

OCTOBER 2026

Hope is the Anchor of the Soul – Hebrews 6:19

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Chris Hawlish | Bill Elliott |

Char Stratton | Carol King |

Jon Kuehl | Mary Kunasch | Sue

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MISSION STATEMENT

*We of Hope Lutheran Church,
Share God's Word,
Show God's Love, and
Serve God's World.*

Prayer † Requests

In order to maintain privacy, the list will not be electronically published. Please pick up the Prayer/Birthday lists from the church.

Please seek the Spirit's help in your commitment to intercede for parishioners, family, and friends in need of prayer. Thank you.

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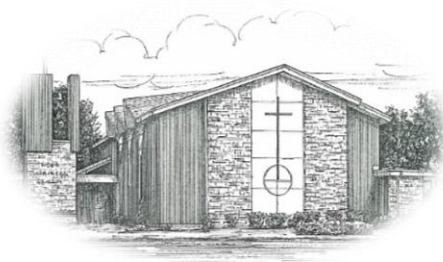
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion:

1st & 3rd Sunday

2nd Sunday Praise Team

Fellowship Coffee Hour



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EVENTS

SEE CALENDAR FOR MORE

October

8th HLCW General Meeting
(6:30 pm)

17th LWR Packing (9 am)

24th LWR Delivery

25th Reformation Sunday

31st Halloween

November

1st All Saints Sunday

1st Fall Back the Clocks

3rd Election Day

11th Veteran's Day

25th Decorate the Church
for Christmas (10 AM)

26th Thanksgiving Day

Please pass along all prayer requests to Pastor Bryan at revbschmidt@gmail.com or (920) 385-9612.

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† PASTOR'S PAGE †

“Growing Together in Grace: The Beauty and Power of the Body of Christ”

From the Desk of Pastor Bryan

October 2026

As we look around our congregation week after week, we see a wonderfully diverse tapestry of individuals. We come from different backgrounds, different generations, and different walks of life. Yet, when we gather in the name of our Lord, something extraordinary happens: our distinct voices blend into a single harmony, and our separate lives become woven together into a single, vibrant community of faith.

In Scripture, the Apostle Paul paints a vivid picture of this interconnectedness using the human body. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, he reminds us that a body is not made up of just one part, but of many. Every single part—whether hand, foot, eye, or ear—has a unique and indispensable role to play. Paul notes that the eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you,” nor can the head say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem weaker are indispensable, and God has put the body together so that there should be no division, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

True Christian community is not about conformity; it is about profound unity in the midst of our God-given diversity. Just as an orchestra requires different instruments—strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion—to create a breathtaking symphony, Christ’s church relies on the unique gifts, talents, and perspectives of every single member.

When one person holds back, or when we try to walk the path of faith in isolation, the entire body suffers. Conversely, when we actively lean into fellowship and share our burdens, joys, and spiritual gifts, we experience the full, abundant life that God intends for God’s people.

As we move forward into this new season together, let us recommit ourselves to the beautiful, sometimes challenging, but deeply rewarding work of Christian community. Let us look out for one another, extend grace freely, and lean on Christ as our ultimate head and guide.

Grace and peace,
PB

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 CHURCH COUNCIL

Sept. 8, 2026, Church Council Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mary Kunasch

Council Members Present: Bill Elliott, Mary Kunasch, Sue Grimm, Jan Grenier, Chris Hawlish, Julie Berger, Pastor Bryan Schmidt and Carol King **Excused:** Jon Kuehl, Char Stratton and Sophie Klimke

Agenda was approved by motion.

Minutes from August 11, 2026, meeting was approved.

Treasurers report presented by Julie Berger. Balance sheet and Profit and Loss overview discussed. Past missions of the month were A plus backpack and World Hunger. Noted that Electric and WE monthly expenses are higher than budgeted. This will need to be evaluated further for next year's budget. Motion made, seconded to approve report. Motion carried.

