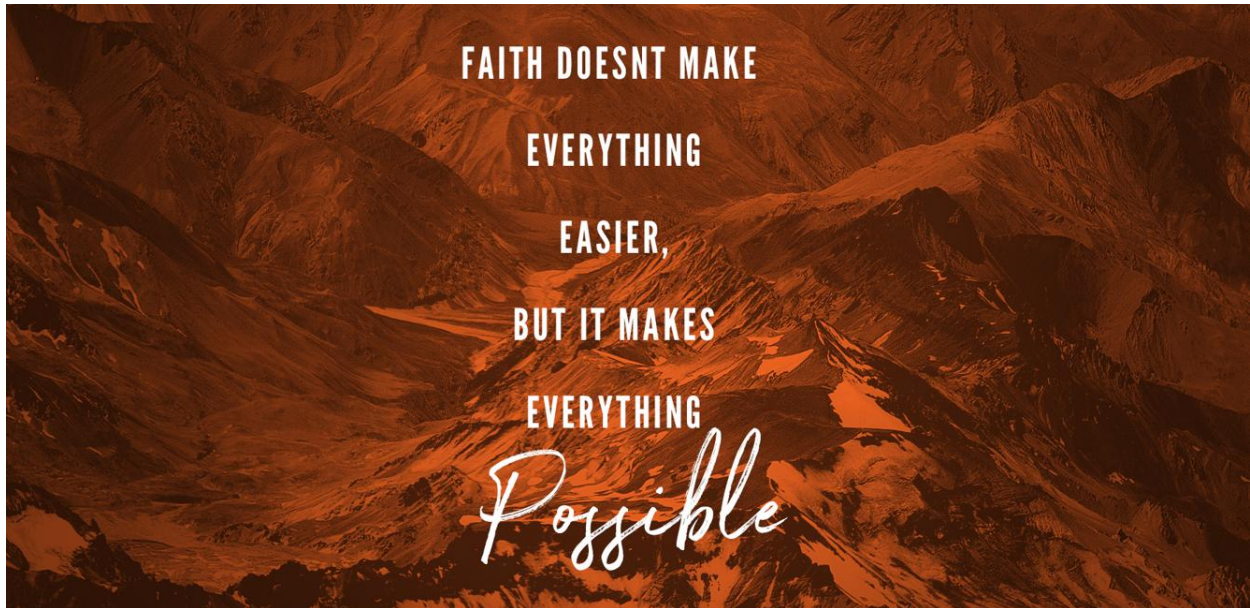


Tidings of Hope

June 2026



Some Thoughts on Forgiveness

In the Lord's Prayer, we petition God to "forgive *US* our trespasses/sins, as *WE* forgive those who trespass against us." Through God's mercy and grace, our past, present, and future sins are all forgiven *IF* we confess/admit them, repent, and truly, believe that Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead, and is Lord of our lives. He is the only way to eternal life.

Forgiving others is often difficult for many people. It is more natural to remember the bad things done to us, stew about them, build up anger, anxiety, fear, regret, vengefulness, and even hatred. These things weigh us down over our life's journey and are bad for our emotional, spiritual, and even our physical health. It has been scientifically proven that Christians with a forgiving attitude tend to lead happier, healthier, and longer lives than non-Christians.

However, without prayer and help/guidance from the Holy Spirit, it is difficult, if not impossible to freely forgive others (including ourselves). The last

words of Jesus upon the cross were, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Don't have a "higher bar" for forgiveness than Christ himself. Remember, when you forgive, you restore the relationship with the person(s) you forgave, with Christ, and with yourself.



