

# Tidings of Hope July/August 2022



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Hope Lutheran Church  
Ladysmith, Wisconsin

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Information & Inspiration  
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## Follow Me

By Pastor Christopher Martin

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathaniel coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathaniel said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."-John 1:43-50*

As many of you know, in addition to serving as your Pastor here at Hope and Glen Flora, for the past four years, I've served on, and am currently chair, of one of our Mission Teams that make up the Missions Office of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC): the Renewal Team. Our Team's work is focused on development and recommendation of practical resources for the renewal and mission to our congregations, Pastors, and other workers in the NALC, with a more recent focus on the needs of Small and Rural churches, which make up a good majority of the NALC's membership.

It is through my service as chair of the Renewal Team that I first encountered the "Joining Jesus" book series by Lutheran Pastor Greg Finke, director of Dwelling 1:14 Ministries, and it has since become a resource our Team highly recommends to congregations

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looking at renewal initiatives. His first book in the series is "Joining Jesus on His Mission: How to Be an Everyday Missionary", a book that I led Hope's council in reading last year, and several other members of Hope have been reading and discussing this year. (If you are interested in acquiring a copy or starting a study of the book, let me know!) The entire premise of Pastor Finke's work and ministry is, from a Biblical perspective, how we as Christians are in many ways, "missionaries" in our own communities through the relationships that we develop in the workplace, our neighborhoods, on the farm, in our places of business, in our schools, and wherever else it is that God places us in daily life. Pastor Finke does an outstanding job of simplifying this entire model of sharing the love of Christ and how it happens simply by being aware of what's going on in our own little corner of the world, and using opportunities we have to share Christ's love in the relationships that we build each day.

As followers of Jesus, we should have a desire to share the good news of Christ, and what He has done for us through His life, death, and resurrection, with others. In the Scripture reading from John 1 that I shared with you, we see this very thing happening. Jesus goes to Galilee where he encounters Philip. There, Jesus issues a call to discipleship to Philip, simply by saying "Follow me." Philip spends time with Jesus, has his life transformed, and then when he returns and sees Nathaniel, what does he say to Nathaniel? Does he act as if nothing special has happened? No. He tells Nathaniel "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." (v. 45) Philip couldn't wait to share the good news about Jesus with Nathaniel.

Now Nathaniel doesn't give the most encouraging answer right away does he? "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (v.46) Yet, Philip is undeterred. He doesn't spend his time arguing with Nathaniel until he's blue in the face or tell him he's crazy. He also doesn't give up, either. He simply issues an invitation. "Come and see." (v.46) Come and see Jesus for yourself, Nathaniel. Spend some time in His presence. And with that simple invitation, Nathaniel hears the Word of the Lord for himself, and then becomes a disciple of Jesus.

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I bring this up because the truth is, we in our ministries at Hope and Glen Flora have a wonderful gift to share with the world around us, starting right here in our own communities! We have been blessed with the gifts of forgiveness of our sins and everlasting life in paradise through the person and work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, we are a people who have hope in the midst of so much darkness and bad news that is in our world today. As we continue to focus our ministry together as a congregation around the four core values of the North American Lutheran Church: Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded, and Congregationally-Focused, we are called to be salt and light to the world around us, starting right here in rural Rusk County, Wisconsin! In a day and age where many church bodies are wandering further and further away from Christ and His Word, we have made a commitment to remain steadfast in Christ and His Word that gives us life, hope, forgiveness, and salvation!

But we haven't been called to keep this to ourselves. We are called to share it with others in our daily lives. That's where you all come in.

There was a study done several years ago that interviewed people who had joined a new church. The question they were asked was how were they brought into the life of the church they ended up joining in the first place? Two percent said it was a result of an advertisement in the newspaper or somewhere else. Six percent said it was from a personal invitation from the Pastor. Another six percent said they came into the church for the first time as a result of a specific evangelism emphasis or program that congregation was involved with. **The remaining eighty-six percent said they started going to that particular church because someone they knew, a friend, relative, or neighbor, invited them to come to church with them, extending the same invitation Philip extended to Nathaniel in our reading.**

As we continue through the summer months, I have a challenge for each of you. I'd like for you to think about the people you know in your daily lives whom you might be a Philip to and invite them to church here at Hope or Glen Flora with you to experience what

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Jesus is up to in our life together as the church in these places. Can you think of someone in your own life who you haven't seen here at church in a while? Do you know of a neighbor or friend who isn't happy with where they are at church-wise right now and needs to hear about all of the positive things that are happening in our ministry together in this place? Do you know of someone who recently moved to the area, or has lived here for quite some time, and needs the light of Jesus Christ in their life? People you know in each of these categories and more are people who need Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, the Light no darkness can overcome in their lives! Can you imagine what might take place in our congregations if each and every one of us took this kind of initiative with just one person by simply inviting them to "come and see" Jesus for themselves?

