

THE VISITOR

August 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,

One of the gospel stories that we heard in July has been on my mind a lot. It is the story of Mary and Martha. You recall the story, Jesus stops in for a visit and as he is sitting and teaching, Martha is working hard to prepare a meal for him and the entourage that always accompanies him. Meanwhile, Mary takes the opportunity to sit down and listen to what he is saying. Martha finally gets mad enough to say something to Jesus and he tells her she is distracted by many things but Mary is doing the one needful thing and it won't be taken from her.

The reason I've been thinking about this story is that at times I feel like Martha. There is so much to be done, to be planned, and not enough time to do everything that needs doing that it can get a bit over whelming. As we move into August, the last month of summer there is a lot of things to plan and prepare for. Let me list them for you:

- August 3rd: Covid Vaccine Clinic in our parking lot in Blanchardville
- 11th I will be leading worship in the New Glarus Home (Yeah that this is happening again)
- 12th Rootbeer Floats at block party by Ederer's hardware store & Kunderts Market
- 17th Rootbeer Floats at Cruzin Nite in Blanchardville
- 22nd Flooring begins in Hollandale Site
- 28th Parking Lot worship and Rally Day/Family Fun Day

Don't forget the various meetings with boards, councils, confirmation families, visitations, etc. My calendar gets full pretty quick. As I run around like Martha I also hear in the back of my head the voice of Jesus calling me to the one needful thing. To be still and know that he is God, that he is there.

This month I am going to make some changes in my routine that will allow me to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to his Word. Instead of playing games on my phone as I listen to the news, I will get out and walk using that time to go through my prayer list and just general conversation with Jesus. I will also spend more time in his Word by reading some inspirational books beginning with "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans.

One of the Ten Commandments is "Keep holy the Sabbath." Sabbath rest comes in many forms such as being still and knowing that God is God, doing the "one needful thing," taking one day off a week and devoting it to God, all these things remind us that in the midst of our busy lives we need to remember to take time to rest, take time to be in the presence of our creator, and to remind ourselves that we are not alone. If you are not already doing so I encourage you to join me in finding the time for the one needful thing, to sit at the feet of Jesus and just be.

May the Peace of God be with you always,
Pastor Chris

Lutheran World Relief Kits... it's time to continue collecting! Can you help?

Personal Care Kits

light-weight bath-sized towels, bath sized bar soap, adult sized toothbrush in original package, sturdy comb, metal nail clippers

Baby Care Kits

Lightweight cotton T-shirts (can be gently used!), long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (can be gently used), receiving blankets, jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or a baby cap, cloth diapers, socks, bath sized bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz, diaper pins or large safety pins, dark hand towels

School Kits

Drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, 70 sheet one subject notebooks, box of crayons (16 or 24 count), pencil sharpeners, ruler (30 centimeter), blunt scissors, unsharpened no.2 pencils, black or blue ballpoint pens, 2 1/2 "eraser

Fabric Kits

Spools of neutral-colored general-purpose thread 250-300 yards each, cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester). Each piece of fabric should match one of the sizes below: 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide, 3 yards of 44" wide, 4 yards of 36" wide

Let's see if we can increase the number of kits that we sent last year! Bring your donations to church so we can really start collecting!

**Sales have started for "Back to School" supplies.
Feel free to order supplies online and
just ship them right to church...hassle free!**

Children's Offering

Beginning in August/September we will be adding something new and exciting to worship. A Children's Offering. This will be another way your child can participate in worship. We will have a special offering container for your child to place their offering during the regular offering time. The money collected will be used for mission purposes both within the community and around the world. We will collect the offering for a specific time period and designate it to a specific mission. I propose that the first collection from the time we begin through Christmas go towards buying an animal(s) through Lutheran World Relief that goes to a family in need. The second collection period would be from January through Easter to go to a local mission.

Baptism Orientation Class Scheduled!

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BAPTIZING YOUR CHILD?

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING BAPTIZED YOURSELF?

Pastor Chris will be having a baptism class on August 21st at the Blanchardville Site, after the 10:30 AM Worship. To get signed up, please contact the office at 608-523-4239 or newhopeoffice@tds.net

Attention Confirmation Students and Parents!

