

# THE VISITOR

MAY 2021

## New Hope Lutheran Church of the ELCA

Worship sites at Blanchardville and Hollandale

### Our Mission:

"Serving God by sharing, teaching and connecting people to God with Jesus in our hearts."

***Please be sure to check the website (<http://newhopelutheran.info/>), the church Facebook page, or the church phone for updated information on services and activities.***



Hello Everyone,

I am here! I have arrived! A big thank you to all those who helped to prepare for my arrival, who came to greet me, who helped unload the truck, made sure I wouldn't go hungry. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We are in May and May has always been a month of change for me. Every year I tap go as I step off into another trip around the sun. May has gifted me with a daughter and two grandsons. May is a time of graduation, from high school, from college. During May we move from Spring into Summer. May brings change, brings transitions, especially this year. I am in a new house, a new church, a new state.

I am surrounded by change. Maybe you are experiencing this too? Ecclesiastes 3 reminds me that there is a season for everything. I am hopeful that a new season is here. The pandemic has caused lots of changes in how we live and breathe as a community. But if I am honest, it hasn't all been bad. There have been some good changes that have happened. We have learned to worship in different ways, the biggest being on-line. I learned how to use Facebook live, how to let myself go, to be a little bit crazy and creative for God while doing a mid-week Children's Sermon. I think I will try to continue to do that. It was fun.

I also think about all the phone calls and cards that Tiffany has made. Connections with our most vulnerable people—making sure they know we care about them and love them. Yeah, Tiffany!!

But there has also been a lot of loss within the last year. It has been harder to connect. Out of love for our neighbor we have self-isolated, kept apart, postponed annual gatherings. Saying goodbye to loved ones was especially hard this past year.

We are entering into a new season at New Hope; a

season with a new pastor, a season of communal worship where we can see each other, reconnect with each other in worship. A time when most folks have been vaccinated and others are gaining comfort in re-engaging in the community. I pray that includes you. What will it take for you to restart the rhythm of worship for yourself? For your family? Who might you invite to come with you? We are so grateful for the live stream but know that when you feel safe, we are ready for you to return!

Worship is not the same when you are not there. The faith community is not the same without you. The body of Christ comes together to worship, to support one another, to pray for each other and those things simply can't be done on our own. I don't know about you, but I need to hear, as much as possible, how much Jesus loves me. I need to hear that I am forgiven and that body and blood have been given for me!

The last year has not been ideal. But I am confident that Jesus walks with us. That the Holy Spirit is moving and shaking and will lead us back together. The church is the people—You are the body of Christ. All are welcome. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

God's Peace be with you,  
Pastor Chris

### YOUTH HIGHWAY CLEANUP SCHEDULED



An invitation is extended to ALL YOUTH to help pick up trash on Highway 78 on Wednesday, May 12, right after school. Meet at Blanchardville church at approximately 2:30. For your own protection, bring gloves.

Beth Kundert says "We'll have a pizza party when we are finished. Let's get a lot of hands doing this good deed." Rides home will be provided if necessary.



*"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35*

New beginnings feel great! Filled with excitement, we just celebrated Easter...welcomed spring...greeted Pastor Chris! We start this new season with great anticipation, hope and promise! It's a perfect time to really start putting our faith into action. Try giving as prescribed in the Bible -- one tenth of your income to God and His work. Pay a visit to a lonely neighbor. Schedule a visit with someone who you haven't been able to see at worship. Make a commitment to support a non-profit of your choice. "Giving" goes way beyond just a financial commitment and mission doesn't happen just on Sundays. It is putting our faith into action every day. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to the gaps around you, gaps that can be filled by you and your giving!