I hope and pray that you are enjoying the somewhat relaxed pace that summer often brings and pray for God's blessings to be with each and every one of you. I look forward to seeing you in church as we continue to grow in our faith, and in our witness to Christ in all we say and do!



## **Worship Around The Campfire**



We'll be worshipping around the campfire on Wednesdays, July 20 and August 17 at 6:30pm. The Worship & Music Committee will provide hot dogs, buns, chips, s'mores, and water. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs. Everyone is welcome!

## **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](mailto: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.



VBS is coming! Vacation Bible School will be a one-day event on Wednesday, July 27 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Registration will begin at 8:30am. This is for children 4PK-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Lunch will be provided. Registration forms can be found on the church's website [hlcladysmith.org](http://hlcladysmith.org) or by contacting the church office.

## Adult Education & Fellowship Opportunities

**Book Discussion:** The book discussion group will meet on Sundays, July 17 and August 21 at 10:30am

**Men's Breakfast:** Men of Hope are invited to attend the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study held each Thursday at 7:00am at the Ladysmith Family Restaurant. We study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday and enjoy breakfast and a time of fellowship.

**Lunch of the Month:** We'll be dining at the Heart of the North Brewing & Pizza in July. Please watch upcoming Sunday bulletins for the date and time of the July event. The venue, date & time for August has yet to be determined.

**Mark Your Calendars:** We will once again be "Chillin' on the Chippewa" at Chuck & Jan Hyde's in August. Please watch for more details to come.



## **Hope Lutheran Church Women**



**Potluck Salad Luncheon:** The HLCW will hold their annual Potluck Salad Luncheon on Thursday, July 21 at 12:00noon. This will be a joint event with the Glen Flora Lutheran Church Women. Please bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

**August Meeting:** Thursday, August 19 at 9:30am.

**Quilting:** The quilting group will meet on Tuesdays, July 26 and August 30 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).

## **Choirchimes of Hope**

The Choirchimes season will begin the second week in September and run through May. The chimes group is for youth and adults (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up). The commitment to play is month-to-month. The chimes play during worship approximately once a month. The only qualification to playing chimes is the desire to worship our Lord and do so through music. New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Heidi Jo Sovacool (715-403-3566 or [heidisovacool@gmail.com](mailto:heidisovacool@gmail.com)).

## **Musicians Wanted**

We are looking for individuals or groups willing to provide special music at worship during the summer months. If you would like to share your talent, please contact Lisa Borman (715-415-1806).

### Mission Statement

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

## Scrip Program

Scrip cards are sold following worship most Sundays. Through the scrip program you receive the full value of the cards and a percentage of every card sold is returned to the church as a charitable contribution. Proceeds from the Scrip program go towards building and maintenance needs. Please stop by the table in the multi-purpose room following worship to purchase scrip or for more information.

## MANNA Meals

The July MANNA Meal will be held on Thursday, July 28 and will be sponsored by the Rusk County 4-H. The August MANNA Meal will be held on Thursday, August 25 and will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Serving will take place from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing both food and fellowship to those in need.





## SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES - JUNE 14, 2022

**Structure Task Force:** Discussing possibly combine all education efforts into one committee. Task force continues to meet monthly.

**Travel Reimbursement:** The IRS increased mileage reimbursement from 58.2 cents per gallon to 62.5 cents per gallon. Council voted to increase mileage reimbursement to reflect the current IRS rate retroactive to January 1.

**NALC Virtual Convocation:** The NALC will hold a virtual convocation August 5-6. We need two voting delegates. Kathy Peterson volunteered to serve. Pastor Martin will contact someone to serve as the second.

**Adult Education & Fellowship:** PAPA Prayer study has been completed. All adult education has been paused for the summer and will resume in September. "Chillin' on the Chippewa" at Hyde's will be in August. Next meeting: July 1 at 10:00am.

**Congregational Care & Outreach:** Planning to begin GriefShare in October. Farmer's Market booth continues with invitations to attend worship being extended to visitors to the booth. Next meeting: July 12 at 3:00pm.

**Property:** Doug Verdegan gave us a \$1,000 discount on the air conditioning. Windows in the offices will be replaced soon. Next meeting: July 11 at 6:00pm.

