

"Let the light of Jesus shine through you!"

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Upcoming Events

Communion Sunday

Sunday, February 2

Fellowship Sunday

Sun. Feb. 2, 9 a.m. @ Retreat

Retreat Ladies Group

Sat. Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

New Hope Board Meeting

Sun. Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Board Meeting

Mon. Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m.

Retreat Board Meeting

Tue. Feb. 11, 6 p.m.

Liberty Pole Methodist Women

Wed. Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Sunday

Sun. Feb. 16, 10 a.m. @ Liberty Pole

Sunday Bible Study

Mon. Feb. 2 & 16, 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class

Sun. Feb. 9 & 23, 3 – 5 p.m.
@ New Hope

Wednesday Warriors

Every Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

Food Pantry Open

Wednesdays: 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 9 – 11 a.m.

Helping with the Recovery

Thanks to the generous donations from friends and members of our churches, Driftless Ministries sent \$642 to Samaritan's Purse at the end of December. That means that so far, our churches have sent a total of \$1,526 to aid in the recovery efforts in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee following the devastation left behind by Hurricane Helene last autumn. The recovery effort continues as Samaritan's Purse remains in the region to build and repair houses in the area, as well as replacing manufactured homes.

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

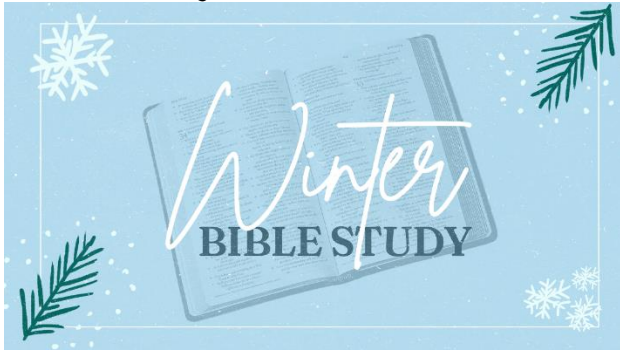


Get Involved with Worship!

We are seeking volunteers in all three of our churches to step up during worship and participate as liturgists! These individuals will get to take a more active role in worship through the reading of prayers, Scripture, and the benediction. Through this work, you will enable Pastor Sandy and Ron more time to travel between services (*always handy for the winter months*) and also grant them more time to interact with members at each of our churches on Sunday mornings. This extra time is vital for them to build relationships and address any concerns or issues that may arise in our communities, churches, or personal lives.

The work will be easy, but vital to the life of our churches. If you are interested in volunteering as a liturgist or have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Sandy and let her know! We welcome everyone to participate – no matter your age or ability! The Holy Spirit will be with you, guiding you through the process.





Get a Spiritual Boost and Dive into the Bible with Us!

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, February 2nd and 16th at the Liberty Pole church. This Bible study is open to everyone, so come as you are and be ready to dive into the Living Word!

Sunday Morning Bible Study
Sundays, February 2nd & 16th @ 8:30 a.m. at Liberty Pole



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 **peaches, pears, green beans, and au gratin potatoes**. If you wish to donate items or funds, feel free to drop them off at any of our three churches.

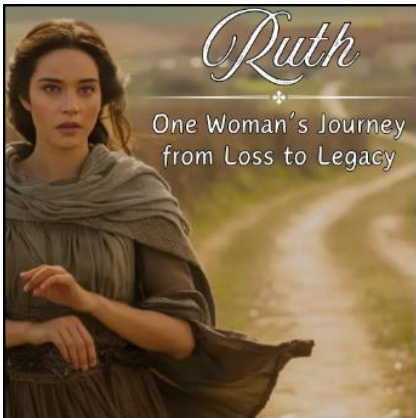
You may also drop them off during the pantry’s open hours:
Wednesdays, 5 – 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 – 11 a.m.

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



Ruth – One Woman’s Journey from Loss to Legacy

February Online Bible Study



Do you ever wonder if the little things in life matter? Perhaps you wonder why some things happen or don’t happen in your life. Or do you ever ponder whether what you are doing in your life and with your life matters? In the book of Ruth, Ruth and others had some of these same feelings, but through God’s providence, they experienced more positive things in their lives. This book shows us that no person or event is insignificant in God’s plan.

Please join us this month as we go on a journey for 26 days with Ruth. Here is the link to this month’s reading plan, which will begin on February 1st.

