

*"Let the light of Jesus shine through you!"*

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**Upcoming Events**

**New Hope Board Meeting**

Sun. June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

**Liberty Pole Board Meeting**

Mon. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

**Driftless Men's Group**

Tue. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.  
@ VRQ Family Restaurant

**Retreat Board Meeting**

Tue. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

**Retreat Ladies Group**

Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

**Communion Sunday**

Sun. June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Food Pantry Open**

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

**Wednesday Warriors**

Wed., June 17 & 24  
12 - 3 p.m. @ New Hope

**Wednesday Warriors: Summer School Edition!**

Just because the school year is over, that does not mean learning and fun has to end! On Wednesdays of summer school (June 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>), the New Hope Methodist Church will host Wednesday Warriors in the afternoon from noon to 3 p.m. All children are welcome to attend and enjoy the snacks, games, and stories! It will be a great time of learning, fun, and growing in love for the Lord! Let the summer fun begin!

**Wednesday Warriors  
Summer School Edition!**

Wednesdays, June 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Noon – 3 p.m.  
@ New Hope Methodist Church



**New Hope Awards Scholarships**

On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, New Hope was blessed to present two scholarships at De Soto Area Schools. New Hope has always held the Prairie View Elementary School as one of their missions. Members have helped with back-to-school supplies, winter gear and other essentials. These scholarships are a part of this mission. The second scholarship is the New Hope Kids Ministry scholarship in honor of Gloria Warmuth. Mrs. Warmuth was a teacher at Prairie View for many years. After retirement, she continued to use her love of teaching the youth of New Hope. The church would like to continue the blessing of her life with this scholarship. Both scholarships were awarded to Jude Dolezel. Praise God for our youth & our generous community!



*Christine Harrington presenting the scholarships to  
Jade Dolezel, De Soto High School Senior*

# Notes from Pastor Sandy

I am getting ready to preach on Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42) AND I am starting to tidy up the yard and plant flowers and generally beautify the outside. Though those two do NOT seem to be related, they are. In the mind of this modern Martha, there is ENDLESS stuff you can do to make your yard wonderful. I used to get the Burpee seed catalogue and spend three months choosing plants and then planting material that would never grow in my yard! I hope everyone is enjoying the nicer weather and sitting on a porch and relaxing!

The other thing I thought I might include this month is a little background on those icky, awful Samaritans that have figured in some of our recent sermons. This is Old Testament stuff. After the Israelites conquered the Promised Land, they all lived sort of happily together with their capital city at Shiloh (about twenty miles north of Jerusalem in the West Bank). King David came and made Jerusalem the capital and the nation did well until Solomon died and his son, Rehoboam (Reh'-ho-bo-am) came to power. He wanted to tax the nation a LOT. He was advised against it but then uttered that famous line, "My little finger is thicker than my father's loins" (1 Kings 12:10 and 2 Chronicles 10:10). He was a jerk with a bad sense of proportion and the taxes that he implemented caused the richer northern tribes to break off and form their own nation—called Israel or Ephraim. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained loyal to the king and became Judah. The north had the rich farmland and the trade routes that allowed travelers from the east to get to Europe or Asia, people from Egypt to get up to Europe, and Europeans to get to Asia or Egypt.

The northern kingdom had it made except that they were in the crosshairs of the powerful Assyrian empire which started north of Babylon and eventually swung around to encompass land down to Ephraim. The Assyrians didn't just conquer you; they MOVED you in very small groups to other regions of their empire and they imported others into the spots you vacated. There is no point to asking what happened to the northern ten tribes of Israel because the Assyrians smashed them to bits and scattered them to the four corners. Later, Judah falls to Babylon, but the Babylonians wanted your money and your talented people. So, they moved people in GROUPS and that allowed the Jews to maintain their culture.

Ultimately the Jews are allowed to return to the land of Israel, but they have spent decades working to maintain the purity of their religion in a foreign nation. They came back to find the area north of Jerusalem now inhabited by 'Samaritans'—a mixed breed of Jews and Gentiles (because there was no one left for the remaining Jews to marry BUT Gentiles!). That entire region of land from just below the Sea of Galilee down to the top of the Dead Sea was Samaria. The Jews and the Samaritans had a lot of the same heritage and shared more history than they cared to think about. BUT the Jews of the south had become RIGID in their thoughts on religion. They felt that their exile to Babylon was because they had deviated from the will of God and the solution was not to repent and return to God but to add hundreds of new rules AND a rigid isolation to the way they lived. The Samaritans could NOT be allowed to pollute what they had created.

If you look at the location of Palestine—the area of so much conflict to this day—it does not include the northernmost parts of Samaria but otherwise, it is Samaria.

Blessings and peace to all,

Pastor Sandy & Ron





### 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 **ketchup, mustard, paper towels, and kitchen scrub sponges**. In addition to these items, the food pantry also greatly appreciates your monetary donations! If you wish to donate items or funds to the New Hope Food Pantry, 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

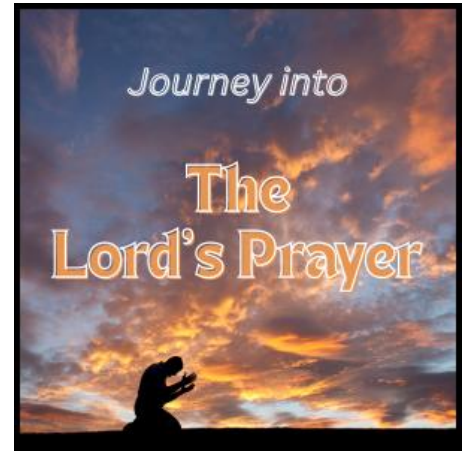


### The Lord's Prayer – The Heart of Prayer June Online Bible Study

We were taught it early on in Sunday School. We memorized it as youth. And many of us say it every Sunday during worship. It's the Lord's Prayer. But yet, do we truly understand it and its purpose? Sometimes, it can feel like just a ritual we do but it is so much more!

Join us in June as we discover the heart of prayer and work on a deeper connection with God. Together, we'll learn that the Lord's Prayer (and prayer in general) isn't just a ritual. It's our daily doorway into God's heart. The key is in your hands. Will you unlock and open that door?

Our June online study focusing on the Lord's Prayer starts on Monday, June 1st and lasts the entire month. Join us at any time. All are welcome to participate.



You can find the link to join our June Bible Study on our website: [driftlessministry.org](http://driftlessministry.org). Our study is:

**The Lord's Prayer (30 days)** – starts June 1<sup>st</sup>

*Please note that the Bible.com website does not support Plans with Friends. You will need to open the Bible App on your mobile device to use the links to these plans. The Bible App is available in your app store on your mobile device.*



### A Day of Worship & Fun!

Let's come together as one church family for worship! You, your family, and the entire community are invited to join us for a special joint worship service at the New Hope Methodist Church on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will start the morning off with joint worship at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary which will be followed by a time of food and fellowship. There will be a picnic potluck meal in the fellowship hall, so please bring a dish to pass and come ready to sample some wonderful home cooking from across the Driftless. In addition to the fun and fellowship, we'll be celebrating our second year of ministry with Pastor Sandy and Ron. So be sure to come out and show your appreciation for all they have done for our churches! We hope to see you on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> for this fun-filled day!

**Special Joint  
Worship Service**

**Sunday, July 19  
10:30 a.m.  
New Hope  
Methodist Church**

### Join Our Quilting Quest!

June will see the Church Basement Quilters hard at work again. As we enjoy each others company over coffee (treats), and lunch, we all do accomplish a variety of sewing projects. There are pillowcases being made for Toys for Tots, throws for nursing homes, wedding quilts and a multitude of baby and kid quilts for hospitals. The majority of these will be donated. When you come to the chicken 'n noodle meal in October, you will be able to see some samples of our industrious women's work!



We meet the first, third, and fifth Mondays at 9 a.m. – or whenever you get there!

~ Barb Robson



### Retreat Ladies Group



*Retreat Ladies Group*

Hey ladies! The Retreat Ladies' group will be meeting on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Retreat Methodist Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing upcoming events and other ideas, but don't worry, it's not *all* business. We have lots of fun too!

For more information, reach out to Lynn Nelson or Lynnell Nummerdor!



### A Stitching Good Time!

The Retreat quilters and stitchers will be meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> this month! Everyone is welcome to join us for crafting fun and fellowship. Bring whatever project you're working on – it doesn't have to be quilting – and join in the fun!

