

THE VISITOR

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

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



On August 19th, we held a one (full) day Vacation Bible School event and had over 30 children register to attend! Some are missing from this photo, but we think it's safe to say fun was had by all. They learned about Jesus with crafts and songs. Special thanks to Amanda Anderson for leading this event and to ALL who helped make it possible whether donating money, supplies, your time or your talent the day of. Additionally, Backpack and school supplies were available to any child who came to this event. The additional supplies/backpacks were dispersed to both the Pec Elementary & Middle/High School. Our communities are simply amazing! These school supplies were provided by New Hope Lutheran Youth but were provided with funds donated by the generosity of our local community! A very special thank you to Lands End for the backpack donations! We should all feel SO blessed & fortunate that we live in such caring & giving communities.

Semi Annual
Meeting date:
October 15th
following a 10:00 a.m.
Service at the
Blanchardville Site.
Coffee, Desserts & Ice
Cream will be served
following the meeting

Sunday School starts October 1st, 2023!

Calling all kids grades 4k thru 6th grade. Sunday School starts on October 1st 9:30 a.m to 10:15 a.m. We'll meet for Oct, Nov & Dec at the Blanchardville Site. We're hitting the ground running from the start as we'll have a Fall Sunday School Program on Sunday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Blanchardville Site.

Worship Times July—August— and September
Blanchardville Site at 8:30 a.m. Hollandale Site at 10:30 a.m.

Good September Everyone,

I'm sure you noticed by now that whatever I am reading, watching, or listening to finds a way into my sermons and my columns. This month I am thinking of Jesus' parables that refer to lost things and people. The reason for this is because I am looking around on Sundays and am wondering who hasn't found their way back to weekly worship? Who is lost, wandering around in the ease of an unrushed Sunday morning? Or are they lost, is there a reason they have decided to stay away? You should read the devotion of the lost sheep in this month's Visitor.

As this theme of lost is running through my mind, I became intrigued by and started reading a book titled, "One Lost Coin: How God's Love stretches to the margins" by Pastor Emmy Kegler. This book is her own story but within her story also lies our stories and ultimately God's story. Let's take a look at this story of the lost coin and in fairness to Pastor Emmy, a lot of this will be me using and paraphrasing her words.

Let me start with a question, how do you lose a coin? They can't get lost by themselves. They can't roll away on their own. They get lost because their owners aren't careful. They get lost because they lose their luster, they get dirty, covered with lint and dust, they go unnoticed and eventually get knocked to the floor, kicked to the curb, lost in the mud beneath the bleachers. Unfortunately the church and church leaders throughout the years have been culpable in treating people the same way. They saw our value as something to be squandered, something to be careless with. They saw the beauty of our bodies as something to be used, but our wounds and trauma a something to be whitewashed over. The church, the body of Christ, has found ways to abuse, accuse, beat down, and exclude us until we are covered and hidden in layers of other people's indifference. But God, in big and little ways, has picked up a woman's broom and swept every corner of creation. God, in big and little ways, has tucked up her skirts and flattened herself on the floor, dug through the dust bunnies and checked every pocket. God has found us, dustier and rustier and without any luster, and held us up to the light to say: **No matter how you rolled away or what corner you were dropped in, you are mine.**

You are and always will be a Child of God. Loved more than you will ever know. No matter how dirty and filthy, lost, or forgotten you might feel, God's love for you will never be any less.

God's peace be with you, Pastor Chris

God's Work Our Hands Day is Sunday, September 10th

There will be an Outdoor Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. at McKellar Park— Upper Shelter

Following Worship, we'll work together to package up school kits.

Our goal this year is to package 200 school kits for Lutheran World Relief! Thank you to all who have donated items for these kits.

Once we are done assembling the kits, we'll enjoy a Potluck meal together. Please bring a dish to pass. Utensils will be provided.

Invite your friends, the more the merrier. It's always a great time for fellowship!



Monthly Coffee with the Pastor

Pastor Chris will begin holding a monthly "Coffee with the Pastor" hour on the first Thursday of the month, from 8:30am to 9:30am at the Main Street Sip located in Blanchardville. This coffee hour is meant to be a time of informal fellowship, anyone who wants to stop by for coffee and conversation is welcome.