*Engaging Generosity Committee*

Michele Kittleson and Marlys Hittesdorf

## Attendance

Description	Date	Church Total
Sunday	03/28/21	38
Sunday	04/04/21	61
Sunday	04/11/21	26
Sunday	04/18/21	57
Sunday	04/25/21	34
<b>TOTAL:</b>		216
<b>AVERAGE:</b>		43

## REVENUE/EXPENSES

March Rev \$14,976.53  
 March Exp \$5,534.46  
 March Rev over Exp \$9,442.07

YTD Rev \$37,005.17  
 YTD Exp \$41,038.80  
 YTD Rev over Exp (\$4,033.63)

YTD Restricted Contributions \$4,859

## Sanctuary Ministers

DAY/TIME	USHERS	LECTORS
<b>May 02</b> B-10:00	Ron & Ellen Sye	Kathryn Kammerude
<b>May 09</b> H-9:00 B-10:30	Bill Whiteford Ron & Ellen Sye	Gary Whitford-Holey Ellen Syse
<b>May 16</b> H-9:00 B-10:30	Marie Gilbertson Ron & Ellen Sye	Jean Christen Tina Steiner
<b>May 23</b> H-9:00 B-10:30	Jackie Chambers Ron & Ellen Sye	Siri Thronson Sarah Saether
<b>May 30</b> H-9:00 B-10:30	Gary Whitford-Holey Ron & Ellen Sye	Andy Whitford-Holey Nancy Meyer

## Automatic Offering Methods

Do you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account for your monthly bills? Did you know you can also give your church offering automatically too? You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings account and have it deposited automatically into the church account.

EFT (electronic funds transfer) forms are available in the church office. Many timely options are possible—weekly, monthly, bi-weekly. No fees associated with this method. Ask the office about more details.

Another option is PayPal. Many of you who have PayPal accounts could send your contributions through this medium. Fees apply.

And soon to come, the transition to Tithe.ly, which acts much like a PayPal account. Fees apply.

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We are still open the first and third Saturday of each month. Hand sanitizer is located by the door. We are only using the East (roadside) entrance during all of this; allowing one person in the room at a time while keeping social distancing with those waiting. People can also call if they would like or need food delivered. 608-212-9028.

# Worship Highlights for May

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:30 Hollandale—10:30 Blanchardville**

**SUNDAY, May 2—Fifth Sunday of Easter**—This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism make us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at this table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Readings: Act 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-12; John 15:1-8

**SUNDAY, May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter**—This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Readings: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**SUNDAY, May 16—Seventh Sunday of Easter**—The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. The oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy spirit!

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19



**SUNDAY, May 23, Day of Pentecost**—Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to

places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**SUNDAY, May 30—The Holy Trinity, First Sunday of Pentecost**—When we say God is



the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays

within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

**SUNDAY, June 6—Time after Pentecost**—A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Readings: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35



# Join Us for May Sunday Services, Bible Study & Confirmation

## WORSHIP

(All late services are live streamed on Facebook)

### SUNDAY, May 2

9:00 Faith Formation at Blanchardville  
10:00 Blanchardville, Communion,  
Installation for Pastor Chris

### SUNDAY, May 9

8:30 at Hollandale  
9:30 Faith formation, Blanchardville  
10:30 at Blanchardville

### SUNDAY, May 16

8:30 at Hollandale  
9:30 Faith formation, Hollandale  
10:30 at Blanchardville

### SUNDAY, May 23

8:30 at Hollandale  
9:30 Faith formation, Blanchardville, LAST DAY  
10:30 at Blanchardville

### SUNDAY, May 30

8:30 at Hollandale  
10:30 at Blanchardville

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Until further notice, Bible Study via zoom is on hold.  
Anyone who would like to continue to get the weekly



Gospel readings should contact the office, and then an email will be sent out weekly.

## CONFIRMATIONS

### 7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

#### May 5th

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85980913219?pwd=NUxVTEExTzFNaVp2SkpCZmhjMzRrUT09>  
Meeting ID: 859 8091 3219  
Passcode: 941996

Join by phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 859 8091 3219

Passcode: 941996

#### May 19th

IN PERSON, 3:30 P.M. No lesson, snacks and "get to know Pastor Chris"

## LAY DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

New Hope is looking to add folks to the Lay Distribution Team. Lay distribution is done monthly.

