

This Week at HOPE March 13, 2024

Wandering Heart Wonderings...

From Pastor Annie Ladnier

Our poem for this week is titled, "Open Hands." As we reflect on Peter's journey of discipleship we remember our text from last Sunday when Peter is so fixed on the idea of who he *wants* Jesus to be, the kind of Messiah he *had hoped* Jesus was going to be- a victor over Rome. But Jesus' stand against Peter's human desires reiterates the vision and mission of God's Messiah which Jesus has come to fulfill. Jesus is fixed on this mission, one that will ultimately bring Resurrection life to all!

We, too, get fixated on the wrong things when it comes to who Jesus is and what He has come to do. Our faith today is likely not the same as it was when we were children, teenagers, or younger adults. As you've grown in faith you have likely had to let go of some misconceptions of who Jesus is. As you continue to grow in your faith, to grow more in tune with Jesus and His mission, you will likely have to let go of even more. As we grow as a congregation there are likely things Jesus is asking us to let go of in order to live more fully into Jesus' mission for us. As you reflect on this week's poem, think of what Jesus might be inviting you or our congregation to loosen a grip on. Read this poem as your prayer:



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "I'm fixed upon it"

Open Hands

We are born with the ability
to wrap our fingers around another,
to hold tight to what we know.
Maybe that's where the instinct comes from—
this clinging,
this sinking,
this holding on.
Maybe that's why Peter cries, "Never!"
when Jesus must leave.
From the very beginning
we've known how to hold tight.
So I pray:
open up my hands.
Uncurl my fingers
one by one.
Loosen the grip
that I hold unyielding.
Remind me that birds must fly
and children must grow
and leaves must fall.
And even though
we are born with the ability
to hold tight,
we can learn how to love
with open hands.

Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

May your wandering heart be blessed, beloved.



About this Series:

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

In becoming familiar with Peter's story, many themes resonated with the hymn, "Come Thou Fount." It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. And so, for each step in Peter's journey, we will be guided by a phrase from this hymn. As we follow Peter's story, we will sing our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God.

Through this series, we affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. We affirm that wandering is exploration, not necessarily distance from God. We affirm the ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

Additional Resources to Expand Your Wandering Heart Journey:

1. Devote: Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's [Wandering Heart Lenten devotional](#), which you can access on your computer and mobile devices: **In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.**
2. Listen: Wandering Faith: Figuring out Faith with Peter [SPOTIFY PLAYLIST](#)
3. Read:
 - a. Read *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*, by Diana Butler Bass. (Harper Collins, 2021).
 - b. *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What To Do About It*, by Brian D. McLaren. (New York: St. Martin's Publishing Group, 2021).
4. Watch: *American Symphony*, a Netflix Documentary. Directed and produced by Matthew Heineman, starring Jon Batiste. Netflix. Released November 29, 2023. netflix.com/title/81728930/ *There are several ways this film resonates with this series, as Batiste shows us a steadfast, heart-forward faith in the midst of a wandering journey.*

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The graphic for "Wandering Heart" features the title in a large, white, serif font. The word "Wandering" is on the top line and "Heart" is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by various small, dark red icons connected by thin, dashed lines, creating a map-like or journey-like theme. The icons include a key, a mountain, a book, a person, a heart, a sun, a cross, and a fish. The background is a textured, mottled mix of blue, purple, and pink.

Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith
with Peter
Lent 2024

Wednesdays in Lent

5:45 Meal
6:30 Prayer around the Cross

Sundays in Lent

9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship Hour

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 14

LENTEN EVENING MEAL HOST SIGN-UP

**Ministry Teams or Individuals are invited to host
one of our Lenten midweek meals! (click on the link above)**

ONLY 1 WEEK REMAINS: MARCH 20!

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**THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TO BOWL!
WE RAISED OVER \$550 FOR
THE “WATER FOR LIFE” WELL PROJECT!**




“WATER IS LIFE” BISHOP’S INITIATIVE

This year we are partnering with the Northwest Synod of WI's Bishop's Initiative, "Water Is Life" to help raise a collective \$40,000 to build 2 solar powered, deep drilled wells in our companion synod of Malawi! You have an opportunity to give every Wednesday or at the Bowling for Water event on March 10th!


BISHOP'S INITIATIVE

WATER IS LIFE




WELL PROJECT

With the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi




Malawi's population is 18.6 million.
More than 50% of the population is under 18 years old.





65% of rural areas have access to clean water services.

1 in 3 people don't have clean water to drink.




Thousands of children die each year due to water-borne illnesses. This worsens after natural disasters.






