

"Let the light of Jesus shine through you!"

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Upcoming Events

Meatball & Lefse Supper

Thu. Oct. 10, 4 – 7 p.m.

Chicken & Noodle/Chili Meal

Sun. Oct. 13, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

New Hope Board Meeting

Sun. Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Board Meeting

Mon. Oct. 14, 6 p.m.

Retreat Board Meeting

Wed. Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Fall Turkey Bazaar

Sat. Oct. 26, 4 – 7 p.m.

Liberty Pole Bible Study

Sun. Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class

Sun. Oct. 6 & 20, 3 – 5 p.m.

Wednesday Warriors

Every Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Church Basement Quilters

Mon. Oct. 7 & 21, 9 a.m.

Food Pantry Open

Wednesdays: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 – 11 a.m.

Meatball & Lefse Supper

Autumn has begun around the region. As the leaves on the trees begin to change to a variety of colors, the New Hope Methodist Church is busy getting ready to serve up some delicious meatballs and good ol' lefse! Everyone is invited to the annual Meatball and Lefse Supper hosted by the New Hope Methodist Church on Thursday, October 10th from 4 to 7 p.m. This wonderful supper features meatballs, lefse, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberries, glazed carrots, coleslaw, dinner rolls, an assortment of pie and beverages. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 10 and under. Carry-outs are available by calling (608) 648-2644. And be sure that you don't miss the bake sale so the deliciousness can continue when you get home! So be sure to attend this wonderful dinner and enjoy the great food, fun & fellowship!



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 a Chicken & Noodle and Chili Meal on Sunday, October 13th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until 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 door, however it is requested that you avoid the kitchen door (near the northeast corner of the church). A freewill donation 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!



It's Pastor Appreciation Month!

Even though they've only been here a few months, Pastor Sandy and Ron have fit in very well into our Driftless family and the greater community! Their love for ministry and the people is evident in all they do. So, let's show them some extra love during the month of October which is Pastor Appreciation Month! Whether it be a simple handwritten note, kind words, or an unexpected act of kindness, let's show them that we care about them and all they do for our churches and community! And as always, keep praying for them. Our pastors need all the love and support that we can give them... and prayer is the best way to help!

PASTOR
APPRECIATION



Notes from Pastor Sandy

Hello from the parsonage, Driftless family! September is quickly finishing, and we are off to October. Notable September happenings were that we finished The Sermon on the Mount and are now into The Call. I hope you all have been following along either in person or online. We also had a wonderful gathering at the Parsonage for a barbecue. Thanks to all who came out. You should be proud of the parsonage. It is beautiful and it makes a great place to do life together.

On to October. We have three baptisms upcoming at the Retreat church. There are several foody feasts at our churches. I'll let them tell you about those. But don't miss them!

The rest of the sermons in the Call are:

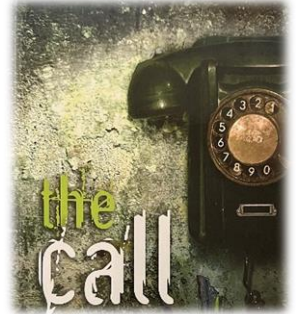
October 6: *Abide in Me*

October 13: *One is the Loneliest Number*

October 20: *Take up your Cross.*

On October 27th, we'll start a four-week series on *The Best Day in the Week* where we'll discuss Baptism, Communion, Worship/Fellowship, and, of course, Preaching.

And, most importantly, **Confirmation is beginning October 6.** If you still have a student that is interested, contact me and we can still get them in. Each participating student will get a Study Bible and a Driftless T-shirt as part of the process. The Bibles will be officially presented at the Grand Finale on April 27 which will be Confirmation Sunday. We will meet at Liberty Pole church for the sessions up till Christmas and then at the parsonage or New Hope for the sessions next year. We will meet from 3-5 every other Sunday afternoon. We hope to have guest speakers join us to share their Christian journey as well.



October 6: Who was Jesus Christ and why is He so important to Christians?

October 20: What is confirmation and what difference should it make?

November 3: Who is the Holy Spirit and what role does He play in my life?

