

## Opening New Doors

# Hope's Happenings

## Sunday's in August

August 3: We celebrate the baptism of Theodore Timothy Koenig, son of Samuel and Haley Koenig. Thank you to Pastor Nate Aaseng for leading us in worship today.

August 10: We welcome Pastor Dave Whelan today. Thank you for leading worship!

August 17: Join us for worship today, and we hope you'll be inspired!

August 24: THANK YOU to everyone in our congregation for being so great. The staff would like to invite you to coffee connections to have some treats today. Grace Lenhart will be leading a talk about Spiritual Practices in Olson Hall after worship.

Join the Hymn sing at 8:50. Thank you to Eric Nielsen for leading worship today.

August 31: Thank you to Dave Sands for leading worship today!



## We appreciate YOU!

The staff at Hope is so grateful for each of YOU! We appreciate all of the time and talents that you share with this community of Hope! We would like to say a great big THANK YOU! All of you are invited to stop in at Coffee Connections for treats on Sunday, August 24th. Please come to Olson Hall for some yummy kringle and coffee served by the staff.

We could not do what we do without each of you!

Thank you,

Ann, Jody, Grace, Jim, Lauren, Donna, Brian, Stephen, and Korena



## Spiritual Practices Education Hour

On August 24th, Grace Lenhart will be offering the second part of an education hour session on Spiritual Practices. Spiritual practices are activities that support people to deepen their relationship with the sacred and cultivate the spiritual growth. Examples of the practices include prayer, meditation, gratitude, connecting with nature, embodied movement, mindfulness, devotions, affirmations, solitude chanting, fasting, activism, and more.

Join us August 24th to learn and engage with these practices. The education hour will be during coffee connection time in Olson Hall. There will be a short lecture followed by a time to engage in some creative practices for yourself.



School Supplies are once again being collected by the Board of Outreach for the kids at Sam Davey and Northwoods elementary schools.

There will be a box labeled school supplies in the Gathering Area for donations! Thank you for your support!

Here is a list of needed items:• #2 pencils

- Colored pencils – pack of 12 (Crayola preferred)
- Erasers
- Highlighters (yellow)
- Markers, regular and fine tip, primary colors (Crayola preferred)
- Crayons - 24 count boxes (Crayola preferred)
- Loose-leaf paper - wide lined
- Pencil box or bag
- Spiral wide-ruled notebooks (blue, green, red, or yellow)
- Glue Sticks (unscented)
- Glue Bottles (small/regular size)
- Pocket folders (red, blue, green, yellow or purple)
- Scissors - small blunt style and regular
- Resealable plastic bags-sandwich and gallon sizes
- EXPO dry erase markers (fine tip, 4 pack)
- Anything else you think students might need

## News From Thrivent



Starting in May of this year, Thrivent is offering \$25.00 choice dollars to each associate or benefit member for your birthday. These choice dollars can be directed to a non profit of your choice. This offer is only good during your birthday moth, so you need to direct this during that month.

You would be notified by e mail or you can sign on to your account to direct your choice dollars.

What an amazing gift that you can give to an organization from YOU! Be sure to check your Thrivent account during the month of your birthday to direct you Choice Dollars!

**You can direct your Choice Dollars to Hope if you like!**

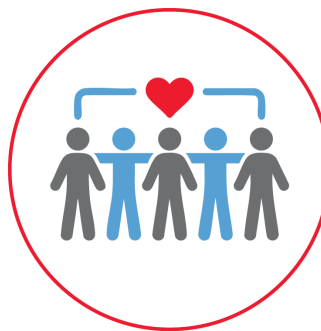
## Remember Your Church This Summer!

Summer is a wonderful time to take a break from the regular duties of life and head to the cabin or enjoy a nice vacation. Living in Wisconsin, we really relish the beauty of summer and the long days! If your summer schedule takes you away from Eau Claire on the weekends, please remember your church home! Our ministries never stop and your offerings fuel our service in Christ's name. Offering envelopes are available that you can mail in or drop off. You can also give electronically, either using our Hope Lutheran app or by registering for Simple Giving which allows you to give directly from your bank account. Forms for Simple Giving are available in the church office. Thank you for supporting our congregation's mission through your giving! And when you are home on Sundays, please come to worship as we hear the good news, lift up our praise to God, and are strengthened in the fellowship of the Communion of Saints.

## Summer Blood Donors Needed!

Please join us for our **Monday, August 4th Hope Lutheran Church & Community Blood Drive from 9am - 3pm.** 1 hour, 1 donation can help up to 3 lives & ensure blood resources stay readily available during Critical Need summer months. All donors will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice PLUS Free A1C testing as an added health initiative.

Please sign up by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) ad enter: hopelutheranwi





## Book Club

Thank you. Thank you. To Mary and Mark Turner for hosting our meeting in June. Even though we did not get out in the boat, a good time was had by all! Lots of titles were shared and I wish I had written them down. Bring your thoughts to the July meeting and I will make a list to share with everyone.

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 21st at 6:30pm at Hope Church. The book for July is the Briar Club by Kate Quinn and August is The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman.

September needs to be decided and Sue T. will bring a list of the books from the Chippewa Valley Book Festival for everyone to choose their own title for October.

July Library Stand and Share a Book - Terrie H

August Library Stand and Share a Book - Sue T

Stay cool - Alice

## Hike for the Homeless - Tuesday, August 19th 5 - 8 pm



The **22nd Annual Hike for the Homeless** benefits *Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley Inc*, which owns and operates the Beacon House Shelter in Eau Claire. They provide homeless families with temporary shelter and work with them to find permanent homes and become financially independent. Last year 5,743 nights of shelter and 9,286 meals were provided to 36 families with 84 children in our community. Our annual event helps provide us with the financial resources to provide these services. The *Hike for the Homeless* will be held at River Prairie Park in Altoona, WI. Participants will walk all or part of the 2.8-mile course. The hike is stroller, wheelchair, and pet friendly.



Green Team will be collecting reusable totes on battery collection Sunday's in July and August.

The totes will go to the Farmers Market to be given out to reduce the amount of plastic bags the vendors need to give out. Also the Green Team will be collecting batteries a week early in August on the 24th to avoid the Labor Day weekend.

The Green Team will be collecting shoes again for Soles 4 Soles Sundays August 24, 31, September 7th and September 14th.

**Reuse** is an arts and crafts supply collect and resale shop located at The Beyond at 218 N Dewey St Eau Claire. They collect good condition supplies and offer them for low cost. Hours are Monday, Thursday-Saturday from 11AM-7PM and Sunday 1-5 PM.

### Ways to Give

Our congregation offers a variety of means by which you may make a offering. Besides bringing your offering in person or mailing it, Hope has several ways you can give electronically:

**Through our Website-** Hope's website address is [www.hopechurchccom](http://www.hopechurchccom). Once there, hoer over the "About Us" page. The drop down menu will include "Give." Click on that. Then click on the icon "Fast and Easy Giving." That will take you to our Subsplash site.

**Hope Phone App** - Hope has a free phone app which will give you access to Subsplash where you can access information. From here you can slick on the "Give" tab.

**Text Your Gift** - Text the message "give2hope" to the phone number 206-859-9409. Follow the steps to set up an account and you're on your way.

**Simple Giving** - You can set up an automatic pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. Forms are available in the church office and also on the church website. If you're looking on the App Store for our phone app, the icon looks like this:



## Streaming Sunday Worship

We continue to stream our Sunday worship services over Facebook or through our website for those that can't make it in-person with us. It is amazing how many people we can reach with our streaming worship services. Hope's worship is streamed live on Sunday's via our Facebook page or through our website, [Hopechurchec.com](http://Hopechurchec.com).



## Beacon House/Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley

Our next opportunity for Hope members to provide groceries and evening meals for the guests staying at Beacon House is in September. Our dates will be Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Gathering Area in early August for sign-up sheets for volunteers to provide a main dish, side dish, or dessert each evening, as well as donations of a few grocery items. If you have any questions - please reach out to Bridgit Mazuk 715-225-4496 or [bmazuk@gmail.com](mailto:bmazuk@gmail.com)

## Youth & Family Ministry August 2025 Schedule:

*A few dates have changed! Please read carefully:*

August 3rd - Worship 9:00am

August 10th - Worship 9:00am, Board of Education Meeting 10:15am

August 17th - Worship 9:00am

August 15th - Young Adult Meet Up @ Phoenix Park 7:00pm.

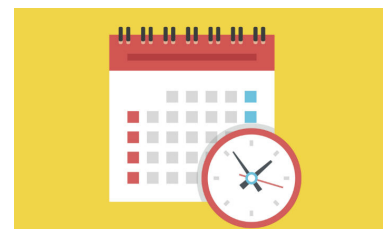
August 20th - 9th Grader's Decorate Confirmation Stolls 3:00pm, -  
High School Student Input Session 4:00pm

August 24th - Worship 9:00am

- Education Hour on Spiritual Practices 10:15am.

August 28th - Summer Stretch Single Day 9:00am - 4:00pm

August 31st - Worship 9:00am, JAM Teacher Training 10:00am





**Grace's Greetings:**

Hello Hope Family,

Wow, it's August! I'm not quite sure how this month has already arrived, but Summer always flies by, doesn't it? I hope you've each been finding moments of peace, joy, and love in this Summer season. I've been spending much time in the healing waters of the lakes and rivers! God's creation is sure is great.

