

The Anchor Line

March 2026

Hope Lutheran Church

Anchored in Jesus | Living with Joy | Reflecting His Love

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From the Pastor's Desk...

[Let us fix] our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **Hebrews 12:2 NASB**

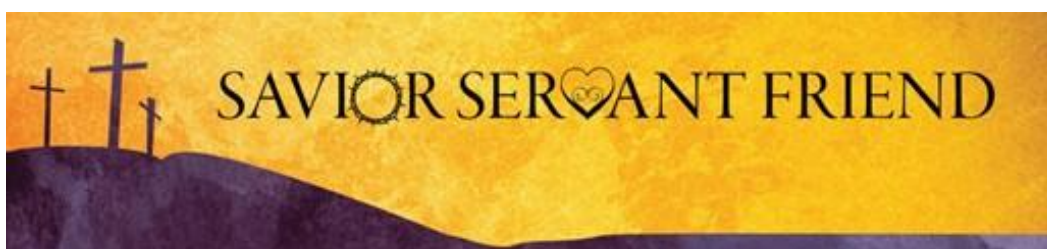
What draws your attention these days? On what kinds of things do your eyes focus? In a given day, we probably think about hundreds of different matters – people in our lives, things we have to do, things we desire to get, etc. In our daily callings, we necessarily focus on all sorts of good and important matters. But when it comes to what *really* matters, when it comes to what gives your life security, meaning, and hope, where do you look?

By the time you read this, the season of Lent will be here again, and with it, an opportunity to refocus. Have I been looking to myself, eyes turned inward, to find meaning and purpose? Have I been seeking to find security by grabbing control of circumstances or trying to control other people? Have I been "looking for love in all the wrong places"? If so, it's time to allow the Holy Spirit to turn my gaze in the proper, life-giving direction: toward Jesus.

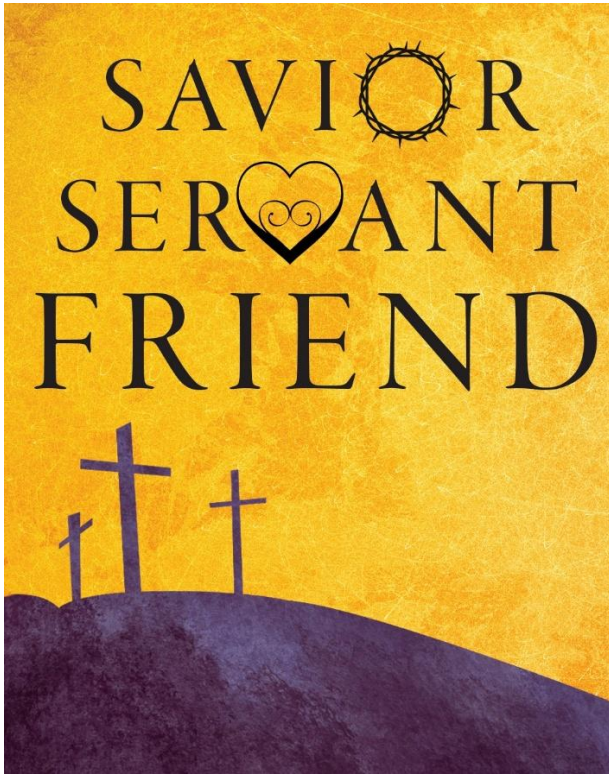
This year, our Wednesday series for Lent is called "Savior, Servant, Friend." We will have the opportunity to consider many of the ways that Jesus gives of Himself to serve us, culminating in His death on the cross for us. What a friend we have in Jesus! In each reading, the Scriptures will invite us to pay attention to Jesus: what He is saying, what He is doing, how He is leading people from various walks of life to find their life and hope in Him. And as we see Jesus through their eyes, I pray that the Spirit will work to draw us to Jesus, too.

God bless you this month! May He especially bless us with the grace to fix our eyes of faith upon our Savior and King.

