

Tidings of Hope

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Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin

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Information & Inspiration

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Thanksgiving for Daily Bread

By Pastor Christopher Martin

Many years ago, I worked at a Walmart store as a seasonal worker in November and December. As many of you know, up until the last couple of years, Walmart was open on Thanksgiving Day, and often began their “Black Friday” sales late afternoon-early evening on Thanksgiving Day. I was shocked at what I saw being there in the store most of Thanksgiving Day. People began coming into the store before noon, setting up lawn chairs, and blankets on the floor, and formed lines to make sure that they were the first in line to get a limited number of high-ticket electronic items at a ridiculously discounted price that would go on sale at a set time. As the afternoon wore on and the time for the sales events came ever closer, the store became more crowded, people were getting impatient, and local police officers started wandering the store as it was anticipated that they were going to be needed at some point to assist with crowd control. Now I’m all for getting a good price on things that I need at the store, and I do shop sales at stores and online when I am able to, but what I witnessed that day, on a day we’re supposed to give thanks for what we already have been given, I couldn’t tell if it was Thanksgiving Day, or just another sales gimmick. To be honest, I didn’t see a lot of giving thanks for what people already had; I saw a lot of people looking to get even more, as if they were indirectly saying, “What I have isn’t enough!”

Thanksgiving Day is not a day on the church’s liturgical calendar, but it is a day that is certainly worth commemorating in the life of the Christian. This year, we will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 25th. For the Christian, the theme of thanksgiving isn’t just something we focus on one day out of the year. The theme of Thanksgiving is one that we see is part of the daily Christian life when Martin Luther writes the following in the Small Catechism with regard to the 4th Petition of the Lord’s Prayer:

(Pastor's column, cont.)

“Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”

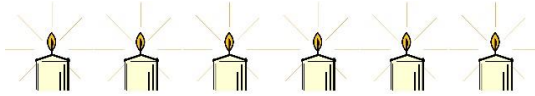
As you take the time to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends this year, I would encourage you to do a couple of things. Take that time to give thanks to God for all of the things He has blessed you and your family with. Take the time to give thanks to Jesus for dying on the cross for forgive your sins and assure you of your place in His kingdom. And remember that the theme of thanks and praise isn't just something we have one day out of the year, it's something that occurs daily in the life of the Christian, as a response to everything that God has done for us through Jesus Christ!

I look forward to seeing you in Church this month, and I hope and pray you have a happy Thanksgiving!

Stewardship Sunday

The Stewardship & Finance Committee has set November 13 as Stewardship Sunday. You should have recently received a 2023 Estimate of Giving card and Time & Talent surveys in the mail. If you did not receive the mailing, additional copies are available on the table in the narthex. We ask that you begin to give prayerful consideration to how you might offer your time, talent, and treasure to help support the work of Hope Lutheran Church in this coming year.

We also encourage you to help us finish 2022 in strong financial shape by giving consideration to an “extra mile” gift for 2022. We thank you for your support of Hope Lutheran church in the past, and as we look toward the future.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday, November 6, is a day set aside to remember our Christian brothers and sisters who have been laid to rest. On that day we will be especially remembering those from our church family who have died since last All Saints Sunday by lighting a candle in memory of each of these saints.

Donald Collins

April 1, 1926 – November 6, 2021

Geraldine Larson

September 27, 1940 – January 26, 2022

Erland Lindelof

June 15, 1935 – September 12, 2022

Beverly Loser

April 28, 1954 – December 6, 1921

Audrey Metling

August 18, 1926 – November 21, 2021

Fern Molstad

May 29, 1922 – September 5, 2022

Marjorie Spangberg

November 7, 1923 – May 14, 2022

Lisa Stock

February 10, 1935 – February 26, 2022

Members of the congregation will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Mission Statement

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



Hope Lutheran Church Women



Monthly Meeting: The HLCW will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 17 at 9:30am. All women of Hope are welcome!

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, November 18 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay the whole day, please bring a sack lunch. Quilt squares are also available to be sewn at home. Questions? Contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

Socks & Underwear Collection: The HLCW will again be collecting underwear and socks to be distributed to area schools and shelters. Leggings and sweatpants (children's size 4-7) will also be accepted. Donations of new items can be brought to the church and placed on or under the tree in the narthex,

Thank You! The HLCW would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Dinner. It wouldn't be possible to do a meal like this without the help of many.

