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NEW HOPE LUTHERAN 2025 ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2026 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

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South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

"Were not our hearts burning within us while Jesus talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24: 32

Dear siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

As you prepare for your annual congregational meetings, I want to extend my deep gratitude to you and to the people of your congregation for your faithful partnership in ministry. Together, we are the church...called, gathered, and sent for the sake of the gospel and the love of God's world.

The synod exists because congregations choose to walk together. Your prayers, your participation, your leadership, and your financial support make possible the shared ministry we hold in common: raising up leaders, accompanying congregations in times of transition and renewal, supporting new and emerging ministries, engaging in disaster response, advocating for justice, and nurturing faith across generations. None of this happens in isolation. It happens because of partnership.

I am continually humbled by the creativity, resilience, and faithfulness I see across our congregations. In times of joy and in seasons of challenge, your witness to Christ is strong. Thank you for the many ways you serve your neighbors, proclaim the gospel, and embody God's grace in your communities.

As the apostle Paul reminds us, "We are God's servants, working together" (1 Corinthians 3:9). Thank you for being partners in this holy and hopeful work. It is a privilege to serve alongside you.

With thanksgiving for our shared ministry and hope for what God is yet unfolding among us,

In Christ,

Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (6-7).

I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yehiel Curry'.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

—Colossians 2:6-7

The Meeting was held on February 9 at the Hollandale Site. There were 38 members present. Out-going vice president, Chuck Meyer, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Pastor Chris Strohm led us in prayer.

Becky Johnson, reviewed the Treasurer's report as printed in the Annual Report. She also gave a report on the Mission Investment Loan for capitol improvements.

Kay Gilbertson moved to approve the minutes of the September 29 semi-annual meeting. Dan Hittesdorf seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chuck gave an update on the memorial funds policy. Currently there are two funds that the principal can never be accessed...only the interest can be used for the designated purposes. Going forward any entities giving memorials will have a form to be completed within six months. A time limit of 5 years has been set for designated memorials. If the funds have not been used in that time frame, they will go into undesignated funds.

An update was given on the Blanchardville site basement project. Chuck thanked Dave Gerber, Duane Kundert and Steve Zimmerman for all the time and energy towards laying the carpet tiles and re-installing the baseboards.

Roger Kittleson suggested that a future project may be to increase the handicap parking spaces at the Hollandale site using the land across the alley behind the church building. Also contacting the Hollandale Village Board concerning the curbs that are not currently handicap accessible. Other outside projects that are on the radar of the trustees are handicap accessible door entries, sidewalks outside both sites, railing on the Hollandale upper sidewalk and making the fellowship hall at Hollandale accessible.

Pastor Chris offered to meet with anyone who is struggling with current affairs of the country. He will be attending the annual meeting at Lutherdale Bible Camp on March 2 and invited anyone interested to accompany him.

Kay Gilbertson thanked Chuck and all of the out-going council members.

Duane Kundert asked if a contemporary worship service could be held once a month as he feels that we are losing young people with the traditional services. Pastor said he would support but that it would have to be lay led.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ben Meyer. Steve Dieckhoff seconded.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2025 was a challenging year for many reasons. We did not have a president of the council to lead us, we ran into financial difficulties at the end of the summer as we fell behind in paying our insurance bill, we had a multiple of capital improvement projects happening. I am grateful for Chuck Meyer in his role as project manager as he chased down bids and was the contact person for this project list. We installed a new boiler system, removed and replaced the fellowship flooring, redid the East entryway, redid the facia, soffits, and gutters all at our Blanchardville site.

I would like to address the first two things I brought up. One, we cannot continue to run without a council president or co-presidents. We need someone to lead us forward in the ministry that is New Hope. Without that leadership instead of moving forward as one we will end up splintering up into the different groups and ministries going in all directions. We will stagnate and flounder. The second is that we cannot fall so far behind in paying our bills that cancellation notices start showing up. Unfortunately, we need money to function. This year we ran a traditional stewardship program with only 10% of the people we reached out to responding to those mailings. We have more than that who come to Sunday worship on a regular basis. I know that there are more of you who care about New Hope than the few who took the time to respond. It is your response/your contributions that help to inform us in what we can and cannot do.