Pastor Chris intends to also meet and visit with our homebound folks quarterly, however, we have many at home and having a team of folks together to visit monthly would be very helpful. During the time of COVID-19 the visits were put on hold.

If you desire to connect with folks who are not able to attend in-person worship, and deliver communion to them, please contact the office by calling 523-4239 or email: newhopeoffice@tds.net.

It truly can be a very rewarding experience. Many hands make light Work!



May 03	Kenadi Kundert	13
May 04	Jacob Carr	5
May 05	Wyat Mieden	17
May 06	Tucker Bethke	11
May 11	Becket Mieden	12
May 11	Asher Wollin	7
May 14	Paige Toay	15
May 18	Tristan Olson	10
May 20	Brayden McNeill	17
May 23	Landon Wahl	12
May 24	Crosby Hendrickson	7
May 24	Connor Mayhew	17
May 30	Maci Nolden	6



May 05	Dennis & Shelley Olson	37	Years
May 11	Jim & Jayne Gordon	36	Years
May 15	Scott & Coleen Kittleson	28	Years
May 16	Christopher & Jennie Henderson	12	Years
May 19	John & Dawn Doran	36	Years
May 20	Bryan & Jeanne Lisser	54	Years
May 20	David & Cindy Whitford	43	Years
May 21	Mike & Tara Wahl	16	Years
May 22	Steve & Kelly Hermanson	39	Years
May 22	John & Pam Lauper	39	Years
May 23	Harley & Kara Terrill	12	Years
May 28	John & Jubie Simonson	27	Years





### Keep in your prayers:

We remember our members & friends recovering from surgery, those with ongoing health concerns, those who mourn loved ones, and the homebound, especially Carol Anderson, Paul Sardeson, Roger Kittleson, Donna Arneson, Cliff Lien, Audrey Parkinson, Lyle & Audrey Klosterman, Jeanne Stansfield, John Larson, John & Mary Carr, Doris Herman-son, Ruth Kolb, Dorothy Jung-bluth, Barb Lien, Vera Eidsmoe, Richard & Peggy Gilbertson, Ruth Hanson, Lynne Hendrickson, Lolly Johnson, Doris Larson, Gordy Lar-son, Marilyn Torkelson, Betty Lou Mathiowetz, Riley Sigg, Mark Zim-merman, Michelle (Olson) Mueller & Ruth Vamstad.

## Bits-n-Pieces

### Newsletter

#### Deadline

"Visitor" information by:

**Friday, May 21**

Newsletter assembly:

**Thursday, May 27 by Hollan-  
dale**

#### Missional Discovery Journey

Three questions to think about this week.

- 1) Where have you seen God at work this week?
- 2) Where or with whom, have you felt you have been God's servant this week?
- 3) Where or from whom, did you feel you were touched by God this week?

### PECATONICA AREA

#### FOOD PANTRY

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the  
month

10:00-11:00 a.m.

New Hope-Blanchardville

#### Wish List

Ketchup	Cooking oil
mayo	paper towels
laundry soap	pudding/jello
dish soap	cake/brownie
macaroni	mix
Hamburger	spaghetti
Helper	sauce (like
soup	Ragu or
cereal	Prego)
eggs	oatmeal

Please feel free to contact one of the Food Pantry Committee members if you have any questions or are in need of food.

The Pecatonica Area Food Pantry Committee:

Tiffany Bethke—608-212-9028

Jean Christen -- 967-2349

Bev Lien -- 832-6344

Alice Yaeger -- 523-4960

#### Please call the church when:

- a member of your family is admitted to the hospital so that visits can be made.
- your committee or group plans to have a meeting, or cancel a meeting so that it can be published in the bulletin or newsletter
- either your personal or business telephone number has changed, so that the church records can be updated
- you are planning to move out of town or locally
- a new baby arrives in the family
- a death occurs in the family
- a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence
- you have special requests for the prayers of the church
- a new family moves into the neighborhood
- you think the church can help in any way
- you have ideas, articles, pictures, or corrections for the newsletter



**SENIORS**-If we missed your birthday, please call the church office to let us know!!

May 04	Cliff Lien
May 04	Ellen syse
May 05	Margaret Barnes
May 12	Vicki Powell
May 13	Bob Helmeid
May 15	Bill Whitford
May 30	Judy Watrud

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way to meet and greet Pastor Chris to help him get him settled.

