

# THE VISITOR

MARCH 2023

A monthly newsletter from New Hope Lutheran  
with sites in Blanchardville & Hollandale

**Our Mission:** "Serving God by sharing, teaching and connecting  
people to God with Jesus in our hearts."

## EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE MARCH 8th

\* The Youth are again selling Easter Flowers. Orders are due to the church office by 3/8/22.

\* Cost is \$15. There are various ways to order:

\* ♦ Please complete this form with a check payable to NHLYG and give to the office or offering plate.

\* ♦ If you'd like to order by email please send to newhopeoffice@tds.net

\* ♦ Click the link on our website to order online; payment should be sent to New Hope Lutheran Youth Group, PO BOX 138, Blanchardville, WI 53516

\* **Flower Options:** Easter Lily (single stem), Tulip, Jonquil (Daffodil), Hyacinth, Geranium

\* **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type of Flower(s)/Quantity:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **In memory or In honor of:** *(circle one)* \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Display at** *(circle one)* Blanchardville - Hollandale - Call me when I can pick up/no need to display

Hello Everyone,

I pray that this finds you well. I for one am glad March is here. February was just a roller coaster ride with the weather, let's hope that ends soon. All of March this year is within the season of Lent and this year instead of giving up something for Lent I am going to attempt to learn. I am not taking any classes instead I am going to read and recently I purchased two books and have a third on my shelf already that I am reading through Lent.

One of the books I just bought is written by a funeral director named Caleb Wilde. The title is "All the Ways Our Dead Still Speak: A Funeral Director on Life, Death, and the Hereafter." Like our own Paul Saether, the author is a multigenerational funeral director in a small town. He just happens to be in Pennsylvania. Through his stories he attempts to show how love and memory and mystery fuse this world to the next. One of the many privileges of being your pastor is that I am allowed to walk with you on the holy ground between life and death when a loved one has died. My hope is to learn how to better walk this path with you.

The next book is called "Search" This book should be pure pleasure as it is written through the eyes of someone who is on the pastoral search committee. It is satirical and funny and told as a memoir through church recipes as this fictional Universal Unitarian church in California embarks on a search for a new pastor. As you know this is hard, frustrating work and it will be enjoyable to see the humorous side of this important work.

The last book I have chosen has been on my shelf for a while and it is time to read it. The title is "Rabbi Jesus: An intimate biography." It is written by a Professor of Religion and an ordained priest. He writes the story of Jesus through the context of First century Judea. It is another way to enter into the gospel stories in a unique way. My goal is to learn how the environment he grew up in both the political and social along with the religious might have played a role in his ministry. This is a work of fiction and as such any claims that are made need to be taken with a grain of salt and measured against the truth of the gospels.

This is my reading plan for Lent. What have you thought about learning or setting aside for this season of Lent? This is the season of preparation, for me a season to be a better pastor. A time to better prepare myself to meet you at the cross and guide you to the empty tomb.

God's Peace be with you,  
Pastor Chris

# 40 days OF LENT

*In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of “Amazing Grace,” this worship series for Lent by theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ’s disciples.*

*Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God’s mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior’s death and resurrection.*

## **Lenten Worship Schedule:**    *The theme this year is “Amazing Grace”*

Beginning March 1st, Wednesdays during Lent we will gather together at 12:00 noon in Hollandale with a bible study. Bring your own lunch!

In the evenings, we will meet together for a meal from 5:30 pm –6:30 p.m. in Blanchardville with Worship at 7pm. Evening meals will be served by the following groups: Board of Education, Trustees, Deacons, Executive Committee & the Women of New Hope Lutheran.

## **Engaging Generosity**

Have you ever wondered why we call money, currency? It comes from a Latin word that literally means “flowing.” It is the same word we get the word current from. Like anything with a current it is meant to move. When you dam up a river what happens? The water can become stagnant, a breeding ground for mosquitoes, algae, weeds, it can begin to stink. When electricity stops flowing, what happens? Nothing runs. The same thing can happen with money.

