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Join Us For Our 2024 Opening &
Pancake Breakfast



No Charge
Free-Will
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SATURDAY, May 25, 2024
8:00am until 11:00am

At the Downsville Community Museum on
County Rd C in Downsville

Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes with Fruit Toppings,
Real Maple Syrup, Sausage, Milk, Juice & Coffee

The Museum's website
- www.downsvillecommunitymuseum.com or
Like us on Facebook



**BAKE
SALE**

May 9, 2024
At Menomonie Moose Lodge
720 E 19th Avenue, Menomonie

Starting: 6:15 pm
BINGO Begins At 7 pm

**A Fundraiser for the
Little Elk Creek and
New Hope Lutheran Church Youth**

**To Raise Funds for Their Youth
Gathering in New Orleans
In July 2024**

**Drop off Baked Goods at
New Hope by 5 pm
or the Lodge by 5:30 pm**

**Call Cindy Bates at 715 639-3801
with any questions**



May

Little Elk Creek: 715-235-3624 New Hope: 715-664-8568

Secretary email: nhlecsec@wwt.net

Pastor Judy Kincaid email: jkincaid001@luthersem.edu

Pastor Cell: 906-399-1387

WEBSITE: www.newhopelittleelkcreekparish.com

May



Dear New Hope and Little Elk Creek,

On the third Sunday of May, we will celebrate both Rogation Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. I have known about Pentecost since I was in Sunday school, but Rogation Sunday was new to me when I moved here. I had never been part of a rural congregation. The word "rogation" comes from the Latin "rogare" which means "to ask." On Rogation Sunday we will ask God to bless the land, give favorable weather for crops, and to provide an abundant harvest. We thank God for creation and the people who work the land to provide our food. We pray for the needs of all people, for the safety of farm workers, and the well-being of our animals. We pray that we will be good stewards of the earth. Rogation days are an ancient tradition that goes back as far as 470 AD. In some places, the celebra-

tions were elaborate and had processions going from the church to and around the fields asking for God's blessing on the crops. We will not process out into the fields, but **we are encouraging people to bring their tractors to church for a blessing. We will do this outside at the beginning of the service at New Hope at 9 and Little Elk Creek at 10:30.**

Pentecost is an even more important day of growth and blessing. We remember the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. It was the birthday of the church. We are ready for our land, our church, and our spirits to be refreshed and experience new growth! Please don't miss church on May 19th. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family. It is going to be a great day.



See You in Church, Pastor Judy

April Memorial report for LEC

- \$20 Carpet fund by Bill & Sharon Miller
IMO Bert Lansing
- \$20 Carpet fund by Bill & Sharon Miller
IMO Ron Buss
- \$25 Memorial fund by Bill & Sharon Miller
IMO Dee Cropp
- \$25 Memorial fund by Dick & Lynne Quilling
IMO Dee Cropp
- \$25 Front steps by Cliff Lee
IMO Dee Cropp

2024 - Graduation Quilts

Every year the Quilters at Little Elk Creek and New Hope Churches gift our High School Graduates with quilts that they have made during the year. Pastor Judy will bless each quilt during the church services on June 2, 2024 and present them, along with their parents, to the graduates. NH services are at 9:00 AM and LEC services are at 10:30 AM. Graduates, please plan to attend the church services along with your parents. The quilts will be displayed in the fellowship areas before the services for you to select your special quilt.

Below is a list of graduates and if we have missed anyone, please let the church office know.

Little Elk Creek: Levi Suckow, Walker Ferguson, Madisynn Bauer, Andrew Schaefer, Colten Novak, Parker Blado.

New Hope Church: Alex Lammer

Everyone is welcome to join the Kistner family in celebrating Connie's 80th Birthday on May 5th 1-5pm at the Menomonie Moose Lodge.

Connie has asked, "No gifts, please. The gift of your presence is enough."



