



# *(NH)<sup>2</sup>: New Hope* **Notes & Happenings**

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*Sharing God's Gift with  
All, Proclaiming New  
Hope in Jesus*

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We try to include all member submissions received. Please forgive any omissions made. They are accidental, please be assured.

## **Coming Together for Worship**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Grace and peace to you from  
God, our Father, and our Lord Jesus  
Christ!

September is here! How did that happen? Did the summer just whiz past? During the summer, where did you see God? Where did you experience Christ? When were you the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the world?

I know I have talked about this quite a bit, but it is important to understand that we as the church are the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the world. Our baptismal call invites us into deeper relationship with God and places the mantle of being Christ in the world on us. In Volume 34 of Luther's Works, Luther tells us that since God is completely in control the good that we do is

God working in and through us. Another way of saying that is God's work, our hands! In volume 24, he writes that we are to be Christ's hands. He states that we are called to be "little Christs" to each other and to our neighbor.



I know you have heard the ELCA's slogan, God's Work, our hands. This work is celebrated by the ELCA encouraging congregations to have days of service in the world as part of worship services and service projects. I want to encourage you to take it further than a day but make it a spiritual practice in your life. To do that it is important to pon-

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"...if it is leadership, let him govern diligently;..."  
Romans 12:8

*From the President of Our  
Congregation*

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (NLT)

"My name is Kathleen!", exclaimed my oldest as she came through the door from her first day attending 1<sup>st</sup> grade. From the time she was born, our daughter had been known as Katie by family and friends. But when her teacher told her on that first day that her name was Kathleen, our daughter apparently decided that being Katie was no longer going to be accepted. Ever since she has been

identified as Kathleen.

We all have our identity. Usually, we look outward to find it. Sometimes we identify ourselves with our job. Sometimes it is with our family or friends. Other times we identify ourselves by our values. We also have the secular world telling us that we are to look within ourselves to find our identity. But no matter how we identify ourselves, we should never forget what our one true identity is – being a child of the Most High.

Why? All those things I mentioned are transitory and none are permanent. All will be swept away by time. If we insist on clinging to those, we will always be disappointed. Jobs get lost, friends and family come and go, and our values alter as we go through life. However, there is one thing in the lives of Christians that never changes, our

God and the love He has for us. We know this because Scripture tells us, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). When we place our identity in God, we will never be let down, for He is reliable and trustworthy.

In God, we know we are loved. He chose to create each and every one of us, uniquely formed, yet all are His children. "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb.", the prophet Jeremiah tells us.

In God, we know we are chosen, not because of our merits or performance, but because of His love. Paul tells us, "But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the

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*A Time for Everything***September Supplements**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens..."

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

"2018 - 2019 Daily Holidays by Month.

Wacky, Bizarre Days, Holiday Insights." [holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm](http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm).

**Monthly Celebrations for September:**

- Baby Safety Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- National Courtesy Month
- Self Improvement Month

**Special Professional Days for the month of September:**

4th Newspaper Carrier Day  
16th Working Parents Day  
22nd Business Women's Day

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

**Learning about faiths:**

**15th Rosh Hashanah**—One of the holiest of Jewish holidays, it is the celebration of the Jewish New Year and one of only two Jewish holidays that do not have roots in a historical religious event.

**24th-25th Yom Kippur**—This Jewish day of fasting is considered the holiest day of the Jewish festivals. For about 26 hours they abstain from eating and spend time in prayer to God.

**First Day of Autumn**

Monon Food Bank/  
Monticello Fire  
Dept.



Love Your  
Neighbor as  
Yourself  
Matthew 22: 38

Traditionally, New Hope has collected special donations throughout the year for two local charities. In July of 2023, the decision was made to support these two local groups, the **North White Food Pantry** (also known as the **Monon Food Bank**) and the **Mobile Integrated Healthcare** (also known as the **Community Paramedicine Program**). Each of these groups meet serious needs in White County, food insecurity and healthcare uncertainty.

Although we do not take specific collections for these two groups, at Sunday morning services any longer, we want to encourage our members to continue to re-member these two organizations and perhaps create a personal donation schedule to insure our church's continue support of these needed groups.



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**The Ministries of New Hope  
Lutheran Church**

"So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.'"