Throughout the year I was honored to walk with you through:

- 6 Baptisms
- 5 Confirmations
- 9 Funerals and Graveside Services
- 2 Weddings

Each of these events allows me to walk with you on sacred ground as we mark milestones in our faith journey from the beginning to the end where we say our farewells knowing that one day we too will walk that final leg with Jesus into the promised land. Once again being reunited with our loved ones.

In 2025 my continuing education involved me attending the Rural Ministry Conference at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, I also began a year long class called The Moses Project out of Grandview University of Des Moines, I also did online education and boundary training with the synod and also a few classes outside of the synod.

I am in my second of three years on the synod council and was elected to the executive synod council. I was a delegate for our synod at the Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix where we elected a new Presiding Bishop and secretary of the ELCA.

All in all, 2025 has been a busy year and I look forward to what 2026 might bring.

Peace,

Pastor Chris

2025 New Hope Membership			
		Bap	Conf
Membership, 12/31/2024		656	523
Members received during 2025			
	a. By Baptism: children 15 yrs & younger	5	
	b. By Baptism: 16 yrs. & older		
	c. By affirmation of faith	5	5
	d. By transfer	2	2
	e. From other sources & statistical adj.	3	3
	f. Total members received this year	15	10
		671	533
Members removed during 2025			
	a. By Death	3	3
	b. By transfer	0	0
	e. For other reasons & statistical adj.	3	3
	f. Total members removed	6	6
Membership, 12/31/2025		665	527
	Number of Baptized youth confirmed in 2025		5
	Total Confirmed Members 12/31/2025		527
Baptized, Confirmed Members who communed at least once			
	2025 New Hope Membership		130
Average Sunday Attendance			
	2025 New Hope Membership		50

2025 MEMORIALS

Undesignated Memorial Funds

In Memory of:

Renee Kurschner

Erik Jelinek

Other designated giving:

LWR backpack/school kits

VBS

Matamoros fund

Sunday School

Secret Santa

Capital Projects

Parsonage Door

Tree removal at the Parsonage

Total Amount given in year 2025	2025 Giving Units (households)
	Total 115
0.00 - 1.00	0
1.01 -10.00	2
10.01 -50.00	13
50.01 - 100.00	12
100.01 - 200.00	14
200.01 - 300.00	8
300.01 - 400.00	6
400.01 - 500.00	7
500.01 - 750.00	10
750.01 - 1,000.00	5
1,000.01 - 2,000.00	15
2,000.01 - 4,000.00	10
4,000.01 - 6,000.00	3
6,000.01 - 8,000.00	5
8,000.01 - 10,000.00	0
10,000.01 - 15,000.00	4
> 15,000.00	1

