

Tidings of Hope

November Issue 2026



COLOSSIANS 3:15-17 (NIV)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season let's truly remind ourselves of what we are thankful for. We need to give thanks to God our Father and Christ our Lord, because all we have has come from Him.

I know sometimes we have difficulty being thankful especially when we are hurting or

suffering pain. It is at these times that we need to draw closer to Him with a Thanksgiving heart and attitude. As the scripture says "let the message of Christ dwell in you." Also "do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

I find it interesting and rewarding to take time to look back through the things I have been through, both trying and enjoyable, to look and see where the Lord was involved and where His help was evident. By doing this, it will help us to walk closer to Him.

I'll leave you with this scripture,

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 (NKJV)

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Jerry McEathron President

November Dates to Remember

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- 1 2am DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
-All Saints' Day Sunday Services-
8:30am Early Risers – All are welcome to join us prior to Worship for cake & coffee, honoring Pastor Simonson as we say farewell. Building friendship & community!

- 9:00am Worship with Pastor Eldon Simonson
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:30am Bible Study with Pastor Mark Homp
- 2 HLCW making Lefse
- 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 3 Election Day
- HLCW making Lefse
- 4 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday)
- 6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 5 11:30am Meal of the Month at Gathering Grounds, west on Hwy 8
- 6 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 8 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, & conversation. Building friendship & community!
- 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:30am Bible Study with Pastor Mark Homp
- 9 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 11 VETERANS DAY
- 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday)
- 6:00pm- 7:30pm Confirmation Class
- 6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 13 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 15 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, & conversation. Building friendship & community!
- 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 10:30am Book Club with Shari Grillo
- 16 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 17 9:00am Quilters Group
- 6:30pm Church Council
- 18 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday)
- 6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 19 9:30am HLCW Meeting
- Deadline for Tidings Content
- 20 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 22 Christ The King Sunday
- 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, &

conversation. Building friendship & community!

- 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Tom Reiff
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 23 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 25 NO WOW (Worship On Wednesday)
- NO Confirmation Class
- NO GriefShare
- 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Hope Community Thanksgiving Dinner / MANNA Meal Sponsored by Hope Lutheran Church
- 27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Food Pantry CLOSED
- 29 1st Sunday of Advent
- 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, & conversation. Building friendship & community!
- 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Mark Homp
- 10:00am Fellowship
- 30 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry

November Worship Assistants/Pastors

November 1

Ushers— Judy & Don Soyring; Lector — Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Dave Lemke; AV Technical Assistant — Vinnie Jacobs; Music— Terry Wedwick; Acolyte—Beckett Jacobs; Pastor Elden Simonson

November 8

Ushers— Chris & Charlie Holtebeck; Lector— Charlie Holtebeck; Communion Asst— Chris Holtebeck; AV Technical Assistant— Dave Borman; Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte—Cole Vollendorf; Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

November 15

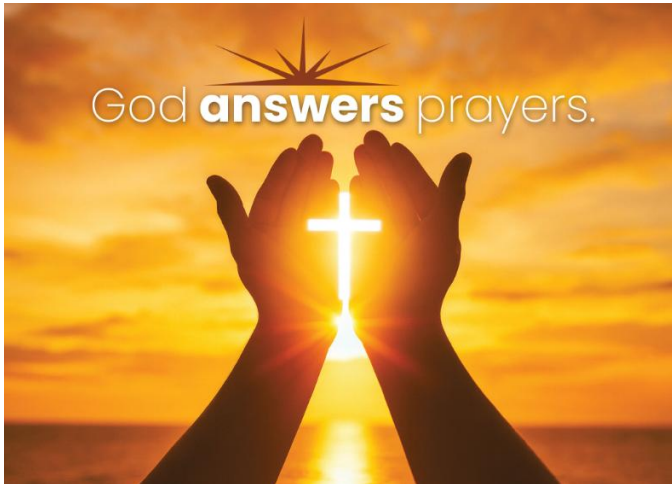
Ushers — Pat & Jer McEathron; Lector— Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant—Dave Borman; Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte— Jazmyn Summerfield; Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

November 22

Ushers—Aileen Tauchen and Irene Titera; Lector — Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Irene Titera; AV Technical Assistant — Rosemary Johnson; Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte—Tucker Hulle; Pastor Tom Reiff

November 29

Ushers — Kathy Ducommun and Aileen Tauchen;
Lector— Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant— Julie Kammerud;
Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte—Emerson McGinnis;
Pastor Mark Homp



Please Remember in Prayer:

Wanda Kramer
Jim Stewart
Ken Parejko
John Hoover
Amy Heath
Becky Kileteny
Myles
Colby Overhagen
Lois Hoople



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Reissner
- 3 Randy Nyhagen
- 5 Don Soyring
- 7 Sue Molstad
Cassandra Solrud
- 8 Jill Nisbit
- 11 Evan Hillian
- 22 Beckett Jacobs
- 24 Pat Cumming
- 26 Karen Tappan
- 28 Jerry Kulibert
- 30 Melissa Roach

31 Leighton Vollendorf



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Kathy & Kyle Kesan

GriefShare Support Meetings are each a self-contained session that covers the various complicated emotions and issues that arise as we deal with the loss of a loved one. Participants may join anytime during the cycle.

Hope Lutheran Church
320 1st St. S., Ladysmith

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
DATES: Wednesdays, Sept. 9 – Dec. 9, 2026
INFORMATION/REGISTER: Hope Lutheran Church at
715-532-7739 or griefshare.org



Want to be an HLC Prayer Partner? All we need is your current email. Sign up with the church office with an email request to be included at hlcladysmith@gmail.com Notifications for prayer will be sent via email.

There is a new Bible Study to be led by Pastor Mark Homp on each of the first and second Sundays of the month. The study will be focused on the book of James. Come and learn about the Book of James. You are all welcome to join.

HLC Confirmation Classes are scheduled on the following Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, please mark your calendar:

- November 11th, November 25th—no class
- December 9th, December 30th—no class

Date Change for the Meal of the Month to November 5th at 11:30am. This month will be at "Gathering Grounds;" located one block west of Hwy 8/Hwy 27 on Hwy 8 in Ladysmith. Join in the fun and fellowship. For any questions, please contact Kathy Ducommun at 715-617-2350.

Book Club is on Sunday, November 15th at 10:30am. The book is "*The Wings of Poppy Pendleton*" by Melanie Dobson. Everyone is welcome. Should you have questions, contact group facilitator, Shari (Skeels) Grillo at (845-612-1522).

Quilters will meet on November 17th at 9:00am. There are jobs at all skill levels. Should you be interested in learning, they are willing to teach you a new skill. Quilt squares are available to be sewn at home. If you have questions, please contact Karen Skeels at 715-452-5444.

"We are blessed to be a blessing to others. I'd like to take this moment to thank all of you who have been that blessing to Power House Youth Center in this year past. Your generous gifts of time and treasure have allowed us to thrive in these past 10 years of service to the youth in our communities. As the year comes to a close, please consider our 501c(3) organization for your year-end giving."

~George Lawrence & Power House Board

EVERYONE IS INVITED:
COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI
DINNER
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
12TH 4-6 P.M.
NO charge! Free will offering only

Faith United Methodist Church
W8125 Shady Lane, Ladysmith
(located behind East Mart)

Spaghetti w/meat sauce
Green beans
Garlic bread
Cookies
Beverage

--EAT IN OR TAKE OUT--

BAKE SALE, TOO!



All proceeds go to
POWER HOUSE YOUTH
CENTER

Wednesday School has been renamed WOW (Worship on Wednesdays). WOW will meet on Wednesday at 3:30pm. Registration forms are located in the hallway on Youth Education bulletin board, on the HLC website, or by contacting the church office. Children can ride the bus #9 from LES. All are welcome.

Community Thanksgiving DINNER
FOOD ♥ FELLOWSHIP ♥ COMMUNITY

Thursday, November 26th
Noon - 1:00 P.M.

at
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
320 First Street South, Ladysmith

MENU:
Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce,
Dinner Roll, Pie, and Beverages

Deliveries to homebound members of the community within five miles of the church will be available.

To reserve a meal, please contact the church office
(715) 532-7739 by noon on
Monday, November 23rd.

A Stronger Community... One Meal at a Time.

Event Co-Sponsored by Thrivent



Hope Lutheran
Church
is hosting a

Cookie Walk

December 5, 2026
from 10:00am-until sold out

Get ready for a sweet celebration!
You're invited to our Cookie Walk at Hope Lutheran Church.

Stroll through tables filled with delicious homemade
cookies & Scandinavian specialties and pick your
favorites to take home.

Come for the cookies, enjoy the Christmas cheer!

at 320 First Street South in
Ladysmith, WI

Call 715-415-1806 or
email

ldborman@yahoo.com
to volunteer for this event.



Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 20, 2026 (pending Council approval)

Members present: Jerry McEathron, Dave Borman,
Brian Buchholz, Cora Schultz, Eric Hillan, Laurie
Lemke, Terry Wedwick

Members absent: Chris Holtebeck, Brian Johnson

Meeting called to order at 6:38 by Jerry.

Devotions were delivered by Jerry.

Additional agenda items: Added several, see below.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Terry delivered the Treasurer's
report. Biggest item to note is that we moved
\$100,000 from the checking account and general
savings accounts to RBC to increase our interest
income.

- Envelope offering, our top line revenue item, is 17% below budget. Through September, actual giving is \$107,493 compared to a budgeted amount of \$130,909.
- Year To Date (YTD) budgeted income exceeds YTD expenses by \$15,000 because expenses are \$63,000 below budget. Mainly because we don't have a Pastor.
- Nonbudgeted income, net of nonbudgeted expenses, is \$16,000 primarily due to investment account earnings.
- Overall income exceeds expenses so net income is \$31,000 as of September 30, 2026.
- The Council instructed Terry to report in the Tidings (and maybe in the weekly bulletins) that our giving is down 17% to budget.

Old Business:

- Tithe Distribution. Approved \$318 to Shop With A Cop and \$318 to our Food Pantry. Also \$318 to Flood Buckets and \$318 to NALC Disaster Response.

- Sound System. Dave has been working diligently on improving the sound system and entire service broadcasting issues. We have a final quote of \$16,303. The cost was discussed and approved by the Council. We expect to get this completed before year end.
- Time and Talents issues. The Time and Talents sheets have not been very well received. We will try to get more information out.

New Business:

- 2027 Budget. Terry and Brian will work together.
- From the Convocation. We will look into sponsoring a student but our budget is limited.
- Computer issues. There seems to be recurring computer issues for Therese that we need to look into.

Committee Updates

- Congregational Care – Grief Share is ongoing.
- Parish Ed – Laurie reported 11 kids in Wednesday School.
- Property – Brian J is handling the small issues. The parking lot resealing will happen next year instead of 2026. We will address that in the 2027 budget. Estimated cost will be about \$14,000.
- Worship and Music – Dave reported that we have services covered through year end, including Christmas. We decided Easter will be one service at 9 am.
- Youth Ministry – Eric reported there are 6 kids in confirmation classes this year.

Council Update Temple Talk – We did not address this.

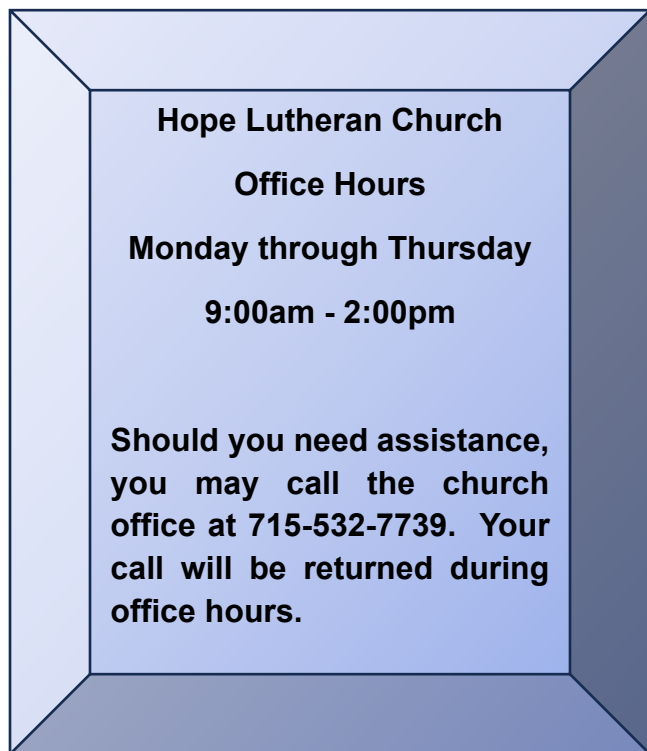
Adjourned at 8:26

Closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Buchholz

HLC Council Vice-President



Committee Chairs: Dave Borman, Worship & Music; Eric Hillan, Youth Education; Brian Johnson, Property Management, Laurie Lemke, Parish Education; and Cora Schultz, Congregational Care.

The *Tidings of Hope* will be emailed to Hope Lutheran Church Members. There will be copies available in the narthex. The Tidings of Hope will be mailed through snail mail upon request.

