

The Anchor Line

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Hope Lutheran Church

Anchored in Jesus
Living with Joy
Reflecting His Love

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From Pastor Baye...

"The joy of the LORD is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10b

A blessed March to you! As I write this, I am struck by the seeming irony of the fruit of the Spirit we emphasize this month. On March 2, we observe one of the most somber days of the church year, Ash Wednesday. Dust is applied to foreheads as people hear the words, "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return." It's a day where we are reminded of the reality of Romans 6:23, that the wages of sin is death. Ash Wednesday will kick off a six-week season of reflection and repentance, a time that many Christians mark by denying themselves some of the daily pleasures they indulge on other days of the year in order that they might more fully focus on Jesus' sacrifice. During a time like Lent, can we really talk about joy? Or like the word "Alleluia," is joy something that we bury until we get to April and the celebration of Easter?

It's true that the weeks to come can feel somber and contemplative at times, but for the child of God, joy doesn't have to disappear with Lent. For the story that we are rehearsing is good news – really good news! It's the ultimate love story, the story of a God who will not quit until we are rescued from evil in every possible form. The death of Jesus for you and me means that there is "no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). It means that we ourselves will conquer death. It guarantees the day when sadness, temptation, sickness, injury, and violence will be gone forever. And if that were not all, we are given the promise even now that our God is with us, powerfully at work in our lives to draw us to Jesus, to make us more like Jesus, and to bring blessing to others.

And one of the great ways God brings blessing through us is by working the fruit of joy in our lives. Paul writes to the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always; I will say it again, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). This joy and happiness is not based primarily on our present circumstance, but on the rock-solid hope that we have in Jesus. As we hear in our verse of the month, joy is a source of strength. We see this in our daily lives – it's a lot easier to endure a process if we generally enjoy what we're doing (think of an athlete or artist honing their craft). And joy is attractive, because everyone wants to be happy – everyone wants joy. Even in Lent, we have the happiest news of all! Our guilt has been erased. Our relationship with God has been completely healed. Our lives are completely secure in Jesus. What can beat that?

May God bless us to be people of joy, trusting and reflecting the One who rejoices over us!

Christ's peace and joy,

Pastor Baye

Board of Elders

Submitted by Jason Maschke

I would like to introduce you to the members of our 2022 Board of Elders. We look forward to working with the Hope Congregation this year. You can reach the Elders anytime via email at elders@hopedepere.org or you can reach the current Head Elder, Jason Maschke at 920-676-7368.



Pastor Baye



Jason Maschke, Head Elder



Allen Radliff



Brendan Potton



Gregg Ginnow



Paul Edinger



Paul Heling



Matthew Schuette



Randy Burhite





Hope's Health Corner

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer

hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:8-10

In the days before the chicken pox vaccine came out, some parents would host "chicken pox parties." The thinking was that chicken pox is a mild disease for kids but worse for adults and catching it early would provide a lifetime of immunity.

Now, you may not want to host one of these types of "catchy" parties anymore (especially since there's a vaccine!) but many of us are craving social time with friends & family. The question becomes, how can we do this safely in a world still dealing with COVID?

There's certainly etiquette involved, but the short answer is we CAN do it safely. To help your guests make the best decisions for themselves, be sure to share more details. The more information you can share about your event, the better. Be bold, be optimistic, and be truthful. Some things to mention might include:

- Whether you'd like your guests to be vaccinated or not
- If you expect the event to be masked or maskless.
- If there will be food/drinks or not, or if guests should bring their own, and
- How long the gathering will be.

Be mindful that even with your effort to prepare your home and protect your guests' health, some may still not be comfortable coming. It is important we are prepared to be okay with that. If the event allows, you could consider having those uncomfortable coming attend virtually with a Zoom or Facetime call. Keep in mind that warmer weather is coming, and outdoor events will be more than welcome while at the same time provide a safer environment to enjoy one another's company.

So, whether you are starting with something small, such as a dinner with extended family, a board game night with your neighbors, or a Bible study with friends... or maybe something a bit larger like a baby shower, you can still meet with friends and family, and do so safely!

