

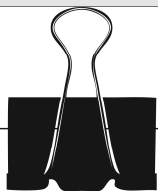
# THE VISITOR

September 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."



From  
*the*  
Pastor

Hello Everyone,

Time to take out your Bibles and turn to Ezekiel chapter 37. This is the valley of dry bones. It is a reading that I recently shared with the council. What is going on here is that the people of Israel have been conquered by the Babylonians and taken from their homes only to be relocated to a different part of the empire. The people were distraught and they thought that maybe they had been abandoned by God and would slowly die out as a people.

God sends Ezekiel to proclaim to them that this was not true. God had not abandoned them. God was with them and even though they might think they are as good as dead, God would restore them to life.

What I pointed out to the council and want you to notice is that even though God could have done everything by God's own self, God chose to work through Ezekiel. God

did not tell Ezekiel to sit back and watch what happens instead God invited Ezekiel to participate. God spoke new life through Ezekiel. God used Ezekiel and God also invites us to participate in the Kingdom.

This month we will celebrate, God's Work, Our Hands, on that particular Sunday we will assemble school kits for LWR, but that is not the only time God is asking for us to actively participate in ministry. The invitation is to use our hands all the time to do God's work. We are a blessed community. There is a lot of ministry that happens through our congregation. Ministry that benefits people locally and globally. Ministry that happens because we are here as a worshipping community. This worshipping community also needs your support to continue being a place where God's Work happens.

Like God, I am inviting you to participate in the life giving ministry of New Hope Lutheran. Come and see what is happening. Come to worship and hear the Good News. Come to Sunday School and witness the excitement of the children. Come and see that God is good. Come.

The peace of God be with you all, Pastor Chris

**We will gather together for ONE WORSHIP on both Sept 11th & Sept 18th! BOTH days we'll have a potluck! GREAT FOOD, GREAT PEOPLE, GATHERING TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP.**

**Bring a friend, we all know we always have the best food to share!**

Semi-Annual Meeting- Sunday- September 18th, 2022  
following 10:00 AM Worship at our Blanchardville Site. Potluck dinner to follow!  
Agenda: Financial Update, Trustees Update, Council position update

## **“ A GOD MOMENT” By Roy Ruegsegger**

This God moment happened two years ago. It began as I entered Dubuque, Iowa and I noticed that the lights on my dashboard began to flash wildly. My van was running fine and with no safe place to pull off the highway I kept going. Soon all the gauges quit working and as I started up a long hill I noticed that my van was losing power. I asked God to get me to the top of the hill where I knew there was an exit. With the road construction going on there wasn't a place to pull over as there was a cement barrier on my left and speeding cars on my right. Thanking God that I made the exit, I only went a few hundred feet when my van went completely dead. Stranded in a place where I knew no one, I did realize that I had one Friend with me. The Lord is always with us, all the time and God would be with me to help me with my troubles. Praying for guidance and help I felt an easiness that everything would work out.

There was a gas station across the street and they called for a tow truck and within thirty minutes I was hooked up and ready to go. The driver asked me where I wanted to be towed to, I had no idea and felt like a lost sheep. Quickly I asked God for guidance. I then asked the driver if he could find out what the extra cost would be to go an extra 38 miles to Monticello, Iowa. He said a very reasonable \$80. I was headed that way and the garage in Monticello had done previous work on my vehicle twice before so I trusted them to take care of me without any extra charges. Within 10 minutes of arriving the part I needed was ordered. It took about an hour and a half for the part to arrive but once it did the mechanic began the repair immediately. As the mechanic was working on my van the garage owner came over to talk with me and told me how we both lucked out. He had a big project scheduled for the morning and it had been cancelled at the last minute opening up the schedule which allowed my van to be worked on right away.

As I waited, I asked God to help me one more time by letting me make enough profit to pay for my breakdown. I knew this was a big ask considering that I was already over a half day behind in my stops. After two days of hurrying and trying to make up for lost time, I headed for home and realized that I only missed two stops. I felt good about my sales and thanked God that everything went as good as it did. It could have been a lot worse. The next day I added up my sales and very roughly estimated my profits for the trip. After deducting the towing costs and the repair bill I figured that I made about \$100 for my two days of work.

