



New Hope Lutheran *Visitor*

June 2026

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WORSHIP at the Park

Father's Day

**Sunday, June 21
10am**

Worship at McKellar
Park
Blanchardville

*(There will be just one
service on this day.)*

LOOKING AHEAD



Mark Your Calendars

Service Times Change in July*

8:30am—Blanchardville
10:30 am — Hollandale

Sunday School will start again
in the Fall

**For July, August, September*

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP



Join Pastor Chris Thursday, June 4

"Coffee with the Pastor"

from 8:30am to 9:30 am in
Blanchardville at "Bistro on Main".
This coffee hour, usually on the 1st
Thursday of every month, is meant to
be a time of informal fellowship —
anyone who wants to stop by for
coffee & conversation is welcome .

The Board of Education Needs Your Help!

We need these **volunteers** for these
positions:

1. VBS Coordinator
2. Sunday School Leader
3. Board of Ed member (serve out 1.5
years of 2-year term)

Please talk to Pastor Chris, Julie Saether or
Kayla Barnes if you're interested or have
questions. Thank you!



There will be a **Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 14th at 11:30am** following the 10:30 am Worship Service at the Blanchardville site. There will be just one service.



Sunday School Break

Just a reminder
that Sunday School
is on a break and
will resume in the
Fall.



FROM THE PASTOR



Is there room for one more on your vacation?

As I write to you today, there are 2 weeks of school left for the year. A good time to thank your teachers and administrators for guiding our youth all year long! Thank you!

And about this time of year, students of all ages are happy to have a break from their studies. A little R&R is appreciated by many others as summer moves onto the calendar.

Some people make plans to travel great distances while others go on day trips. Still, others do “staycations,” visiting local points of interest, friends, and family.

Whatever your plans, don't forget to take God along with you.

After all, God was the inventor of rest and renewal. Remember the story of creation? After God created all the good stuff, God took a break. God took a *Sabbath* rest. “On the seventh day, God rested.” I think that is a great indication that we are to rest as well. But resting doesn't mean that we tuck our faith away in the closet until the fall comes around again. In fact, vacation is a great time to demonstrate your faith.

How about a few ideas to take God with you this summer, regardless of where your *Sabbath* takes you!

Before leaving home

1. Include your Bible and a notepad on your packing list.
2. Be flexible. Allow time slots that do not have any destinations or activities. This will allow for impromptu reading, or just looking for *God's handiwork in creation*.
3. Pray before leaving home, not only for safe travels but also for signs of God's love and character along the way. Also, pray for opportunities to show God's love with strangers.

During the vacation

4. Listen to Christian music in the car or on your devices for times when you can't read or do anything else. You can also listen to Scripture, Christian podcasts, or audiobooks.
5. Be realistic about your vacation plans. Sometimes things don't work out the way we planned. Look for ways to thank God for this *re-direction*. A change in plans may be God protecting us. Maybe God has something better for us.

Pastor's Column, continued

6. Don't compromise your standards. If you never miss a Sunday worship service when you are at home, don't start now. Many churches have their services online. I know I am pastor, but my family always enjoys attending a different service when we are out of town. To experience worship in different ways!

7. Look for ways to serve others through random acts of kindness.

8. Be a good example by cleaning up after yourself. This is how you would want to be treated if you were a park employee, hotel employee, or some other service worker.

9. Write down the ways God is speaking or revealing Himself to you along the way.

When you return home

10. As you share with friends, family, and co-workers about your vacation, include ways God protected you, blessed you, and allowed you to serve others. Because we know that gratitude changes everything!

You have heard me say it many times, faith should be intentional. If we don't have a plan, it is less likely that something will happen. I hope these ideas bless your vacation and your summer! I hope that summer might be time that your faith grows stronger!



Pick up your own **"Jesus"** at church next week to take along on vacation or to share with someone else!

Summer Blessings!

Pastor Chris



Save the Date!

