

# THE VISITOR

NOVEMBER 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."

*Have you visited our website recently?  
Take a look at [newhopelutheran.info](http://newhopelutheran.info) and tell us what you think!*



Hello Everyone,

Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." We enter into this month of Thanksgiving, a month where we focus on the holiday of food, family, and fun.

A lot of us take time this month to count our blessings and give thanks to God for them.

It is easy to give thanks for the good in our lives, for the birth of a granddaughter and time spent with family. For the health of parents and kids. For the blessing of a job and money to cover our living expenses. For the love of a spouse/partner, family. This month of all months it is easy to lift up all that is good in our lives.

For some of us this month, this holiday is filled with sadness, with grief. As the family gathers we notice the empty place at the table. We grieve the loss of a loved one. First holidays are hard for those who lost someone important in their lives in the past year. The emptiness is real, the pain is real, the suffering is real and it is hard to give thanks when you are grieving.

November is a month of transition. fall becomes winter, warm air turns cold, daylight savings begins, snow arrives and stays, open water is covered in ice. There are transitions in the church too, you may notice that every week the paraments will be a different cover as we come to the end of the church year. We begin the month with All Saint's Sunday remembering all those who have transitioned from this life into the next this past year. All those who are now living into their baptismal promise. We acknowledge the grief, we give it space to be seen and heard. We end the month in Advent, in that time of waiting with expectation for the coming of Jesus. It is a time of remembering the past and

looking forward to the future when Jesus comes again in glory.

This November as we move through all these transitions and the feelings that go along with them we will also be having our Stewardship campaign. We begin with the question of "Now What?" We know what God has done for us. We know that God loves us that God has given us life both now and after death. Jesus's life, death, and resurrection are proof of that love. We accept that love and ask, now what? It is the same point the disciples were at after the ascension of Jesus. The answer is we Love God, we Love our Neighbor. We respond to the Love of God by sharing our resources to further the ministry site we call New Hope.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;" as you ponder the sharing of what God has blessed you with in this month of November, this month of transitions, this month of stewardship.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,  
Pastor Chris

**POINSETTIAS**—The church youth are offering poinsettias for sale at \$15 per plant. Poinsettia colors available this year are brilliant red, creamy white, rich burgundies and pretty pinks! Plants are a great way to honor or remember a loved one. **Order deadline will be Friday, November 12th**, in order for the greenhouse to ensure delivery to our church.

Envelopes are available at each church.

Please mark the envelope to which church the plant will be placed, and whether it is in memory or in honor of someone special. Orders may also be

emailed to the office at [newhopeoffice@tds.net](mailto:newhopeoffice@tds.net) or phoned into the office at 608-523-4239. Thank you for supporting our youth!



**Daylight Saving  
Time Ends  
November 7th  
Time to turn back  
the clock!**

# Engaging Generosity – November



This month we will talk about stewardship. This will be a month long conversation ending with a giving Sunday where we will collect your pledges for the upcoming year. The theme this year is Stewards of God's Love. Stewardship begins with creation. In the first chapter of Genesis God gave all of creation into the stewardship of humans. To care for all that God has given us.

We do this by loving God and loving our neighbor. It is a way of life. Martin Luther reminds us that God does not need our good works but our neighbors do.

We are called to love, not just with our words but with our whole lives.

Here at New Hope we are a source of good within our community. To continue being that source for good we need you help, your gifts, your love. God gives, we receive, we share what God has given us, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Your gift is a gift of love to God and to your neighbors.

God's peace be with you.+

## -All Saints Sunday -November 7th-

During worship we will remember those who have passed way and were buried through New Hope Lutheran church in the past year. Family members will be invited to come forward to light a candle on the altar and receive a rose. Again this year everyone will have the opportunity to light a candle to remember a loved one. The candles will be placed in a box filled with sand and remain lit during the Creed and Holy Communion to remind us of our connection with all the saints through Jesus Christ. This year on All Saints' Sunday we remember and honor the following members who joined the church triumphant since last year:

ALL SAINTS' DAY

*Jennifer Wallace ... December 19, 2020*

*Ruth Kolb... June 12, 2021*

*Ruth Hanson... October 8, 2021*



In addition to recognizing the saints, we also honor those who joined the body of Christ through their baptisms since last year and are now a part of the communion of saints:

*Asher Richard Retrum...baptized on 5-9-2021*

*Edith James Ruby...baptized on 8-8-2021*

*Harrison O'Connor...baptized on 7/25/2021*

### REVENUE/EXPENSES

Sept Revenue \$18,666.60  
Sept Expenses \$14,382.55  
Sept Revenue over Expenses \$4,284.05

YTD Revenue \$114,848.73  
YTD Expenses \$118,108.19  
YTD Revenue over Expense \$3,259.46

YTD Restricted Contributions \$5,070



The choir will begin singing again at our Blanchardville site on Sunday, November 7th!

