
Opening New Doors

Hope's Happenings

Sunday's in October

October 5: Pastor Dave Whelan will share the message with us this morning. The mentorship Brunch will follow worship.

October 12: Our Stewardship campaign kicks off today! It's Quilt Sunday, the church will be warm and cozy with all the quilts on display from our quilters. Thank you Eric Nielsen for sharing our worship message with us today.

October 19: Stewardship continues. Just a reminder to stop in at the Fall Arts Festival today from 12-4pm with a concert at 2:00pm.

October 26: Reformation Sunday, wear your RED! Dave Whelan will share the message with us today. Stop in to Olson Hall after worship for Carmel Rolls! Please return your pledge cards to church today. Confirmation rehearsal following worship.

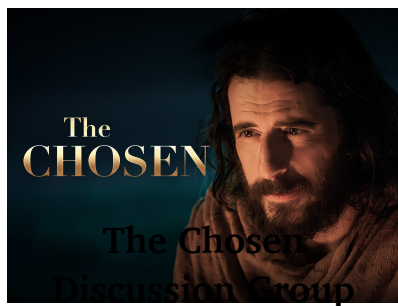
God's Great Mercy

2025-2026 Stewardship Campaign

Hope will embark on our stewardship campaign for the next year starting in October. We ask you to fill your hearts with joy and generosity as you read and listen to how your gifts make our Hope community a better place for all.

You will be receiving information soon in your mail with information for Stewardship. This will include pledge card information and time and ability sheets. We are grateful for each of you and look forward to this time of giving. Thank you for your continued generosity.





Mark and Mary Sabin will be hosting a small discussion group on *The Chosen* starting Thursday, October 16th. There will be 2 times available to meet, 10:00am or 6:30pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area if interested.



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 2 is All Saints Sunday. We will remember those who have completed their number of days on this earth and have entered the glory of God.

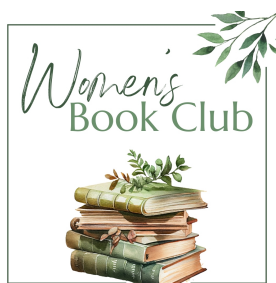
We will light a candle for those in our congregation that have passed away this year and you will have an opportunity to light a candle for deceased loved ones.



Collecting Plastic Film

Our Confirmation youth will start collecting flimsy plastic on October 12th. This is a service project to help our environment. After 1000 pounds of plastic film have been collected, the plastic will be converted into a neat park bench which the congregation will receive.

Starting Oct. 12th, bring your plastic materials and deposit them in the recycling containers in the welcome area. Thanks for your help on this project and for helping us make the world a little cleaner place. The plan is to place the bench in the area of one of our pollinator gardens.



Women's Book Club

Please join us for our next Book Club meeting on Monday, October 20th, at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. For October, readers can choose from a variety of titles featured in the Chippewa Valley Book Festival - information can be found here:

<https://www.cvbookfest.org/>

In November, we will gather in the Fireside Room on Monday, November 17th (6:30 pm) to watch the recently released movie "The Thursday Murder Club" on Netflix.

Please take a look at the book stand in the Gathering Area, and feel free to help yourself to any of these adult or children's books.

Grace's Greetings:

Hello Hope Family!

It's been a joy to see you so far this Fall season. I hope this finds you well, and that you're enjoying the return of crisp air, cozy sweaters, and turning leaves. Thank you all for your presence in our special Hope community.

This month we continue our normally scheduled youth and family ministries including JAM, Joyful Noise, After School Hours, Youth Group, Confirmation, and High School Bible Study. We also have a few special events including Soup & Song, Mentorship Brunch, Confirmation Rehearsal, and Trunk or Treat!

You are invited and encouraged to join us on October 1st at 5:15pm in Olson Hall for our return to Soup & Song! This year we will be engaging in songs, prayers, and activities around our theme of *Peace*. Soup and Song begins with a casual "workshop worship", and then we all share a meal together! I'm looking for a few helpers to clean up this month, let me know if you're free! Families of all ages, the whole Hope congregation, and members of community are welcome for Soup & Song!

