

"Let the light of Jesus shine through you!"

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Upcoming Events

Labor Day Pancake Breakfast

Mon. Sept. 2nd, 8 – 11 a.m.

Parsonage Open House & Picnic

Sat. Sept. 7th, 4 p.m.

New Hope Board Meeting

Sun. Sept. 8th, 11:30 a.m.

Retreat Ladies Group

Sat. Sept. 14th, 10 a.m.

Liberty Pole Board Meeting

Mon. Sept. 16th, 6 p.m.

Retreat Board Meeting

Wed. Sept. 18th, 6:30 p.m.

Cowboy Church

Sat. Sept. 28th, 2 p.m.

Liberty Pole Bible Study

Sun. Sept. 22nd, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Warriors

Every Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Church Basement Quilters

Mon. Sept. 2nd, 16th & 30th, 9 a.m.

Food Pantry Open

Wednesdays: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 – 11 a.m.

Labor Day Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars now! New Hope's Labor Day Pancake Breakfast is right around the corner! This breakfast is a delicious opportunity you will not want to miss! The New Hope church will be hosting their breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Labor Day (Monday, September 2nd) and will be serving plain or blueberry pancakes, sausage, biscuits & sausage gravy, applesauce, and beverages. There is no set cost, but a freewill donation basket will be available. Carry-outs will also be available, just call (608) 648-2644 during the event or stop in and place your order in person. There will also be a bake sale so you can take home some scrumptious baked goods with you to enjoy throughout the day! So come on out and enjoy breakfast with your family, friends, and neighbors this Labor Day at the New Hope Methodist Church!



Parsonage Open House and Picnic

Everyone is invited to come to an Open House at the parsonage (E2286 State Highway 82, De Soto – next to the New Hope Methodist Church) on Saturday, September 7th. Starting at 4 p.m., you will be invited to tour the parsonage and stick around for a fun picnic! We will be cooking up burgers, brats, hot dogs, and chicken strips for all in attendance. Chips and beverages will also be available. We are asking those who come to bring a side or dessert to share to round out the picnic. You will also want to bring your favorite lawn chair for a place to sit and relax! In addition to the food and fellowship, there will also be plenty of fun as you will be able to participate in rounds of volleyball and other fun yard games! And if you are in to watching sports on a big screen television, that will be an option as well! Come for a great evening full of fun and fellowship while making wonderful memories as a church family!

Parsonage Open House & Picnic

Saturday, September 7

4 p.m. - ?

Tour the parsonage and enjoy
a meal, fellowship, and plenty of fun!



Notes from Pastor Sandy

A few notes to begin:

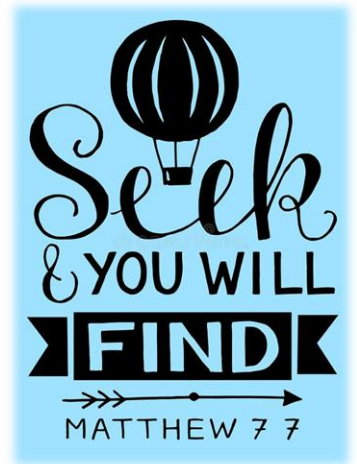
First, the parsonage Landline is now functioning again, and it has a message feature. I'm in my office early every morning so it's a good way to contact me if my cell phone isn't working. The number is (608) 648-2528.

Second, many of you heard that I had used Alastair Begg's sermons in writing the Beatitudes sermon. I encourage you to check out his website, Truth for Life, at <https://www.truthforlife.org>. Listening to a good sermon is a great way to help chores go faster!

Third, I have a few students lined up for confirmation. If you have a student that's interested, give us a call!

Finally, many of you Bible scholars may have noticed that I have not touched on some of the famous sayings from the Sermon on the Mount. Consider these which have become part of our daily vocabulary—even if you aren't a Christian.

1. Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16. *(From which our newsletter takes its name)*
2. Every jot and tittle. Matthew 5:18.
3. Turn the other cheek. Matthew 5:38.
4. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21.
5. You cannot serve both God and mammon. Matthew 6:24.
6. Judge not, lest ye be judged. Matthew 7:1-3.
7. Don't cast your pearls before swine. Matthew 7:6.
8. Seek and ye will find. Matthew 7:7-8.
9. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:31.



Let's start with Seek and you will find. That flows into our sermon on prayer. Jesus is saying that often we have not because we don't ask. James 4:2-3 says the same thing. "You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives." We must keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking. Align our prayers with the things that Jesus teaches are important to God. (That's the rest of the Sermon on the Mount!). God will hear us.

We'll talk more about the Golden Rule as we move into September and learn what it means to follow Jesus. But the rock-solid foundation for how we should behave is laid out in the Sermon on the Mount.