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Treasurer's Report 2025

PROFIT & LOSS

Submitted by :Rebecca Johnson

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>		
Income		Plant Operation	
500500 · Regular Giving	188,218.24	800811 · Heat	5,520.13
500502 · Loose Offering	3,757.05	800812 · Electricity	5,169.40
500506 · Contributions	2,052.88	800813 · Water & Sewer	2,125.94
500511 · Youth Education	460.00	800815 · Insurance	15,729.00
500520 · Interest Income	2,021.21	800816 · Janitorial	211.12
500521 · Other Income	<u>17,333.36</u>	800817 · General Maintenance & Supp	3,892.07
Total Income	213,842.74	800818 · Parsonage Maint & Repair	<u>799.00</u>
Expense		Total Plant Operation	33,446.66
Administration		Staff Benefits	
700781 · Convention & Meeting Exp	300.00	800800 · Pastoral Health and Life Ins.	21,107.61
700783 · Auto Allowance	1,454.74	800801 · Pensions	<u>9,871.39</u>
700784 · Telephone & Internet	3,714.63	Total Staff Benefits	30,979.00
700785 · Office Supplies	5,815.80	Worship Program	
700786 · Postage	1,628.53	700715 · Worship supplies	<u>1,405.51</u>
700787 · Subscriptions	635.15	Total Worship Program	1,405.51
700788 · Advertising	141.30	6500 · Payroll Expenses	
700791 · Misc Admin	1,168.89	6502 · Gross Wages	<u>104,551.78</u>
700792 · Professional Services	2,535.00	Total 6500 · Payroll Expenses	104,551.78
700794 · Online Giving Fees	<u>155.70</u>	800804 · Payroll Taxes	2,779.09
Total Administration	17,549.74	Capital · Capital Outlays	
Missions		800831 · Interest Payments	<u>5,755.43</u>
700700 · South Central Synod - ELCA	17,352.00	Total Capital · Capital Outlays	5,755.43
700701 · Lutheran Social Services	313.92	Total Expense	227,796.02
700702 · Sugar Creek	930.00	Net Ordinary Income	-13,953.28
700705 · Global Missions	<u>4,237.55</u>	Other Income	
Total Missions	22,833.47	500505 · Restricted Contributions	<u>7,039.00</u>
Other Church Programs		Total Other Income	7,039.00
700740 · Social Concerns Program	850.00	Other Expense	
700751 · Youth Adult Education Programs	440.96	900900 · Donations	<u>2,618.81</u>
700752 · Confirmation supplies	308.87	Total Other Expense	2,618.81
700761 · Youth	<u>132.00</u>	Net Other Income	4,420.19
Total Other Church Programs	1,731.83	Net Income	<u>-9,533.09</u>
Pastoral Support		SAVINGS	
700771 · Pastor Education	824.20	Restricted Memorials	24,232.68
700774 · Convention & Meeting Expense	435.15	Mission Investment Fund	<u>8,501.41</u>
700775 · Utilities	<u>5,504.16</u>		<u>32,734.09</u>
Total Pastoral Support	6,763.51	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
		Thelma Emberson Scholarship Fund	10,000.00
		Saether Continuing Education Fund	<u>1,131.97</u>
			<u>11,131.97</u>
		LOAN BALANCES	
		Mission Investment Fund - Capital Projects	33,278.71
		Portico	<u>8,000.00</u>
			<u>41,278.71</u>

- Members: Neal Klassey, Dan Hittesdorf, Jay Massey, Chuck Meyer, Pastor Chris Strohm.
- Meetings alternate between Churches. 2nd. Mon. each Mo.
- Road Map ahead for Blanchardville, Hollandale Churches and NH. Parsonage.

Blanchardville Church Site.

- January 23rd. Square Carpeting arrived at Blanchardville Church, for Fellowship Hall.
- January 27th. Carpeting installed at Blanchardville Church.
- After Carpeting installation. The Baseboards were put back on around the Perimeter of Fellowship Hall Floor.
- July of 2025. Soffit and Facia were finished at Blanchardville Ch.
- Split Units were Cleaned at the Parsonage in the Mid Summer.
- October 15th. Eastside Door were installed along with an above Overhang.
- November. Excavating on the East side of the Blanchardville Ch. Building.
- December - Push Bar installed on Eastside Door.
- Some Reconstruction Siding and Painting done on East Entrance.

Hollandale Church Site.

- January. Air Conditioning arrived at Hollandale Church and installed May 14th. of 2025.
- May 17th. Clean Up Day were held in Hollandale Ch. Site.
- Week of March 24th. Mark Gruenfelder worked on and installed available Speakers we had at the Holl. Church. Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall.
- Painted Front Main Entrance Door to the Church Narthex.
- New Tall Cabinetry installed in Fellowship Hall.

NH. Parsonage.

- For the NH. Parsonage, the Front Entrance is in need of replacing.
- There are also several Trees in the Yard that are in need of removal.

Road Map.

New Hope Maintenance Projects of 2024 yr. into 2025.

- Thanks to Congregational Fund Raising for the N.H. Capital Projects a number of our Congregational Church Building Projects were completed.
- There are several Projects yet to be done in the foreseeable future, along with some money obligations that need to be met in the year 2025.
- Some of the other projects to be completed. Bl.Ch. site. Sealing and Restriping of Parking lot, Southside Parking lot Retaining Wall, Tuck Pointing Bl. Ch Building, attention to StainGlass and Storm Windows for both Ch. Buildings.
- Work on Holl. Ch. sidewalk - Leveling and a Hand Rail, look into repair / Capping Holl. Ch. Chimney, Handicap Parking at Holl. Ch. Painting the Entrance and Pastor Cl. Doors.

