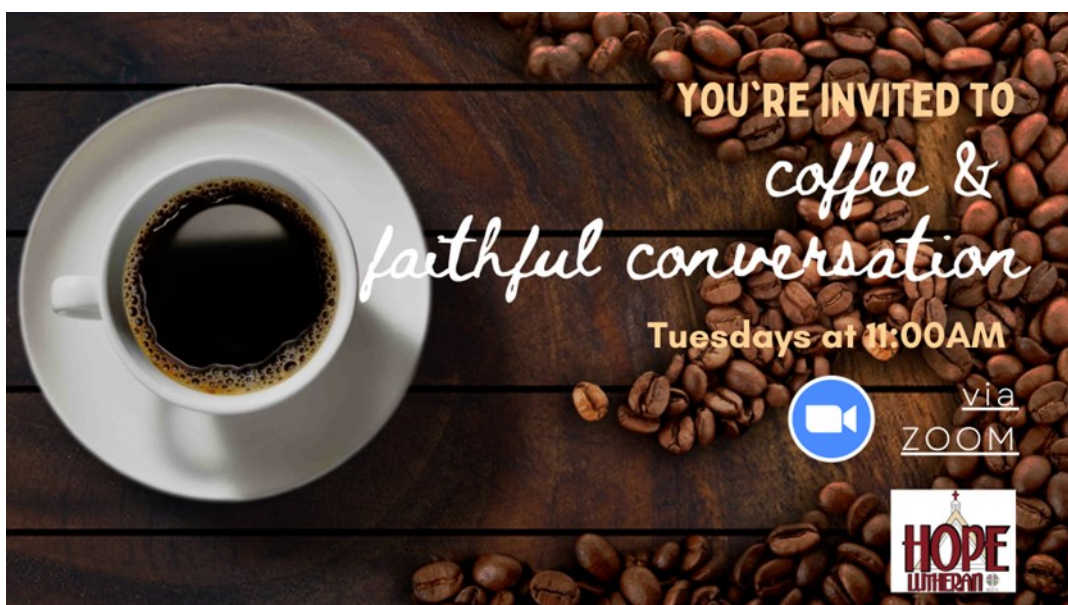
THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 - 8 A.M. - 8 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 - 8 A.M. - NOON

(Saturday Special: clothing \$3/bag and all other items ½ OFF)

SALE HELD IN THE PARISH SCHOOL GYM-CORNER OF MAIN & DIVISION STREETS





## **December Communion Bread Baker Still 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!

We only need 1 more month covered in 2023: December

## **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,



# This Week at HOPE May 31, 2023



## **Please lift up the following people in prayer**

Judy Lukes (Faye Perkins Aunt)  
Charli and Sam King (Friends of Faye Perkins)  
Bernie Brohaugh  
David Anderson (Brother of Karen Brohaugh)  
Family of Romeo  
Dorothy Webb (Russ Jiskra's grandmother)  
Marc DuPaul (Nephew of Nomi Brandt)  
Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)  
Richard Burns (Grandfather of Luke & Jack Stang)  
Judy Branson (Relative of the Boocks)  
Hannah Forward  
Amanda Olson (Olive Olson's daughter)  
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)  
Miriam Monroe (Bill Montgomery's sister)  
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)  
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)



June Birthdays



Name	Birthday
Leila Jiskra	01-Jun
Cara Getschel	2-Jun
Carol Knudsen	5-Jun
Russ Jiskra	6-Jun
Peter Nelson	7-Jun
Naomi Brandt	9-Jun
Kathy Scott	9-Jun
Elizabeth Rodewald	14-Jun
Eric Rodewald	14-Jun
Louie Bernard	15-Jun
Mark Ziebarth	15-Jun
Ainsley Neuhaus	17-Jun
Milo Oppegard	22-Jun
Denise Burkett	26-Jun
Douglas Rudesill	26-Jun
Jack Stang	27-Jun
Daniel Malaney	29-Jun
Hannah Forward	29-Jun
Edward Paulson	29-Jun
Jaxon Jiskra	29-Jun



June Baptisms

- Shane Bondhus
- Erik Eaton
- Sean James
- Kathryn Scott
- Gary Siebold
- Luke Stang
- Leila Jiskra



	Celebrating	
	Date	Years
Larry & Lynda Meyers	06/05	41
Douglas & Susie Rudesill	06/07	43
Joe and Connie Kurten	06/11	52
Mark & Lisa Ziebarth	06/12	36
Bill & Kay Montgomery	06/17	62
Joseph McIntosh & Faye Perkins	06/18	36



**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