ACTS 6: 2-4

**Support of our pastoral staff is given, in part, by the following church ministries.**

**External Ministries**

Vacant at Present

**Internal Ministries**

Vacant at Present

**Properties**

Vacant at Present

**Worship**

Lisa Baxter

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:****Monday-Thursday**

Available, as needed, via the  
Church's Cell Phone  
and by Appointment  
**Friday 4-6 pm**

Items for the  
**New Hope Notes and Happenings (NH)<sup>2</sup>**  
need to be submitted to Ted or  
Gretchen Leuenberger by the  
**third Sunday of the month prior**  
to the month you wish it to ap-  
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North Boxman Place, Monticello,  
IN 47960; e-mail,  
[gal4900@gmail.com](mailto:gal4900@gmail.com); by phone,  
(574)297-5455; or by dropping off  
the article in the church office.  
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end of the month.



# JANET

## otices

Observations  
from  
Janet Beagle

### The Day I Discovered the Treadmill

The day I discovered the treadmill was cold and snowy and – did I mention cold?

The story begins something like this: On any given day, I would much rather lament my running incapacity than to do something productive to remedy it. Every once in a while I do something advisable (recall [Exhibit A](#)). But more often, I do not. (Notice there is only one Exhibit A.)

Secretly, I want to be a runner. But running is intimidating. To be a runner you have to – how should

I put this? To be a runner you have to... *run*. Regularly. And regularly is not something I do well.

Then it happened. In a moment of weakness I succumbed to a friend's request to come to an informational meeting about a training session she was starting.

"Just come to the meeting," she said. "You don't have to actually join.

"Will there be punch and cookies?" I asked.

Unfortunately, I happened to be available the night of the meeting. And while I didn't really expect there to be cookies, there was always the chance...

So I went.

That's all it took. Which, of course, my trainer-friend knew all along. Because as any good trainer knows, just getting to the starting line is the hardest part. What my friend didn't know is that for the last couple weeks I had been looking for an outlet to blow off the steam of a 10-hour-a-day desk job. I had been coming up

empty. This is the door God opened. Sigh.

I signed my form. I paid my fee. *Okay then, let's do this thing.*

By the day of our first group run, I was pumped. I had new running shoes and had cobbled together assorted pieces of hiking/exercise clothing that I thought could withstand a foray into this new and exciting world. Then the run got cancelled. They do that if it's less than 0°F. *Wimps.* (Just kidding, trainer-friend! I don't actually want to run through snowdrifts at -20°...)

This is where it is either an amazing benefit or a curse to have your trainer also be your friend. Because just when I was pretty sure I'd be walking my dog instead of going for a run, I got a message.

"I'll meet you at the treadmill and help you with your run," she said. *The Treadmill.* (It would not be melodramatic to add Dah Dah-Dah music here.)

Up to this point, I had been on  
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The section of Luther's Small Catechism that we are going to share deals with important events in the history of Christianity. Because of the length of this section we will be placing half of the list in September's edition and the final half in the November edition.

### Important Events in the History of the Christian Church

#### 1. The Gospel among the Jews.

Beginning with the day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church, the Apostles proclaimed the Gospel to their countrymen with

great zeal. A great number of the Jews also believed their preaching, so that Jewish-Christian congregations were gathered in Palestine as well as beyond its borders. But the majority of the people hardened their hearts. In A.D. 35, Stephen was stoned, and the Christians were expelled from the temple and the city of Jerusalem. In A.D. 44, James, the son of Zebedee, was beheaded, Peter imprisoned and later Paul was also taken. In A.D. 66, James the Just was killed. Since the Jews rejected their Lord, He also rejected them. Titus, the Roman general, advanced against Jerusalem and compassed the city about on all sides. Indescribable distress resulted within the walls by reason of a city being overcrowded with visitors to the Paschal-feast, together with the animosity existing amongst their leaders. At last Titus conquered the city by assault. The temple was burned and the walls of Jerusalem made level with the ground. More than a million Jews had suffered death and about 100,000 were taken captive. This occurred in A.D. 70. The blood of Christ had come upon them in a terrible manner.