Board of Deacons Report

Submitted by: Judy Watrud

The deacon committee for 2025 were Lisa Toay and Judy Watrud, we were missing the third person.

The highlight of the year was the celebration of New Hope Lutheran's 10th anniversary which was scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 27th, 10 o'clock, at McKellar Park in Blanchardville. However due to many days of heat the end of July, the observance was moved to the Blanchardville church. The day included services with Marie Leafblad, Associate to the Bishop (SCSW) filling the pulpit for the day, followed by a meal and fellowship.

The deacons would like to give a huge thank you to Dawn Doran for chairing the event with the help of Marlys Hittesdorf. Other committee members were Jayne Kurschner, Lisa Toay, Pastor Chris and Judy Watrud. The committee would also like to thank Michele Lien for all the extra work on the photo directory and the Woodford State Bank for supplying serving products. All food was purchased locally, either in Blanchardville or Hollandale.

“God’s work. Our Hands” and Rally Day were again combined and was held on Sunday, September. 7, at McKellar Park. Lutheran World Relief School Kits (224) were assembled, Bibles were distributed and school back packs were blessed. A potluck dinner followed. The church also gathered 102 Quilts, 52 Personal Care, 60 Baby Care and 42 Fabric kits for LWR.

In the fall of 2025, the coffee hour was again started up, along with asking people to stand during the hymns during the services.

The deacons give a thankful shout out to all the people involved in services throughout the year, from the musicians, ushers, acolytes, readers, communion bakers, communion wine makers and servers, altar committee, and all those who helped with putting up and taking down of the Lent, fall and Christmas decorations. Willing volunteers, including many who do small jobs around the church, make it much easier to be a deacon.

The 2026 deacons are Lisa Toay, Robin Gilbertson and Jeff Saether.

Sunday School Report

Submitted by: Tiffany Bethke

Sunday School class in 2025 started back up again in February of 2025. We took the month of January off completely as historically many kids have been absent due to travel and illness. This seemed to go well and in February class was back rolling and learning! The kids quickly started learning more parables and working on scenery and artwork for our Spring Program which was held up at Perry Lutheran Church. The kids did great! All in attendance just loved the program. Perry Lutheran does not have a Sunday School group at the time and they enjoyed seeing the young kids for sure. We ended our Sunday School year with a party at Deer Valley Lodge. The kids went swimming and ate lots of pizza. They had a great time.

Class in the fall started up again in October at Blanchardville. Class begins at 10:15 a.m. and we meet together in our Sunday School classroom. When Worship starts, typically the class heads into the Sanctuary and participates in the Children's Sermon with Pastor Chris. Sometimes we participate in Communion

and other times we continue with class. We welcomed a few new faces this year to class and began talking more about the Christmas story in preparation for our Christmas Program. The kids again did SO well for the program which was held on a Saturday evening followed by a delicious potluck meal. Our average class size is around 14 children with sometimes as many as 20. When class starts up again in February of 2026, we will meet in Hollandale at 10:15 a.m.

Special thanks to a few parents who were so willing to jump in and help out on a few occasions for class or program prep; Micah, Kara, and Chelsea. I appreciate your help!

Pecatonica Food Pantry ReportSubmitted by Tiffany Bethke

The Pecatonica Area Food Pantry serves the communities of Hollandale & Blanchardville. We are serving an average of 25 families per month. We continue to provide \$40 per month in vouchers that can be used for groceries locally at Hollandale Grocery or Kundert's Main St. Market.

- The "Backpack Program" continued, serving 11 families at the elementary school at Pecatonica, providing them with snacks and/or easy to prepare foods. This program is a partnership between the food pantry and New Hope Lutheran.
- "Cheer bags" consisting of homemade soup and cheese were distributed to folks around our communities during the holiday season. The York 4H included plates of cookies/treats. For many years the food pantry (and 4H) has done these "Cheer bags" for the elderly folks who are homebound from each church, families of loved ones who've passed away in the last year, folks struggling with their health, and other community members who may be in need.

