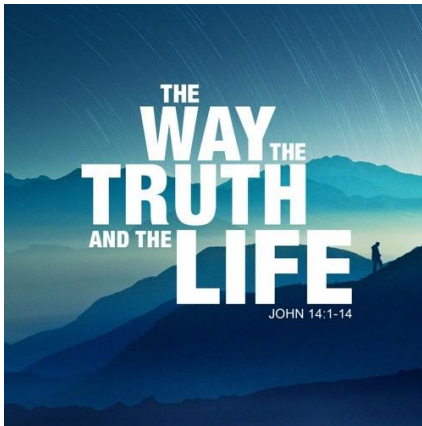


Tidings of Hope

May 2026



The Promise of Pentecost

Pentecost was a feast, similar to our Thanksgiving Day, held 50 days after Passover. Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24. We are familiar with the story. The violent wind came down from heaven. Tongues of fire separated the gathered believers and came to rest on them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues declaring the “Wonders of God” in their own language. (Acts 2: 1-21) Jesus had told the disciples at the Last Supper that he would be leaving but would not abandon them. He would send a Helper, the Holy Spirit. Jesus was true to His word. This is the promise of Pentecost. He did send a Helper, a Counselor, the Holy Spirit to be by our side. Pentecost was not over. Peter gets to the heart of the matter. He addresses the crowd and explains what is happening. After all, he heard Jesus’s promise at the Last Supper. The disciples did not get it at the time, but it now became clear. Peter speaks to the group about the prophets Joel and David who prophesized in Psalm 16, “You will not abandon me to the grave.” Those who heard Peter asked, “What should we do?” Peter responded, **“Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the Holy Spirit.”** This is the Promise of Pentecost.

Dates to Remember

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| May | 1 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| May | 3 | 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Simonson
10:30am Bible Study Seventy Times Seven |
| May | 4 | 9:15am Feed My People delivery
12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| May | 5 | 3:00pm-8:00pm MANNA Annual Board Meeting |
| May | 6 | No Wednesday School on Summer Break
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| May | 7 | 12:00pm-1:00pm The Rusk County National Day of Prayer Event in Memorial Park |
| May | 8 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| May | 10 | 🌸 Happy Mother's Day 🌸
9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Sokolowski
No Bible Study Seventy Times Seven |
| May | 11 | 12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| May | 13 | 1:00pm HLCW invited to the Glen Flora Spring Garden Party
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| May | 14 | 11:30am Meal of the Month at Ladysmith Family Restaurant |
| May | 15 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| May | 17 | 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Paul Reiff
🎓 Graduate Recognition Sunday 🎓
Congratulations to our Graduate:
Danny Craker
10:30pm Book Club Fireside Rm |
| May | 18 | 9:15am Feed My People delivery
12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| May | 19 | 9:00am Quilter's Mtg
6:30pm Church Council Meeting |
| May | 20 | 6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| May | 21 | 9:30am HLCW Mtg |
| May | 22 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| May | 25 | Memorial Day
Church Office Closed
Food Pantry Closed |
| May | 24 | 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Tom Reiff |
| May | 27 | 6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm GriefShare Support Group |
| May | 28 | 5:00pm MANNA Meal |
| May | 29 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| May | 31 | 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor John Hanson |

♥ Thank You! ♥



The Scandinavian Dinner was a huge success, as all that attended can attest too. The welcoming atmosphere, fabulous food and fellowship was appreciated by all. A member of the community shared that, "we are so glad that you serve this dinner, it tastes and smells like home, and brings back many happy memories." ♥ It is a testament to HLC's continued dedication and commitment to service in the community. You should all be very proud of hosting this cultural event.

The Hope Lutheran Church Women's Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Scandinavian Dinner, from the set-up to clean-up and everything in between. Many hands make the work lighter. Also, a special thank you to Eric & Carol Hillan for donating the hamburger; Terry Wedwick for donating the hams and daffodils; and Josi Hamilton for organizing the kitchen.



The Rusk County National Day of Prayer Event will be held on Thursday, May 7th, from noon to 1:00pm in the Amphitheater (rain site is the Veteran's pavilion) in Memorial Park (Hwy 8 in Ladysmith). Seven local Clergy were asked to publicly pray for the seven different areas of influence: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family. Bring a lawn chair

Glen Flora Church Women's Spring Garden Party will be held on Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00pm. All Hope Lutheran Church Women are invited to attend. We hope to see you all at the party.

