

# *Welcome to New Hope!*

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

*Baptism of Our Lord*

Pine Creek Site 8:30a

Sand Creek Site 10a

*Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*



**\*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**

**REFLECTION**

*All Things New*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

**INVOCATION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT + Genesis 1: 1-5**

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

**PSALM 29**     *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

**NEW TESTAMENT + Acts 19: 1-7**

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

**REFLECTION**

*Out of Darkness*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**  
**NOISY OFFERING**

*January offerings will go toward our 2024 Luther Park Camperships*

- *Please stand for a reading fro the life of Jesus Christ*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth!*

**GOSPEL + Mark 1: 4-11**

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Michael Sparby*

**HYMN**

*Thy Holy Wings*

Blue Hymnal #741

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION / LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**OFFERINGS** *received in plates near the doors. Thank you!*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**REFLECTION**

*Holy Forever*

**SENDING**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**MINISTRY NEWS**

**HYMN**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Cranberry Hymnal #649

**SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**

# New Hope Announcements - January 7, 2024

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

## This Week

**SUNDAY** *Baptism of Our Lord* 1/7

8:30a Pine Creek Worship

9:20a Fellowship/both sites

*SC Host: Sophia Circle*

9:30a PC WELCA/Ladies Aid

10a Sand Creek Worship

**MONDAY** 1/8

**Annual Reports due in the office**

8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC

SC WELCA offering received

**TUESDAY** 1/9

7p AA/SC

**WEDNESDAY** 1/10

6:30p Confirmation/PC

**THURSDAY** 1/11

9:30a Sophia Circle/SC

**FRIDAY** *Office Closed* 1/12

**SUNDAY** 1/14

8:30a Pine Creek Worship

9:20a Fellowship/both sites

*SC Host: Sophia Circle*

10a Sand Creek Worship

## In Our Prayers

*Please update church office after 2 weeks*

Astrid Sannes, Jenie Davis

Janice Horn, 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

**Heritage Court/Eau Claire:** Jean Larson

**Rice Lake Marshfield Hospital:** Marye Hanson

**Military:** Capt. David E. Dahl, Garrett Dillon

*Sympathy to Mike Olson & Family at the death of his father, December 23rd.*

**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.

## 2024 Offering Envelopes in narthex

**ANNUAL MEETING: January 21st**

**1** service 10a at our Pine Creek Site

9:20a Coffee Hour. 10:50a Annual Meeting

**THANK YOU!**

**2023 "Noisy Offering"**

**Christmas Critters**

**\$ 2,932.46**

- 3 Family Farms** (Each has 1 cow, 2 goats, 2 pigs, 12 chicks, farming tools, seeds, agricultural training)
- 2 Motor Bikes for Pastors:** Allows pastors to serve in the most remote villages.
- 3 Fruit Tree Seedlings** Low-maintenance trees (mango, orange, guava) thrive in driest drought. These community investments span generations, protecting from soil erosion & providing nutritional produce.
- \$7.46 Financial balance where needed most**

**Hats/Mittens Collection for students at area schools. Drop in the narthex.**

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**

- **Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968**

*An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.*

- **Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356**

*One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.*

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **JANUARY 2024**

**Wed. Jan 17** 6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Sun. Jan. 21** ***I*** **service 10a** at our Pine Creek Site  
**9:20a** Coffee Hour. **10:50a** Annual Meeting

**Wed. Jan 24** 6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Sun. Jan. 28** reg. sch

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

### **FEBRUARY**

**Sun. Feb. 4** reg. sch.  
SC Baptism/Allison June Link

**Wed. Feb. 7** 6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Fri. Feb 9** 6-8p Adult Game/Bingo at SC

**Sun. Feb. 11** reg. sch. **Transfiguration Sunday**

**Wed. Feb. 14** **Ash Wednesday** 11:30a SC & 7p PC  
6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Sun. Feb. 18** reg. sch. Lent 1

**Wed. Feb. 21** **Lent Wednesday 2** – SC-11:30a  
6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Wed. Feb. 25** reg. sch. Lent 2

**Wed. Feb. 28** **Lent Wednesday 3** – SC-11:30a

### **MARCH**

**Sun. Mar. 3** reg. sch. Lent 3

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

**Sun. Mar. 17** reg. sch. Lent 5

**Wed. Mar. 20** **Lent Wednesday 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**