Our next series is entitled "The Call" – taken from a series preached at Eastview Christian Church in Normal, Illinois. Imagine that you have heard Jesus on that mountain, and you are intrigued. You want to become a disciple of His. What does that mean? How do you do it? Stay tuned in September and October and we'll work through The Call to Discipleship.

September Sermons:

Sept 1: *Why Worry? Matthew 6: 25-34.*

Sept 8: *A Solid Foundation Matthew 7: 13-14, 24-29.*
(The Sermon on the Mount wraps up.)

Sept 15: The Call: From Elementary to Mature

Sept 22: The Call: You Must be Born Again

We'll see you soon!

Sandy & Ron



Thank You for Your Support!

The Retreat Methodist Church wishes to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who stopped by and supported them in July and August during their Grilled Lunch Fundraisers! It was wonderful seeing and serving you all and we pray that you enjoyed the delicious lunch. Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing amount which will be used to help improve our facilities and continue our ministry in the area! We look forward to doing this again next year, so keep your eyes peeled and we hope to serve you again in the near future!

Also, another HUGE thank you to Rick & Colleen Inman for coordinating the events and to all who volunteered their time and talents towards making the fundraiser a success! We appreciate everything you do for our church!



Grocery List

- ✓ **Snack Crackers**
- ✓ **Cream of Mushroom Soup**
- ✓ **Tuna**
- ✓ **Peas**



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 **snack crackers, cream of mushroom soup, tuna, and peas**. 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



Join us at the Fair!

Dust off your cowboy hat and shine up your boots! Cowboy Church is coming to Retreat World's Fair! Joyful Sound will be sharing their gift of music on Saturday, September 28th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Retreat Methodist Church. After their time of sharing, coffee and a sweet treat will be available in the fellowship hall for all to enjoy. What a great ministry and a wonderful addition to the Fair! We hope to see everyone there!

Retreat Fair Cowboy Church Co-Coordinator

Marla Withey & Robbin Henchen

Note: There will be a freewill offering taken.

Per Cowboy Church custom, a cowboy hat is used. The hat is not passed but placed strategically.



Grow in Faith! Join us for Bible Study!

We invite you to renew your spirit as we jump into God's Word, grow in our faith, and discover how it applies to our lives today! Everyone is invited to join us for our Sunday Bible study at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 22nd at the Liberty Pole church. This month, we will be starting to examine the Book of Daniel! This Bible study is open to everyone, so come as you are and be ready to dive into the Word!



Sunday Morning Bible Study
Sundays, September 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. at Liberty Pole

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

Prayers for September

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

Sunday

Lord, you are so good to me. I don't deserve your love and grace but I am so thankful for it. Your ways are higher than my ways and your thoughts are higher than my thoughts. Please help me submit fully to your lordship in my life.

Monday

Lord, thank you for breaking the chains that kept me in bondage to sin. Thank you for the freedom I now have in you. I want to follow your example as your disciple. Help me to also give up everything and take up my cross.



Tuesday

Lord, you are all-knowing and full of wisdom. Your plan is masterful. Help me as your disciple to follow you in every thought, word, and deed. Give me a heart of obedience and trust that I would not get wrapped up in my doubt or what I think is the right choice.

Wednesday

Lord, you are the master gardener. You know what is best for your harvest. Help me to abide in you so that you might abide in me and I could be in a good relationship with you. Even in the seasons of waiting, when it feels like nothing is happening. Lord, help me to abide. I just want to be with you, Lord.

Thursday

Lord, it is your desire for everyone to know you. Help me to be a part of that. Enable me to be a good disciple for your kingdom and give me the grace to disciple others. Show me how to advance your kingdom every day.

Friday

Lord, you are faithful to me. Your glory outshines everything. Help me to step out in faith for your kingdom and to challenge those I'm discipling to do the same. Do not allow us, your disciples, to grow complacent or prideful. Challenge us to step out in faith and depend on you fully for all that we need.

Saturday

Lord, your love for me is overwhelming. I am in awe of your grace in my life. You forgave me of my sin long ago, before I even committed it, in order that I may be in a relationship with you. Help me to develop good, Christ-centered relationships with those I am discipling, as you have done with me.



Working Together in Ministry

It's easy to sit on the sidelines and watch the church in action. But it is much more fun and gratifying to be a part of the action! You are invited to be a part of the action! We encourage everyone to come and participate in the discussions at your respective church meeting. Your ideas are vital to our ministry!



New Hope Church Board Meeting

Sunday, September 8th, 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Church Board Meeting

Monday, September 16th, 6 p.m.

Retreat Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 18th, 6:30 p.m.



Trust in God September Online Bible Studies

When life is all sunshine and rainbows, it's easy to say that we trust in God. However, our lives are not devoid of stormy seasons that crash as waves and violent winds, tossing us up and down with the aim of taking our focus off of God. When times get tough and we face those stormy seasons of life, do we actually trust Him? Is that trust evident in the way we live our lives?