	Confirmation Corner	
	<p>May 1st Regular class at LEC. Review sheet for test will be handed out.</p> <p>May 8th End of the year test and celebration at LEC.</p> <p>***May 8th is the last day of confirmation for the school year. This is different from the original schedule that was handed out.***</p>	

Gifts – Brenda Steinberger Financial Sec. NH

03-28-2024 Maundy Thursday -\$55.00 - General
03-29-2024 Good Friday - \$1,112.00 - General
03-31-2024 Easter Sunday -\$2380.00 General, \$5.00 Building
04-07-2024 \$1865.00 General, \$20.00 Lent
04-14-2024 \$1655.00 General, \$200.00 National Youth Gathering
04-21-2024 \$1550.00 General, \$50 National Youth Gathering

Attendance

47Joint
65Joint
135
53
40
56

Gifts – Nikki Turner Financial Sec. LEC

03-28-2024 Maundy Thursday - \$95.00 General
03-29-2024 Good Friday - \$70.00 General
03-31-2024 Easter Sunday \$3341.00 General,
04-07-2024 \$1485.00 General
04-14-2024 \$1080.00 General, \$40.00 Carpet
04-21-2024 \$1010.00 General, \$25.00 Carpet

Attendance

Joint NH
Joint NH
106
41
43
48

Little Elk Creek Cemetery will have its annual meeting and clean-up day Saturday May 4th at 900am.

If you are not able to attend and would like to make a donation for care and upkeep, please contact treasurer Teresa Klatt or one of the other board members. Your help and attendance are appreciated in continuing to provide ongoing upkeep of the cemetery. Thank you, Mark Weber (715-308-0387), President.

The Bencke Family in Japan

During May, we have the opportunity to support our missionary. Between New Hope and Little Elk, let's fill every day! You can sign up at your church, with Pastor Judy or the church office. Donate for a full day at \$40.00 or a half day at \$20.00.

LEC QUILTERS want to thank Marilyn Shafer (Jodi Lee's mother) and Christine Ness for the recent donations of new fabric which is really fun to work with. We always welcome donations of gently-used sheets also, to use for backs or to cut up for squares. (We cannot use microfiber sheets or white sheets.)

We will continue to quilt on Wednesdays during the month of May. We will not have a regular schedule during the summer months, but may show up on a rainy day.

Dottie Hayden and Marlene Lee



"LET JOY BURST FORTH LIKE FLOWERS IN THE SPRING"

Looking forward to our garden parties again this year. Hoping there are some of you who would enjoy sharing your garden or patio. It is a joyful time to see all the beautiful backyards we are so blessed to create. Visit with and get to know each other and just relax on a nice summer evening. For more info or willing to host call Roxane Schaefer @ 308-3589 or I will see you in church!



Our next blood drive will be July 9th, 2024 from 11am to 5pm. Please go online now and sign-up to donate. Power Red donors equal 2 Units. You may contact the church office if you have questions or need help getting signed up. 715-664-8568. Or call (1-800-733-2767) or visit

RedCrossBlood.org and enter: New Hope Downsville to schedule an appointment.



I'd like to thank all who helped with moving items from fellowship hall and back for flooring installation. I'd also like to thank the flooring committee for their help in the decision making. I think it all looks great. Thanks to Marie, Janet, Connie and Elaine. Blessings, Roberta

FAITH BIBLE STUDY at LEC will meet Tuesday, May 7, at 9 a.m. in the church basement. We will study session 4, "Grounded in Love", based on Ephesians 3. Phyllis Parish, Hostess; Marlene Lee, Leader

New Hope Council Minutes April 11, 2024

The meeting started at 7:05. Pastor Judy, Jane Hulett, Paul Jacobson, Sandy McNaughton, Wally Cutler, Jeff Pickerign, Linda Roth, Denis Reitz, Frank Schneider, and Ron Cuttler were all in attendance. Our esteemed president, R John Steinburger, was absent because of some very important business thing. We missed him very much, but our Vice President, Jane Hulett, did an excellent job of leading the meeting.