Did God answer my prayer for help? Yes, God did!! Was God my friend when I needed help? Yes, God definitely was!! Did God give me more than I asked for? Yes, God knew my needs and provided. This experience was just more proof that you always have a Friend with you, to help and guide you in times of need. Just have faith in God that if you ask, God will give you an answer according to God's will. One more thing. The Lord did not stop giving just because I stopped asking. Two weeks later I received a check for half of my towing bill, Praise be to God!!

**Do you have a “GOD MOMENT” that you'd like to share?**

If so, please drop it at the office or email it to  
Tiffany at  
[newhopeoffice@tds.net](mailto:newhopeoffice@tds.net)

A God Moment is that personal encounter one may experience where God's purpose, presence and love is revealed. Sometimes it may present itself through a message in a song, prayer, or a personal experience.

**Card shower for John Larson's  
90th birthday.**

John turns 90 on Sept 28th!

His address is:

John Larson

Upland Hills Nursing and Rehab

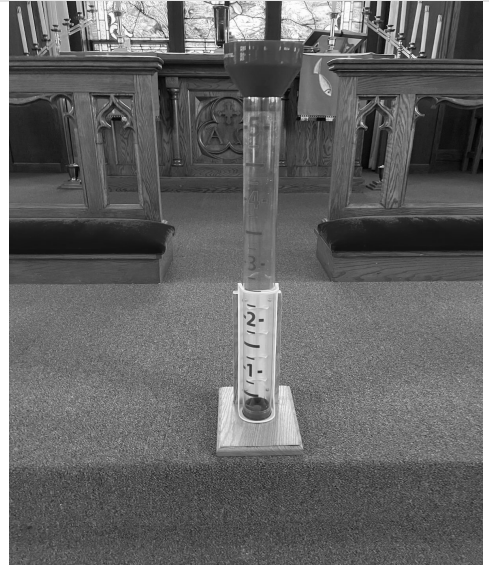
Room 13

800 Compassion Way

Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Children's Offering

Exciting new things happening in worship this month. The kids will be able to participate in worship in a new way by bringing their offering forward and placing it in the new Children's Offering gauge. They will be able to see how their offering is growing every week. We will collect from September through Christmas and then we will use the offering with the Lutheran World Relief Good Gifts and the kids will be able to pick which animal they want to buy to give as a gift. Then we will collect from New Year to Easter for a local need. This is so exciting as the kids see how their nickels, dimes, and quarters can grow and be used to make a difference in the world. We will have an offering gauge at both sites.



## First Communion & Acolyte Training Scheduled!

We will be having a First Communion Class along with Acolyte Training on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 pm at the Hollandale Site. This will be available for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders and any younger child as the parent thinks they are ready to learn and receive. If they are asking questions, they are interested! Acolyting begins in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will spend time learning what Communion is through projects like decorating your own chalice and baking the bread. We will then celebrate on 1st Communion on 9/18 at our 10 am worship in Blanchardville. Sign up by contact Pastor Chris or the office!

## Youth News

On Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm at our Blanchardville Site, we will have a short meeting to make plans for the upcoming year. This is for middle & high school students and parents. This will include Quake in February and a choosing a place and time for the summer Mission Trip. We will also talk about different fundraisers and ideas for doing fun events. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to work with Pastor Chris in planning ideas, events is also encouraged to attend!

## Sunday School News!

Sunday School starts on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> with a short class at 9:30 AM at our Blanchardville Site. Students who complete 1st Communion class on 9/17 will celebrate their First Communion this day! Church is at 10:00 AM on this day, followed by a short semi-annual meeting and a potluck! Sunday School will be at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings thru December. More details forthcoming!

**"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." –Coretta Scott King**

REVENUE/EXPENSES	Sunday Attendance		
<b>July Revenue \$27,399.88</b> <b>July Expense \$16,650.18</b> <b>Revenue over Expense \$10,749.70</b>  <b>YTD Revenue \$130,247.94</b> <b>YTD Expense \$108,390.29</b> <b>Revenue over Expense \$21,857.65</b>  <b>Restricted Contributions</b> <b>(Unavailable for general use) \$26,606.13</b>	Description	Date	Church Total
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/7/2022</b>	<b>45</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/14/2022</b>	<b>43</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/21/2022</b>	<b>47</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/28/2022</b>	
	<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>45</b>

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

We thank you for your support and for continuing to provide in helping to cover our expenses. \$3,500 is what is needed to cover our expenses and each week that we do not receive this amount we get behind. *We are currently behind \$5,000.* We are looking for ideas on how we can "catch-up" and stay ahead. Please prayerfully consider giving a little extra in your weekly giving this week. Thank you & God Bless.