#### 2. The Gospel among the Gentiles until A.D. 325. The proclamation of the Gospel

among the Gentiles was attended with greater success. When Paul, the great missionary to the Gentiles, was beheaded in Rome (A.D. 67), faith in Jesus Christ was already widely spread in the Roman Empire. Congregations were in existence in Palestine, Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, Italy and Spain. Later on flourishing congregations were organized in Arabia, Egypt, North Africa, Southern France, on the River Rhine and the Danube, and in Brittany. About A.D. 300 there was hardly a district in the Roman Empire which had not been affected by Christianity. In these first times every Christian was actually a missionary, bearing witness of his Savior by word and deed. Nor was the Christian Church allowed to spread so widely without a struggle. There were ten bloody persecutions of the Christians. The first occurred in the reign of Nero in Rome (A.D. 64). The Christians, having been sewed in the hides of wild beast, were thrown before dogs, or, having been coated with wax and pitch, were fastened to high poles in the garden of the Emperor and set on fire in order to illuminate the dark-

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first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth."

In God, we know we are forgiven. While on our own, we cannot attain forgiveness, so God sent Jesus to die for our sins. Our sin is not counted against us and is remembered no more. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." When we accept Jesus as our Savior, our sin penalty is paid.

In God, we know we are redeemed. Because of Jesus, God looks at us as a new creation, no longer tainted by our sin. The prophet Isaiah tells us, "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Lastly, in God, we know we are adopted. We are His cherished children having been adopted as part of His family, now and forever. In the Gospel of John, we read, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Confident in our identity as His children, we are freed to serve one another. Martin Luther teaches us, "We conclude, therefore, that a Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. Otherwise he is not a Christian. He lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love. By faith he is caught up beyond himself into God. By love he descends beneath himself into his neighbor." Knowing this, as we grow in our faith and our identity as God's children, we will become more and more like Jesus. In doing so, we will be a light onto the world. We will draw others to Christ. We will be servants to our neighbors, sharing God's gifts with all, proclaiming new hope in Jesus.

In His service,  
Jim Culross



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der what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the world as well as what it means to be "little Christs."

Luther doesn't pull this from thin air. Luther gets this from the Bible. Paul writes in 1 Cor. 12 that each of us are part of the body of Christ. Christ is the head, and we are the parts. If you read on Paul points out that each of us are called to be different parts of the body, but together the church is the body of Christ. We need each other in order to be the full body of Christ. We need each other.

The work that Jesus, Paul, and Luther call us to is fulfilling our baptismal promise which is to "live among God's faithful people; hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; proclaim the good news of God in Christ through **word and deed**; serve all people following the example of Jesus; and strive for justice and peace in all the earth" (ELW p. 236).

As we prepare to enter the call process in September, let us not only prepare ourselves for it, but live our baptismal covenant of being Christ's body in the world and utilizing all our gifts and talents to serve Christ not only at New Hope, but in our everyday lives.

Please know you are being lifted in prayer often individually and as a congregation. You are God's Beloved Children at New Hope. You are called no matter your age or ability to be the body of Christ in the world. Let us go forward to serve God's work with our hands.

Thanks be to God for the gifts you are!

Your sister in Christ,  
The Rev. Dr. Gretchen M. Freese,  
Pastor of Record

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a treadmill exactly once in my life: three days prior in the running store where they were taking exotic measurements to match me to the perfect shoes. I knew nothing about treadmills except that my trainer-friend

had recently lamented she would rather eat dinner with rusted silverware than run long distances on a treadmill. (Of course, her definition of running long distances and my definition of running long distances are a little bit different...) The fact that she was willing to coerce me onto the treadmill proves that a) she is a good trainer, b) she is a good friend, and c) I was going to run on a treadmill.

In the end, our schedules did not line up, and I ventured to the treadmill solo. But here's the thing. Even though I had walked by the fitness center in my apartment complex hundreds of times, the fact that I had easy access to a treadmill never even entered my mind until my trainer-friend pointedly brought it to my attention. I had never thought about treadmills before, and so I didn't think of them now. The game had changed, but I was still in my old mind-set.

How many times do we start something new but carry with us old patterns of thought? Sometimes, even when we know something (I had walked by that treadmill hundreds of times!), we still need someone to point it out to us. Paul exclaims excitedly that the old has passed away and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17), but this is not always an instantaneous transformation. Whether we're talking about a physical run or our spiritual walk, we need the willingness of someone to come alongside us and give us that extra push. We need one another to try new things, to be challenged, and to grow. We need one another to lean on, to learn from, to follow and to lead.