The food pantry is thankful for all who help to continue to keep this program possible.

- Numerous food drives were held for the food pantry this year, including drives from the Woodford State Bank, Centurians, Perry Lutheran church, Trunk of Treat event, and St. Francis of Assisi Mt Horeb.
- Many monetary donations throughout the year, including a large matching monetary donation drive hosted by Woodford State Bank.
- Cheese donation from Rolling Hills Dairy.
- A large anonymous donation of (23) Turkeys
- Local egg farmers & gardeners donated fresh food to the pantry.
- Marlys Hittesdorf for help with the shelving for over flow.
- SO many more

Thank you to all who support the food pantry in any way.

If you'd like to sponsor a family or make a donation, we would welcome that and it would certainly make a difference! Additionally, if you'd like to volunteer at the food pantry, please reach out.

Respectfully, The Pecatonica Area Food Committee

Tiffany Bethke – President

Jean Christian- Secretary/Treasurer

Volunteers: Jean Christian and family, Tiffany Bethke, Laurie Hughes, Deb Hughes, Don & Lisa Sikora, Patty Powers, Teri Nipple, Tricia Hendrickson

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Board of Education Report

Submitted by: Micah Busser

The Board of Education Report is an annual report compiled by the Board of Education Members of New Hope Lutheran Church, Blanchardville & Hollandale. The Board of Education Members include Pastor Chris Strohm, Teri Green, Amanda Anderson, and Micah Busser.

The Board of Education would like to thank the countless individuals, families, community business leaders, and partners for volunteering time, resources, and monetary donations year-round for the various events and activities we put on throughout the year. A special shout-out to Pastor Chris, Tiffany Bethke, Amanda & Vicki Chrostowski, Jess Kurschner, Ellen Syse, Marlys Hittesdorf, Sarah & Julie Saether for their dedicate commitment in one or more of the youth programs throughout the year.

Here's a recap of various events held throughout 2025:

- The 2024-2025 Sunday School and Confirmation Classes started back-up in late January.
- At Quake in Wisconsin Dells, we had 10 youth attend and two adult volunteers.
- 149 people were served at the 2025 Shrove Tuesday Drive-Thru Dinner on March 4th.
- Board of Ed Members hosted the March 26th Lenten Meal.
- The Spring Sunday School Program was held at Perry Lutheran Church on April 27th.
- Board of Ed Members provided a light breakfast offering on Confirmation Sunday honoring confirmands Makenna Gilbertson, Daniel Henderson, Avery Hughes, Kayden Kurschner and Tristan Olson.
- On Saturday, August 2nd, Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held. The theme was True North and was a great success thanks to the amazing leaders, event volunteers, and the numerous attendees!
- The 2025-2026 Sunday School Year kicked off on Sunday, October 5th. We were very excited to see a few new attendees this year!
- To support both the Sunday School & Confirmation Programs, a digital curriculum was purchased.
- The Sunday School Christmas Program was held the evening of December 20th at 5pm with a Potluck Meal following. The students put on an ABC themed Christmas Program where students sang and some shared poems, even some jokes with the audience. It was a wonderful event put on by the Sunday School volunteers and students!
- The 2025-2026 Confirmation Program kicked off in October. We have 11 students participating this year.
- The Secret Santa event was held on December 11th. We helped approximately 80 children bring holiday presents home to their families.

We are blessed with a growing youth program here at New Hope Lutheran and the Board of Education is open to ways we can incorporate the youth programs into our church programming in the future.