### ***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!

### ***Our sympathies***

to the friends and family of Bill Whitford

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

**Newsletter Deadline :** Fri. Sept 16th

**Newsletter assembly:** Thurs 9/22 , by Hollandale Area Volunteers

### ***Secretary office hours temporarily changing:***

Tiffany will be in the office on Mondays from 9:30-12:00 pm and working remotely in the evenings throughout the week.

### **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](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) to be added to "What Matters."

# Worship with us in September!

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

**\*ONE Worship at 10:00 AM on both 9/11 and 9/18\***

## 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*

### Sept 4th, 2022

**Reader:** (H) David Whitford (B) Judy Watrud

**Greeters/Ushers:** (H) Kandi Lockard & Jackie Chambers (B) Duane Kundert

**Communion:** (H) David & Cindy Whitford (B) Beth Kundert

**Sept. 11th, 2022-** Join us for God's Work Our Hands with an outdoor worship service at the shelter/village hall/park. We'll have ONE Worship at 10:00 AM followed by a service activity and a potluck! Bring a dish to pass!

**Sept. 18th, 2022** - Join us for ONE Worship at 10:00 AM at our Blanchardville Site followed by our semi-annual meeting. First Communion will also be celebrated today by those who completed the recent class. Following the meeting we'll have a potluck, bring a dish to pass!

**Reader:** Marlys Hittesdorf

**Greeters/Ushers:** Duane Kundert

**Communion:** Beth Kundert

### Sept. 25th, 2022

**Reader:** (H) Kaye Gilbertson (B) Marlys Hittesdorf

**Greeters/Ushers:** (H) Kandi Lockard & Jackie Chambers (B) Duane Kundert

**Communion:** (H) Kaye Gilbertson (B) Beth Kundert

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

### 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.*

### 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, Spencer Olson, 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. We pray for the family and friends of Bill Whitford as they mourn and grieve. Blessings to you all.

# Council Meeting Minutes - August 15th - Hollandale Site of New Hope Lutheran

## New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting

Date: August 15, 2022 Location: Hollandale Site of New Hope Lutheran

Minutes taken by: Tiffany Bethke, Council Secretary

Attendees: Pastor Chris, Dan Hittesdorf, Becky Johnson, Dawn Doran, Kandi Lockard, Tiffany Bethke, Ron Syse, Ellen Syse, Rodney Kurschner, Jayne Kurschner, Jessica Kurschner, Kelsey Chrostowski and Gary Whitford-Holey

**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.**

Devotion & Prayer was led by Pastor Chris. June meeting minutes were reviewed. Ron Syse moved to approve the minutes. Rodney Kurschner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board/committee reports were reviewed. Treasurer's report was reviewed by Becky Johnson who reported that we are behind by \$4700 thru July of 2022. Currently behind on a few significant bills. Although it is not atypical to be in this situation given the time of year we are in, we still want to find a way to come up with a solution to not be in this situation. We have been communicating that we need a certain amount of money each week to pay the expenses to keep our doors open however it is possible that we may need to send out a letter to the entire Congregation as the current communication has only been going to those who are reading the emails, or are in Worship already.

### Old Business:

Discussed COVID updates. Discussed the idea of re-starting actually physically sharing the peace. Becky Johnson discussed that at another local church they give the message "share the peace as you are comfortable" so that those who are comfortable do shake hands, hug, or not.

Discussed Worship time/rotation changing and that at the last meeting we discussed it would be a 3 month rotation as that is what the majority of the feedback had been. Pastor Chris suggested that Sunday School start in Blanchardville initially so that the Sunday School can be practicing at the location where the program will be. Discussed January, February and March could be late service in Hollandale to allow our musician time to get to church. Discussed that this plan could start in January. At this time it was decided that we will keep the times as 8:30 AM in Hollandale and 10:30 AM in Blanchardville thru the end of 2022. Sunday School class will be at 9:30 AM at our Blanchardville Site for the months of Sept-December. We agreed that we need to talk with our musician to be sure that she is okay with this plan. Dan Hittesdorf made a motion to begin a 3 month rotation in January. This was seconded by Kandi Lockard. Motion carried.

