The Anchor Line October 2025 Hope Lutheran Church

Anchored in Jesus | Living with Joy | Reflecting His Love

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From the Pastor's Desk...

"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- Psalm 46:1-3

As I write this, our nation continues to reel in the light of evil events. Charlie Kirk, a well-known activist and Christian evangelist, is assassinated. Children are murdered at a Catholic mass before school in Minneapolis, and still others are wounded at a school in Colorado. A young woman is targeted and killed in North Carolina. Earlier this summer, a Minnesota state representative and her husband were murdered in their home. Each of these events testify to the fallenness of our human nature. Left to ourselves, without the preserving grace of God, we are not safe, nor are we safe to others. Our sinful nature, left unchecked and prodded on by that liar and murderer we call the devil, is capable of doing monstrous things. Who will rescue us from evil – the evil at work in the world around us, and the evil that would seek to overwhelm us from the inside?

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." What a blessing it is to know that we have a God who not only loves us, but who is big and powerful enough to care for us – a God who created the universe, who parts the Red Sea and calms storms and rises from the dead. This God, revealed fully in the person of Jesus Christ, is a God for you in every moment of life – a God who not only knows the chaos and evil of our lives, but who has experienced it firsthand and who has dealt with it forever at the cross. So that we might know at all times that He is good and that we can trust Him. He is close to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18). He is a shield for those who take refuge in Him (2 Samuel 22:31). He is the forgiver of our sins (1 John 1:9). He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).

In Jesus, we can know that "the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress" (Psalm 46:7, 11). Such promises give us courage to be people who move toward our neighbor in love and truth rather than retreat in fear. The world needs the light that God has given us. The world needs Jesus as badly as ever. We have Him – better, He has us! We are His church. Let's shine!

GOD IS A
FORTRESS
PSALM 46

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.

Foxview Random Acts of Kindness: If you have ever been at Hope around 2:55 p.m. on a weekday, you know that there are many 5th and 6th grade students that cross our sidewalks as they depart from Foxview Intermediate School. We are starting the school year off with a little "pencil treat" wishing them a "Sharp Year at School". In October, we will share a fall treat.

Shut In Mailings: Volunteers from our ministry faithfully send out a monthly greeting to the Hope Family Shut Ins. These mailings can include cards, bookmarks, Portals of Prayer, and monthly newsletters. Our current volunteer has retired from this role and we are looking for someone that might enjoy this outreach. If interested, please contact Nicole Cieslewicz for more information.

Advent Sunday will be November 30th. Watch for more information on devotionals and family advent activities that Community Engagement Ministry will sponsor.

The next Community Engagement Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, October 28th, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Kim Thompson if you would like to join.

Hope's Health Corner

It's that time of year again when the air is crisp, the leaves are crunchy, and suddenly apples are everywhere. Leighann and I decided that if fall had a flavor, it would definitely be apple-cinnamon (and maybe pumpkin spice lattes too—but apples are a little less controversial).



You'd be surprised at how good apples really are for you. They're full of fiber, which helps digestion and keeps your heart happy, and they're packed with antioxidants, which are compounds designed to protect

our bodies from wear and tear. It turns out that "an apple a day" wasn't just your grandma's wise

advice—it's actually good science!

Now, if you want to go beyond just munching one fresh, making homemade applesauce is simple and a healthy treat. It has less sugar, fewer preservatives, and more love than the store-bought kind, too. Add a little cinnamon, and you've got not only flavor but also a natural anti-inflammatory boost from the cinnamon. And if you brew up some apple cider on the stove, you'll get all the cozy benefits of warmth, hydration, and maybe even lower stress levels. Science says warm drinks can calm us, but we like to think God designed them to feel like a hug in a mug.

We've also been noticing how fall brings people together. There's something about walking through a farmers' market—chatting with growers, admiring pumpkins, and swapping recipes—that fills the

heart. We're reminded in Hebrews 10:24-25 to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds... not giving up meeting together." Sometimes that "meeting together" looks a lot like laughing over a basket of apples.



And don't forget: good health isn't only about food. Being social, spending time outdoors, and sharing meals are just as important for our well-being. Research shows that people who stay connected with friends and community live longer and healthier lives. Ecclesiastes 4:9 says it best: "Two are better than one." Even peeling apples is easier (and more fun) with a friend!

So, this fall, we encourage you to eat an apple, sip some cider, walk the market, and invite a friend along. These little joys nourish both body and spirit—and remind us of the abundance God so lovingly provides.

