

The Anchor Line

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Hope Lutheran Church

Anchored in Jesus | Living with Joy | Reflecting His Love

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From the Pastor's Desk...

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! – 1 John 3:1a

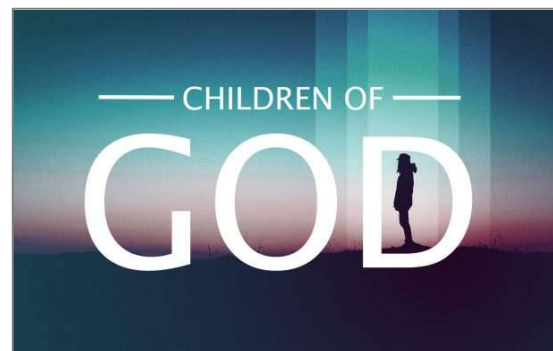
Happy September to you! As you read this, many families (perhaps yours included) are sending kids back to school – or off to school for the first time. The summer is coming to a close, and weeks of relaxation give way to the more standard rhythms of daily work and rest. At Hope, September marks an exciting time of ministry each year, with our Angels of Hope Preschool coming back into session, Sunday School starting up again, Confirmation classes, Bible Studies, and opportunities for our youth to come together on a weekly basis.

With so much to **do** at home, work, school, and church, perhaps it's wise to start by remembering what God has called us first to **be**. St. John writes that, because of the Father's lavish love demonstrated through His Son, we are called the children of God. What amazing news! We who by nature have no right to demand any good thing from God have received all good things as a gift – and above all, a place in the family. This is all grace; it's given before we've done anything good, and it's given despite our failures. It's all because of Jesus.

And because we **are** the children of God, we do what children of God **do**. We learn and grow in Jesus as we gather around His Word. We develop the gifts and talents God gives us. And we love God and one another as we serve with the strength He supplies – not so that we can impress God or balance out our bad moments, but because we are His children, loved lavishly for Jesus' sake!

God bless you this month, and may all that you **do** flow joyfully from the truth of what God has called you to **be** by His grace.

Christ's peace and joy,
Pastor Baye



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 the granola and breakfast bar donations for our school districts! The staff very much appreciate the donation as they look to support students in our area.

The peanut butter and jelly collection concluded at the end of August. **THANK YOU** for the generous donations to help the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry and our local Green Bay food pantries.

Community Engagement Ministry will continue the random acts of kindness outreach to our Foxview students. We are ready to go with a "Sharp Pencil" treat for September after school starts.



As the school year starts, think of some positive messages you can share with students in your lives:

1. That took patience – you stuck with it!
2. You worked really hard on that!
3. You figured it out all on your own.
4. You made a thoughtful choice.

Hope's Health Corner

"Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."
Proverbs 11:14

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the final days of summer! As we begin to look toward the start of the school year and the shift into fall routines, we want to take a moment to talk about something that has been showing up in local news and public health circles lately—**measles**.

Wisconsin has recently recorded its **first measles cases of 2025**—nine individuals in Oconto County, all exposed during out-of-state travel and from a single source. No public exposure sites have been identified so far, and public health officials assess the **risk to the community as low**. Still, this event serves as a crucial reminder—especially as the school year begins.

Measles, also known as rubeola, is a highly contagious virus that can spread very quickly, especially in places where people gather closely—like schools, shopping centers, and community events. It starts with symptoms that may seem like a regular cold: fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. But what makes measles stand out is the rash that follows, usually starting at the hairline and moving downward. The fever can get quite high, and it's not uncommon to feel extremely tired and uncomfortable for several days.

Most healthy people recover fully, but measles can lead to serious complications, especially for young children, pregnant women, and those with weakened immune systems. Pneumonia, brain swelling (also called encephalitis), and even death can result in severe cases. That's why prevention is so important.



The good news? **Measles is preventable**. The MMR vaccine (measles, mumps, rubella) is safe and effective, and it's been a major reason why we've seen fewer cases in recent decades. However, with travel increasing

and vaccine rates dropping slightly in some communities, we've seen a small but concerning rise in measles outbreaks.