Involvement in pool fundraiser on August 27<sup>th</sup> - Kandi Lockard is looking for two people to make Root-beer floats from 1-3 pm in Blanchardville at the Poolpalooza. Anyone interested should contact Kandi Lockard. Tiffany will put out a communication looking for volunteers.

Rally Day/Family Fun Day is scheduled for August 28th. Pastor updated everyone with regard to what to expect. Folks will be encouraged to bring a chair. We are looking for folks to bring treats. Pastor is looking for someone who has a dunk tank. The plan is food, drinks, desserts and games. Worship will start in the parking lot at 10:00 AM. Paul will allow us to use his sound system. Outdoor games. Pulled pork, hot dogs, chips, water, dessert. Prizes for some of the games. Food inside the church, to help limit the bees, etc.

Discussed homecoming parades in the near future. We need a chairperson for floats in each town. Tiffany will put out a request for volunteers to lead/organize a float in each town. Hollandale Homecoming is on 9/10 & Pecatonica/Blanchardville is on 9/24.

God's Work Our Hands - September 11th- The Hollandale Village Office/Shelter has been reserved for this day. 10:00 AM Worship followed by a potluck. Becky Johnson & Marlys Hittesdorf are leading the school kit project.

## Council Meeting Minutes continued...

Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 18th, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Blanchardville Site. We'll have a potluck following Worship. The agenda items are as follows. Financial Update, Trustees Update, Council position update

Health & Aging Day in October Idea- Pastor Chris discussed an idea that has been discussed in the office about hosting a "Health & Aging Day" sometime in October. No date has been decided yet. Massage, Chiropractor, EMT, Blood pressure checks, ARDC, Social Security, Fire Department, Estate Planning, Thrivent, SUN Meal Delivery, Refreshments, etc. Dawn Doran discussed that we should first reach out to the groups we have been thinking about to see if they have any interest in being involved.

### **New Business:**

RIZO/Digital Duplicator issues, solution proposal from Gordon Flesch Company- The office has been having some issues lately. It was suggested that we contact Gordon Flesch Company and WI Copy Service to get someone to come out to look at the machines we use and make a recommendation and give an estimate. An estimate was given of \$201.00 per month to lease a brand new machine. That would be somewhere between \$20-\$45 more than what we currently pay. Dan Hittesdorf made a motion to contact Gordon Flesch Company to let them know we'd like to proceed with the proposed new machine rental and ask them to get rid of the digital duplicator and the copier. Kandi Lockard seconded the motion Motion carried. Tiffany Bethke will contact Gordon Flesch Company to proceed.

Blanchardville/Pec Homecoming- Discussed idea of New Hope Lutheran taking part in some sort of activity during homecoming weekend. Need a volunteer(s) to spearhead something. Kandi suggested we could put water bottles out that are for free, with the New Hope Lutheran logo on it. Anyone interested in helping should contact the church office.

Request to store blankets/coats until September 20 when they are delivered down south to flood victims. Tiffany discussed that there is a current drive ongoing and we've been asked if we could store blankets for the time being. All agreed that was fine.

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

- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser for Pool in McKellar Park lower shelter
- August 28<sup>th</sup> – Rally/Family Day with 10:00 service @ Blanchardville site parking lot
- September 11<sup>th</sup> – God's Work our Hands with 10:00 service @ Hollandale Shelter
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion & Acolyte class @ Hollandale
- September 18<sup>th</sup> – Semi-Annual Meeting following 10:00 service @ Blanchardville site. First Communion, Sunday School begins.

**Next meeting:** September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm in Blanchardville

Rodney Kurschner moved & Ellen Syse seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and we closed with the reading of The Lord's Prayer.

Council meets monthly (currently on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm) to discuss old and new business of the church. Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation. If you are interested in being part of this team, please talk with a member of Council or Pastor Chris for more information.

## Trustee Minutes:

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

**Date:** August 8, 2022 **Location:** Hollandale Site of New Hope Lutheran

### Hollandale

Basement Flooring- moved all appliances in closets on 8/8 to prepare for floor installation.