Adult Education & Fellowship Opportunities

Bible Study: Pastor Martin's study on the book of Job will continue on Friday, November 4 at 1:00pm.

Women's Bible Study: A new study on the book of Revelation will begin on Sunday, November 6 at 10:30am.

Book Discussion: The book group will meet on Sunday, November 20 at 10:20am to discuss The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Men of Hope meet each Thursday at 7:00am the Ladysmith Family Restaurant for breakfast, fellowship and a study of the week's lectionary readings. All men of Hope are welcome!

Meal of the Month: The next Meal of the Month will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at 11:30am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant.



Bible Sunday

Sunday, November 13 is Bible Sunday here at Hope Lutheran Church. Each third grader will receive a hardcover copy of the NIV Adventure Bible. We do this to help parents fulfill the promise made at Baptism to "place in their hands the holy scriptures". If you have a third grader and did not receive a letter in the mail, please contact the church office.

Youth Ministry

Operation Christmas Child: Middle & High School aged youth will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 6. Youth should meet at the church at 5:00pm. Friends are welcome.

Youth Breakfast: Middle & High School aged youth will meet for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, November 20 at 10:30am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant. Youth should meet in the multi-purpose room following the 9:00am worship service.

Food Pantry

The Hope Lutheran Food Pantry serves those in need throughout Rusk County. The Pantry is open Mondays 1:00-3:00pm and Fridays 9:30-11:30am. Volunteers are also needed the first and third Mondays of each month (November 7 & 21) to help unload the Feed My People delivery and to stock shelves. If you can help out, please be to the church by 9:15am.

Thank You!

I wish to thank everyone at Hope Lutheran Church who remembered me with cards, gifts, and greetings in honor of Clergy Appreciation month in October, as well as on my birthday, which was October 18th. Each expression of your appreciation and love meant a lot to me. It is a joy for my family and I to serve our Savior, Jesus, in your midst, and to be a part of your family of faith that is Hope Lutheran Church. I look forward to what God has in store for our future! ~Pastor Martin

SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 18, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

Joint Council Meeting: A joint meeting of the Church Councils of Hope and Glen Flora Lutheran Churches will be held on Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30pm.

Adult Education & Fellowship: The last session of the Job study will take place on November 4. A new women's Bible study on the book of Revelation will begin November 6. Meal of the month will be November 8 at 11:30am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant. Next meeting: November 4 at 12:00noon.

Congregational Care & Outreach: GriefShare is going well. The farmers market booth made \$1,700, which will be distributed to area non-profits supported by the church. Next meeting: November 9 at 3:00pm.

Property Committee: Clear window well covers have been installed over the basement windows. The boiler has been repaired. Volunteers helping to complete maintenance projects. Next meeting: November 8 at 6:00pm.

Social Ministries: There were 13 new families at the Food Pantry in September. Members of Hope are now serving at the Senior Center one week a month. Benevolence and missions funds for the month were designated for NALC Disaster Response and Raising Highly Capable Kids. Next meeting: November 8 at 3:30pm.

Stewardship & Finance: Working on the 2023 budget. Committees are asked to submit their budget requests. Next meeting: November 8 at 5:30pm.

Worship & Music: All Saints Sunday is November 6. Members will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones. Next meeting: November 1 at 6:00pm.

Youth Education: Third graders will receive their Bibles at worship on Sunday, November 13. Next meeting: November 13 at 10:15am.

Youth Ministry: Youth will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 6. Working on planning events for 2023. Next meeting, November 2 at 6:30pm.

Next Council Meeting: November 15 at 6:30pm.



November Worship Assistants

6	Ushers	Dave Borman, Charlie Holtebeck
	Lector	Sovacool
	Comm. Asst.	Chris Holtebeck
	Acolyte	Izzy Solberg
13	Ushers	Dave Borman, Judy Soyring
	Lector	Aileen Tauchen
	Comm. Asst.	Linda Campbell
	Acolyte	Briley Burmeister
20	Ushers	Nick & Nicholas Sovacool
	Lector	Bev Dukerschein
	Comm. Asst.	Irene Titera
	Acolyte	
27	Ushers	Bev Dukerschein, Irene Titera
	Lector	Irene Titera
	Comm. Asst.	Bev Dukerschein
	Acolyte	Sophia Kammerud

Videographers Wanted

The Worship & Music Committee is seeking volunteers to help livestream the Sunday morning worship services. Training will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lisa Borman or Heidi Jo Sovacool.