**Social Ministries:** Food Pantry has been busy. The May MANNA Meal had an attendance of 47. Benevolences designated to Ladysmith Care & Rehab Activities Fund and Lutheran World Relief. Next meeting: July 13 at 3:30pm.

**Stewardship & Finance:** Did not meet. Next meeting: July 12 at 5:30pm.

**Worship & Music:** Acquiring quotes for video upgrades and planning Camfire Worship services. Next meeting: July 6 at 6:00pm.

**Youth Education:** Working on VBS planning. Will be reusing some materials from GFLC. Next meeting: July 24 at 10:15am.

**Youth Ministry:** Next meeting: TBD.

**Next Council Meetings:** Tuesdays, July 19 and August 16 at 6:30pm.



## Heart for Luther Park



The annual Heart for Luther Park Art, Craft & Quilt Auction will take place on Sunday, August 7 at Luther Park Bible Camp (944 24-1/4 Street, Chetek). The day will include worship at 9:30am, quilt viewing beginning at 10:00am, lunch beginning at 11:00am, and the auction beginning at 12:00noon. This is Luther Park's biggest fundraiser for the year.

For more information about Heart for Luther Park, please visit the Luther Park website at [lutherpark.org/heart-for-luther-park](http://lutherpark.org/heart-for-luther-park) or call 715-859-2215.

## Food Pantry

The Hope Lutheran Food Pantry serves those in need in Rusk County. It is open on Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm and Fridays from 9:30-11:30am. The pantry will be closed on Monday, July 4.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, July 5 and Mondays, July 18, August 1 & 15 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and to stock food pantry shelves.



- 2** Michelle & Ben Jiskra
- 7** Sue & Bill vanDoorn
- 10** Hilary & Manley Peterson  
Rick & Kris Snyder
- 17** Linda & Sherrill Wester
- 18** Barb & Corky vanDoorn

- 19** Wendell & Janet Uutala
- 21** Shad & Elizabeth Para
- 23** Zach & Heather Shineflew
- 25** Gerard & Ellen Schueller
- 26** Mike & Amie Rausch
- 27** Dave & Laurie Lemke



## **Deadlines...**

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday. Items for the September newsletter are due in the church office no later than Tuesday, August 16.

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, 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

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# Worship Assistants



<b>July 3</b>	Ushers: Jer & Pat McEathron Lector: Aileen Tauchen Comm: Linda Reissner
<b>July 10</b>	Ushers: Gordie & Bev Dukerschein Lector: Irene Titera Comm: Irene Titera
<b>July 17</b>	Ushers: Charlie Holtebeck, Irene Titera Lector: Gordie Dukerschein Comm: Chris Holtebeck
<b>July 24</b>	Ushers: Sovacool family Lector: Bonnie Billings Comm: Linda Reissner
<b>July 31</b>	Ushers: Linda Reissner, Aileen Tauchen Lector: Aileen Tauchen Comm: Linda Campbell
<b>August 7</b>	Ushers: Jer & Pat McEathron Lector: Linda Campbell Comm: Linda Reissner
<b>August 14</b>	Ushers: Dave Borman, Irene Titera Lector: Aileen Tauchen Comm: Irene Titera
<b>August 21</b>	Ushers: Gordie & Bev Dukerschein Lector: Bonnie Billings Comm: Linda Campbell
<b>August 18</b>	Ushers: Nick & Nicholas Sovacool Lector: Charlie Holtebeck Comm: Chris Holtebeck