Basement Flooring- will move all tables and chairs to Narthex on 8/15 to prepare for floor installation.

Basement Flooring – Full chip Polyurea Floor Coating with Polyaspartic Topcoat installation will start on 8/24.

Reviewed and updated Building, appliance and contact information

### Blanchardville

Signs have been received and will be installed in parking lot (2-Church Parking, 1-Exit Only, 1-Do Not Enter)

Sprayed parking lot weeds. AC Units (dual cooling/heating) for the Fellowship Hall have been installed as of 8/11 and are up and running – A few line covers have been backordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive.

Roof leak has been repaired. Carpet will be removed from the upstairs bathroom and replaced with Vinyl as soon as we are assured the leak has been repaired. Next meeting review/update Building, appliance and contact information

### Parsonage

Received quote for Driveway gravel- Pastor will contact contractor to review quote. Storm door needs to be replaced- determine who can do this and costs. Basement window glass is broken and needs to be replaced. Reviewed and updated Building, appliance and contact information

### All sites (Blanchardville and Hollandale Site Churches)

Lawn Treatment (3rd Treatment – Broad Leaf was completed on 7/25. 4th Treatment will occur in 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 September 12 at 4 p.m. at the Blanchardville Church***

## Confirmation Information!

Confirmation Classes are available for youth in 7th & 8th grade. This year we will talk about the Old Testament and exploring what it means to be Lutheran and as always during Lent we will explore the Small Catechism. We will also spend time answering questions people have about faith. Classes start Sept. 7. We will follow the early release schedule of Pecatonica School District with class times being from 2:30 – 3:30. The Fall term will be Sept. 7 to Dec. 14. The Spring Term will be Jan. 11 to May 3.

### **Requirements**

- Students must help out in church once a month: the options are: Read, Acolyte, Usher, and run power point
- Students will be required to do 12 sermon notes for the year.
- Students/families will provide a snack for the students.
- Students are expected to attend class and students are expected to attend the Wednesday Lenten Services and Supper

If you are sick please call the church, text or message me, and let us know that you aren't coming so we will know you are safe. If school is cancelled because of weather, confirmation will be cancelled. We follow the school calendar so if no school, no confirmation. Cell phones will be collected at the beginning of class. At the end of the year, the students will plan and lead worship on the day of confirmation. Confirmation Sunday will be May 7. Students being confirmed will be required to complete a faith project which will be displayed in the Narthex. Each Student will receive a Bible they should bring to class every week. This will be helpful in learning about the topic of discussion.

We will be going to a Quake event this winter, Feb 10th-Feb 12th in the Wisconsin Dells. These events are open for students in 6-12 grade. I may add other events/retreats/gatherings throughout the year. My phone number is 608-341-5032 call me if you have any questions or need to get a hold of me for any reason. My email is newhope.pastor@tds.net God's Peace to you and blessings on your journey of faith through confirmation.

-Pastor Chris

**Are you free (2) Wednesdays each month for one hour? If so, consider talking with Pastor Chris in regards to how you can help with Confirmation class.**



## Bits & Pieces

Lutheran Social Services has a NEW address for donations. They are requesting all donations, checks and money orders now be sent to this new address!

LSS Lockbox  
P.O. Box 88868  
Milwaukee, WI 53288

### **Save your 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!

### **PECATONICA AREA FOOD PANTRY**

**Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month  
10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**at New Hope-Blanchardville. Please contact a  
committee member if you are in need of deliv-  
ery or have questions:**

**Once monthly toiletries and \$30 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**

### **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

## **Do you enjoy sending cards to folks to brighten their day?**

Consider sending cards to one of our homebound members to help brighten their day! Contact the office for a list of current homebound folks!