Money is not meant to stop, it is not meant to simply stockpile. When that happens, when we are just focused on stockpiling money we worry that we will never have enough. We become self-absorbed, joyless. If everyone just stockpiled their wealth the economy would come crashing down. Money is meant to flow, any system of trade depends on the give and take of valuables. When we give, when we are generous to God, to our families, friends, neighbors, to people in need something happens. Generosity changes us, filling our lives with joy and filling our lives with blessing. Our generosity to God and to others not only touches God and those we help but it also changes us. I’m not saying that your life will be filled with riches but what I am saying is that your heart will be lighter and your life a little more peaceful as one worry is removed from you.

One of the best ways to give to God and others is to give to your church. Your giving not only helps to keep the lights on, keep the electricity flowing, or pay the Pastor’s salary, it also is a place where those in need receive help. Your gift to the church aids in many different ministries and also flows out to the greater church to touch people you will never meet but who give thanks for your generosity.

# March Sunday Worship 8:30 Blanchardville & 10:30 Hollandale

*The Confirmation students will be helping with the  
Lenten Worship Services each week.*

## Sunday Worship Assistants

### -March 5th, 2023

**Reader:** (B) Beth Kundert (H) David Whitford

**Greeters/Ushers:** (B) Butch Watrud (H) Jackie Chambers

**Communion:** (B) Dave Gerber (H) David & Cindy Whitford

**Altar Committee:**

**Blanchardville Site:**

Becky Kesler

**Hollandale Site:**

Wayne & Jean Christen

### -March 12, 2023

**Readers:** (B) Judy Watrud (H) Kandi Lockard

**Greeters/Ushers:** (B) Butch Watrud (H) Kandi Lockard

**Communion:** (B) Dave Gerber (H) Bryan Lisser

### -March 19th, 2023:

**Readers:** (B) Julie Saether (H) Avery Hughes

**Greeters/Ushers:** (B) Butch Watrud (H) Bryan Lisser

**Communion:** (B) Dave Gerber (H) Vicki Chrostowski

### -March 26th, 2023:

**Readers:** (B) Tiffany Bethke (H) Kaye Gilbertson

**Greeters/Ushers:** (B) Butch Watrud (H) Bryan Lisser

**Communion:** (B) Dave Gerber (H) Kaye Gilbertson

**Musicians:** Bev Lien, Becky Johnson, & Marlys Hittesdorf

### Worship Time Schedule will change in April

- Early Worship will be at 8:30 a.m.  
in Hollandale
- Late Worship will be at 10:30 a.m.  
in Blanchardville
- Sunday School will remain  
in Hollandale at 9:30 a.m.



The Deacons are always  
looking for readers in  
church, greeters, ushers,  
and communion servers.

Do you want to help?  
Contact the office today  
and we'll put you in touch  
with one of the Deacons.

## REVENUE/EXPENSES

### January Revenue

\$10,580.31

### January Expense

\$15,373.76

### January Expenses over Revenue

\$4,793.45

## January Attendance

Sunday	01/01/23	41
Sunday	01/08/23	57
Sunday	01/15/23	30
Sunday	01/22/23	52
Sunday	01/29/23	44
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>224</b>
<b>AVERAGE:</b>		<b>45</b>

# Youth News

**Quake 2023 was a success!** You have been hearing a lot about Quake...but what exactly is it you ask? Quake events are weekend retreats created specifically for youth in grades 6-12. The 2023 Quake theme was **Re:Ignite**. Fire-up! We want lives that are ablaze! Jesus has come to free us from the smoldering embers of lives that have been doused by the world, the devil, and our own selves. Jesus makes our dreams, hopes, goals, relationships and even our very lives brand new. With His grace, sacrifice, and love we are more than re-kindled. We are **Re:Ignited** to be torches as believers. We are **Re:Ignited** to be a bonfire as the church. Special thanks to Chelsea Burkeland, who stepped in last minute as a chaperone when I was unable to go due to illness. Words cannot express my appreciation for her stepping up without hesitation. The kids had a very busy, full but fun weekend and hopefully will have a lot of memories from their experience. Thank you to all who support our youth in various ways. Submitted by: Tiffany Bethke

**Attention Youth ages 12 and under!!  
Join us, March 19th...**

Movie (to be determined) w/popcorn and ice cream sundaes at Blanchardville New Hope 12:30pm-3pm. All children 12 and under are welcome to join us (not just for current members).