Christ's peace and joy,
Pastor Baye



Mid-Week Lenten Worship



Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Pastor Kyle Wangelin
Theme: "Forgiver"

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

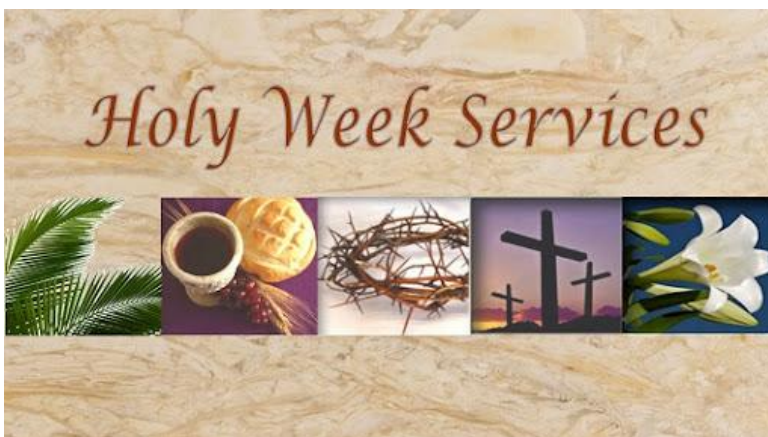
Vicar Kurtis Polodna
Theme: "Listener"
No Communion at this service

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Pastor Larry Yaw
Theme: "Healer"

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Pastor Christian Burg
Theme: "Protector"



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship
10:27 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:30 p.m. Worship

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

1:00 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship
10:27 a.m. Worship

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.



The 2026 Help for the Homeless Hygiene drive continues through March 15th. The 91.5 Christian Radio Station – The Family's annual 'Help for the Homeless' hygiene drive partners with the community to help stock the shelves of 121 homeless and crisis programs in 20 Wisconsin communities. The goal of the program is to supply a year's worth of products to each agency. Donations remain in the community they come from.

Purchase new, unused hygiene and cleaning supplies and drop them off in the boxes that are located in the narthex. Most urgent needs include:

- Soaps: laundry, dish, soft, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo
- Trash bags (shelters especially need these for bedrooms)
- Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups)
- Deodorant (unscented)
- Wet wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Disposable razors
- Tampons and maxi pads

Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet in our community!

NEW Community Shelter Meal: Hope will serve a meal at the NEW Community Shelter on Saturday, March 28th. There are many ways to help with this meal. Please check out the display in the narthex for full details. Some of the options include:

1. Sign up to deliver and serve the meal. This would involve time from 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

2. Sign up to make a container of Sloppy Joes.
3. Donate a dozen buns.
4. Donate Frozen Green Peas.
5. Donate a dozen chocolate chip cookies without nuts.



The NEW Community Shelter is a positive place where people in need can find help to help themselves. In cooperation with others in our community, they give every person access to the many resources they need to overcome their hardships including education, counseling, resources, and in-house services. The life circumstances that lead to homelessness are different for every individual, but every individual's goal there remains the same: to achieve self-sufficiency through self-empowerment. NEW Community Shelter is located in Green Bay. They also offer a Transitional Living Program for those needing extra time and care as they transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency, along with a Community Meal Program which is the only meal program in Brown County that serves dinner year-round and lunch every weekend and all holidays to anyone in the community who is in need. Hope will be a part of this meal program.

Hope's Health Corner

NEW Water, the brand of the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District, reminds you that your toilet is not a trashcan! There are many things we're in the habit of flushing that NEW Water wants us to rethink. Green Bay's Bellin Hospital is even helping get the message out with a **No Wipes in Pipes** campaign.

Medications, chemicals, and hazardous waste down the drain eventually enter the environment. Disposable wipes, dental floss, oil, and grease flushed in the toilet can get caught in household plumbing which can cause basement backups and clog up the pipes everywhere else.

What you put in the toilet may be awkward to talk about, but your parish nurses aren't afraid to get a little mucky talking about the yucky, so here goes:

Lots of people use disposable wipes for comfort and hygiene, especially individuals living with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), chronic diarrhea, hemorrhoids, or limited mobility. Wipes can feel gentler and more effective than toilet paper, which makes perfect sense. When you're dealing with sensitive skin or frequent bathroom trips, comfort counts.

The problem is not the wipe. The problem is where the wipe goes when you've gone.