# Worship Highlights for November

**SERVICES: 8:30 AM Blanchardville**

**10:30 AM Hollandale**

**Live stream service available at 10:30 AM at our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/New-Hope-Lutheran-266038383999>**

**SUNDAY, Nov. 7th**—Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come. *Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21: 1-6a, John 11:32-44*

**SUNDAY, November 14th**—November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love. *Readings: Daniel 12: 1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19-25, Mark 13: 1-8*

**SUNDAY, November 21st**—Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. *Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18: 33-37*

**SUNDAY, November 28th**—Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper. *Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Psalm 25: 1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36*



## Worship Assistants, we thank you for helping!

**Nov. 7th**      **Blanchardville 8:30AM**  
**Ushers/Greeters**    Jerry & Becky Kesler  
**Acolytes**            Jenna Kurschner  
**Lectors**             Judy Watrud  
**Communion server**    Marlys Hittesdorf

**Hollandale 10:30 AM**  
 Bill Whitford  
 Alex Domine  
 Gary Whitford-Holey  
 Vicki Chrostowski

### Worship Sunday mornings:

8:30 AM in Blanchardville  
 10:30 AM in Hollandale

**Nov. 14th**      **Blanchardville 8:30**  
**Ushers/Greeters**    Jerry & Becky Kesler  
**Lectors**             Margie Barnes  
**Acolytes**            Tatum Kurschner  
**Communion Server**    Marlys Hittesdorf

**Hollandale 10:30**  
 Rhonda Kirch  
 Vicki Chrostowski  
 Tucker Bethke  
 Rhonda Kirch

Sunday School meets in the  
 basement/Fellowship Hall in  
 Blanchardville from 9:30  
 AM –10:15 AM.

**Nov. 21st**      **Blanchardville 8:30**  
**Ushers/Greeters**    Jerry & Becky Kesler  
**Acolytes**            Beck Mieden  
**Lectors**             Elaine Becker  
**Communion server**    Marlys Hittesdorf

**Hollandale 10:30**  
 Jackie Chambers  
 Luke Leonard  
 Jean Christen  
 Judy Hendrickson

The Sunday School will be  
 singing in church on Sunday,  
 November 14th at the  
 Blanchardville Site. They  
 look forward to singing in  
 Hollandale in the new year!

**Nov. 28th**      **Blanchardville 8:30**  
**Ushers/Greeters**    Jerry & Becky Kesler  
**Acolytes**            Michael Henderson  
**Lectors**             Marlys Hittesdorf  
**Communion server**    Marlys Hittesdorf

**Hollandale 10:30**  
 Will Doescher  
 Kaye Gilbertson  
 Kaye Gilbertson



**November Altar Committee:**  
 Beth Kundert– Blanchardville Site  
 Jean Christen– Hollandale Site



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 01	Rylinn Kumor	5
Nov 07	Evan Olson	9
Nov 09	Natalie Krebs	3
Nov 19	Otto Wyse	6
Nov 20	Jordyn Norton	8
Nov 20	Keegan Zweifel	11
Nov 25	Brittney Erickson	10



## November ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 04	Ryan & Jess Kurschner	15 Years
Nov 07	Dennis & Vicki Powell	51 Years
Nov 11	Steve & Linda Dieckhoff	49 Years
Nov 11	Todd & Erin Speth	19 Years
Nov 14	Chuck & Nancy Meyer	27 Years
Nov 20	Dan & Lisa Toay	17 Years
Nov 25	J.J. & Jaimie Gordon	21 Years
Nov 27	Wayne & Tammy Jeglum	39 Years



## Meeting Reports/Minutes:

Congregational Meeting- Date: 10/17/2021 Location: NHL Blanchardville Site

Minutes taken by: Tiffany Bethke, Council Secretary

### **Agenda: Current Financials, Stewardship, Trustee update on facilities, Communication update**

Dawn Doran called the meeting to order. There were 35 members in attendance.

