

The Anchor Line

April 2026

Hope Lutheran Church

Anchored in Jesus | Living with Joy | Reflecting His Love

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death... For I am convinced that neither death, nor life... nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 8:1-2, 38-39 (NASB)

It's that time of year again—time to say it loud and proud: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" On April 5, we will gather to rejoice in the event that changes everything forever for us. Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, has destroyed the power of sin and death. These enemies can no longer hold you. In every way that matters, you are free!

And yet, if you are anything like me, the joy of Jesus' resurrection victory doesn't always seem to fill life with never-ending hope and joy. I still get frustrated by a to-do list that doesn't seem to shrink. My weaknesses and failures weigh me down. I get weary... tired. In practice, too often, I treat the news of Easter like good news, but I forget at some level that it is GOOD NEWS—in fact, the best news ever (credit to Christian band MercyMe for that description of the Gospel message).

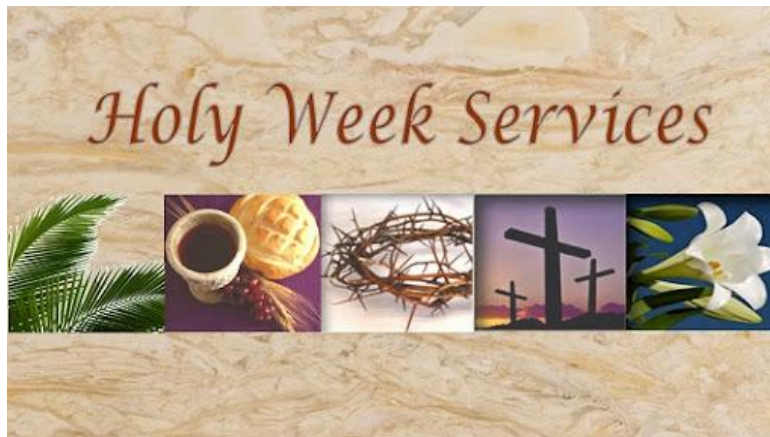
If your plight is anything like mine, I invite you to join me in reading the words above from St. Paul's letter to the Romans slowly. In fact, you would do well to join me in memorizing these words. Hear what is true about you because of Jesus' death and resurrection...

1. **No condemnation.** No matter what you feel, and no matter what others say, this is what's true of you in Jesus. You are acquitted. You are justified. Your failures and shame have been dealt with and taken away forever. You will never be defined by them again.
2. **You are free.** Jesus lives. Sin and death are crushed and defanged. You have a new master now, the Lord of life!
3. **Nothing will separate you from the love of God.** Because Jesus lives forever, He is able to perfectly keep His promise to you: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). We would not be strong enough to hold onto Him, but He is strong enough to hold onto us. This verse is not true because of how faithful you are, but because of how faithful and victorious Jesus is!

Hear these words! Let them sink into your mind and heart! Christ is risen—all is well! May God bless us this month as we celebrate this glorious reality.

Christ's peace and joy,
Pastor Baye

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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



Dirty car? Angels of Hope can help!

- We will be selling Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards!
- April 12th – 25th
- \$36 per card = 5 washes
- Sold between services on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings

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.

**"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
John 16:33**

When we think about our current world and it's conflicts, it can sometimes leave us discouraged, but John 16:33 helps us understand that the world is full of sin and that we turn to Jesus for the ultimate Hope. As we approach Easter, it is such an important message for all of us and for our community.

When I think about community, I am grateful to live in such a great community. One of our ministries at Hope is called Community Engagement Ministry and as our mission states it is the goal to be Jesus' servants to meet physical, spiritual, and relational needs of the community. As Hope members we just engaged in a collection of hygiene products for area homeless shelters, we prepared and served a meal at the NEW Community Shelter, we collected food for the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry, and we have volunteers that set up a collection each month for the end of year DPCO Christmas Store. We strive to organize events at least once a month to share "Jesus' Love."

I would also like to take a moment to highlight some other community activities in our schools – both public and private – that also share kindness and Jesus' love.

NEW Lutheran High School's Advanced Sewing Class worked on making pillow case dresses to send with a mission group traveling to Honduras.



De Pere High School National Honor Society sponsored a food drive in the social studies classes and the proceeds benefited the De Pere Christina Outreach Food Pantry. The students collected and donated over 3,600 items.



As Hope's Community Engagement Ministry invites you to find ways to share the fruits of the spirit in this world this Easter, we recognized our community and schools that join in the effort.

At Easter, we witness the most miraculous thing our Savior has done for us. Having feasted with our eyes, we now bear witness with our hands and our hearts, serving up love, kindness, peace, and forgiveness from our Lord. Watch for more ways to serve at Hope and your community throughout this year.

Foxview Random Act of Kindness: The Community Engagement Ministry reached out to our Foxview student neighbors with a February treat. We will end

the school year with one more act of kindness in May.