I have also been asked if I would consider trying a quilting/craft morning or afternoon on Fridays, once or twice a month. If this is something that you or a young person in your life would be interested in, please let me know.

My cell number 608-642-1585, or you can email me at [nellie3406@gmail.com](mailto:nellie3406@gmail.com).

~ Lynnell Nummerdor



### Bible-in-a-Year Plan

#### June Scriptures

- 1 – Jer. 33 – 34; Ps. 135; Titus 2
- 2 – Jer. 35 – 36; Ps. 136; Titus 3
- 3 – Jer. 37 – 38; Ps. 137; Philem. 1
- 4 – Jer. 39 – 40; Ps. 138; James 1
- 5 – Jer. 41 – 42; Ps. 139; James 2
- 6 – Jer. 43 – 44; Ps. 140; James 3
- 7 – Jer. 45 – 46; Ps. 141; James 4
- 8 – Jer. 47 – 48; Ps. 142; James 5
- 9 – Jer. 49 – 50; Ps. 143; 1 Peter 1
- 10 – Jer. 51 – 52; Ps. 144; 1 Peter 2
- 11 – Lam. 1 – 2; Ps. 145; 1 Peter 3
- 12 – Lam. 3 – 4; Ps. 146; 1 Peter 4
- 13 – Lam. 5; Ps. 147; 1 Peter 5
- 14 – Ezek. 1; Ps. 148; 2 Peter 1
- 15 – Ezek. 2 – 3; Ps. 149; 2 Peter 2
- 16 – Ezek. 4 – 5; Ps. 150; 2 Peter 3
- 17 – Ezek. 6 – 7; Isa. 40; Gal. 1
- 18 – Ezek. 8 – 9; Isa. 41; Gal. 2
- 19 – Ezek. 10 – 11; Isa. 42; Gal. 3:1-18
- 20 – Ezek. 12 – 13; Isa. 43; Gal. 3:19 – 4:20
- 21 – Ezek. 14 – 15; Isa. 44; Gal. 4:21-31
- 22 – Ezek. 16; Isa. 45; Gal. 5:1-15
- 23 – Ezek. 17; Isa. 46; Gal. 5:16-26
- 24 – Ezek. 18; Isa. 47; Gal. 6
- 25 – Ezek. 19; Isa. 48; Eph. 1
- 26 – Ezek. 20; Isa. 49; Eph. 2
- 27 – Ezek. 21 – 22; Isa. 50; Eph. 3
- 28 – Ezek. 23; Isa. 51; Eph. 4:1-16
- 29 – Ezek. 24; Isa. 52; Eph. 4:17-32
- 30 – Ezek. 25 – 26; Isa. 53; Eph. 5:1-20



Find the full plan and more online at: <https://driftlessministry.org/bibleplans/>

### Breakfast, Fellowship, & Community Support

The Retreat Methodist Church would like to thank everyone who attended both the Easter Community Breakfast and the Community Breakfast held just before Mother’s Day. It was wonderful seeing everyone come in, enjoy a hot breakfast, and partake in wonderful fellowship with their family, friends, and neighbors.

On top of the food, fellowship, and fun, the community was also extremely generous! While the meal was free, many of those who attended desired to “pay it forward”, if you will. During the Easter Breakfast, a total of \$307 was donated for the Prairie View PTO to help support the school’s lunch/snack program. The Retreat Methodist Church added an extra \$250 on top of that amount as it’s first and second quarter missions, bringing the total donated to the school’s PTO \$557. From the May Community Breakfast, a total of \$492 was donated to help support the Wheatland First Responders and their important work in our communities. The church delivered the funds in mid-May to the organizations who were very happy with the contributions!

A special thank you to everyone who donated funds for the organizations, volunteered, or contributed to the meals. Your support for our community is truly amazing!



*Top Right: Terry Nelson with Melissa Skildum accepting the donation on behalf of the Prairie View PTO.*

*Left: A pair of helpful ladies helping serve up some beverages!*

*Middle: Mike Amrhein and John Hanson serving up a hot breakfast to hungry attendees.*

*Right: Terry Nelson with Scott Yaun and Kim Martinson accepting the donation on behalf of the Wheatland First Responders.*



**“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**

**He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”**

~ Jeremiah 17:7-8 ESV ~

### Got MWT Email?

With Vernon Communications discontinuing all @mwt.net email services at the end of the year, we are encouraging you to take action NOW so that your digital connection with our churches is not lost! If you are reading this newsletter on a mwt.net email account AND have already set up a new email account elsewhere, please let us know your **new** email address. We will update our contact details for you so that you continue to receive our e-newsletter each month like you already do, but at your new email account! Simply reply to your newsletter email, let us know your new email address and we will take care of the rest!

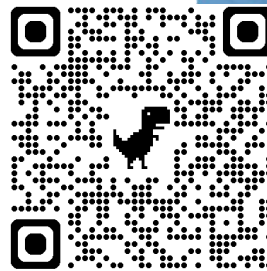


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### Get Your Driftless Ministries Apparel!

Ron has been hard at work putting together an apparel line for our churches so that we can show our support for our churches in a new and different way! There is currently a line of shirts and hats with the church logo on it and another line for the Driftless Men's Group. Women's apparel will be added soon! To check out the apparel and to place an order, head over to: <https://driftlessmin.logosoftwear.com/>. You can also scan the QR code with your smartphone to be taken to the store as well. For the less tech-savvy people, order forms are also available at our churches. Place your order and get your new apparel today!



### A Wonderful Memorial Day Sunday Service

Our churches were blessed with special services on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> as we marked Memorial Day, remembering and honoring those who gave *everything* to defend the freedoms that we enjoy every day.

Retreat marked the day with parading the national flag into the sanctuary at the start of the service, followed by singing some patriotic songs. The church was also blessed by some guests who were in the area visiting relatives. It is always wonderful when families bring members of their extended family to church!

*Thanks to Terry Inman for the pictures!*



## Shining Celebrations!

### Birthdays

Isaiah Kunert – June 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Kaylee Baker – June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Emerald Mendoza – June 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Alex Hornby – June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Paul Adams – June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Lynn Zitzner – June 8<sup>th</sup>



Brent Johnson – June 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Andy Diehl – June 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Lauren Hanson – June 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Barb Robson – June 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Sharon Smith – June 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Jasmine Nummerdor – June 21<sup>st</sup>



Mary Hallett – June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Kari Amrhein – June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Cheryl Johnson – June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Klarice Lagerman – June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Jenna Harrington – June 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Ron Conrad – June 30<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries

Cindy & Richard Noel – June 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Billy & Tolla Lepke – June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Steve & Tamie Thompson – June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Brad & Janna Thew – June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Mark & Sheryl Haakenson – June 19<sup>th</sup>

Terry & Donna Inman – June 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Carol & Deldon Hanson – June 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Arden & Lynn Zitzner – June 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Frank & Sheri Hammond – June 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Tammy & Robert Frank – June 26<sup>th</sup>

Austin & Syneve Jones – June 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Carter & Alyssa Jorgensen – June 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Terry & Lynn Nelson – June 30<sup>th</sup>

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

### **Fellowship Sunday**

The next Fellowship Sunday at the Retreat Methodist Church is coming up on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

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 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Basement Quilters 9 a.m. @ Liberty Pole	2	3 Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	4 Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.	5 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	6
7	8 Retreat Quilters 9 a.m. @ Retreat  Liberty Pole Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.	9 Mens Group 9 a.m. @ Viroqua Fam. Restaurant  Retreat Board Meeting 6 p.m.	10  Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	11 Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.	12 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	13 Retreat Ladies Group 10 a.m. @ Retreat
14	15 Basement Quilters 9 a.m. @ Liberty Pole	16	17 Wednesday Warriors 12 – 3 p. @ New Hope  Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	18 Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.	19 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	20
21	22 Retreat Quilters 9 a.m. @ Retreat  Newsletter Submission Deadline	23	24 Wednesday Warriors 12 – 3 p. @ New Hope  Food Pantry Open 5 – 6:30 p.m.	25 Food Pantry Open 9 – 11 a.m.	26 <i>Pastors Sabbath</i>	27
28	29 Basement Quilters 9 a.m. @ Liberty Pole	30	<p><i>Did you miss Sunday worship? Catch up by watching it online at <a href="https://driftlessministry.org/sermons/">https://driftlessministry.org/sermons/</a>.</i></p> <p><i>New videos are uploaded every Sunday afternoon/evening!</i></p>			

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