Sunday Worship 8:30 in Blanchardville & 10:30 in Hollandale

July– August– September

Sunday Worship Assistants

-September 3rd:

Readers: (B) Ellen Syse (H) Vicki Chrostowski

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Jerry & Becky Kesler (H) Vicki Chrostowski

Communion: (B) Kathyryn Kammerdue (H) Vicki Chrostowski

Altar Committees:

Blanchardville Site:

Ellen Syse

Hollandale Site:

Wayne &
Jean Christen

Musicians:

Bev Lien,
Becky Johnson &
Marlys Hittesdorf

-September 10th:

One Service 10:00 a.m. at McKellar Park

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Greeter/Usher: Gary Whitford-Holey

-September 17th:

Readers: (B) Dottie McGuigan (H) Lisa Toay

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Jerry & Becky Kesler (H) Lisa Toay

Communion: (B) Nancy Meyer (H) Rhonda Kirch

-September 24th:

Readers: (B) Becky Johnson (H) Avery Hughes

Greeters/Ushers: (B) Jerry & Becky Kesler (H) Amanda Anderson

Communion: (B) Nancy Meyer (H) Rhonda Kirch



*New Member Class
following late service in
Blanchardville on
October 8th, 2023*

*Contact the church office
to sign-up!*

Keep in your Prayers:

We remember our members & friends, the sick and the homebound, those recovering or grieving: Kathy Petro, Spencer Olson, Kyeton Kolb, Lisa Hartz (daughter of Elaine & Marvin Engelke) Bev Lien, Jake Worthington, David Hermanson, Vivian Lageson, Jeff Kuschner, Jenne O'Connor, Spencer Olson, Karen Beecher, Vicki Hughes, Roger Kittleson, Donna Arneson, Lyle Klosterman, Mary Carr, Doris Hermanson, and Richard & Peggy Gilbertson. We pray for the family & friends of Volly Berg as they grieve and mourn.

August 2023 Worship Attendance

Sunday	08/06/23	44
Sunday	08/13/23	43
Sunday	08/21/23	41
Sunday	08/27/23	Outdoor Worship

Thank you to all who gather monthly to assemble the newsletters. If this is something you'd like to help with, contact the office today!



Our sincerest thank you to our "church family" for the outpouring of love, prayers and support during this hard time. We were overwhelmed and humbled by the number of cards, meals, visits and those who attended both the visitation and funeral. It is so wonderful to be a part of such a caring group of people when we experience such grief. A special thank you to the New Hope Choir for the beautiful plant that was given in memory of Volly. What a thoughtful remembrance for a person who so loved her plants and flowers! Know that all your kind and thoughtful gestures were greatly appreciated!

*With our sincerest thanks,
Morrion Berg and Family*



New Hope Lutheran
wants to re-ignite
the Stewardship
Team. Be on the
lookout for more
details on this
coming forth soon.



WHAT IS ACH GIVING?

It is a system for automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings account and deposited automatically into the church account. ACH (automated clearing house) forms are available in the church office. Many timely options are possible—weekly, monthly, bi-weekly. Ask the office for more details!

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

THRIVENT POLICY HOLDERS:

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!

Don't let this opportunity to help a cause near and dear to your heart be missed because you didn't get your request submitted. If you'd like assistance, please contact the church office as soon as possible so you can still capitalize on this opportunity before the end of the year.

We realize it can be intimidating to fill these applications out. Tiffany in the office can help! Contact her today to discuss!

Hello Everyone,

September is the month when I typically kick off the new year of Confirmation and every year during Lent we study the Small Catechism. Do you remember your time in Confirmation and studying this? Let me give you a quiz, what is the first article of the Apostle's Creed? "I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth."

Twelve simple words but these words are the foundation for all we believe as Christians. So, to continue the confirmation class, what does this mean? It means that when I say these words I am saying that I believe God has provided me with all that I see, that I am, that I eat and drink, that I have, everything which sustains me. I am saying that everything comes from God's hand without any merit, worthiness, or effort of my own. When you stop to think about it these words are life shaping.

