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Pastor's Update

By Pastor Dan Fahs

At the MCCI meeting last month I learned a new word...well sort of. It is a word I know, but it was used in a unique way.

The word is CONFLUX. This noun describes a flowing together, a place where rivers meet and become one (bigger) river. Conflux can also be a coming together of people and things. So while I knew the word, it is not part of my everyday vocabulary.

Last month I learned about CONFLUX MOMENTS. A conflux moment is a powerful meeting point between us and the heart of God. It's a moment when things come together and God brings fresh clarity, whether in a small way or in a breakthrough. Sometimes these moments can feel almost physical, because they touch us so deeply. Some conflux moments bring small but clear shifts in our spiritual life, helping us take another step forward as we grow in faith. Other times, a conflux moment reaches deep into our soul and spirit with such strong conviction that real inner change begins right away. In short, conflux moments help us to mature spiritually.

As I learned this new(ish) word, I began to think about what "sets the stage" for these moments to occur. Certainly I find worship to be an occasion where these moments can occur. Conflux moments in worship touch our hearts as Holy Spirit moves and speaks. But worship is not the only way in which we can experience God at work in, around and through us.

What about you?

What are some activities that help you to "set the stage" for these conflux moments?

What helps you to sense, to be open to, God's Spirit?

I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Dan

Breakthrough Prayer

We invite you to pray daily:

God, we don't know what to do, but You do.

Open our eyes to see it,
our ears to hear it,
and our hearts to live it.

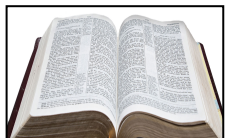
Amen

Activities and Events



9 am *Every* Wednesday Free Bread & Produce

We have a surplus of food for everyone! All are welcome to our drive-up curbside delivery of bread & produce every Wednesday at 9 am.



10:30am *Every* Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

All are welcome. This group meets every Wednesday at 10:30 am via Zoom. A new six-week study is starting on September 9th, *Breaking the Code* by Bruce M. Metzger, revised by Professor David deSilva. If you would like to join the study please contact the church office to receive a Zoom link and contact Darci Strutt for study questions.



Thursday, September 3 & September 17 H.O.M.E. Meal

You are invited to a dine-in or take-out meal at Bethel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Street in Hudson at 5 pm on September 3RD & September 17th. The meals are free. If you are available to help with H.O.M.E. Meal, please contact Barb Johnson at 1nuttynana@gmail.com.



Church Mailboxes

Church mailboxes have been reorganized for easy use. Everyone's mailboxes have been rearranged alphabetical in rows. If you do not have a mailbox and would like one, contact Kathy in the church office. Thank you.



9:30am *Every* Wednesday Men's Koffee Klutch

Men, bring a friend to the HUMC fellowship hall to enjoy a "steamy cup of coffee," conversation, and a mouth-watering sweet roll. Drop by **Wednesday at 9:30 AM**. Just come whenever you can, as often as you like. ☺ Contact Gery Campbell if you have any questions.

7pm *Every* Thursday, A.A. Easy Does It: A Newcomers Meeting

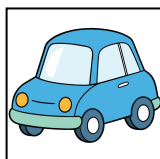
Created by those in early recovery for those in early recovery

Everyone is welcome! Recovery begins with a single step. Find HOPE in a community who understands. This weekly group meets every Thursday at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We encourage others and offer practical guidance on individual recovery. Friends or family members are welcome to come to the open meetings.

You are invited, to "No Clue"

Do you think your teen or grandchild is addicted to alcohol or drugs? This meeting is for you. A.A. is hosting an evening of dialogue at 7pm on **Friday, September 11** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.



Parking Lot Paving Schedule

Thank you for your donations!

Parking Lot Paving Schedule is subject to change per weather

Monday, August 31: Working on the lower parking lot patching several bad areas. You can drive on it that day.

Thursday, September 3: Working on the lower parking lot – crack fill and seal coating. **No driving on the lower lot for three days.**

Tuesday, September 15: Working on the upper lot. OK for light traffic.

Thursday, September 17: Working on the upper lot paving base layer. **No driving on the upper lot for three days.**

Friday, September 25: Working on upper lot paving second layer. **No driving on the upper lot for three days.**

Monday, September 28: Striping parking places in both lots.

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Sunday, September 13

We invite you to ask your neighbors, children, grandchildren and friends about our fall kick-off of fun.