73% of health care centers don't have access to sanitation facilities.


Access to clean water increases safety and education for women and girls.




Deep-drilled wells can provide clean water for thousands of people in a single area.




Solar well designs can withstand more effects of climate change & extreme weather disasters.




GOAL:
\$40,000 raised by Synod Assembly - June 7-8, 2024




PROJECT:
Assist ELCM in building **two** new solar powered deep drilled wells.




Gifts for this initiative can be given via check, online, or on the synod app.



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
"Bishop's Initiative - Water is Life"
 944 24 1/4 Street Suite 2
 Chetek, WI 54728





Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Are you a sewer, quilter, or crafter with a fabric stash that needs downsizing?

The Green Team is seeking fabric in shades of blue, white, red, green and yellow for an Earth Fest project. Solid or softly patterned woven (not stretchy knit) fabric in pieces 8"x6" or larger would be greatly appreciated!

Fabric can be brought to the Eidskog room and placed in the box labeled "Green Team" from Sunday, March 17 until April 14.

Thank you!!



HOPE's Easter Garden

HOPE is planning to display an Easter Garden around the altar on Easter morning. If you would like to donate plants or flowers to the Garden, please drop yours off on the church kitchen island anytime from Palm Sunday (March 24th) to Easter Saturday (March 30th) at 9:00 am. We will be building our Garden at 9:00 am Saturday morning. Olive will check all plants and flowers that may need watering while she's in the office (through Wednesday). There will also be a sign-in sheet on the kitchen island.

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You're Invited!

**HOPE Community
Book Read & Discussion**

"My hope is that this book will be a springboard to dialogue about history, the present reality of Indigenous peoples' experience, and the meaning and future of the United States itself."
Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

First discussion April 14 following worship

Books available for free in the HOPE office

Discussions related to the history of the United States from the Indigenous experience as a step toward Truth & Healing.
What does this mean for us as people of HOPE?

Please Join Us! HOPE Community Book Read & Discussion

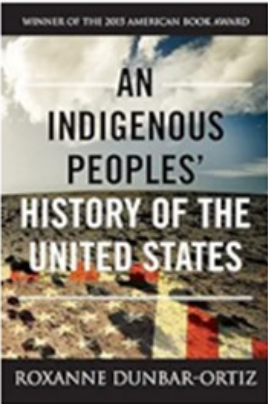
In 1452 Pope Nicholas V issued a decree that laid the foundation for the Doctrine of Discovery. His decree gave King Alfonso V of Portugal authority to enslave non-Christian peoples, thereby promoting his country's slave trade in West Africa. Successive papal decrees solidified and expanded the doctrine by granting Catholic nations of Europe the authority to declare dominion over the then-unknown non-Christian lands they encountered in the Age of Discovery. The decrees also encouraged enslaving native peoples ("Papal Bull Dum Diversas 18 June, 1452," doctrineofdiscovery.org).

In 2016, 19 ELCA synod assemblies passed a memorial that would charge the triennial ELCA Churchwide Assembly to consider repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. With a vote of 912 to 28, the representative assembly adopted the memorial, making the ELCA the second major denomination in the United States to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.

On April 29, 2023, the following resolution was approved by the NW Synod of Wisconsin Assembly: "Be it resolved that each congregation take the small step to include a land acknowledgement in their bulletin and newsletter, and speak the words or a variation of these words: 'we gather today on the ancestral land of the (appropriate tribe or nation) and honor their elders past, present, and emerging' before every public gathering, including but not limited to, worship".

How are these three events connected, and what do they mean for us as people of HOPE Lutheran Church? Let us explore together to find out! Please join us for a HOPE community book read and discussion of "An Indigenous People's History of the United States" by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. **We have 18 copies of the book available for free for pick up on a first come-first serve basis beginning March 3. If you would like a copy, please contact or visit Olive in the administrative office, Mondays - Wednesdays 9:00 - 3:00. Then please plan on joining the discussions beginning Sunday, April 14 following worship.** More details to come. Book info below is from Amazon.com.

The first history of the United States told from the perspective of indigenous peoples



Today in the United States, there are more than five hundred federally recognized Indigenous nations comprising nearly three million people, descendants of the fifteen million Native people who once inhabited this land. The centuries-long genocidal program of the US settler-colonial regimen has largely been omitted from history. Now, for the first time, acclaimed historian and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz offers a history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples and reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the US empire.

