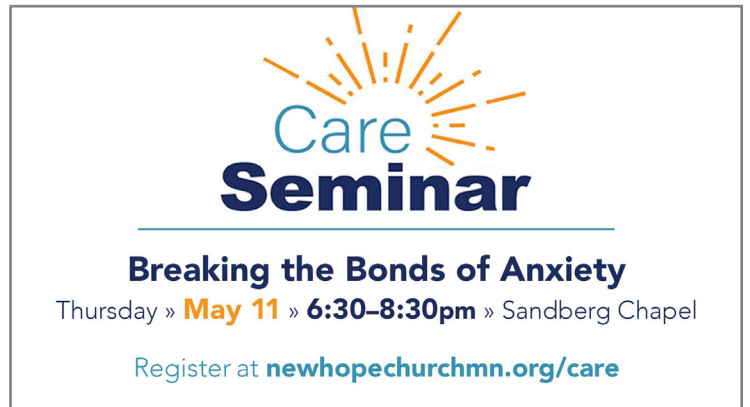


Welcome to New Hope Church

A Christ-centered community for all peoples, moving toward Jesus and taking others with us.

NEW HERE?

We'd love to get to know you.
Fill out the New Here form.



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NEED PRAYER?

NEWS & GIVING REPORT

Reception for Pastor Dayton Dodge

Sunday, April 28, 11:45am, Sandberg Chapel. Stop by and thank Pastor Dayton for his ministry and impact during his tenure here at NHC.

Identity Elective

Sundays, Now-April 30, 10:30am, Sandberg Chapel. Anchored in biblical teaching, learn and celebrate God's purpose for human sexuality, gender and flourishing. Co-hosted by Next Gen. For middle school to adult. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Movie Night with Disability Ministry

Tuesday, April 25, 6-8pm, Family Center. Enjoy a family-friendly movie, Encanto, with popcorn and new friends. No cost. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/disabilities.

Diaper Drive

May 1-7. We are collecting diapers to bless HopeBridge food shelf clients and New Life Family Services clients. Drop off diapers of all sizes at the reception lobby. Visit newhopechurchmn.org/events.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 4:30pm, Family Center. Although voting is limited to church members, everyone is encouraged to attend. Celebrate God's grace to us and get a glimpse of what's in store for the year ahead. Details at newhopechurchmn.org.

Calling Artists

Art Gallery: May 21-June 16. Theme: *The Light of Fellowship*. Express your unique artistic creativity. Fill out submission form at newhopechurchmn.org/arts.

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Genesis 1–2

CONNECT

1. What cultural norms around gender have we put forward as biblical convictions when in fact they are merely cultural expectations?

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2. Read Genesis 1:26–27 and Genesis 5:2. What are the sexes that are mentioned? See also Matthew 19:3–6 and Galatians 3:28.
3. Some suggest the concepts of land and sea or dark and light in Genesis 1 are representative of key parts of creation, with gradients within them such as streams and swamps or dusk and dawn, which we then see mentioned throughout the rest of the Bible. Why does this not apply to the Genesis 1 reference to male and female?
4. What is a eunuch and why does it matter that Jesus talks about one (see Matthew 19:3–12)?
5. Explain the difference between the Bible's ethical convictions (e.g. 1 Corinthians 6:9–10) and cultural stereotypes (e.g. Judges 5:24–26 or Matthew 11:29).

ACTION

6. From the Bible, how can you definitively affirm there are only two sexes—male and female?
7. In what ways can you show the love of Jesus to your LGBTQ+ neighbors?

