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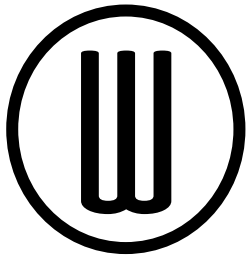
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LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR



Street Level Bible Study
Mondays
Dinner 6pm
Study 7pm
Street Level House
1009 6th St E | Menomonie, WI

JF BELIEVERS

**Jesus Fellowship
of Believers Church**
Sundays 10:30am
Wednesdays 7:00pm
621 Wilson Ave
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9am-12pm
Lunch at 11am
Blind Munchies Coffeehouse
621 Wilson Ave
Menomonie, WI

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APRIL

FREE CLIMB FRIDAYS, STOUT ADVENTURES, 2PM-9PM

FRI. 4/20—SAT. 4/21 DUNN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE, MENOMONIE VETERANS CENTER, FRI
9AM-3PM, SAT 9AM-3PM

MENOMONIE FARMERS MARKET, WEDNESDAYS 11AM-6PM &
SATURDAYS 8AM-1PM

WED. 4/25 BASEBALL VS. UW-STEVENS POINT (DH), 1PM, 4PM

THUR. 4/26 SOFTBALL VS. UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN (DH),
4PM, 6PM

FRI. 4/27—SAT. 4/28 FRIENDS OF THE MENOMONIE PUBLIC
LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE, 10AM-5PM

FRI. 4/27 "HOUSE SHOW" AT THE BLIND MUNCHIES
COFFEEHOUSE, BAND TBA, 7PM-9PM

FRI. 4/27 COMEDY SHOWS (CEDARBROOK CHURCH), 6PM-10PM

SAT. 4/28 RUN FOR WATER 5K (RED CEDAR TRAIL), 8AM-11AM

MAY

WED. 5/2 UNITED WAY SPRING CARNIVAL (MENOMONIE HIGH
SCHOOL), 4PM-7PM

THUR. 5/3—SAT. 5/5 THREE DAY SALE AT A SORTED
COLLECTION, MENOMONIE, 11AM-4PM

SUN. 5/6 AUTO CLUB CAR SHOW, LOT 14 IN FRONT OF BOWMAN
HALL, 12PM

MON. 5/7—FRI. 5/11 FINALS WEEK

TUE. 5/8 SEED SAVING WORKSHOP (MENOMONIE MARKET
FOOD CO-OP), 6PM-7PM

FRI. 5/11 CONCERT & GRAND OPENING AT TANGLEWOOD
GREENS, 6PM CONCERT

SUN. 5/13 MOTHER'S DAY

SAT. 5/25—SUN. 5/26 STREET LEVEL MINISTRIES THRIFT SALE,
1009 6TH ST. EAST, 9AM-5PM

MON. 5/28 MEMORIAL DAY

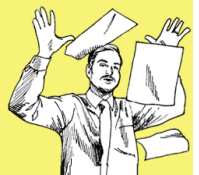
JUNE/JULY

THUR. 6/21—SAT. 6/23 TWIN CITIES JAZZ FESTIVAL (FREE)

SAT. 6/30-SUN. 7/1 LAKE MENOMIN WATERX
(WAKANDA PARK BEACH)

WED. 7/4 INDEPENDENCE DAY/MENOMONIE FREEDOM FEST,
WAKANDA PARK, 4PM-11PM

WED. 7/25—SUN. 7/30 DUNN COUNTY FAIR





UW-SPROUT
CAMPUS GARDEN

TAP INTO YOUR GREEN THUMB

WITH THE UW-SPROUT CAMPUS GARDEN!

UW-Sprout is a campus garden that operates during the summer months and grows a wide variety of vegetables, melons, and herbs. The garden is a fifth of an acre, market-garden for students, faculty, and staff to grow food and cultivate community. At the garden, there are many opportunities to volunteer and seek out gardening if you're interested to learn!

Below is an interview with the student manager of the garden: Christy Hammerstrom. She is an Industrial Design major and participates on the UW-Stout cross country and track and field teams.

What is UW-Sprout?

"The UW-Sprout garden is a market-garden which means we have CSA customers, which stands for Community Sustained Agriculture. Basically, the produce we grow goes to customers that are either students, faculty, or staff of the UW-Stout system. Last year, we had 18 customers and on Wednesdays is when we harvest the produce and deliver it to their offices on campus. We have two bikes that we use to transport the produce on campus."

When was the organization and garden formed?

"The first season of the garden was in 2014. They had to do a lot of work to get the plot, plow the land, toss the soil, etc."

What kinds of produce are grown each summer?

"Oh gosh, sometimes we try to switch it up based upon what people like. Last

summer, we did chard, lettuce, spinach, watermelon, cantaloupe, basil, a whole bunch of herbs, eggplant, peppers, corn, beans, leeks, green onions, sweet onions, cilantro, parsley, tomatoes, carrots, snap peas, kohlrabi, and radishes, anything you would find at a grocery store, and then some (*takes deep breath*). The garden is a fifth of an acre so if we finish growing something, we can plant something new in that area."

Could you tell me a bit about the volunteer program?

"We have students who come and volunteer. They are usually a part of environmental science classes at Stout. Volunteering mainly occurs in the summer because we do not garden in the winter. Every year we do a spring kick-off which is the last week in April, and we start advertising for that around mid-March so students can come help and prep everything. This year it is on April 25 from 5-7pm. Also, people can come on harvest days and help us pick and clean the produce. Then, if we have enough produce left over, we'll send it home with students who want it. Students can help with spreading woodchips and weeding or work on planting, as well."

Where is the garden located?

"The garden is located up on North Campus behind Red Cedar Hall. We recently just got a fence that is really tall, so hopefully people can still see it! It is a little bit out of the way, so many students and staff do not know about it."

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What is the vision for the garden in the future?

"We just want students to be more involved with the garden and consider becoming student CSA members. The student rates for being a CSA member are: a ½ bushel of produce every week for \$80/month (or a \$280 one-time payment) and a ¼ bushel every week for \$40/month (or a \$140 one-time payment). We think it would be really cool if we could get some of our produce into the dining services on campus as well. We also want to expand at some point and possibly start an apple orchard."

Who can get involved if they so choose?