If I can't accept these twelve words as truth, then I really can't move on to the 2nd and 3rd articles. If I can't accept the 1st article as truth, how am I to believe that God can be fully present day in and day out, guiding and sustaining me in my work, in family life, and in all my actions and relationships? In believing these twelve words we are going all in on truly being God's people.

Now, this does not mean that our faith is at all times unfailing or that we live as convicted Christians every day of our lives.

Maybe, the strongest ways to show our belief is through the acts of giving and sharing that we do. But it means that we are focused on this

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF JULY 31st 2023

Financial Information for July:

Revenue \$13,806.61

Expenses \$11,240.18

Revenue over Expense \$2,566.43

*Restricted Contributions \$250.00

Revenue over Expenses Available
for Operations: \$2,316.43

Year to date Financials

YTD Revenue \$100,510.71

YTD Expenses \$104,458.74

Year to date we are behind by \$3948.03

Because of our year to date restricted contributions of \$2362.00 this increases our actual deficit to \$6310.03

belief as being central in our life, that God is all.

The ultimate act of belief may be the financial gifts we share in support of God's work since we would like to cling to the idea that our money is a direct result of our own merit, talent, hard work, and good decision making. So, when we take our money to the altar, place it in an offering plate, or mail it in, we are witnessing to our belief as stated in the Creed. We are offering confirmation of our passion for the spread of the gospel, and we are acknowledging that we are the first gift recipients of all we have and "own."

In a lot of ways, moving past the First article is a major stepping stone in recognizing that the Holy Spirit has moved us to the acceptance of Jesus and his resurrection. Our faith journey is never straight forward, at least mine isn't, but coming to terms with the First article through sincere and joyful giving is central into how we stay grounded in that journey.

God's Peace be with you,
Pastor Chris

Council Meeting Minutes- Minutes taken by: Teri Green

New Hope Lutheran Council Meeting

Date: 8/28/2023 Location: Hollandale Site

Attendees: Pastor Chris Strohm, Church Meyer, Becky Johnson, Judy Watrud, Amanda Anderson, Rodney Kurschner, Jayne Kurschner, Jay Massey, Dan Hittesdorf, Gary Whitford-Holey and Teri Green

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.

Prayer led by Pastor Chris. A motion to approve the July Secretary's Report was made by Jayne and seconded by Amanda, motion carried. The treasurer's report was approved as presented. Treasurer's, Trustee, and Board of Ed reports were presented and reviewed. Correspondence from 2023 Health & Wellness Expo was presented, and we would like to send a representative to this event. No transfers, or new members. Confirm next month's Calendar & Important Dates

New business:

The agenda for the Semi-Annual Meeting (*scheduled for 10/15/23 @ B 10 a.m.*) was discussed. The Sunday School will have a program during service and with the meeting to follow. Coffee, desserts, and ice cream will be served afterward.

Stewardship Committee/Team to be formed. Seeking 4-5 members. Chuck will contact Tiffany to put information in the Visitor and bulletins, along with signs at both Churches.

Old Business:

God's Work Our Hands is scheduled for Sept 10th, 10:00 a.m. Worship with service activity to follow. This service is planned by the Deacons. Potluck meal to follow the service activity.

Homecoming float update (Gary is the point person for Hollandale Homecoming providing vehicle/trailer for Hollandale. Parade is at 2 pm, line forms in front of Sigg Landscape) (Rodney will provide a truck for Blanchardville/Pecatonica Homecoming-parade starts at 12:30 pm).

Logo Contest Update: Congratulations to Avery Hughes! Avery's entry was selected as the new logo for New Hope Lutheran.

Update on items no longer being used at both Blanchardville & Hollandale Sites. A list of items has been created and will be offered to the congregations first and offered to the public at a later date.

Shopping News Update: The Shopping News distribution area is Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette counties. The council agreed to continue listing our church events in the weekly publication.

