

THE VISITOR

May 2022

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."



Hello Everyone,

I greet you with the joy of Easter as I sit down to write these thoughts. May is one of those months, for me, when I think of new beginnings. It is the month of my birth and each year in May I say goodbye to the old year and look forward to the next.

A year like any other year filled with unexpected gifts and losses. One year older and hopefully wiser but a year filled with love.

There are other beginnings and endings in May. Every May we look forward to the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. For some of us this means a graduation of formal schooling, the end of childhood, as we open the door into adulthood and all that life has to offer. Some of us will continue our school at a place of learning others on a job site but either one leads us into a lifetime of scholarly learning as we know our education never ends.

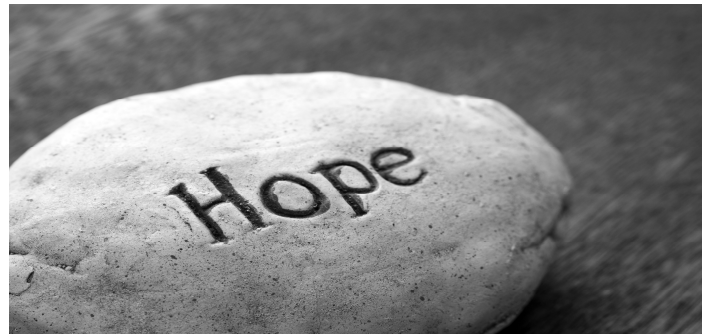
This May we will celebrate a group of students who will be confirmed having finished time of study, a time of learning about themselves and their faith. This is not a graduation instead it is a time of renewal as they affirm their baptismal vows and enter into adulthood within the church. Their time of learning is not at an end it is only at

the beginning as they will struggle with their faith and with God all their lifetime. This struggle is something we inherited from our brothers and sister of the Jewish Faith.

We will also celebrate our graduates from both high school and college. We will pray with them and send them off into the world knowing that they are loved and there is always a place for them here with their faith family.

Easter brings hope. The story of Easter is centered around love and hope. With every ending and new beginning there is hope. Hope for the new year, hope for the new tomorrows, hope for the future, a future filled with love and excitement.

God's Peace be with you all,
Pastor Chris



In June, Worship times will change. Worship at Hollandale site will be at 8:30 AM and at our Blanchardville site at 10:30 AM. Recently at our Council Meeting it was discussed that folks have mentioned a desire to chance worship times more than twice per year alternating which location has early vs late service.

We'd like to know, how often would you like to see the Worship times/locations change?

1. Semi-Annually as they do now, every 6 months?
2. Quarterly, changing the times every 3 months?
3. Monthly
4. Other: _____

Please contact the church office to give your input either by phone, email or a note. OR Watch for an electronic survey coming to your email box soon!

An update from Pastor Chris regarding our Youth & Confirmation students...

High School Youth

The National Youth Gathering that our kids had planned to go to in Minneapolis at the end of July has been canceled. At this point they are not going to reschedule but go ahead with the plan to hold this gathering in New Orleans in 2024. All the fundraising that has been done for this canceled trip, the envelopes, the Shrove Tuesday Dinner, the Easter Breakfast, has been deposited into the youth account to help fund future events. Thank you for your continued support of the youth as we look for ways to engage with them through this ministry.

High School and College Graduates

There will not be a Baccalaureate Service this year. We look forward to celebrating with you on May 22 during our Graduation Recognition Service. ***If you haven't already please send a photo of your graduate and their plans for the next year to the office (newhopeoffice@tds.net) so we can celebrate these choices with them.***

New this year, Pastor Chris is hosting a New Hope Senior Class dinner. This will be the first of an annual tradition. He is inviting our seniors to join him at Sugar River Pizza in New Glarus on May 18 at 5:30 pm. Please let him know if you are attending. You can call or text at 608-341-5032.