Sponsored by New Hope Lutheran Youth Program

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

In March, we'll meet more regularly thru the season of Lent; meeting each Wednesday evening from 5:30 –6:30 pm having dinner together before participating in the Worship Service which starts at 7 pm.

As always, if you need some transportation help to get your child to or from an activity, please contact the office or Pastor Chris. We realize the Lent & Easter season is a very busy one, and we want to help if you are not able. We do appreciate you being part of this milestone in their lives.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL:

Maundy Thursday is on Thurs. April 6th and our Confirmation class will again take part in a Living Last Supper. Those who attended last year enjoyed it and we hope even more will join us this year. This will be at 7 pm at the Hollandale Site!

Easter Sunday is on Sun, April 9th. The Confirmation class will serve breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Blanchardville Site. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Blanchardville Site.



*Pictured above :Departing Hollandale & heading to the event. Pastor Chris, Jenna Kurschner, Audrey Hughes, Alex Domine, Landon Wahl, Michael Henderson, Chelsea Burkeland. In front: Tucker Bethke & Beckett Mieden*

*Pictured below: Michael helping to make packages for "Orphan Grain Train"*





Kamryn	Burkeland	March 1
Beverly	Lien	March 3
Kaitlyn	Linder	March 5
Heidi	Bollerud Hardyman	March 5
Wayne	Jeglum	March 8
Christina	Kurschner	March 9
Aaron	Garthwaite	March 9
Jasmine	Strohm	March 11
Ikehm	Eidsmoe	March 12
Avery	DeWitt	March 12
Kevin	Erickson	March 13
Natalie	Wyse	March 13
Dave	Chrostowski	March 14
Doris	Hermanson	March 14
Richard	Gilbertson	March 14
Joni	Severson-Eaton	March 15
Julia	Meyer	March 15
Logan	Green	March 16
Margaret	Lauper	March 16
Elizabeth	Kundert	March 17
Anabelle	Kolb	March 17
Hunter	Price	March 18
Tiffany	Schade	March 18
Rosalie	Emberson	March 20
Asher	Retrum	March 20
Tessa	Green	March 20
Angela	Olson	March 21
Jackie	Chambers	March 22
Wesley	Nolden	March 23
David	Whitford	March 27
Dorothy	McGuigan	March 27
Evelyn	Wyse	March 27
Mary	Carr	March 29
Dawn	Cleary	March 31

# MARCH



Gary & Shirley	Eidsmoe	03/21/1981
David & Loretta	Gerber	03/20/1971
Joshua & Beth	Hittesdorf	03/18/2017
Tyler & Alycen	Kirch	03/24/2018
Paul & Sonja	Kittleson	03/15/1964

## Newsletter Deadline

If you'd like to submit an article/announcement for the monthly newsletter "Visitor" it is due by

**Monday, March 20th**

Newsletter assembly:

**Tues. March 28th at 11:00 AM by  
Hollandale area volunteer team!**

## Baby news for our neighbors!

Reid Elliot was born on 2/3/23  
9lbs 7oz & 21.5 inches long

He joins his parents (Morgan & Dakota Ekman) and big brother, Oliver, at home. Congratulations to the Ekman family!

## THRIVENT ACTION CARDS

Do you have a Thrivent Financial policy? If so, did you know that you are eligible to receive two \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team gift cards per year to be used to make an impact on a cause you personally care about? That's right! **Two \$250.00 gift cards per year!**

It's never too early to start thinking ahead about how these cards can do great work! If you need an idea, contact the office today!

## **You just don't know.**

You don't know what God could do in a year.

You could feel completely stuck right now, yet in approximately 365 days look back on today and think, "WOW. I would have never guessed I would be here. Only God."

He can make a brand new way you didn't know existed.

He could bring someone into your life you didn't know you needed.

He could change your heart in a way that you never could on your own.

He could carry you through the darkness that this year will hold for many, showing you He is your forever faithful companion.

You don't know what God could do in a year.

Even if this year doesn't end with a feeling of huge breakthrough, or great leaps forwards..

It will hold significance. It will be days mapped out in His book.

You don't know if this next year will feel like a hilltop or a valley, or perhaps just flat plains to walk through.