We pray you make time to spend special moments with one another. As weeks turned into months, and

now years, it's become clear that our lives can't be put on hold indefinitely. We need each other. Let's move on, but let's do it safely and respectfully.

In Christ,

Bryan Carlson, BSN, RN and Leighann Heling, BSN, RN
Hope Lutheran's Parish Nurses

Sunday School & Youth News

Submitted by Hannah Zahrt

Sunday School: The theme for the Sunday School year is based off the Fruits of the Spirit with the theme verse being Galatians 5:22-23.

- Sunday School meets in the classrooms at 9:15am and ends around 10:15am. We have classes for kids' ages preschool through high school!
- Offering for February went to help North Wisconsin District's Hearts for Jesus mission. The mission was the organization Helping Hands Eastern European Ministries. In March, we will be collecting offerings for Freedom House in Green Bay.

Youth Nights: We have both Senior and Junior High Youth groups here at Hope.

- Senior High is for high school students! We meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (sometimes 5th Wednesday) from 5:30-6:30pm.
January Senior High dates:
 - Wednesday, March 2
 - Wednesday, March 16
 - No youth Wednesday, March 30 (spring break)*
- Junior High is for 5th-8th graders. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 4:30-5:30pm.
January Junior High dates:
 - Wednesday, March 9
 - Wednesday, March 23

Youth Gathering Meeting: There will be a National Youth Gathering meeting on Sunday, March 27 for those who are planning to attend this summer! We'll plan to meet following the late service at around 11:45am.

Youth Cookbook Fundraiser: The youth cookbooks are available for purchase! Books are available for \$20 and can be purchased from a specific youth or between church services. These funds will be used to help kids attend youth events as well as the National Youth Gathering this summer! Thank you for your support!

Spring Seroogy's Sale: The youth will be selling Seroogy's coffee again this spring! Youth will be selling until March 16. If you need to restock on your coffee, the youth has you covered!

Community Engagement Ministry

Submitted by Kim Thompson

*Mission of Community Engagement Ministry
To be Jesus' servants to meet physical, spiritual and*

JOY: Have you seen the Pixar movie "Inside Out"? It narrowed down the human personality into five main emotions: disgust, sadness, anger, fear and joy. Although this film very accurately portrayed what it looks like to have all of your emotions working together inside your brain, and it's a psychologically sound film, I think that it gets one thing wrong.

Spiritually speaking, our joy cannot be lost or forgotten about. Joy is usually synonymous with happiness. But even in day-to-day conversations, we make the distinction that happiness and joy are two very separate things. If I describe someone as a joyful person, that doesn't mean to say that they are happy all the time; it means that there is joy that flows out of them and reveals its face in the form of happiness.

Joy is a choice. Rick Warren gave us this definition of joy: "**Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright and the determined choice to praise God in every situation.**"

The two parts of his definition are "quiet confidence" and "determined choice." We feel a sense of joy when we praise God and know that He is in control is a daily, minute-by-minute choice. When we rest in joy, we are truly able to acknowledge the one who is in control of it all.

"So, with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." (John 16:22). This passage in John says how no one can take away our joy. It talks of joy like it is an actual object, something of eternal value and everlasting ownership.

I want that! I want the kind of joy that is rooted so deeply in my heart that nothing can cause it to waver. That is joy. Joy is a choice. Let joy outpour from you as the confidence in God and His spirit fill you up.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

Spreading some JOY at Freedom House. As a Hope Family, we have been focusing in on a Fruit of the

Spirit each month. This focus has also allowed us to find ways to share that Spirit by being Jesus' hands and feet. Community Engagement has organized events and called on the Hope Family to participate. Sometimes, I might hear are we asking too much? Then I think of the sacrifice of Jesus that God gave to us to give us a life of grace, love and forgiveness. We can share that same love in small ways that we can give to those in need. So, we ask you to participate where you are able and the times that you are able. And this month remember JOY- Jesus - Others - You.



How can you help? We will serve a meal at Freedom House, a shelter for homeless families located in Green Bay. Many circumstances can lead to

homelessness, such as an unexpected medical bill or car repair. At Freedom House on the east side, these families are offered emergency shelter, food & hygiene items and programming to assist them as they get back on their own. They receive individualized budgets and the skills they need for independence. Families can apply to live at the west side location, a transitional living program site, where they continue to work on reducing debt and rehabilitating their credit.