- **Love God Greatly: Ruth**
<https://bible.com/p/71825388/fd33c2b7054adadb46ba6bec81f563f1>

This online study 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.



**For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,
so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures
and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.**

~ Romans 15:4 ~

Prayers for February

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

Sunday

Gracious God, I know that only you provide what truly nourishes me. Fill me with your love and grace until I am full. Amen.

Monday

Dear God, thank you for reminding me through your creation how much you love me. Admiring what your hands have made helps me to feel your presence each and every day. Amen.

Tuesday

Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunities you give me to know you and your Son. Help me continue to grow in faithful obedience to you by following in the way Jesus taught. Amen.

Wednesday

Father God, help me to understand that you are with me in all situations. Increase my faith, and help me to trust you fully. Amen.

Thursday

Father God, help me when I let difficult situations interfere with the peace you have freely given. Allow the Prince of Peace to fill me with hope, faith, and peace. Amen.

Friday

Dear God, thank you for the gift of scripture. Help me to store your word in my heart to strengthen me as I live for you. Amen.

Saturday

Dear Jesus, help me to find rest in you. Show me how and when to rest. Amen.



Working Together in Ministry

It's easy to sit on the sidelines and watch the church do its ministry. But it is much more fun and gratifying to be a part of the action! You are invited to be a part of the work of the church! 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, February 9th, 11:30 a.m.

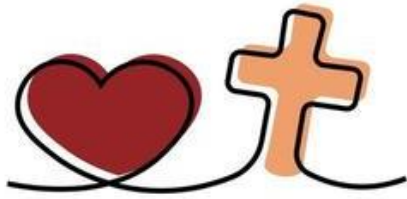
Liberty Pole Church Board Meeting

Monday, February 10th, 4:30 p.m.

Retreat Church Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11th, 6 p.m.





Liberty Pole Methodist Women

The Liberty Pole Methodist Women group will be meeting in February, and all area women are invited to attend. They will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12th in the basement of the Liberty Pole Methodist Church. Come and join our ministry and have fun at the same time!



Quilting from Home!

There will be no Basement Quilters sewing days in February. We will be taking our "winter break" to stay home and sew on our projects without going out in to the cold, or risking a fall or injury to any of the "sewists"! We will again be making a variety of projects that we will donate to various organizations throughout the year. If you are aware of any family that has a quilting need, please notify one of the women who sew regularly. If you are interested in quilting or crafting, please feel free to join us when we resume in March. We do have a wonderful time together on the first and third Mondays of the month.



Retreat Ladies Group



Hey ladies! The Retreat Ladies' group will be meeting on Saturday, February 8th at 10 a.m. at the Retreat Methodist Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing upcoming ministry opportunities and thinking about ahead to what lies ahead for 2025! 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!



Prepare Now for a Summer Craft Show!

Make use of these slower winter months and get creative! Why? Well, the Retreat Methodist Church invites you to participate in their 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. And 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.



It's Time for a Snow Day!



Are you looking for a fun family-friendly event for you and your children this winter? Get outside and enjoy this winter wonderland that God has given to us at Living Waters Bible Camp's Snow Day on Sunday, February 9th! This is your opportunity to discover what the camp is all about while having fun at the same time. Enjoy an afternoon of tubing, cross country skiing, and ice skating with lunch and hot chocolate included! The fun begins at 1 p.m. with lunch being served between 1 and 3 p.m. The cost for the whole day is \$7 per person (kids 3 years and younger are FREE). Each ticket includes the use of ice rink, tube hill, ice skates, cross-country skiing, and lunch. Find out more at www.lwbc.org. So come on out to Living Waters for an afternoon of fun in God's great outdoors!

Living Waters Bible Camp is located north of Westby just off Hwy 27 on Reo Avenue (E8932 Reo Avenue).

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Winter Fun Day!



Snow or no snow, it's a go! Everyone, young and young-at-heart, are welcome to come and enjoy a Winter Fun Day at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. The Winter Fun Day will be held on Sunday, February 9th between 1 and 4 p.m. Sledding, tubing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and all sorts of outdoor winter fun will be available. The equipment is provided or you can bring your own. A lunch of hot dogs and chili will be provided along with cozy drinks. RSVPs are appreciated and can be made by calling (608) 734-3113 or emailing the camp office at office@sforcreek.org. The cost of the day is \$10 per person; children age 4 and under are free. Head down to Sugar Creek with the family for an afternoon of winter fun!