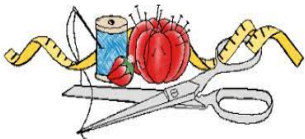
BBQ Pork Sandwiches: Thank you to Mike Bebault for preparing the BBQ pork for the sandwiches.

Salads and Sides are needed to compliment the potluck on Sunday Sept. 13. Please consider bringing a dish to share. A sign-up sheet is located at the greeter's table. We also need help with set-up and clean-up afterwards.

Games: It would be fun to have some outdoor games available too. If you can bring a game or two, please let Kathy know.

SEWMUCHNEED Update

By Connie Nielsen



Welcome back quilters and sewers. We will be meeting on **Monday, September 14th from 9 until noon.** We do not have any kits to sew.

We are in need of flat queen or king size sheets that are in good condition. If anyone happens to have cotton, denim, corduroy, flannel or heavy curtains without backing we can use those to make items.

We are still donating to Hudson Hospital, Operation Help, the Hudson Elementary schools, and Midwest Missions. If anyone has other organizations that could use quilts or other sewn items let us know and we look into them. Feel free to contact Connie Nielsen or Clarice Huehne.

Handbell News

By LeAnn Stein

The joyful sounds of handbells will be returning soon to worship. **The Weigand Ringers will be starting Monday evening practices beginning September 14.** We meet at 5:30, end no later than 6:30 and have a flexible rehearsal schedule.

Do you have an interest in ringing? Would you enjoy fellowship with others who share your musical interests? Training is available!

Please leave a message in my church mailbox or let Kathy in the church office know of your interest. We would love to have you join us.



Tuesday, September 15 Oct. Newsletter Article Deadline

The newsletters are reminders of activities and ministries in the church and in the community.

Anyone can submit information. The next newsletter article deadline, for the **October** issue, is noon on **Tuesday, September 15.** Send your information to: HUDSONUMC@SBCGLOBAL.NET. Church newsletters can be found in the information rack in the entryway/narthex. Pick up your copy today!

September Birthdays

Current as of 8/15/26

Wishing you a wonderful day with family and friends! We apologize if your name isn't listed. We wish you a Happy Birthday, too! Please inform the church office of your birthday, and your name and birth date will be added to the birthday list. Thank you.

09/03 John Dolan	09/19 Bob Maki
09/04 Barb Chapman	09/27 Ava Lindley
09/04 Annette Helwig	09/28 Margaret
09/06 Jane White	Bertelsen Brown
09/06 Nicole Munro	09/29 Heather Tank
09/07 Jean Hogan	09/29 Lynn Watson

Book Discussion

You are invited to join a Book Club & Discussion group which meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month through November. Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 20th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to read ahead, please refer to the book list below.

Sept. 20 *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray
 Oct. 18 *The Measure* by Nikki Erlik
 Nov. 15 *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Finance Updates

Treasurer's Finance Update

By Nicole Munro, Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Team

Summary End of July

YTD 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	% Budget
General Fund Income	\$204,046	\$168,000	121%
General Fund Expense	\$199,035	\$189,812	105%
Net Profit/Loss	\$5,011	-\$21,812	-23%

*NOTE: The General Fund Income YTD Actual consists of Pledges/Envelopes plus other income (i.e. Un-pledged Giving, Special Holiday Giving, Loose Coin Offering, Interest Income from Investment Accounts, etc.)

