

Tidings of Hope

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Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin

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Information & Inspiration

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“Give Thanks”

Pastor Christopher Martin

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1)

One evening a couple of years ago, I was taking Bradon and Zachary to see a hockey game in Mason City, Iowa, which was about a 45-minute drive from our home at Vilmar. As we were reaching the edge of Mason City, we heard a loud “Bang” and felt something give out in the front of the car. Thinking I may have hit something or gone over a bad pothole, I pulled the car over into the nearby McDonald’s parking lot, looked under the car, and popped the hood. I discovered hot motor oil all over the engine bay and the right front wheel well. After calling a tow truck and having a mechanic inspect the car, we discovered that the engine had thrown a connecting rod, which had punctured the engine block, leaving a giant hole in it and oil all over the place. Research on my part and a mechanic at our area Hyundai service department revealed that this was not an uncommon problem, and was related to a manufacturing defect in Hyundai engines in that particular car. It took several weeks of inspections, claims, and warranty related paperwork before Hyundai admitted to the problem, honored their warranty, and replaced the engine with a remanufactured one, so that I could drive my own car once again.

When all of that first happened, I have to admit, I didn’t find much to be thankful for. It wasn’t a lot of fun to be without a vehicle for a few days, and to have all that uncertainly hanging over my head trying to bring the situation to a resolution. Yet, when I look back on that whole process, I actually had a lot to be thankful for in the midst of it all. I was thankful that the incident occurred when we were in a somewhat populated area and that I had somewhere safe to pull over right away, be able to feed the boys, and keep them safely entertained while I called for assistance and waited for Lindsay to

come pick us up. I was extremely thankful that I wasn't like others who owned the same year, make, and model of car that I did at the time, who had their cars catch fire after the same thing happened to their cars, whereas mine had not caught fire. I was thankful for the people who were helpful in navigating the whole process, and for having rental and loaner vehicles provided for me to use while I waited for a resolution. In many small, hidden ways, I saw God's steadfast love and care for me in what was a rather unpleasant, stressful experience.

The truth is, we all have moments like this, don't we? Moments where we are experiencing something stressful or painful, and it seems very difficult to find reasons to be thankful, or to see God's hand in the midst of it all? When we are having health problems. When someone we love is in need of more care and their health continues to deteriorate. When difficult decisions in life have to be made. When we lose a job. When death strikes near. In moments such as these, and so many more, it is hard, if not impossible, sometimes, to live out the words of the 136th Psalm, isn't it? It's difficult to give thanks to the Lord, and see His steadfast love for us in the midst of suffering or difficulty.

Yet, when we ponder the suffering of Christ, we see that we have a God in Jesus Christ who identifies with us in moments of suffering. Jesus knows what it is like to suffer as He suffered for our sins at the cross. Jesus offers to us eternal life and salvation, and also promises to be with us always in our everyday life. Jesus goes with you everywhere you go. He is with you in good moments. He is with you in moments of suffering and grief. He is with us when all seems lost, reminding us of the hope that we have of everlasting life, and that while we are in this life, He promises to provide for our needs.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day later this month, what can you be thankful for in your life? How can you see God at work in your life in small, seemingly insignificant ways? I would encourage you to take a moment to give thanks to God for all of the ways He provides and cares for you in this life, and for giving you the gift of everlasting life.

I hope and pray that you have a blessed Thanksgiving this year! As you celebrate, don't forget to make worship in God's house at Hope Lutheran Church a part of the way you give thanks and praise to God for all He has done for you in this life, and for His promises of forgiveness and everlasting life in the life to come!



All Saints' Sunday November 7

All Saints' Sunday, November 7, is a day set aside to remember our Christian brothers and sisters who have been laid to rest. On that day we will be especially remembering those from our church family who have died since last All Saints Sunday by lighting a candle in memory of each of these saints.

Erle Barber

May 6, 1939 – September 15, 2021

Rod Becker

August 30, 1949 – July 11, 2021

Elaine Gehler

August 25, 1926 – June 11, 2021

Val Leitz

July 25, 1924 – October 4, 2021

Doris Michaelson

February 28, 1924 – October 2, 2021

Tracie Mincoff

February 22, 1959 – June 30, 2021

Elsie Nelson

June 26, 1924 – January 17, 2021

Jim Schultz

March 20, 1936 – October 24, 2021

Bruce Stewart

January 8, 1948 – April 4, 2021

Marian Tomaszewski

March 27, 1935 – December 16, 2020

IdaMae Ziebarth

May 26, 1939 – December 13, 2020

Members of the congregation will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.



Hope Lutheran Church Women



Monthly Meeting: The HLCW will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18 at 9:30am. All women of Hope are welcome!

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, November 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).

Socks & Underwear Collection: The HLCW will again be collecting socks and underwear to be distributed to area schools and shelters. Donations of new socks and underwear for both children and adults can be brought to the church during the month of November.

Thank You! The HLCW would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Dinner. It wouldn't be possible to do a meal like this without the help of many.

Adult Education & Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study: The Sunday morning study will meet on Sunday, November 7 & 14 at 10:20am.

Women's Bible Study: The women's Bible study will meet on Friday, November 5 at 3:00pm.

Book Discussion: The book group will meet on Sunday, November 21 at 10:20am to discuss The Riven by Jerry B. Jenkins.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Men of Hope meet each Thursday at 7:00am the Ladysmith Family Restaurant for breakfast, fellowship and a study of the week's lectionary readings. All men of Hope are welcome!



