

"Let the light of Jesus shine through you!"

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Upcoming Events

Communion Sunday

Sunday, November 3

Retreat Ladies Group

Sat. Nov. 9, 10 a.m.

New Hope Board Meeting

Sun. Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Tues. Nov. 12, 6 p.m.

@ New Hope

Retreat Board Meeting

Wed. Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

LP Methodist Women

Wed. Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Liberty Pole Bible Study

Sun. Nov. 10 & 24, 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class

Sun. Nov. 3 & 17, 3 – 5 p.m.

Wednesday Warriors

Every Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Church Basement Quilters

Mon. Nov. 4 & 18, 9 a.m.

Food Pantry Open

Wednesdays: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 9 – 11 a.m.

What a Busy Month!

The past month has certainly been busy across the Driftless Ministries! With baptisms, confirmation classes, church dinners and much more, there hasn't been a dull moment! A huge thank you goes out to everyone who has been involved with the ministries of the church.

- To those who shared their stories with our confirmation students, thank you for being open with your faith journey and impacting their spiritual growth!
- For all who helped with or donated for the church dinners: New Hope's Meatball & Lefse Supper, Liberty Pole's Chicken & Noodle and Chili Meal, and Retreat's Fall Turkey Bazaar – a huge thank you goes out! These functions would not be possible without the hard work and generosity of wonderful people like you! Thank you so much for your continued dedication to the ministry of the church.
- To everyone who attended the church dinners, thank you for your continued support! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks to wonderful people like you, small rural churches like ours continue to serve the communities in which we live and build up the kingdom of God!

November should be a bit quieter, giving us all a rest before the busy time of Advent and Christmas arrive. Enjoy the month ahead and we look forward to seeing you again soon!



Thank
You



Notes from Pastor Sandy

Part of me wants to not acknowledge that fact that November is right around the corner, but it is hard to ignore when I look out the window. The fields are being harvested, the leaves are turning and falling, and I spend much more time checking the outside temperature than I ever did in Waco! What a wonderful time to be in Wisconsin! The scenery is great, but the FOOD is even better! October has been a wonderful time of feasting and fellowship. Our sincere thanks to all the people who participated in the Meatball and Lefse Dinner, the Chicken and Noodles and Chili dinner, and the Turkey Bazaar. They were truly all church efforts and your work and service to the Lord were amazing. My pastor's soul and stomach were blessed!

THANK YOU



Confirmation has started and will continue every other week till April (the schedule was in last month's Shine). Kids, keep coming and reading your Bibles. Families, help keep them strong in the faith and regular in attendance. As part of the confirmation process, Ron and I will be asking various members of the churches to come and tell their stories and speak on the Topic of the Day. Faith is always best when done as a group activity and I thank all of you in advance for sharing your story with our youth.

By the time you read this, we will have finished our second Sermon Series. For the first three weeks in November, we will discuss the Best Day of the Week—that's Sunday, folks. And no, it's not just football and a Sunday afternoon nap. Great things happen on Sundays. We get baptisms and we'll discuss what that means in the Methodist tradition. We get the Lord's Supper, and we'll discuss that on November 3rd. On the tenth we'll learn about fellowship. That's something that you all do well but we will discuss fellowship in relation to the Fellowship of believers and in the context of the Christian church. On November 17, we'll celebrate our Veterans and the best 'best thing' about Sunday—Preaching. We'll have a guest preacher on November 24th and then December 1st we'll start A Bethlehem Love Story—the Book of Ruth which will go through the month of December. Expect lots of Christmas Carols as well- your pastor loves them.



Safe travels to all as we celebrate Thanksgiving with family. Say 'thank-you' to God as you feast. I know Ron and I will. We are so blessed to be here.

Grace and peace to you all,

Pastor Sandy



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, November 10th & 24th at the Liberty Pole church. We will be continuing our study of 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
Sunday, November 10th & 24th @ 8:30 a.m. at Liberty Pole

And the Winners Are... Not Known Yet!

The Fall Turkey Bazaar at the Retreat Methodist Church was held on Saturday, October 26th. At the time of printing this newsletter, the event has yet to happen... and thus the winners of the big raffle are not yet known! So to let you know who won in a timely fashion, we will announce the winners on the church Facebook page! We will also be sure to announce them in the next newsletter for those who do not follow up on social media.



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 **spaghetti, soups, saltine crackers, and peanut butter**. 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*



Mission Outreach: Hurricane Relief

When Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton passed through the Southeastern United States a few weeks ago, they left a trail of devastation behind. Especially hard hit were areas of Florida, Western North Carolina, and Eastern Tennessee. People in these areas have lost loved ones, homes and belongings. In some cases, entire communities have been wiped off the map!

Volunteers with Samaritan's Purse have been on the ground in these communities, delivering supplies, rebuilding communities, and bringing hope to those who so desperately need it. To aid in the recovery efforts, our churches have decided to collect donations to support Samaritan's Purse and the life-changing work they are doing in these communities. All funds raised will be used to aid the people and communities affected by these two hurricanes. Donations will be collected and sent in at the end of each month, getting the funds to the people in need as soon as possible.