Youth Financial Report

Checking:

Beginning Balance 12/25/2024 \$4,412.68

Income:

Gift New Hope Women's	1,000.00
Spagetti Dinner	2,044.00
2026 Yth Quake - Registration deposits	200.00
Secret Santa Shop donation	60.00
Secret Santa Shop	<u>1,111.00</u>
Total Income:	4,415.00

Expenses:

Secret Santa reimbursement	84.40
Concordia Supply Co - VBS	473.64
Wilderness - Yth Quake 2025	110.38
Sunoco Hollandale - gas card	50.00
Barneveld Lutheran - Yth Quake 2025	99.00
SS Teachers & Yth Leader gifts	125.00
Deer Valley - SS end of year party	273.50
Pecatonica Leader	165.00
2026 Yth Quake registration	2,201.00
Secret Santa starting cash	200.00
Secret Santa donation - expenses	<u>60.00</u>
Total Expenses:	3,841.92

Ending Balance 12/22/2025 \$ 4,985.76

Savings:

Beginning Balance 1/1/2025	\$4,537.18
Interest Income	4.56

Ending Balance 12/31/2025 \$4,541.74

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2025 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 9/21/2025SUBMITTED BY: MICHELE KITTLESON

The semi-annual congregational meeting was called to order by Chuck Meyer at 11:00 a.m. following worship at our Hollandale Site.

Becky Johnson gave an update of our financial position as of August 31. She explained that due to the “summer slump” in worship attendance and giving, we are running behind about \$8200.00. As of the middle of September, she has been unable to send payments to Portico which covers Pastor Chris’ health insurance, retirement, etc.

Chuck reported on the progress of the Capital Projects. The east entrance door at the Blanchardville site is almost completed. Because the repairs and carpeting in the Fellowship Hall were considerably less than projected, the projects that have been completed (soffits, fascia, rain gutters, door) are less than \$100,000 of the \$150K that was approved at the previous Congregational Meeting.

While working on the soffits and fascia, it was discovered that the bricks on the building are in dire need of tuck pointing. The resurfacing of the parking lot also hasn’t been completed. Roger Kittleson moved to delay the tuck pointing and parking lot resurfacing until late spring or early summer of 2026. Duane Kundert seconded and the motion carried.

Beth Kundert moved and JoAnne Eveland seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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WOMEN IN MINISTRY FINANCIALS REPORT

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SUBMITTED BY: REBECCA JOHNSON

2025

Total

INCOME

Funeral	600.00
Donation	440.00
Homecoming Dinner	2,945.00
Fall Supper	9,246.50
Total Income	<u>13,231.50</u>

EXPENSES

Postage for Sunshine Cards	73.00
Quilt Supplies	744.24
Family Promise of Green County	500.00
Fall Supper	575.01
Hollandale Fire Department	500.00
Blanchardville Fire Department	500.00
Community Free Clinic	500.00
Homecoming Dinner	512.11
BHAF	500.00
New Hope Lutheran	7,200.00
Friendship Fund	500.00
Pecatonica Food Pantry	500.00
ELCA Good Gifts	500.00
SUN Program	500.00

Total Expenses	<u>13,604.36</u>
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Net Income over Expenses	<u><u>(372.86)</u></u>
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Beginning Cash	<u>1,447.80</u>
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Ending Cash	<u><u>1,074.94</u></u>
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"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40, NIV)

New Hope Lutheran sponsored many mission-driven activities and community events in 2025, but the information below is listed so we have a record of what was completed in Mission Central during 2025.

- 102 quilts were made and sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- 44 quilts were made and sent to the VA Hospital in Madison.
- 42 Fabric Kits were assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief. Each of these kits contained **six yards** of material.
- 52 Personal Care Kits were assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- 224 School Kits were assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- 60 Baby Kits were assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- 2 shoe boxes of rolled bandages were sent to Global Health Ministries in Fridley, MN.
- 55 fleece blankets were tied and sent to Project Linus, which provides these blankets to children 0-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need.
- 61 plarn mats and pillows were completed and sent to The Beacon homeless shelter in Madison.

Mission Mondays were held each week from 1:00-3:00 pm and from 6:00-8:00 pm except occasionally when there were scheduling conflicts. We were thrilled this year to have several grandchildren of mission Monday regulars helping on multiple occasions when they had days off from school. The confirmation students also participated in a service activity to make plarn mats for the homeless.

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to and worked on these mission projects throughout 2025!