Informational:

- ♦ The Board of Education & Trustees discussed the okay for Sunday School to utilize the Conference Room & Youth Office.
- ♦ VBS was held on 8/19 and it was successful.
- ♦ Facility Use Requests/Form; changes were made.
- ♦ Items for weekly bulletins need to be in the office by Tuesdays.
- ♦ Visitor articles are due in office Friday, Sept 22nd

Dates to remember (Subject to change):

September 10th- God's Work Our Hands Upper Park- McKellar Park 10:00 am Worship

September 11th - Board of Trustee Meeting @ Blancharville 4pm

September 11th - Board of Ed Meeting @ Hollandale 7pm

September 25th - Council Meeting @ Blanchardville 7pm

September. 30th- 4 Guyz in Dinner Jackets

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan and 2nd by Rodney. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

SEPTEMBER



Carl & Patricia	Schneider	09/11/1952
Kathryn & Tom	Kammerude	09/06/1969
Michael & Diane	Berg	09/20/1980
Michael & Flora	Griffiths	09/13/1986
Ron & Kathy	Linder	09/23/1989
Victor & Sandy	Anderson	09/26/1998
Tiffany & Andy	Bethke	09/22/2007
Tim & Emily	Schneider	09/04/2010
Eric & Andrea	Straehl	09/10/2011
Kristina & Cameron	Hermanson	09/27/2014
Matthew & Sara	Cernek	09/19/2020

September 1	David	Reeson
September 2	Loretta	Gerber
September 3	Chuck	Meyer
September 4	Joanne	Eveland
September 4	Jaime	McCoy
September 4	Arthur	Whitford
September 4	Ronald	Kurschner

September 6	Reginald	Kurschner
September 6	Bob	Becker
September 7	Elizabeth	McGowan

September 7	Richard	Planitkow
September 7	Skylar	Garthwaite

September 8	Diane	Kleppe
September 9	Jerry	Parkinson

September 9	Mark	Chrostows ki
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September 9	John	Doran
September 10	Bo	Leonard

September 11	Sarah	Saether
September 11	Rebecca	Kesler

September 12	Claire	Rundhaug
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September 12	Ron	Krause
September 13	Steven	Herman- son

September 13	Mark	Gilbertson
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September 13	Ken	Norton
September 14	Nedra	Torkelson

September 14	Annika	Becker
September 16	Tom	Kam- merude

September 16	Lyle	Kloster- man
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September 17	Alexander	Bredeson
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September 17	Jennie	Henderson
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September 18	Everleigh	Debaets
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September 18	Thomas	Plantikow
September 19	Rachel	McNeill

September 20	Ranee	Kurschner
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September 22	Cherie	Kurschner
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September 23	Hans	Retrum
September 23	Roger	Kittleson

September 23	Jerilyn	George
September 24	Jennifer	Kumor

September 24	Jeremy	Gordon
September 24	Miranda	Griffiths

September 25	Ashley	Chrostows ki
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September 25	Tracy	Powell
September 26	Riley	Kurschner

September 27	Steve	Pilling
September 28	John	Larson

September 28	Tom	Eveland
September 28	Harrison	O'Connor



Saether Funeral Service is offering a "Lunch and Learn" at Blanchard Hall on Funeral pre-planning & pre-funding. 204 S Main Street, Blanchardville, WI 53516
Register NOW online at Saether Funeral Service Facebook page or by calling 608-523-4247

Brat & Hot Dog Stand!

Wednesday, September 13th
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Kundert's Main St. Market, Blanchardville

Save the date! The Supper Squad for the Pec-Argyle Football Team is having a Brat & Hot Dog Sale to raise monies for the Team Dinners that are served each week. Come out and get your supper all while helping us raise some money!



September Devotional

You have heard the parable of the lost sheep (Matthew 18:10-14). We have heard many sermons on this parable. Here is a slightly different take on it. As you read it and seek the lost to invite them back to worship ask yourself, are you the reason they ran away?

“We found a lamb hiding under a bank of the creek that runs along the back of our property this morning. This is the near bank, which means she could not be seen from our side of the creek - we had to wade the creek or jump the bank to see her. She was not making a sound and it took some careful counting to realize she was missing and some careful searching to find her.

The scene we encountered this morning included all the sheep except four being right where they should be, in the barnyard. But the electric fence at the back of the pasture had been vandalized. It was lying on the ground and had wool all over it. The hay feeder had been flipped upside down, and the water in the waterer was all muddy. Someone had been committing some mischief.