This month we have a few remaining Summer events, and we're getting prepared for Fall! Coming up this month we have a young adult meet up at Phoenix Park on the 15th, our final Educational Hour on Spiritual Practices on August 24th, along with congregation appreciation treats from the staff to you! On the 20th, 9th graders are having a session to decorate their Confirmation stalls at 3:00pm, and at 4:00pm we have an input session for all highschoolers to help design the best high school programming. On Thursday the 28th we have our final single Summer Stretch day, and you may still join us! On August 31st we'll have our JAM teacher training following Worship.

This month, I invite all families to register for Fall programming! I ask all families to have an updated participant information form on file each year. There will be a registration table in the gathering space throughout the month of August. [You may also register here today!](#) Our programming will look very similar to previous years, but here is an updated overview:

**Sunday Mornings:**

9:00am - Worship

10:00am - Joyful Noise Children's Choir

10:15am - JAM (Jesus And Me) Children's Education Class (*Pre K - 5th graders*)

**Wednesday Evenings:**

3:00pm Youth After School Hours (*6th - 12th graders*)

4:30pm Youth Group (*6th - 12th graders*)

5:15pm Soup & Song (*first Wednesdays only - for the whole family*)

6:00pm Confirmation (*6th - 8th graders*)

6:00pm JAM (Jesus And Me) Children's Education (*PreK - 5th graders*)

7:00pm High School Bible Study (*9th - 12th graders*)

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Here are the descriptions of our programs:

**JAM (Jesus And Me)** - Our children's education classes are held each week for students from Pre K - 5th grade. Families can choose to have children attend Sunday morning or Wednesday evening or both! Each week we dive into a key bible story, and use games, craft, and drama to deepen our understanding.

**Joyful Noise** - Joyful Noise is our children's choir. We practice each Sunday after worship and before JAM, we share our music in worship six times a year! All Sunday JAM students are automatically apart of Joyful Noise. All children and youth are invited to join our Christmas Program.

**Youth After School Hours** - Starting at 3:00pm on Wednesday's the youth room is open for 6th - 12th graders to join us for fellowship and activities after school. If you go to Northstar Middle School, or North High you may walk on over when school is out, if you have school farther away you are invited to be dropped off whenever works! There are snacks, a homework help space, a project in crafty corner, and games available to have some chill time with your fellow youth.

**Youth Group** - At 4:30pm on Wednesdays we begin our official youth group activity! This activity varies weekly and rotates between service projects, crafts, cooking, active games, and field trips. Youth have a voice and say in planning what activities we schedule! Youth between 6th and 12th grade are encouraged to attend!

**Soup & Song** - 5:15pm (*first Wednesday of the month only*) Soup and Song is an intergenerational interactive casual worship and meal on the first Wednesday of the month October - April. We gather at 5:15 in Olson Hall in a circle for a casual worship and themed activity followed by a yummy dinner! Soup and song is for all ages, and the whole congregation is invited to participate! Our 2025-2026 theme will be peace.

**Confirmation** - Youth seeking Confirmation are invited to attend Confirmation classes from 6:00pm-7:00pm on Wednesday evenings. Class begins with large group education led by Grace followed by small group discussion time we end each day with music and closing prayer. The course rotates on a three year basis ensuring each Confirmation student learns the Old Testament, New Testament, Ten Commandments, and Luther's Small Catechism. This year our learning focus is the Old Testament.

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**High School Bible Study & ROSE Program** - New this year, we are offering a High School bible study and ROSE program to run on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00pm. This interactive and exploratory hour will allow our older youth to continue nurturing their faith and diving deeper into what scripture and faith means to them as they transition to adulthood. We'll also use this time to plan service projects, and begin preparations for the 2026 Tri-Synod High School Youth Gathering and 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering.

As we prepare to start up this educational programming year, I am now recruiting JAM teachers, mentors for eighth graders, confirmation small group leaders, and a handful of adults to rotate and help supervise on Wednesday evenings once a month. Please email me or reach out if you are interested in these volunteer opportunities! Thank you for your consideration.

I invite all families to register children and youth for Fall during the month of August by filling out the 2025-2026 Participant Information Form. This form needs to be filled out per family to ensure we have your updated information! Knowing which programs you plan to attend helps us prepare and order the correct amount of resources. [You may register here today!](#)

I want to also extend a huge thank you to all the members of our Hope community who have stepped up to help in big ways during these months with the absence of a Pastor. Your kindness, and helping hands, and sharing of your gifts have been very supportive to our ministries. Thank you all for your support.

Wishing you all a lovely month ahead!

In Peace,  
Grace

**Boxes will be out of the month of August to bring your Peanut Butter and Jelly!**





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