

"Let the light of Jesus shine through you!"

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Upcoming Events

Communion Sunday

Sun. June 2nd

New Hope Board Meeting

Sun. June 9th, 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Board Meeting

Mon. June 10th, 6 p.m.

Retreat Board Meeting

Tues. June 11th, 6 p.m.

LP Methodist Women

Wed. June 12th, 5:30 p.m.

Retreat Crafters Group

Sat. June 15th, 10 a.m.

Liberty Pole 150th Celebration

Sun. June 30th

1 p.m. Service

2 p.m. History Share

Lunch to follow

@ Liberty Pole Methodist

Church Basement Quilters

Mon. June 3rd & 17th

9 a.m. @ Liberty Pole

Food Pantry Open

Wednesdays: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 – 11 a.m.

Celebrating 150 Years!

Everyone is invited to join in a celebration that is 150 years in the making! Coming up on Sunday, June 30th, the Liberty Pole Methodist Church will be celebrating 150 years of faith, ministry, and community! We will be marking the day with a special joint worship service at 1 p.m. in the church followed by a history sharing at 2 p.m. Immediately following the service, we will be serving lunch in the basement and spending time in fellowship with each other. Be sure to bring your labeled pictures and memorabilia to share the memories with others during this time! We are all excited to be able to celebrate this milestone with our fellow Christians! It is truly an inspiring time to be involved in the church as we continue to look forward while we celebrate our past. Please help us spread the word and invite past members and friends of the church! All are welcome to join in the celebration!

THE LIBERTY POLE METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITH AND COMMUNITY.



Join us for celebration, fellowship, memories,
and a good time!

June 30, 2024

Service at 1:00 p.m.

Followed by a light lunch.

Thank You 4-H!



A HUGE thank you goes out to the members of the Liberty Pole Boosters 4-H club and their parents for their hard work in repainting the deck at the Retreat Methodist Church! The deck looks fantastic with that fresh coat of paint! Your hard work is greatly appreciated by the entire church and we're glad you were able to have some fun with the project too!



150 Coins for 150 Years!

Time is running out for you to collect 150 coins to help us celebrate Liberty Pole's 150th Anniversary! The last day to turn in your donation of 150 coins to Liberty Pole is Sunday, June 16th! Let's finish this fun challenge strong and help the church celebrate this important milestone! Note: when you turn in your coins, make sure to include your name so you get credit for your donation!



Retreat Crafters Group News



The Retreat Crafters Group will be meeting on Saturday, June 15th at 10 a.m. in the Retreat Methodist Fellowship Hall. Along with their normal crafting and fellowship, they will be discussing various projects and events happening in the church! So pack a lunch, bring a project you are working on, and be prepared to have some fun and fellowship!



Liberty Pole Methodist Women



The Liberty Pole Methodist Women group will be gathering on Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the Liberty Pole Methodist Church! All area women are invited to come and participate in our meeting and fellowship! One of the topics of discussion will be the upcoming 150th celebration! Come and help us prep for the big day!



Let the World Hear Your Mission Cry!

As part of their second quarter mission, the Retreat Methodist Church is collecting books for Mission Cry! This ministry has been empowering native missionaries and making disciples around the world. They do this by asking people like you and me to share their bookshelves that are filled with Bibles and Christian books. They then take those books and send them around the world, sowing God's Word into the lives of those who cannot afford it!

Until the end of June, the church will be collecting books for this ministry. If you would like to donate your gently used Bibles or Christian Books, simply bring them to church with you and place them in the basket in front of the altar or reach out to Robbin Henchen (1-608-804-0314). You may also give financially if you wish to do so. The church will then take all the donations and drop them off at their location in Cashton. We pray that you will join us on this mission and however you choose to give, you will be letting the world hear your Mission Cry!



Prayers for June

Each day of the week, use this simple prayer starter as part of your conversation with God.

Sunday

Heavenly Father, thank you for the good work You have begun in us and will continue until it is completed. We fail so many times and yet You come and pick us up and continue working through us. Thank you for your never-ending love, mercy, and grace. Amen.

Monday

Lord, sometimes I hold on to things that happened in the past, things that have caused me great pain. Help me to let them go and allow You to begin the healing process. Amen.

Tuesday

Abba Father, sometimes I tend to complain. Please remove that tendency from me and give me a heart that is thankful for whatever I have no matter how much or how little. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Wednesday

Sweet Savior, give me clarity in my eyes to see all the wonderfully good things You have done in my life. Oh, that I may never forget! Thank you for Your mercy, for Your protection, Your guidance, and for Your love. Amen.