Confirmation News

Students and parents we will be serving Root Beer Floats at Cruzin' Night on Wednesday August 17th downtown Blanchardville. We will be serving from 4-8 pm. A sign up sheet will be posted soon, I would like two shifts of two hours plus a set up and take down crew. We will need 2 adults and 4 students per shift. The floats will be sold for \$3.00.

We will be having an informational meeting on Sunday August 14th at 11:30 am after worship in Blanchardville. This meeting is for both students and parents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

There are some fun things planned for you! We will be attending Quake this year, Yeah!! We will also be going on a mission trip this summer. Times and dates of these things is to be decided. There are other fun activities that I hope we can do this year. Some as one big group, some separate. Watch for the announcements because some things might be spur of the moment!

Correspondence



"On behalf of "Friends of the McKellar Park Pool" a thank you is extended to New Hope Lutheran Congregation. Your support is gratefully appreciated. It is people like you that will make the pool a reality."

-Submitted by: Beth Kundert

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The Sunday attendance is for the first 3 Sundays of the month as the Visitor was printed before the end of the month.

\$3,500 a week is what we need as a congregation to cover the bills at New Hope Lutheran. During the 1st two weeks in July, our weekly giving averaged \$2,000 per week which leaves us a bit behind. We greatly appreciate everyone who has been able to give.

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 re-
ceive this magazine and would like
to, please contact the office.
Additionally, if you currently receive
this magazine, but would prefer to
receive this subscription electroni-
cally, please contact the office.
Thanks for your assistance with this!

Our sympathies

to the friends and family of
Dale Hanson, Leah Stansfield and Doris Larson.

May the memories you have live on in your hearts forever.

Newsletter Deadline : Fri. August 19th

Newsletter assembly: Thurs 8/25 , by Blanchardville Area Volunteers

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 in August!

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

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

August 7th, 2022

Reader: (H) David Whitford (B) Dottie McGuigan

Greeters/Ushers: (H) (B) Steve Dieckhoff

Communion: (H) Dave & Cindy Whitford (B) Kathryn Kammerdue

August 14th 2022

Reader: (H) Andy Whitford-Holey (B) Chuck Meyer

Greeters/Ushers: (H) (B) Steve Dieckhoff

Communion: (H) Bryan Lisser (B) Tina Steiner

August 21st, 2022

Reader: (H) (B) Margie Barnes

Greeters/Ushers: (H) (B) Steve Dieckhoff

Communion: (H) Flo Griffiths (B) Beth Kundert

August 28th, 2022

Rally Day—Family Day– Outdoor Worship Party! This event invite is extended to all, in our Congregation and our Communities. Consider inviting a friend, a child's classmate, ALL are welcome. Food and beverages provided. The day starts with outdoor worship at 10:00 AM at the parking lot of the Blanchardville Site and will continue with food and fun!

August Altar Committee: (H) Jean & Wayne Christen (B) Beth Kundert

Keep in your thoughts and prayers....

We remember our members & friends recovering from surgery, those with ongoing health concerns, those who mourn loved ones, and the homebound, especially,

Bill Whitford, Tyler Goninen, Karen Beecher, Jeanne Stansfield, Linda Hanson, Kay Lageson, Vicki Hughes, Ryan Kurschner, Roger Kittleson, Terry Boehlke, Paul Sardeson, Donna Arneson, Lyle & Audrey Klosterman, John & Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, Richard & Peggy Gilbertson, and Lynne Hendrickson.

Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

*In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*

Board of Trustee Minutes:

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

Date: July 18, 2022

Location: Blanchardville Site of New Hope Lutheran

Hollandale

Basement Flooring – Finalized flooring option- Installation will occur the week of August 22.

Blanchardville

Identified signs for parking lot- Ordered signs (2-Church Parking, 1-Exit Only, 1-Do Not Enter)

Determine costs to fill parking lot cracks.

AC Units (dual cooling/heating) for the Fellowship Hall have been ordered & will be installed July/August timeframe.