God bless the gift of encouragement.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrews 10:24-25).*

Beagle, Janet. "Various Writings." *TheMustard Patch, mustardpatch.wordpress.com/about/*.



"...expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:7

### Acts of Kindness: How to Spread Joy

We are going to continue looking at ways to share joy and kindness. Last year we had a kindness act suggestion each month. This year we are drawing from an article from Emma Beddington, entitled, **"52 acts of kindness: how to spread joy in every week of 2023,"** from the on-line paper, *The Guardian*.

We will select some ideas for each month and we hope you can find some of the suggestions as ways to bring joy to yourself and others.

#### ♥ Clean up

Is a friend or acquaintance dealing with the pre- or post-move slog or just struggling to keep on top of things? Offer to help them declutter or clean while they get on with other tasks.

#### ♥ Be a mentor

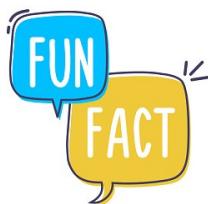
Help out people new to your job, or wanting to get started. It doesn't have to be formal – a chat and the offer of support can be huge – but there are also organizations that can match you up.

#### ♥ Or mentor a child

Become a "Big" for Big Brother Big Sister and spend time with a 7- to 12-year-old who could do with a supportive figure in their life once a week.

Most of these things are easy to give a shot. They can bring joy to you and to others. Kindness makes us all better.

"52 Acts of Kindness: How to Spread Joy in Every Week of 2023." *The Guardian*, Guardian News and Media, 3 Jan. 2023, [https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2023/jan/03/52-acts-of-kindness-how-to-spread-joy-in-every-week-of-2023?](https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2023/jan/03/52-acts-of-kindness-how-to-spread-joy-in-every-week-of-2023?utm_source=join1440&utm_medium=e+In+fact%2C+mail&utm_placement=newletter)  
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Just another interesting piece of trivia.

Meteorological fall begins on September 1 in 2023 and will end exactly 90 days

later, on November 30.

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, meteorological seasons are based on the temperature cycle in a calendar year. Climate scientists and meteorologists use this timetable to keep track of the weather every year.

The more commonly celebrated astrological start of fall, the autumn equinox, will take place on September 23.

The timing of autumnal seasons is based on the position of Earth in relation to the sun's position. During an equinox, the sun passes directly over Earth's equator, leading to shorter days and generally cooler weather.

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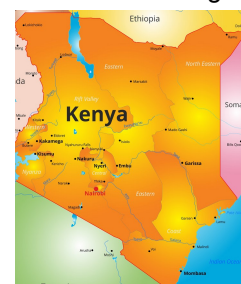
"...and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else."

2 Corinthians 9:13

### Our Members

We are welcoming Kathleen Lutz back to New Hope for a visit this month. Kathleen, sister of our member Scott Lutz, visits our church family occasionally when she returns for home visits from her work as a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya. Kathleen will be at our church service on September 10th, and will be assisting our minister that morning, Pastor Tom McShannock. We hope that many of us will be able to attend that morning and welcome Kathleen back.

You will remember that New Hope supports Kathleen's ministry in Kenya financially. If you are interested in learning more about her ministry, Kathleen would be happy to share her story with you!



## "God's work. Our hands." Sunday



September 10  
2023

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

For more information: <https://www.elca.org/dayofservice>



**Board of Finance**

"But seek His kingdom"  
Luke 12: 31

We were unable to share June's financial report, in August, and the Council wanted to make sure all of us were kept current with NH's financial situation and so this month we share both June and July.

June Monthly Finances			July Monthly Finances		
	Income	Expenses		Income	Expenses
Dollars	\$1301.00	\$3299.00	Dollars	\$3395.00	\$2353.64
4000			4000		
3400			3400		
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**Remember Your Offerings**



**Call Committee**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.  
2 Peter 1:10



**Secretary Notes**

"Keep reminding God's people of these things."  
2 Timothy 2:14

**Important Dates:**

Church Administrative Assistant, Elainna Bowman, will be on vacation from September 10- September 17 and will be unavailable during that week.