Call committee updated that there was a positive candidate and they have had two interviews with this candidate. The call committee presented to council for approval of this candidate with completion of the finance package and background check completed. Motion made and approved to accept this candidate as Candidate of Choice after approval of background check and finance package. This is a positive step forward with additional steps to follow before this candidate could be presented to congregation for a vote. Call committee will keep congregation up to date.

Correspondence: Thank you from Waushara Co. Prevention Council for donation to family Nutrition program. Thank you from ELCA for May-July contributions. E-mail from Holden Parishes/ Pastor Amy inviting Hope to join their congregations for their annual Church to the Community Day on Oct. 18, 2026. President Mary will reach out to Pastor Amy to see how we can help with this community event. Request from the Waushara County Guidebook to again advertise our church services. Motion made and approved to again advertise in this guide.

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Pastor's Report: Pastor wanted to point out that this is an exciting time to be at the stage of call and is here to help with that process as needed along with Pastor Nate Gauerke. The ELCA Oshkosh Conference was held at Hope earlier today and he was happy to have been a part of hosting that. He encourages us to collaborate with Mt Morris and West Holden- Pastor Amy as that is another resource and opportunities for our members. We still need to work on updating constitution this fall. Interested members to help with this should reach out to Pastor. He would like to make sure December services are in place before he leaves at end of November.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: No report

Property Committee: Parking lot cracks were filled by Gary Christensen; Light bulbs were changed. Brewer Heating Co. will now be used for heating service needs.

Music & Worship: Working with Jason for pricing for projector desktop for AV. Future needs will be video projection equipment. Mic seems to have some hiccups when other speakers are in the pulpit such as Praise team days and Polka service day. Discussed placing a handheld mic on the pulpit stand for back up as needed. Committee asked if congregation could note the time in the service, that they notice a mic problem because this can help the AV team figure out the why, by looking back on service recorded.

Old Business: There are two samples of lighter weight tables in fellowship hall to evaluate. They are narrower than current tables but may be an option. Decided to keep looking for a better but light weight table before ordering more.

Reminder of Hope Lutheran Church Women annual meeting on Oct. 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Approved motion to adjourn at 7:25 followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting, October 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Grenier, Council Secretary

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🎵 MUSIC MINISTRY 🎵

September 8, 2026 Music & Worship Meeting Minutes

Meeting was brought to order by discussing that we can table the changing of the A/V desk set up at this time. Meeting agendas will be shared a week in advance of meeting.

Discussion had about the A/V equipment were as follows:

1. Laptops are working fine
2. We are requesting a new desktop computer on the 2027 budget
 - a. We would need Media Shout 7 and Windows 11
 - a. Bob will talk to Jason from Data Pro to get a quote
3. Life expectancy of our new equipment is at least 15 years. We will continue to monitor connectors, belt packs and wireless mics.
4. In terms of technology used on a weekly basis and how we mitigate for them
 - a. Microphones-no guarantees because it can be the batteries, connectors or Outside interference
 - b. We can troubleshoot by marking down approx. time there is a problem and Adam can check the equipment from his end.
 - c. For the short term, we will have the "Letterman" mic at the pulpit
5. Updating our video projection equipment would be a sizeable investment so we will be creating a pros & cons list at future meetings.

Upcoming months of service have the choir, bell choir and Praise team involved. October 25 is Reformation Sunday and November 1 is All Saints Day. Plans for December are as follows:

Dec. 6-bell choir

Dec. 13-Praise Team

Dec. 20-Choir Christmas Cantata

We will be discussing plans about Christmas Eve at next meeting

Dec. 27-special music

Discussion was had about the prayer requests during Prayers of Intercession with ideas being shared.

Liturgy settings are seasonal and we will be making plans to explain them in articles in the VOH as well as introduce them to the congregation so that they feel more comfortable singing them.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30 pm
May ended meeting with prayer.

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HLCW

We are having our annual meeting October 8th at 6:30 pm. We have a lot to discuss and plan for the next year. We still need a few items for our Layette kits, although we are getting close.

