

The Anchor Line

September 2024

Hope Lutheran Church

Anchored in Jesus

Living with Joy

Reflecting His Love

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From the Pastor's Desk...

"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."
Proverbs 18:24b (NIV)

One of the great gifts of God is a good friend. For many of us, our earliest memories of school include being a little nervous as we enter a new setting full of strange, new people. We don't know what to do, and we don't know exactly where we belong. But then we meet someone (or perhaps a few someones), and a connection happens. Maybe we find out that they have similar tastes in terms of favorite toys or games. Maybe they like the same color that we do. And a friendship begins. It might last a year, or it might span several decades. But either way, our lives are richer as a result.

Perhaps you've heard the saying, "Friends are the family we choose." With the exception of your spouse, you don't get to choose your family. But friends are the people we love and who love us freely, not out of obligation. Family may stick around because they have to (and there's a blessing in that), but friends are the ones who stick around because they want to.

In the month of September, we are going to consider the ways that Jesus is a friend to us. To call Jesus a friend doesn't take away from the fact that he is our Lord and King. Every knee will bow to Him as the Judge of the living and the dead. But when we consider Jesus as a friend, we focus on His freely

given love to us. Jesus was not obligated to lay down His life for us, and He didn't do it begrudgingly. It was His joy and delight. That's how much He wants to share life with you! And when He says at the end of Matthew's gospel, "I am with you always, to the end of the age," there's no piece of Him that says to Himself, "But I wish I didn't have to be with you." When we speak of Jesus as our friend, we draw attention to the truth that He actually enjoys sharing life with us. He doesn't just love you because He has to. He enjoys you!

And the more you come to know Jesus, the more I believe you will come to enjoy Him as well. When you read the gospels, it is clear that people were attracted to Jesus. Maybe not the religious leaders and those who enjoyed retaining power for themselves. But the average person, the person looking for hope and acceptance, the person looking for a faithful friend? They loved Jesus. That doesn't mean that Jesus didn't challenge them. He frequently said things that they did not understand, and He called them to a way of life that is far beyond our normal capacity. But friends do that, because they want the absolute best for us.

Jesus is the friend unlike any other. May God bless us as we come to know Him more and more this month.

Christ's peace
and joy,
Pastor Baye



*Our Vision at Hope: that we would be a growing, vibrant, praying, caring congregation
– boldly reaching out with Jesus Christ in word and deed.*

Community Engagement Ministry

Submitted by Kim Thompson

Mission of the Community Engagement Ministry – To be Jesus' servants to meet physical, spiritual, and relational needs of the community.

THANK YOU for all the granola bar and breakfast bar donations for the West De Pere School District and the Unified School District of De Pere. The staff very much appreciate the donations as they look to support students in our area!

Hope Lutheran – your partnership sticks together like peanut butter and jelly! Thank you to everyone that donated in support of two great community foods drives – Paul's Pantry in Green Bay and the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry. As you know, Hope seeks to support the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry all year long. You can always find the donation bin for nonperishable food items in the coat room. Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet.

Hope Squares to Share continues to make great progress making granny squares that are then being combined into blankets for new baptized babies in our congregation. Keep an eye on the weekly announcements for the next meeting dates.

The Community Engagement Ministry is continuing the Random Acts of Kindness outreach to our neighboring Foxview students. On September 10th we will be distributing cookies and are planning a distribution for October as well. Due to the ongoing road construction, the October distribution will be a treat handout instead of trunk or treat this year.

The next Community Engagement Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10th, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. If you would like to join, please contact Kim Thompson.

Fall Women's Morning Bible Study

Our Fall Bible Study begins weekly on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. We are looking forward to studying the Gospel of Luke with Lisa Harper's 8-week guidebook and video (guidebooks will be provided). Come and join us! All are welcome! Please bring a friend! If you have questions, please contact Alice Loppnow at 920-680-7893.



Camp Luther Women's Retreat

September 27-29, 2024
Ages 16+

Ladies, Camp Luther would love to welcome you to camp this fall to experience their annual Women's Retreat! Find a community of encouragement and hope amidst the beautiful creation of camp. This year their main speaker is Michelle Diercks, who will be sharing based on the theme of *Promised Rest*. We will be digging into the promises of God and the peace His presence provides, amidst the storms and sorrows of life. If you are looking for a boost of encouragement in your walk with Jesus along with a hefty dose of laughter, then we hope you will join us this fall!

