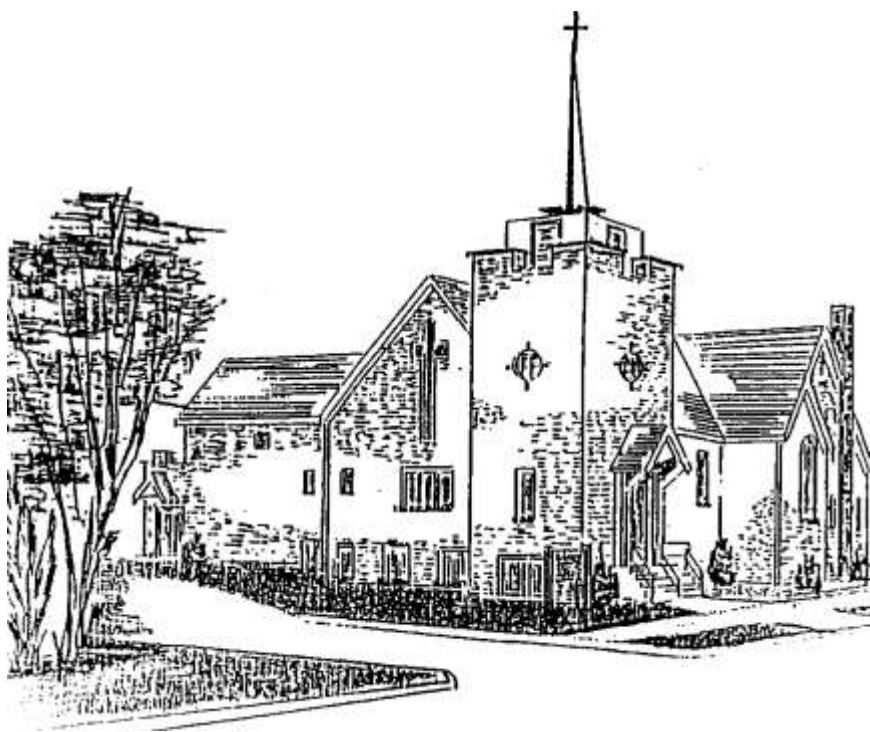


# Tidings of Hope

## June 2024



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Information & Inspiration

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## Summer Stewardship Thoughts

By Pastor Martin

With spring soon turning to summer, I want to take a moment to remind all of us at Hope Lutheran Church of a few important things as it pertains to our lives of discipleship in Jesus Christ as we enter the summer season.

First, I realize that with the summer break from our school year schedules, many families take advantage of that time to take vacations. I also know that some of these may take you away from home on a given Sunday morning. When that happens, remember in the Third Commandment, we're encouraged to "remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy" which Martin Luther explains in the Small Catechism to mean: "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and God's Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." This applies even if we don't happen to be home to attend worship at Hope on a given Sunday morning.

If you happen to find yourself away from home on a given Sunday this summer, there are a few ways you can continue to remember the Sabbath day. First, you can visit a sister NALC church if there is one near where your travels are taking you! If you need help finding one, please let me know before you leave. Odds are, I may even know the pastor in that location, and I know any of our congregations of the NALC would love to have you join them for worship anytime. Second, you can always continue to worship with your church family at Hope by catching the livestream of our worship service on the church's YouTube channel either live or on demand. Bonnie almost always has the bulletin for the coming Sunday on the website so you can follow along with the service, and stay up to date on what is happening while you are away.

*(Pastor's Column, cont.)*

Finally, I'd encourage you to take things a step further, and take a few moments each day to get into the Word of God for devotions and prayer.

The other thing I wish to gently remind you of is the reality that when our church attendance numbers tend to fall a bit during the summer vacation seasons, so do our offerings. Hope Lutheran Church continues to have financial needs throughout the year, and we welcome your ongoing financial support even when you are not here so that we are able to continue to meet the financial needs of our congregation's mission and ministry. There are several ways you can continue to give your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, even if you won't be here during the summer months, such as: PayPal, utilizing our Simply Giving program, using your bank's online bill payment program, or simply, bringing your offering to the church office during the week during office hours, or mailing it to the church at P.O. Box 184, Ladysmith, WI 54848. If you need more information on Simply Giving, please contact the Church Office.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the many ways you continue to support the ministry and mission of Hope Lutheran Church. May God richly bless us in these summer months as we continue to live out our Mission Statement: We are commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.