"Students, faculty, and staff. We want more students to get

involved with the garden because right now the majority are just staff members. Harvest days are Wednesdays and there is no need to sign-up in advance to volunteer, just show up! Summer hours are Monday-Friday from 8am - 5pm."

For further information and pictures, check out their social media!

Facebook: facebook.com/uwsprout/

Email: uwsproutgarden@uwstout.edu

Sustainability Website: uwstout.edu/life-stout/sustainability/sustainability-office

Instagram: @sustainablestout



JACOB ANDERSON
 Junior at University of Wisconsin – Stout
Major: Studio Arts
Concentration: Ceramics
Medium: Glazed, Earthenware Clay
Title: *Tea Set, Blue & Teapot and Cups, Yellow*

Both of the pieces above were showcased in February at the UW – Stout art gallery *Function / Dysfunction*, held in the student gallery (AA 209). According to Jacob, these pieces were made to refine craft and form. They reflect the concept of a child narrative, being very whimsical, delicate, and something you would find in a fairytale.

Jacob's philosophy on life is about maximizing happiness, and for him, that is being in an artistic field. He explained that the process of making art, or his ceramic work, is very nurturing and therapeutic. He likes to focus on his experiences and self-reflection.

One Girl's True Story



I grew up thinking that I have to be good to have satisfaction in life. Most of my family served in the church and one uncle was a priest. I believed that religion was the only way to Heaven. Ever since high school, I've read the Bible every day, prayed, memorized verses, and attended church regularly. But doing all these things eventually stopped making sense to me. I began to daily ask God to come into my life, save me, and write my name in the Book of Life.

Despite striving hard to be spiritually good, I was at war with my attitude. I was self-centered, impatient, bad-tempered and a spoiled brat. I was an introvert and hated mingling with people. I was almost friendless.

My college life in Cebu City was confined to my dorm and school. Getting and maintaining good grades drove me to frustration because my scholarship depended on it. It pushed me physically and emotionally, and this struggle lasted for months on end. There was a time where I cried for two straight weeks. I even entertained the idea of harming myself because the emotional pain was too much.

In April 2017, I decided that I had had enough sadness, tears, and meaninglessness. I asked for help from a friend who I knew was a Christian. She suggested that I read this book by a Christian author, and after two months of reading it, I applied my heart to what the book was saying. Sadness went away temporarily. The emptiness, however, reared its ugly head again.

A friend of mine connected me to Ate Maimai Tendero, a Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) missionary. She invited me to go to church with her that Sunday, and that was the beginning of our regular discipleship. After weeks of Bible study, I found myself hungry for God's Word for the first

"DESPITE STRIVING HARD TO BE SPIRITUALLY GOOD, I WAS AT WAR WITH MY ATTITUDE."

time. The Bible made sense now. God's promises were now an encouragement. I saw the need and purpose of being in a Christian community so I committed myself to join Movement Life and the 5am prayer time put on by CCC.

Being involved with a ministry group and worshipping in a Christian church gave me a bigger picture of what Christianity was all about. It's a relationship with Jesus Christ that's realized in a community. Religion, after all, isn't the way to Heaven like I used to think. Not only was I shaped spiritually, but I also saw how my character was being changed. I started to come out of my shell and began to have the courage to talk and mingle with people. Today, I am able to share personal stories with other students. I also learned how to share Jesus and the gospel with others.

None of these changes happened overnight; in fact, I didn't even notice them in me until others told me! Everything has all been because of God's grace. Every time I sit and wonder how God changed my heart, His words in Jeremiah 29:11-13 remind me that, *"He knows the plans He has for me, plans to prosper me and not to harm me, plans to give me hope and a future. When I call on Him and come and pray to Him, He will listen to me when I seek Him with my heart."*

- Blessie



Esther Ahn Kim

A SOLDIER FOR CHRIST IN KOREA

While the Germans were invading Europe during WWII, Christians were being persecuted in East Asia. Among them, Esther Ahn Kim was being criticized for being too weak in a country where boys were preferable. Little did she know God would use her in big ways.

Esther grew up with her fiery-spirited mother who became passionate about the Lord. With a missionary's testament of truth from the Bible, Esther prepped for future suffering in a broken country.¹ As the Japanese took control over Korea in the 1930's, Korean lifestyles were being destroyed. Idol shrines were being built across the entire country. Government offices, schools, and even personal homes were required to house shrines. Laws were changed and a requirement to all Korean citizens was passed to bow to a shrine of the Japanese emperor alongside a shrine of the Japanese sun goddess, Amaterasu Omikami.²

During this time, Esther came to know Jesus and was a teacher at an all-girls Christian school where they were surrounded by idol shrines.¹ There, Esther wrestled with the idea of bowing to an idol other than her Lord Jesus. But as a teacher, Esther was looked upon as a leader and expected to be the example. Police came to enforce the policy and would arrest anyone who refused. Yet, she had made her decision to follow Christ. Her school lined up and her heart was racing. She understood

the risk. The officials called to bow. As her entire school around her slowly bent at the waist, Esther stood perfectly still.

The entire school began to rise back up; all officials had their eyes on Esther. Esther's thoughts consumed her: "I have done what I should have done. Now, I

"POLICE CAME TO ENFORCE THE POLICY AND WOULD ARREST ANYONE WHO REFUSED. YET, SHE HAD MADE HER DECISION TO FOLLOW CHRIST."

commit the rest to You. I died today on that mountain - now it is only You who lives through me. I leave everything in Your hands."²

Esther and her mother fled from the officials. By God's sleight of hand, they found an isolated house deep in the mountains. It was there that Esther prepared for the suffering that was ahead. She diligently memorized hymns and hundreds of scriptures. She forced herself into a state of poverty and lived without all the comforts she had grown

up with. She began to sleep without a quilt, fasted, and ate spoiled food scraps to prepare for potential prison time.³

Christ was transforming Esther from that frail, faltering woman, to a bold and confident ambassador for Him. God then called for Esther to go into the heart of Tokyo, Japan, to share His message.

