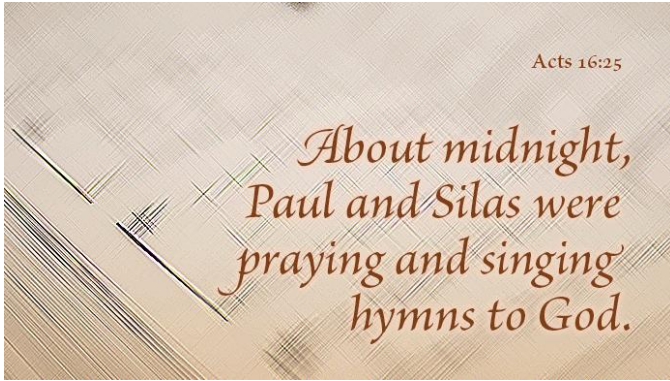


Tidings of Hope

October Issue 2026



pray for. We use “The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God” handbook by Joy Lamb. It is divided by the above categories with biblical references paraphrased.

For example, here is some of “Christ’s Church” we are praying on this month: Confirmation classes, GriefShare, 2 NALC global workers, our HLC Council & Call Committee, monthly lunch, volunteers at Hope, Supply pastors, Sunday fellowship, Wednesday school, Bible studies and book club. And other individual prayer requests we receive.

God has called us to pray. Know that we are praying on and for you.

Joy & Peace (Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

Jan H, Kathy D & Rosemary J

Scripture Prayer at Hope

Years ago, when the Odermans were at Hope as interim pastors, Diane started a prayer group called Scripture Prayer. There were about eight of us women who met weekly to pray over many things. Some ladies moved away and are still active through email prayer requests we send them. Now there are three of us that meet weekly. All requests for prayers are confidential. We “pick up” prayer concerns in conversations, by email or text. You have been prayed on all these years and you may never have known it!

Prayers go out for these categories: Praise for answered prayer, Christ’s Church; Our City, State, Nation & World; Rekindling Baptism of the Holy Spirit & Telling About Jesus; Inner/Emotional Healing; Physical healing; Deliverance (Inner healing from abuse, past hurts, alcohol, drugs & trauma); Relationships; Wisdom Guidance and Faith & Strength; Joy & Peace; Protection & Comfort (for family & friends of deceased and others who need protection & comfort); Special Needs (jobs, legal, major decisions, financial, mental clarity, etc.) and Blessings of the Lord. Each week and month we list needs we know to

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- ❖ 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.
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October Dates to Remember

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- 3 3:00pm-7:00pm Glen Flora Lutheran Church’s FALL FESTIVAL
- 4 8:30am Early Risers – All are welcome to join us prior to Worship for coffee, donuts & conversation. Building friendship & community!
9:00am Worship with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

- 10:00am Fellowship
- 5 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 7 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday
previously called Wednesday School)
6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 8 11:30am Meal of the Month at Timber Lodge,
on county M in Holcombe
- 9 8:30am-3:30pm Camp Forest Springs Ladies Day
in Westboro, WI
9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 11 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
- 12 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 14 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday
previously called Wednesday School)
6:00pm- 7:30pm Confirmation Class
6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 15 9:30am HLCW Meeting
Deadline for Tidings Content
- 16 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 18 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 Elden
Simonson
10:00am Fellowship
10:30am Book Club with Shari Grillo
- 19 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 20 9:00am Quilters Group
6:30pm Church Council
- 21 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday
previously called Wednesday School)
6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 23 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 25 REFORMATION 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 Glenn
Sokolowski
10:00am Fellowship
- 26 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry

- 28 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW (Worship On Wednesday
previously called Wednesday School)
6:00pm-7:30pm Confirmation Class
6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 29 MANNA Meal Sponsored by Faith United
Methodist Church
- 30 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 31 Happy Halloween

October Worship Assistants/Pastors

October 4

Ushers— Pat & Jer McEathron; Lector — Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant — Vinnie Jacobs; Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte—Leighton Vollendorf;
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