Dates to Remember

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| June | 1 | 9:15am Feed My People delivery
12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| June | 5 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| June | 7 | 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Simonson
10:30am Bible Study Seventy Times Seven |
| June | 8 | 12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| June | 11 | 11:30am Meal of the Month at the Inn Between |
| June | 12 | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry |
| June | 14 | 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Sokolowski
10:30am Bible Study Seventy Times Seven |
| June | 15 | 9:15am Feed My People delivery
12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry |
| June | 16 | 9am Quilter's Mtg
6:30pm Church Council Meeting |

June 18 9:30am HLCW Mtg
 June 19 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
 June 21 🍷 Father's Day 🍷
 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Paul Reiff
 10:30am Book Club Fireside Rm
 June 22 12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry
 June 25 5:00pm MANNA Meal
 June 26 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
 June 28 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Tom Reiff
 June 29 12:00-3:00pm Food Pantry

The Bible Study entitled “Seventy Times Seven” based on forgiveness led by Jack Pederson. Will be held Sunday after worship at 10:30am on June 7th and June 14th. Everyone is welcome.

Book Group will meet on June 21st at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah. If you have questions, contact group facilitator, Shari Grillo at (845-612-1522).

Quilters will meet on June 16th 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.

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. Monetary donations should be in the form of a check written out to “Hope Lutheran Church” and please specify “Flood Buckets” in the memo.

Worship Assistants/Pastors

June 7 Ushers— Pat & Jerry McEathron;
 Lector—Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst—Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant— Rosemary Johnson; Pastor Eldon Simonson

June 14 Usher—Jackie & Brian Buchholz; Lector— Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Irene Titera;
 AV Technical Assistant—Dave Borman;
 Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

June 21 Ushers— Chris & Charlie Holtebeck;
 Lector—Charlie Holtebeck; Communion Asst— Chris Holtebeck; AV Technical Assistant— Dave Borman; Pastor Paul Reiff

June 28 Ushers— Irene Titera and Dave Borman;
 Lector — Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Dave Borman; AV Technical Assistant – Vinnie Jacobs;
 Pastor Tom Reiff

 **June Birthdays**

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| 6 | Carla Closs | 15 | Bonnie Billing |
| | Emily Peterson | | Zach Lee |
| | Irene Titera | 16 | Kyle Craker |
| 7 | Karen Langland | | Steve Lacey |
| | Olivia Mincoff | | Cheryl Petrus |
| | Chad Nisbit | 17 | Marilyn Kulibert |
| 10 | Matt Loser | 20 | Jan Hyde |
| | Jared Rausch | | Jordan Shineflew |
| 12 | Lois MacArthur | 21 | Jean Raymond |
| 14 | Joel Solsrud | 29 | Chase Hillman |
| | Wayne Tappan | 30 | Jared Diekman |

Meal of the Month will meet on June 11th at 11:30am at the Inn Between (N6386 County Rd I, Tony WI). Join in the fun & fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Ducommun at 715-828-6868.



June Anniversaries

- 2 Heidi Jo and Nick Sovacool
- 11 Lisa and Dave Borman
- 12 Rosemary and Jeff Johnson
- 18 Diane and Jim Doke
- Pat and Jerry MacEathran
- Jana and Randy Nyhagen
- 21 Rose and Al Warwick
- 24 Dee and Scott Peterson
- 25 Megan and Dustin Kimber

At Hope Lutheran Church, as a congregation, we are passionate and we remain faithful to our vision and mission. There is eager anticipation and palpable excitement as we look forward to discovering what God's plans are for us; confident that God will provide for our needs and show us the way forward.

May the Lord fill your heart with hope and confidence for the days ahead. Even when the path is uncertain, God is already preparing blessings, growth, and opportunities beyond what we can see. As it says in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In the Lutheran faith, we trust not in our own strength, but in God's grace through Christ. Because of His promises, we can move forward with courage, expecting great things not because life is always easy, but because God remains faithful in every season.

May Christ guide your steps, strengthen your spirit, and open doors for new joy, deeper faith, and abundant blessings. The best chapters are still being written by the Author of life Himself.

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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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320 First Street South, Ladysmith, WI 54848
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