We are working on the paperwork in order submit it by the end of this month so that we can begin the call process in September. We are hopeful that we can make this deadline. If you would like to help with the paperwork, please contact Jim Culross. The council will meet to vote on the paperwork once it is completed. We will keep you up to date on where we are in the process through announcements and the newsletter.

**"People were also bringing babies to Jesus..."**  
**Luke 18:15**  
Birth Announcement



Proud grandparents, Jim and Marquita Culross, would like to announce the addition of another grandchild! Elsie Lynn Culross was born July 29, with a weight of 6 lbs 7 oz and a length of 19.75". Congratulations to Grandpa and Grandma Culross!

Just a reminder that this newsletter is for our congregation. If your family has a exciting piece of news, such as the new Culross grandchild, please plan on sharing it with us! We are a close knit family just as your regular family is and your church family wants to share in your joys and your sorrows! You can call, email, or leave a note at the church office any time you have news that you want your NH family to know!

We seem to be experiencing some issues with the delivery of the newsletter. The church office makes a serious effort to insure that each edition is mailed so that it arrives at your home on the first of the month. However we understand that several of us seem to be experiencing extremely late deliveries—the August newsletter arrived at our home on August 19. If you are experiencing the same difficulties, we would appreciate being aware of it and then we can talk to the post office regarding possible reasons for the delays.

Pastor Freese has also suggested that in an effort to cut costs and perhaps improve efficiency we consider asking members if they would prefer to receive the newsletter online and not through the postal service. If you would prefer this method of delivery, we would ask that you (1) leave a note on Elainna's desk in the church office, (2) call the church office number and leave a message regarding only wanting online delivery, or (3) tell a member of the church council or ourselves, Ted and Gretchen. We will attempt this new method with the October Newsletter delivery.

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ness of night as "living torches". At other times the Christians in France, Egypt, North Africa and Asia Minor were cruelly tortured and persecuted. The last but not most atrocious persecution occurred under Emperor Diocletian. But all the power and cunning of heathendom could no longer destroy the Christian Church. The Christians cheerfully lay down their lives for the sake of their faith. Untold numbers died as martyrs. When the aged Bishop Polycarp was asked to curse Christ, he answered: "Eighty and six years I have served Christ, and He never did me wrong; how can I curse my King who will save me!" The most atrocious sufferings were inflicted upon Blandina. She was tortured, scourged and lacerated, placed upon a red hot iron chair and at last thrown to wild beasts. In spite of all she confessed and denied not: "I am a Christian; and among us no evil is committed." Perpetua, twenty years of age, a lady of rank, was tied to the horns of a wild cow. Though her heathen father on his knees implored and charged her to deny Christ, she remained steadfast, saying: "I am a Christian." New confessors at once took the place of those that were killed, being won to the faith by the courageous faith of the Christians and their cheerfulness in dying. Thus the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the Church. At last Emperor Constantine submitted to the divine power of the Gospel. He called a halt to the persecutions, permitted the adoption of the Christian faith, and in A.D. 325 acknowledged the Christian religion as the religion of the Roman Empire.

### **3. Internal Conflicts of the Church and further external enlargement.**

Hardly had the Church won its victory over the heathen world, before it was deeply agitated by internal conflicts. These conflicts were about pure doctrine. A man by the name of Arius denied the eternal Godhead of Jesus Christ, saying that the Son of God also had a beginning, that He was a creature of God. At the General Council held at Nicaea in A.D. 325, this false doctrine of Arius was indeed

rejected and the Nicene Creed adopted, which reads regarding Jesus Christ: "God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of **one** substance with the Father," but the conflict still raged. Athanasius was the foremost champion of the true doctrine. Later on Pelagius arose and denied the doctrine of original sin. He taught, that man by his own power could do good works and merit eternal salvation. This doctrine pronounced the work of Christ and of the Holy Ghost superfluous. Over against this Augustine emphasized the biblical doctrine, that the natural man is totally incapable of good. He taught, and rightly so, that we are converted and do truly good works alone by the grace of God. Notwithstanding these internal conflicts the Church expanded rapidly. The Christian Church won these nations especially, which, coming from the North and Northwest, entered the Roman empire during the Migration of Nations. To Germany the Gospel spread by way of Ireland and England.

In the seventh and eighth centuries the Christian Church lost large portions of Asia and North Africa to the Mohammedans, who eradicated the Christian religion and introduced their false religion, called Islam. During this time also the sacred places of Palestine were taken from the Christians.