"Origin narratives form the vital core of a people's unifying identity and of the values that guide them. In the United States, the founding and development of the Anglo-American settler-state involves a narrative about Puritan settlers who had a covenant with God to take the land. That part of the origin story is supported and reinforced by the Columbus myth and the 'Doctrine of Discovery.'" - Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

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The St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Week

[YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR A BUILD DAY HERE](#)

Workdays are from 9-3:30, with half shifts available

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old,

Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

This year's build is a bit different – rather than a new, ground-up build, we will be rehabbing a town home in Somerset! We're very excited to be expanding the scope of our projects in this way, as a shorter construction period will allow us to take on more builds and serve more families! Spring schedules can be busy, so talk with your HOPE friends about a day/time that works best for you and sign-up! Women and men are welcome on these project days.

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**ALL WOH YOUTH & FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND OUR
MIDWEEK LENTEN MEALS & WORSHIP**

5:45- Meal

6:30- Worship

Spring Session begins April 10th!

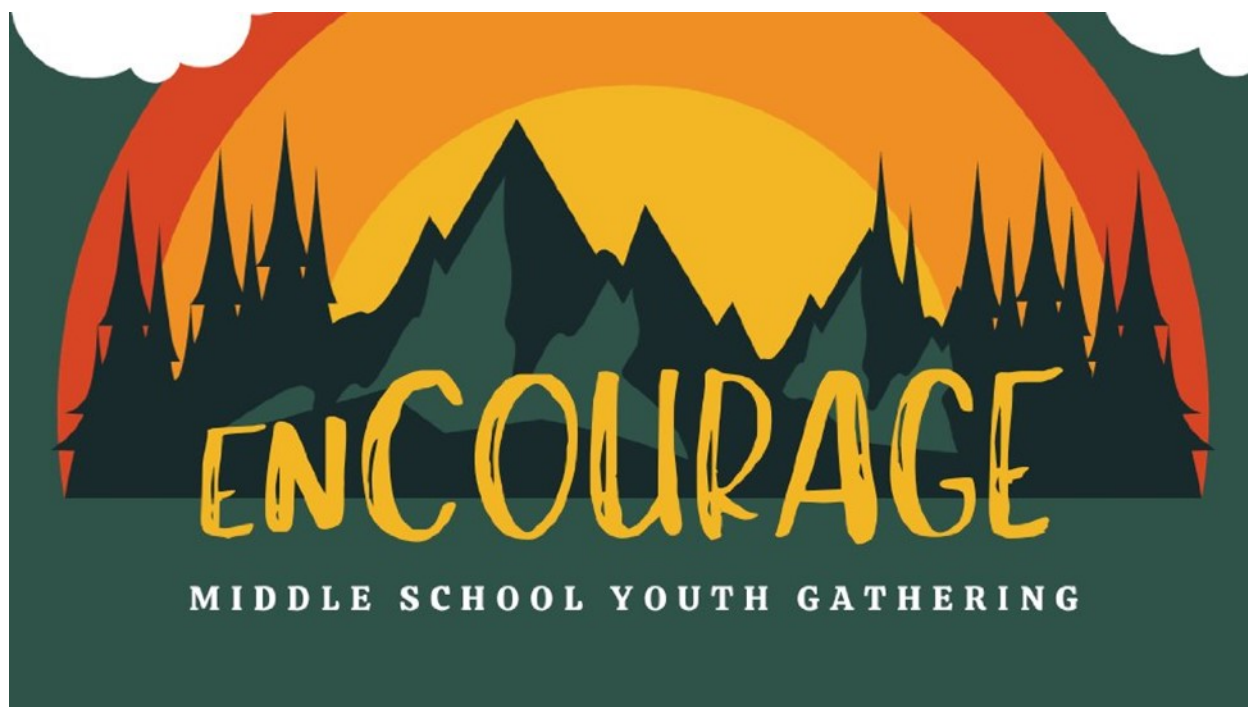
All K-10th+* grade youth are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM for fellowship, family friendly worship & service, learning, and growing in relationship to Jesus and one another! Our evenings begin with a brief family style worship, where children & adults help with leadership and a true sense of community is fostered. Youth are then divided into elementary (Faith Adventures) and middle/high (Confirmation) classes for deeper engagement with the evening's themes.

**If you have not already done so, you can register for the
Winter session here:**

[2023-2024 Wednesdays of HOPE Registration](#)

Teachers and Snack Hosts are needed to make each night of Wednesdays of HOPE a safe, engaging, and welcoming time for all! Please consider sharing your time and gifts to help! Sign-up at the links above or contact Pastor Annie!