While in Japan in 1939, Esther was captured and imprisoned. Esther drew strength from the many scriptures she had memorized. She shared the love of Christ with her fellow inmates and prayed for them. She shone with supernatural love toward her persecutors and fellow prisoners. It was while she was with them that she realized they all needed Jesus equally. Throughout torture and imprisonment, Esther refused to deny the name of Christ.³

On August 15, 1945, Japan signed an unconditional surrender and Korea was set free. Esther had become one out of a dozen from an original thirty-four prisoners to survive. She would go on to write about her adventures with Christ and marry a God-fearing man. Her story became a national best seller in East Asia and she was provided an opportunity to travel and plant a church in the United States.² Esther finished her days traveling to share in speaking of God's faithfulness and power.

¹asucru.files.wordpress.com/2014/09/upside-down-faith-esther-ahn-kim.pdf

²If I Perish by Esther Ahn Kim

³document.desiringgod.org/faithful-women-and-their-extraordinary-god-en.pdf?ts=1474489712

Dear Laura



Laura don't lie like that other science guy.

WHY DID GOD MAKE YEARS, MONTHS, AND DAYS?

DEAR LAURA DON'T LIE:

Every January 1, I wonder what is so special about a new year. It is just another year, right? Why did God make years, months, and days?

--Puzzled in Cebu, Philippines

DEAR CONFUSED:

As summer vacation starts, let me give you a couple things to think about this summer.

As we start summer vacation, take another look at the plans you have made. Have you taken time to thank God for His gift of time and seasons?

Have you wondered why God made days, weeks, and years in the first place?

Time and seasons give rhythm to our lives. God does not need to divide time to know what is going on, but we do! He gives us times of work and times of rest. The changes in seasons provide changes in temperature and scenery. It is important to remember God was aware of our needs from the beginning! Genesis 1:14-15 is a perfect example. God said,

"Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years."¹ As part of the rhythms, He also gave us a seven-day week with a rest day on the seventh day as told in Genesis 2:2-3.

Each morning when the sun rises, we are reminded of God's faithfulness. "People in ancient times were keenly aware of their dependence on the regular patterns of sun, moon, and stars. If the sun didn't rise every day, crops would fail and life on earth would collapse!"¹ It is important to remember God set a course for the sun, moon, and the stars. One last thought here...if you hate the cold winter months or the blistering hot summer months, remember that God created them and they are part of His promise.

Each new day is a testament to His grace that gives us what we do not deserve! We are also reminded each new day is an opportunity to put the past behind us! "This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to

an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."² Are you thankful when you wake up to the sun shining through the trees or do you take all that God has made for granted?

--Laura

If you have a nature, science, or philosophical question for Laura Don't Lie, send them our way at wotsmagazine@gmail.com.

LAURA DON'T LIE. REAL ANSWERS FOR REAL QUESTIONS!

Laura Don't Lie has been studying and preparing Science Creation Lessons for students in Cebu City, Philippines. She recently started to take her lessons on the road and is sharing them with students around Cebu.

¹Lutz, Erik. Why did God Make Years, Months, and Days? Answers In Genesis. January 1, 2018. answersingenesis.org/holidays/why-did-god-make-years-months-days/

²Lamentations 3:21-23



QUARTERLY MUSIC BEAT

A PLAYLIST FROM OUR FRIENDS AT BURNING DOG RADIO

We have all asked the question. You have definitely asked it: "What music should I listen to?" We know the struggle, even as radio DJs. We are really good at making music suggestions, though. So, here are three albums to help you jam, worship, and focus this summer. Enjoy, and stay cool.



TELL ALL MY FRIENDS

This is the type of album that requires you to drive out into the country on a warm summer night, blast from your car stereo, and listen to it while you stargaze to get the most out of it. Nearly every song has an army of chorus singers that give not only the songs depth and tear-inducing worship, but that feeling of being completely surrounded by God and His choirs. It's an incredible gift they have been given as musicians to be able to play and sing in such a clear reflection of God's creativity and beauty. Need help talking to God? These songs are basically prayers sung straight into

your brain. Songs like 'Not in a Hurry' are all about hearing God's voice while we currently live in a world that needs information right away, all the time. God doesn't work that way, so if you feel like you're rushing God into making things happen for you or in you, have a listen and get your heart back on track. This album will seriously know how you feel 99% of the time. Listen to 'Feeling Low' if you're feeling low. Listen to 'Lay It All Down' if you're having trouble surrendering everything to God. You get the picture.



NF: PERCEPTIONS

This is NF's third full-length album, and it's nothing short of a banger. He has a reputation of having some of the rawest, most honest, and most transparent lyrics in the Christian music circle. Listen to one song, and you listen to them all, in terms of intentional transparency and epic scores. You can always count on NF to serve you what's on his mind in terms of his walk with God and the struggles he, and all of us, experience. The first song, 'Intro III,' is literally a conversation between NF and his own fear. He is refreshing as ever in a world

that is passive and apathetic toward Christianity. Listening to him reminds me that God promised hardship and that living for Jesus is not a hobby, but a life-long learning journey. Tommee Profitt did the instrumental programming for the album. Profitt is a Christian who has composed music for UFC 2, The Hunger Games, NCIS, The Seal Team, and lots more, so you know NF's music will be epic. They've worked together in the past as well, but that's another review.

sleeping at last

ATLAS: SPACE

Whether you are trying to write a novel, work on summer class assignments, or conjure up inspiration for your next work of art, this album is probably exactly what you're looking for. 'Saturn' is my favorite song off the album because it's a dreamy and emotional score full of violins, piano, and lots of lovely reverb. If I am ever feeling anxious, this song brings me back to earth gently. The lyrics are about losing a friend and how to resolve that grief. Honestly, this album is best

listened to at night, lying in bed, eyes closed, and turned up generously in some headphones. It is an album that will swallow you and surround you for as long as you let it. All of Ryan O'Neal's songs are unforgettable, incredibly well-crafted, overwhelmingly beautiful, and utterly unique. Another perk is that this version has instrumentals of all the songs, so if you need to hunker down and focus on something, this deluxe version has you covered.



HEAR THE STORIES COME TO LIFE

Learning about history is fun. Especially when you're listening to someone who has studied much more than you and knows what they are talking about. It takes a certain ability to take the mundane and breathe life into it, and Ryan Reeves has it. Ryan Reeves is Associate Professor of Historical Theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Ryan's work is found on his own YouTube channel, Ryan Reeves. There you will also find more information and links to his articles and blogs. He obtained his PhD in Historical Theology from Cambridge University.

