

# THE VISITOR

June 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."



Dear Friends,

The other weekend my wife and I went to see the play "Dear Evan Hansen" it was a great play. I had not heard of it before, but I have liked any Broadway musical that I've seen, so we bought tickets and went. This play is about high school bullying, it is about desperately wanting to be a part of something, of being noticed,

of not feeling alone, and it is about suicide. Heavy material but written so well. There is one song that really struck me, "You will be found." In this song the main character struggles with his own failed attempt at suicide and at the same time with hope. With the idea that no matter the darkness you find yourself in, you are not alone. Here are the lyrics, "**You Will Be Found**" (from "Dear Evan Hansen" soundtrack)

*Have you ever felt like nobody was there? Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?*

*Have you ever felt like you could disappear? Like you could fall, and no one would hear?*

*Well, let that lonely feeling wash away. Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay 'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand. You can reach, reach out your hand*

*And oh, someone will come running And I know, they'll take you home. Even when the dark comes crashing through, When you need a friend to carry you. And when you're broken on the ground, You will be found..*

*So let the sun come streaming in, 'Cause you'll reach up and*

*you'll rise again*

*Lift your head and look around, You will be found. You will be found. You will be found. You will be found. You will be found.*"

In John's gospel we read these words, "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it,*" (John 1:5) We also have this promise from Jesus, "*I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you...you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.*" (John 14: 18-20) **You will be found.**

Hope, light, not alone. Suicide is a word that breaks my heart. When I hear of suicide I just want to cry. I can't imagine being in a place so dark, so alone, so filled with pain, that there is no place for hope. I know that there are people in our community that struggle with this darkness every day. Covid hasn't helped as we are driven to isolation when we get it. Martin Luther said that one way to defeat the Devil is that when the Devil is attacking you and telling you there is no hope, go find someone to be with. It is harder for the Devil to be heard when you are with someone. "*Even when the dark comes crashing through, When you need a friend to carry you, and when you're broken on the ground, You will be found.*" You will be found because you are not alone, you are never alone, Jesus is with you always.

When you are in that dark place and need a friend, my number is 608-341-5032, call me or call 800-273-8255, this is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The peace of God be with you always,  
Pastor Chris

**For the last several years, we have alternated between our two sites, so that one location had an early service for 6 months and the other the late service for 6 months, and then flip every 6 months. In June, Worship will be at our Hollandale Site at 8:30 AM and at our Blanchardville Site at 10:30 AM. The church council is considering alternating sooner than every 6 months. Input has been requested for the last several weeks. If you haven't given your opinion yet, please contact the office at 608-523-4239 or newhopeoffice@tds.net Thank you to those who have given input. At this time we are considering the following: 1) keeping it as is, alternating every 6 months 2) Alternating every 3 months, 3) Alternating each month. Thank you!**

***Congratulations to our recently Confirmed students and their families!***



**Congratulations to all who celebrated an important faith milestone on May 15th, 2022 as they were Confirmed! Pictured left to right; Kyeton Kolb, Will Doescher, Tatum Kurschner, and Kenadi Kundert. Congratulations to you and your families!**

**Each student completed a special faith project, which is a tradition that Pastor Chris brought with him when he was called to our congregation. The projects were on display the day of Confirmation.**



*Congratulations to our high school seniors, who graduated on Friday, 5/27/2022 from the Pecatonica High School. We wish you all the blessings as you celebrate this special milestone in your life. We will continue to keep you in our prayers and encourage you to stay connected with us so we can celebrate all your accomplishments!*

*Those who attended Graduation Recognition Sunday were recognized and given a book "Oh The Places You Will Go" by Dr.Suess. Those who were unable to attend do have a book here for them to pick-up at church. Inside each book are special messages from our church family.*

**VBS is coming to town...  
we hope you plan to join us!**



**New Hope Lutheran  
Vacation Bible School  
June 13-16th  
6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Hollandale Village Hall  
All are Welcome  
ages 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Need not be a member of our church to join. Bring a friend, all are welcome!**



# Worship with us in June!

*-8:30 AM at our Hollandale Site & 10:30 AM at our Blanchardville Site-*

*\* On Fathers' Day, June 19th, we'll meet in Blanchardville at McKellar Park for an outdoor worship! If you need a ride to Worship, please contact the church office so we can assist you! \**

## Worship Assistants

*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*

### June 5th, 2022

**Reader:** (H) Kaye Gilbertson (B) Lisa Toay

**Greeters/Ushers:** (H) Gary Whitford-Holey (B) David Gerber & Chuck Meyer

**Communion:** (H) Vicki Chrostowski (B) Nancy Meyer

### June 12th, 2022

**Reader:** (H) Jean Christen (B) Beth Kundert

**Greeters/Ushers:** (H) Gary Whitford-Holey (B) David Gerber & Chuck Meyer

**Communion:** (H) Bryan Lisser (B) Nancy Meyer

**June 19th, 2022 Fathers' Day\* Worship @ 10:00 AM at McKellar Park in Blanchardville.** If inclement weather, we'll be at the Blanchardville Site of NHL

**Reader:** Sarah Saether

**Music:** Mark Gruenenfelder, Roger Kittleson, and Bev Lien

### June 26th, 2022

**Reader:** (H) Andy Whitford-Holey (B) Dottie McGuigan

**Greeters/Ushers:** (H) Gary Whitford-Holey (B) David Gerber & Chuck Meyer

**Communion:** (H) Gary & Andy Whitford Holey (B) Nancy Meyer

**June Altar Committee:** (H) Jean Christen (B) Becky Kesler

## 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, Karen Beecher, Sean Doran, Chuck Brown, Jeanne Stansfield, Leah Stansfield, 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.