Despite the word *flushable* on the package, wipes do not break down like toilet paper. They stay strong, tangle together, and cling to pipes with surprising determination. Over time, they clog plumbing in homes and contribute to sewer backups in neighborhoods.

When sewage backs up, it exposes families to harmful bacteria and viruses. Contaminated water can cause gastrointestinal illness, skin infections, respiratory issues, and mold growth. For older adults, young children, or anyone with a weakened immune system, exposure can be especially serious. Repairing damage from flushed wipes can be seriously expensive.

The good news? The solution is simple. It's okay to use wipes. Simply dispose of them in a lined trash can instead of flushing. A small, covered wastebasket in the bathroom keeps things discreet and sanitary.



As people of faith, we care for one another in both big and small ways. Protecting our shared water systems, preventing contamination, and reducing costly repairs are practical forms of loving our neighbors. **No Wipes in Pipes** may not be the most glamorous ministry, but it certainly keeps things flowing in the right direction.

If you have questions about managing digestive conditions, skin care concerns, or infection prevention at home, please reach out.

Caring for creation – one flush at a time,
Bryan Carlson, BSN, RN and Leighann Heling, BSN, RN
Hope Lutheran Parish Nurses

Designated Donations for Hope Lutheran Church

Designated donations may come from memorial monies or from any person who wishes to donate to a specific ministry or group. Undesignated funds will be applied as determined by the Church Council.

The following options are available for allocating such funds:

- Any established ministry, group, or funds of Hope Lutheran Church:
 1. Angels of Hope Preschool
 2. Community Engagement Ministry
 3. De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store or Food Pantry
 4. Education Ministry, including Sunday School or Adult education programs
 5. Men of Hope
 6. Music Ministry – Choir or Praise Team, or the audio and/or visual sound systems
 7. Women of Hope
 8. Youth Program
 9. Vacation Bible School
 10. Other – requires approval by Church Council
- Additionally, Hope has a "Wish List":
 1. Angels of Hope Preschool scholarships
 2. Narthex Furniture – Phase 3
 3. Other – requires approval by Church Council

Please contact Pastor Baye or the Church Treasurer at hopedepetreasurer@gmail.com for further information.

Hope's Door Fob Policy Updated

Please note that Hope's door fob policy has been updated to state:

"This door fob is for my use while participating in an active Hope ministry. If I am no longer on an active Hope ministry or have not used the door fob in more than 1 year, it will be deactivated. If the door fob no longer works, please return it to the church office. If I lose the door fob and need to request another, a \$20.00 replacement door fob fee will be charged at that time."

If you have any questions about this change, please contact Jason Maschke, Safety & Security Ministry Chair.

Sunday School and Youth News

Submitted by Kaitlyn Gregory, DCE

Sunday School:

- Our verse of the month is John 6:35 "Jesus said to them "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall not thirst and whoever believes in me shall not thirst."
- Our offering this month will go to the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry.

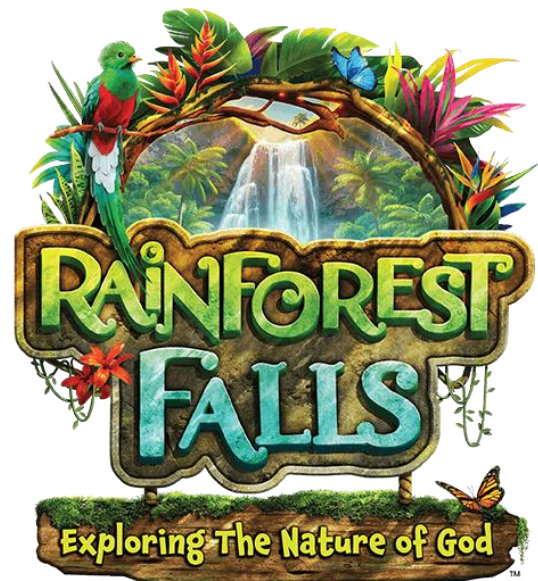
Youth:

- Ignite (5th-12th grade) will be held on Sunday, March 1st, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are going through a curriculum called "Spiritual Conversations" where we discuss what spiritual conversations are and how to have them.
- Embers of Hope will take a pause during Lent, and instead we will have Lenten Youth Huddles following the Mid-Week Lenten service from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for those that would like to stick around for games, snacks, and fellowship.
- A Night of Hope (7th-12th grade event) on Saturday, March 14th: Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church in Greenville will be hosting this event again this year. This event is FREE and includes inflatables, food, comfort dogs, worship, and an awesome LCMS speaker. We will be driving down together at 4:00 p.m. and return by 9:00 p.m.