Love Lasts Forever – Valentine’s Day Luncheon

A major celebration of love, like Valentine’s Day, can be bittersweet for those missing their mate. No matter how much time has passed, February 14 can trigger memories of a lost love. Popp Funeral and Cremation Services supports those without a surviving spouse by hosting a complimentary Valentine’s Day Luncheon at Old Towne Inn in Westby. Our program begins at 11:00 a.m. with fellowship and food to follow. Our light-hearted and entertaining program is a celebration of love and includes a touching rose presentation ceremony to honor the spouses missed on that special day.



This event is an expression of our care here at Popp because we know that whether it was many years together or just a few, it's the memories that keep love alive. Please call (608) 637-7041 to RSVP your meal.



There’s More Happening Around the Driftless...

Pancake Breakfast – Sun. Feb. 2nd, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Coon Valley American Legion Post 116.

Serving pancakes, sausage links, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, and beverages.

Soup Lunch & Auction – Sat. Feb. 8th, 11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. auction @ Faith UMC, rural La Farge.

Serving: Three soups, crackers, bread, cheese & sausage, desserts, and beverages. Free-will donation for soup lunch.

Meatball & Lefse Dinner – Wed. Feb. 12th, 4:30 – 7 p.m. @ Viroqua UMC.

Serving: Meatballs, Homemade Lefse, Real Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Coleslaw, & Homemade Pie. Cost: \$15 per meal. Carry-outs are available. Call (608) 637-3551 for more information.

Winter Walk & Bonfire – Sat. Feb. 22nd, 3 – 5:30 p.m. @ Lower Duck Egg County Forest, rural Chaseburg

Walkers are to meet in the park parking lot. All walks will begin promptly at 3pm and will be approximately 1 hour long, with a bonfire and beverages to immediately follow.



Give to Your Church Anywhere, Anytime



It is easier than ever to financially support the ministries of your church! Safe and secure online giving is available for the Liberty Pole, New Hope, and Retreat Methodist Churches on our website: <https://www.driftlessministry.org>! Simply click on the “Giving” tab in the main menu or head directly to <https://driftlessministry.org/giving/> and discover just how easy it is to give from the comfort of wherever you may be. I think you’ll be surprised!

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Shining Celebrations!

Birthdays

Elaine Lambert – Feb. 3rd
 Gloria Warmuth – Feb. 3rd
 Jackie Schiffler – Feb. 4th
 Dale Torke – Feb. 4th
 Mary Fox – Feb. 6th
 Shianne Nummerdor – Feb. 6th
 Vanessa Lohr – Feb. 7th
 Trista Diehl – Feb. 8th

Shirley Haakenson – Feb. 8th
 Serena Baker – Feb. 10th
 Andy Hanson – Feb. 11th
 Sue Isbell – Feb. 11th
 Shelby Knutson – Feb. 13th
 Axell Lepke – Feb. 15th
 Kirk Holliday – Feb. 16th
 Alan Christianson – Feb. 17th

Renae Diehl – Feb. 17th
 James Vikemyr – Feb. 17th
 Gary Nummerdor – Feb. 18th
 Maddie Stillwell – Feb. 19th
 Terry Nelson – Feb. 23rd
 Cathy Gruneth – Feb. 24th
 David Stalsberg – Feb. 25th
 Sara Hanson – Feb. 28th

Anniversaries

Fred & Vicki Zitzner – Feb. 17th

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, February 2nd and everyone is welcome to stick around after worship and join in the wonderful fellowship. This month's hosts at Retreat are **Lynnell Nummerdor and Carol Gilman**. We hope you can join us after worship on Sunday, February 2nd for some wonderful fellowship time!

This month's Fellowship Sunday at the Liberty Pole Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, February 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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- Food Pantry –** Debbie Groves: (608) 648-3684
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February 2025

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						1
2 Communion Sunday Bible Study 8:30 a.m. @ LP Fellowship Sunday (R) 	3	4	5 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8 Pastors Sabbath Retreat Ladies Group 10 a.m.	
9 NH Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class 3 – 4:30 p.m. @ NH	10	11	12 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m. LP Methodist Women 5:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Pastors Sabbath 	
16 Bible Study 8:30 a.m. @ LP Fellowship Sunday (LP)	17	18	19 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Pastors Sabbath	
23 Confirmation Class 3 – 4:30 p.m. @ NH	24	25	26 Wednesday Warriors 3:30 p.m. @ NH Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	27	28	1 Pastors Sabbath	

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