I do want to thank everyone who donated for the school kits, we have hit our target. Thank you for opening your hearts to those less fortunate.

I also would like to remind you that on October 17th at 9am we are packing all of our kits, and Deborah and Jeff Buchholz have kindly offered to deliver the kits to Stevens Point on October 24th.

The Advent breakfast is on December 5th; it will be a great time for fellowship and friendship. I hope you can take time to be there.

SAVE THE DATE 12/5/2026 9:00 am HLCW Advent Breakfast: HLCW will host the annual Advent Breakfast for all women of the church who would like to attend. In order to make the breakfast a success, we need people to volunteer to set a table. Look for announcements in the bulletin regarding the event program and sign up. **Please consider volunteering and/or attending.**

♪ CONCERT ♪

Saturday, October 3rd @ 2:00 PM

Wild Rose Community Band Concert

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Wild Rose Auditorium

Volunteers - October 2026 Calendar		
Greeters Organized by Mary Kunasch		
	Volunteer Positions	Volunteer Names
October	Altar Guild >>	Penny Hendrickson Sally Roberts
4	Greeters	Rick & Carol King Carol & Gary Frank
	Scripture Reader	Rick King
	Assistant Ministers	Marlin Carlson
	Communion Assistants	Marlin Carlson Sally Roberts Jan Grenier Karen Tschurwald Bridgette Tschurwald Mary McKay
	Coffee Hosts	Barb Meckelberg Mary Charette
11	Greeters	Sally & Darrell Roberts Lloyd & Karen Tschurwald
	Scripture Reader	Karen Tschurwald
	Assistant Ministers	Bridgette Tschurwald
	Coffee Hosts	Helen France Mary McKay
18	Greeters	Julie & Jay Klemann Donna & Steve Norlin
	Scripture Reader	Jay Klemann
	Assistant Ministers	Jay Klemann
	Communion Assistants	Jay Kleman Johanna Olson Barb Simonson Trudy Mattice Mary McKay
	Coffee Hosts	Char & Roger Stratton
25	Greeters	Roger & Char Stratton Dave & Coralie Magnus
	Scripture Reader	Sandy Bartels
	Assistant Ministers	Peggy Klimke
	Coffee Hosts	Roger & Mary Charette

Thank you for your service to the Lord.

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BIRTHDAYS &
OFFERINGS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

To ensure your information is not compromised by cyber threats, the birthday list will not be electronically published.

Please pick up the Birthday /Prayer Request Lists from the church.

May the Lord Bless and
Keep you through another
year.



8.30.2026	\$1442.
9.6.2026	\$5115.
9.13.2026	\$1611.

Food Pantry Donation
Pounds
Thank You.



Mission of the Month

AUG	The A + Pen Pals	\$177.
SEPT	Samaritan's Purse	TBA
OCT	Wauhsara Food Pantry	
NOV	Guitars for Vets	

World Hunger

2026 Total for year \$4119.

CONSIDER VANCO SIMPLY GIVING

The Lutheran Church invites you to consider electronic giving, as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings from a checking or savings account. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. To get started, complete the authorization form from the church office or homelutheranwautoma.com website Stewardship Electronic Giving (download form), and return it to the church office. All information is confidential.

MEN OF MOTOWN



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October Mission of the Month: is going to be the ***Waushara Food Pantry***. Even though we always have a bin out for donations, the need in our county is high and it's easy to get out of the habit of bringing in food items. So far this year an average of over 440 households have been served monthly. Food items MOST NEEDED include the following: peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, canned soups, canned stews and chili, dry potato mixes, pudding and Jello. Bring in either the above food items or make a donation of money.

November Mission of the Month: is once again ***Guitars for Vets***. Guitars for Vets was founded in Milwaukee Wisconsin in 2007. This program provides free guitar lessons and a brand-new acoustic guitar to military veterans coping with PTSD and physical or emotional injuries. Veterans receive 10 lessons from dedicated volunteers. Upon completion of their lessons, each veteran receives a new acoustic guitar and kit to keep.

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