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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	Budget 2025	Actual 10/31	Estimate 12/31	Budget 2026
MISSIONS				
South Central Synod, ELCA	13,431	7,835	13,431	13,834
South Central Synod, Mission Funds	3,921	2,287	3,921	4,039
Lutheran Social Services	314	183	314	323
Bible Camp Sugar Creek	930	0	930	958
Missionary Support - Direct	4,391	0	4,391	4,523
Total Mission Support	22,987	10,305	22,987	23,677
WORSHIP PROGRAM				
Salary - Organist	12,376	9,758	12,019	12,771
Salary - Choir Director	1,008	0	0	964
Salary - Choir Accompanist	1,008	752	1,126	964
Music Supplies	100	0	0	100
Altar Supplies	600	0	0	600
Worship Supplies	1,000	1,406	1,406	1,200
Total Worship Program	16,092	11,916	14,551	16,599
OTHER CHURCH PROGRAMS				
Fellowship Supplies	500	0	0	500
Evangelism Program	300	0	0	300
Stewardship Program	500	0	0	500
Social Concerns Program	1,250	0	1,250	1,300
Youth Group	1,000	132	132	1,400
Youth Adult Education Programs	1,500	750	1,000	1,500
Congregational Development	100	0	0	100
Total Other Programs	5,150	882	2,382	5,600
ADMINISTRATION				
Secretary	18,980	14,700	17,640	19,583
Financial Secretary	784	392	723	808
Convention & Meeting Expense	500	300	300	750
Postage	1,200	1,005	1,120	1,300
Telephone	3,700	3,136	3,763	3,800
Office Supplies	4,000	4,850	5,000	5,300
Office Equipment Maintenance	200	0	0	200
Online Giving Fees	100	120	144	150
Subscriptions	300	353	424	475
Advertising	500	141	500	500
Professional Services	3,000	1,300	2,640	3,000
Miscellaneous	1,200	1,168	1,168	200
Total Administration	34,464	27,464	33,422	36,066

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STAFF BENEFITS

Payroll Taxes	2,875	2,234	2,681	3,026
Staff Education	150	0	0	150
Total Staff Benefits	3,025	2,234	2,681	3,176

PLANT OPERATION

Salary - Custodian	4,434	3,601	4,321	4,460
Heat	5,000	4,339	5,206	5,500
Electricity	7,000	4,497	5,396	5,500
Water & Sewer	2,000	1,707	2,048	2,150
Insurance	10,500	13,054	15,664	20,000
Janitorial Supplies	500	211	253	500
Parsonage Maintenance & Repairs	1,750	799	959	2,500
General Maint. & Supplies	5,000	3,806	4,567	5,000
Total Plant Operation	36,184	32,012	38,415	45,610

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Pastor Salaries	60,263	54,588	60,505	62,768
Youth Director Salary	5,000	0	0	5,000
Supply Pastor	1,200	845	1,127	1,200
Pastor Education	1,100	824	824	1,500
Youth Director Education	250	0	0	250
Convention & Meeting Expense	1,100	435	435	1,100
Parsonage Utilities	5,600	4,603	5,524	6,000
Auto Reimbursement	1,250	722	1,250	1,250
Total Pastoral Support	75,763	62,017	69,665	79,068

PASTORAL BENEFITS

Pension Contribution	8,894	7,299	8,759	9,213
Pastoral Health & Life Insurance	21,457	17,753	21,752	24,587
Total Pastoral Benefits	30,351	25,052	30,511	33,800

FINANCIAL OUTLAY

	10,688	4,317	5,417	6,975
TOTAL OPERATIONAL DISBURSEMENTS	234,704	176,199	220,030	250,571

CAPITAL OUTLAYS

Major Repairs & Equipment	75,000	0	0	75,000
Window Maintenance Savings	2,500	0	0	2,500
Furniture & Equipment Savings	5,000	0	0	5,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS	82,500	0	0	82,500

TOTAL OPERATIONAL/CAPITAL DISBURSEMENT	317,204	176,199	220,030	333,071
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Principal Payment of Loans	0	0	67,000	10,500
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