Youth Ministry will be hosting a game night for Middle and High School aged youth on Sunday, November 28 beginning at 7:00pm. Youth are encouraged to bring their favorite board game to play. Popcorn and soda will be provided.

Sunday School

Sunday School is held from 10:15-11:00am on Sunday mornings and is for children 3 years old through 6th grade. It's never too late to start!

If your child misses a class and you still want the information, please follow the instructions on the bottom of the schedule that was sent out at the beginning of the year. If you need another copy of the schedule, please contact the church office.



Music Notes



Choirchimes: The Choirchimes of Hope have resumed rehearsing and will play at the worship service on November 14. New ringers are always welcome! If you have questions or would like to join the group, please contact Heidi Jo Sovacool.

Special Music: We are always looking for members willing to share their musical talents with the congregation. If you would like to provide special music for Sunday morning worship, please contact Lisa Borman.

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I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30 (ESV)



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.

Volunteers are also needed the first and third Mondays of each month (November 1 & 15) to help unload the Feed My People delivery and to stock shelves. If you can help out, please be to the church by 9:15am.

Donations of non-perishable food items can be brought to the church during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Monetary donations can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate (clearly marked "Food Pantry").

Heading South for the Winter?

We want to stay in touch! Please let the church office know your winter address and the dates you'll be gone so that you can continue to receive the church newsletter and other mailings. If you do not want to receive mailings during your absence, please also let us know that. Addresses and dates can be sent to hlcladysmith@gmail.com or you can call the church office at 715-532-7739.

Thank You!

I wish to thank everyone at Hope Lutheran Church for the cards and gifts you showered upon me for Pastor's Appreciation Month and also for my birthday, which was on the 18th. I deeply appreciated each and every greeting, gift, note, and card, and I look forward to continuing our work in God's kingdom here at Hope for many years to come! God's blessings be with you all!

Pastor Martin



Deadlines...

Items for the weekly bulletin are due in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday. Items for the December newsletter are due in the church office by Tuesday, November 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, especially if you no longer have a landline, 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
Maintenance	
Custodian	Rosemary Warwick
Choir Director	Heidi Jo Sovacool
Organists	Lisa Borman Karen Tappon Aileen Tauchen

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November Worship Assistants

7	Ushers	Jerry & Pat McEathron
	Lector	Charlie Holtebeck
	Comm. Asst.	Chris Holtebeck
14	Ushers	Sovacool family
	Lector	Irene Titera
	Comm. Asst.	Linda Reissner
21	Ushers	Kathy Ducommun, Kathy Peterson
	Lector	Bev Dukerschein
	Comm. Asst.	Linda Campbell
22	Ushers	Charlie Holtebeck, Irene Titera
	Lector	Charlie Holtebeck
	Comm. Asst.	Chris Holtebeck

Prayer & Praise

Each Sunday we pray for people in need of prayer and list those names in the Sunday bulletin. We also have a prayer chain and a group that meets weekly to pray for individuals, the church, our country, and the needs of the world. If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office. Prayer requests for the Sunday bulletin will be listed for four weeks unless we receive an update and request for continued prayer. We also welcome praise reports for blessings received or answered prayer and can print those in the Sunday bulletins or pass them on to the prayer chain or prayer group.

Mission Statement

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



NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Nicole Bostic
Barb Canfield
Emma Dieckman
Linda Reissner | 17 | Breann Hillman
Wes Hills
Hilary Peterson |
| 2 | Lauren Cumming
Kaitlyn Dahlstrom
Michael Duzy | 19 | Cheryl Kelley
Kirk Konichek
David Weber |
| 3 | Randy Nyhagen | 23 | Lynnette Jenness |
| 5 | Eric Pederson
Don Soyring | 24 | Pat Cumming
Braxton Morgan |
| 7 | Twyla Lund
Kaiden MacArthur
Sue Molstad
Marge Spangberg | 25 | Terry Paul
Colton Solie
Robyn Wiemer |
| 8 | Shad Strom
Jill Nisbit | 26 | Karen Tappon |
| 9 | Mitchel Segebrecht | 27 | Gracie Nelson |
| 10 | Molly Borman
Korie Kuchta
Gavyn Lawcewicz | 28 | Jerry Kulibert |
| 11 | Evan Hillan | 29 | Andrew Grunseth
Carly Molstad
Alexis Polak |
| 12 | Aaron Klawiter
Nicki Kruse | 30 | Abigail Anderson
Terry Anderson
Melissa Gorsegner
Scott Lee
Ashley Schultz
Leighton Vollendorf |
| 15 | Bobbi-Jo Rivers
Craig Warren | | |
| 16 | Mark Buchholz
Spencer Shultz | | |

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| 2 | Gordie & Bev Dukerschein |
| 3 | Jim & Gina Cooley |
| 4 | Kayla & Seth Coggins
Kathi & Kyle Kesan
Brad & Meghan Schultz |
| 26 | Andrea & Jim Hraban |



Community Thanksgiving Dinner November 25

Hope Lutheran Church will be holding the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25 with serving from 12:00noon-1:00pm. Carry-outs and deliveries to homebound members of the community within five miles of the church will also be available. To reserve a meal, please contact the church office (715-532-7739) by noon on Monday, November 22.

MENU

Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy,
Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Rolls,
Jell-o, Pies, and Beverages

It takes many hands to make this meal happen. Volunteers are needed to provide food and money, help with cooking and clean-up, and to deliver meals. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Questions?
Contact Josi Hamilton (715-532-6052).