On the last day of month we invite you to join us for our 5th annual Trunk or Treat! Join us on Halloween from 4:30-5:30pm for this fun event! This event has morphed into a sort-of kick off for neighborhood trick-or-treating, and all are welcome to stop by! We anticipate a few hundred kiddos and their families to be walking through. There are a few ways to join in and help! If you'd like to donate candy you may drop it off in the front office, or sign up to decorate your trunk, or help out with the event in the gathering space. We'd love to get a good number of trunks this year, so consider joining us! Thanks in advance for your help to make our event *spook-tacular!!!*

On Sunday, October 5th we'll host our mentorship brunch for 8th graders seeking confirmation and their mentors. Thank you to all who have volunteered to support our future confirmands in this way. This month in Confirmation class we'll continue learning about the New Testament, and in JAM, we'll dive into the stories of Noah's Ark, and the Martin Luther and the Reformation. High School bible study has so far studied on the themes of trust and bravery. This month, we're continuing to explore themes of embodying our faith.

On Sunday October 26th we have our Confirmation Rehearsal Brunch. All students getting confirmed this year, their parents, and mentors are invited to join us in the fireside room. You'll get fitted with robes, have your picture taken, share about your mentorship year and rehearse for confirmation!

Last year in this newsletter, I shared an Ojibwe poem of peace. Reading it over again as I write this year's newsletter, I find it more poignant than ever, and I'd like to share once more. According to native-lands.ca, here at Hope Lutheran we gather and worship on the ancestral lands of the [Omaeqnomenew-ahkew \(Menominee\)](#), and the [Očhéthi Šakówinj](#) (Sioux), and quite near to Anishinabewaki (Ojibwe) peoples. As I spoke of in my sermon this past July, we the church, we the people, must come to terms with the terrible sins perpetuated at the hands of colonialism which continues today in our systems of capitalism. We together must learn how to reunite in love for each other, love for creation, and love for ourselves. We can each orient our compass to love in the choices we make, words we use, and actions we perpetuate each day. May we follow the example of Jesus and go forth in true peace of word and deed. May we heed indigenous wisdom, deeply listen, and learn and evolve together to create a better, more peaceful tomorrow. Blessings to you this day.

Once again, here is the poem of peace written by Margarte Noodin.

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Nana'isanishinaam / Bring Us Peace

Gizhawenimimin Gichidibenjiged

We are blessed by you Lord

ezhi-aanikoobidooyan gakina gegoo.

you who connects all being.

Gizhawenimimin Giizis

We are blessed by you Sun

ezhi-mashkawizi'iyaang.

you give us light and strength.

Gizhawenimimin Dibiki-giizis

We are blessed by you Moon

gikinoo'amawiyaang zaagaasidiyaang.

you teach us the importance of reflection.

Gizhawenimimin Mashkiig

We are blessed by you Land and Water

ezhi-ditibiziyan wenji-bimaadiziyaang.

your circulation supports our living.

Apii zhawenimiyaang, zhawenimangidwaa.

As we are blessed, we bless others.

Apii zaagi'iyaang, zaagi'angidwaa.

As we are loved, we love others.

Apii noojimo'iyaang, noojimo'angidwaa.

As we are healed, we heal others.

Apii inawenimigooyan, inawenindiyaang.

As we are related to you, we are related to one another.

Naadamawishinaam daga noongom

Help us all now

Nagamotawishinaam daga noongom

Sing to us all now

Youth & Family Ministries October 2025 Schedule:

Oct. 1st - Afterschool Hours 3:00pm, Youth Group 4:30pm, **Soup & Song 5:15pm**

- Confirmation 6:00pm, JAM 6:00pm, HS Bible Study 7:00pm

Oct. 5th - Worship 9:00am, JAM 10:00am, Mentorship Brunch 10:15am

Oct. 8th - Afterschool Hours 3:00pm, Youth Group 4:30pm, Dinner 5:30

- Confirmation 6:00pm, JAM 6:00pm, HS Bible Study 7:00pm

Oct. 12th - Worship 9:00am, Joyful Noise 10:00am, JAM 10:10am

Oct. 15th - Afterschool Hours 3:00pm, Youth Group 4:30pm

- Confirmation 6:00pm, JAM 6:00pm, HS Bible Study 7:00pm

Oct. 19th - Worship 9:00am, no classes - Fall Break!