Join us this month as we work on our trust in God during both the calm and the stormy seasons of our lives! Together we will be learning to release the things we can't control and finding the courage to step out in faith to follow God's calling for our lives! We will be utilizing two 14-day studies to help us build up our trust in our Mighty God! Use the links below and join us in September!

Trusting God Day by Day – starting September 1st

<https://bible.com/p/68348513/15f4197092a7ce817ab4f8ca9eeaeaf8>

In My Boat: Trusting God in the Midst of the Storm – starting September 15th

<https://bible.com/p/68348563/214891716193079b6db8315dd51ffb36>

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.



Unleash Your Inner Quilter!



If you love to quilt (or do any type of craft), be sure to check out Liberty Pole's Church Basement Quilters! All crafters are invited to join the group for a time of fun, fellowship, and crafting. The group will be meeting on Mondays, September 2nd, 16th, and 30th at 9 a.m. So pack up your sewing machine, quilting projects, crafting supplies 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! This group is sure to have a great time!



Retreat Ladies Group

Hey gals! We want your input on upcoming missions, projects, and events happening in the life of the Retreat Methodist Church. We invite you to come and join in the discussion on Saturday, September 14th at 10 a.m. at the Retreat Methodist Fellowship Hall. And don't worry, it's not *all* business. We have lots of fun too! Bring a light lunch and if you are working on a craft project, bring it along and show it off! We hope to see you there!



Learning Together



Pastor Sandy's recent messages have been very insightful! To continue the Bible study/discussion, we welcome you to join a group following worship at Retreat. Sessions will last about 30 to 45 minutes. The first gathering will be on Sunday, September 15th following worship and will utilize Pastor Sandy's bulletin inserts. We will also set up a schedule at that time. All are welcome!



Playing Praises to Our King!

Beautiful music is flowing from Retreat! At the start of August, the Retreat Methodist Church purchased a brand-new Roland electronic piano/organ for their sanctuary. This purchase was made possible thanks to generous donations by two anonymous individuals. This update replaces the old organ which was originally purchased back in 1978! The old organ has since been donated to another individual who will continue to use it to make wonderful music in the Driftless area. You should hear our new piano for yourself! Come and listen to the beautiful melodies being played on Sunday morning in person!



Thank You for Your Support

The New Hope Food Pantry wishes to extend a HUGE thank you for the community's continued support of the food pantry. Recent monetary donations have allowed the pantry to provide pork and chicken products to their clients. They have also started receiving a nice variety of fresh garden veggies! Thank you for these fresh additions to the pantry! A BIG thank you also goes out to the generous supporters who contribute monthly to the pantry's mission of helping those who face food insecurity in our area! We couldn't do this without you!



Chicken & Noodle and Chili Meal

You are invited to a delicious meal that is sure to warm your heart and soul! The Liberty Pole Methodist Church will be hosting its annual Chicken & Noodle and Chili Meal on Sunday, October 13th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or when the food is gone!). You will have your choice of chicken & noodles or chili, along with beverages (milk, water, or coffee), and a dessert. The meal is dine-in OR carry-out and will be hosted in the church basement. You can enter through either basement doors, however it is requested that you avoid the kitchen door (near the northeast corner of the church). A freewill offering will be collected for the meal, so give as your heart desires. We hope you will this moment and join us for a wonderful midday meal and enjoy the fellowship that goes along with it!



Lasagna Love

In August, members of the Retreat Methodist Church came together to prepare some lasagna dinners for area families who could use a little extra love. The dinners were created as part of a mission called Lasagna Love which seeks to feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities. Together, the church assembled several lasagna dinners for some area families. The dinners were then distributed, and the recipients could choose when to have the meal (the dinners could be frozen for consuming at a later time). All of the volunteers who helped prepare the meals had a blast and are looking forward to assembling more of these dinners as a group in the future!



To learn more about Lasagna Love, check out their website:

<https://lasagnalove.org/>

Working Together for Magnificent Ministry!

Now that we have found our new pastor, it's time to get to work on our joint ministry. And it's important that our churches work together! At a recent meeting of our Executive Board, it was decided to establish several committees, comprised of members from each of our churches, that would be tasked to plan and help lay the ground work that make all of our ministries possible. The currently planned committees are: Finance, comprised of all three church treasurers; Worship, including our three main musicians and Pastor Sandy as well as one or two additional members from each church; Parsonage, comprised of one member of each church, chaired by Deldon Hanson; and Pastor Parish, including one member from each church. These committees will meet as needed and will report to the Executive Board. Additional committees may be established by each church that would only affect the respective church. Volunteers are needed for these committees and each church board will be selecting their representatives in the coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer for one of these committees, please reach out to your respective church board!