- ♦ Current Financials: Becky Johnson reported that as of the end of August we are behind by \$7,000. Compared to the budget we are basically within where we budgeted, other than miscellaneous other & maintenance where we under budgeted for moving Pastor Chris and for snow removal.
- ♦ Stewardship: Pastor reported that we will run a traditional 4 week program probably thru November. The theme will be on the "gift of love"
- ♦ Trustee update on facilities: Rodney Kurschner reported that the Hollandale Site basement is usable now. There is still some work to be done and funding will be needed to do so. The parsonage is sitting ok, the heating system was updated last year and some trees were removed from the parsonage thanks to some members who helped with that. The next projects will likely be done in Blanchardville.
- ♦ Communications Update: Dawn Doran reported that herself, Pastor Chris and Paul Saether met with a company out of Platteville to try and get any media suggestions regarding the technology we use at the Blanchardville Site basically summarized that if our internet connection with TDS is not strong the morning of Worship Service, it will not run as well as it could if our connection was better. In November, we plan to record the 8:30 AM Worship Service, and stream it out at 10:30 AM. If we run into technology issues, we will plan to have it up by 1:00 PM.

There were no other questions. Ron Syse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kaye Gilbertson. Motion carried.

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### **Board Reports:**

Board of Education report, submitted by Julie Saether.

Committee met on October 18 at 7:30 with Julie Saether and Jess Kurschner present and Pastor Chris participated via phone.

- ♦ Confirmation Sunday Oct. 31 at 10:30 at the Blanchardville site. Jess will order 48 individually wrapped cupcakes from Jamie's Country Cupcakes for after the service.
- ♦ Poinsettias – youth will sell them. Pastor will get something in the Nov. Visitor.
- ♦ Santa Secret Shop will be Sat. Dec. 11. Julie will put an article in the Visitor asking for donations of needed items.
- ♦ Our next meeting is Nov. 15

### **Message from the Pec Area Food Pantry:**

Have you seen the food pantry signs that are put out each time we are open? They are large, a bit heavy. They have been missing for a few months and we would love to have them back.

Please contact church office if you have any information! Thank you!



## Council Meeting Minutes of New Hope Lutheran

New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting Location: Blanchardville Site Date: October 25, 2021  
Minutes taken by: Tiffany Bethke, Council secretary

Attendees: Dawn Doran, Becky Johnson, Ron & Ellen Syse, Jessica Kurschner, Rodney Kurschner, Dan Hittesdorf, Kandi Lockard, Tiffany Bethke. Pastor Chris Strohm joined us via phone.

Dawn Doran called the meeting to order. A devotion was led by Pastor Chris. September meeting minutes were reviewed. Ron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dan Hittesdorf. Motion carried. Board report from Board of Education was reviewed. The treasurer's report was reviewed by Becky Johnson who reported that September was overall a nice giving month. Kandi had questioned how much we have currently designated for plaster as the contractor who will be doing the plaster work at Blanchardville, will cost about \$2K. At this time we have just less than \$800 designated for plaster. We've been given a bid by the plaster contractor and he is willing to give us 10% off the bid, which was originally 2K, if we have him do the work during this winter period. Currently, the funds are not quite there as we would still need \$1,050. If anyone would like to donate towards the plaster project specifically, we can get this done soon. If not, we will table this until we have the funds to do so. Tiffany suggested putting an article in the Visitor letting folks know how much money we currently have in the fund to pay for the plastering work and if folks would like to specifically donate to this project and we can obtain funds to do the work, we'll contact the contractor to let him know we'd like to be placed on his schedule. Otherwise, the item will be tabled until we have funds to complete it, as discussed at Council.

**Correspondence:** Thank you received from the Pec Area Elementary School for the fundraising money from the recent lemonade stands. Blanchardville Police officer sent a letter requesting funds for the "shop with a cop" happening soon. Transfers/New Members: NONE Visitors: NONE

### **Old Business:**

- Council Elections for 2022. Nominating committee – Vicki Chrostowski, Kate Garthwaite, Pastor Chris. Julie has decided she will not be running for another term. Rodney Kurschner has agreed to run for another term. We need a deacon for a full (3) term. We will also need a Board of Education member for a full (3 year) term. Dawn will send an email out to the nomination committee with whom we are looking for and from there a meeting will be set-up.