Confirmation Update

A big THANK YOU to the confirmation students and supporting cast members for their awesome performance of the Living Last Supper. They did a great job. Easter weekend was a big weekend for them and their parents as they not only had the Living Last Supper performance but they also cleaned up the highway on Saturday and came to a Sunrise Service on Easter along with serving an Easter Breakfast. These kids did this with enthusiasm and no complaints. We had a good weekend. A huge Thank You to their parents for helping out and supporting this ministry. It cannot happen without your support.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 15th at a combined service at our Blanchardville site at 10:00 am. Come and celebrate with Will Doescher, Tatum Kurschner, Kyeton Kolb, and Kenadi Kundert as they affirm their baptismal vows. Their Faith Projects will also be on display in the Narthex that day.



“The world of the generous gets larger and larger...The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.” Proverbs 11:24-25

Surely you’ve heard: **“For God so loved the world that God gave...”** John 3:16 is perhaps the most well-known Bible verse about the gift of Jesus. Every week as the candles are being put out and we are singing our sending hymn, I pray and in that prayer I give thanks for God’s great gifts of grace and mercy and for the gift of Jesus. This is a gift God gave us so that we might have life! And what’s more: God gave that we may have everlasting life! This gospel truth is fundamental for us all! What an amazing gift indeed!

This same generous God is calling us to share the gift of Jesus. Giving is life-changing. When we give, our generosity funds ministries that impact others. When we give, **our generosity shapes our own hearts and lives to reflect the image of God in us.** It is an act of faith to share our financial resources.

The ongoing ministry of New Hope requires \$3500 a week. We pray that you- and everyone blessed by these ministries—will share in financially supporting New Hope and these ministries.

God Bless,

Your Engaging Generosity Team

THE CHURCH OF THE SOUTH
 SOUTHERN BOARD OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE SOUTH

REVENUE/EXPENSES	Sunday Attendance		
March Revenue \$14,536.30 March Expenses \$20,048.73 March Revenue over Expenses (\$5,692.43)	Description	Date	Church Total
YTD Revenue \$45,853.85 YTD Expenses \$48,235.33 YTD Revenue over Expenses (\$2,381.48)	Sunday	4/3/2022	58
	Sunday	4/10/2022	75
	Sunday	4/17/2022	95
	Sunday	4/24/2022	53
	TOTAL:		271
	AVERAGE:		70

\$3500 is the total needed weekly to pay our expenses. We want to be transparent with the Congregation. If you ever have questions about this, please ask. We also appreciate all those who share their offering, time & talents with us so we can continue our mission!

Automatic Offering

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

ACH (automated clearing house) forms are available in the church office. Many timely options are possible—weekly, monthly, bi-weekly. Ask the office about more details. Another option is PayPal or giving online thru our website!

WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to “What Matters.”

Worship with us for our May Sunday Services!

8:30 AM at our Blanchardville site

10:30 AM at our Hollandale site

** On 5/1 & 5/15 we will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE. See dates/details below. If you need a ride to Worship, please contact the church office so we can assist you!*



Worship Assistants

May 1st, 2022 * One Worship @ Hollandale at 10:00 AM

Reader: Kathryn Kammerude

Acolytes: Alex Domine

Greeters/Ushers: Bill Whitford

Communion: Kaye Gilbertson



May 8th, 2022 * Mother's Day

Readers: (B) Becky Johnson (H) Kaye Gilbertson

Acolytes: (B) Michael Henderson (H) Bo Leonard

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Ron & Ellen Syse (H) Bill Whitford

Communion: (B) Ellen Syse (H) Bryan Lisser

May 15, 2022 *Confirmation Day* One Worship @ 10:00 AM at Blanchardville*

Readers: Confirmation student

Acolyte: Will Doescher

Greeters/Ushers: Ron & Ellen Syse

Communion: Ellen Syse

May Altar Committee:

Blanchardville Site:

Becky Kesler

Hollandale Site:

Jean Christen

May 22, 2022 *Graduation Recognition Sunday*

Readers: (B) Tina Steiner (H) Avery Hughes

Acolytes: (B) Beckett Mieden (H) Audrey Hughes

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Ron & Ellen Syse (H) Bill Whitford

Communion: (B) Ellen Syse (H) Flora Griffiths

May 29, 2022

Readers: (B) Ellen Syse (H) Andy Whitford-Holey

Acolytes: (B) Jenna Kurschner (H) Luke Leonard

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Ron & Ellen Syse (H)

Communion: (B) Ellen Syse (H) Flora Griffiths

If you would like to assist with any of these tasks...please let the church office know and we'll get you in touch with one of the deacons!