If you would like to donate funds to the recovery efforts, you can join us in a few ways! If you attend worship in any of our churches, you can drop your donation into the offering plate/box with a note/memo that it is for hurricane relief. If you would like to mail in your donation, you can send your check, made out to one of our churches with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line to:

**Driftless Ministries
c/o Hurricane Relief
E2286 State Highway 82
De Soto, WI 54624**



Prayers for November

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

Sunday

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life. You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who love and support me. Open my eyes every day to these blessings and all you do in my life. Amen.

Monday

Lord, guide me in every decision this week, and may my actions reflect Your will. Whether I face challenges or moments of ease, help me to always lean on Your wisdom and strength. Amen.

Tuesday

God of all, you uphold the world by your might, and in your wisdom, you work all things toward good. Call to my mind today the places and people in need of your strength. May your strength be with me and all those who need you this day. Amen.

Wednesday

Dear God, as I embark on today's adventure, I do so with a heart full of trust and a spirit filled with hope. I thank You in advance for the beautiful moments, the lessons, and even the challenges that will mold me further into Your likeness. Amen.

Thursday

God of peace, in you we can find a calmness that the world does not offer. In the chaos of our world, I pray for peace and a sense of deep calm. Give me and all those who need you a day light on anxiety and rooted by and in your peace. Amen.

Friday

Sovereign Lord, you are over all and through all and in all. In your wisdom, you act for good in my life. Keep me expectant as I wait for you. Help my trust to grow as I wait to see the fruit of your work in my life and in the world. Amen.

Saturday

Lord, you see and know everything there is. Every day you walk in front of me and behind me, leading me toward still waters. May a sense of calm settle in my soul as I recall all the ways you have blessed me. May I rest knowing that when life seems out of control, you are in control. Amen.



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!



BOARD MEETING

New Hope Church Board Meeting

Sunday, November 10th, 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Church Board Meeting

To Be Determined

Retreat Church Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th, 6:30 p.m.



Growing in Gratitude November Online Bible Studies

With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, its not surprising when we all start to think about all we are grateful for. Gratitude, and the act of thanksgiving, naturally offers us a way of embracing all that makes our lives what they are. However, it should be more than just a momentary good feeling. We are called to live a life filled with thanksgiving!

To become better at the practice of thanksgiving, we are going to focus on gratitude during the month of November through our online Bible studies! We invite you to join us on a 28-day journey through a series of four studies as we learn more about gratitude and aim to live a life full of thanksgiving!

To join these studies, simply use the links below! We look forward to growing in gratitude with you!

- Acts of Gratitude for Ordinary Days – Starts Nov. 1st
<https://bible.com/p/69525491/704b248b31472567d2bb11cbab059336>
- The Power of Gratitude – Starts Nov. 7th
<https://bible.com/p/69525538/99415be70781c73fb970cdec5fbe7dd8>
- Real Hope: Gratitude – Starts Nov. 14th
<https://bible.com/p/69525557/096fa8569e86e4a3f62fcdc560f3b0fd>
- Transform Your Life Through Gratitude and Prayer – Starts Nov. 21st
<https://bible.com/p/69525565/1732eb9f39e6bcef7e2b5f42206a94b4>



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.



Retreat Ladies Group



Hey ladies! The Retreat Ladies' group will meeting again on Saturday, November 9th at 10 a.m. at the Retreat Methodist Fellowship Hall. We'll be reviewing the bazaar and thinking ahead to what lies ahead. 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!



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.





Liberty Pole Methodist Women

The Liberty Pole Methodist Women will be meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Liberty Pole Methodist Church. All area women are welcome to attend!



Thready for Anything!

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, November 4th & 18th 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!



A Special Thank You!



A special thank you to all who provided food, helped serve, and came to eat at our chicken noodle/chili meal. It was a great success again this year. It is so heartwarming to see our church members come together and work joyfully at these meals. It's not only Liberty Pole, but also New Hope and Retreat! We have so many dedicated Christian church members willing to give and support out church missions. We are blessed to be a part of the Driftless Ministries!



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.



De Soto FFA Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to join the De Soto FFA on Friday, November 15th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for their 4th annual Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner benefitting Freedom Honor Flight. In the past three years, they have raised over \$10,000 through this event! The meal will consist of spaghetti, garlic bread, vegetables, and a dessert. There is no set cost for the meal, but a free-will donation will be collected. They will be serving until 7:30 pm or until they run out! When you come, please enter the "drive-through" on the north side of the school near the middle school parking lot and bus barn. There will be one-way traffic that circles back by the Ag Shop/Greenhouse for food pickup.



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

Get a Homemade Pie for Thanksgiving!



Would you like a delicious homemade pie for your Thanksgiving dinner, without having to go through all the hassle of doing it yourself? Well, do we have an opportunity for you! The Retreat Methodist Church will be making pies to complete your Thanksgiving Day feast! Three kinds of pie will be available for pre-order: pumpkin, apple, and pecan. Each pie will be 9” in diameter and ready for pickup on Wednesday, November 27th – the day before Thanksgiving. Apple and pumpkin pies will be available for \$12 each and pecan pies will be available for \$14. Orders are being taken now through Monday, November 25th and can be made by contacting Lynnell Nummerdor at (608) 648-2529.