With joy (and maybe a little cinnamon on our noses),

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

P.S. If you're looking for the healthiest way to enjoy apples: leave the peel on—that's where a lot of the nutrients are hiding!

Sunday School and You#h News

Submitted by Kaitlyn Gregory, DCE

Sunday School:

- Our verse of the month is Genesis 50:20 –
 "you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good".
- Our offering this month will go to Lutheran Bible Translators.
- Our student led worship, Christmas with Sunday School, will be Sunday, December 21st, at 9:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School:

 Mark your calendars for Rainforest Falls VBS July 13-17, 2026!

Youth:

- Feed My Starving Children will be on Wednesday, October 8th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Youth (7th-12th grade) is every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Junior Youth (5[†] –8^{†h} grade) is the first Sunday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 This month it will be Sunday, October 5th.
- Middle School Meltdown: Sunday, October 19th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, we will be having an event for 5th-8th graders. Students can come enjoy games, s'mores, fellowship, songs, and more!

Concordia Plan Services Commences CEO Search

Concordia Plan Services (CPS) has begun the search for its next Chief Executive Officer, following the planned retirement of Jim Sanft after 17 years of faithful service as President and CEO.

The CEO of CPS will lead the organization in serving LCMS workers and ministries by providing strong leadership, financial stability, and a continued focus on service, trust, and innovation. Candidates must be members in good standing of an LCMS congregation and deeply committed to the values and mission of the Church.

For more details on the role, qualifications, how to apply and how to nominate someone, please visit: www.concordiaplans.org/who-we-are/ceo-search

Questions may be directed to Cheryl Johnson, AVP of People Strategies, at 314-885-6818 or Cheryl.Johnson@ConcordiaPlans.org.

About Concordia Plan Services: CPS provides health, retirement, disability, and other employee benefits to workers and ministries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). CPS manages \$5.0 billion in plan assets with over 70,000 plan participants. CPS uniquely serves its church-based constituency with the responsibilities of missional integrity, operational excellence, and financial stability.

ABC Festival

Auction, Bake Sale and Chili

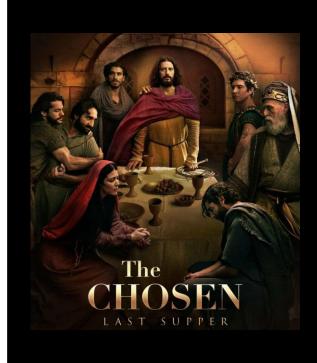
The ABC Festival will be held this year with online bidding. The auction website will be found soon on www.hopedepere.org. Online bidding will start at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 1st, and will end at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7th.

It will be an exciting evening on Saturday,
November 8th! From 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. top
bidders will be able to pick up their winning items.
Come and enjoy the end of the auction and join us
for a bowl of chili or booyah made by our youth
and youth leaders, baked goods sponsored by the
Women of Hope, and participate in bucket raffles
to benefit the "New Ceiling & Lights" project in the
church basement.

The Auction is the largest fundraiser for Hope Youth and Angels of Hope Preschool. If you would like to contribute to the auction, you may donate an item and the proceeds go towards an individual youth's Hope Youth Account, the Youth Program, or Angels of Hope Preschool. All donated items must be brought to Hope's Youth Room by Monday, October 20th, with the donation log found in this newsletter. Items donated after this date will be eligible for the bucket raffle.

Now is the time to start preparing your donations! Please see the letters and forms on display in the narthex for more information.

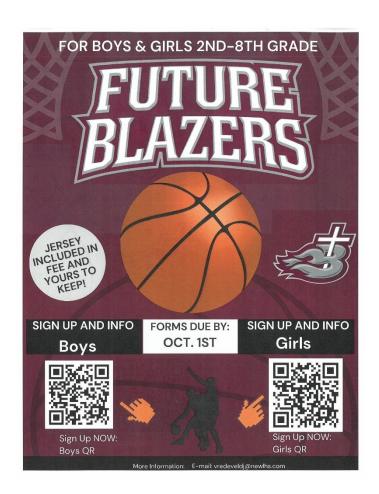
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We invite you to join us at Hope on Thursday nights starting October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. to watch The Chosen, Season 5.

Over eight weeks, we will view an episode and discuss what we've seen.







