

Welcome to New Hope!

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Epiphany 4

Pine Creek Site 8:30a

Sand Creek Site 10a



In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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

Cranberry Hymnals at our Sand Creek site are in the shelf near office door.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come

Blue Hymnal #662

INVOCATION

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

PSALM 111

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)

NEW TESTAMENT + 1st Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

BAPTISM (10a)

Allison June Link

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 *Thy Word*

GOSPEL + Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

SERMON

Pastor Michael Sparby

HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

Blue Hymnal #798

APOSTLES CREED

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

Goodness of God

SENDING

COMMUNION BLESSING
COMMUNION PRAYER
MINISTRY NEWS

HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Green Hymnal #559

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements - January 28, 2024

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

This Week

SUNDAY 1/28
8:30a Worship/PC
9:20a Fellowship/both sites *SC Host: Eve Circle*
10a Worship/SC
Baptism for Allison June Link
MONDAY 1/29
8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC
TUESDAY 1/30
7p AA/SC
WEDNESDAY 1/31
5-8p "Parent's Night Out" / *Sand Creek Church*
6:30p Confirmation/PC
SATURDAY 2/3
10a Luther Park Annual Mtg (9:30a refreshments)
SUNDAY 2/4
8:30a Worship/PC
9:20a Fellowship/both sites
SC Host: Sophia Circle
10a Worship/SC

Luther Park Annual Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 3rd: 10am/9:30a refreshments
Congregation is entitled to 3 delegates (*clergy or lay members*) each representing 1 vote. More congregational members welcome to attend; learn about the past year and future updates. This year will be amending the Constitution & By-Laws.

New Hope Comforters: need fabric/sheets

Hats/Mittens Collection

for students at area schools

"Project Comfort"/Will You Help?

Canisters available in SC narthex. *Participate in our quilt project by contributing toward shipping costs.*

FREE Thrivent T-Shirts: Many sizes available at our Sand Creek site fellowship hall.

In Our Prayers

Please update church office after 2 weeks
Gary Hanson, Astrid Sannes, Jenie Davis
Janice Anderson-Horn, Jeff Fladten, Lynette Emanuel, Lu Weir
Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller
Bloomer Dove: Pat Goodremote
Colfax Health/Rehab: Inez Schrader, 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.*



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

- **Lydia, Dorcas, Phoebe, witnesses to the faith**
Women, as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.
- **Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274**
One of the most brilliant, creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and Aristotle's philosophy.. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymn writer.

LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY

Wed. Feb. 7 6:30p Confirmation/PC
Fri. Feb 9 6-8p Adult Game/Bingo at SC
Sun. Feb. 11 reg. sch. ***Transfiguration Sunday***
Mon. Feb. 12 Church Council SC 7p
Wed. Feb. 14 ***Ash*** 11:30a SC & 7p 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 5-8p/SC Parent's Night Out
Fri. Mar. 29 7p Worship ***Good Friday***
Sun. Mar. 31 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