Reeves produces a vast array of different videos highlighting different topics about the Christian church. He's got titles like, "The Importance of the

Reformation," "World War I and the Church," "Lewis and Tolkien," "The Crusades," and many others. In his lesson on "The Vikings," you find out that the story *Beowulf* is written by a Christian who writes with a mixture of pride and regret, and expresses pride in Scandinavian heritage. Did you know in the Norse Religion, there are no priests or temples?

His videos align well with his goals for them. In his own words, Reeves wants to provide free, quality explorations of the life of the church and the history of doctrine. Learn to take the subjects seriously and don't be afraid of debate and discussion!



RYAN REEVES
YOUTUBER



masters of masquerade

facing our fear of being found out

Remember when you were a kid and you'd hide under the table playing hide-and-seek? The legs of the chairs were a fortress not even your parents could see through. You were thoroughly impressed with your sneakiness as you watched your dad's feet step closer and closer to the table. You'd stifle your laughter with your sleeve and shuffle farther away from whatever side he was approaching. "Ah-ha!" he would say as he peered underneath and you'd both laugh and laugh.

As adults, it's obvious how "un-sneaky" the child is in the game, right? The fortress of chair legs is simply the foundation for the seats, and not the stone walls you saw them as when you were little. Just like the child playing hide-and-seek, we tend to live in an illusion of our own making as well. We're exceptional at hiding who we really are and how we're really doing by putting on a public show of "life is good." We've learned our whole lives to push away the things we don't like about ourselves in order to patch together who we would rather be. This default mode, however, is a never-ending comparison trap because the only way to ignore this fact is to keep at it - to keep tweaking your life to look a little bit more put together than the next person, but that illusion never lasts! Instagram and Snapchat are ripe with the manifest of this. When you live behind a mask, you may convince the world around you that you're doing okay, but why, what's the point? If you're not doing well, and yet everyone thinks you are, it's time to realize that the mask you're wearing to fix the problem is actually the problem that's killing you.

I was talking to a friend the other day when she told me about her old mask. I sat on the ladder of my loft as she told me about her "pop punk days." She said that music scene was a community of sad, lonely, and potentially suicidal people that believed it would all be okay if they could be these things together. They'd share in their misery with no sign of hope, but with a mask like "cool pop punk kid," maybe things would be okay. She went on years later to write in a poetic letter to herself, "You think you're in control by not telling anyone what's going on in your head and heart. You think that will make you seem confident in your depression. You think it will give you control." As we talked in my room, she said something that summed it up well: "It's like you think you're in control of your mask, but you're not. There's still something behind it."

Pretense is defined as, "an attempt to make something that is not the case appear true."¹ Ever pretended to be okay just because it was easier than being honest with someone? It's definitely the most painless option, especially if people have broken your trust a time or ten before, but ask yourself, how's that going? I'm no stranger to pretending to be someone I'm not. For a long time, I lived unaware that I was wearing a mask of paper



mache perfection. I disguised the secret me that was often jealous, bitter, and self-righteous, and traded her in for a morally upright honor roll student. If enough people liked me, I was safe. I was accepted. I believed in the lie that to be well-liked was to live most fully.

why we wear masks

If you're willing to examine yourself, you might find that you too have been trying to live up to a standard you've created, or that the world has convinced you to strive for. For example, why are you wearing the clothes you're wearing? Who or what influenced you? I'm not advocating for you to go wear the wackiest clothing you can find simply to reject current fashion, but this question illustrates the subtlety of the chokehold the world has on us. Do you realize that the allure of the "good life" drives most of what we do? We go to college to get the career to get the spouse to get the house to get the kids...to train them to wear a mask as well? The world is constantly telling you that you have to have it all together to be liked and to be successful. If you don't believe that, consider your first opinion of someone who is struggling financially or seems unstable in areas of their life. Your response will more than likely be that they need to get their stuff together, and yet, isn't that what you've been trying to do as well? Maybe someone who doesn't have it all put together in a pretty little package is actually closer to living an authentic life than you are.

Simply put, wearing a mask allows us to put forth an image we create for ourselves, a version of ourselves that is more interesting, more intelligent, more beautiful... We wear masks because when we can control what people see in us, somehow it feels like there is less judgment towards who we really are. We wear masks because we don't want people to think poorly of us, or maybe because we're ashamed of something we've done or continue to do. We might be coping with things that don't make sense to us, or wear masks to delay facing things that we don't want to be true. Maybe we're avoiding conflict with someone, so we pretend we have a different opinion than we really do.

The danger of a mask is that eventually it becomes a part of us, so much so that we might not realize we're wearing one anymore. It's like that Jim Carrey movie, *The Mask*, where he literally became consumed by the mask at the expense of everything he held dear. (Apologies if you were born after 1994 when this movie came out – but seriously, you should go watch it to see this allegory played out.) The truth is, when we wear masks, we're lying to others and to ourselves. How it can all change is when you understand that Jesus sees the real you and loves you anyways. He's calling you to a life beyond your mask, and He's the only one that can offer that kind of a promise.

We all have a side – more specifically, a heart – that is evil. We have reason to feel shameful for our innermost beings because they aren't healthy. The Bible says in Jeremiah 17:9

[pree-tens]

pretense

(noun)

An attempt to
make something
that is not the
case appear true.

that the heart of man is desperately wicked. We've all seen it demonstrated on a large scale through school shootings, deception, broken families, war... but it also plays out in each one of us when we cheat on a test, laugh about someone because we think they're dumb, engage in a lustful daydream about another, resort to "me time" like it's a right, exaggerate a truth to get ahead, etc. It's all the result of a life lived on a planet with other humans, other sinners. It's a natural thing to want to hide part of yourself from the world, but it's not the answer, and it's not where your story has to end.

beyond the mask

In John 8, Jesus lovingly spells out how the truth will set us free. In verse 34, Jesus explains what we need to be freed from: "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." It's not just that we do "bad things" because we're human; we need to be rescued from our inability to do good even when we try to. When we wear masks, this is what we're covering up: our bondage to sin. We need to be freed from our desperately evil hearts that are only capable of thinking of ourselves. This freedom is readily available. There's no need for a mask because there is a Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for your sin, your shame, and everything you're embarrassed about in yourself. Jesus is the perfect, blameless Son of God. He came to Earth 2,000 years ago, and he did anything but "blend in." He stood out in a radical way in a world choking on deception, was murdered, and then rose again in an overwhelming display of the power of God the Father who loves *you* for *you*, not this frail-mask-you. There's no need to pretend anymore!