College Students: If you have a college student in your family, or are a college student yourself, and are approaching final exams, please pass on their name and address to Kim Thompson, CEM Chairperson.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive: Thank you to all who contributed to the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Both boxes were filled to the top!

Hope's Health Corner

So many of our traditions begin with our faith, and a solid favorite is the classic Easter egg. The egg itself represents life. Whether you love preparing the eggs, helping color them, or simply watching children run with excitement, there's more going on than meets the eye. From young to old(er), all that walking, bending, reaching, and moving around is actually great for physical health. It gets the body moving in a joyful way, which is often the best kind of exercise. Even better, it brings laughter and connection, which are incredibly beneficial for our emotional well-being.

Easter signals the arrival of spring, drawing us outdoors, whether it's for gardening, yard work, or simply enjoying a walk in the fresh air. Time outside can lift mood, ease anxiety, and provide a healthy dose of vitamin D. It's a gentle way to care for both body and soul while being reminded of God's creation.

Of course, Easter wouldn't be the same without gathering around the table. Sharing a meal with family and friends is about so much more than the food. These connection moments with those

around us help strengthen relationships and remind us that we are not alone.

Worship during Easter is, for us, the heart of it all. Singing, praying, and hearing the Word together brings a deep sense of peace and renewal. There's something truly powerful about lifting our voices in praise and being surrounded by our church family. It's a reminder that spiritual health is just as important as physical health, and the two are often more connected than we think.

Easter is a wonderful time to reach out in kindness. A simple visit, a note, or a helping hand can make a meaningful difference in someone's life. We've seen how these small acts not only bless others but also bring a sense of purpose and joy to our own hearts.

As we celebrate the risen Christ, we encourage you to embrace your own family traditions! Share with friends and neighbors how you love to celebrate. These are such meaningful ways we can love one another while recognizing the new life we've been given.

Wishing you a blessed and healthy Easter season, filled with hope, joy, and renewal.

Your Parish Nurses,
Leighann Heling, BSN, RN and Bryan Carlson, BSN, RN



The Trustees are looking for help on **Saturday, April 18th, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** to "spring clean" the inside and outside of our building. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Hope will provide the cleaning supplies – we need you to help provide the muscle! Thank you!!!

Sunday School and Youth News

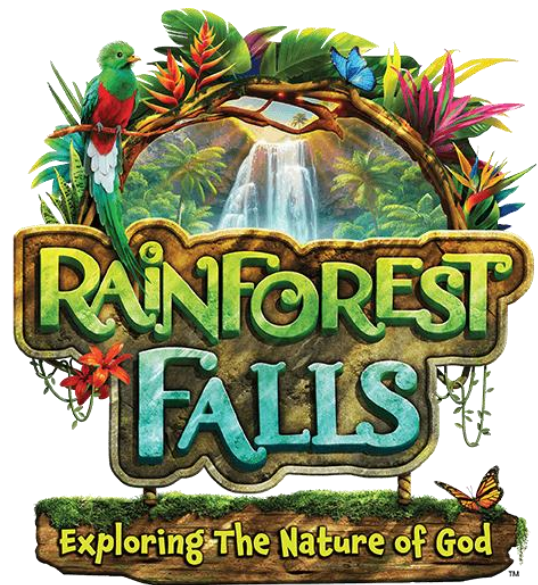
Submitted by Kaitlyn Gregory, DCE

Sunday School:

- Our verse of the month is Acts 1:8 "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- Our offering this month will go to Laundry Love.

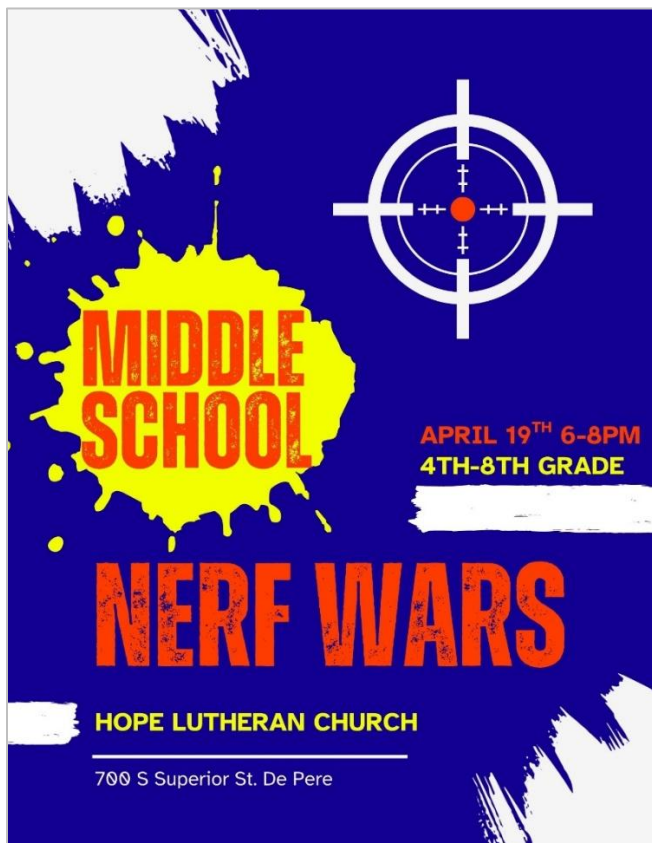
Youth:

- Embers of Hope will be starting up again April 8th on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our last Embers night for the school year will be May 27th.
- April 5th will have Easter Breakfast prepared and served by the youth.
- May 17th beginning at 11:45 a.m. will be our National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting for current 6th-10th graders and their families who are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering July 3-7, 2028, in San Antonio, Texas. Please come learn more about this exciting opportunity, fundraising, and what to expect as we begin to prepare.



July 13-17, 2026
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Registration Now Open!

You may register as a participant or volunteer at:
<https://vbspro.events/p/hopedepere>



Please Save The Date

DE PERE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET

Sunday, April 12

Swan Club 875 Heritage Rd

11:00 Social

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Program/
Guest Speaker



Please RSVP to Amy Murphy or sign up by [Wednesday 4/8](#)
with name, # attending and if you need a vegan meal



Zion Lutheran Wayside AUCTION

27th Annual | 1999-2026

*Invite your
family & friends
for our 27th annual auction!*

A fun night of dinner, fellowship, raffles, auction excitement, and raising money to support various projects at our church and school.



April 18th, 2026

at Van Abel's

8108 County Trunk Hwy D, Kaukauna

5:00 PM Doors Open & Silent Auction

5:00-6:30 PM Buffet Dinner

6:30 PM Oral Auction

Dinner tickets \$30 per person

Purchase tickets in-between church services or contact the church office at 920-864-2463

Donations can be dropped off at church through April 12th

GUN RAFFLE

\$20 Per Ticket

1. Weatherby Element II - 12 Gauge
2. Winchester XPR 300 WIN MAG
3. Taurus Tracker 44 Magnum Revolver

Proceeds from Gun Raffle will go to benefit various projects at the church & school

CASH RAFFLE with 7 Chances to win!

\$25 Per Ticket

Grand Prize \$1,800

2nd Prize \$1,500	5th Prize \$750
3rd Prize \$1,000	6th Prize \$500
4th Prize \$750	7th Prize \$500

Proceeds from the Cash Raffle will go to benefit the new building project.



To all those who served at Hope in March, 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!

Mike & Jody Ebeling	4/3
Adam & Stephanie Ford	4/4
John & Kaitlyn Gregory	4/5
Will & Kristy Fischer	4/14
Linz & Barb Klevesahl	4/18
Michael & Jennifer Kaufmann	4/21
Gary & Joy Koomen	4/22
Scott & Renee Brandenburg	4/27
Chris & Sarah Schroeder	4/30



Happy Birthday!

Charles Zadnik	4/1
Aaron Mittelstaedt	4/2
Quinn Simons	4/2
Renee Day	4/3
Anna Heling	4/3
Jared Fink	4/4
Alice Loppnow	4/4
Zaylee Ford	4/5
Bonny Schmidt	4/6
Griffin Dombrowski	4/8
Brian Schmidt	4/8
Jody Ebeling	4/9
Kaitlin Gonzales	4/9
Amanda Dombrowski	4/10
Paul Klevesahl	4/11
Robyn Lauersdorf	4/11
Judy Kiley	4/12
Alice Klatt	4/12
Dean Wiskow	4/13
Renee Brandenburg	4/14
Brooklyn Hoffmann	4/15
Will Fischer	4/16
Shelley Stafford	4/16
Kitty Nagel	4/17
Emily Potton	4/17
Ethan Vanderpoel	4/17
Meghan Bierhals	4/18
Bev Francken	4/18
Mila Gonzales	4/19
John Gregory	4/20
Richard Swalheim	4/20
Jared Van Den Plas	4/20
Dawn Richart	4/23
Josephine Lambert	4/24
Walker Flannery	4/25
Caroline Habel	4/25
Elwyn Potton	4/25
William Ryczek	4/25
Jennifer Kaufmann	4/26
Malena Carlson	4/27
Christopher Becker-Jonet	4/29
Jane Klug	4/29
Taylor Loppnow	4/29

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Publication Information:</p> <p>Bulletin information is due Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Newsletter information is due by 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>Please call the church office or email office@hopedepere.org.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>No Angels of Hope Preschool</p> <p>5:15 PM Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No Angels of Hope Preschool</p> <p>Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>No Angels of Hope Preschool</p> <p>Good Friday 1:00 PM Worship 6:30 PM Worship</p>	<p>4</p>
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