Sanctuary lighting has been changed to LED lights.

Roof leak is being repaired.

Security System installed.

Carpet will be removed from the upstairs bathroom and replaced with Vinyl as soon as the leak is repaired.

Parsonage

Received quote for Driveway gravel will determine funds and next steps.

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)

Lawn Treatment 1st Fertilizer and 2nd Liquid Fertilizer – dandelions, thistles and crabgrass were completed at all sites May/June (3rd Treatment will occur in June/July Broad Leaf and 4th Treatment September for Creeping Charlie).

Roadmap/Budget

Identified new/completed items and updated Roadmap

Thank you to everyone that donates items and provides their talents/skills to get so many things done-

We are truly BLESSED!

Next Trustee Meeting August 8 at 4 p.m. at the Hollandale Site of New Hope Lutheran

Board of Deacons Minutes:

New Hope Lutheran Church Deacons

- Meeting Minutes July 11, 2022

Present – Pastor Chris, Ellen Syse, Jayne Kurschner, Gary Whitford-Holey.

Welcome.

Ushers, Greeters, Readers.

-Discussed procedures and issues surrounding recruiting ushers.

-No Reader is needed for Rally Sunday, August 28, 2022.

-No Communion for September 11, 2022, and August 28, 2022.

Ash Wednesday

-Meeting with Confirmation students and parents on August 14, 2022.

Special Services.

-Rally Sunday – Worship at 10:00 a.m., in the Blanchardville parking lot – 8/28/22

-God's Work, Our Hands – September 11, 2022.

Reviewed Responsibilities of Deacons as found in the New Hope Lutheran By-Laws

Other Business

-Discussed the issue of Membership List – Active, Inactive, Associate, Visitors,

-Discussed Service Times – a decision on when the schedule changes will be on the - August Agenda of the Council.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Whitford-Holey

Upcoming Events to put on your calendars!

August 12th—It's a block party in Blanchardville! 5:00 pm –7:00 pm

All are invited to stop and check out the new mural in Blanchardville, which is beautifully painted on the side of Kundert's Main St. Market! Stop and take a photo, enjoy refreshments by various businesses and organizations in town. All **FREE** and all **FUN!** New Hope Lutheran will be serving Root Beer Floats and ice cream cones!

Baptism class offered

Have you been thinking about having your child Baptized? Perhaps you'd like to be Baptized yourself? Join Pastor for a Baptism Orientation on Sunday, August 21st following the 10:30 AM Worship at the Blanchardville Site

Confirmation Students!

New Hope is providing treats for the Cruisin Nite of the Music in the Park series. We will be serving Rootbeer Floats. This will take place on August 17th. All monies collected will help offset costs for next years Quake and other events. Be prepared to scoop and pour, it will be fun! Watch for a sign-up sheet, coming soon!

Rally Day/Family Fun Day

Sunday August 28th will be Rally Day, as the new school year begins this is a day to celebrate and kick off the new Sunday School year. It will also be a Family Fun Day for the Communities! We will begin with a worship in the parking lot at the Blanchardville site at 10:00 AM followed by a time of fun and fellowship. There will be pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs available with chips and drinks. We will have games for kids of all ages to play and try their skill. Even some prizes to win. We hope you will invite your neighbor and join us!

Engaging Generosity:

Luke 12:13-21 *13Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."*

Thoughts by Rev. Andy Twiton, Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, WI

Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke stand in stark contrast to much of our world. Jesus says, "One's life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." But so many of us behave as if the accumulation of wealth and materials goods is the be-all, end-all of human life. If I were to ask about your "net worth," we would all assume that I was asking about your financial value rather than your value as a child of God.

The historian Brad S. Gregory says we have replaced the "good life" with the "goods life" and reduced "freedom" to little more than having the right to buy whatever we want. And he goes on to say, "One can hardly imagine a greater contrast to what Luther meant by 'the freedom of a Christian': living in paradoxical bondage to selfless, loving service of your neighbors, tirelessly tending their needs whatever they might be, as a result of gratitude for the unmerited gift of God's saving grace" (Brad S. Gregory, *Rebel in the Ranks: Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the Conflicts that Continue to Shape our World*, pg. 262).