New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting Date: 4/18/22 Location: Hollandale Site Minutes taken by: Tiffany Bethke

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: Pastor Chris, Ron & Ellen Syse, Rodney & Jayne Kurschner, Jessica Kurschner, Kelsey Chrostowski, Dan Hittesdorf, and Tiffany Bethke. Ron Syse called the meeting to order. Pastor Chris led us in prayer. The March meeting minutes were reviewed. Dan Hittesdorf made a motion to approve the March Meeting minutes as presented. Rodney Kurschner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Board/committee reports were reviewed. Pastor Chris added that 10% of the recent flower sales will be donated to the drivers of the local SUN food program drivers. Rodney Kurschner stated that Chuck Meyer offered to repaint the lines in the parking lot at Blanchardville. It should be noted that Kevin Kammes installed new rails outside of the Hollandale Site, he donated his time and materials. Treasurer's report was sent prior to the meeting by Becky Johnson. Pastor Chris brought up a question in regards to our payment to the Synod and if we happen to be struggling financially if that payment can be decreased. We are currently \$4416.48 behind budget year to date so far at this time. There was no correspondence, transfers/new members and no visitors.

Old Business: Covid updates were briefly discussed. We began the full liturgy on Easter Sunday and that went well. We will continue with setting three of the liturgy. A Chicken BBQ update was given by Tiffany. At this time we've sold almost 70 Chicken dinners. We still are looking for some volunteers. A motion was made by Dan Hittesdorf to designate 10% of the profits from the Chicken dinner to Ukrainian relief. This was seconded by Ellen Syse. Motion carried. Pastor Chris & Tiffany provided an update with regard to the church rummage sale that is happening on 4/29 & 4/30. Additionally, Brat Fry/Bake Sale will be on Saturday from 10:00 AM -1:00 PM. The meat and chips were ordered by Pastor Chris, locally. Pastor Chris noted that the proceeds from the Brat Fry will be designated to the Hollandale Basement fund. Dan Hittesdorf made a motion to donate 10% of the profits from the rummage sale to the Hodan Center. Kelsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pastor Chris discussed that with our new Campership fund, we should establish a workflow/procedure for when scholarship applications are submitted to the office. Pastor Chris noted that according to our Bylaws, the Board of Deacons is responsible for the "relationship of summer camps". Pastor suggests that the board of deacons be responsible to assist in the process once application is received and suggested that once the office secretary receives a scholarship application, a copy be made and a copy given to the Board of Deacons who will then give approval and return to the secretary to turn it in to the treasurer. Tiffany will work on writing up guidelines for this.

New Business: Pastor Chris reports that he has not heard back from any of the local clergy which implies that it may be time to end the historical Baccalaureate. We will do a graduation recognition day on Sunday, 5/22/2022. Books have been ordered for the Congregation to sign/write in. Further discussion will need to be held with regard to the Pecatonica Area Pastoral Account. Past Chris discussed that each year, we should re-view our Congregational membership. Pastor Chris discussed that he would like the Executive Committee & Tina to review this together, prior to the next May 16th meeting. Tiffany will print out a list of all active and in-active members in our database, to review at the meeting. The meeting date has not yet been scheduled.

Informational: Worship times change in June with 8:30 AM in Hollandale and 10:30 AM in Blanchardville. Ron Syse mentioned that he has heard input with regards to how often the Worship times are changed and that folks have mentioned they'd like them to alternate more than twice a year. Tiffany Bethke noted that she has heard similar comments. It was suggested that Tiffany send out a survey to the congregation and put a note in the bulletin asking folks how often they'd like to see Worship times change. The 2022 planning calendar was discussed, nothing new to add.