November 17: What is the nature and purpose of the Church? What's the difference between Church and church for Christians?

December 8: Why do evil and suffering exist if God is all powerful?

December 22: To be decided. Party? Caroling? Blue Christmas? Collapse and watch a movie?



Each week the confirmand should be prepared to discuss the question and we will assemble our answers. Because Pastor Sandy likes to talk, each week there will be a brief discussion of how to read the Bible, the history IN the Bible and OF the Bible. Anyone who is interested in the discussion or topic is invited to come.

We have wonderful things happening in October! We are super-excited to have you join us. And, of course, if you have questions or comments, call (608) 648-2528.

We'll see you soon!

Sandy & Ron



Liberty Pole Methodist Women

The Liberty Pole Methodist Women will be meeting on Wednesday, October 9th to assemble chili for their upcoming Chicken & Noodle and Chili Meal! Everyone is welcome to come and help prepare the dish. Many hands make light work... and we'll have lots of fun too! Reach out to Barb Robson at (608) 606-5809 for more information.



Fall Turkey Bazaar

It's an annual tradition! The Retreat Methodist Church will be hosting its annual Fall Turkey Bazaar on Saturday, October 26th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Retreat Methodist Fellowship Hall (E3426 County Road N, De Soto). The church will be serving up generous helpings of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, homemade rolls, and homemade pie! The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per meal with a maximum out-of-pocket cost of \$50.00 for parents with minor children. Carry-outs will be available and can be ordered in advance by calling (608) 648-3435 during the event.



In addition to the delicious dinner, the church will also be hosting a baked goods and craft sale featuring a large variety of items that you can use to treat yourself, your family, and friends! Another can't-miss feature of the bazaar is the raffle featuring a beautiful quilt, handmade items, gift baskets, and more! Raffle tickets are only \$2 each (or get 3 tickets for \$5) and can be purchased during the dinner or in advance from members of the church.

We welcome you all to this year's Fall Turkey Bazaar! Be sure to invite your family and friends and head up to Retreat for a delicious meal, wonderful fellowship, and great fun!



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 **mixed fruit, French dressing, chocolate pudding, and shampoo**. 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



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, October 20th at the Liberty Pole church. This Bible study is open to everyone, so come as you are and be ready to dive into the Word!

Sunday Morning Bible Study
Sunday, October 20th @ 8:30 a.m. at Liberty Pole



Fall in Love with Quilting!



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, October 7th and 21st 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!

Prayers for October

As we enter autumn, you may find the practice of breath prayers useful! Breath prayers have been around for literally centuries. They are a way to connect with Christ as we renew our mind and heart on His Word.

Breath prayers are typically made of words taken directly from Scripture and are very short, usually just one sentence, and broken into two halves. The first half is prayed as you inhale a breath, and the second half is prayed while exhaling.

Because these prayers are based on God’s Word, they are a wonderful way to meditate on Scripture throughout the day and they offer a simple way to practice Paul’s teaching to “pray without ceasing.” (1 Thess. 5:17). Any time you breathe, you can breathe a prayer.

Try using the below breath prayers throughout your day to stay connected and focused on God.

Sunday

Speak Lord... for your servant is listening.

Monday

The Lord is my Shepherd... I shall not want.

Tuesday

Know that Jesus is Lord... Release the burden.

Wednesday

Jesus, be the center... Lord, be my guide.

Thursday

Live by the Spirit... Keep in step with the Spirit.

Friday

You are the Potter... I am the clay.

Saturday

Lord, shine your face on me... Lord, give me peace.



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!



MEETING NOTICE!

New Hope Church Board Meeting

Sunday, October 13th, 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Church Board Meeting

Monday, October 14th, 6 p.m.

Retreat Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 16th, 6:30 p.m.



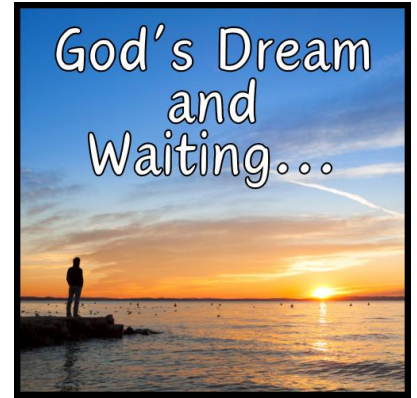
Retreat Ladies Group



Hey ladies! We want your expertise. The Retreat Ladies’ group will be finalizing plans for the upcoming Fall Turkey Bazaar at their next gathering. We invite you to come and join in the discussion on Saturday, October 12th 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!

God's Dream & Waiting... October Online Bible Studies

During our life, we probably periodically wonder as individuals and as a church body what does God want us to do or are we doing what God wants, are we following the dreams He has for us? The first online study for this month can help us strengthen our belief so we can be faithful to God and have the assurance we are following His dreams.



While we're following God's dreams for us, there may be times when there are pauses in God's plan and we need to wait for the next part. The waiting period can be challenging and cause us to become weary in anticipation of the next part of God's plan. The second online study for this month will help us to look at waiting in a different perspective and find a way to remain grounded in God and trust in Him while we wait.

Please use the links below to join us this month as we dream and wait.

God's Dream for Your Life (19 days) – begins on Oct. 1

- <https://bible.com/p/69119668/be108ac551a34fcf6f7a14f2794e4ddb>

Wait in Him (11 days) – begins on Oct. 20

- <https://bible.com/p/69119688/096233b9fa8cc44f267ed0991894e8ca>

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.



Spreading God's Word Around the World

Earlier this year, the Retreat Methodist Church collected Bibles and other Christian books for MissionCry, an organization that empowers native missionaries through the donations of Bibles, books, and more! In late August, John Hanson and Robbin Henchen dropped off the donated books to MissionCry's local representative, Chris Sutton. The donation was greatly appreciated and will go toward spreading God's Word around the world!

To learn more about Mission Cry, please check out their website at:

<https://missioncry.com/>



As Easy As Pie

All are welcome to come and help create the homemade pies for Retreat's upcoming Fall Turkey Bazaar! We will begin the pie-making on Thursday, October 24th at 9 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Even if you can only help for an hour, any assistance is greatly appreciated! There is sure to be plenty of laughter and fellowship along the way! Come and get in on the fun!



An Orchard Full of Blessings!



In late August, a bountiful harvest of delicious apples was collected from the three apple trees outside of the New Hope church. The apples were used to make the delicious apple pies for the bake sale at New Hope’s Labor Day Pancake Breakfast, held at the start of September. The trees continue to be a blessing to the church year after year.

These apple trees were planted on the west side of the New Hope church with each one representing a church in the Driftless Ministries.



Supporting Our Local School Staff

On the morning of Thursday, August 29th, the Retreat Methodist Church blessed the staff at the Prairie View Elementary School. A popular mission for many churches and organizations in late summer is to collect school supplies for area youth-in-need. The Retreat church is no stranger to this mission, having participated in years past and also continuing to participate this year through the donation of several backpacks stuffed with supplies to needy children at Prairie View Elementary School.

However, the members of the church wanted to do something more to help. While the children need and certainly deserve our support, school staff also need care and encouragement! To show their support, members of the church delivered lunch for the teachers and staff at Prairie View as they were preparing for the new school year. The teachers and staff greatly appreciated the nourishment for their bodies and the encouragement for their souls.



Another Round of 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. This October, they’re doing it again! If you would like to participate in preparing these wonderful meals, you are more than welcome to join in on the fun! Our amazing crew plans to meet on Wednesday, October 2nd at 9:30 a.m. to assemble at least 5 lasagna dinners to bless others in the community. If you are aware of someone in the community who could use a little extra love, please let us know! Reach out to Colleen Inman or Lynnell Nummerdor for more information and to submit your neighbor recommendation for some Lasagna Love.

To learn more about Lasagna Love, check out their website: <https://lasagnalove.org/>



We Need Your Help!

Our churches need your help updating our website! We are in need of pictures from the life in and around each of our churches. Whether it be a special event, a group gathering, an ongoing ministry, or even our normal Sunday worship, we want you to snap a picture and send it to us!