October 11

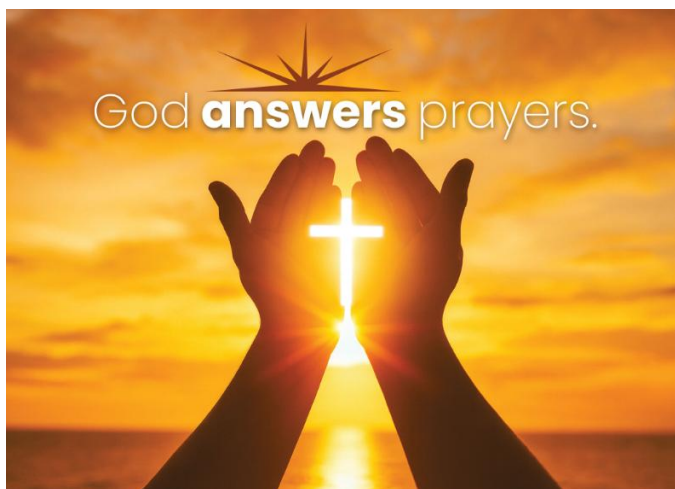
Ushers— Irene Titera and Vinnie Jacobs;
Lector—Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Vinnie Jacobs; AV Technical Assistant— Julie Kammerud;
Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte—Beckett Jacobs;
Pastor Mark Homp

October 18

Ushers — Aileen Tauchen and Irene Titera;
Lector— Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Irene Titera; AV Technical Assistant— Rosemary Johnson;
Music— Karen Tappon; Acolyte—Emerson McGinnis; Pastor Elden Simonson

October 25

Ushers— Pat & Jer McEathron; Lector — Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant — Dave Borman; Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte—Tucker Hulle; Pastor Glenn Sokolowski



Please Remember in Prayer:

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brinley Solsrud
- 2 Jeff Johnson
Diane Cumming
Scott Peterson
- 4 Rachael Sovacool
Trent Volendorf
- 8 George Lawrence
- 9 Julie vanDoorn
- 11 Earl Barber
- 15 Owen Burmeister
- 16 Lisa Borman
- 19 Camryn Closs
- 21 Blake Nyhagen
- 24 Kim Davis



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Carla and Mike Closs
- 19 Sharon and Bill Kahl
- 21 Kyle and Erin Craker

GriefShare Support Meetings have begun in early September and end in early December. Each self-contained session 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. For more information, call Hope Lutheran Church at 715-532-7739.

GriefShare®

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 will be a new Bible Study coming soon. The study will be focused on the book of James, led by Pastor Mark Homp with dates to be determined. Everyone is welcome.

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

- October 14th & 28th
- November 11th, November 25th—no class
- December 9th, December 30th—no class

Meal of the Month will meet on Thursday, October 8th, 11:30am at Timber Lodge, (26064 County Highway M) Holcombe. Join in the fun & fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Ducommun at 715-617-2350.

Book Club is on Sunday, October 18th at 10:30am. The book is "*An Invisible Thread*" by Laura L. Schroff & Alex Tresniowski. Everyone is welcome. Should you have questions, contact group facilitator, Shari (Skeels) Grillo at (845-612-1522).

Quilters will meet on October 20th 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.

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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 25TH

Reformation Sunday in the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is celebrated on the last Sunday of October, commemorating the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther in 1517. This observance emphasizes the importance of Scripture and the core tenets of Lutheran faith, including salvation by grace through faith and the authority of the Bible.

Significance of Reformation Sunday:

Reformation Sunday holds deep meaning for NALC congregations.

- **Historical Importance** — It marks the anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses, which challenged the practices of the Catholic Church and sparked the Reformation.
- **Theological Emphasis** — The day focuses on key Lutheran beliefs such as justification by faith and the priesthood of all believers, reinforcing the centrality of Scripture in worship.

The HLC congregation will hold special worship services that include hymns, prayers, and sermons reflecting on the Reformation's impact on Christianity.

EVERYONE IS INVITED



Glen Flora Lutheran Church
Saturday, October 3rd -- 3:00 – 7:00 PM

*Craft & Bake Sale

*Silent Auction

*Pie Auction

(Pies will be auctioned off at 4, 5 & 6:00 PM)

*Games for ALL Ages (Adults & Kids)

*Amazing Fall Decorations

*Fall Photo Backdrop for Family Photos

*Free Supper

(Hot Dogs, Brats, Hamburgers, Beans, Chips, Pumpkin & Apple Bars)

*Prize Board - \$5 Per Square

(Prizes Include: 25# Ground Beef, #10 Cheese, Marty's Chicken)

*Church's First-Ever Cookbook Available For Sale

*Bed Races

Please join us for this One Day / One Community / One Great Celebration!

All proceeds will go towards the Church's Building Fund.



Together for Life

Choices Health Network
Walk for Life

MEET THE HLC WALK FOR LIFE TEAM:



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. Psalm 139: 13-14

Why do a group of men, women, and children of all ages participate in a Walk for Life for Choices Health Network each fall? The reason is stated so beautifully in their publications, "We envision a culture where each life is valued, protected, and nurtured to guide women and families toward abundant life in Jesus Christ."