Dates to remember (Subject to change):

- **April 22nd** - Visitor Articles due to the office
- **April 23rd** - Spring clean-up - Hollandale & Blanchardville sites
- **April 29th & 30th** - Rummage Sale at Blanchardville site. Brat Fry 4/30 10 AM -1pm
- **April 30th**- Monroe Conference Spring Gathering
- **May 1st** - One Service @ Hollandale site; Thrivent coming to talk- bring questions. Chicken BBQ - Legion following Worship.
- **May 15th**- One Service @ Blanchardville Site 10:00 AM - Confirmation Sunday
- **May 5th & 6th** - Synod Assembly - WI Dells
- **May 22nd**- Graduation recognition Sunday
- **June 5th** - Worship in Hollandale @ 8:30 & Blanchardville @ 10:30
- **June 19th** - Father's Day - Blanchardville worship in the park @ 10:00

Next meeting: May 16th - 7:00 pm @ Blanchardville site

Board of Education Report:

Board Of Ed Report—submitted by Jessica Kurschner

Attendees: Pastor Chris, Kelsey, Kara & Jess met Monday April 11th in Blanchardville.

We decided the 10% from the Easter flower sales will go to the drivers of the senior food program.

We will order cupcakes from Jamie's Country cupcakes for confirmation Sunday.

We will gift our 7 seniors with the Dr Suess book "oh, the places you'll go"

We will recognize our Seniors May 22nd.

We talked about having a First communion class sometime in September.

Our next meeting will be Monday May 9th at 7 in Blanchardville.

Board of Trustee Report:

Trustee Meeting – Rodney Kurschner, Dan Hittesdorf, Kandi Lockard and Pastor Chris Strohm

Date:4/11/2022 **Location:** Blanchardville Site

Hollandale

Identified items for Rummage Sale in May

Identified Spring Clean-up areas that will be done on Saturday April 23 from 9-1

Created a poster board with a list of to do's

Red Light above Sanctuary entrance needs to be replaced.

Lawn treatment will take place in the May timeframe.

Blanchardville

Identified signs for parking lot- need to determine costs

Identified items for Rummage Sale in May

Identified Spring Clean-up areas that will be done on Saturday April 23 from 9-1

Created a poster board with a list of to do's

Lawn treatment will take place in the May timeframe.

Determine costs to fill parking lot cracks.

Parsonage

Requested quote for driveway gravel.

Lawn treatment will take place in the May timeframe.

Storm door needs to be replaced- determine who can do this and costs.

Basement window glass is broken and needs to be replaced.

All sites (Blanchardville and Hollandale Churches)

Identify items for May Rummage sale that will be held in Blanchardville

Roadmap/Budget

Identified new/completed items and updated Roadmap

Thank you to everyone that provides their talents/skills to get so many things done!

Do you have something
you'd like to see in the
next newsletter?

If so, please send it to
the office at
newhopeoffice@tds.net
or drop it by the office
sometime!

Newsletter Deadline : Monday, May 23rd

Newsletter assembly: Tuesday, May 31st , by
Hollandale Area Volunteers

Save the date for the following church events!



Sunday, May 1st!

One Joint Worship at 10:00 AM at the Hollandale Site followed by the Annual Chicken Dinner in Hollandale! During Worship on 5/1, we'll have a few representatives from Thrivent Financial come to speak with us! Bring any questions you may have for them!

Sunday May 15th! -

Confirmation Day- We'll gather



for ONE Worship service at our Blanchardville site at 10:00 AM on this special day. The following confirmation students will be confirmed: Tatum Kurschner, Kenadi Kundert, Will Doescher and Kyeton Kolb. We hope you will join us to celebrate this special milestone for these students. They have each been working on a faith project and these projects will be available to see at Worship.

CELEBRATE



Sunday, May 22nd- Graduation Recognition Sunday-

We will recognize our high school graduates at worship this day. Each student will be gifted a special gift, from our church. Let us know the plans your graduate has made for their future! Please send a recent photograph to newhopeoffice@tds.net with those plans so we can celebrate them! *Graduates are: Annika Becker, Madison Cook-Morris, Macy Emberson, Gracie Gordon, Tessa Green, Wyatt Mieden & Siri Thronson*

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, Spencer Olson, Kari Hofer, Holly Hittesdorf, Chuck Brown, Jeanne Stansfield, Leah Stansfield, Carol Helmeid, Linda Hanson, Kay Lageson, Vicki Hughes, Volly Berg, Ryan Kurschner, Anna Hendrickson, Roger Kittleson, Terry Boehlke, Erik Krebs, Paul Sardeson, Donna Arneson, Cliff Lien, Lyle & Audrey Klosterman, John & Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, Richard & Peggy Gilbertson, Lynne Hendrickson, and Mark Zimmerman.