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### **New Business:**

- Confirmands approval – Drew Hendrickson & Kamdyn Kolb: Pastor Chris spoke briefly regarding the two Confirmands. Dan Hittesdorf made a motion to approve the two confirmands for affirmation of baptism. Kandi Lockard approved the motion. Motion carried.
- November Lefse sales – 10% of proceeds to go? Ron Syse made a motion to split 10% of the proceeds from the November Lefse sale between the local shop with a cop and local giving trees at Farmers' Savings Bank & Woodford Bank. Rodney Kurschner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Request from organizations (i.e., 4-h clubs, scouts, etc.) to use basement at Blanchardville Site for meetings. Council agreed, it would be ok to use this space as long as we get it on the calendar ahead of time.
- Member request to use chairs from Blanchardville Site family event outside of building. Discussed and agreed that a form should likely be formed for chair/table use. Form should specify: item being requested, how many, date requested, date item will be returned, key given, if key not returned key the door(s) would need to be rekeyed at the borrowers expense. Tiffany will create a draft form and send it to the trustees.. Tiffany will make sure there are extra keys to use or items borrowed. At both sites, the fiberglass tables do not leave building.
- Barn Service. Dawn Doran has spoken with Jean Christen about the barn service. There is hesitation in proceeding with the barn service this year for a variety of reasons. At this time Council has decided to not proceed with having a barn service this year. Next year, we will look into this to re-discuss and begin planning. Dawn Doran will reach out to Jean Christen to let her know we are not proceeding with the Barn Service for this year.

**Informational:**

- Update on COVID protocol at church sites: Executive team met 10/25 to discuss Covid updates. These updates were discussed with Council this evening and Council had no other questions. We will leave the signs up that say masks are recommended. People can police themselves. Choir will start singing on 11/7/2021. We will increase the number of verses that we will sing each Sunday. Communion will continue as a continuous table for the month of Nov. Fellowship will start to be offered after church, starting in November. We will ask for more individualized items for now. Hand sanitizer will be near the fellowship area. Drinks will be pre-poured if possible
- Stewardship Campaign – November 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> “Gift of Love”. Every Sunday in November as part of the Sermon, Pastor will talk about Stewardship during his Sermon. The 28<sup>th</sup> we will do “Giving Sunday” which will be a time for folks to turn in their pledge cards.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – 12 Lefse preparation and making @ Hollandale site
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – wash/peel/cut potatoes
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – 12 Make Lefse
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Pick up Lefse

**Dates to remember (Subject to change):**

- November 7<sup>th</sup> – change in service times: 8:30 am @ Blanchardville (*8:30 service will be recorded and streamed at 10:30*) 10:30 am @ Hollandale. All Saints Sunday is also on 11/7/21.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – 12 Lefse preparation and making @ Hollandale site
- November 12<sup>th</sup> - Poinsettia orders due to office
- November 18<sup>th</sup>- Visitor articles due to the office
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pastor on Vacation

**Next meeting:** November 22nd @ 7:00 pm in Hollandale and by zoom.

A motion was made by Kandi Lockard to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ellen Syse. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with the reading on The Lord’s Prayer.

**Can you help us?**

**Do you enjoy baking?**

It’s been a LONG time, but we are ready to get back to some fellowship time after church and are in need of folks to sign-up to bring treats/serve after worship. We will have hand sanitizer available for use prior to enjoying a treat.

-Items at this time should be pre-packaged if possible-



To sign-up, please contact the office or watch for an electronic sign-up heading your way soon.

Greetings! As you may have read in the recent minutes of the October Council meeting, we have almost \$800 designated to do the plaster work at the Blanchardville Site. The estimate for the project was \$2,000. The contractor has offered us a 10% discount if we have him do the work in the upcoming months. The council has decided *if* we can raise the money thru designated donations towards this project, we will contact the Contractor and get the job done. If we cannot, we will table the discussion and wait until we have all the funds to do this project. If you’ve worshiped at the Blanchardville site recently, I think you’d agree it will be great to have this work finished. If you would like to donate specifically to this project, please make note with your donation “Plaster Project”

Thank you for your consideration. - Tiffany

## Ways you can help or be helped!

### SANTA NEEDS HELP

Secret Santa Shop Donations are needed! The youth group will be hosting a Secret Santa Shop on Saturday, December 11th at the Pec Elementary School. This shop is an opportunity for children to shop for their loved ones. Items are reasonably priced and no child is turned away due to lack of money to pay. The kids truly love this event.



If you are interested in helping out with purchasing items for this, we would appreciate it! Items needed are: Men's gifts, children's' gifts, gift bags of various sizes, and tissue paper. Please no wrapping paper. There will be Santa Shop donation bins in the narthex of both sites of the churches. This is a great community service and fundraiser for our youth. We really appreciate your assistance!