**4. Monks and Monasteries.** When a worldly spirit more and more took possession of the Church, many pious men and women sought refuge in solitude from the turmoil of the world. Here, they thought, they could lead a life more pleasing to God. And since they separated themselves from the multitude and lived solitary lives, they were called "Monks." When the number of monks grew, they united into communities and built themselves common dwelling places, called monasteries. In order that they might lead solitary lives in these buildings, each monk was given a separate cell. The superior of the monastery was called the abbot (father). About A.D. 500, Benedict, an Italian, laid down specific rules for the monastic life. Every candidate must undergo a year's probation. Then he must promise to live in perfect poverty, lifelong celibacy and unconditional obedience to his superi-

ors. Such was the monastic vow. According to monastic rules the monks were obliged to attend common prayer and divine services, to study the Scriptures diligently, to cultivate the land, to instruct the youth and to visit the poor and the sick. Thus the monasteries became places of blessing to the Church. But gradually they deteriorated. Enriched by donations, a life of luxury, often even of immorality, was the result. Still the monastic life was regarded as the true Christian life, standing high above the common life and meriting life everlasting. Hence, many noble men and women, who sought rest and peace for their souls and strove after the kingdom of God, entered the monasteries.

**5. The Papacy.** In the ancient time of the Christian Church the separate congregations were led by Elders (Presbyters). Gradually the presiding officers of the college of presbyters were called "Bishop." Among the bishops again, those of Rome, Constantinople, Antioch, Jerusalem and Alexandria attained to greater prominence. They were called "Patriarchs." Among these again, the bishops of Rome succeeded in obtaining the highest position. They claimed that Peter was the Rock upon which Christ meant to build His Church, and that Peter was bishop of Rome. Hence, they called themselves: "Successors to the See of Peter." Rome was at this time the most important city of the known world. The bishops at Rome also wisely decided many questions in the controversy submitted to them by other parts of the Church. Relying upon all this, they finally arrogated to themselves the supremacy over the whole Church and demanded that all their decisions be obeyed. As early as the sixth century they received the name of "Pope" (father). The Bishop of Constantinople alone refused to submit. Later (A.D. 1054) this led to the separation of the Greek-

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Catholic from the Roman-Catholic Church. Pope Gregory VII. (A.D. 1073) especially strengthened the power of the papacy. He forbade the priests to marry, in order to completely separate them from the state and bind them to himself. He forbade the secular princes to invest abbots and bishops and even claimed not to be subject to any ruler, and to have power to remove and appoint emperors. About A.D. 1200 the papacy had attained to its greatest power. This is shown in the crusades, which were undertaken by Western princes and the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries, in order to wrest Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre from the Mohammedans.

Together with the power of the papacy, the power of error and dark-

ness increased in the Christian Church. Christ was relegated to the background. His representative on earth, the pope, took the foreground. Among the doctrines it was taught: That man could not stand before God, unless the pope, or the saints, especially Mary, the mother of our Lord, interceded for them; that the priests offered a sacrifice in atonement for the sins of the quick and dead in the Lord's Supper (sacrifice of the mass); that we are not saved by grace, for Christ's sake, but must merit salvation by works; that the priests can prescribe the works by which we can make satisfaction for our sins; that with money we can release ourselves from the punishments of the Church (indulgences). They even permitted the people to believe that the forgiveness of sins could

also be obtained by money. Through the frequent celebration of the mass the souls of the dead can be saved so much sooner from purgatory, into which all must enter after death for their purification. The pope is of higher authority than Holy Scripture, for he alone can truly explain this dark book.