Our sympathies go out to the families of Julie Norton-Beckman & Gaylord Schultz as they mourn and grieve during this time of loss.



If you would like to be added to the prayer list or know of someone who would like to be added please contact Pastor Chris or the church office.

There is power in prayer.

CONFIRMATION UPDATES:

Our last class will be held on Wednesday, May 4th from 2:30 –3:30 pm at the Blanchardville Site. Confirmation Day is on Sunday, May 15th, 2022 for Kenadi Kundert, Tatum Kurschner, Will Doescher & Kyeton Kolb, which will be held at the Blanchardville Site for a 10:00 AM Worship. A reminder to the students being Confirmed, if you need help with your Faith Project, please talk with Pastor Chris.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES:

Our Sunday School only has **TWO classes** left this spring! We will meet on Sunday 5/1 @ Hollandale from 9:00 AM –9:45 AM and we will sing that day in church for the 10:00 AM Worship. On May 8th, we will resume class from 9:30 AM –10:15 AM at our Hollandale Site *and this will be our last class*. We thank ALL who helped each Sunday School this year, play music for our Sunday School class in church and of course to the parents who brought their children each Sunday!

New Hope Lutheran will be having VBS in the evening June 13th—16th in Hollandale. Details will be forthcoming, we hope you will plan to join us!

Summer Camp & Scholarships Opportunity!

We have two families signed up for Summer Camp! There is still time, if you'd like your children to attend!

LUTHERDALE: (Elkhorn, WI) Check them out at info@lutherdale.org OR 262-742-2352

SUGARCREEK (Ferryville, WI): They have camps for all ages as well as many fun other events that go on during the summer and into the fall. Check them out @ <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/> or by calling 608-734-3113

ELC: (Mt Horeb, Wisconsin) has extended an invite to our area inviting us to Summer Bible Camp! **VBS/DAY CAMP 2022 - JUNE 13 - 16** (VBS (9 - 11:30 am) for 3 - 5 years olds) (DAY CAMP w/Sugar Creek Staff (9 am - 3 pm, Children entering 1st - 5th in fall **REGISTER:** <https://forms.gle/Q2ryqGu124XCujM77> **FEES:** \$25 per child registered. Camp fees may be paid online through their website (ELCMTHOREB.ORG) or mailing donation to our church, 315 E Main St. Mt Horeb. (Please add \$1.00 for processing fees, if paying online.) They will have Sugar Creek Bible Camp Counselors lead the ELC Day Camp this summer. Come and join together in our community of faith to learn about God's Boundless love, play games, sing camp songs, snacks, and much more.

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We have an anonymous member here at New Hope Lutheran who started a "campership" fund to help fund summer bible camp experiences! Since then, a few others have volunteered to help cover camp registration for families! The experience they will have a camp is sure to be one they will remember for life. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Camp Scholarship applications are available at each church site!



Birthdays!

Strohm, Chris	May 2
Syse, Ellen	May 4
Haldiman, Todd	May 4
Lien, Clifford	May 4
Mieden, Wyat	May 5
Barnes, Margaret	May 5
Wahl, Tara	May 7
Zimmerman, Ian	May 8
Ihm, Sara	May 10
Linder, Cory	May 11
Steiner, Amanda	May 11
Mieden, Beckett	May 11
Powell, Vicki	May 12
Bredeson, Marcia	May 12
Anderson, Jacob	May 13
Helmeid, Robert	May 13
Whitford, William	May 15
Peterson, Timothy	May 18
Emberson, Mark	May 18
Kittleson, Christian	May 18
Bethke, Tiffany	May 19
Hittesdorf, Joshua	May 22
O'Connor, Brady	May 22
Ruegsegger, Carter	May 23
O'Connor, Shari	May 23
Hittesdorf, Marlys	May 24
Hendrickson, Mitchell	May 25
Hermanson, Kelly	May 26
Barnes, Franklin	May 28
Puckett, Jesse	May 30
Watrud, Judy	May 30

Monday Mission Nights which were recently held were a success! We will resume again this fall, so save those plastic bags and keep your eyes peeled for the next event!