***Vacation Bible School
Saturday, August 1, 9am – 2pm***

***Rocky Railway:
Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through***

*We're looking for volunteers to help lead,
teach, decorate.*

***Stay tuned for more details on how to
volunteer and register.***

Worship Assistants
Sunday Worship 8:30 in Hollandale and
10:30 in Blanchardville
June 2026

June 7

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Richard Kundert (H)
 Communion: (B) Kathryn Kammerude (H) Cindy & David Whitford
 Readers: (B) Nancy Meyer (H)

June 14 — Baptism & Congregational Meeting (Blanchardville) – One Service at 10:30am

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Richard Kundert
 Communion: (B) Kathryn Kammerude
 Readers: (B) Baylee Hendrickson-Raymond

June 21 — Worship in the Park / Father's Day – One Service at 10am

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Richard Kundert

June 28

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Richard Kundert (H)
 Communion: (B) Kathryn Kammerude (H) Rhonda Kirch
 Readers: (B) Michele Kittleson (H)

Musicians: Becky Johnson, Cinda Hittesdorf, Marlys Hittesdorf, Carmen Danz, Andy Whitford-Holey

Altar Committees: (B) Becky Kesler (H) Jean Christen



Mission Mondays
New Hours!

The Mission Room will now be open Mondays from **9-11 am** and again from 6-8 p.m. Mission opportunities are set up in Mission Central along with instructions on what needs to be done. People are encouraged to stop by when it works for them, to help with various missions. Feel free to come whenever and as often as you'd like to be a part of "God's Work/Our Hands". Please continue to bring in your clean plastic grocery bags which will be made into mats for the homeless.



Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Chris every Tuesday from 8-9 am at the River Bend Café in Blanchardville. The Bible Study focuses on the upcoming readings for Sunday. This is open to anyone.

<p>Sunday, June 7, 2026 (bible study Tuesday, June 2) First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6 Psalm: Psalm 50:7-15 Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</p>	<p>Sunday, June 21, 2026 (1 service in the park) (bible study Tuesday, June 16) Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39</p>
<p>Sunday, June 14, 2026 (bible study Tuesday, June 9) First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm: Psalm 100 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]</p>	<p>Sunday, June 28, 2026 (bible study Tuesday, June 23) First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23 Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42</p>

The Pecatonica Food Pantry is open these dates in June:

Saturday, 6/6 9-10:30am

Wednesday, 6/10 6-7pm

Saturday, 6/20 9-10:30am



We remember our members & friends, the sick and the homebound, those recovering or grieving, especially Steve Zimmerman, Oliver Ekman (neighbor of the Meyers), Jan & Tiger Slater, Alex Emberson, Ruth Vamstad, Lynette Stansfield, Sue Anderson, Rick Fredrickson, Roger Strohm (Pastor Chris's Dad), Lisa Hartz (daughter of Elaine & Marv Engelke), Bev Lien, Dave Hermanson, Roger Kittleson, Donna Arneson, Lyle Klosterman, Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, Carl and Patty Schneider, Richard & Peggy Gilbertson, Carole Zweifel.

2026 Chicken BBQ

A huge shout out to everyone who donated, worked to prepare for the event, those that worked that day and everyone who bought the delicious chicken. It was a great day and a huge success. Thank you to all! -- Julie Saether and Kandi Lockard



Board of Trustees' Meeting. New Hope Luth. Ch. Held on May 11th. 5:00 pm.

Held at Blanchardville Luth. Ch. In attendance were Pastor Chris Strohm, Dan Hittesdorf, Neal Klassey and Jay Massey.

Minutes of Discussion.

- We are having the Roof Cap looked at after some Roof Cap shingles fell off earlier in the Spring during a 60mph wind storm.
- We talked about a list of the projects to do for all three sites and we will bring it to the next May Council meeting to talk about these projects along with an Estimated cost. After that we will ask if we can bring it to the Congregation on how to come up with the funds to pay for these projects. Some of these projects we have in mind are.
 - Tuck Point Bricks on the Blanch Ch. site.
 - Taking down the two Trees and Topping off a third on the South west corner of the Parsonage Yard.
 - Carpeting in the Sanctuary of the Bl. Ch Site and maybe Carpeting in other rooms of the Bl. Church.
 - Painting the outside Siding of the Bl. Church.
 - Sealing and Striping of the Blanchardville Parking Lot.
- Clean up Day scheduled for the Hollandale Ch. site is May 23rd, which also so happens to be a Highschool Graduation Weekend. A group of people would like to do clean up on Wednesday the 20th. before the May 23rd. weekend and another group to finish up on that weekend.

Members present: Julie Saether, Kayla Barnes, Pastor Chris

Looking for someone interested in being a Sunday School coordinator. Need to decide on curriculum

Need 1-2 people interested in taking the lead to organize VBS on Aug. 1.