😊 Special thanks to Dave Gerber, who bought lunch for the moving company worker and for his extra efforts in helping to unload the truck!



#### MAY 2021 SYNOD ASSEMBLY CANCELLED until FURTHER NOTICE

There will not be a Synod Assembly in May 2021. The synod council sets the date for synod assemblies and has voted not to have a Synod Assembly in May. There may be a synod assembly held in the fall. The synod office will keep the church informed regarding any potential dates and Assembly plans.

# New Hope Lutheran Council Minutes

Date: April 26, 2021

Location: Blanchardville Site

Minutes taken by: Tiffany Bethke, Council Secretary

**Our Vision: We invite ALL people to join our community of Christ as we grow in faith, serve and Worship God.**

**Our Mission: Serving God by sharing, teaching and connecting people to God with Jesus in our hearts.**

Attendees in person: Dawn Doran, Tiffany Bethke, Ron Syse, Ellen Syse, Becky Johnson, Jessica Kurschner Attendees via Zoom: Kandi Lockard, Rodney Kurschner, Julie Saether, Kelsey Chrostowski, Dan Hittedorf, Gary Whitford-Holey

Devotion & Prayer was led by Pastor Chris. The March Council meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ron Syse and seconded by Rodney Kurschner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Board/committee reports were reviewed and have been submitted to the Church office.

The treasurer's report was reviewed by Becky Johnson who reported that cash wise we are sitting fairly okay. Pastor Chris' first Sunday was well attended and that was great. Having not paid a Pastor salary or benefits in the month of March was noted and helped us financially.

## Old Business:

- ◆ Chicken BBQ -Tiffany and Kandi gave an update regarding the Chicken dinner. To date, we have pre-sold 125 dinners of the 200 we have ordered. Many thanks to all who have offered to help in any capacity.
- ◆ Communications team—Tithe.ly update
- ◆ Tiffany gave an update regarding Tithe.ly. The website is coming along nice. It is a lot to learn but things are going well. Tina Steiner has been set up for an account with Tithe.ly regarding the giving piece so we can move forward with that.
- ◆ Virtual service updates - high speed internet - Dawn explained that TDS has been contacted to up the speed to the higher package, to test and see if it gives us what we need to live stream and upload services. This would be an extra \$240 a year to try and make the experience better for folks via live-stream.
- ◆ Communicating new information - Google form feedback. Dawn discussed that a few months back the Communications team created a google form, for folks to use for anything that should be communicated out publicly (request to put in newspaper, bul-

letins, Visitor, etc). Dawn will update the Google Form. Once it is updated, it will be sent to the Council and they should begin using this form. We will also include it on the website and begin announcing it to Congregation in the upcoming months.

- ◆ Sarah Saether has set up a new Gmail account and will communicate this with Tiffany in the near future.