In so many ways the parable of the Rich Fool speaks to us today. Who among us doesn't dream of feeling secure in life? Who among us doesn't long to feel as if we have enough to finally live, relax, and be merry? But Jesus seems to be saying that the rich man (and all of us, really) invest our hopes in the wrong things. There's more to human life than what we can buy and own. Furthermore, the rich man seems to have lost sight of who all this stuff belongs to and where it came from. He speaks of MY barns, MY grain, MY goods. He has forgotten that everything we have is a gift from God to be used for God's purposes and for the good of our neighbors.

How can we as (New Hope) proclaim the true worth of human life? How can we use our Christian freedom to "open the barn doors" for the sake of our neighbors? We were meant for a greater purpose than mere consumption. Your life consists of more than your bank account.

2022-2023 Sunday School & Confirmation Registration Form:

Please complete the following information for your child(ren) that will be attending Sunday School or Confirmation classes: This form can be sent to newhopeoffice@tds.net or dropped off/mailed to the church anytime. We look forward to another great year ahead!

Name	Grade	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do any of your children have food allergies? Please explain.

Parent/Guardian Name & Address:

What is the best way to contact you for cancellations and updates? Please check on below:

Parent's Home Phone # _____

Parent's Cell Phone # _____ Call or Text? (Circle One)

Facebook Message. List name on Facebook account _____

Parent's Email _____

Student's Cell Phone # _____

Happy Birthday!

Eric	Massey	August 1
Doris	Larson	August 1
Paul	Sardeson	August 1
Jerry	Bredeson	August 2
Marilyn	Torkelson	August 3
Bonnie	Keyes	August 3
Jeffrey	Kurschner	August 3
Madeline	Fischer	August 6
Karen	Kittleson	August 7
Duane	Kundert	August 7
Krystal	McVay	August 8
Brylie	Olson	August 8
Geoffrey	Eidsmoe	August 9
Evelyn	Krebs	August 9
Cynthia	Gilbertson	August 10
Wells	Hendrickson	August 11
Levi	Krebs	August 13
Paul	Saether	August 13
Jerry	Kesler	August 13
Karen	Mayhew	August 13
Cassandra	Willard	August 14
Hailey	Berg	August 14
Taylor	Berg	August 14
Lauren	Becker	August 16
John	Simonson	August 17
Izabella	Johnson	August 17
Rhonda	Kirch	August 19
Trent	Schneider	August 20
Harvey	O'Connor	August 21
Maggie	Chrostowski	August 21
Louise	Whitford	August 22
Alisha	Ruegsegger	August 22
Ryan	Kleppe	August 23
Sandy	Anderson	August 24
Kathy	Kolden-Doyle	August 25
Andy	Bethke	August 26
Wade	Wyse	August 26
Graben	Valcheff	August 26
Kaisen	Kolb	August 26
Morgan	Larson	August 26
Nancy	Hendrickson	August 26
Beth	Norton	August 27
Jason	Kittleson	August 27
Audrey	Hughes	August 27
Lydia	O'Dair	August 28
Doris	Haldiman	August 29
Sawyer	Kundert	August 30
Michael	Henderson	August 30
Brock	Erickson	August 31
Troy	Ruegsegger	August 31
Ronald	Strommen	August 31
Lisa	Krause	August 31

August

Happy Anniversary!

Merlin & Beth	Norton	08/13/1966
Richard & Sue	Retrum	08/25/1972
David & Kandi	Lockard	08/18/1979
James & Jane	Parkinson	08/08/1982
Franklin & Margie	Barnes	08/04/1984
Steve & Stephanie	Zimmerman	08/25/1985
Jerry & Rebecca	Kesler	08/27/1988
John & Amy	Thronson	08/13/1994
Aaron & Kate	Garthwaite	08/09/2008
Chelsea & Brad	Burkeland	08/13/2011
Chris & Rhia	Strohm	08/17/2013
Marsha & Nicholas	Crooks	08/31/2013
Elizabeth & Corey	McGowan	08/09/2021

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.

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?