Oct. 26th - Worship 9:00am, JAM, Confirmation Rehearsal Brunch 10:15am

Oct. 29th - Afterschool Hours 3:00pm, Youth Group 4:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm

- Confirmation 6:00pm, JAM 6:00pm, HS Bible Study 7:00pm

Oct. 31st - **Trunk or Treat 4:30 -5:30pm**





Trunk or Treat

Friday, Oct. 31st

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Hope Lutheran Parking Lot



Children and families of the church and community are welcome to dress up, and enjoy some Fall family fun!

Sign up to decorate your trunk in the Gathering Area.

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.hopechurchec.com. Once there, click on the "Give" tab. 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 click 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:



Caramel Roll Sunday

On Sunday, October 26, our Outreach Committee will be serving those wonderful caramel rolls during the fellowship hour! The freewill offering will be directed towards our support of the ABC Program (A Brighter Childhood) as well as Haven House (a local warming day center in Eau Claire), as they prepare for the upcoming cold winter months. This event is one of the major means of financial support for programs supported by our outreach ministry. Please show your support by enjoying a delicious caramel roll!



Salad Supper at St Olaf/October 7

The St. Olaf PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) President wanted to extend an invite to the ladies of Hope for a dinner on **October 7!** All are welcome! Hors d'oeuvres start at 5, dinner at 5:30. Please sign up in the gathering space!

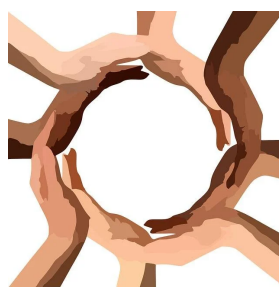


Streaming Sunday Worship

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.



Days for Girls sewing days has begun! We will meet the third Thursday of the month from 1pm – 4pm. October 16 will be our next cutting and sewing day in Olson Hall at Hope Lutheran. Bring a good fabric scissors, cutting board, cutting roller, sewing machine or serger or just yourself. There is room for all talents and skill levels. Please contact Carol Mohr at 715-225-9155 for questions or if you want to donate fabric.



Ruth Circle is a women's bible study group that uses the ELCA Gather Magazine for the bible study provided monthly. We meet in the 4th Monday of the

month at 6:30 in the Fireside Room at Hope Lutheran. A light dessert is enjoyed at the end of our bible study. Please join us in the faith enrichment evening. We will meet on Monday, October 27. Please contact Carol Mohr at 715-225-9155 if you have any questions.

4TH Annual Fall Arts Celebration

Sunday, October 19, 2025

ART EXHIBIT

NOON – 4 P.M.

CONCERT

2:00 P.M. – 3 P.M.

**At Hope Lutheran Church
2226 Eddy Ln. Eau Claire**

**Mass Choir
Bells
Special Music
Art Exhibit**



Participating Churches:

**Good Shepherd, Immanuel, Grace, Trinity,
St. John's, and Hope Lutheran Churches**

Hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church-EC



September 11, 2025

As presiding bishop of this church, I want to address yesterday's shooting in Utah. Charlie Kirk, known by millions for his views and videos supporting right-wing ideas, died by another senseless act of political violence. He was exercising his First Amendment right of free speech when he was shot and killed. This continues a long streak of political violence that shows no sign of subsiding. We've witnessed an attack on the husband of former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, two attempts to assassinate President Donald Trump during last year's campaign, the murder of two Minnesota state lawmakers, an arson attack on the home of Pennsylvania's governor, a plot to kidnap Michigan's governor, and too many more.

As I wrote last year, after the attempt on President Trump's life in Butler, Pa., "God calls this church to say a definitive 'no' to political violence now and in the future. Political violence has a long history but no place in democracy. This church belongs to God, and our unity in Christ is a grace-filled and healing gift in a fractured society."

This church teaches that disagreement is healthy and can lead to greater understanding and cooperation. But we have lost that sense of respectful debate and have degenerated into a society that treats differing opinions as personal attacks, erasing the humanity of some and abandoning the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must recommit ourselves to reflecting what Christ taught us through acts of forgiveness, healing and new life. I continue to hold that "God's resolve for peace in human communities is unshakable."

In this moment, I urge all of us in this church to embrace God's call, to hear and embody the good news of Jesus Christ and to fulfill our roles as peacemakers through active civic engagement.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop

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