Welcome to New Hope!

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Epiphany 3
1 Service at our Pine Creek Site 10a

New Hope on the Creeks Live Streaming

live or anytime: YouTube Link to New Hope on the Creeks
New Hope Lutheran Church of Sand Creek & Pine Creek, Wisconsin
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnFI48DyQ

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

*Green & Blue Hymnals are in pews if prefer reading music

GATHERING

PRELUDE
WELCOME
HYMN I Love to Tell the Story
INVOCATION
ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Cranberry Hymnal #661

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

PSALM 62:5-12 *God alone is my rock and my salvation.*

NEW TESTAMENT + 1st Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME NOISY OFFERING

January offerings go toward our 2024 Luther Park Camperships

• Please stand for a reading fro the life of Jesus Christ HYMN OF PRAISE Day by Day / Godspell

GOSPEL + Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

SERMON Pastor Michael Sparby

HYMN O Jesus I Have Promised Green Hymnal #503

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION / LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*OFFERINGS received in plates as you come forward for Holy Communion. Thank you!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMB OF GOD

REFLECTION Cornerstone

SENDING

COMMUNION BLESSING COMMUNION PRAYER MINISTRY NEWS

HYMN Take My Life and Let it Be Green Hymnal #406

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements - January 21, 2024

Thank you for worshipping with us! You are welcome here if searching for a spiritual home!

This Week

SUNDAY	1/21
$m{1}$ service 10a at our Pine Creek Site	
9:20a Coffee Hour 10:50a Annual	Meeting
MONDAŸ	1/22
8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC	
TUESDAY	1/23
Pastor Chapel/Bloomer	
10a Dove 10:40a Meadowbrook	
7p AA/SC	
WEDNESDAY	1/24
6:30p Confirmation/PC	
SUNDAY	1/28
8:30a Worship/PC	
9:20a Fellowship/both sites	
SC Host: Eve Circle	
10a Worship/SC	

Baptism for Allison June Link

In Our Prayers

Please update church office after 2 weeks Gary Hanson, Astrid Sannes, Jenie Davis Jeff Fladten, Lynette Emanuel, Celie Bembnister, Lu Weir

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller Bloomer Dove: Pat Goodremote

Bloomer Meadowbrook: Inez Schrader **Colfax Health/Rehab**: Colleen Schwegman,

Dorrene Knutson

Eau Claire Dove/Orchard Hills: Lillian Wendlandt

Eau Claire Heritage Court: Jean Larson

Eau Claire Sacred Heart Rehab: Marye Hanson Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Sgt. Garrett Dillon

Community Care: For a pastoral visit or call, contact church office, Pr. Michael or Joyce Gilberts. To join our visiting team, please contact Pr. Michael.

New Hope Comforters needs fabric & sheets

Hats/Mittens Collection

for students at area schools

"Project Comfort"/Will You Help?

Back by popular demand are the 35mm film canisters! Fill these "dinosaurs" with quarters to help pay for shipping quilts. We call this "Project Comfort." Canisters are available in the SC narthex. You may not sew, but can participate in our quilt project by contributing toward shipping.



Will you help?

Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14th, a simple soup & bread luncheon will be served at noon, following 11:30a worship service. Will you provide a soup, bread, or dessert one Wednesday? Sign up on the office door. Thank you!

Another Opportunity to Serve Sand Creek site communion assistants

If interested, please contact the office.



Wed., Jan. 31st: 5-8p New Hope Lutheran Church Sand Creek site

PLEASE contact the church office to enroll children and/or volunteer. A sign-up sheet is on the church

office door. Community welcome!

Mayo Clinic Health System **FREE**

StrongBodies Strength-Training Class 12p—1p Tuesdays & Thursdays January 9th—March 28th

Sand Creek Arts Center (Old School)

E93311 County Rd I, Sand Creek

Increase strength, muscle mass, bone density with progressive resistance training, balance and flexibility exercises. Registration not required.

SAVE THE DATE!

Adult Bingo/Game Night: Fri., Feb. 9 6-8p at our Sand Creek site (Snacks provided)

COMMEMORATIONS

• Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

• Conversion of Paul

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY 2024

Wed. Jan. 31 5-8p/SC Parent's Night Out 6:30p Confirmation/PC

FEBRUARY

Sun. Feb. 4 reg. sch.
Wed. Feb. 7
Fri. Feb 9
Sun. Feb. 11 reg. sch.
6:30p Confirmation/PC
6-8p Adult Game/Bingo at SC
reg. sch. *Transfiguration Sunday*

Mon. Feb. 12 Church Council SC 7p Wed. Feb. 14 Ash 11:30a SC & 7p PC 6:30p Confirmation/PC

6:30p Confirmation/PC **Sun. Feb. 18** reg. sch. Lent 1 **Wed. Feb. 21** *Lent 2* – SC-11:30a

6:30p Confirmation/PC **Wed. Feb. 25** reg. sch. Lent 2 **Wed. Feb. 28** *Lent 3* – SC-11:30a

Wed. Feb. 28 5p-8p Parents Night Out SC

MARCH

Sun. Mar. 3 reg. sch. Lent 3 **Wed. Mar. 6** *Lent 4* – SC-11:30a
6:30p Confirmation/PC

Sun. Mar. 10 reg. sch. Lent 4

Tues. Mar. 12 Pastor Chapel in Bloomer 10a Dove & 10:40a Meadowbrook

Wed. Mar. 13 *Lent 5* – SC-11:30a 6:30p Confirmation/PC

Sun. Mar. 17 reg. sch. Lent 5 **Wed. Mar. 20** *Lent 6* – SC-11:30a 6:30p Confirmation/PC

Sun. Mar. 24 reg. sch. *Palm Sunday*Men's Group Pancake Breakfast SC

Wed. Mar. 27
Fri. Mar. 29
Sun. Mar. 31
5-8p/SC Parent's Night Out
7p Worship *Good Friday*reg. sch. *Easter Sunday*

APRIL

Sun. April 7 reg. sch.

Mon. April 8 Church Council 7p PC

Wed. April 10 Confirmation SC 6:30p

Sun. April 14 reg. sch.

Wed. April 17 Confirmation SC 6:30p

Sun. April 21 reg. sch.

Wed. April 24 5-8p/SC Parent's Night Out

Sun. April 28 reg. sch.

Tues. April 30 Pastor Chapel/Bloomer

10a Dove & 10:40a Meadowbrook