*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.*

# New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

**New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting -** Date: May 16, 2022 Location: Blanchardville Site  
Minutes taken by: Tiffany Bethke, Council Secretary

Attendees in person: Kandi Lockard, Pastor Chris, Kelsey Chrostowski, Rodney & Jayne Kurschner, Becky Johnson, Ron & Ellen Syse, Gary Whitford-Holey, Dawn Doran, and Tiffany Bethke. Attendees via zoom: Kara Terrill

**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.

Pastor Chris led us in a prayer. April meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Ron Syse to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kandi Lockard. Motion carried. There were no Board/committee reports submitted prior to this meeting.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, as of the end of April, we are behind almost \$2600. Becky Johnson took time to explain how the treasurer's report truly does fluctuate a lot. Pastor Chris asked that we contact TDS to see how they can reimburse us for the time we've had with a lot of internet issues over the last two weeks where we were unable to have email. Tiffany Bethke will contact TDS to discuss. Correspondence received: Thank you from The Hodan Center (recent donation of \$150) & South Central Synod of WI ELCA (thank you for submitting our mission support plan for 2022). Transfers/New Members: NONE Visitors: NONE

## **Old Business:**

- COVID updates were discussed. No one had any updates or concerns to report at this time. Things seem to be running fine at church the way we have been doing things. We'll continue to keep an eye on this and re-visit each month.
- Annual review of congregation membership - the executive team is working on this. Dawn Doran asked Tiffany to reach out to Tina Steiner again to see when she is free to meet with the executive team.
- BHAF grant award - Dawn Doran reported that we were recently awarded a grant for \$1K for the Hollandale site basement flooring, with the caveat that the job has to be completed and the bill paid by March of 2023 to actually receive the grant.
- Results from Worship time survey- Discussed the results that have come in so far from people's thoughts. We discussed that if a change is made it is a big one so we'll put an article in the Visitor discussing the results so far and put a vote card in the bulletin with the following options: 1. Keep as is, 2. change every 3 months, 3. Alternate every other month. 4. OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

There was no new business to discuss. The following information dates were discussed:

- Pastor on vacation June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup>: Dawn is working on a supply Pastor and Pastor will take care of finding emergency coverage.
- Worship times change in June: 8:30 – Hollandale & 10:30 - Blanchardville
- 2022 Planning calendar was reviewed.
- Pastor discussed the desire to do a Rally Day at the Blanchardville Site Parking lot. Outdoor Worship, food, We will be looking for volunteers to help chair or co-chair this event. An article will be put into the Visitor and upcoming bulletins.
- Becky Johnson will talk with Marlys in regards to God's Work Our Hands Day.

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

- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Graduate Recognition at both services
- **May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Pecatonica Class of 2022 Graduation @ 7:00 pm
- **June 5<sup>th</sup>** – Worship times change! Hollandale Site @ 8:30 & Blanchardville Site @ 10:30 AM
- **June 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – VBS @ Hollandale legion. The theme will be "Tree of Healing"
- **June 19<sup>th</sup>** – Father's Day – Blanchardville worship in the park @ 10:00
- **August 28<sup>th</sup>** - Rally Day - at Blanchardville Site.

**Next meeting: June 20th – 7:00 pm @ Hollandale site**

## Worship Time discussion...

For the last several years, each 6 months (twice per year), we alternate which site (Blanchardville or Hollandale) has the early and the late service. Lately, it has been discussed that folks would like to see us switch more than twice per year. Last year the council discussed that anytime big changes or modifications are made, that we do a lot of communicating, thinking and praying first. We've talked about this for several weeks and asked for your input. Thank you for anyone who gave their input. At this time, a majority of folks would like to see the switch between early/late service times be every 3 months. We are still discussing this but appreciate your input and suggestions. If you've been to church recently, you may have filled out a suggestion/vote card. Thank you for your input! It should be noted that starting the first Sunday in June, the early service time of 8:30 AM will be at our Hollandale Site and the 10:30 AM worship will be at our Blanchardville Site.

## *Living Lutheran*

*A little Prayer to help with all going on in the world today, this seemed like a good thing to remember.*

Jesus reminds us in John 16:33 that the world will bring us tribulation but in Him we have peace, calm, and reassurance.

Apart from Him, there will be struggles. In Him we will have peace in the midst of these struggles.

We can't control the world, but we can control Who we turn to when it all feels like too much.