In John 10:10, Jesus says, "The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." In His presence, we don't need to hide our true selves. Taking off your mask is your admission of your need for God and His salvation. Through Him, you can live the life you were made for - free of facades and full of grace and truth. It's a life where you can be yourself, under

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refinement by your King, so He can steer you on a course with eyes wide open to His way. If you continue to insist on wearing your mask, you're like a horse with blinders, oblivious to what is around you, plodding forward to nowhere great. So, are you ready to see beyond your mask? In other words, are you ready to stop indulging your fantasy of who you wish you were, in exchange for following the One who made you who you are?

Step one is relearning our real identity by allowing Him to remove the one we built ourselves and exchanging it for the one God has given to us. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 says, "For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." A few pages later in chapter 6, God promises us, "I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters."

Along with this identity, you have gifts He's given to you to use in His Kingdom *in this life*. He has a life direction and calling designed for you specifically. He wants to lead you in these pursuits, using your gifts and your personality in a radical way to influence the world around you. My pop punk friend from earlier? When God helped her take her mask off, she was able to experience what it's like to live openly and honestly in a community of people who love her. She became convinced of God's love for her, and He's allowing her to use her love of music by DJ'ing for a local radio station through her church. Living the life you were designed for gives you no need for a mask. Instead of hiding yourself and your flaws, you'll see how God is using them as opportunities to make you more like Christ. It takes effort to choose to be Christ-like, but through His Spirit you will be transformed. Colossians 3:10 tells us to, "Put on your new nature and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him."

Living mask-free means a life of outreach to other people still wearing their masks. Once you have the freedom to live authentically, your eyes will be opened to the people around you who are still trapped in their need to live under a façade. People who are honest about who they are will be like a cool drink of water to people who are tired of pretending to be someone they're not. As Christians, we were created to be a peculiar people like 1 Peter 2:9 talks about: "But you are not

like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light." Think on these verses in Matthew 5:13-16: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

When you've taken your mask off, you'll have a desire to be around other people who have also been profoundly changed by God. You'll feel joy in finding a community of believers to belong to – this is His church. A biblical church is a safe place for sinners, not a condemning place. It is a place where people gather together to worship the God who has forgiven them of their wicked hearts. "The church" is a people who are continually confessing that they don't want to live by their hearts' dictates anymore and they trust that Jesus' death and resurrection has made them perfect in God's eyes. Thankfully, the church is full of other people who have also taken off their mask. You're not alone as you face your true self, and consequently, your need for God. When you see that Jesus is better than the life you can create for yourself, you will gladly commit your life to His mission alongside His church. Even once you've taken off your mask, you're going to need to keep taking them off because assuredly you will unearth more than one. As long as we're on this Earth, we will default to trying to get it under control ourselves, so we must continually choose to bring our shortcomings to Christ and ask for forgiveness. Through Christ and His power, we are now able to choose to repent, to turn from our sin and walk away, not being held captive to its power over us anymore. Once you have surrendered your old ways to Him, you can now ask for God's Spirit to give you the strength to leave it behind and move into the life He designed for you.

If you're tired of wearing your mask, I promise you that there is a God who has been waiting a long time for you to feel that way. Once you realize the mask is there, taking it off is actually quite easy. It doesn't require grand gestures or a recited prayer in a church somewhere. It's just a raw conversation between you and God. It's the act of admitting before God that you've been pretending to be someone that you're not. What a freeing thing to know that there will be no room for pretenses in Heaven. All will be found in the light, just as it is. In Hebrews 4:16, the author encourages us by saying, "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."



THE Pilgrim's Progress

The Hill of Difficulty

Excerpt from *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan, published in 1678
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“I beheld, then, that they all went on till they came to the foot of the Hill Difficulty; at the bottom of which was a spring. There were also in the same place two other ways besides that which came straight from the gate; one turned to the left hand, and the other to the right, at the bottom of the hill; but the narrow way lay right up the hill, and the name of the going up the side of the hill is called Difficulty. Christian now went to the spring, and drank thereof, to refresh himself,¹ and then began to go up the hill, saying—

***‘The hill, though high, I covet to ascend,
The difficulty will not me offend;
For I perceive the way to life lies here.
Come, pluck up heart, let’s neither faint nor fear;
Better, though difficult, the right way to go,
Than wrong, though easy, where the end is Woe.’***

“The other two also came to the foot of the hill; but when they saw that the hill was steep and high, and that there were two other ways to go; and supposing also that these two ways might meet again, with that up which Christian went, on the other side of the hill; therefore they were resolved to go in those ways. Now the name of one of those ways was Danger, and the name of the other Destruction. So the one took the way which is called Danger, which led him into a great wood, and the other took directly up the way to Destruction, which led him into a wide field, full of dark mountains, where he stumbled and fell, and rose no more.

“I looked, then, after Christian, to see him go up the hill, where I perceived he fell from running to going, and from going to clambering upon his hands and his knees, because of the steepness of the place. Now, about the midway to the top of the hill was a pleasant arbour, made by the Lord of the hill for the refreshing of weary travelers; thither, therefore, Christian got, where also he sat down to rest him. Then he pulled his roll out of his bosom, and read therein to his comfort; he also now began afresh to take a review of the coat or garment that was given him as he stood by the cross. Thus pleasing himself awhile, he at last fell into a slumber, and thence into a fast sleep, which detained him in that place until it was almost night;

and in his sleep his roll fell out of his hand. Now, as he was sleeping, there came one to him, and awaked him, saying, ‘Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise’.² And with that Christian suddenly started up, and sped him on his way, and went apace, till he came to the top of the hill...