And then this ewe lamb was hiding from us. She was with another older ewe, who was standing in the brush on the far side of the creek, barely visible. You would be excused if you thought that these sheep were up to no good. The evidence is all there. Something had destroyed the fence and these two ewes had made a series of bad decisions that culminated in them leaving the flock and ending up in the creek in the rain. Clearly, these two are bad news.

But that’s only because you don’t know what actually happened. What actually happened is that we have a new 18-month-old sheepdog who will be a good dog someday, but today he was a very bad dog. We left him in the backyard unsupervised for two hours early this morning. Except he didn’t stay in the backyard; he went through a hole in the fence, showing our other two dogs how to follow, and they entertained themselves by running the sheep. The first thing we noticed was when we went to let the dogs in and discovered they were missing. Then we saw a dead ewe lying in the far corner of the pasture. They had run her to death. That’s what led to us counting the sheep in the barnyard; we had to know whether there were any more sheep missing.

The Christians among you should know the parable of the lost sheep. In it, Jesus tells of a shepherd who notices that he is missing one of his hundred sheep, and searches for it until it is found and returned to the flock. If we are being particularly insightful we note that sheep aren’t simply misplaced; they end up where they are by walking, so – we say - this lost sheep had wandered away from the flock, and therefore we should diligently seek out and help those who have gotten to where they are through their own poor decisions. This is probably wrong.

Sheep don’t wander away from the flock. It isn’t in their nature. A sheep who has left the flock left because it was driven away. It was terrified and did not know where to look for safety, so it ran. And the reason it was terrified is usually due to poor shepherding – the shepherd has led the flock to a pasture where there are predators, or has left it out in a storm. Or the shepherd has neglected that hole in the fence and left unsupervised a young, inexperienced sheepdog who is supposed to be a helper but has discovered that terrorizing sheep is darned fun. And then that shepherd went back to bed.

In other words, very often the person we are to seek out is not “lost”, and is not missing because he or she made poor decisions. They left because we drove them away. They did not look or talk or think or love like we do, and we did not create spaces they felt safe in. We looked the other way when they weren’t admitted to school because they weren’t a “good fit”, or they were given a hard time because they were a woman in a man’s job or a man in a woman’s job. We did not invite them into our neighborhoods, or our clubs, or our churches. They were being abused by other members of the flock, wolves in sheep’s clothing, and we did not protect them. They were being harassed by police and we told ourselves that it was their fault for being where they were, behaving how they behaved. If they would just make different choices, they could help themselves.

This lamb was hiding from a predator who terrified her and had killed one of her sisters, and that was not her fault. It was ours.

If you would seek the lost sheep, first admit that you may be part of the reason they aren’t already here.”

Written by Carl Glen Hinshaw.



HOLLANDALE COMMUNITY HOMECOMING
September 9th, 2023

**All are invited to a dinner served by
New Hope Lutheran Women.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Alumni Social at the Fire Station -10:30 a.m.

Dinner @ Fire Station: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

*All are welcome. RSVP's are encouraged.
Please fill out a form with a check \$17.00/
dinner and mail to Hollandale Community
Homecoming, PO BOX 143, Hollandale, WI
53544. Forms are available at each church
site.*

Alumni Program following dinner

Other Events in Town:
Slade Norton Memorial Ball Tournament
at the Park in Hollandale.

Honorary Grand Marshal: Marie Gilbertson
Grand Marshals: John & Amy Thronson

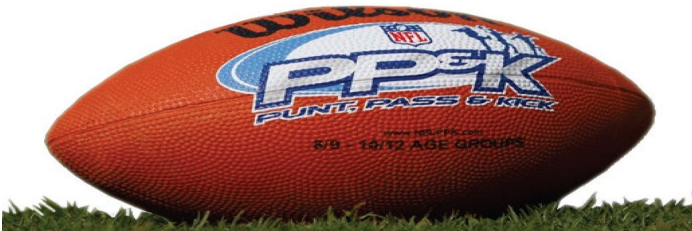
*Gilbertson Grocery/Hollandale Grocery has served
Hollandale since 1958*



**St. Patrick's
Knights of Columbus**

Punt, Pass & Kick

Saturday, September 9, 2023
(Rain or Shine)



HOLLANDALE BALL PARK

3:00 p.m. (following parade)
Boys & Girls 8-12 years old

Homecoming Parades!