### Pray with me:

Lord, help remind my heart you have overcome this world and there is peace in you no matter what is going on around me. The hope you bring gives us the peace our soul needs. Jesus, you are always my peace, and I am so grateful. Amen.

**Newsletter Deadline :** Friday, June 17th

**Newsletter assembly:** Tuesday, June 28th , by Blanchardville Area Volunteers

If anyone would like to join in helping with this task, let the office know!

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!

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!

## Upcoming events & News!



### Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder

Eligible for women age 50 or older who experience incontinence or want to prevent any future incontinence. It's never too early or too late to start!

Fridays, 8:00am-10:00am

June 10th, June 24th, & July 8th, 2022

Monticello Public Library in Monticello, WI

*(To benefit from the program fully, we recommend to be able to attend all three sessions)*

To register, please call the Green County  
ADRC office at 608-328-9499.

Mind Over Matter  
improves bladder  
symptoms for **71%** of  
participants and bowel  
symptoms for **55%**!

“ There are ‘things’ you can  
do to improve bladder and  
bowel symptoms. The  
support and accountability  
to each other is very  
helpful. Would  
recommend to others. ”

- Past Participant

Free. Spots are limited.  
Pre-registration is required.  
No living in county  
requirements.



### JOIN US FOR ANOTHER OFFER- ING OF MIND OVER MATTER, COMING UP!

Did you know that over half of women age 50 and older experience issues with bladder or bowel control at some time in their lives? You are not alone! Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder is a workshop designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms whether they're experiencing symptoms now or are wanting to prevent symptoms from happening. It is never too late or too early to start!! Sign up today, by calling 608-328-9499!

## BLANCHARDVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 2022



*Annual Father's  
Day Dance*

Playing from 4 - 7 pm

*“Keith and the Klassiks”*

8 pm - Midnight

*“The Invaders”*

BEER AND FOOD STAND WITH BRATS AND BURGERS

2022 Polaris UTV Raffle Tickets will be sold on site  
Chicken BBQ served Sunday at McKellar Park

Come support your local volunteer firefighters  
and have a little fun!

## BLANCHARDVILLE BULLETS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

McKELLAR PARK, BLANCHARDVILLE

**JUNE 25TH** 110% PAYOUT

PAYOUT BASED ON 8 TEAMS (\$1100)  
1ST \$550, 2ND \$350, 3RD \$200

REGISTRATION: \$125 PER TEAM  
8 TEAM  
DOUBLE  
ELIMINATION

FULL CONCESSIONS WITH \$2.00 BEER  
ABSOLUTELY NO CARRY INS

ALL GAMES WITH 50 MINUTE TIME LIMIT UNTIL MONEY GAMES  
15 RUN RULE AFTER 4 INNINGS - 10 RUN RULE AFTER 5 INNINGS  
3 - 2 COUNT, ONE SWING - WHIFF OR FOUL IS AN OUT  
UNLIMITED ARC - 70 FOOT BASES  
ASA RULES AND ASA BATS ONLY  
WINNING TEAM SUPPLIES ONE UMPIRE UNTIL MONEY GAMES  
\$40 UMPIRE BUYOUT FOR THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT

CAMPING AVAILABLE AT PARK

SPONSORED BY BLANCHARDVILLE HOME TALENT BASEBALL  
CONTACT COREY MCGOWAN TO SIGN UP (608)-214-9510

## *Birthdays!*

Hannah	Barnes	06/29
Luke	Leonard	06/14
Alex	Emberson	06/23
Avery	Hughes	06/04
Kelsey	Chrostowski	06/24
Benjamin	Thronson	06/13
Laura	Steiner	06/30
Benjamin	Meyer	06/27
Brandon	Barnes	06/26
Chelsea	Burkeland	06/06
Tyler	McNeill	06/28
Mike	Vogel	06/27
Trisha	Powell	06/16
Ross	Kundert	06/05
Travis	Carr	06/17
Jennie	Owens	06/12
Brenda	Larson	06/18
Dawn	Schmitz	06/12
Stephen	Stansfield	06/08
Scott	Larson	06/06
Tammy	Jeglum	06/12
Gary	Hendrickson	06/11
David	Gerber	06/13
Ronald	Syse	06/11
Roy	Ruegsegger	06/12
Dennis	Severson	06/22
David	Hermanson	06/01
Erna	Chrostowski	06/28

### **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 need 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



Jun 02	Doug & Susie Farmer	49 Years
Jun 09	Lee & Susan Retzlaff	38 Years
Jun 10	Marty & Angie Hendrickson	16 Years
Jun 14	Jerry & Marcia Bredeson	14 Years
Jun 15	Paul & Julie Saether	31 Years
Jun 17	Richard & Peggy Gilbertson	61 Years
Jun 17	Steve & Charity Norton	11 Years
Jun 23	Keith & Melissa Legler	4 Years
Jun 26	Duane & Beth Kundert	51 Years
Jun 29	Robin & Kaye Gilbertson	37 Years

Did you know each month, the church office sends a mailing to our shut-in or home-bound 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!

**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.