Thursday

Lord, sometimes I become disconnected, complacent, and want to take the easy road. Revive me, Lord. Restore the fire that once burned within me for the things of You. In Your name I pray, Amen.

Friday

Open my heart, God, to understand Your Word and Your will for my life. That I would see it clearly. Help me to see the opportunities You provide to express my faith and put it into action. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Saturday

Forgive me, Lord, when I question Your ways. When I question what You are doing in my life. I fail to see what You see. I fail to know the end, but You know. Oh, that I would rest in this! Grant me your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.



Make a Difference! Attending Upcoming Church Meetings!

Being an active part of your church is **vital** to the life of your church! We encourage everyone to come and participate in the discussions at your respective church board/council meeting. All church members have a vote, and all ideas are welcome. Join us at your next church meeting and make a difference!



New Hope Church Board Meeting

Sun. June 9th @ 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Church Board Meeting

Mon. June 10th @ 6 p.m.

Retreat Church Board Meeting

Tues. June 11th @ 6 p.m.

Food Pantry Needs

The New Hope Food Pantry welcomes your generous donations to help those in need in our communities. This month the pantry is seeking donations of **macaroni, pork & beans, stuffing, and cream of mushroom soup**. If you wish to donate items or funds, feel free to drop them off at any of our three churches. You may also drop them off during the pantry's open hours: Wednesdays, 5 – 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 – 11 a.m.

*The New Hope Food Pantry is located at
E2286 State Highway 82, De Soto, WI 54624*



The Love of God, Our Heavenly Father June Online Studies

Father's Day is in June, so we thought that this would be a good time to learn more about the love God, our heavenly Father has for us. These studies will reveal how God is a good and perfect Father and help us connect to the power of God's love for us so we can be transformed. Please join us in this month's online studies as we discover more about our heavenly Father's love.

Please use these links to join the online studies:

"The Father Loves You" – begins June 1:

<https://bible.com/p/66728472/2b0232d80362e92de8390077ba233a59>

"The Empowering Love Of The Father" – begins June 17:

<https://bible.com/p/66728493/76da492dc94c2f96a66b94fea641806a>



These online studies and more can be accessed through the Bible App or bible.com website, which are free resources. In addition to wonderful devotional and reading plans, they provide a verse of the day, and you will be able to read the Bible in a wide variety of versions. The Bible App is available in your app store on your mobile device, or accessible online at www.bible.com. Please note that Bible.com online will no longer support Plans with Friends. You will need to open the Bible App on your mobile device to continue to use this feature.



Make It Sew!



Those creatively fun ladies known as the church basement quilters are at it again. If you love to sew or do any other craft, you are invited to join the group for a time of fun, fellowship, and crafting. The group will be meeting on Monday, June 3rd and 17th at 9 a.m. So pack up your sewing machine, quilting projects and lunch and head over to Liberty Pole to join in on the fun. Also be sure to bring your energy and your sense of humor! You are sure to have a "laughing" good time!



Food Pantry News

A huge thank you to the continuing supporters of the New Hope Food Pantry! We have several individuals donating fresh produce like eggs, asparagus, and rhubarb weekly. Your donations of fresh produce help to stretch the pantry's impact and provides our neighbors in need access to nature's best!



Liberty Pole, New Hope & Retreat Methodist Churches – Visit us online at: www.driftlessministry.org

Stay Tuned
FOR something
AWESOME

Exciting News Coming Soon!

In the next few weeks, an important announcement will be going out to our church family! This news is so big that it's not ready to be released just quite yet. However, when the time comes, a special announcement/mini-SHINE (Would that be a nightlight? Hmm.) will go out to all our readers. So be looking in the coming weeks for this exciting news! Stay tuned!



Happening Around the Driftless...

Take a look at some of the other events happening around the Driftless area during the month of June! Plan a fun outing with the family or your friends!