Hope will help to provide an evening meal to Freedom House on March 9. We will prepare and serve slow cooker recipes. We are looking for individuals to help prepare them ahead of time and individuals to serve on that evening from 4 - 6:15. If you are able, please sign up in the narthex for one of the following:

- Slow - Cooker Chicken Broccoli Lasagna and Mac & Cheese (need 2 of each): Pick up recipe, prepare in a slow cooker with your name on it and bring to Hope by 8:00 AM on March 9.
- Slow Cooker Applesauce (need 4): This can be made at home and brought to church to put in the refrigerator prior to March 9.
- Cookies: 5 dozen cookies by March 9
- Servers: Need 2 more servers to come on March 9 to help serve the meal from 4- 6:15 at 2886 St. Anthony Drive, Green Bay.

We also will help each family by gifting them a slow cooker and the recipes. We hope this will help to get them on their feet when they move out of Freedom House with ways to prepare healthy home cooked

meals. A Thrivent Action Team Card has helped us purchase these slow cookers. Help HOPE share JOY in the month of Shamrock Green!

Thank you to all who participated in our MISSION OF LOVE Week at Hope in February. We pray that we made a difference in the lives of others and they felt LOVE. Please share any unique stories if you had any from your gifting. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son"* John 3:16

Help for the Homeless: We are collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local crisis agencies through The Family Radio's annual "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive through March 7. Please place your donations in the collection box in the narthex of Hope or make a financial donation for the purchase of supplies for our community at thefamily.net. Supplying these items to local shelters will help them direct their limited funds to providing qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. Most urgently needed items are laundry soap, kitchen size trash bags (shelters go through LOTS of these), shampoo, cleaning supplies, diapers, toilet tissue, and feminine care. **Your donations will remain in this community.** Note: Food Share (formerly Food Stamps) does not cover the cost of non-food items such as soap and diapers. Thank you! More info at thefamily.net. In addition to the items suggested above, see the bulletin board for a complete list.

DPCO Food Pantry: In April, we will have a special collection for food for De Pere Outreach Food Pantry as we walk the Lenten Journey to Easter. Stay tuned for more details.

Community Engagement Ministry: The next meeting will be Tuesday March 8 at 5:30 via zoom. Contact Kim Thompson if you wish to join us.

NEW Lutheran High

By God's grace, the campaign for the NEW Lutheran School Association which supports the operations of Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School & NEW Lutheran High School, has now reached the \$1 million level. Through the generosity of many supporters, the campaign is moving forward towards the goal of \$1.9 million. To find out more about how to support this effort, please contact NEWLSA Executive Director Mr. Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754 or nelsonc@newlhs.com. Thank you for your prayers and support for our Lutheran schools!

Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School

A committee has been formed to conduct a nationwide search to fill the role of Principal at Green Bay Trinity. If you have a candidate that you think should be included in the Divine Call process, please contact Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754 or via email at nelsonc@newlhs.com to nominate the individual. The deadline for name submissions is February 28.

Green Bay Trinity Dinner & Gala is March 12th beginning at 4:00 PM at Riverside Ballroom. See the back page of this newsletter for more details.

Thrivent

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



Thank you to those who designated Hope as the recipient of their Thrivent Choice funds. Thrivent Members allocated **\$3,998** to Hope Lutheran in 2021. March 31st is the deadline for Thrivent Members to designate their 2021 funds.



Christmas?? Yes! This year we are trying something different. For the first 2 weeks of each month, we will collect a specific item for the Christmas Store. The bin will be out in the narthex (below the volunteer bulletin board) for those 2 weeks each month. The March collection is for hats and caps.

Watch the announcements for the collection item each month. Thank you to those who donated mittens in February.