Luther, Martin. *An Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. Evangelical Lutheran Synod, 2001. explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism together with three supplements

Following Christ's Church  
Throughout the Centuries

## Sunday Worship Servants for September

Role/Date	9-3	9-10	9-17	9-24
Presider	Pastor Scott Vana	Pastor Tom McShannock with Kathleen Lutz assisting	Pastor Gretchen Freese	Pastor Linda Dolby

# In God



# We Trust

### Praying for Those Who Need Courage...

#### Working with Daily Trials:

Greater Monticello Community,  
Vern and Kathy Barnett,  
Barb Fawley,  
Harvey and Waneta Garbison

#### Facing Life's Long-Term Challenges:

Vicki Leonard,  
Reinert Spille,  
Laura Culross,  
Jim Culross

#### Dealing with Chronic Illness or are Homebound:

Claude Culross,  
Shelly Wiseley,  
Bill Maegldin

### As They Serve Our Country and Community:

Ty Barnes, Cameron Burgess, Thomas Hiddle, Area First Responders

### As Partners in God's Mission:

New Hope Lutheran, Bishop Bill Gafkjen and the Indiana/Kentucky Synod, Pastor Gretchen Freese, Jeff Truscott, missionary in Singapore, Kathleen Lutz, missionary in Nairobi, Kenya, Reverend Candice Hinkle, Monticello First Presbyterian Church, The unknown individual who may serve in our pulpit

### New Hope Call Committee:

Scott Lutz, Lucy Norris, Cathy Raderstorf



A X S Q T  
A W I A R  
E G O I O  
R Z A R H A P  
Y W H F D Q J  
L P C O A S E

And what was God's answer  
to him? Romans 11: 4

**WWW**  
**Wiseley's Word**  
**Puzzles**

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# Keep On Praying

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:1-8 (NIV).



M U J D I A V U N J U S T Q R  
Q H R R O P E C D W V A W W G  
L O P C R F A S H Q J O C B S  
L Y B E Z E U R X O D U Y W F  
Y D A Y R S F B A I S A D R U  
M B E Z E S G U W B R E A G X  
H D W J V I I X S P L E N T E  
Q A I B S X I S I E F E C I W  
Q P D S B H R K T O D Q K Z Y  
L M O H C O O M F E O N S A V  
I U W V A I T W F X N Y V M F  
S A Q B W H P H J U S T I C E  
T C M M G V O L E H W L U W Q  
E Y D I G M S A E R F V F I F  
N D N T O W N N B S L T C C A

UNJUST  
SHOW  
WIDOW  
JUSTICE

LISTEN  
LORD  
FEAR  
WIDOW

JESUS  
REFUSED  
NIGHT  
TOWN

CHOSEN  
DISCIPLES  
PARABLE  
BOTHER

DAY  
JUDGE  
PERSISTENT  
PRAY

<https://www.survival-life.com/emergency-bag/>

On the Web

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD." Deuteronomy 32:3

Joe, "Above Average." "17 Items Every Prepper Should Carry in an Emergency Bag." *Survival Life*, 10 May 2021, [survival-life.com/emergency-bag/](https://www.survival-life.com/emergency-bag/).

For our final edition regarding emergency preparedness, we wanted to share a site that talks about specific things you may want to consider having together for an emergency kit. The items listed to the right are materials that would allow you to be able to continue to move ahead in the event you were a victim of a tornado, flooding, power outage, or other possible disasters that could befall you.

If you are interested in learning more about emergency preparedness, we would suggest you talk with Bob Hickman. His experience and expertise in this area is vast and he would be happy to share ideas with you.



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Check out the church's website <http://www.newhopelutheranelca.com/>

# you will eat the fruit of your labor; Psalm 128:2

**The  
Liturgical  
Year**

The  
Season  
after  
Pentecost

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Birthdays listed in <b>Blue</b> Anniversaries listed in <b>Green</b></p> <p>The birthdays and anniversaries are the dates that the church office has available. We apologize if the list is not complete. Please inform us of additions and/or corrections that need to be made. . Thank you.</p>						
<b>3</b> 9:00 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	<b>4 Labor Day</b> <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b>	<b>5 Kathy Barnett</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1 Meteorological Fall Begins <i>Autumn starts here</i>	<b>9</b> 2 V-J Day, WWII 
<b>10 Grandparent's Day</b>  9:00 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	<b>11 911 Remembrance</b>  <b>Robb</b>	<b>12 Chris Dold</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Newsletter Items Due Tomorrow
<b>17 Citizenship Day</b>  9:00 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	<b>18 Nina Kent</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Native American Day</b> 	<b>23 Autumn Equinox</b> <i>Marquita Culross</i> 
<b>24 Allyson Culross</b> <i>Ashley Culross Hartwig</i> 9:00 Worship Service Food & Fellowship @ USA	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Johnny Applesseed Day</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



# September 4



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