Pastor Judy led devotions and a prayer that centered on Romans 15:7, which talks about welcoming people the way Christ has welcomed us. There was no secretaries report, but that was ok. We don't have a council secretary right now so it was decided that we will take turns. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Wally says that most of the benevolences are paid. Our financial situation is that we are in good shape, a little in the black. We need to not get lax, but keep up the good work.

The Property and Grounds report was read. Someone has been hired to clean (power wash) the outside of the church on April 23rd. (The secretary did not take great notes so she does not know the name of the person or company.) The committee is in the process of getting quotes to resurface the parking lot. The new carpet has been put in the fellowship hall. The trim is not done yet, but will be. The smell of glue is giving the pastor a headache, but she is overly sensitive about things like that and will stop complaining in a few days when the smell is gone. The shuffle board courts on the floor were visible when the carpet was taken up. This was mentioned and we had ten minutes of pleasant reminiscing about Sunday school days of the past. Pastor Judy made a mean joke about Paul's age.

The Life and Missions report was read. People appreciate having coffee, cookies, and fellowship on the second Sunday of every month. We could use more people to make cookies. Life and Missions is going to work with Pastor Judy on planning a "Bring a Friend Sunday." We do not have a date yet.

The Youth Committee report was read. The youth have been busy and did not meet but they are planning on making baskets for some home-bound members and having a trip to the Bull Frog Fish Farm. We had five minutes of pleasant reminiscing about the fish farm and pigs that eat fish heads and taste fishy.

The pastor gave her report. It was the longest one, as usual. Holy Week and Easter went well. No one has complained to her about the lack of a 9:00 Easter service. (yet) Stout Lutheran Campus Ministry will be visiting both churches on April 28th. She has a burial and a funeral this month. She is grateful to everyone who helped with or bid at the Silent Auction. It raised almost \$2000 for the youth trip this summer. She would like more people to sign up for the blood drive. She is helping the youth have a talent show at the Mabel Tainter on June 22nd. Confirmation is going well. The last day is May 8th. She wants the church to do more to invite people to come here and learn about Jesus and for us to go out into the world and teach people about Jesus. "Bring a Friend Sunday" will help with this. She is proud of Jeff Pickerign's and Mike Hulett's ministry with people who are in jail. She wants us to do other things as well. She is asking council members to invite people to church and go pick them up. The council is considering starting the process for New Hope to become a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. It would require Bible study, discussions, and a vote taken by the whole congregation. Reconciling in Christ congregations are ones that are officially welcoming to members of the LGBTQ+ community.

At 7:50 the council realized we were not supposed to be meeting. April was supposed to be a joint meeting at LEC the following week. We finished our meeting anyway and a motion was made to ask Little Elk Creek's council if we can skip the joint meeting and meet again in September as scheduled. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor Judy will apologize to LEC council. A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. We closed with The Lord's Prayer at 8:10.

Sincerely, your temporary council secretary, Pastor Judy

NO LEC Council Minutes as they did not have a quorum to hold a meeting.

**Thrift, Plant,
Quilt & Bake Sale**

Friday, May 3 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday, May 4 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Christ Lutheran Church
1306 Wilcox Street
(the church with the purple doors in north Menomonie)



Little Elk Creek Sunday School Thank-you!

We have had a fabulous Sunday School year!

What Fun We've Had Learning About Our Awesome God!

So many thanks to:

- Our parents/grandmas who brought their children/grandchildren each Sunday.
- Our Sunday School staff who taught praise songs, read Bible stories and generally helped out.
- Our church council Education Deacon, Tonia Miller.
- Pastor Judy and our church family for your support.

Our last Sunday will be Sunday, May 5th. The children

LEC WELCA have committed to the third Friday of each month for 2024 to make meals at the Cairn House in Menomonie. The shift is 4 to 7pm. We are looking for anyone who would like to help us out with this project. It will require at least four volunteers a month. If you and/or your family would like to help, contact Roxane Schaefer at 715 308 3589 or (see me in church). Upcoming dates are May 17th, June 21st and July 19th Thank you!