Anniversaries!

Bryan & Jeanne Lisser	05/20/1967
David & Cindy Whitford	05/20/1978
Steven & Kelly Hermanson	05/22/1982
Pam & John Lauper	05/22/1982
Jim & Jayne Gordon	05/11/1985
John & Dawn Doran	05/19/1985
John & Jubie Simonson	05/28/1994
Mike & Tara Wahl	05/21/2005
Jennie & Christopher Henderson	05/16/2009
Kara & Harley Terrill	05/23/2009

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who gather to help assemble the monthly newsletter. If you would like to help assemble the monthly newsletter sometime, please contact the office so we can get you the details! This is one of those jobs that make the monthly newsletter possible!

Thank you to all who help with various tasks around the church and during our Worship service.

Thank you to all who assisted with Highway Clean-up recently. On Saturday, April 16th, we gathered together to clean-up the highway during a pretty cold and windy day! Those in attendance were: Pastor Chris, Beth Kundert, Beckett Meiden, Alex Domine, Jennie Henderson, Michael Henderson, Daniel Henderson, Jayden Henderson, Jenna Kurschner, Tatum Kurschner, Amanda Hughes, Audrey Hughes, Avery Hughes, Abram Hughes, and Anna Hughes. Together, they worked hard to get the job done and were treated to Pizza upon their return.

Thank you to Kevin Kammes, who recently installed railings outside of the Hollandale Site of New Hope Lutheran, donating his time, materials and talent. We appreciate you, Kevin!

Thank you to ALL who recently helped with our SPRING CLEANING project at both church sites. ALL help was needed and much appreciated.

Opportunities to get involved or get help!

Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity Available

Since the beginning of COVID in March of 2020, St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry (located 2033 Fish Hatchery Road, Madison) has been operating outside as a drive-through service for its clients. Volunteers are needed to carry prepackaged groceries from the pantry to the clients' vehicles. All staff follow required masking and social distancing to provide for a safe environment to work. N95 masks are provided for all volunteers. Shifts are listed below:

- Mon, Tues & Fri: 10:30 am-12:30 pm / 12:30-2:30 pm
- Thursday: 2:30-4:30 pm / 4:30-6:00 pm

Four volunteers are needed per shift. You can choose to volunteer as little or as much as you choose. The pantry is assisting approximately 100 families per day. If you would like to help, please contact Marlys Hittesdorf at 558-8227 for further information.

Enjoy a nutritious home delivered meal

from a heart healthy menu from a licensed dietitian. Hot delivered meals are available in Blanchardville and Hollandale area through the local meals on wheels, S.U.N. program. Choose from everyday delivery or choose from your favorite. Some restrictions, call The Viking cafe 523-4327 for more details.

Living Lutheran

Did you know, New Hope Lutheran pays for a subscription to "Living Lutheran" for each of our members (household) to receive each month!? If you do not currently receive this magazine and would like to, please contact the office.

Additionally, if you currently receive this magazine, but would prefer to receive this subscription electronically, please contact the office. Thanks for your assistance with this!

PECATONICA AREA FOOD PANTRY

Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month
10:00-11:00 a.m & the 2nd Wednesday of each
month from 5:30 pm– 7:00 PM
at New Hope-Blanchardville. Please contact a
committee member if you are in need of delivery
or have questions:

Once monthly toiletries and \$40 worth of
vouchers to be used locally are distributed.

Food Pantry Committee:
Tiffany Bethke 608-212-9028
Jean Christen -- 608-967-2349
Bev Lien -- 608-215-3956
Alice Yaeger -- 608-523-4960

Did you know each month, the church office sends a mailing to our shut-in or homebound members? It is so important to stay connected to our members. If you'd like to assist with this in any way whether by sending a card each month or helping with postage, please contact the church office!