We gather usually on one of those first cool, crisp days of fall. Some of the walkers receive a t-shirt or sweatshirt that states boldly that they are Together for Life. We meet friends from other churches and neighbors from down the

road. Some of us walk at a comfortable pace (for us) and chat with someone close by. And before you know it, you're walking around the curve at the fairgrounds. Some have warmed up and have removed their outer layer only to tie it around their waist. We are now heading toward the FINISH LINE at Memorial Park.

Why do we do this? We walk because we value and respect the embryo, fetus, and baby yet to be born, a life that God has created. The technology of today now can show that 4 months after conception, the baby's hand is finished and has the ability to flex, grip and stretch. The baby has its own blood type and has formed vocal cords for its first cry. Finger prints unique to that baby are in place. Ear drums are formed that can hear the muffled sounds of their parents. The baby's heart is now beating so that the mother can hear it. A life has been miraculously created from conception.

Why do we walk for life? We know from God's word that each is a creation that He has planned. This human being is a child of God, a Gift from God.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart. Jeremiah 1:5

An Invitation to our ladies at Hope

Camp Forest Springs in Westboro is having their annual Ladies Day on Friday, October 9th from 8:30-3:30PM. Speaker for the day is Shannon Popkin, author and bible teacher who incorporates humor and biblical truth in her messages. Activities, lunch and fellowship included for \$39.00. To register, go online to registration@forestsprings.us or call [715.436.7378](tel:715.436.7378). Questions? Ride Share? Ask Jan Hyde or Kathy Ducommun.



Hope Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
September 15, 2026
(pending Council
approval)

Members Present: Eric Hillan, Chris Holtebeck, Laurie Lemke, Jerry McEathron, Brian Johnson, Cora Schultz, and Terry Wedwick

Absent: Brian Buchholz (attended remotely), Dave Borman

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Jerry McEathron.

Devotions: Chris presented a devotion from Time of Grace based on 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. God tells Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfect in weakness."

Additional Agenda Items: Office items were added to Old Business/Church Windows; Transfer of money from SFB to RBC was added to New Business.

Secretary's Report from August 18: Motion made to accept by Cora Schultz. Seconded by Eric Hillan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Wedwick reported that the church checking has \$63,161. Year to date (YTD) offering is \$96,593. This is approximately 17% under budget. Motion made by Brian Johnson to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Cora Schultz. Motion carried.

Call Committee Update: There are no prospective candidates at this time. The call process continues.

Old Business:

Food Pantry: The last order for Feed My People will occur this month. TEFAP order was cancelled. The last delivery will be on September 21. Food Rescue is the Walmart program; it is uncertain if this will

continue. Terry plans to talk to the businesses that previously donated to see if donations will continue.

Church Windows/Miscellaneous Office Expenses: Church Windows software update and support will be initiated for \$421.00. A doorbell system with camera and intercom capabilities was discussed. No action taken.

125th Anniversary: The 125th Anniversary of Hope Lutheran will take place in 2028. Volunteers will be procured to serve on a planning committee for this event.

New Business:

Stewardship/Time and Talent: Time and Talent sheets were distributed. Revisions were suggested. After the document is updated, it will be distributed to the congregation in October and collected in November. Commitment cards were discussed.

Transfer of Funds to RBC: Terry explained that the money in the general fund is earning a small fraction of a percent. However, if it is moved into an RBC account, it would earn 3.5%. After some discussion, Cora Schultz made the motion to transfer \$100,000.00 from the general fund to an RBC money market account. Seconded by Laurie Lemke. Motion carried.

Committee Updates:

Congregational Care and Outreach: No changes

Parish Education: This summer VBS enrolled 14 children. There were 20 volunteers to assist with programming. Instead of a closing program, a picnic was held for kids, parents, and volunteers. Wednesday School has been renamed to WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) and will resume on Wednesday, September 23. We will meet after school with bus transportation being provided to the church. Parents will be contacted with necessary information.

Property: Brian Johnson reported that 8 pew cushions were repaired and are guaranteed for many more years. The elevator is to be inspected quarterly.

Worship and Music: No report

Youth Ministry: Confirmation is scheduled to begin on September 23 with Pastor Hailey Halmstad.

There are 6 confirmation students who have received family questions to initiate discussion at home between the parent and child.

Cora Schultz made the motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Eric Hillan seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30pm

Devotions: Jerry McEathron

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Holtebeck

Council Secretary

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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; 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.

Hope Lutheran Church

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

9:00am - 2:00pm

Should you need assistance, you may call the church office at 715-532-7739. Your call will be returned during office hours.

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.