Finance Secretary Update

By Steve Close

Current as of July 1, 2026

Month	Fund (Monthly)	Monthly Giving	Budget	YTD 4005	Fund YTD	Budget	Actual 4005	Variance 4005	Actual 4005	Variance 4005	Amount	Amount
January	\$ 24,000	\$ 33,090	\$ 9,090	\$ 24,000	\$ 33,090	\$ 9,090	\$33,927	\$ (837)	\$ 33,927	\$ (837)	\$ 26,399	\$ 6,691
February	\$ 24,000	\$ 18,278	\$ (5,722)	\$ 48,000	\$ 51,369	\$ 3,369	\$34,245	\$ (15,967)	\$ 68,172	\$ (16,803)	\$ 15,539	\$ 2,740
March*	\$ 24,000	\$ 41,929	\$ 17,929	\$ 72,000	\$ 93,298	\$ 21,298	\$31,110	\$ 10,819	\$ 99,282	\$ (5,984)	\$ 18,984	\$ 22,946
April**	\$ 24,000	\$ 27,653	\$ 3,653	\$ 96,000	\$ 120,950	\$ 24,950	\$26,475	\$ 1,178	\$ 125,757	\$ (4,807)	\$ 20,726	\$ 6,927
May	\$ 24,000	\$ 35,053	\$ 11,053	\$ 120,000	\$ 156,004	\$ 36,004	\$17,178	\$ 17,875	\$ 142,935	\$ 13,069	\$ 18,269	\$ 16,784
June*	\$ 24,000	\$ 19,134	\$ (4,866)	\$ 144,000	\$ 175,137	\$ 31,137	\$27,029	\$ (7,895)	\$ 169,964	\$ 5,173	\$ 14,939	\$ 4,195
July	\$ 24,000	\$ 22,690	\$ (1,310)	\$ 168,000	\$ 197,828	\$ 29,828	\$23,397	\$ (707)	\$ 193,361	\$ 4,467	\$ 14,642	\$ 8,048
August *	\$ 24,000			\$ 192,000	\$ 197,828	\$ 5,828	\$15,800	\$ (15,800)	\$ 209,161	\$ (11,333)		
September	\$ 24,000			\$ 216,000	\$ 197,828	\$ (18,172)	\$23,644	\$ (23,644)	\$ 232,805	\$ (34,977)		
October	\$ 24,000			\$ 240,000	\$ 197,828	\$ (42,172)	\$22,292	\$ (22,292)	\$ 255,097	\$ (57,269)		
November*	\$ 24,000			\$ 264,000	\$ 197,828	\$ (66,172)	\$20,308	\$ (20,308)	\$ 275,405	\$ (77,577)		
December	\$ 24,000			\$ 288,000	\$ 197,828	\$ (90,172)	\$21,213	\$ (21,213)	\$ 296,945	\$ (99,117)		
Total	\$ 288,000	\$ 197,828	\$ 29,828				\$ 296,618	\$ (98,790)			\$ 129,497	\$ 68,330

Giving Notes:

Pledged Amount through 7/31/26 was \$91,045 amount received was \$129,497.

*\$ Sunday Month

** Easter Sunday

Annual Pledge Comparison

Year	# of Pledges	\$ of Pledges	Received
2022	72	\$ 242,432	\$ 359,673
2023	60	\$ 214,245	\$ 218,257
2024	56	\$ 232,018	\$ 224,084
2025	51	\$ 209,740	\$ 218,212
2026	46	\$ 211,680	

Hudson Food Cupboard Update

By Denise Stalker

September Newsletter for the Food Cupboard.

Here is a current list of items that we need at the food cupboard. Please keep us in mind when you are doing your grocery shopping this month. We need Coffee, Tea, Feminine Products, Deodorant (Men & Women's), Kleenex, Chunky Soups.

Look for a more in-depth report next month!

THANK YOU!

Missions

SEPTEMBER Mission of the Month

The **SEPTEMBER Mission of the Month (MOM)** noisy tin can offering will be **donated to the United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin**. United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin is a **Milwaukee-based social service agency** founded in 1962 that recently changed its name to **Rooted & Rising – Washington Park, Milwaukee**. Located at 3940 West Lisbon Avenue, the organization provides affordable housing, childcare via the Growing Tree Children's Center, emergency food pantries, and neighborhood community programs. To learn more go to <https://www.umcs-wi.org/>.

Raider Network

By Margie Bertelson Brown

Hello!

It's that time of year! A new school year has started! We will once again make deliveries to the high school and will continue until the end of the school year. On the table in the narthex, there is a food shopping list and a shopping bag for you to use to get the supplies. You will also find the list below.

Thank you in advance.

Choose **one** item from the list-Individual microwavable cups:

Mac & Cheese, Ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee meals

Choose **two** items from the list-Individual bags or single serving:

Goldfish crackers, Cheez-its, Snack crackers, Cheese or Peanut Butter crackers, Trail mix, Beef jerky, Beef sticks (non-refrigerated)

Choose **one** item from the list:

Fruit snacks, Fruit roll-ups, Fruit leather, Unsweetened applesauce cups-multi pack,

Also needed:

Juice boxes, Refillable water bottles



Reconciling Ministry Update



There are door clingies on the outside door of the building and on the outdoor sign letting people know that we are an affirming church. The Missions committee has also approved sending a \$100 donation to RMN (Reconciling Ministries Network) for their help and resources. We also will be doing a special offering later in the year to establish the routine of including RMN in our yearly Mission of the Month giving.

Statistics Update

By Kathy O'Brien Schroeder, Admin Hudson UMC

July Attendance 2026

Date	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	Home Mailing	YouTube	Weekly
5-Jul	36	35	23	31	125
12-Jul	28	44	23	38	133
19-Jul	36	33	23	65	157
26-Jul	37	30	23	43	133
TOTAL	137	142	92	177	548

Sunday School Update

By Amy Norelius

Rally Day

You are invited to outside crafts and games, (weather permitting) on Sunday, September 13th. We will also be registering for Sunday School. If you would like to volunteer at the craft table or with any of the games please let me or Kathy know. We are also in need of lawn games.

Children's Sunday School

A Multi-age format: Preschool through 5th grade

We will be doing a **Children's Sunday *aka Sunday School alternating Sundays beginning September 15th** and then going every other Sunday from there. *Calendar is subject to change.*

Sunday School Dates in 2026 are: September 20; October 4, 18; November 1, 15, 22, 29-no class Thanksgiving; December 6, 13 (Dec. 20 – No class- Happy Birthday Jesus Party and Ornament making.), 17 and 1/3 No Class-Christmas and New Year

Sunday School Dates in 2027 are: January 3 – no class; 10, 24; February 2, 21; March 7, 21 (Palm Sunday); 28 – No Class –Easter Sunday; April 4, 18; May 2, 16 (Last Day of Sunday School)

We will have one youth in confirmation: Charlie Dolan

We have one child entering into third grade who will receive a Bible this year: Henry Dolan

See you all soon, Amy Norelius

Worship Updates

Worship Team Newsletter Article for September 2026

By Adele Dolan

Welcome back to all who have been elsewhere during the summer! I've enjoyed the change of pace between June and August, but I'm always happy to reconnect with those who have been "on the road" for a while.

At our worship team meeting last month, Pastor Dan advised us of his upcoming 4-week sermon series that begins on Rally Day and tackles several spiritual questions that begin with "Why?" The scriptures he will be using don't follow the regular church lectionary, so selecting hymns was a bit more challenging than usual for

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the music team (the lectionary workbook always provides a host of ideas!), but we didn't mind the effort of more personal research because the subject matter is so important and timely during these difficult and uncertain times. The challenges of loss – homes destroyed by fire and flood, or earthquake, loved ones dying, jobs or relationships ending – as well as physical pain, mental anguish and injustice can lead us into more frustration than faith. If you have never questioned God's power or justice or presence, more power to you, but I look forward to delving into the ever-present realities of life that give us pause and challenge our faith: suffering, unanswered prayer, finding God's will in our lives, and clinging to God's promises.

Here's looking forward to learning and growing, praying and rejoicing, together!

Blessings to you as we begin the fall season –

Sincerely in Christ, Adele Dolan, Worship Team Chair

September Liturgist Schedule

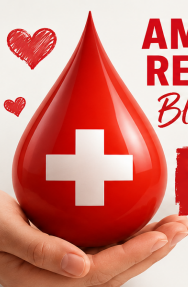
September 6: 8:30 am Bonnie Sykora
 September 13: 8:30 am Carla Bebault
 September 20: 8:30 am Randy & Wes Dahle
 September 27: 8:30 am Adele Dolan

10:30 am Deb Simonson
 10:30 am Nicole Munro
 10:30 am John Dolan
 10:30 am Craig Gibson

September Greeter Schedule

September 6: 8:30 am Joel Merritt
 September 13: 8:30 am John & Sue Lindahl
 September 20: 8:30 am Rich Wall
 September 27: 8:30 am Sue Warnke

10:30 am Daryl & Deb Simonson
 10:30 am Steve & Margie Close
 10:30 am Joanne Campbell
 10:30 am Glen Warnke



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 10 AM TO 4 PM

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 1320 Wisconsin St.
 Hudson, WI

For appointment, please visit
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponson-hudson>
 or call **1-800-733-2767**

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20th Annual Caregiver Conference
Positive Approach to Care



Friday, September 25, 2026
8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Northwood Technical College – Conference Center
 1019 S. Knowles Ave., New Richmond, WI

REGISTER



Visit the event page:
bit.ly/NRCaregiverConf_2026



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