Regardless, it will not go in vain.

This year of your life WILL matter in His plan.

And sometimes the best way to look at a new year is realizing that plan is so much bigger than us (yet, He wants us in it!), and it's already been written.

You never know what God could do in a year.  
But He does.

~Kelli Bachara

## **PECATONICA AREA FOOD PANTRY**

**1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
2nd Wed of the month 5:30 –7:00 pm  
at New Hope-Blanchardville Site**

**Non perishable food items, toiletries, hygiene products and \$40 in vouchers per month available.**

**Please contact a committee member if you are in need of delivery or have questions:**

**Tiffany Bethke—608-212-9028**

**Jean Christen -- 608-967-2349**

**Bev Lien -- 608-215-3956**

**Alice Yaeger -- 608-523-4960**

Thank you to all who gather monthly to  
assemble the newsletters.  
It is very much appreciated!

We remember our members & friends, the sick and the homebound, those recovering or grieving: especially David Nelson, Jeff Love, Terry Lockard, Jeff Kurschner,, Vladimir Glannik & family, Marian Swenson, Jenne O'Connor, Spencer Olson, Karen Beecher, Vicki Hughes, Ryan Kurschner, Roger Kittleson, Donna Arneson, Lyle & Audrey Klosterman, John & Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, & Richard & Peggy Gilbertson.

***Did you know....***New Hope Lutheran pays for a subscription to "Living Lutheran" for each of our members (household) to receive each month!? If you do not currently receive this magazine and would like to, please contact the office. If you currently receive this magazine, but would prefer to receive this subscription electronically, please contact the office. Thanks!

### **Trivia Night**

Date: March 18th, 7 p.m.

Location: Kimmie's Sportz Page in Argyle!

Event by: Friends of McKellar Park Pool

Join us for a fun night of trivia.

Raffles between rounds. Bring your friends.

**Blanchardville Public Library**  
is hosting a family board game night  
on Monday 3/6 at 4PM.

Board games available for different ages. Some of the games at the library will be Catan, Codenames, Dixit, Ticket to Ride, Trails, Azul, and much more.

You are also welcome to bring your own.

After School Hour takes place every Monday at 4PM. Every week there will be a new craft or activi-

## **Mission Monday dates are set!**

**March 27,**

**April 24 & May 22**

1:00 pm -3:00 pm &

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

*Mission Monday isn't just for women. All ages – men, women and youth – are invited to come help. We'll be doing plarn mats, cutting/sewing quilts and tying fleece quilts, if we have material. Mission Mondays will be held at the Blanchardville campus in the "Mission Central" (the old preschool room)*

**Blanchardville Fire  
Department**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**March 5th**

**7:30 AM - 11:30 AM**



**Blanchardville Legion Hall**

**Bring the family and enjoy breakfast served up by your local volunteer Firefighters & EMTs. We will be serving pancakes, sausages, ham, scrambled eggs & more.**

**Free will donation asked at the door.**

**With your support our local fire department is able to purchase new equipment & continue to provide training for our firefighters & EMTs.**

**For curbside carry-out call 608-214-6743 during the breakfast to arrange a pick-up.**

**Pecatonica Area School District offers numerous information sessions about the upcoming Referendum.**

### **How Can I Learn More Information?**

The Pecatonica Area School District will be hosting a number of informational sessions. Please join us!

- February 6th - Town of Moscow board meeting - 6 PM
- February 14th - Town of Perry board meeting - 7:30 PM
- February 15th - Blanchardville Women's Club - 6 PM (meeting will be held at Pecatonica High School)
- February 21st - Pecatonica Elementary School - 6 PM
- March 1st - Town of Brigham - 6 PM
- March 6th - Village of Blanchardville board meeting - 6:30 PM
- March 7th - Village of Hollandale board meeting - 6:30 PM
- March 8th - Town of Fayette board meeting - 6 PM
- March 21st - Pecatonica Middle School/High School - 6:30 PM

# Hello Ladies of New Hope Lutheran!

As many of you recall, we had been asking ladies to sign up in various areas they were interested in so that some sub-committees could be formed. Since then, we've had a few meetings and have started to come up with some really fun stuff...Here is a little update for you!