Around the Driftless

Check out some of these other functions happening around the Driftless area this month!

- **Harvest Festival:** Sat., Nov. 2nd, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at De Soto Lutheran Church. *Serving soup, BBQ, hot dogs, chili dogs, bars. Bake Sale, Raffle prizes.*
- **Stoddard Ham Supper:** Tues., Nov. 5th, 3:30 – 7 p.m. at the Stoddard American Legion. *Serving ham, potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, roll, dessert, & beverage. Eat in or carry out. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under.*
- **Snowflake Bazaar:** Sat., Nov. 9th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church (E4250 Hwy 56). *Crafts for all season, bakery, gift baskets, lunch (serving chili, soup, and homemade bread).*
- **Annual Fall Bazaar:** Sat., Nov. 9th, 11 a.m. – Noon at Middle Coon Valley Lutheran Church. *Crafts, baked goods, raffle drawings, lunch. It only lasts an hour, so don't miss it!*
- **Vernon County Veterans' Breakfast:** Sat., Nov. 9th, 8 – 10 a.m. at Grace Church (915 County Road B, Viroqua). *Grace Church is sponsoring a free breakfast in honor of our local veterans followed by a short program. ALL are welcome.*
- **Twinkle Light Village – Christmas Market:** Nov. 22 & 29, 4 – 8 p.m. and Nov. 23 & 30, 12 – 7 p.m., Wild West Days Grounds, Viroqua. *Experience the wild west with a crafty twist this Christmas season! Enjoy vendors, sleigh rides, mulled wine, kids' crafts, food, community Christmas trees, and classic Christmas carols. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled free event!!!*
- **Twinklefest Parade:** Fri., Nov. 29th, 6 p.m., Downtown Viroqua



Westby UMC Christmas Cookie Walk

Start your Christmas baking the easy way, without having to find recipes or dirty any dishes. Come to the Westby UMC Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 7th, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. There will be a wide variety of Christmas cookies, homemade candies, and other baked goods available. The cookie walk is like having a salad bar, where you get to choose your own salad toppings, but with cookies in place of the salad items. The cost is \$7 per pound, with some items priced separately. Coffee and hot chocolate will be available. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards Westby UMC's outreach and other needs. Remember to come early for the best selection of cookies.



Shining Celebrations!

Birthdays

Hunter Isbell – Nov. 1st
 Garrett Schiffler – Nov. 1st
 Isabella Thompson – Nov. 1st
 Melissa Vikemyr – Nov. 1st
 Dylan Johnson – Nov. 2nd
 Kim Robson – Nov. 4th
 Joyce Krueger – Nov. 6th
 Jeanne Kunert – Nov. 6th
 Desirae Steiber – Nov. 7th
 Pamela Harkema – Nov. 9th
 Brent Deaver – Nov. 11th
 Milan Gilman – Nov. 11th

Loren Kuner – Nov. 12th
 Duanne Stalsberg – Nov. 13th
 Cora Gianoli – Nov. 15th
 Carolyn Nummerdor – Nov. 16th
 Edith Stalsberg – Nov. 17th
 Janna Thew – Nov. 17th
 Ethan Ellefson – Nov. 19th
 Neil Funk – Nov. 19th
 Lucy Foley – Nov. 20th
 Mary Marx – Nov. 20th
 David Baker – Nov. 23rd
 Mark Haakenson – Nov. 23rd

Jeff Nelson – Nov. 23rd
 Jeff Warmuth – Nov. 23rd
 Roxanna Haakenson – Nov. 24th
 Kevin Taylor – Nov. 24th
 Willis Jaxon Newsome – Nov. 25th
 Abigail Diehl – Nov. 27th
 Chandlor Volden – Nov. 28th
 Patty Stilwell – Nov. 29th
 Hailey Thompson – Nov. 29th
 Joan Seymour – Nov. 30th
 Loren Springborn – Nov. 30th

Anniversaries

Gary & Lynnell Nummerdor – Nov. 4th

Carol & Milan Gilman – Nov. 11th

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, November 3rd. Our hosts will be **Crystal & Lynnell Nummerdor**. 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, November 17th. 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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November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LP: Liberty Pole NH: New Hope R: Retreat	Driftless Ministries Rev. Sandy Conrad Mobile: (608) 881-4276 Parsonage: (608) 648-2528 pastor@driftlessministry.org		 FALL BACK DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS <small>SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR</small>	1 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	2 Set your clocks back 1 hour tonight before going to bed!	
3 Communion Sunday Fellowship Sunday (R)  <i>Confirmation Class</i> 3 – 5 p.m. @ LP	4 Basement Quilters 9:30 a.m., Liberty Pole	5 Election Day 	6 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	7 Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.	8 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	9 Retreat Ladies Group 10 a.m., Retreat
10 Bible Study, 8:30 a. (LP) NH Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.	11	12 Executive Committee Meeting 6 p.m. @ New Hope	13 LP Methodist Women Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m. Retreat Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14 Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.	15 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	16
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