## **Education & Fellowship Opportunities**

**Book Discussion:** The book discussion group will meet on Sunday, June 16 at 10:30am in the Fireside Room. The book for June is The Bridge by Karen Kingsbury.

**Sunday Morning Study:** A study on the book of Romans will meet in the Fireside Room on Sundays, June 2, 9, 23, 30 at 10:30am.

**Meal of the Month:** The next Meal of the Month will take place on Friday, June 7 at 4:30pm. This is an opportunity for members of Hope to enjoy a meal and fellowship while supporting a local business. Everyone is welcome.



## Hope Lutheran Church Women

**Summer Luncheon:** The HLCW will hold their annual Summer Luncheon on Thursday, June 20 at 12:00noon. All women of Hope and Glen Flora Lutheran Churches are welcome! If you did not receive an assigned item to bring, you are asked to bring fruit that will be turned into fruit kabobs. If you have questions about the luncheon or what to bring, please contact Kathy Peterson (715-492-6100).

**Quilting:** The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, June 25 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for 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).

### Adult VBS

Bethany and Bethel Lutheran Church (Catawba & Hawkins) invite you to participate in their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Adult Vacation Bible School. This event will take place August 19-22 from 12:00-2:00pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Catawba. The theme is "From the Mountain Top to the Doorstep: Faith and Footsteps". The days will include a Bible lesson, songs, crafts, and refreshments. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is requested by June 2. To register, please contact Pastor Hailey at 715-567-0561 or by emailing the church office at [bethany\\_bethel@yahoo.com](mailto:bethany_bethel@yahoo.com).



### Donuts & Devotions

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for donuts and devotions following the 9:00am worship service on Sunday, June 2. Friends are always welcome!

Upcoming events include a root beer float fundraiser on July 28, a make-your-own sundae fundraiser on August 18, and assembling health kits for Disaster Response in September. Please watch for more information.

## **The Time of the Church: The Season of Pentecost**

The Time of the Church is the season of the church year that begins the day after Pentecost and ends with midday prayer on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent. This year, the Time of the Church began on Monday, May 20 and will end on Saturday, November 30. The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the church year. It is often referred to as the Time of the Church because it is the time of the year we focus on growing together in the life of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

On the First Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday. We remember we are baptized into only one name, but that name is “of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” There is only one name, only one God, but there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On Trinity Sunday, we confess the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The Sundays of this time of the church year are known as the Sundays after Pentecost. Picking up on the theme of this being the season of growth, they are often referred to as the “Green Sundays.” The Scripture readings from the lectionary during this time focus our attention on the life of Christ in His Church. We often hear Gospel readings in which Jesus is teaching His disciples, and healing the faithful.

Because this season is part of what is called “Ordinary” time, some churches might choose to observe some of the lesser festivals of the season. When saint days or commemorations on the church calendar fall on a Sunday, churches will sometimes highlight these as teaching moments about the breath of the Church’s life and work. These days enable Christians to reflect on how we worship “with angels, archangels, and the entire company of heaven.”

On the last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King), the Church gives voice to the joyful hope of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the last judgment. The end times focus of the last Sundays of the church year bear themes of hope and preparation that are similar to those we see in Advent, which will soon follow.

*Information taken from “Pastoral Desk Diary 2024” published by Concordia Publishing House.*

## **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. The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Volunteers are needed on the first and third Mondays of each month (June 3 & 17) at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and to stock shelves. If you have questions, please contact Josi Hamilton (715-532-6052).

Donations of non-perishable food items can be brought to the church on Sunday mornings, during pantry hours, or dropped off in the office during office hours. Monetary donations should be made payable to the Hope Lutheran Food Pantry. These can be placed in the offering box or sent to the church office.

## **MANNA Meal**

(Meals Available for the Nutritional Needs of All)

This month's MANNA Meal will be held on Thursday, June 27 with serving from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing food and fellowship to those in need of either. This month's meal is sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church.