- **Kickapoo Cowboy Church (feat. Gary Froiland)** – Sun. June 2, 6 p.m., The Old Oak Inn, Soldiers Grove. *Come and enjoy country, western, and bluegrass music with a short message. Everyone welcome. Services are kid-friendly!*
- **Catfish Fry** – Sat. June 8, 3 – 8 p.m., De Soto Community Center. *A fundraiser for De Soto Youth T-Ball, Baseball & Softball. Meal includes catfish, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, and a roll. Cost is \$15 per meal. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from any youth player. Event also includes raffles, bake sale, and fun for all!*
- **Worship in the Park** – Fri. June 14, 2 – 9 p.m., Eckhart Park, Viroqua. *Come worship Christ in the open air. Fellowship, food, and gathering start at 2 p.m. Worship will start at 5 p.m. Free admission. Food will be provided for a free will offering. Bring an open heart and a chair.*
- **Vernon County Dairy Breakfast** – Sat. June 22, 7 – 11 a.m., Goede Acres (S3787 Wire Hollow Road, Viroqua). *Enjoy time on a dairy farm, learning about the dairy industry and enjoying a delicious breakfast. Serving Pancakes, steak, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, cottage cheese, and beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 10. \$12 for steak breakfast. Featuring music, kids activities, petting zoo, games, farm education, and kids pedal pull. Free parking available at the farm.*
- **Midsummer Fest** – Sat. June 22, Norskedalen in Coon Valley. *See Norwegian heritage and tradition come alive at Midsummer Fest! Cost: \$8 per adult, \$5 per child between ages 3-10. Learn more at norskedalen.org.*
- **Rise & Shine Balloon Rally** – June 28 – 30, Vernon County Fairgrounds, Viroqua. *Come support a great cause and watch hot air balloons inflate, take flight and light up the sky! Friday @ 5 p.m.: evening glow. Saturday, morning flight just after sunrise, afternoon flight, and evening glow. Sunday, morning flight just after sunrise. All flights and glows are wind and weather dependent.*
- **John Cina Seven 10th Annual Pumpkinball Tournament** – June 28 – 30, Genoa Village Park. *Fun for the whole family. Featuring Friday fish fry, Sunday Chicken-Que, pumpkinball tournament, cornhole tournament, music nightly, bounce houses, and raffle & prizes.*



"If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met."

~ Matthew 6:30-33 MSG ~

Shining Celebrations!

Birthdays

Isaiah Kunert – June 1st
 Kaylee Baker – June 2nd
 Paul Adams – June 6th
 Alex Hornby – June 6th
 Lynn Zitzner – June 8th

Andy Diehl – June 14th
 Brent Johnson – June 14th
 Lauren Hanson – June 17th
 Barb Robson – June 17th
 Sharon Smith – June 19th

Jasmine Nummerdor – June 21st
 Mary Hallett – June 22nd
 Kari Amrhein – June 22nd
 Cheryl Johnson – June 23rd
 Jenna Harrington – June 26th

Anniversaries

Cindy & Richard Noel – June 1st
 Billy & Tolla Lepke – June 16th
 Brad & Janna Thew – June 16th
 Steve & Tamie Thompson – June 16th

Mark & Sheryl Haakenson – June 19th
 Frank & Sheri Hammond – June 24th
 Carol & Deldon Hanson – June 24th
 Arden & Lynn Zitzner – June 24th

Tammy & Robert Frank – June 26th
 Austin & Syneve Jones – June 27th
 Terry & Lynn Nelson – June 30th

Did we miss your birthday, anniversary, or other special day?
 Let us know! E-mail us at newsletter@driftlessministry.org.

Join Us for Fellowship Sundays!

The next Fellowship Sunday at the Retreat Methodist Church is coming up on Sunday, June 2nd and everyone is welcome to stick around after worship and join in the wonderful fellowship. We hope you can join us after worship for some wonderful fellowship time!

This month's Fellowship Sunday at the Liberty Pole Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, June 16th. Be sure to join us following worship as we enjoy some snacks and have great fellowship together.

These Fellowship Sundays are a great way to catch up with your faith family. Be sure to check them out and enjoy some quality time with your family and friends at the church!



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June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LP: Liberty Pole NH: New Hope R: Retreat	Driftless Ministries Rev. Drew Filkins (517) 899-3408 pastor@driftlessministry.org		29	30	31	1
2 Fellowship Sunday (R) Communion Sunday 	3 Basement Quilters 9:30 a.m., Liberty Pole	4	5	6	7	8
9 NH Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.	10 Liberty Pole Board Meeting 6 p.m.	11 Retreat Board Meeting 6 p.m.	12 LP Methodist Women 5:30 p.m. Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	13 Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.	14	15 Retreat Crafters Group 10 a.m. @ Retreat
16 Fellowship Sunday (LP) 	17 Basement Quilters 9:30 a.m., Liberty Pole	18	19	20	21	22
23	24  Submission Deadline	25	26	27	28	29
30 Liberty Pole 150 th Celebration 1 p.m. Joint Service 2 p.m. History Share Meal & fellowship after			Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.		

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE LIBERTY POLE METHODIST CHURCH

**JUNE 30, 2024
SERVICE AT 1:00 PM**

**FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH.
JOIN US FOR CELEBRATION,
FELLOWSHIP, MEMORIES,
AND A GOOD TIME!**

**LIBERTY POLE,
WISCONSIN**