Please join us for our Friday Night Fish Fry



2025 October 10 November 14 2026 January 9 February 13 March 13 April 10

Doors Open 4:45pm for Dine-In Guests Serving 5-6:30 pm (or until gone) in Gym/Multi-Purpose Room

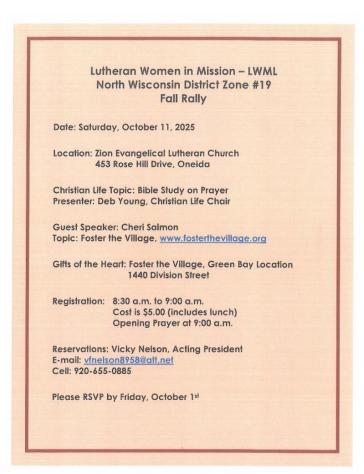
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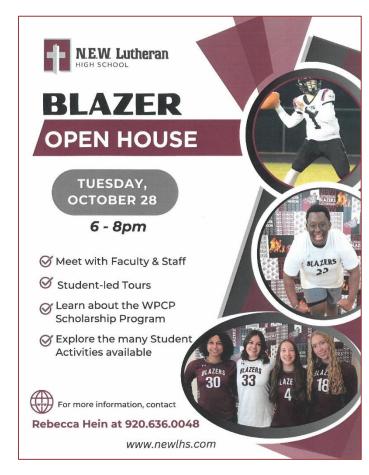
Deep Fried Perch Dinner Baked Cod Dinner Perch/Cod Combination Dinner Chicken Strip Dinner (Kid Size Available)

All dinners include choice of Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, and Rye Bread Dine-in dinners also include soda, lemonade, or coffee

Dessert of the Day is available for purchase (ask your server)

Our Saviour Lutheran Church 120 South Henry Street Green Bay, WI 54302 Carry Outs Available
Call ahead (optional) <u>before</u> 3:00pm
(920) 468-4065 or <u>info@oslc-gb.org</u>
Pick up time is 5:15-6:30pm











To all those who served at Hope in September, we thank you for your gifts of time and talent. Whether you take care of lawn or building maintenance, usher, share the gift of music, serve on a board or ministry group, take care of communion needs, or represent Hope by reaching out to the community, you are needed and appreciated.

Happy Anniversary!

Nick & Nicole Cieslewicz	10/1
Jake & Rachel Doherty	10/2
Matthew & Regan Schuette	10/3
Peter & Janice Bose	10/4
John & Tammy Gossen	10/6
Steve & Beth Siebert	10/7
Jon & Nicole Fawcett	10/10
Christopher & Jessica McCormick	10/16
Rick & Joan Stenklyft	10/17
David & Eileen Gerrits	10/18
Brendan & Emily Potton	10/20
David & Brittany Schneider	10/20
Krysta & Ryan Dickie	10/21
Greg & Rene Ginnow	10/21
Dennis & Renee Day	10/24
Steve & Patti Bertram	10/27



Happy Birthday!

Emma Bergsbaken	10/1
Michelle Burhite	10/1
Robert Marquardt	10/2
Barbara Bloomer	10/3
Laura Mier	10/3
Nichole Habel	10/6
Camden VandeHey	10/6
Darryll Hillmann	10/8
Erika Bertram	10/9
Joleen Bratz	10/9
Roberta Hengel	10/9
Rick Haegele	10/11
Phil James	10/12
William Miehe	10/12
Jake Doherty	10/13
Jayne Schroeder	10/13
Kelsey Sebo	10/13
Chris Nelson	10/14
Paul Edinger	10/15
Mary Mellem	10/15
Clayton King	10/16
Marian Cleven	10/17
Travis Gerondale	10/19
Beth Vande Hey	10/19
Joshua Nelson	10/21
Meredith Jordan	10/22
Judith Becker	10/23
Emmett Gossen	10/25
Eric Ryczek	10/25
Cindi Vercauteren	10/25
Keith Carlson	10/26
Rhett Mortenson	10/27
Miles Carlson	10/28
Nolan Carlson	10/28
Roger Grueb	10/29
Jeff Klatt	10/29
Jason Maschke	10/29
Matt Klug	10/30
Beth Siebert	10/31

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Publication Inform	ation:		1	2	3	4
Bulletin information: Bulletin information is due Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. Newsletter information is due by 8:00 a.m. on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month. Please call the church office or email		5:30 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Senior High Youth 6:30 PM Worship	No Angels of Hope Preschool 6:30 PM The Chosen Season 5	No Angels of Hope Preschool		
office@hopedepere.	org.		7:45 PM Elders			
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