## New Business:

- ◆ Guidelines for worshiping in person—distancing during worship—Signs will be posted at all entrances of each location to explain "Masks and social distancing encouraged". The sanctuary will be evaluated and if changes are made, they will be communicated to the church office. If changes are made, they will be communicated in the reminder email for Friday. Ushers will be asked to communicate this as well as folks come in. We will also make door signage of expectations.
- ◆ Singing—Discussion held regarding proceeding with singing in Church -Discussed asking Congregation how they feel about singing in Worship with masks on? An article (question) will be placed in the Visitor asking Congregation how they feel about proceeding with singing in Worship with masks on. Council members are encouraged to talk amongst Congregation and see how folks feel.
- ◆ Communion—Discussed proceeding with Communion via continuous table vs individual chalices? Discussed that if someone is not comfortable with continuous table we will still have individual chalices for folks who choose to do this in their pew. This should be communicated for at least 2 weeks prior to making this change in Worship.
- ◆ The Council decided that we will communicate out to the Congregation that as things are opening up and folks are getting vaccinated, the Council came to the conclusion that we would begin Communion via continuous table on 6/6/2021. Individual communion kits will still be available for those who choose to remain in their pews.
- ◆ Acolytes—Discussed that youth had acolyte training months ago, but have not yet begun to acolyte due to COVID-19. Ron Syse suggested that we wait until fall to begin the process of acolytes again. Julie Saether suggested we invite the acolytes to start this now.
- ◆ Pastor Chris will reach out to Beth Kundert to discuss offering a refresher Acolyte class again, for all youth regardless if they have done it before or not with Pastor Chris, so that they can meet each other, and see if kids would like to sign-up to Acolyte.
- ◆ Open Doors grant discussion - <https://www.elca.org/OpenDoors> (applications open April 21st and close May 14th with grants awarded in Mid-June). There is a grant available by the ELCA given to churches to

## New Hope Lutheran Council Minutes Continued

help generate ministry ideas and meet new people. It is a \$1500-\$2500 Grant. Becky Johnson, Tiffany Bethke, and Gary Whitford-Holey will volunteer to submit a grant idea.

### ♦ Summer worship discussion – special events

Father's Day

Rally Day

Pec Jam

We will proceed with two services thru Summer, other than Father's Day & Rally Day

### ♦ A celebration for the Hollandale Site and all the work that has been done will be planned for a later date/month.

♦ On 5/23/2021 we will recognize graduating High School and College Seniors at the services.

♦ The church office will find out whom all the graduates are.

### Dates to remember:

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Pastor Chris' Installation @ 10:00, Blanchardville site

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Drive through Chicken BBQ @ Hollandale Legion Building from 11:30 -until gone

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**– Last Sunday of Faith Formation

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** – Council meeting via Zoom/Hollandale @ 7:00 pm

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Baccalaureate? Tiffany reached out to Pecatonica Schools and has not yet heard back.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – Pecatonica Class of 2021 Graduation @ 7:00 pm

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Father's Day service in McKellar Park @ 10:00 am

**TBD** - VBS, Highway Clean-up, Faith Formation, and for reminder of the classes

Ron Syse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jessica Kurschner seconded the motion. Motion carried. We closed with the reading of The Lord's Prayer.

### **New Hope Lutheran – Monthly Reports**

#### **April 202**

#### **Trustee Monthly Report**

Dan Hittesdorf, Rodney Kurschner and Kandi Lockard

#### **Parsonage**

- Plumber repaired faucet in bathroom upstairs and cleared the drain in the kitchen sink and basement issue
- Contacted snow removal company to remove gravel from the yard.

#### **Blanchardville Church**

- Will need to identify if any items to be removed as the clean-up days are as follows:  
Spring Clean-up Day is May 21  
Appliance collection May 5, August 4, November

#### **Hollandale Church**

- Narthex has been cleaned/organized and all items removed that have been stored in that area over the last few years
- Ordered railing for back entrance of church
- Hanging racks have been installed for pennants and the small refrigerator used during construction has been removed in the back entry area to the Altar
- Hired mowing to be done
- Basement/Construction
- Plumber installed direct vent water heater and new bathroom sinks
- All fixtures (ladders, mirrors, pictures, shelving, paper towel dispensers, etc.) have been installed and/or hung up.
- Ordered dehumidifier system and this will be installed as soon as it is received.
- Received three quotes for the basement flooring—this is on hold until funds are raised to complete the work.
  - Vinyl Plant flooring—\$10-12K
  - Epoxy flooring—\$12K
  - Std Linoleum—\$7K
- Contacted plumber to look at women's bathroom toilet in basement as it is not anchored down
- Basement cleaning is almost complete, just a few tables need to be wiped down
- Informed our maintenance/cleaning persona the basement will need to be added to their cleaning list.
- **Thank you to everyone that has helped with the Basement Construction Project over the past few years—from your muscles and determination that help tear everything out, your donations, lunches, construction skills, cleaning, encouragement to never give up and much more. (This would not have happened without you!)**

**The Board of Education** met April 19 at 7:30 via Zoom. Jess Kurschner, Kelsey Chrostowski, Julie Saether, and Vicki Chrostowski were present.