Additional information and registration can be found on Camp Luther's website:
www.campluther.com/adults

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Weston, Wisconsin. Registration & morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon.

Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah" which is included with each registration. Dr. Lessing currently serves in various roles such as The Edwin F. and Esther L. Laatsch Chair of Old Testament Studies, and Director of the Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia University in St. Paul just to name a few.

The \$40 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, lunch and Dr. Lessing's book. Registration deadline is October 1st. A freewill offering will be collected to support Peru missions. Registration forms are available on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under "Events and Info".

Hope's Health Corner

Happy September! Quick check in – how are you feeling? Have you noticed a runny nose, a cough that won't go away, body aches, fever? Could be the flu, could be a cold... or maybe it's Covid?

Just when we thought things were normal again: healthcare professionals without their masks, football stadiums filled, school dances, weddings, and church services carrying on as they were before the pandemic; even this year's Olympics in Paris seemed normal with no special Covid precautions. But did you know some of the athletes were competing with active Covid infections? Here locally, we've seen an uptick of Covid infections as well. In the last two weeks of August, our area saw a 15% increase in positive tests – and that's just in people who went and got tested. So many of our friends and family have been under the weather and did **not** get tested. So, it seems while the pandemic is done, Covid continues to be a part of everyday life – just like the flu.

Friends, Covid isn't going away, but the CDC has taken steps to update guidance on how to manage. The good news is we've learned so much about Covid since it began four years ago. The new CDC guidelines combine all respiratory viruses into one category and ends the "stay home" period based on symptoms and not testing. The short and sweet is that when you feel better, you are free to move around. If you are feeling unwell, stay home until you start feeling better. The following snapshot may help understand what's new:

Respiratory Virus Guidance Snapshot

Core prevention strategies

- Immunizations**: Illustration of a woman with an arm band.
- Hygiene**: Illustration of a woman washing her hands.
- Steps for Cleaner Air**: Illustration of a window with a fan and a plant.
- Treatment**: Illustration of an elderly man on a phone with a pill bottle.
- Stay Home and Prevent Spread***: Illustration of a woman in bed.

Additional prevention strategies

- Masks**: Illustration of a person wearing a face mask.
- Distancing**: Illustration of two people with a dashed arrow between them.
- Tests**: Illustration of a person using a nasal swab test.

Layering prevention strategies can be especially helpful when:

- ✓ Respiratory viruses are causing a lot of illness in your community
- ✓ You or those around you have risk factors for severe illness
- ✓ You or those around you were recently exposed, are sick, or are recovering

***Stay home and away from others until, for 24 hours BOTH:**

- Your symptoms are getting better
- You are fever-free (without meds)

Then take added precaution for the next 5 days

Remember, if you don't feel well, stay home. The same rules apply whether it's Covid, influenza, RSV or a common cold.

Stay well!

Leighann Heling, BSN, RN and Bryan Carlson, BSN, RN
Hope Lutheran Parish Nurses

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/respiratory-virus-guidance.html#cdc_generic_section_1-cdcs-respiratory-virus-guidance

Sunday School & Youth News

Sunday School is back for the year! We're starting back up on Sunday, September 8th. This year's theme is Jesus: Our Forever Friend. The theme verse for the year is Proverbs 18:24b (NIV) *"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*

Each month, Sunday School will have a verse of the month. The verse for September is our theme verse, Proverbs 18:24b (NIV) *"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*

Every Sunday School year, the kids collect money for different missions both locally and nationally. The Sunday School offering for the first two months is going to help offset the price of Sunday School supplies.

ABC Festival

It might seem like the ABC Festival is still some time away, but now would be a great time to start collecting items for the auction and preparing baskets! More details regarding the event will be released as it draws near, but for now, mark down November 2-8 as the dates for the auction with Saturday, November 9th, being the main event with chili and item pick up!