### THRIVENT ACTION CARDS

Do you have a Thrivent Financial policy? If so, did you know that you are eligible to receive up to two \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team gift cards per year to be used to make an impact on a cause you personally care about? That's right! **Two \$250.00 gift cards per year!** Don't let this opportunity to help a cause near and dear to your heart be missed because you didn't get your request submitted. If you'd like assistance, contact the church office as soon as possible so you can capitalize on this opportunity before the end of the year.

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Mt Horeb:

**The Community Clothes Closet** provides clothing and bedding to our neighbors in need. It is open to all without regard to age, race, gender or creed. More than 2,500 families come through our doors every year. Open the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month from 10am -12pm, and the 3rd Thursday, from 5-7pm. (Shopping limited to 30 minutes, with 1 shopper per family, and 5 shoppers at a time.)

**Food:** Shop our Food Closet: Open on Fridays from 9-10am for seniors. Fridays from 3-6pm, Saturdays from 10-11:30am. Drive up food distribution is also available for those who are unable to shop themselves.

### Iowa County Salvation Army Looking for Bell Ringers . . .

The Salvation Army has been serving Iowa County for many years helping neighbors who find themselves in emergency situations. The work is carried out by volunteers living and working in the community. Over 320 people helped locally in 2020!

Here are some highlights of what is done locally:

- Utility Assistance -Rent Assistance
- Emergency Lodging -Prescription Assistance
- Gas Cards for emergencies

The Salvation Army depends solely on the generosity of individuals who are willing to volunteer their time and efforts. Would you consider joining us as we prepare for the 2021 Christmas Kettle Campaign? We have bell ringing opportunities every Fri and Sat from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. starting Fri, Nov 12th.

If you'd like to help you, contact the church office today so a team can be formed!



### Want to Get Involved with Neighbors Helping Neighbors?

Join our group of dedicated volunteers. Please enter your information and we will contact you about volunteer opportunities. Sign up for a single shift or commit weekly, depending on your availability. We will find a role for you! Get involved behind the scenes.

### Volunteers needed for...

- Weekly food reclamation from local grocery stores
- Delivery of food to house-bound on Friday PM's
- Shopping with families inside our Food Closet during business hours
- Loading groceries into cars
- Stocking the shelves
- Cleaning our facility , or help with Grant writing/ Proofreaders

To get involved, contact us at:  
[info@mthorebneighbors.org](mailto:info@mthorebneighbors.org)

**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)

*USDA Rural Development  
is an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer*

**ANNUAL NOVEMBER LEFSE SALE  
hosted by New Hope Lutheran**

**Place your orders by Wed November 3rd by calling:**

Jean Christen 608-967-2349 or 608-574-1175

John Thronson @ Hollandale Grocery 608-967-2115

Church office @608-523-4239

or newhopeoffice@tds.net

**Orders need to be picked up at the  
Hollandale Site of New Hope Lutheran 407  
Main Street, Hollandale, WI at any of the  
following times:**

Wed. Nov. 10th: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Thur. Nov. 11th: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Fri. Nov. 12th: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

*(any orders not picked up by 4pm Friday  
will be put in the freezer at church)*



**COST IS  
\$7.00  
FOR**

10% of the proceeds will be split between the local "shop with a cop" program  
& the giving trees at Woodford State Bank & Farmers Savings Bank

**Peace Lutheran Church Fall Dinner: Belmont, WI**

Sunday, November 14th, 11:00 am –1:00 pm

\$12.00 per meal Serving Swiss Steak, real mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, bread and apple pie.

Carry-out only.

**MEMORY CAFÉS**

**What is a Memory Café?**

A Memory Café is a safe space and social gathering place for individuals and families who live with memory loss, mild cognitive impairment, early Alzheimer's, or other dementias.

Due to Covid-19, we now meet virtually. To learn how to join virtually, Contact Vicki Hodel, Phone: 888-308-6251 [vicki.hodel@alzisc.org](mailto:vicki.hodel@alzisc.org)

***Are you using ACH giving?***

*ACH is a system for automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings account and deposited automatically into the church account, similar to if you pay your bills thru automatic draws from your bank.*

ACH (automated clearing house) forms are available in the church office. Many timely options are possible—weekly, monthly, bi-weekly. Such a simple way to continue to give regardless if you are at Worship on Sundays mornings, joining us online or just keeping God in your heart.

Contact the church office if you'd like a form to get started with ACH giving!