- Discussed Highway clean up – Julie will check with Chuck Meyer or Beth Kundert if the confirmation kids will do it some night after school. Also discussed asking confirmation kids if they wanted to help clean the outside of the Hollandale Legion on May 1 in preparation for the Chicken BBQ on May 2. Julie will follow up with Chuck and Beth about this.
- Discussed Faith Formation  
The last Sunday will be May 23  
Will ask Tiffany to put a note in the May Visitor that people should watch for an email about the time and location for Faith Formation for May.

## NEWS & NOTES

### CONFIRMATION NEWS:

The 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation class will meet virtually on Wednesday, May 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed will be part of the lesson.

The last time together for now will be on Wednesday, May 19th, in-person with Pastor Chris. Time frame: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. No lesson, just time to get to know each other and snacks. Rides home will be provided if necessary.

Beth Kundert says "Thanks to all for being part of our time together."

### LIGHTING THE CANDLES:

It's been awhile, but acolytes will be needed. Anyone from 5th through 8th grade can help at worship. Beth will have a quick learning/refresher time after each worship time, 8:30 at Hollandale, 10:30 at Blanchardville on Sunday, May 16th. All are needed, please come.

**Singing at church:** As more folks have begun to get vaccinated and things start opening up a bit more, the council is wondering how members would feel if we start singing in worship again, with masks on? If you have any questions, concerns or feedback about this, please contact the church office, any member of Council or Pastor.

**Update regarding Communion:** At our most recent Council meeting, we discussed returning to Communion via Continuous table. As things are

opening up a bit and folks continue to get vaccinated, the Council came to the conclusion that we would begin Communion via continuous table on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Individual communion kits will still be available for those who choose to remain in their pews.

Congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriages!

Jim and Sheila Love &

Ryan and Jennifer Kumor

Ruth Hanson is again going through treatment for a returning cancer. She would appreciate hearing from folks who are thinking of her.

Her address is:

584 Ace St

Belleville WI 53508



## MEMORIAL DAY DINNER

The Perry Church Women have decided to host their Memorial Day dinner again this year, trying something new!

This year's dinner will be a drive-thru event.  
Serving 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Join us for the New Hope Lutheran Chicken



**Cost:**

**\$13 Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Serving begins at 11:30 AM**

**At the Hollandale Legion**

**Drive-Thru to pick up a delicious Grilled Chicken Meal! Feel free to dine outside at the tables or have a picnic in the grass.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

10% of proceeds will be donated to Iowa County Programs such as food insecurity, school supplies, foster parent training, or heating assistance



# May 2021

*New Hope Lutheran — with sites in Blanchardville & Hollandale*

**Pastor Chris Strohm**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FF=Faith Formation B=Blanchardville H=Hollandale						1 10:00 Food Pantry@ New Hope-B
2 9:00 FF@B 10:00 Installation for Pastor Chris@B 11:30 Chic dinner drive thru in Hollandale	3	4	5 3:30-4:30 7th-8th Gr Confirmation via zoom: <i>see site in the newsletter</i>	6	7	8
9 <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:30 Worship@H 9:30 FF@B 10:30 Worship@B	10 6:30 Trustee Mtg	11	12 2:30 Youth highway Cleanup	13	14	15 10:00 Food Pantry@ New Hope-B
16 <b>Acolyte training following each service</b> 8:30 Worship@H 9:30 FF@B 10:30 Worship@ 6:00 pm York 4-H @B	17 7:30 Bd of Ed Mtg	18	19 3:30-4:30 7th-8th Gr Confirmation IN PER- SON@B	20	21 Visitor Articles due	22
23 <b>Senior Recognition Day -- College &amp; High School</b> 8:30 Worship@H 9:30 FF@B—Last day 10:30 Worship@B	24 7:00 Council Meeting,	25	26	27 Visitor assembly by Hollandale	28	29
30 8:30 Worship@H 10:30 Worship@B	31	1	2	3	4	5 10:00 Food Pantry@ New Hope-B
6 8:30 Worship@H 10:30 Worship@B						