Interested students can find registration forms in the narthex or talk to Kaitlyn.

- April 5th we will have Easter Breakfast prepared and served by the youth. More information will be coming in the next month.
- April 11th, St Paul Lutheran Church will be hosting a Bible Bowl for all LCMS youth in Wisconsin grades 6th-12th. Teams must be 3-4 students that will compete together. The topic will be the Book of John. If students are interested, please talk to Kaitlyn. Registration is due by March 28th.



Mark your calendars for Rainforest Falls VBS, July 13th through the 17th, 2026!

Registration is now open!

You may register as a participant or volunteer at:

<https://vbspro.events/p/hopedepere>



WE ARE

HIRING

OPEN POSITION

- MAINTENANCE POSITION
 - PART-TIME (10-15 HOURS PER WEEK)
 - PROVIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH



JOIN OUR
TEAM

For the full job description, or to apply, email office@hopedepere.org

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to communicate effectively with Congregation Members, Hope Employees, and outside vendors
- Ability to stand or walk for long lengths of time
- Ability to bend, stoop, and twist in many directions
- Ability to climb ladders
- Ability to lift 50 pounds and carry 25 pounds throughout the building
- Knowledgeable in the safe use of hand tools, electrical tools, and small engine machinery
- Knowledgeable in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and basic maintenance repairs



THANK YOU!

Happy Birthday!

To all those who served at Hope in February, 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!

Jason & Heather Baierl	3/2
Dan & Jane Klug	3/16
Russell & Michelle Ver Haagh	3/31



Tammy Sebo	3/1
Charles Novitski	3/2
Steve Bertram	3/3
Anson Fawcett	3/3
Rick Stenklyft	3/3
Krysta Dickie	3/4
Emma Novitski	3/4
Nancy Mittelstaedt	3/5
Lenore Swalheim	3/5
Sarah Brandenburg	3/7
Kylie Loppnow	3/7
Paula Meyer	3/7
Evan Monfre	3/7
Heather Vang	3/7
Sophia Baierl	3/8
Amanda Novitski	3/8
David Schneider	3/8
Saoirse Cunningham	3/12
Lisa Mason	3/12
Aubrey Steinfeldt	3/13
Jeffrey Leiterman Jr.	3/14
Becky Monfre	3/15
Samantha Rusch	3/15
Hunter Mier	3/16
Brenda Turner	3/16
Harvey Klug	3/17
Patricia Krahn	3/17
Millie Grueb	3/18
Laiken Mortenson	3/18
Brittany Schneider	3/18
Kenzee Burhite	3/21
Samuel Heling	3/21
Corbin Dombrowski	3/22
Nate Green	3/22
Ethan Ryczek	3/22
Kylie Helein	3/25
Elsie Saeger	3/26
Janice Bose	3/28
Ayden Sebo	3/29
David Thompson	3/29
Zac Karbash	3/30

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship 6:00 PM Ignite Youth Meeting	2 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM Moms of Hope	3 7:30 AM Oak Street Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:15 PM Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	4 5:15 PM Choir 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Lenten Youth Huddle 7:45 PM Elders	5	6 AOH Field Trip	7
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15 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved	16 6:00 PM Angels of Hope Board 6:30 PM Praise Team	17 7:30 AM Oak Street Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin and Newsletter Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:15 PM Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	18 5:15 PM Choir 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Lenten Youth Huddle DPCO Food Pantry Collection	19	20 Church Office Closed	21
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29 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:27 AM Worship	30 No AOH Preschool 6:30 PM Praise Team	31 No AOH Preschool 7:30 AM Oak Street Bible Study 8:00 AM Bulletin Submissions Due 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:15 PM Men's Bible Study 7:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	Publication 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 office@hopedepere.org .			