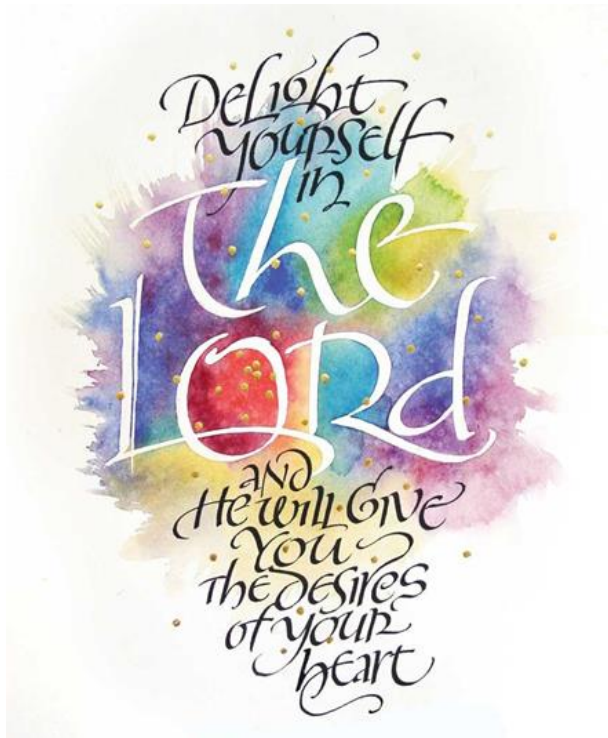


March DPCO Food Pantry Collection

March 23rd and 27th are the days Hope focuses on filling our food collection bin to help fill the shelves at the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry.

Thank You

To all those who served at Hope in February, we thank you for your gifts of time and talent. Whether you take care of snow removal & maintenance, usher, share the gift of music, serve on a board/ministry group, take care of communion needs, represent Hope by reaching out to the community, you are needed and appreciated.



Happy Anniversary

Jason & Heather Baierl	3/2
Daniel & Jane Klug	3/16

Happy Birthday

Charles Novitski	3/2
Anson Fawcett	3/3
Rick Stenklyft	3/3
Benson Daul	3/4
Krysta Dickie	3/4
Emma Novitski	3/4
Nancy Mittelstaedt	3/5
Lenore Swalheim	3/5
Aria Richart	3/6
Sarah Brandenburg	3/7
Kylie Loppnow	3/7
Paula Meyer	3/7
Evan Monfre	3/7
Heather Vang	3/7
Sophia Baierl	3/8
Amanda Novitski	3/8
David Schneider	3/8
Dolores Springstube	3/8
Teagan Borchers	3/9
Saoirse Cunningham	3/12
Lisa Mason	3/12
Jeffrey Leiterman Jr.	3/14
Becky Monfre	3/15
Samantha Rusch	3/15
Harvey Klug	3/17
Patricia Krahn	3/17
Millie Grueb	3/18
Brittany Schneider	3/18
Kenzee Burhite	3/21
Samuel Heling	3/21
Keiley Bishop	3/22
Corbin Dombrowski	3/22
Ethan Ryczek	3/22
Keaton VandenLangenberg	3/22
Liam Byrne	3/25
Kylie Helein	3/25
Elsie Saeger	3/26
David Thompson	3/29
Samantha Lambert	3/30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 AM Bulletin 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	2 Ash Wednesday 5:30 PM Sr. High Youth 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Elders	3 6:30 PM The Chosen (Fellowship Hall)	4	5
6 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship	7 Help for the Homeless collection ends.	8 8:00 AM Bulletin Submission Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 5:30 PM Community Engagement 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Women of Hope	9 Freedom House Meal 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Worship	10	11	12 Green Bay Trinity Dinner & Gala
13 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship	14 6:30 PM Council	15 8:00 AM Bulletin Submission Due 8:00 AM April Newsletter Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	16 Last day to purchase Seroogy's coffee from youth. 5:30 PM Sr. High Youth 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Worship	17	18	19
20 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship	21 6:00 PM AOH Board Meeting	22 8:00 AM Bulletin Submission Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	23 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Worship Food Collection	24	25	26
27 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship 11:45 AM National Youth Gathering Meeting Food Collection	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">AOH Spring Break March 28-April 1</div>	29 8:00 AM Bulletin Submission Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	30 Spring Break (no youth or confirmation) 6:30 PM Worship	31		

