

World Relief — World relief works with refugees and helps them get settled and acclimated to the Eau Claire area. With the recent changes in SNAP, they are anticipating that some of our refugee neighbors will be significantly impacted with the loss of FoodShare. One of the ways we are preparing for these impacts is by seeking gift card donations to Walmart or Woodman’s. These are the grocery stores that our refugee families shop at most regularly. There are a couple of ways you could help:

- Purchase gift cards to Woodman’s or Walmart and mail or bring them to the World Relief office ([221 W Madison St Suite 107, Eau Claire, WI 54703](#)).
- Share this need with others in your sphere of influence. This could include family, friends, churches, or other organizations you are part of.
- Consider being part of a team to develop a workshop to help newcomers learn how to save money on groceries and other items.

For more information, reach out to Jodi Jewell. 715-598-8895

HOPE FRIENDSHIP GROUP (55+) The next event is a Chippewa River Trolley Ride "Lace, Lumber and Legacy: A Menomonie Mansions and Afternoon Tea Tour” on Thursday, October 2nd, 2025. It will be a private Tour leaving Eau Claire from The Local Store (205 Dewey St) at noon and returning approximately 5pm. We will experience elegant Victorian afternoon tea, complete with tiered cake stands, scones, fine china, light music and more. We will visit Oaklawn Inn, the regions oldest bed and breakfast, built in 1889 and enjoy a rare private tour of the incredible Wilson Place Mansion, built in 1859. There will be a return stop at Old Towne for a tour of their impressive Menomonie memorabilia collection and between destinations we will enjoy a live narrated tour of Menomonie’s lumber history and associated high society stories. The trolley will be open air and could be breezy on the drive to Menomonie, so please plan accordingly. The cost to Hope Friendship Group is \$50 per person. The trolley holds only 22 people and the sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Hurry to get a spot!!

At Hope Lutheran we acknowledge that we are on the ancestral homelands of indigenous peoples of the Council of Three Fires including the Ho-Chunk, Dakota, and the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe). Each of these Nations is unique and sovereign. We are grateful to their ancestors for their deep commitment to caring for the land.

PARISH PAPER

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 21

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Connections
- 10:00am JAM (Jesus and Me)

Monday, September 22

- 8:30am Monday Morning Coffee

Tuesday, September 23

- 9:00am Quilting

Wednesday, September 24

- 3:00pm After School Hours
- 4:30pm Youth Group
- 5:30pm Bells
- 6:00pm Confirmation and JAM
- 6:30pm Choir
- 7:00pm High School Bible Study

Thursday, September 25

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Connections
- 10:00am JAM (Jesus and Me)

As God’s people, abounding in HOPE and empowered

by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.



This week we pray for:

Leona Fuerbringer, Jeanette Perry, Allison Price, Sue Carlson, Heidi Grange, Larry Bates, Julie Petersen, Mary Lantz, Lance Leek, Clay Matthew Clemmans, Richard Brownell, Kathy German-Olson, Roger Skatrud, Lee McMullen

We join in the celebration of baptism of Hayes Michael Mohr, parents Michael and Hannah Mohr. We welcome Pastor Dave Whelan as he shares the good news today.

Worship Stats at Hope

Aug. 31—119—\$15,539.00
Sept. 7—148—
Sept. 14—121

Coffee Connections — Today, Coffee Connections will be hosted by Tara Johnson and Suzanne Huebner. All proceeds from the free will donations will be used to purchase water bottles for students at Sam Davey.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS The fourth annual Fall Arts Celebration will be held at Hope on Sunday October 19. St. John's is the host church but doesn't have the space for so many singers! Each year we have an art display from noon until 4pm and a concert from 2-3pm. Artists from the local ELCA congregations can display their art and sell it if they choose to do so. Some of the art work we are hoping to see includes: water color, oil or acrylic paintings, wood working of any type, pottery, handmade Cards, batik, photography, stained glass If you are interested in sharing your art work for either viewing or selling please contact Carol Lendle.
lendlecarol@gmail.com 715-271-6003

Volunteering with Youth & Family Ministries - this year we are looking for a handful of volunteers to lend their talents to being 8th grade mentors, confirmation small group leaders, JAM teachers, JAM substitutes, and adult presence on Wednesday evenings! If you're interested even part-time reach out to Grace! grace@hopechurchec.com

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 month, so you need to direct this during that month. You would be notified by email 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!

Fall Registration - Join our Youth & Family Ministries this Fall! If someone in your family is interested in joining JAM Children's Classes, Confirmation, After School Hours, Youth Group, or High School Bible Study please register today on our website or using the QR code! Join us on Rally Sunday for whole family orientation.

Women of Hope— 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!

Beacon House Thank you, Beacon House Volunteers! I'd like to thank all the generous folks who helped provide food this past week: Jim and Kathryn Manion, Carol Lendle, Allison Martinson, Mark and Mary Sabin, Nola Storm, Pam Wilson, Carol Mohr, and Chris and Carrie Novak. Without your support, this important ministry would not be possible - Thank You! — Bridgit Mazuk

Coffee Connections—The sign up sheet for the fall and winter months is now available. Feel free to sign up to serve coffee and treats! Also, a reminder to use the ceramic cups and plates to help reduce waste in the kitchen. Thank you!

The Chosen—Will plan to continue discussion groups for Season 4 this fall, beginning on Thursday, October 16. We will meet both mornings at 10 and evenings at 6:30 for 8 weeks, skipping Thanks-giving. Our last session will be on Thursday, December 11. Please sign up in the gathering space!

Register for Fall today!



September 21, 2025

Time After Pentecost

Order of Service

- Welcome & Announcements
- Mission Statement
- Confession and Forgiveness
- Opening Hymn: #655
- Greeting
- Holy Baptism
- Prayer of the Day
- Special Music—Bells of Hope
- First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
- Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Gospel Acclamation — Page 142
- Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13
- Sermon—Pastor Dave Whelan
- Hymn of the Day: #588
- Prayers for the People
- Sharing God’s Peace & Noisy Offering
- Offertory #186
- Offering Prayer
- Communion Dialogue & Lord’s Prayer
- Distribution
- Distribution Hymn: #692
- Post Communion Prayer
- Benediction
- Sending Hymn: #669
- Dismissal