Want to help represent New Hope Lutheran? It's important for us to get out into the community and share who we are!

Participate in either (or both!) Homecoming Parades! Hollandale Sept 9th. Parade is at 2 pm, line forms in front of Sigg Landscape. Blanchardville/Pecatonica Homecoming-parade starts at 12:30 pm on Sept 16th. All ages welcome!

Want to donate candy, mini bags of chips, freeze pops, or juice boxes to throw out at parade? Drop them at the church office

3 R D A N N U A L

Slade
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

HOLLANDALE HOMECOMING

Thursday, Sept. 7 • Friday, Sept. 8 • Saturday, Sept. 9 • Sunday, Sept 10

FOOD • BEVERAGES • BOUNCE HOUSE

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

10 Men's Teams • 10 Co-ed Teams

Thursday - Sunday

entry fee - \$125 with 1st-3rd place 100% payout

Contact Callie Norton 608.482.4296

BAGS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Contact Mike Wirth 608.558.3396

or sign up by 11am at the field

PARADE SATURDAY @ 2
DJ SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 6PM-11PM

T-SHIRTS IN MEMORY OF SLADE NORTON AVAILABLE

Update on Hollandale Homecoming Dinner:

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help sign-up to make something or help prepare/serve/clean-up at the Hollandale Homecoming dinner, served by the Women of New Hope Lutheran.

Please have pies and desserts over to the Hollandale Fire Department by 10:00 a.m.

Any cash donations are appreciated to go towards the food we will purchase to make the meal. Thanks again!

- Jean Christen

Jake Worthington Update: Jake (Pec High School Student) was involved in a serious car accident in May. Jake continues his recovery and rehabilitation in Chicago where he is receiving amazing care and working hard to get stronger so he can return to his home and back to school. Please consider sending Jake cards to let him know he's got an army of supporters behind him. He can see these cards in his room every day as constant reminders of our love and encouragement for him and to motivate him to keep up the great work he's doing.

Mail can be sent to:
Shirley Ryan Ability Lab
c/o Jake Worthington
355 East Erie St. #1822
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Thank you for sending your cards, letters, pictures, or drawings to support Jake and his family.

FUN FACTS:

- ⇒ New Hope Lutheran handed out over 90 hot dogs at the Summer Block Party in Blanchardville on Fri. August 11th, 2023! This was made possible from a designated Community Fund that we have at church. It was great to be a presence in the community and be able to share a bit about who we are and what we have going on!
- ⇒ Generous volunteers from New Hope Lutheran delivered some goodies to both Pecatonica Middle/High School AND Pecatonica Elementary on August 17th, 2023. The staff at both schools were VERY excited about this! Thank you to all who helped with this!



- Participate in either (or both!) Homecoming Parades! Gary Whitford has a vehicle for Hollandale on Sept 9th. Parade is at 2 pm, line forms in front of Sigg Landscape. Rodney Kurschner will provide a vehicle for Blanchardville/Pecatonica Homecoming-parade starts at 12:30 pm. All ages welcome to participate to hand out candy/T-Shirts
 - ♦ Donate candy, mini bags of chips, freeze pops, or juice boxes to throw out at parade!
 - ♦ Donate for Lutheran World Relief School Kits:
 - currently need rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors and crayons to reach that goal. Your generosity is AMAZING!
 - ♦ Sign-up to fill in to teacher Sunday School as needed—contact church office!
 - ♦ Help with an event at church on Sept.30th. Will need the following:
 - (3) Men to help move items to set up
 - (2) Ushers—to help seat folks
 - (3) Greeters/Ticket takers
 - Donate Bars, Pies, Cookies
- Contact church office to sign-up*

Newsletter Deadline

If you'd like to submit an article/announcement for the monthly newsletter "Visitor" it is due by **Friday, September 22nd 2023**
Newsletter assembly:
September 28th by Hollandale Area Volunteer Team

Youth News

Confirmation will begin on Sept. 6th at 2:30-3:30 in Blanchardville. We will follow the early release schedule of Pecatonica Schools. This year we will be focusing on the New Testament. An email has gone out to all potential students and parents. Please fill out the registration form and return to the church office.

