

Tidings of Hope

September Issue 2026



Titus 3:1-11 NASB; Godly Living

- 1). Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,
- 2).to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.
- 3).For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
- 4).But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,
- 5).He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
- 6).whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- 7).so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- 8).This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed in God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.
- 9). But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.
- 10). Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

11). knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

The book of Titus is a letter Paul wrote to him about the proper behavior and attitude towards other believers and non-believers.

In verse 1 Paul is reminding them of governmental authorities.

A footnote from The Ryrie Study Bible reads, *"Though Christians are a "special" people elected by God, redeemed from the world and no longer dependent upon it, they are not above the necessity of getting along with the civil authorities who govern them" **

Verse five focuses on deeds and regeneration. Ryre explains, *"Personal salvation is not achieved through good deeds but through the cleansing of the new birth. Renewing by the Holy Spirit means either the initial act or conversion or, more probably, continual renewing by the Spirit throughout the life of the believer. In any case, salvation is God's gracious work, not a reward for man's worthwhile acts." **

As we go through life keep Paul's words in mind and in our hearts. Let our actions show our love for Christ and His people.

Keep praying and trusting. God is in control.

Submitted by: Jerry McEathron, Church Council President

*Quotes from The Ryrie Study Bible 1978 by Moody Press.

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- ❖ Should you have content you would like to see in the next Tidings Issue, please submit your content to the church office via email at hlcladysmith@gmail.com
- Your input is much appreciated.
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September Dates to Remember

- 4 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 6 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, & conversation. Building friendship & community!
9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski
10:00am Fellowship
10:30am Bible Study Seventy Times Seven with Jack Pederson
- 7 Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
Food Pantry Closed
- 9 6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 10 11:30am Meal of the Month at East Bay, Holcombe
- 11 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 13 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, & conversation. Building friendship & community!
9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Elden Simonson
10:00am Fellowship
10:30am Bible Study Seventy Times Seven with Jack Pederson
- 14 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 15 9:00am Quilters Group
6:30pm Church Council
- 16 6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
- 17 9:30am HLCW Meeting
Deadline for Tidings Content
- 18 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
- 20 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, & conversation. Building friendship & community!
9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski
10:00am Fellowship
10:30am Book Club resumes with Shari Garillo
- 21 9:15am Feed My People Delivery
12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
- 23 3:30pm-4:30pm Wednesday School starts
6:00pm-7:30pm Confirmation starts

6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare

- 24 MANNA Meal Sponsored by the Congregational Church
 - 25 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
 - 27 8:30am Early Risers -All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts, & conversation. Building friendship & community!
9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Tom Reiff
10:00am Fellowship
 - 28 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
 - 30 3:30pm-4:30pm Wednesday School
6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
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September Worship Assistants/Pastors

September 6

Ushers— Aileen Tauchen and Irene Titera;
Lector—Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Irene Titera; AV Technical Assistant— Julie Kammerud;
Music— Karen Tappon; Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

September 13

Ushers — Aileen Tauchen and Irene Titera;
Lector— Irene Titera; Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant— Rosemary Johnson; Music— Karen Tappon; Acolyte—Tucker Hulle; Pastor Elden Simonson

September 20

Ushers— Jackie & Brian Buchholtz;
Lector—Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant— Vinnie Jacobs;
Music— Terry Wedwick; Acolyte—Cole Vollendorf
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

September 27

Ushers— Pat & Jer McEathron; Lector — Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst— Jerry McEathron; AV Technical Assistant — Vinnie Jacobs; Music— Lisa Borman; Pastor Tom Reiff



Please Remember in Prayer:

Laurie Lemke
 Jim Stewart
 Nancy Burmeister,
 Ken Parejko,
 John Hoover,
 Amy Heath,
 Becky Kileteny,
 Myles,
 Colby Overhagen,
 Lois Hoople



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jim Doke
- 3 Julie Vollendorf
Sue Segebrecht
- 7 Chris Dauer
- 13 George Calkins
- 15 Mega Kimber
- 18 Gary Purgett
- 27 Ione Reder



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Karen & Bob Langland
- 14 Jack & Jackie Pederson
- 21 Vickie & Erle Monnier
- 22 Joel & Cassandra Solsrud
- 28 Jerry & Marilyn Kuliburt
- 30 Nancy & Brian Burmeister

Meal of the Month will meet on Thursday, September 10th, 11:30am at East Bay, Holcombe. Join in the fun & fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Ducommun at 715-617-2350.

Book Group resumes on Sunday, September 20th at 10:30am. The book is "*Shattered Sanctuary*" by Nancy Mehl. Everyone is welcome. Should you have questions, contact group facilitator, Shari Grillo at (845-612-1522).