## **Prayer Concerns**

If you have asked to have someone listed in the prayer concerns in the Sunday bulletins, please contact the church office (715-532-7739 or hlcladysmith@gmail.com) with periodic updates so that we can keep the list current. If we do not receive an update, the person will be removed from the list after one month.

### *Mission Statement*

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

# SUMMARY OF COUNCIL & COMMITTEE ACTION

**Path Forward Recommendations:** Council tabled reviewing the proposed Vision Statement until their June meeting. Council tasked the Executive Committee with creating a governing structure that will more closely align with the current size and realities of our congregation.

**Congregational Care & Outreach:** Did not meet. Next meeting: June 5 at 3:30pm.

**Parish Education:** Working on VBS. Youth education programs are done for the school year. Adult opportunities include Sunday morning Bible study, book group. Next meeting: June 13 at 1:30pm.

**Property:** No date has been established for starting the wall repairs in the sanctuary. Next meeting: June 11 at 6:00pm.

**Service & Fellowship:** Did not meet. Next meeting: TBA.

**Social Ministries:** Food Pantry had 96 new clients in April. The Backpack program served 130 students. The MANNA Meal served 74. Benevolence and Missions funds were designated to support Emerson Clark on a mission trip and Samaritan's Purse. Next meeting: June 11 at 4:00pm.

**Stewardship & Finance:** Offerings have been down this year. All bills and payroll have been paid. Committee discussed current budget and giving trends. Looking into 2024 stewardship drive. Next meeting: TBA.

**Worship & Music:** Carpet in chancel has been repaired. Discussing safety issues with the Property Committee. Smaller table for Communion distribution was purchased. Heidi Jo will make a table covering for it. Next meeting: June 4 at 6:00pm.

**Youth Ministry:** The Sleep in Heavenly Peace project raised \$7,265.76. Schedule of events planned out for the summer Next meeting: TBA.

**Next Council Meeting:** June 18 at 6:30pm.



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## Worship Service Livestream

Worship services are livestreamed on YouTube each Sunday at 9:00am. You can access this livestream at YouTube.com. The service is posted to the church's Facebook page following the service. You do not need to subscribe to the church's YouTube channel to watch but if you do, you will receive notifications when a new video is posted. To watch the worship services live, visit <https://www.youtube.com/@hopelutheranchurchladysmit4042/streams>.





## **Deadlines...**

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday. Items for the July/August newsletter are due in the church office by Tuesday, June 18.

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 your mailing address, email or phone number, 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**

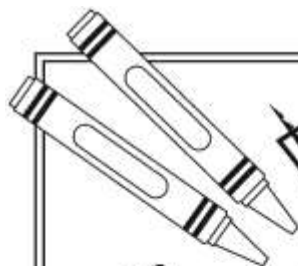
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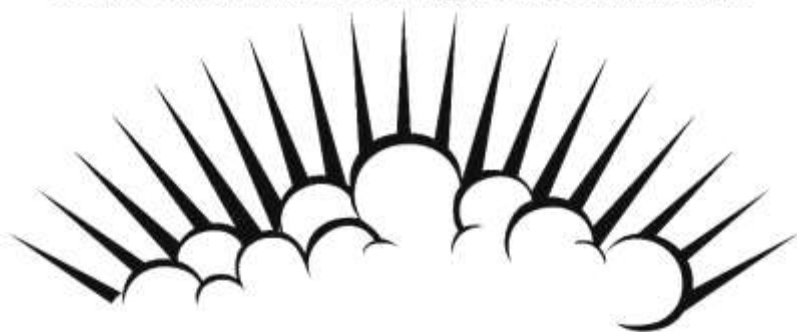


# PUZZLE

## Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

*Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.*



"H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_t t\_ m\_,"

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Ps\_Im 89:26, N\_V

Answer: "He will call out to me," "You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior," Psalm 89:26, NIV



Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 22 through Wednesday, July 24 from 5:00-7:30pm. The theme for this year's VBS is "Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God (based on Psalm 56:3). Vacation Bible School is for children who have recently completed PK thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A light supper will be served each evening.

Registration forms can be found on the church's website ([hlcladysmith.org](http://hlcladysmith.org)), in the church office, or on the Parish Education bulletin board.

The Parish Education Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this event. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Laura Johnson (715-579-9363).