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <b>1</b> Sonja Hammad            | <b>19</b> Carrie Becker           |
| <b>2</b> Stefanie Lindberg       | Michael Polak                     |
| <b>3</b> Bennett Konichek        | <b>20</b> Michelle Ladehoff       |
| Kurt Wiemer                      | <b>21</b> Emily Cumming           |
| <b>6</b> Lyndee Salo             | Alyssa Mikkelson                  |
| <b>7</b> Karen Hraban            | <b>22</b> Jay Schultz             |
| Dan Solberg                      | <b>23</b> Shannon Isham           |
| <b>9</b> Marcia Calkins          | Elle Nisbit                       |
| Heidi Jo Sovacool                | Kaylee Young                      |
| <b>10</b> Jerrold Elling         | <b>24</b> Erin Konichek           |
| <b>11</b> Ashley Barnett         | Sarah Wurzer                      |
| Chuck Hyde                       | Travis Sokolowski                 |
| Emily Popp                       | Kelsey Field                      |
| <b>12</b> Phyllis Berg           | <b>25</b> Derick Vollendorf       |
| Dennis Segebrecht                | <b>26</b> Tristen Busse           |
| Brittany Sokolowski              | <b>27</b> Kathy Ducommun          |
| Bill vanDoorn                    | Eric Hillan                       |
| <b>13</b> Erin Albus             | Cora Schultz                      |
| Samaria Stallworth               | <b>28</b> Gary Mincoff            |
| Ben Wiles                        | Levi Nyhagen                      |
| <b>14</b> Scott Wester           | Ross Peterson                     |
| <b>15</b> Makenzie Lehman        | <b>29</b> Brandyn Mincoff         |
| <b>17</b> Andrew Mautner         | <b>31</b> Ethan Gunderson         |
| <b>18</b> Josi Hamilton          | Ellie Titera                      |
| Jessica Mautner                  |                                   |
| <b>3</b> Dale & Twyla Lund       | <b>12</b> Chris & Julie Kammerud  |
| Jody & Todd Schott               | Julie & Rick Vollendorf           |
| <b>4</b> Gary & Shelley Nelson   | <b>13</b> Brian & Jackie Buchholz |
| <b>5</b> Berndt & Tonia Soviak   | <b>17</b> Dan & Heather Isham     |
| Don & Judy Soyring               | <b>23</b> Dan & Barb Canfield     |
| <b>8</b> Jerrold & Betsey Elling | <b>24</b> Matt & Leah Bunton      |
| <b>9</b> Tom & Pam Lee           | <b>27</b> Kurt & Lori Gorsegner   |
| <b>10</b> Doug & Megan Dieckman  | Jim & Sue Segebrecht              |
| <b>11</b> Harry & Sandra Brooks  | <b>29</b> Julie & Eric vanDoorn   |
|                                  | <b>31</b> Ron & Lone Reder        |



## Birthdays

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|-----------|---|-----------|--|
| <b>1</b>  | Zach Mulholland<br>Kathy Stanton  | <b>15</b> | Joel Clark   |
| <b>2</b>  | Violet Craker   | <b>17</b> | Keira Segebrecht   |
| <b>3</b>  | Margie Ringer<br>Sarah Solberg  | <b>18</b> | Jeff Jensen  |
| <b>4</b>  | Jody Schott   | <b>19</b> | Don Bartig   |
| <b>5</b>  | Michael Peggarr   | <b>20</b> | Chris Cleveland  |
| <b>6</b>  | Nancy Bartig<br>Mark Hanson<br>Rick Molstad   | <b>21</b> | Kory Strom   |
| <b>7</b>  | Katie Hraban<br>Aiden Mataczynski   | <b>22</b> | Nancy Burmeister<br>Becky Kileteny<br>Missy Golat Kienast<br>Robin Jenson<br>Jeff Meuli<br>Bob Tomaszewski |
| <b>8</b>  | Craig Becker<br>Chris Kammerud<br>Anne Olson<br>John Rymarkiewicz                   | <b>23</b> | Jim Segebrecht, Jr<br>Geoffry Snyder   |
| <b>9</b>  | Cindy Goerner<br>Shirley Hraban<br>Chase Polak<br>Emersyn Roach<br>Lance Rothenbach | <b>24</b> | Kurt Gorsegner   |
| <b>10</b> | Diane Anderson<br>Bernie Aspenes<br>Melody Barber                                   | <b>27</b> | Brule Dedrickson<br>Logan Rothenbach.<br>Kris Snyder   |
| <b>12</b> | Norma Brooks<br>Josh Cleveland<br>Dan Isham<br>Amie Rausch                          | <b>29</b> | Tanner Davis   |
| <b>13</b> | Lori Larsen<br>Zoe Trindal  | <b>30</b> | Neil Olson   |
| <b>14</b> | Dan Canfield<br>Charlie Holtebeck<br>Betty Hraban<br>Shelley Nelson                 | <b>31</b> | Deidre Bitner<br>Erika Murray<br>Ingrid Pederson<br>Craig Redwine<br>Courtney Thorpe<br>Jenn Titera        |



# No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



*Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.*



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| 1. ___ bear     | 9. ___ monkey     | A. fry     | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog     | 10. ___ platypus  | B. fawn    | K. foal      |
| 3. ___ owl      | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet     |
| 4. ___ horse    | 12. ___ giraffe   | D. cub     | M. puggle    |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose     | E. kid     | N. joey      |
| 6. ___ deer     | 14. ___ swan      | F. cygnet  | O. polliwog  |
| 7. ___ goat     | 15. ___ dog       | G. infant  | P. puppy     |
| 8. ___ fish     |                   | H. calf    |              |

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1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV