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Little Elk Creek Lutheran Church School Kit Project

“Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world!” Children around the world are preparing to go back to school. Worldwide catastrophic natural disasters and civil unrest have created a great need. Lutheran World Relief reports, “Requests for School Kits are coming faster than we can keep up”. Considering global needs, our goal is 100+ kits! Thank you for your past donations! Any donation (including monetary) greatly helps.

Each School Kit Contains:

four 70-count, **wide-ruled** notebooks
one pencil sharpener
five **unsharpened** pencils with erasers
one 12-inch/30 cm. ruler

five blue-ink or black-ink pens
(non-gel)
one box of 24-count crayons
one **blunt-nose** scissors
one 2 1/2-inch eraser

One sturdy drawstring backpack

These are fun and easy to sew! The Lutheran World Relief website [[www.http://lwr.org/schoolkits](http://lwr.org/schoolkits)] has fabulous sewing directions if you are interested in “sewing up” a few school bags. We can provide you with appropriate fabric. Contact Christine Ness (715-235-4503) with questions.

We will collect through September 30th. You may place your donations of love in the box near the coffee area of church. God’s blessings to you all!

Attention Confirmation Families!

We will have a confirmation information meeting from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at New Hope on September 16th. This is for our incoming 7th grade, 8th graders as well as our 9th graders who will be confirmed on

Reformation Sunday-Oct. 25th

We would like all students, mentors, parents or anyone wanting to be part of the confirmation experience to join us for food, fellowship & information. Please contact the church office or Pastor Alison if you plan to attend or if this date will not work for you. More details will be announced closer to the 16th.

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Hello! As we enter the fall and new school year, I wanted to take a moment to extend an invitation to everyone to explore new ways of deepening our relationship with God in prayer.

A few weeks ago in worship, we looked at how the pattern of intercessory prayer we use in worship (the kind where we ask God to help us and others) is meant to model a framework for where our hearts and our hands should be focused as we live out our baptisms in our daily lives. Each petition is intended to remind us that we're called throughout scripture to seek God's love and blessings for ALL of creation.

My invitation to everyone is that you use the beginning of this new school year to build in a new, revised or revived prayer practice. One option for doing that could be, to look at the various petition topics from the intercessory prayer, and try to build your own intercessory prayer once a day. If you don't feel ready to build the whole prayer, just pick one petition for each day of the week (you'll notice there are conveniently 7 petitions and 7 days of the week:).

Try to stretch your prayers to include people, places and things you don't often pray about. Pray, not only for things you normally pray for, but pray for at least one new person, place or thing each day, including those you may not WANT to include (Matt. 5:43-45). If you struggle to come up with someone or something for a particular petition, look at it as God's invitation to help you grow and learn more about other people and places that are in need of God's love and mercy (which is everyone and everywhere:). Don't worry about fancy language or if you know enough about someone or something. Just trust that God knows what they need. If all you have is the name of a country, person, issue, that's enough.

The intercessory prayer in worship is broken into several petitions, each with a specific focus, designed to help us expand our gaze and focus our attention to different areas of the whole of God's Kingdom. The focus areas are: (1) the universal church and its ministry and mission; (2) the well-being of all creation; (3) global peace, justice for all communities-including wisdom and compassion leaders, rulers, those in positions of authority; (4) the poor, sick, bereaved and lonely; (5) all who suffer in mind or spirit; (6) specific local congregational or community concerns; and (7) gratitude and remembrance for the faithful departed.

Intercessory prayer, in particular, is an invitation to widen our gaze and soften our hearts enough to see who else in creation would benefit from the light of God's face shining upon them, who else in the world may need the healing power of God's mercy (Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Ps. 67). We are invited to surrender our own wills and agendas to God's and trust God to keep God's promises. It is MY prayer that everyone reading this takes this opportunity to grow in prayer and love one for another in the process. And, as always, I'd love to hear how it goes!

Grace and Peace in Abundance to you all!
Alison Westphal, S.A.M

Gifts – Brenda Steinberger Financial Sec. NH

08-02-26 \$920.00 General, \$405.90 Benevolence
08-09-26 \$2415.00 General, \$574.00 Tornado Relief, \$50.00 LWR
08-16-26 \$900.00 General
08-23-26 \$335.00 General

Attendance

47
80
35
28

Gifts – Nikki Turner Financial Sec. LEC

08-02-26 \$1603.00 General, \$5,500.00 Front Steps
08-09-26 \$1038.00 General, \$249.00 Tornado Relief, \$50.00 Front Steps
08-16-26 \$1552.00 General
08-23-26 \$1548.00 General

Attendance

35
39
32
47

LEC QUILTS will be displayed on the church pews on Sunday, September 27 through October 4. They may be purchased for \$40 with the proceeds designated to shipping costs.

FAITH BIBLE STUDY will meet

Tuesday, September 1 at 9 a.m.

Weather permitting our road will be getting blacktop! Consequently, Roxane has agreed to host us at her house, with Julie as Bible Study leader. We are on Lesson 11, "Ecclesiastes, "The Cry for Meaning".



September 6th, 2026

**Church service
times change**

Little Elk Creek - 9am

New Hope - 10:30am



Our next blood drive will be September 1, 2026, from 11am to 5pm. Please go online now and sign-up to donate. 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.

LEC Memorial Report

\$550 Donations to front steps fund IHO Dick & Lynne Quilling

50th wedding anniversary by Friends and Family

\$500 Donation to front steps fund IMO Joy, Ruth & Ted Lee and Marilyn Mrdutt

by Family

\$50 Donation to memorial fund IHO Dick & Lynne Quilling 50th wedding anniversary
by Friends

Just a reminder for
Church Council Members
Summer break is over.
Both Councils will meet
Thursday September 10th at NH -
Individual meetings at 6:30 pm
Joint meeting at 7:30pm



New Hope quilters will be back at it starting September 8th - 9am at New Hope Church. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday during Sept. thru April months. Please feel free to join them - all are invited! The quilts they have done will be displayed on the church pews Sept. 27th and Oct. 4th. Quilts can be purchase for \$40.00 each. The remaining Quilts are distributed to local needs, organizations and benefits.

LEC QUILTING will resume weekly on Wednesdays beginning September 9 due to roadwork the previous week. We will begin at 9 a.m. or when it is convenient for you. The first few weeks we will take advantage of the Farmer's Market for lunch, or you may bring your own. We have a nice stack of tops & bottoms ready to be quilted, plus we will assemble school kits when ready. Consider joining us for fun and fellowship, our quilting is not complicated!

NH WELCA August 4, 2026 meeting

Seven present for our meeting. We enjoyed leftover cupcakes and fresh fruit from our summer tea .

Devotions by Linda – “Ask Boldly”

Secretary’s report was read and accepted.

Treasurer’s report. We have \$5658.11 on hand of which \$1531.70 is available for the quilters.

Old business: MMS to give Sara Bundy \$100.00 as a thank you for the great job she did making cupcakes for the Tea.

MMSC to give the family of Chad Halvorson \$300.00 for medical expenses and a quilt.

Downsville Day – August 22, 2026 was discussed. Connie and Elaine will make the barbeques. Connie will get supplies with a Thrivent card and Darla will pick up the rest. Steve and Cindy will get the table and chairs from church to Elaine. Canopy’s will be provided by Paul & Dianne and Reese Hilmanowski. Picnic tables by Paul and Dianne.

Offering was taken, offertory sung. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Linda Roth, Secretary



‘Team Jesus!

Sunday School Rally Sunday!

Calling all Sunday Schoolers and church families!
Come be part of Team Jesus as we learn, worship, and grow together in the next year.

Rally Sunday, September 13, 2026

Worship: Little Elk Creek worship at 9:00.

-Tim Rivard is preparing brunch featuring:
pancakes and the fixings PLUS we’ll enjoy
Kim Foslid's homemade cinnamon rolls
following worship.

New Hope worship at 10:30.

-Treat and activities following worship

-Bring your backpack to be blessed during
church worship.

-Wear a team shirt if you like.

Regular Sunday School begins, Sunday September 20th:

-LEC: 8:00–8:45 a.m. Worship: 9:00

-New Hope: Children’s Time during 10:30 Worship

Faithfully yours,
Jane Hulett
Alison Westphal
Lynne Quilling

JOHN 2:16
**TEAM
JESUS**