Meal of the Month will meet on May 14th at 11:30am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant. Join in the fun & fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Ducommun at 715-828-6868.

Join us on Graduation Sunday May 17th as we Celebrate our Graduate Danny Craker.



Daniel Lewis Craker

Danny is graduating from Bruce High School, home of the Red Raiders. Danny has been in many extracurricular activities, such as: Football, Basketball, First Robotics, Trap Team, Math Club, High Honor Roll, and Junior Year Homecoming Court.

Danny's favorite memory of Hope Lutheran Church is going on the youth trip to Josie Creek Campground, the camping and games.

He plans to attend UW Stout for Engineering in the fall.

A Blessing for our Graduate:

May God's blessing rest upon you.

May his love light up your life.

May hope spring from your heart as you look towards tomorrow.

May your days be filled with great adventures and discoveries, and may you live, love and give of your best to the glory of our eternal Father.

Amen.

The Bible Study entitled “Seventy Times Seven” based on forgiveness led by Jack Pederson. Will be held at 10:30am May 3rd. There will be no session on May 10th and will resume its regular schedule the first 2 Sundays in June after worship. Everyone is welcome.

Book Group will meet on May 17th at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate. If you have questions, contact group facilitator, Shari Grillo at (845-612-1522).

Quilters will meet on May 19th at 9:00am. There are jobs at all skill levels. Quilt squares are available to be sewn at home. If you have questions, please contact Karen Skeels at 715-452-5444.

GriefShare is a faith-based 13-week non-denominational support group program designed to help individuals navigate the pain of losing a loved one. Support Group will meet at Hope Lutheran Church from 6:00 to 7:30 on all Wednesdays in May. Individuals may join anytime throughout the program. To register for the program, please call the Hope Lutheran Church office at 715-532-7739 or register online at griefshare.org, just click on “Find a group” and enter the Ladysmith zip code, 54848.

Wednesday School is on summer break and will resume in September. The exact date is TBD. It is never too early to register for Wednesday School. 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 from LES. All are welcome.

Your Gracious Giving is needed. As natural disasters continue, please help through monetary donations for flood cleaning buckets, health care kits, and by donating bibles, Christian devotionals and children’s books to the NALC Disaster Response ministry.

Worship Assistants/Pastors

May 3 Ushers—Chris & Charlie Holtebeck;
Lector— Charlie Holtebeck; Communion Asst—
Chris Holtebeck; AV Technical Assistant—Dave
Borman; Pastor Eldon Simonson

May 10 Usher—Judy & Don Soyering; Lector—
Rosemary Johnson; Communion Asst— Vinnie
Jacobs; AV Technical Assistant—Dave Borman;
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

May 17 Ushers— Rosemary & Jeff Johnson; Lector
– Rosemary Johnson; Communion Asst— Rosemary
Johnson; AV Technical Assistant— Vinnie Jacobs;
Pastor Paul Reiff

May 24 Ushers— Pat & Jerry McEathron
Lector — Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Jerry
McEathron; AV Technical Assistant – Rosemary
Johnson; Pastor Tom Reiff

May 31 Ushers— Jackie & Brian Buchholz;
Lector— Jana Nyhagen; Communion Asst— Chris
Holtebeck; AV Technical Assistant— Vinnie Jacobs;
Pastor John Hanson



May Birthdays

2 Noreen Kurth	15 Nolan Kammerud
Addison Hulle	16 Kaden Becker
5 Sawyer Roach	Michael Rausch
6 Cindy Molstad	22 Gretchen Pedersen
Kim Hulle	25 Sharon Basrlie
Lydia Witkiewicz	26 Carol Hillan
9 Dave Borman	29 Bill Loser
11 Judy Soyering	Kris Tauchen
12 Chris Holtebeck	
Rosemary Johnson	



May Anniversaries

May 16 Cindy and Kevin Albus
May 17 Margaret and Al Jennerman
May 19 Sue and Ken Molstad
May 23 Karen and Wayne Tapon

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, Eric Hillan, Brian
Johnson, Laurie Lemke, and Cora Schultz

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.

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.