## GET INVOLVED Make a Difference!



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### Does your home need repairs? Would you like to purchase a home?

USDA Rural Development has funding available to purchase and repair homes in eligible rural communities. Interest rates range between 1-3.75%. Grants for repairs are also available to income eligible households over the age of 62.

For more information,  
contact USDA Rural Development at 715-345-7611.

Additional information is also available at [www.rd.usda.gov/wi](http://www.rd.usda.gov/wi)

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is an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.*

**EFT GIVING?** A system for automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings account and deposited automatically into the church account. EFT (electronic funds transfer) forms are available in the church office. Many timely options are possible—weekly, monthly, bi-weekly. Ask the office for more details.

### ADRC ANNOUNCES LOCATIONS OF SUPPORT

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin announces the change of location of the Coffee Hour for Caregivers Support group! The group will now meet at the Johnson Public Library in Darlington. The coffee hour will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

A support group is a gathering of people who share a common health concern or interest who focus on a specific situation or condition. Our support group focuses on family, friends, and neighbors who are caring for a person with a chronic illness or disability.

Two other resources to be aware of is the Monroe Memory Café which meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Behring Senior Center from 1:30-3:00 p.m. and the Hand in Hand Adult Day Center that happens on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If you have questions about any of these resources, please do not hesitate to contact either our Lafayette County office at 608-776-4960 or [adrc@lchsd.org](mailto:adrc@lchsd.org) or the Green County office at 608-328-9499 or [resourcecenter@gchsd.org](mailto:resourcecenter@gchsd.org).

Wisconsin  
Well Woman  
Program



Need a Mammogram or Pap test but can't afford it?  
**We can help—for FREE!**

### Eligibility

- No insurance or insurance with high deductible
- You are a woman ages 35-64
- Your income is within the guidelines

### 2018-2019 INCOME GUIDELINES

Family Size	Annual Gross Household Income
1	Up to \$30,350
2	Up to \$41,150
3	Up to \$51,950

**WI Well Woman Program**  
**1-608-847-9455**



### COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

The Mount Horeb Community Clothes Closet (CCC) was founded by Lifechurch and serves to provide clothing and bedding to our neighbors in need. It is open to all without regard to age, race, gender or creed.

It is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 10:11 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and the 3rd Thursday night of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The closet accepts donations of clothing, coats, hats, mittens, bedding, shoes, purses, boots, toys and books.

the CCC is located at 102 E Lincoln Street, Mount Horeb. Contact Kate Hook at (608) 437-6114 for more information.

### MEMORY CAFÉS

First Wednesday of each month  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Stonefield Apartments Community Room  
407 E Madison St., Dodgeville

Transportation may be available. Contact the Iowa County Aging & Disability Center at 608.930.9835. Another contact is Deanna Truedson at 608.843.3402 or 888.308.6251.

Second Wednesday of each month  
1:30-3:00 p.m., Behring Senior Center, Blends & Friends Café

If you want to participate or have questions, contact the Dementia Care Specialist for the ADRC at 608-426-4295 or [dhay-skattum@gchsd.org](mailto:dhay-skattum@gchsd.org). Come join us at the café for conversation, activities, laughter, and companionship! Each month we will host a social gathering for individuals with early stage dementia, Alzheimer's or memory loss and their family and friends.