

Welcome to New Hope!

January 4, 2026 Epiphany Sunday
Pine Creek Site 8:30a Sand Creek Site 10a



*Green and Blue Hymnals are in pews.
Cranberry Hymnals at our Sand Creek site are in shelf near office door.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

David Anderson

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
CHRISTMAS LITANY**

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Green Hymnal #55

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Isaiah 60: 1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise. A reading from the prophet, Isaiah.

PSLAM 72: 1-7, 10-14

NEW TESTAMENT + Ephesians 3: 1-1

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ, both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation. A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

REFLECTION

Grace that Won't Let Go

NOISY OFFERING/MISSION *January offerings will support our missionary, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider, serving in Guyana, South America*

HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

Green Hymnal #406

SERMON

David Wendlandt

HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Blue Hymnal #651

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

- *Please stand, as you are able.*

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joy to the World

Green Hymnal #39

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMB OF GOD

REFLECTION

What a Beautiful Name

OFFERINGS *received in plates at Pine Creek site and boxes near the doors at Sand Creek site.*

SENDING

- *Please stand, as you are able.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Green Hymnal #439

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements January 4, 2026

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY Epiphany 1/4
Guest Speaker: David Wendlandt
Christian Hope in the Midst of Life's Losses
8:30a PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites *SC Host: Sophia Circle*
9:30a PC W/ELCA
10a SC Worship
3p/SC Piano Lessons
MONDAY 1/5
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA Offering received
TUESDAY 1/6
7p/SC AA
WEDNESDAY 1/7
6p/SC Eve Circle
6:30p/SC Confirmation
SUNDAY Baptism of Our Lord 1/11
8:30a PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites *SC Host: Sophia Circle*
10a SC Worship
11a/SC CPR Class
3p/SC Piano Lessons

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please update church office after 2 weeks

Jon Gilberts, Ken/Jan Gille, Sharon Hegna, Wayne Christopherson, Arlys Hoveland, Heather Irwin

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller

Home Care: Astrid Sannes

Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger

Community Care

For a pastoral visit/call or to join our visiting team, contact the office, Pr. Michael or Joyce Gilberts.

January "Trumpet" Newsletter is available in the narthex and online.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TODAY

Annual Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 25th
at our Pine Creek Site
9:20a Coffee Fellowship
ONE Worship Service—10a
Annual Meeting immediately follows

Celebration of Life for Dorrene Knutson
Died Tuesday, December 23, 2025
Saturday, January 17th
Olson Funeral Home in Menomonie
11a—1:30p Visitation
1:30p Funeral Service



Sunday, January 11th
11a at our Sand Creek site
\$25/person (Red Cross Certification)
Checks payable to: New Hope Lutheran
Memo: CPR
Questions? Contact Joyce Gilberts

LOOK AHEAD

JANUARY 2026

Mon. Jan. 12 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Jan. 14 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Jan. 18 reg. sch
Mon. Jan. 19 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sun. Jan. 25 **ONE service 10a/Pine Creek site**
9:20a Coffee Fellowship/PC
Annual Meeting after worship

FEBRUARY

Sun. Feb. 1 reg sch *Speaker: Carol Anderson*
Mon. Feb. 2 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Feb. 4 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Feb. 8 reg. sch *Speaker: Joyce Gilberts*
Mon. Feb. 9 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Feb. 11 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Feb. 15 reg. sch *Speaker: Mark Gilberts*
Mon. Feb. 16 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Feb. 18 **Ash Wednesday**
11:30a/SC Worship/noon lunch
6p/PC Confirmation serves supper
7p/PC Ash Wednesday Worship

MARCH

Sun. Mar. 1 reg. sch
Mon. Mar. 2 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Mar. 4 **Lent 3 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch**
Wed. Mar. 4 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Mar. 8 reg. sch
Mon. Mar. 9 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Mar. 11 **Lent 4 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch**
Wed. Mar. 11 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Mar. 15 reg. sch
Mon. Mar. 16 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Mar. 17 **Lent 5 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch**
Wed. Mar. 17 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Mar. 22 reg. sch
Mon. Mar. 23 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Mar. 25 **Lent 6 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch**
Wed. Mar. 25 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Mar. 29 **Palm Sunday** reg. sch
Mon. Mar. 30 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Offerings received at

*Pine Creek site offering plate (8:30a worship)
*Sand Creek site offering boxes (10a worship)
*Website: www.newhopespc.org
*Post mail: Po Bx 85, Sand Creek, WI 54765

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Transition Task Force Update

Per Pr. Michael's request, council created the **Transition Task Force** (Carol Anderson, Mark Gilberts, Joyce Gilberts, Linda Bilodeau, Dawn Knutson, Robbie Jo Ellefson) to reflect and share proposals with council and congregation re: our future staffing.

The task force brought its first report, with recommendations, to church council Dec. 15th. After discussion, motion passed to accept Pr. Michael's request to move from 3/4 time to 1/2 time. With these hours his main duties will center around Worship and Administration. He will continue to teach Confirmation and address needs in other areas as they arise.

Visitation team already began transitioning with Joyce Gilberts leading; she will continue to cover most visitation. Pr. Michael's presence in worship over the course of the year will remain much the same as it has been since accepting our call in 2018. In-office hours will usually be Sundays, and Monday and Tuesday early mornings. As always, additional appointments can be scheduled.

The Church Council and Transition Task Force always appreciate hearing from you! Please share thoughts, concerns, and felt needs with them.

See a more extensive summary in the January 2026 Trumpet Newsletter.

Streamed Worship: YouTube Link: *New Hope on the Creeks*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSFI48DyQ>

Listen via phone: 534-444-4300