

# 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

<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Epiphany</i>	1/4
<i>Guest Speaker: David Wendlandt</i>	
<i>Christian Hope in the Midst of Life's Losses</i>	
8:30a PC Worship	
9:20a Fellowship/both sites <i>SC Host: Sophia Circle</i>	
9:30a PC W/ELCA	
10a SC Worship	
3p/SC Piano Lessons	
<b>MONDAY</b>	1/5
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting	
SC W/ELCA Offering received	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	1/6
7p/SC AA	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	1/7
6p/SC Eve Circle	
6:30p/SC Confirmation	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	1/11
8:30a PC Worship	
9:20a Fellowship/both sites <i>SC Host: Sophia Circle</i>	
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 Dorrrene 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.newhopescpc.org](http://www.newhopescpc.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-RdcnKSnFI48DyQ>

**Listen via phone:** 534-444-4300