Representation from each church is a must for this project, and we hope you can help! If you have pictures to share or would like more info, contact Jeff Nelson at jefferynelson04@yahoo.com. Thank you!



Thinking Ahead: Christmas in July



The Retreat Methodist Church is planning to bring a bit of the Christmas season into the summer of 2025! The church will be hosting a Christmas in July Craft Show at the Viroqua Eagles Club (216 S Rock Ave., Viroqua, WI) on Saturday, July 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will feature handmade items only, no vendors. Crafters are wanted to fill the spaces! Each space will be 10 feet wide and cost \$25.00 per space. If you would like to reserve a space (or two) or if you would like more information, please contact Crystal Nummerdor at (608) 606-9082.



Serving God and Having Fun at Wednesday Warriors!

Come get in on the fun at Wednesday Warriors! 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.



Recently, the Wednesday Warriors decided to give the New Hope Food Pantry a helping hand at the end of a recent session. The kids all formed a “bucket brigade” line and passed pantry supplies from a vehicle outside the church all the way into the pantry! Together, they learned that serving God and others CAN be fun!



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

John Burckhardt, Jr. – Oct. 1st
 Caleb Frank – Oct. 1st
 Otto Matson – Oct. 1st
 Terrah Mendoza – Oct. 1st
 Chad Johnson – Oct. 3rd
 Rita Stalsburg – Oct. 3rd
 Alicia Funk – Oct. 5th
 Gary Thompson – Oct. 5th
 Rita Burckhardt – Oct. 6th
 Vickie Kumlin – Oct. 6th
 Eric Deaver – Oct. 7th

Buddy Zitzner – Oct. 7th
 Fred Zitzner – Oct. 7th
 Gary Haakenson – Oct. 8th
 Renee Baker – Oct. 10th
 Judy Erickson – Oct. 10th
 Jon Fish – Oct. 10th
 Cole Johnson – Oct. 10th
 Deldon Hanson – Oct. 11th
 Jennifer Stalsburg – Oct. 12th
 Ryan Brinkman – Oct. 14th
 Nicole Erdman – Oct. 17th

David Slack – Oct. 17th
 Allison Hardy – Oct. 18th
 Dennis Isbell – Oct. 18th
 Ciara Zitzner – Oct. 18th
 Hudson Brinkman – Oct. 22nd
 Leland Diehl – Oct. 24th
 Nicole Johnson – Oct. 25th
 Nancy Cocchiola – Oct. 28th
 Paul Erickson – Oct. 31st

Anniversaries

Neil & Casey Funk – Oct. 4th
 Ivan & Linda Kunert – Oct. 5th
 Chad & Kimberly Eick – Oct. 7th
 Jeff & Steph Nelson – Oct. 10th
 Bill & Crystal Nummerdor – Oct. 12th
 Greg & Jean Roach – Oct. 13th



Gary & Janet Thompson – Oct. 17th
 Eric & Debbie Deaver – Oct. 20th
 Wayne & Barb Robson – Oct. 22nd
 Bryce & Alicia Funk – Oct. 23rd
 Eldon & Judy Gardner – Oct. 24th
 Lee & Cheryl Johnson – Oct. 27th

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, October 6th. Our hosts will be **Marla Withey & Carol Gilman**. 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, October 20th. 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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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LP: Liberty Pole NH: New Hope R: Retreat		1	2 Lasagna Love 9 a.m. @ Retreat Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
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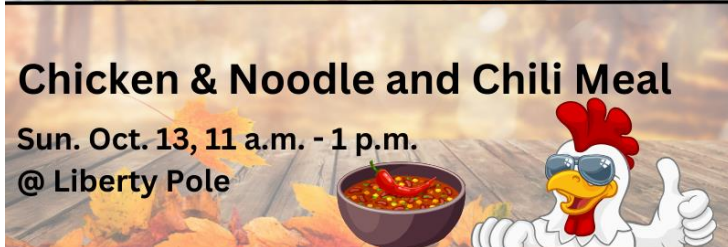
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