Theme is Rocky Railway – already have

Looking for someone to make a big cardboard cut out train that small kids can get in. Use before and during VBS

Need another person for Board of Education – 2 year term

Julie will contact Woodford Bank about a Debit card



Juneteenth is an annual federal holiday observed on June 19 that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. Also known as Freedom Day or Black Independence Day, it marks the date in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to ensure the last enslaved people were freed.

God's glorious abundance allows us to continue providing helpful ministries like Sunday worship, Choir, Confirmation and Praying for those in our local and greater communities. Our recent resources for continuing these ministries include:

April's income of \$21,776.79 and expenses of \$19,109.33— a surplus of \$2,667.46

YTD Income of \$71,151.44 and expenses of \$69,080.46 – a surplus of \$2,070.98



Greetings Everyone,

Summer is here, school is out and vacations are planned. Summer has a way of slowing us down just enough to notice what really matters. In a season of gardens, road trips, and long evenings, Jesus' words echo with fresh clarity: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Faith and money are never separate in the life of a disciple—not because God needs our dollars, but because our giving reveals what we trust. Do we trust scarcity, or do we trust the God who provides daily bread? Stewardship is less about budgets and more about relationship: a living response to God's grace already given.

We remember that we are justified by grace through faith—not by what we give or earn. That frees us. We don't give to earn God's love; we give because we already have it. Our offerings become a kind of testimony: that Christ is our treasure, that our neighbor matters, and that God is still at work among us. Even small, steady gifts—like seeds in good soil—participate in something far larger than we can see.

This summer, consider one simple practice: give intentionally and give thanks. Whether it's setting aside a portion of your income, supporting a local need, or sharing a meal with someone who could use company, let your generosity be rooted in trust, not obligation. God's abundance is not measured by how much we keep, but by how freely we share—and how deeply we trust the One who first gave everything for us.

God's Peace be with you,
Pastor Chris

Keeping Our Ears to the Ground . . .

The following are ways to stay informed of news from our synod, ECLA church-wide, and partners in our common mission. You can sign up to receive updates and information on areas you are particularly interested in, or just go directly to the source. You can also search for these organizations in Facebook, Instagram and other social media platforms.

South Central Synod of Wisconsin (SCSW): <https://scsw-elca.org/engage/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: <https://www.elca.org/news>

Wisconsin Council of Churches: <https://www.wichurches.org/>

Lutheran World Relief: <https://lwr.org/>

Lutheran Disaster Response: <https://www.elca.org/giving/lutheran-disaster-response>

Lutheran Global Refuge: <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin: <https://www.lsswis.org/>

YOUTH OF NEW HOPE

SAVE THE DATE: June 2027





REST

and be refreshed



“MY PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”
EXODUS 33:14, ESV



David	Hermanson	June 1
Avery	Hughes	June 4
Scott	Olson	June 4
Ross	Kundert	June 5
Chelsea	Burkeland	June 6
Stephen	Stansfield	June 8
Gary	Hendrickson	June 11
Ronald	Syse	June 11
Roy	Ruegsegger	June 12
David	Gerber	June 13
Luke	Leonard	June 14
Trisha	Powell	June 16
Kennedi	Morris	June 18
Dennis	Severson	June 22
Alex	Emberson	June 23
Brandon	Barnes	June 26
Eva	Burkeland	June 26
Kayden	Kurschner	June 27
Mike	Vogel	June 27
Benjamin	Meyer	June 27
Kayln	Ley	June 28
Gage	Terrill	June 29
Hannah	Barnes	June 29
Daniel	Henderson	June 29

Richard & Margaret	Gilbertson	06/17/1961
Duane & Elizabeth	Kundert	06/26/1971
Robin & Kaye	Gilbertson	06/29/1985
Paul & Julie	Saether	06/15/1991
Melissa & Keith	Legler	06/23/2018

The birthday and anniversary lists are run from a report showing active members. If we've missed a birthday, or anniversary, please contact the office at newhopeoffice@tds.net or 608-523-4239.

*Please submit information to be included in the **July Visitor** to the church office by **Monday, June 15.***

WHAT IS ACH GIVING?

It is a system for automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings account and deposited automatically into the church account. ACH (automated clearing house) forms are available in the church office and online. Monthly withdrawal options are available. Ask the office for more details.