Reminder:

- **Weekly Bulletin:** Please email announcement submissions to hlcladysmith@gmail.com by 9:00 AM on Wednesday.
- **Monthly Tidings:** Please email submissions to hlcladysmith@gmail.com by 9:00 AM on the third Thursday of each month.

Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.

Vision Statement

The Hope Lutheran Church family seeks to form disciples of Jesus in our daily relationships with Christ through weekly worship, daily prayer, and empowering them to develop their spiritual gifts to serve God and others

As a Reminder...

We are keeping the Church doors locked even during office hours. The exception is during an HLC event or when the food pantry is open serving the community.

Please show your concern for others and remember to lock the Church door before you exit. If you are unsure, it is ok to ask. We are being respectful for the safety of others. We live in different times and want to keep the Church and Church members safe.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



320 First Street South, Ladysmith, WI 54848

Sunday Worship at 9:00am

Glen Flora Lutheran Church

US – Hwy 8, Glen Flora, WI 54526

Sunday Worship at 10:30am

Hope Church Email hlcladysmith@gmail.com

Hope Church Office (715)-532-7739

Church Council Members: Jerry McEathron, President; Brian Buchholz, Vice-President; Terry Wedwick, Treasurer; Chris Holtebeck, Secretary;

POWER HOUSE

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Power House is to provide the youth of the community with positive alternatives to negative behaviors in a safe, drug-free environment surrounded by caring Christian adults.



OUR GOALS

1. Show the love of Christ
2. Build positive peer relationships
3. Connect youth with role models
4. Help students academically



Benefits for Youth

Youth centers provide youth with access to safe, supportive environments where they can connect with peers, gain skills, get support, learn about themselves, and just exist. Spaces that are devoted to young people, especially ones with the flexibility of youth centers, offer the following benefits and positive outcomes outlined here:

Safety: We follow strict protocols to provide safety for our youth. at all times.

Skill Development: Power House programming provides a variety of opportunities in many areas of youth interest.

Self-Expression: All youth are encouraged to express themselves through word and through actions- our volunteers lovingly encourage continued growth and development.

Ownership: Youth are engaged in choosing the activities they participate in.

Community: Within our programming opportunities exist- to support what we do- from sharing a skill with others, respecting one another, respecting equipment, and even helping to clean up after events.

At times we may also conduct community service projects to broaden our understanding of what it takes to make a successful community.

How Can I Support Power House?

We want you to know it takes a team when it comes to providing a safe place for the youth of our community to gather and engage in healthy activities with one another. The Power House Youth Center is largely operated by volunteers and supported entirely by donations to operate. We need many volunteers and sufficient funding to continue providing for area youth in grades 6 - 12. Below are the benefits and the blessings needed to fulfill them.

Donations of time, talent, money, or goods support:

A simple family-style meal for the kids each week

Internet access to support academic tutoring and communication

Tutoring lab supplies

A variety of learning opportunities for kids- what skill or passion can you share?

Sporting equipment

Musical equipment

Craft and other activities supplies

Rent and utilities

...and so much more!



THANK
you.

Thanks
for VOLUNTEERING!

WE ARE
grateful
FOR YOU!

Your
kindness is
appreciated

SIGNUP

IN THE NARTHEX

- ❖ Community Thanksgiving Dinner (November)
- ❖ Cookie Walk (December)
- ❖ 2027 Time & Talent

Thank you!

SPONSORSHIP CHANGE

Moving Forward

Make your checks out to:

FAITH AND FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM

c/o Faith Methodist Church

W8125 Shady Lane, Ladysmith, WI 54848

Thrivent Giving Tuesday, December 1st

Thrivent is making a shared pool of up to **\$3 million in grant funds**¹ available to boost donations made through Thrivent's giving platform. This is an opportunity to help HLC supporters' generosity go further while increasing participation in the HLC mission.

¹Thrivent will provide up to \$3 million in **matching funds** to boost eligible online donations made through Thrivent's giving platform on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026.

- ❖ Should you have content you would like to see in the next Tidings Issue, please submit your content to the church office via email at hlcladysmith@gmail.com

Your input is much appreciated

WOW NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

Hope's WOW (Worship on Wednesday) kids are holding a food drive during the month of November. We kindly ask the congregation to help us collect food for those less fortunate. Non-perishable foods only please. There are boxes in the narthex for food collection. All food will go to our food pantry. Thank you!