“[Christian] felt in his bosom for his roll, that he might read therein, and be comforted; but he felt, and found it not. Then was Christian in great distress, and knew not what to do; for he wanted that which used to relieve him, and that which should have been his pass into the Celestial City. Here, therefore, he began to be much perplexed, and knew not what to do. At last, he bethought himself, that he had slept in the arbour that is on the side of the hill; and, falling down upon his knees, he asked God’s forgiveness for that his foolish act, and then went back to look for his roll. But all the way he went back, who can sufficiently set forth the sorrow of Christian’s heart! Sometimes he sighed, sometimes he wept, and oftentimes he chid himself for being so foolish to fall asleep in that place, which was erected only for a little refreshment for his weariness. Thus therefore he went back, carefully looking on this side, and on that, all the way as he went, if happily he might find his roll, that had been his comfort so many times in his journey. He went thus, till he came again within sight of the arbour where he sat and slept; but that sight renewed his sorrow the more, by bringing again, even afresh, his evil of sleeping into his mind.³ Thus, therefore, he now went on bewailing his sinful sleep, saying, ‘O wretched man that I am!’ that I should sleep in the day time! that I should sleep in the midst of difficulty! that I should so indulge the flesh, as to use that rest for ease to my flesh, which the Lord of the hill hath erected only for the relief of the spirits of pilgrims!

“How many steps have I took in vain! Thus it happened to Israel, for their sin; they were sent back again by the way of the Red Sea; and I am made to tread those steps with sorrow, which I might have trod with delight, had it not been for this sinful sleep. How far might I have been on my way by this time! I am made to tread those steps thrice over, which I needed not to have trod but once; yea, now also I am like to be benighted, for the day is almost spent. O that I had not slept!”

¹ Isaiah 49:10

² Proverbs 6:6

³ Revelation 2:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:7, 8



7 Reasons TO WORK Well

HOW OUR JOBS MAKE US MORE LIKE JESUS

47 years. 563 months. 2,450 weeks. That's roughly the amount of time you'll spend working a full-time job if you plan on retiring at age 65. That's a very large chunk of your life spent on work, making a livelihood, and exerting yourself for the sake of the boss and company. Susan Adams of Forbes Magazine reports that, "63% of Americans dislike and are unhappy with their job, 87% of workers worldwide dislike or hate theirs, while only 13% feel engaged at work."¹ Most people don't feel a sense of passion for, nor a deep connection to, their work. Many feel as if work is just a burdensome obstacle separating them from their "me time." How are we supposed to change our attitudes and thoughts towards the daily grind and start working well? The answer lies in knowing who we're working for, and it should be God.

You can't get five words into the Bible without God revealing Himself as One who works: "In the beginning God created..."² God starts with creating the universe and everything in it, and then gets to creating human beings. Immediately humans are given the task of "working" what God has created: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work

it and keep it."³ What this means is that God gives us (humans) work to do and tasks to carry out. Work was created before sin ever entered the picture, which means work has always been intended to be a good thing! He sets us up with stuff to do because it's good for us and it brings Him glory: "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us / establish the work of our hands..."⁴ He's given everyone something to do, so we all get to play a part in this.

Why is work so hard for us today? Sin entered the picture and fractured the good things God created: "cursed is the ground / thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you / by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread / till you return to the ground."⁵

"WE GET TO VIEW THE WORK WE DO WITH A DIFFERENT MENTALITY BECAUSE IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE HAVE TO DO ON ACCIDENT. IT'S BEEN DESIGNED, PLANNED, PLACED..."

These thorns and thistles mean we still have to work, and it's going to be a much more grueling task to carry out (hence, our negative attitude towards it). However, don't let that freak you too much: "In all toil there is profit."⁶ Though work is cursed, it won't be forever. It's not always going to be pleasant or smooth regardless of what you do or where you work. Keep God in mind while you're working; you're not just working to invest in and stay alive for what's here on Earth, but for God and for the life to come.

For most, work is a means to gain for self. That means that there is no other motivating factor that would drive a person to really do more than just get money. Most individuals would like to get the maximum pay they can for the bare minimum work required of them. For the Christian, it's not just about getting paid; it's supposed to be different. Work is a way to serve others in a way that pleases God. Work is used to build your character, and to make you more like Jesus through the difficulties that it often brings.

Besides earning money and building character, work can also bring you joy. Knowing that your seemingly insignificant tasks have a purpose and that they can be pleasing to the Creator of the universe can be pretty mind-blowing when you start to think of your life on a larger, more eternal scale instead of just the here and now: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."⁷

"TO HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE ABOUT THE WORK YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN TO DO IS TO REMEMBER WHO IT IS YOU ARE WORKING FOR."

We get to view the work we do with a different mentality because it's not something we have to do on accident. It's been designed, planned, placed, and intended to be carried out with a right heart - not a heart that complains about the number of tasks or the difficulties of the tasks. The boss is tempering you to be a better you! S/he's skimming off all the ugly that naturally wells up within you. The right attitude about this is to be thankful, glad, and even happy: "Count it all as joy when you fall into various trials."⁸

Work doesn't have to be drudgery for the Christian and here are seven reasons why:

- 1 IT'S PLEASING TO GOD WHEN WE WORK HARD AND WITH INTEGRITY.
- 2 IT FORCES US TO DEPEND ON GOD AND RELY ON HIM FOR THE STRENGTH AND KNOWLEDGE TO CARRY OUT THE TASKS HE'S APPOINTED US TO DO.
- 3 IT'S MAKING US MORE LIKE JESUS.
- 4 THERE IS GREAT REWARD FOR OUR WORK FROM GOD.
- 5 IT'S A WAY FOR US TO SHOW LOVE FOR OTHERS, BLESS THEM, AND HELP THEM GROW.
- 6 OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD DEEPENS IN THANKFULNESS AND GRATITUDE, AND WE GET TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH CO-WORKERS WHO WE CAN SHARE JESUS WITH.
- 7 ON A SMALLER SCALE, IT ALLOWS US MONEY IN WHICH WE CAN PURCHASE NECESSITIES LIKE RENT, GAS AND CLOTHES. (OH, AND PIZZA TOO).