## Sunday School & Confirmation news!



### Sunday School Update:

Our Sunday School children recently sang in church at the Blanchardville Site and it was SO great having them back again. They plan to sing once per month at one of the sites. At this time, Sunday School is in Blanchardville so they will sing at the Blanchardville Site. When we change locations for Sunday School, we will then sing at the Hollandale Site.

**Mark your calendars**, they will sing again on Nov. 14th at 8:30 AM at the Blanchardville Site. We are also planning a Christmas Program to be held during Worship on Sunday, December 12th at 10:00 AM. We hope you will join us!

**Confirmation Update:** As you may have noticed, our Confirmation students are participating in worship by acolyting, reading, running the slideshow/projector. Confirmation will continue to meet from 2:30 –3:30 pm on Wednesdays, following the Pecatonica early release schedule. We meet in Blanchardville in the fellowship hall/basement. **Confirmation classes are available for grades 7th and 8th. Please come and join us!** **November class schedule:** Nov 3rd & Nov. 17th

Thank to you Vicki, Jean and all the youth who helped with the recent Halloween outdoor carnival. The kids really did a great job and their help was SO very appreciated.



## Something to think about....

**The office needs your help.** We have transitioned over to a new church data/management system. We think it will be great, but we are still learning! A few questions the office has for you....

- Do you read this monthly newsletter if you receive it in the mail?
- Do you prefer to get this electronically or a paper copy?
- Did you know you can submit articles/information to this newsletter?
- Do you receive emails from church and if not, can we have your email so you may start?

If you are able, take a moment and send Tiffany an email at [newhopeoffice@tds.net](mailto:newhopeoffice@tds.net) to let her know you read this and give her some feedback

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### **Living Lutheran or Christ in our Home magazines:**

We have been upcycling both of these materials, so when you are done with your copy, please consider dropping it off one the churches. We have a member who actually takes these copies to the Dane County Jail as part of a mission project. **THANK YOU** for your help!

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### **Ladies of New Hope Lutheran:**

Once again, it was a trying year with all going on with Covid-19. We did not gather for social events and did not do much fundraising of any sort. I look so forward to the months ahead when hopefully things start really improving. If you ever have ideas about what we can do as a group, please feel free to share them. There may be a few possible events coming up in our area, that would be a lot of fun. Concrete details are not available yet, but as soon as they are I hope some of us can get together as a group. As soon as details are released, we will send out that information!





We remember members & friends recovering from surgery, those with ongoing health concerns, the home-bound

as well as the families of recently deceased: Especially Ryan Kurschner, Anna Hendrickson, Pastor Chris, Roger Kittleson, Terry Boehlke, Erik Krebs, Paul Sardeson, Donna Arneson, Cliff Lien, Lyle & Audrey Klosterman, Jeanne Stansfield, John & Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, Dorothy Jungbluth, Vera Eidsmoe, Richard & Peggy Gilbertson, Lynne Hendrickson, Lolly Johnson, Doris Larson, Betty Lou Mathiowetz and Mark Zimmerman.

## PECATONICA AREA

### FOOD PANTRY

1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month

10:00-11:00 a.m.

New Hope-Blanchardville

### Wish List

Ketchup  
mayo  
laundry soap  
dish soap  
macaroni  
Hamburger  
Helper  
soup  
cereal  
eggs

Cooking oil  
paper towels  
pudding/jello  
cake/brownie  
mix  
spaghetti  
sauce  
oatmeal  
pancake mix

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

Tiffany Bethke—608-212-9028  
Jean Christen -- 608-967-2349  
Bev Lien -- 608-215-3956  
Alice Yaeger -- 608-523-4960

## Bits-n-Pieces

### Newsletter

### Deadline



"Visitor" articles/submissions by: **Thurs, November 18th**  
Newsletter assembly: **Wed, November 24th, by Hollandale area volunteer team**

### 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?

### 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



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

Nov 01	Sue Retrum
Nov 05	Mary Gilbertson
Nov 06	Peggy Gilbertson
Nov 06	Roger Gilbertson
Nov 07	Volly Berg
Nov 09	Ron Hanson
Nov 15	Vera Eidsmoe
Nov 15	Elaine Engelke
Nov 17	David Johnson
Nov 18	Ron Watrud
Nov 20	Janna McCoy
Nov 21	Mary Thompson
Nov 21	Bob Watrud
Nov 22	Andy Whitford-Holey
Nov 25	Charles Olson
Nov 25	Ronald Retrum
Nov 26	Chris Gilbertson
Nov 29	Reynold Anderson



**Tuesday, November 2nd**

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