Wednesday Warriors Returns!



Get ready for more fun and faith building! New Hope's Wednesday Warriors program returns on Wednesday, September 11th. All area youth are invited to come to Wednesday Warriors every Wednesday after school (starting at 3:30 p.m.). Together, we will explore God's Word through various activities and build a firm foundation of faith rooted in Jesus Christ. There will be plenty of fun and excitement that the youth won't want to miss!

If your child is interested in joining the Wednesday Warriors, they can either ride the bus from Prairie View to New Hope or you can drop them off after school. The program wraps up around 5 p.m. when the kids can be picked up by their parents or guardian. Adult volunteers are also welcome! For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help, please reach out to Christine Harrington at loverocks@mwt.net.



Mark Your Calendars!

Get your 2025 calendars! The Retreat Methodist Church wants to get the next event on your radar! The church is currently planning to host a "Christmas in July" craft show at the Viroqua Eagles on Saturday, July 12th. The show will feature handmade items only – no vendors. Additional details will come in the coming months, so stay tuned!



Get Your Tickets!



Retreat's Fall Turkey Bazaar is coming up on Saturday, October 26th. As in years past, the event will also include a raffle featuring a beautiful quilt (pictured to the left) made by the ladies of the church and several other wonderful prizes. Raffle tickets are available now and can be purchased from numerous church members. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Winners will be drawn at the end of the Bazaar need not be present to win. Get in on a chance to win a wonderful prize while supporting the ministries of the church!

Shining Celebrations!

Birthdays

Shana Hardy – Sept. 4th
 Brenna Lohr – Sept. 6th
 Sandy Marohl – Sept. 7th
 Gavin Nummerdor – Sept. 7th
 Ella Funk – Sept. 9th
 Megan Baker – Sept. 13th
 Steve Thompson – Sept. 16th

Syneve Jones – Sept. 17th
 Gary Robertson – Sept. 17th
 Richard Solverson – Sept. 18th
 Lynn Nelson – Sept. 19th
 Myron Hornby – Sept. 20th
 Amy Hardy – Sept. 22nd
 Mike Isbell – Sept. 22nd

Maxwell Funk – Sept. 23rd
 Cynthia Hubbard – Sept. 23rd
 Lynnell Nummerdor – Sept. 24th
 Pastor Sandy Conrad – Sept. 26th
 John Hanson – Sept. 27th
 Zach Lohr – Sept. 28th
 Chad Vikemyr – Sept. 29th



Anniversaries

Tom & Chris Baker – Sept. 2nd
 Doug & Billie Caley – Sept. 5th
 Myron & Deb Hornby – Sept. 6th
 Kevin & Kim Robson – Sept. 18th



Darwin & LaNay Kumlin – Sept. 20th
 Todd & Vicki Newsome – Sept. 22nd
 Tim & Katie Elbert – Sept. 29th

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, September 1st. Lynn Nelson has volunteered to be our host. 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, September 15th. 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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September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday Fellowship Sunday (R) 	2 Labor Day Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m., New Hope Basement Quilters 9:30 a.m., Liberty Pole	3	4 Food Pantry Open 5 - 6:30 p.m.	5 Food Pantry Open 9 - 11 a.m.	6	7 Parsonage Open House & Picnic 4 p.m. 
8 NH Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.	9	10	11 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 - 6:30 p.m.	12 Food Pantry Open 9 - 11 a.m.	13	14 Retreat Ladies Group 10 a.m., Retreat
15 Fellowship Sunday (LP) Bible Study/Discussion 9 a.m., Retreat	16 Basement Quilters 9:30 a.m., Liberty Pole LP Board Meeting 6 p.m.	17	18 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 - 6:30 p.m. Retreat Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19 Food Pantry Open 9 - 11 a.m. Food Pantry Open 9 - 11 a.m.	20	21
22 Bible Study, 8:30 a. (LP) First Day of Autumn 	23  Newsletter Submission Deadline	24	25 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 - 6:30 p.m.	26 Food Pantry Open 9 - 11 a.m. Food Pantry Open 9 - 11 a.m.	27	28 Retreat Worlds Fair  Cowboy Church 2 p.m. Retreat Methodist Church
29	30 Basement Quilters 9:30 a.m., Liberty Pole					Driftless Ministries Rev. Sandy Conrad (608) 648-2528 pastor@driftlessministry.org

Shine

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Parsonage Open House & Picnic

Saturday, September 7
4 p.m. - ?

- Tour the parsonage
- Enjoy a delicious meal
- Talk with your friends & neighbors
- Have fun playing some games!



COWBOY CHURCH
RETREAT METHODIST CHURCH
SAT. SEPT. 28
2 - 3:30 P.M.