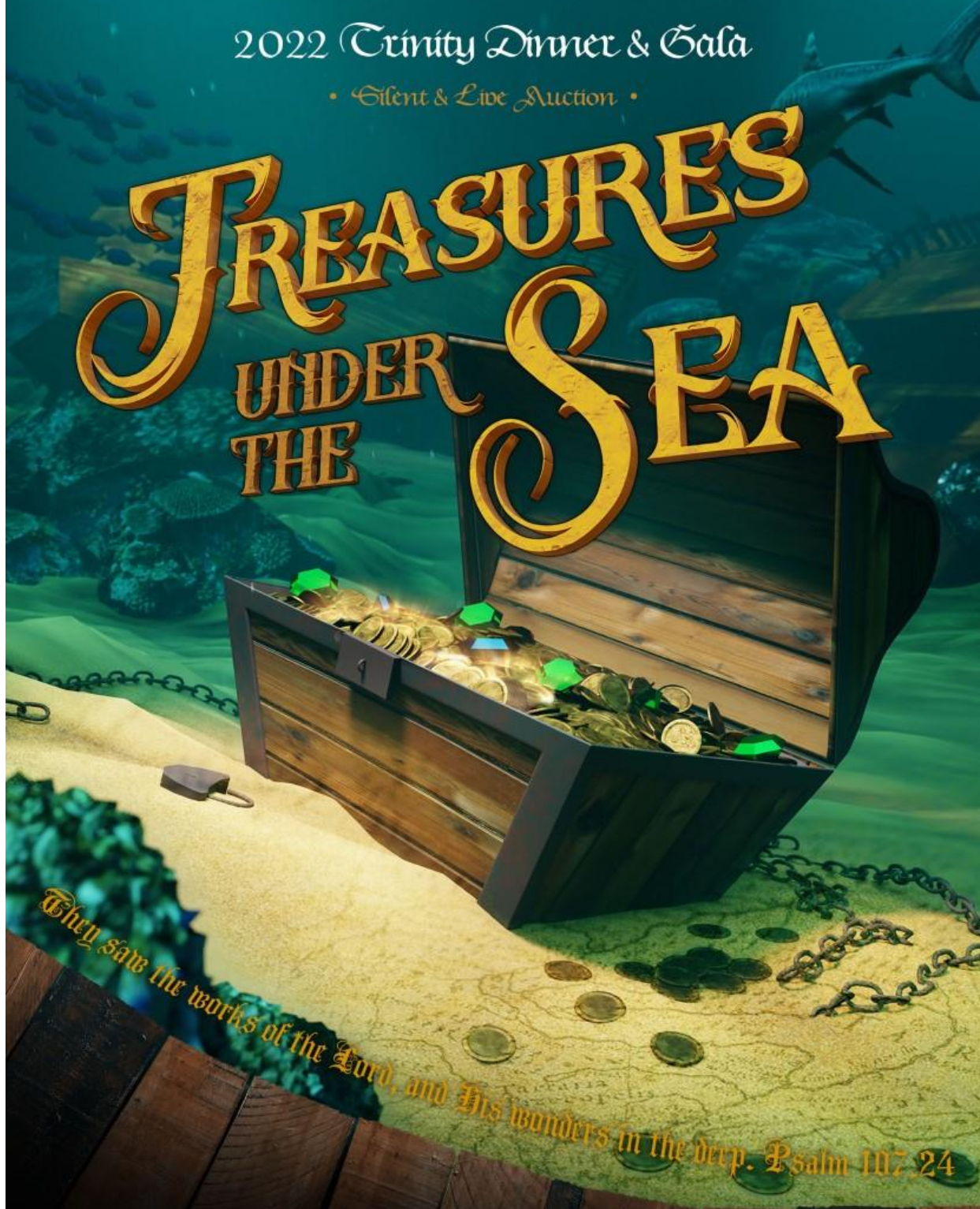
Mar. 12th • 4pm

Riverside  Ballroom

2022 Trinity Dinner & Gala

• Silent & Live Auction •

TREASURES UNDER THE SEA



They saw the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep. Psalm 107:24



Tickets • \$35 per person • \$245 table of 8

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