## **Galatians 6:9**

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

# Ways to get involved!

- There is an ongoing drive for blankets (any size) and coats, to send down to flood victims down south. Items can be brought to Kundert's grocery store, or to either church site until 9/15. Please see Tiffany at office for questions or if you need items picked up!
- We are looking for volunteers to lead/organize a float for each homecoming parade this year! Hollandale Homecoming is on 9/10 & Blanchardville/Pecatonica is on 9/24. This could be as simple or extravagant as you would like it to be. We do have designated funds set aside to help with any potential cost. Please contact Tiffany at the office to get signed up!
- Donate Lutheran World Relief Kits: You can help by donating items for LWR Kits! Items can be dropped off at church or can be ordered online and sent here to the church! If you need help with this, please contact the church office. See list of items needed on the next page!
- September 24th is Blanchardville/Pecatonica Homecoming and a fun day of activities are being planned. The organizers are looking for vendors or groups who'd like to be involved in activities or help in some way. If you'd like to help by volunteering at this event on behalf of New Hope Lutheran, please contact the office. A suggestion was handing out water bottles, with a "New Hope Lutheran" sticker on them. We are also interested in other ideas. There are some designated funds available for this type of project. Please contact Tiffany at the church office if interested in helping!
- Do you like organizing and planning events? Pastor Chris is looking for (2) leaders to help work with Pastor Chris to organize events for middle & high schoolers! Please contact Pastor Chris or the church office if you are interested!
- Do you want to help make a difference in the youth of our church? Consider helping with Confirmation class (1-2 times per month). Talk with Pastor Chris if interested in hearing about this opportunity!

## Lutheran World Relief Kits...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 ½" eraser

### **Fabric Kits**

Spools of neutral-colored general-purpose thread 250-300 yards each, cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece of fabric should match one of the sizes below: 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide, 3 yards of 44" wide, 4 yards of 36" wide

## Happy Birthday!

David	Reeson	09/01/1950
Loretta	Gerber	09/02/1946
Chuck	Meyer	09/03/1955
Joanne	Eveland	09/04/1952
Jaime	McCoy	09/04/1976
Arthur	Whitford	09/04/1928
Ronald	Kurschner	09/04/1959
Reginald	Kurschner	09/06/1967
Bob	Becker	09/06/1960
Elizabeth	McGowan	09/07/1995
Richard	Planitkow	09/07/1954
Skylar	Garthwaite	09/07/2002
Diane	Kleppe	09/08/1944
Jerry	Parkinson	09/09/1959
Mark	Chrostowski	09/09/1972
John	Doran	09/09/1961
Bo	Leonard	09/10/2009
Sarah	Saether	09/11/1997
Rebecca	Kesler	09/11/1951
Claire	Rundhaug	09/12/1950
Marie	Gilbertson	09/12/1938
Steven	Hermanson	09/13/1960
Mark	Gilbertson	09/13/1951
Ken	Norton	09/13/1945
Nedra	Torkelson	09/14/1947
Annika	Becker	09/14/2003
Tom	Kammerude	09/16/1949
Lyle	Klosterman	09/16/1933
Alexander	Bredeson	09/17/2002
Jennie	Henderson	09/17/1985
Everleigh	Debaets	09/18/2020
Thomas	Plantikow	09/18/1956
Ranee	Kurschner	09/20/1964
Cherie	Kurschner	09/22/1964
Hans	Retrum	09/23/1986
Roger	Kittleson	09/23/1944
Jerilyn	George	09/23/1962
Jennifer	Kumor	09/24/1989
Jeremy	Gordon	09/24/1971
Miranda	Griffiths	09/24/1996
Ashley	Chrostowski	09/25/1990
George	Mayhew	09/26/1966
Riley	Kurschner	09/26/2013
Steve	Pilling	09/27/1962
John	Larson	09/28/1932
Tom	Eveland	09/28/1956
Harrison	O'Connor	09/28/2019

## Happy Anniversary!

Kathryn & Tom	Kammerude	09/06/1969
Eric & Andrea	Straehl	09/10/2011
Carl & Patricia	Schneider	09/11/1952
Rhonda & Tony	Kirch	09/11/1982
Michael & Flora	Griffiths	09/13/1986
Sara & Matthew	Cernek	09/19/2020
Michael & Diane	Berg	09/20/1980
Tiffany & Andy	Bethke	09/22/2007
Ron & Kathy	Linder	09/23/1989
Victor & Sandy	Anderson	09/26/1998
Kristina & Cameron	Hermanson	09/27/2014

**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.



# THANK YOU...

to all who helped serving Rootbeer floats and ice cream cones at the last two community events in Blanchardville! Both were great events and could not have been done without the help!