Here are a few steps we can all take:

- **Check your vaccination status.** Adults born before 1957 are generally considered immune, but others may need a booster or verification of immunity.
- **Talk to your healthcare provider** if you're unsure about your immunization history or planning to travel.
- **Be mindful of symptoms**—especially in children. If your little ones have a fever and rash, call your doctor before going to a clinic or hospital to prevent spreading illness.

As we face health concerns like this, let's respond not with fear, but with wisdom and grace. If you

have questions or would like to talk more about measles, vaccines, or anything else health-related, Leighann and I are always here for you. Whether it is offering information, praying together, or just listening, please don't hesitate to reach out.

In His care,

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

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 14th, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Weston. 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. Timothy Shoup. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola, will share a message based on his book, *Our Way Home: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer*. The \$35 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, and the catered lunch. Registration deadline is September 26th. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under 'Events and Info'.

Sunday School & Youth News

Submitted by Kaitlyn Gregory, DCE

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 7th. Our verse of the month is Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Our offering for the month of September will go to De Pere Christian Outreach.

Youth:

- Junior Youth will begin on Sunday, September 7th, at 6:00 p.m.! All students in 5th through 8th grade are welcome! Junior Youth will be the first Sunday of every month, with additional events as announced.
- Hope's Senior Youth will be starting up on Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:30 p.m.

Students in 7th through 12th grade are welcome! Senior Youth will be every Wednesday this year, with an event once a month for all youth 5th grade and up.

- Join us for movie night, hosted by the Novitski's, on Saturday, September 13th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be burgers, brats, and lots of fun. All students in 5th through 12th grade are welcome!
- There will be a student and parent meeting for all students in 5th through 12th grade on Sunday, September 21st, at 11:45 a.m., after the second service. We will be discussing upcoming youth ministry opportunities including fundraising, service events, winter retreat, and summer events including the 2028 Youth Gathering.
- 7th and 8th grade have been invited to attend Late Night at Pilgrim on Friday, September 26th, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Please see Kaitlyn about registration and price.

N.E.W. Lutheran High School's
35th Annual Dinner
AUCTION
Live the adventure!
**Saturday,
NOVEMBER 8TH**
Rock Garden Banquet Hall
1951 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI
SCAN ME
www.newlhs.com



**Sunday,
September 14th
11:45 AM
at Legion Park**

**See the display in
the narthex for
more details and
to sign up!**



**Saturday,
September 20th
at 9:00 AM**

**To clean out the large storage room and
shed at church. Please sign up on the bulletin
board in the narthex.**



WE WANT YOUR RECIPES!

RYAN FUNERAL HOME IS CELEBRATING
100 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH
A COMMUNITY COOKBOOK
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED
TO THE DE PERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SEND US YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE(S)

EMAIL: INFO@RYANFH.COM

MAIL: 305 N 10TH ST. DE PERE

Deadline is 12/31/2025





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
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
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 Zimmermann	9/27
Sharon Hillmann	9/29
Heather Ryczek	9/29

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed 	2 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	3 5:30 PM Confirmation Orientation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Worship 7:45 PM Elders	4	5	6
7 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship 6:00 PM Junior Youth	8 6:30 PM Council	9 7:30 AM Breakfast w/the Bible @ Oak Street Café 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Women of Hope 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	10 5:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Senior High Youth 6:30 PM Worship	11	12	13 4:00 PM-8:00 PM Youth Movie Night
14 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship at Legion Park 11:45 AM Church Picnic at Legion Park	15 6:00 PM Angels of Hope Board	16 7:30 AM Breakfast w/the Bible @ Oak Street Café 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 8:00 AM Newsletter Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	17 5:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Senior High Youth 6:30 PM Worship	18	19	20 9:00 AM Church Clean Out – Help Needed!
21 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship 11:45 AM 5 th -12 th Grade Student & Parents' Meeting	22	23 7:30 AM Breakfast w/the Bible @ Oak Street Café 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM Education Ministry 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	24 5:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Senior High Youth 6:30 PM Worship DPCO Food Pantry Collection	25	26 6:00 PM-11:00 PM Late Night at Pilgrim	27
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