Quilters will meet on September 15th at 9:00am. There are jobs at all skill levels. Should you be interested in learning, they are willing to teach you a new skill. Quilt squares are available to be sewn at home. If you have questions, please contact Karen Skeels at 715-452-5444.

The Bible Study entitled "Seventy Times Seven" based on forgiveness led by Jack Pederson. Will be held In September the first and second Sundays after worship at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome.

GriefShare Support Meetings will begin in early September and end in early December. Each self-contained session covers the various complicated emotions and issues that arise as we deal with the loss of a loved one. Participants may join anytime during the cycle. For more information, call Hope Lutheran Church at 715-532-7739.

GriefShare®

Hope Lutheran Church
 320 1st St. S., Ladysmith

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

DATES: Wednesdays, Sept. 9 – Dec. 9, 2026

INFORMATION/REGISTER: Hope Lutheran Church at
 715-532-7739 or griefshare.org



Vacation Bible School was a Blast! “Galaxy; Launching Kids on a Mission of God’s Love” taught us: God loves us, so...love each other!



Want to be an HLC Prayer Partner? Sign up with the church office.

HLCW hosted their Summer Luncheon celebrating friendship & fellowship with the Glen Flora Church ladies. A special afternoon gathering with an opportunity to share delicious food, games, laughs, smiles, stories, recipes, blessings and prayer. A big thank you to Jackie Buchholtz & Lisa Borman for organizing the day.



Come Sing With Us!



**Old - Fashioned
Hymn
Sing**

Historic Apollonia Church
1 mile west of Bruce on Hwy 8

Friday, September 11, 2026 • 6:00 PM

Come enjoy an evening of favorite old hymns, fellowship, and memories in this beloved historic church. Fellowship and refreshments will follow.

Co-sponsored by Federated Church Martha Circle and Bruce Area Historical Society

RAISING HIGHLY CAPABLE KIDS PARENTING CLASS!

Hosted by Flambeau School District

Classes run every Wednesday evening starting September 16, ending December 9 (no class November 25.) We start with a family-friendly meal at 5:30 p.m., with the class following from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The classes are FREE and childcare is provided. Complete 10 of 12 sessions and earn a \$100 Walmart giftcard (one per household.) Weekly Door Prizes!

Pre-registration is required. Please call Lucy Taylor at

715-415-1832 or email her at

lucy.taylor@flambeauschools.org

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Together for Life

FOR WE ARE CO-WORKERS IN GOD'S SERVICE;
YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING.
1 COR. 3:9



SAVE THE DATE!

2026 WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

Registration: 8:30am ~ Walk Begins: 9:00am

Location: Memorial Park ~ Armstrong Pavillion ~ Ladysmith

As a Reminder...

We are keeping the Church doors locked even during office hours. The exception is during an HLC event or when the food pantry is open serving the community.

Please show your concern for others and remember to lock the Church door before you exit. If you are unsure, it is ok to ask. We are being respectful for the safety of others. We live in different times and want to keep the Church and Church members safe.

Hope Lutheran Church

Office Hours

Monday through
Thursday

9:00am - 2:00pm

Should you need assistance, you may call the church office at 715-532-7739. Your call will be returned during office hours.

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, Worship & Music; Eric Hillan, Youth Education; Brian Johnson, Property Management, Laurie Lemke, Parish Education; and Cora Schultz, Congregational Care.

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.

Reminder:

- **Weekly Bulletin:** Please email announcement submissions to hlcladysmith@gmail.com by 9:00 AM on Wednesday.
- **Monthly Tidings:** Please email submissions to hlcladysmith@gmail.com by 9:00 AM on the third Thursday of each month.

THE USED TO BE SPORTS FAN

(A FABLE WRITTEN BY AN UNKNOWN PASTOR)

Submitted by Church Council President, Jer McEathron

Football in the fall. Basketball in the winter. Baseball in the spring and summer. Your pastor has been an avid sports fan all of his life. But I've had it! I quit this sports business once and for all. You can't get me near one of those places again. Want to know why?

1. Every time I went, they asked me for money.
2. The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.
3. Seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.
4. I went to many games, but the coach never came to call on me.
5. The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.
6. I suspected that I was sitting with some hypocrites – they came to see their friends and what others were wearing rather than to see the game.
7. Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some numbers that I had never heard before.
9. The games are always scheduled when I want to do other things.
10. I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was growing up.
11. I recently read a book on sports and now I feel that I know more than the coaches do anyhow.
12. I don't want to take my children to any games, because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

Care to draw any analogies?



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.