**Funeral Luncheon Contact List:** After many, many years of coordinating funeral luncheons, Marie Gilbertson & Beth Kundert are ready to have someone else take the lead. The following ladies have graciously volunteered to be the funeral luncheon coordinators for our church. Ellen Syse & Joanne Eveland graciously volunteered to coordinate funeral luncheons. We are looking to create a list of women that are willing to help at funerals. Help could be preparing for the luncheon, serving at the luncheon, cleaning-up, etc. If you'd like to be on the list to be contacted when we have a funeral at church, please send an email to Marlys Hittesdorf at [premiermarlys@yahoo.com](mailto:premiermarlys@yahoo.com) or call her at 608-558-8227. Marlys will create a master list and get those lists to our funeral coordinators and the office. *If you send an email, please include: Name, Phone, Email, and Availability to help (i.e. can help on weekends but not during the week; can help in the morning but not the afternoon)*

**Sunshine Committee:** Dottie McGuigan is the chair of our Sunshine Committee. This is exciting!

**Military Support:** As U.S. Troops continue to deploy and defend our nation overseas, members may want to know how to send care packages for service members – even if they don't personally know them. Care packages sent to overseas bases or stateside hospitals are a great way to show that gratitude. This mission opportunity has been started to help fill this support gap. Sample of items being collected are: Hand warmers, Lotion, Gum, Disposable razors (men's and women's), Cookies, Vitamins, Snacks that fit in a backpack easily (beef jerky, Pringles, sweet and salty mixes), Warm soft socks, Stocking hats, Magazines like Country Living, Game books like crossword, word search, sudoku. A full list of goods, food and "no-nos" is listed on the [Support Our Troops](#) website.

*If you know of a specific service member, please contact the church office. Otherwise, the support will go for general distribution to the service members.  
Boxes for donations are at each church site.*

## **Lutheran World Relief Kits Collections:**

Soon it will be time to put together the Lutheran World Relief kits. Instead of doing one big drive for a couple of months, we'll do smaller drives throughout the year. Keep an eye out for the "Collections of the Month". ***For February we've been collecting baby jackets, nail clippers and pencil sharpeners. Drop boxes available at each site.*** Thank you for your help!

**Mark your calendar:** We plan to do some sort of a fellowship activity on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the even months of the year and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday on the odd months of the year. These events may be as simple as meeting at someone's house, at church, going to a show or play, a craft event, etc.



## Council Meeting Minutes...

*The following minutes were taken by Council Secretary, Teri Green*

**New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting** Date: February 20, 2023 Location: Hollandale @ Parsonage

**Attendees:** Judy Watrud, Beck Johnson, Chuck Meyer, Dan Hittesdorf, Jay Massey, Kelsey Chrowstowski, Pastor Chris, Teri Green and Gary Whitford-Holey via Zoom

**Our Vision:** *We invite ALL people to join our community of Christ as we grow in faith, serve and Worship God.*

**Our Mission:** *Serving God by sharing, teaching and connecting people to God with Jesus in our hearts.*

Devotion & Prayer: Pastor Chris led us in prayer. January meeting minutes were reviewed, Dan made a motion to approval the minutes and Kelsey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Review of Board/committee reports - Trustees report on insurance increases. Board of Ed., would like to finish the Sunday School year in Pastor Chris read through Living & Working Together as a Church Council.

Treasurer's report stands approved as read. Correspondence: ELCA, Synod, Bethel Lutheran, Lutheran Social Services, Lutherdale- presented by Chuck. Transfers/New Members: none Visitors: none

### Old Business

- ♦ Designate coverage for Lenten meals prior to Worship. Trustees are covering 1<sup>st</sup> meal 3/1, Board of Deacons 3/8, Women's Group 3/15, Board of Education 3/22, and Executive Team 3/29
- ♦ Easter Plans are set- breakfast from 8:30 am -9:30 a.m. with one Worship service at 10:00 am at the Blanchardville Site. There will be no sunrise service this year. Breakfast will be served by the Confirmation students and any High school students who'd like to assist. The Confirmation students will also host the last Living Supper on Maundy Thursday at 7 pm in Hollandale.
- ♦ Reminder: Change in worship times/location will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> as we will be rotating every 3 months. 8:30 - Hollandale & 10:30 - Blanchardville. Sunday School will stay in Hollandale
- ♦ Chicken BBQ update- Still looking for a few chairs for the event. An article was put in the Visitor and in other forms of communication.
- ♦ Scholarship discussion - this is tabled at the February meeting.
- ♦ Chili cookoff update- very successful. Event raised \$889.75. Would consider doing this annually.