Acolyte Training: All students entering 5th grade and up who haven't had Acolyte training are invited to attend a training session that will take place on September 24 at 11:30 in Hollandale following the late service.

Sunday School starts on October 1st!

Sunday School class will be from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. First class will be on Sunday, October 1st, 2023. Contact the office to get signed up! For the months of Oct, Nov, and Dec, class will be at the Blanchardville Site. October 15th, 2023- Sunday School program will have a Fall Program "Time Travels thru the Bible" at Blanchardville Site at 10:00 a.m. following the late service.

ELCA 2024 Youth Gathering will take place July 18-20, 2024 in New Orleans. If your child is interested in going please contact Pastor Chris 608-341 5032 or newhope.pastor@tds.net. We would like to meet with all interested peoples to discuss the various travel options, hotel preferences, cost, fund raising and to gauge how many chaperones we will need. We would like to have all attendees registered by September 28th.

Homecoming Parades: We will have floats in this year's homecoming parades. If you would like to ride in the float & hand out candy/t-shirts meet us at Siggs Landscaping in Hollandale on Sept. 9th at 1:50pm and the intersection of Curve and Olson Streets at 12:20pm in Blanchardville on Sept. 16th.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BAPTISM!



Ayvah Hume was Baptized on Sunday, August 20th, 2023 at the Blanchardville Site of New Hope Lutheran.

Sponsors were: Maci Watrud, Sierra Watrud, Brooke Watrud, Johnathan Lee and Dayton Jensen

Ayvah is the daughter of Damen Hume & Cassandra Eidsmoe.

Blessings to you, Ayvah on this special spiritual milestone in your life.



PRICE: ADULTS \$10, CHILDREN 5-12 \$5
CHILDREN 4 & UNDER FREE

SHREDDED PORK, TURKEY DRESSING, HOT DOGS, CHEESY
POTATOES, BEANS, SALAD, ROMMEGROT, PIES & BARS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th

SUPPER 4:30PM-7 AUCTION 7PM

DINE IN OR CARRYOUT COL. ZEKE GARTHWAITE, AUCTIONEER

BLANCHARDVILLE FIRE & EMS COMMUNITY BUILDING
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE



Saturday, September 16
Blanchardville, WI

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 am - 2 pm	Vendor Fair/Activities	Elm Street/ Ryan Hotel Park
12:30 pm	Homecoming Parade Floats are welcome from alumni classes, businesses, and organizations. All floats should demonstrate respect and good sportsmanship.	Main Street
1:30 pm	Social Hour Blanchardville & Pec Alumni and guests are welcome. View alumni class photos on display. Cookie & bar donations are needed. Please bring to Blanchard Hall by 11 a.m.	Blanchard Hall
2 pm	High School Football Game Pec/Argyle Vikings vs River Ridge Timberwolves	McKellar Park
3-10:30 pm	Community Street Dance 3-7 p.m.: Music by Skinny Tree and the Leaves 7:30-10:30 p.m.: Keith and the Klassiks	Main Street All ages are welcome! No admission fee.
5-7:30 pm	Alumni Banquet Dinner & Program 5:00: Social hour 5:45: Welcome 6:00: Dinner & program	Blanchard Hall

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY 9/15
Printable invitations available at
tinyurl.com/BHS-PHS-homecoming

Blanchardville/Pecatonica HS Alumni Association
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The Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets are coming to Blanchardville!

"The Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets® take you on an "Old-Fashioned" road trip with a double shot of nostalgia in their brand-new show! In this energized entrée, the fabulous foursome serve round after round of classic doo-wop and tasty musical side dishes you are sure to relish!"



Date: Sat. Sept. 30th—3:00 p.m.

Location: New Hope Lutheran
Blanchardville Site!

Tickets: \$35

Tickets are available:

- ♦ In Person at church office
- ♦ By Phone 608-523-4239

By mailing ticket order form to the office. Forms can be found at church or online at newhopelutheran.info

Tickets are sold first come-first served. Payment required before ticket is issued.

Local native Reggie Kurschner is ONE of the "Four Guyz" in this show!