Heading South for the Winter?

We want to stay in touch! Please let the church office know your winter address and the dates you'll be gone so that you can continue to receive the church newsletter and other mailings. If you do not want to receive mailings during your absence, please also let us know that. Addresses and dates can be sent to hlcladysmith@gmail.com or you can call the church office at 715-532-7739.



Deadlines...

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday. Items for the December newsletter are due in the church office by Tuesday, November 15.

The preferred method of submission is via email (hlcladysmith@gmail.com) or electronic file. Items may also be left in the office mailbox or dropped off at the office during office hours.

Change of Address and/or Phone Number?

If you have had a change in address or phone number, especially if you no longer have a landline, please notify the church office of these changes. Also, in an effort to improve communication, we are seeking email addresses for members of the congregation. If you would like to have your email address added to the list, please send it to the church office at hlcladysmith@gmail.com.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Christopher Martin
Church Secretary	Bonnie Billings
Custodian	Rosemary Warwick
Choir Director	Heidi Jo Sovacool
Organists	Lisa Borman Karen Tappon Terry Wedwick

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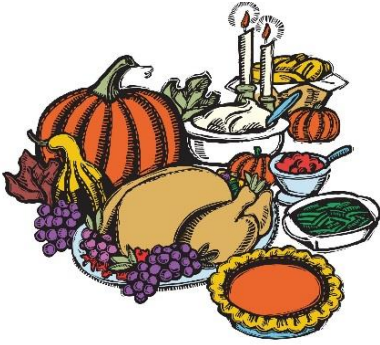
NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Nicole Jackson
Barb Canfield
Emma Dieckman
Linda Reissner | 17 | Breann Hillman
Wes Hills
Hilary Peterson |
| 2 | Lauren Cumming
Kaitlyn Dahlstrom
Michael Duzy | 19 | Cheryl Kelley
Kirk Konichek
David Weber |
| 3 | Randy Nyhagen | 22 | Beckett Jacobs |
| 5 | Eric Pederson
Don Soyring | 23 | Lynnette Jenness |
| 7 | Twyla Lund
Kaiden MacArthur
Sue Molstad | 24 | Pat Cumming
Braxton Morgan |
| 8 | Shad Strom
Jill Nisbit | 25 | Terry Paul
Colton Solie
Robyn Wiemer |
| 9 | Mitchel Segebrecht | 26 | Karen Tappon |
| 10 | Molly Van Daalwyk
Korie Kuchta
Gavyn Lawcewicz | 27 | Gracie Nelson |
| 11 | Evan Hillan | 28 | Jerry Kulibert |
| 12 | Aaron Klawiter
Nicki Kruse | 29 | Andrew Grunseth
Carly Molstad
Alexis Polak |
| 15 | Bobbi-Jo Rivers
Craig Warren | 30 | Abigail Anderson
Terry Anderson
Melissa Gorsegner
Scott Lee
Ashley Schultz
Leighton Vollendorf |
| 16 | Mark Buchholz
Spencer Shultz | | |

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- 2** Gordie & Bev Dukerschein
- 3** Jim & Gina Cooley
- 4** Kayla & Seth Coggins
Kathi & Kyle Kesan
Brad & Meghan Schultz
- 26** Andrea & Jim Hraban



Community Thanksgiving Dinner November 25

Hope Lutheran Church will be holding the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24 with serving from 12:00noon-1:00pm. Carry-outs and deliveries to homebound members of the community within five miles of the church will also be available. To reserve a meal, please contact the church office (715-532-7739) by noon on Monday, November 21.

MENU

Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Rolls,
Jell-o, Pies, and Beverages

It takes many hands to make this meal happen. Volunteers are needed to provide food and money, help with cooking and clean-up, and to deliver meals. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Questions?

Contact Josi Hamilton (715-532-6052).