Vacation Bible School

Co-Directors: Megan Baye and Mandy Dombrowski

SCUBA VBS was a great week of diving into friendship with God! We hosted 76 students and had over 40 volunteers engaged. We are so thankful for our wonderful leaders and volunteers. We are also thankful for Hope congregation's support of Vacation Bible School. Our final day of VBS celebrated that God is a friend for EVERYONE as we talked about John 3:16 *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* We pray that VBS and the Holy Spirit have planted this message in the hearts of our volunteers and participants. THANKS, GOD!

MISSION and OFFERING for VBS: During VBS, the students were invited to show Jesus' friendship by bringing an offering to our VBS mission: Friends at School. Throughout the week participants brought in notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, highlighters, paint, and glue to bless the students in need in our De Pere schools. Thank you for the donations that were added to the collection during VBS.



The poster features a background of musical notes and a treble clef. The text is arranged in several white circles and a large script font. The main title 'Hope Choir' is written in a large, black, cursive font. To the right, a large white circle contains the text 'ALL are Welcome to join!'. Below this, a smaller white circle contains the text 'Choral anthems are performed at select services on Sundays at 8:00 AM and other special services'. To the right of that, another white circle contains the text 'Rehearsals held on Wednesdays at 5:30pm from Sept-Apr/May begins 9/4/24'. At the bottom, a white banner contains the text 'For more info contact Terry Brennan at tmbrennan22@gmail.com'.

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To all those who served at Hope in August, thank you for offering your time and talents in service to the Lord. We praise Him for giving you the gifts you possess and the heart to share them. Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet among us. You are needed and appreciated.

Happy Anniversary!

Evan & Dylan Polkinghorne	9/4
Kathy & Ken Stephenson	9/4
Nicole & Phillip Habel	9/10
Rick & Susan Haegele	9/11
Phil & Pam James	9/12
Walker & Ashley Flannery	9/13
Eric & Kerry Loppnow	9/16
Joshua & Laura Mier	9/17
Nan & Don Bongers	9/22
Kody & Morgan Sebo	9/22
Roger & Millie Grueb	9/25
Beth & Keith Vande Hey	9/28
David & Mary Mellem	9/29
Miranda & Cody Peters	9/30



Happy Birthday!

Lacey Bratz	9/1
Matthew Krainik	9/1
Vicki Campbell	9/3
Darlene Raddant	9/3
Lucas Halbach	9/5
Amy Koffarnus	9/5
Shirley Hendricks	9/7
Wade Flannery	9/8
Jessica McCormick	9/8
Leighann Heling	9/12
Griffin Schroeder	9/13
Nathan Baye	9/14
Ross Helein	9/14
Kim Thompson	9/16
Kristin Simons	9/17
Nathan Hengel	9/18
Nicole Lemke	9/18
Jennifer Vande Hey	9/18
Marilyn Sanders	9/19
Mason Schuld	9/19
Melissa Carlson	9/20
Gary Koomen	9/20
Lydia Nelson	9/21
Terry Brennan	9/22
Joey Bratz	9/23
Randy Burhite	9/23
Noah Pieper	9/23
Adam Ford	9/24
Donesha Hillmann	9/24
Tia Splittgerber	9/24
Judy Muniz	9/25
Miranda Peters	9/25
Sarah Thompson	9/25
Effie Fink	9/27
Dariann Novitski	9/27
Sharon Hillmann	9/29
Heather Ryczek	9/29

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship	2 Office Closed for Labor Day 7:30 PM Moms of Hope	3 First Day for 3K 7:30 AM Breakfast w/the Bible @ Oak Street Café 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	4 First Day for 4K 5:30 PM Confirmation Orientation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Elders	5	6	7 9:00-12:00 Hope's Day to Work at De Pere Christian Outreach Intake Room
8 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship	9 6:00 PM Special Voters' Meeting 7:00 PM Council	10 7:30 AM Breakfast w/the Bible @ Oak Street Café 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Community Engagement 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	11 5:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Worship	12	13	14
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22 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship DPCO Food Pantry Collection	23 6:30 PM Education Ministry	24 7:30 AM Breakfast w/the Bible @ Oak Street Café 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	25 5:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Worship	26	27 No AOH Preschool	28
29 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship	30			<p align="center">Publication Information:</p> <p align="center">Bulletin information is due Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p align="center">Newsletter information is due by 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.</p> <p align="center">Please call the church office or email office@hopedepere.org.</p>		