Remember that we have the most loving, compassionate, caring, and faithful 'boss' ever, the first and ultimate Creator. To have the right attitude about the work you've been given to do is to remember who it is you are working for - it's God! Knowing all Jesus has done for you, if He were to show up at work as your physical boss, how would you really treat Him every day? Would you cut corners? Would you steal time? Would you complain about the workload and your co-workers? Would you bring Him coffee and show a smile? God wants our attitudes and our hearts to be ones that don't complain but are glad and grateful that we even get to participate in any of this. Work is a good gift that He lets us take part in. We can know Him more by working well on the things He's set up for us to do: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."⁹

¹forbes.com/sites/susanadams/2013/10/10/unhappy-employees-outnumber-happy-ones-by-two-to-one-worldwide/#71971c13362a

²Genesis 1:1 NLT
³Genesis 2:15 ESV
⁴Psalms 90:17 ESV
⁵Genesis 3:17-19 ESV

⁶ Proverbs 14:23 ESV
⁷ Colossians 3:23 NIV
⁸ James 1:2 NKJV
⁹ 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV

WHAT'S TRENDING?



#me too

HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH?

History broke open when a record 265 girls and women accused prominent U.S. Gymnastics physician Larry Nassar of sexual abuse. Over 150 of those gave their victim testimonies to Judge Aquilina, Nassar himself, and the entire world in January 2018.

Such a monumental case brought to light decades' worth of deep, dark secrets. It was in part due to Rachel Denhollander, the first woman to publically accuse Nassar. Judge Aquilina praised her: "You started the tidal wave. You made all of this happen. You made all of these voices matter. Your sister survivors and I thank you. You are the bravest person I have ever had in my courtroom."¹

It was fitting that Denhollander, the first to accuse, was the last to give her testimony. Bravery dripped from every word she spoke: "He engaged in degrading and humiliating sex acts without my consent or permission. And Larry enjoyed it. Larry sought out and took pleasure in little girls and women being sexually injured and violated because he liked it. And as I and so many other women and little girls were being violated, Larry found sexual satisfaction in our suffering. As we were being sexually violated even as very young children, as young as 6 years old, Larry was sexually aroused by our humiliation and our pain. He asked us how it felt because he wanted to know. What was done to myself and these other women and little girls, and the fact that our sexual violation was enjoyed by Larry, matters. It demands justice and the sentence you impose today will send a message about how much these precious women and children are worth."²

The most powerful words Denhollander spoke were in regards to Christ, forgiveness, and hope when she said, "In our early hearings you brought your Bible into the courtroom and you have spoken of praying for forgiveness. And so it is on that

basis that I appeal to you. If you have read the Bible you carry, you know the definition of sacrificial love portrayed is of God Himself loving so sacrificially that He gave up everything to pay a penalty for the sin He did not commit. By His grace, I, too, choose to love this way.

"You spoke of praying for forgiveness. But Larry, if you have read the Bible you carry, you know forgiveness does not come from doing good things, as if good deeds can erase what you have done. It comes from repentance which requires facing and acknowledging the truth about what you have done in all of its utter depravity and horror without mitigation, without excuse, without acting as if good deeds can erase what you have seen this courtroom today.

"...The Bible you carry says it is better for a stone to be thrown around your neck and [have] you throw[n] into a lake than for you to make even one child stumble.³ And you have damaged hundreds. The Bible you speak [of] carries a final judgment where all of God's wrath and eternal terror is poured out on men like you. Should you ever reach the point of truly facing what you have done, the guilt will be crushing. And that is what makes the gospel of Christ so sweet. Because it extends grace and hope and mercy where none should be found. And it will be there for you.

"I pray you experience the soul-crushing weight of guilt so you may someday experience true repentance and true forgiveness from God, which you need far more than forgiveness from me - - though I extend that to you as well."²

If you were face-to-face with your abuser, could you speak as eloquently as Rachel? Could you offer your privacy as a sacrifice for justice? Could you relive tragedy over and over as a voice for all of those in the past and as a defender of all of those in the future? Would you, if you could?

¹newsweek.com/who-rachael-denhollander-larry-nassar-sexual-abuse-789848

²cnn.com/2018/01/24/us/rachael-denhollander-full-statement/index.html

³Luke 17:2, Matthew 18:6

What Makes You Happy?

Hey students: What makes you happy?
Word on the Street Student Poll

At Street Level Ministries' event with Juice the Comedian on March 2nd, 2018, Word on the Street made the rounds to ask students, "what makes you happy?" With their coffee and popcorn in hand, waiting for the show to start, they shared their answers which were delightfully silly and simple. Enjoy!



JOSH

Sr., Fine Arts
"Coffee and love, but not in that order."



KELLYN

Soph., Retail
"Emily, my dogs, and my mom."



ANNA

Sr., Entertainment Design
"Sleeping. Video games and sleeping. At the same time... dreaming about video games. I also like cinnamon rolls. Also, Jesus. But that's too obvious and serious."



EMILY

Soph., Special Education
"When my friends are happy."

OLESYA

Fr., Packaging
"I don't know, I really like going outside and being with friends. I don't like sitting at home much."

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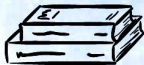
the summer bucket list of 2018

Do you ever feel like summer goes by way too fast? Or do you start summer vacation with all these grand plans, but they never seem to happen? Well, we put together a fun, easy, and memorable bucket list for the summer of 2018!



Try one day without social media:

- Make an ultimate blanket fort on a rainy day and read a book
 - Jon Bloom's "Don't Follow Your Heart" (free on desiringgod.org)
 - Rupi Kaur's "Milk and Honey"
- Have a water balloon fight with some friends
- Make a time capsule
 - Put in a picture of you and some friends
 - Add a mix tape of your current favorite songs
 - Write a letter to your future self
- Go through your closet and donate items that you don't use
 - Goodwill Retail Store located at 2500 Hils Ct, Menomonie
 - United Way donation center located at 1620 Stout Rd, Menomonie
- Have a picnic, with a family member you missed during school
 - Hoffman Hills State Recreation Area is a great place to sit and watch nature with a loved one at 740th St, Menomonie
- Go to the Wakanda Waterpark and spend the day like a kid
 - Ticket prices are only \$5 and it's located at 909 Pine Ave E, Menomonie



Take a road trip to The Cities:

- Go to the Minneapolis Sculpture Gardens
 - This is free!
- Enjoy a stroll around Lake Calhoun
 - This is free!
- Go to a Twin's game
 - Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$250
- Go to the Como or Minnesota Zoo
 - Como Zoo is free, but they suggest a \$3 donation
 - Minnesota Zoo Costs \$18 and parking cars is an additional \$7



Spend a day with a friend:

- Go to a music festival
 - Eaux Claires is on July 6 + 7 and ticket prices range from \$150 to \$300. Buy them online at eauxclaires.com/tickets
- Try catching fireflies or frogs
- Sit and watch fourth of July fireworks
 - A great place to watch is at Freedom Fest in the Wakanda Park (see address above) and costs \$3
- Go to Vali-Hi Drive-in Movie in Lake Elmo, MN
 - Tickets are \$8.50 per person
- Go star-gazing and bring a couple blankets for extra comfort
 - Elk Mound Hill Castle is a great lookout located on Elk Mound Hill Rd, Elk Mound
- Go get some ice cream on a hot day
 - Ramone's Ice Cream Parlor at 503 Galloway St, Eau Claire
 - Five award winning flavors: Old Fashioned Vanilla, Zanzibar Chocolate, This *&^ Just Got Serious, Strawberry, and Lemon Poppysseed



Something TO Fest ON

LOCAL SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Immerse yourself in the community this summer by checking out some of the great area festivals around Menomonie. Be sure to bring some friends along on your road trip to get your summer on. Caution: Some may not actually be edible.



UFO DAYS – ELMWOOD

July 27-29, 2018

Fun Facts:

Elmwood is the UFO Capital of the World!¹

UFO Days came about because there is said to have been an UFO sighting in early October of 1977 by a local resident and his son while driving up Turtle Hill near Elmwood.

This year will be their 40th anniversary.

Be sure to check out the tasty alien-themed food options available. Plus, they will have their very own signature ice cream flavor. Catch the UFO Grande Parade to happen at 2pm on Sunday afternoon. Watch out for the possibility of an inflatable activity park.² Check out their Facebook page by searching UFO Days Elmwood.”

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JUNE BUG DAYS - BALDWIN

June 6 - 9

FRIDAY

Community-wide garage sales

Live music by the band Rhino

SATURDAY

Free community breakfast | **8 to 11am**

The Health Hustle 5K | **8am**

Grand parade | **12pm**

June Bug Eating Contest and June Bug Sawdust Hunt (no real June Bugs were harmed in the making)

Live music by the band Good for Gary

Bean Bag Tournament & Boot Hill Fireworks | **10pm**

*Check out their Facebook page by searching JuneBugDays!*³

ELLSWORTH CHEESE CURD FESTIVAL

June 22 - 23

Ellsworth was named the “Cheese Curd Capital of Wisconsin” by the governor in 1984.⁴

The Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery supplies all of the cheese curds for the festival.

Who doesn't want to stuff their face with cheese curds or at least watch it happening? There will also be a cooking demo by James Kyndberg, the executive chef at FireLake Grill House & Cocktail Bar in Minneapolis. Stop by for live music by Sena Ehrhardt & Cole Allen, as well as Mark Andrew Band, plus many others for free. Also included is a classic car show and antique tractor show. Enjoy the family-friendly, real dairy, ice cream-tasting experience. Free shuttles provided to the Creamery for those cheesy tours.

Find more information on their website at cheesecurdfestival.com.

2018 Honorable Mentions

Eleva Broiler Fest (Eleva): June 1-3

Rhubarb Days (Osceola): June 1-2

Camerama Days (Cameron): June 1-3

Aquafest 54th (Rice Lake): June 1-10

Durand FUNFEST (Durand): June 8-10

River Falls Days (River Falls): July 13-15

Don't let summer slip through your fingers. Go on a road trip and explore the community!

¹elmwoodwi.org/

²ufowisconsin.com/county/reports/r1977_10xx_pierce.html

³junebugdays.com/

⁴cheesecurdfestival.com/faq/

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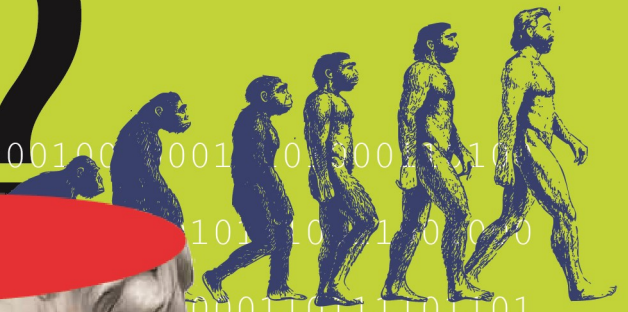
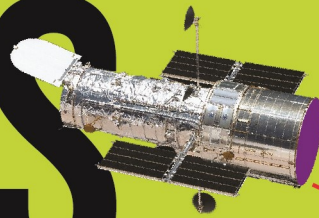
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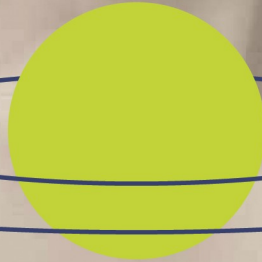
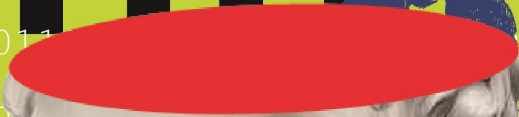
Now some folks nitpick everything in life. Things like the amount of butter on the diner's pancakes, the color of their neighbor's car, or how they can't wear crocks to work. Highly debatable topics. But I won't waste your time with debates that yield endless arguments. Today I want to convince you to pick the right side of a near public health crisis. This public atrocity involves many things. Dog ears and noses, Owl faces, buttery flowery crowns, dancing hearts, retro glasses, and fire that comes out of your hair. What do all of these have in common? They're all scenes and activities that you can plop your face into and scare the jeebies out of your friends when you snap them. I'm going to step out on a limb here and state that I cannot be the only one that opens up a snap wondering what could be on the other side only to find out it's a grown man with a flannel shirt, hat, eyeliner, eyelash extensions, rosy cheek shiner, and bulging eyes. It's like a face mesh between a big city run way model and a KFC fried chicken taste tester. But everyone has their thing. That's enough griping for now I am searching for the snap slide with the Morgan Freeman voice changer.

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