### New business:

- ♦ Welcome new members to council. Review constitution/bylaws with new members so folks know what the responsibilities are.
- ♦ Pastor Chris would like to utilize Henderson Memorial designated funds for the paschal candle that was ordered recently. Motion to redesignate the Henderson Memorial funds from Sparks to the paschal candle and the remaining funds to the general fund, was made by Dan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy. Motion carried.
- ♦ Trustees chose to renew insurance policy thru Accuity and what that entails. Trustees talked and voted on this at their recent meeting.
- ♦ Council approved the "back in black" letter being sent, including ACH information to encourage consistent year round giving.
- ♦ 4 Guys in Dinner Jackets planning to come to Blanchardville for a show. New Hope Lutheran to sponsor this potentially at Blanchard Hall. Tickets would be sold, New Hope Lutheran would make a profit. (envision different groups at church being involved in some way or another either help with serving or potential food). Date is pending at this time.
- ♦ Update Council Member's contact info.
- ♦ Signature for Bank

### Informational:

Items for weekly bulletins need to be in the office by Tuesdays  
Visitor articles are due by March 17<sup>th</sup> ??

### Dates to remember (Subject to change):

- Kleppe Baptism 3/19-
- Sugar Creek 3/12 attending both services
- Family Movie Day on 3/19 - @

### Next meeting:

March 20<sup>th</sup> @ Blanchardville

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Jay and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Motion carried.  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

## Board of Trustee Report. . .

### **Board of Trustees minutes from 2-13-2023 meeting**

Present: Pastor Chris, Rodney Kurschner, Dan Hittensdorf, Jay Massey Visitors: VP Chuck Meyer, Treasurer Becky Johnson

- ♦ Welcomed Jay to the board.
- ♦ Voted Rodney Kurschner to the position of Chairperson.
- ♦ Shared the bylaws with everyone and went over the responsibilities according to the bylaws.
- ♦ We discussed wooden signs at the entrance to the village of Blanchardville.
  - The sign on Hwy 78 coming from Argyle is leaning and needs to be resupported.
- Discussed the options for the heating loop in the parament room. Considering rerouting the water pipe to prevent freeze ups.
- Welcomed the visitors to the meeting to discuss the building insurance options. Current policy year ends on February 17. We had two quotes on the table: one from our current insurance company, Acuity, with quotes for two different deductibles. The other from Hastings. We voted to remain with Acuity as the two quotes were within dollars of each other and there was uncertainty that the Hastings quote might increase once buildings were reaccessed.
- Becky also informed the board of our money issues, currently we are about \$5000 behind for the year. The board gave direction on priority of payments. We discussed the possibility of the need to send out a “Back in Black” letter to the congregation.

## Board of Education Report . .

### **Board of Education Meeting: 7:30pm Hollandale Feb 13,2023**

- Kara is our chairperson and main person to contact if any questions arise.
- Sugar Creek Camp coming to church March 12th
  - o Camp talk in Sunday School
  - o Speaking in Church
  - o Scholarship for the kids to attend camp (anonymous donation)
- Sunday School talk about leaving at 9:30 before late lecture to have at location.
  - o For example: Late service in Blanchardville Sunday school will be hosted at Blanchardville. (allows for less stress and people being late for picking kids up from sunday school and wanting to attend church at the late service)
  - o Curriculum ideas:
    - ✦ Program in Spring (Gina has ideas)
    - ✦ Rotational (3-4 weeks long)
    - ✦ SparkHouse -leaflet \$6 each
    - ✦ SparkHouse-digital \$180/year w/ access to everything
    - ✦ Teacher learners-digital option
    - ✦ Learners available for purchase
  - o Having a curriculum hoping to allow for more parents or subs to step up and help with Sunday school. With having all materials ready to go.
- VBS will be located in Blanchardville August 19th?
  - o Hopefully at the Upper Shelter of McKeller Park, but the church will always be available.
  - o Looking at holding 1 day on a Saturday instead of 4 nights during the week. To dodge summer rec and other activities during the week.
  - o Looking at buying some other churches old curriculum for a reasonable price
  - o Anyone have any leads or different ideas?

- Rally Day August 27th
  - Held at the church again
  - Confirmation kids helping
- We were discussing youth events and fun trip days also at fundraising ideas for the youth.
  - Mission trip-hoping to finalize the last of the spots this week (week of 2/13)
  - Chili Cook off-heard lots of great feedback, little to no cost and great fundraising opportunity.
  - National Youth Gathering-New Orleans (high schoolers)
- ✦ July 16-20th 2024
  - Spaghetti Dinner
  - Bingo (kids and adults), maybe Euchre tournament as well
  - "Youth auction"
  - Rummage sale
- ✦ Brat sale-confirmation kids
  - Shoe box brat sale-held on Saturday's and who do we contact to possibly getting a spot?
  - Meal and pie auction after church one Sunday maybe after a joint service
  - April 22nd highway clean up (earth day)
  - April 6th living last supper
  - March 19th-looking at doing a movie/popcorn day or bowling day. Have to check if the alleys are open on a Sunday.

Next Meeting March 13th Blanchardville @ 6pm



Don't forget to  
**SPRING  
FORWARD**  
on March 12th

# New Hope Lutheran — Blanchardville & Hollandale

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## March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B- Blanchardville Site H- Hollandale Site			1 -12 noon- Bible Study @ H -530-6:30 pm Meal @B Served by Trustees 7pm Worship @ B 7:30 pm Choir @ B	2	3  <i>Pastor Sabbath Day</i>	4 Pecatonica Area Food Pantry Open 10 am –11 am
5 8:30 a.m. Worship@B 9:30 a.m. Sun. School@H 10:30 a.m. Worship@H	6 -Pastor in office 9.- 12:30 -Church office open 930-12	7 <i>Pastor Text Study</i>	8 12 noon- Bible Sdy @ H -530-6:30 pm Meal @B Served by Deacons -530-7 Food Pantry open 7pm Worship @ B 7:30 pm Choir @ B <b><i>Easter Flower orders due</i></b>	9	10  <i>Pastor Sabbath Day</i>	11
12 8:30 a.m. Worship@B 9:30 a.m. Sun. School @H 10:30 a.m. Worship@H <b><i>Special Guest: Sugar Creek</i></b>	13 -Pastor in office 9.- 12:30 -Church office open 930-12 -Board of Trustee Mtg @ 4 pm in Hollandale - Board of Ed Mtg @B 6pm	14 <i>Pastor Text Study</i>	15 12 noon- Bible Study @ H -530-6:30 pm Meal @B Served by the Women 7pm Worship @ B 7:30 pm Choir @ B	16	17  <i>Pastor Sabbath Day</i> <b><i>Newsletter Articles Due</i></b>	18  Pecatonica Area Food Pantry Open 10 am –11 am
19 8:30 a.m. Worship@B 9:30 a.m. Sun. School @H 10:30 a.m. Worship @H w/ Kleppe Baptism 1230-3– Youth Movie/Ice Cream @ B	20 -Pastor in office 9.- 12:30 -Church office open 930-12 Council Meeting 7 pm @ Blanchardville Site <b><i>Newsletter Articles Due</i></b>	21 <i>Pastor Text Study</i>	22 12 noon- Bible Study @ H -530-6:30 pm Meal @B Served by Board of Ed 7pm Worship @ B 7:30 pm Choir @ B	23	24  <i>Pastor Sabbath Day</i>	25
26 8:30 a.m. Worship@B 9:30 a.m. Sun. School@ H 10:30 a.m. Worship@H	27 -Pastor in office 9.- 12:30 -Church office open 930-12	28 <b>Newsletter assembly by Hollandale volunteers</b>  Pastor Text Study	29 12 noon- Bible Study @ H -530-6:30 pm Meal @B Served by Exec Council 7pm Worship @ B 7:30 pm Choir @ B	30	31	April 1st  Pecatonica Area Food Pantry Open 10 am –11 am