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**April 13, 2024 8AM-5PM
\$50 by MARCH 31**

All 5th through 8th graders throughout the NW Synod of WI are invited to join us for an incredible day of music, awesome guest speakers, workshops, group activities, and service projects as we explore what it looks like to trust in God, to have courage, to encourage one another, and be reminded that Jesus is with us always! Registration fee includes an event t-shirt, breakfast treats & lunch. We hope to see you there!!

HOPE youth and friends who would like to attend need to let Pastor Annie know and turn in your \$50 payment NO LATER THAN March 31, 2024. **Please know that cost barriers will never exclude anyone from participating! Speak with Pastor Annie about scholarships.**

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All are invited & needed to participate in the leading of worship!
Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Want to help but not sure what the job entails?
Learn more in our [Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

2024 ALTAR GUILD/COMMUNION SET-UP HELP STILL NEEDED!

We are still in need of people willing to prepare the Altar for Sunday morning worship each week. This opportunity allows you the opportunity for a monthly rotation. Please sign up here:

[COMMUNION SET-UP/ALTAR GUILD HELPERS](#)

For a description of how to fulfill this role check out the
[Worship Volunteer Guide](#)

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP HOST STILL NEEDED!

We have been blessed with a pretty steady return of our Sunday fellowship time, but we do have an opening this coming Sunday!

You can [SIGN UP HERE](#) or contact Pastor Annie if you are able!

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All are invited to join Pastor Annie for this weekly small group conversation and Bible study!

This is a great chance to grow in relationship with God and one another.

We meet via Zoom so all can join from wherever you are!



We have eggs again!

\$3.00 a dozen donation.

You can find them in refrigerator.

The donations will go to Youth Ministry events.

Thanks for supporting our youth here at HOPE!!

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Trinity’s outreach ministry, We Do Feet was founded with a mission to provide basic household items to anyone in need, especially those desiring to make a fresh start in life. Since the 1990’s, We Do Feet has made a large impact in the St. Croix Valley, now serving hundreds of households annually.

Donations needed:

Beds, dressers, sheets, mattresses & box springs (must be in good, clean shape)
Household items-dishes, silverware, pots & pans, bowls & small appliances

Contact:

715-781-0622

Address:

614 Badlands Rd. Hudson

Volunteers needed:

Weekly shifts are Tuesday evenings from 5-7pm
and Saturday mornings from 9am – noon.



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Death of a Parent: Am I an adult orphan?

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Via Zoom Webinar

Bakken-Young Funeral and Cremation Services invites you to a free grief webinar for those who are coping with grief after the death of their parent(s).



Presenter, Kenneth Doka will discuss:

- Describe the manifestations and process of grief noting the ways that the death of a parent can be disenfranchised
- Discuss the ways that a parent's death can influence the adult child's development and family dynamics
- Describe self-help strategies in assisting adult children cope with parental loss

Join **Kenneth Doka, PhD, MDiv, FT**, Professor Emeritus at the Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle and Senior Vice-President for Grief Programs for the Hospice Foundation of America. He is the author of numerous books and publications and the contributing author of *Dying & Death: Life & Living*. He has keynoted conferences throughout North America and other countries.

Register at: bakken-young.com/event/grief-webinar

Questions? Contact Julia Rajtar, Grief Support Coordinator
(715) 781-4003 or julia@bakken-young.com

Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services

River Falls (715) 425-8788 | info@bakken-young.com | New Richmond (715) 243-5252

Visit our grief support page for more information on events and resources at: bakken-young.com

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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
Jan Wegleitner	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
- Hannah Hoglo
- Richard Jackson
- Debra James
- Mallory James
- Keri Jiskra
- Connie Juaire
- Katherine (Klacan) Schilling
- Morgan Leitch
- Gwen Paulson
- Kyle Rudesill
- Susie Rudesill



Celebrating

Mark and Sarah Bondhus 15-Mar 44 Years



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Breccan Olson and family

Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)

Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)

Sharon & Kermit Paulson

Barbara McIntosh (Mother of Joe McIntosh)

Brooke Grant (niece of Margaret Anderson)

Family of Mike Roy (Friend of Karen Rodewald)

Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy & David Peters)

David Anderson (Karen Brohaugh's brother)

Ed and Gwen Paulson

Randy Dopkins (Family friend of Olive Olson)

Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)

John Weller (Cousin of Karen Brohaugh)

Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)

Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)

John and Lisa Davis (Friends of Dale & Jan Wegleitner)

Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)

Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)

Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)

Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)

Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)

Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)

Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)

Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)

Hannah Forward

Amanda Olson (daughter of Olive Olson)

Ella Conover (Phil & Paula's Klacan's Niece)

Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)

David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)

Teajai Schmidt (Relative of Boock family)

Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)

Gary Siebold

David Hendrickson