

# **DEVOTIONAL:** Letting Go

"Teach me knowledge and good judgement, for I believe in your commands." -Psalms 119: 66 (NIV)

Usually a couple of times a year I feel the urge to go through my house and downsize. Get rid of things I've put away, thinking some day I might make use of this or that. There are items I've kept for sentimental reasons. Some no longer have that value. Clothes have seen better days, but maybe a few more wearings won't hurt. Then there are the outside things. I have more flower pots than I'll ever use again. Goodwill will get some items, some not.

Then I think of what I hold on to in my spiritual life. What do I need to let go of? What ideas, habits or hurts are no longer of value or that might be holding me back in my spiritual growth? What are those thoughts of things that keep me awake some nights? What about those memories best left in the

past? Why can't I let go and let God

have complete

control?

Dear God,
As we pray and study, asking what to do about each thought and deed, may we know what is right and that we will follow your will. Amen.

-Sue Piotrowski





Pine Creek Site: 9:30a, Sun., Oct. 5th Hostesses: Renee Kunkel & Jenna Bartels

Sand Creek site Offering: Monday, October 13th

#### Circles

Eve: 6p/SC Wednesday, October 8th Sophia: 9:30a/SC Thursday, October 9th

# October Stewardship: Project Comfort

Monetary donations toward shipping expense

#### **New Hope Comforters**

"With your gift of handmade quilts, you didn't just affect one life; you've strengthened our community. We send you our gratitude, as do survivors of violence we work with every day. Your compassion and generosity make our world a better, safer place. Thank you!" -Family Support Center/Chippewa Falls

### **HON Conference Day of Renewal**

Saturday, October 11th: 9a—Noon (8:15a reg.) Bethany Lutheran Church/Rice Lake

**Registration due Sept. 30th: \$20** (includes lunch)

Payable to: HON W'ELCA

Mail to: Carol Wallin, Po Bx 243, Cumberland, WI 54829 ?s caroliwallin@gmail.com Ph/text: 715-822-0109 Invite a friend for FREE if 1st time attendee or not attended in past 5 years!

Mission Offering: Luther Park Study/Worship Leader: Pr. Jenny Hatlei

Speaker: Priscilla Backstom of Maddacok, ND

Check out the Northwester newsletter at www.womenoftheelca.org



Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected next presiding bishop of the ELCA at the July 20th Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, AZ. His role begins Oct.1st and installation is 2p, Oct. 4th at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. Service is open to the public; tickets not required. It will be live streamed from Central Lutheran's website and a live stream video will be available.

Currently, he serves as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod, leading a synod staff and 160 congregations; providing pastoral care, preaching, teaching, administering sacraments, overseeing ordinations and installations. He was elected synod bishop in 2019 and reelected in spring 2025. Curry chaired the ELCA Conference of Bishops, fostering ecumenical relationships and theological engagement across the Lutheran communion.

Previously, Curry served as mission developer (2007–12) and pastor (2013–19) of Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church in Riverdale, IL. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, IL, and a Master of Divinity from Chicago Lutheran School of Theology.

He and his wife, LaShonda, are proud parents of three daughters.

# FINANCIAL REPORT Let's End the Year Well!

#### August 2025

Detailed reports available in the office

Thank you for your faithful, and generous stewardship.

General Checking Balance 8/31/25	\$ 11,127.04
Revenue	
Unrestricted Offering	\$ 16,974.00
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	\$ 3,191.79
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 20,165.79</u>
Expenditures	\$ 23,907.70

#### YEAR TO DATE

Revenue	
Unrestricted Offering	\$124,460.27
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	\$ 26,831.86
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$151,292.13</b>
Expenditures	\$169,917.95

#### 2025 NOISY OFFERINGS/MISSION

JAN	Benjamin House Shelter/Rice Lake	\$ 449.49
<b>FEB</b>	Project Comfort/Quilts Shipping	454.94
MAR 2	<b>2</b> "Youth in Christ" Guests/Prairie Farr	n NA
MAR	Arbor Place/Menomonie	513.42
<b>APR</b>	Luther Park Camperships	800.74
MAY	Missionary Sponsorship	1,082.30
<b>JUNE</b>	Lutheran Disaster Response	665.81
JULY	Luther Park General Fund	352.56
AUG	5 Local Food Shelves	665.09
<b>SEPT</b>	5 Local Nursing Homes/Activity Dep	t. Pending
OCT	Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings	(LSS)
NOV	World Hunger	
DEC	Christmas Critters (ELCA Good Gifts)	

#### THANK YOU

Your gift of \$133 to the Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry is appreciated to help feed people in our communities. 9/14/25

Thank you for your support of the Chetek Food Shelf through your recent \$133 donation made through the Rice Lake Community Health Foundation matching fund drive. Your donation goes farther in helping reduce food insecurity.

Our community is so fortunate to have organizations, such as yours, who care for neighbors in need. On behalf of all those who will benefit from your thoughtfulness, thank you again for your helpful support.

9/15/25

# PC Site Defibrillator: Would you like to help?

Monetary donations payable to: New Hope/Memo: Defib

# Your giving is greatly appreciated!

Offerings are received at our

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

# LOOK AHEAD NOVEMBER

Sun. Nov. 2	All Saints
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Mon. Nov. 3	8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
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**Wed. Nov. 5** 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 9 reg. sch

Mon. Nov. 10 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters

Wed. Nov. 12 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 16 reg. sch

Mon. Nov. 17 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters

Wed. Nov. 19 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 23 Christ the King

Speaker: Joyce Gilberts Assisting Minister:

Mon. Nov. 24 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters Tues. Nov. 25 10a Pastor's Chapel/Bloomer

Dove & Meadowbrook

Wed. Nov. 26 7p/SC Thanksgiving Service

Sun. Nov. 30 Advent 1

#### **DECEMBER**

Mon. Dec. 1 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters

**Wed. Dec. 3** 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Stuff Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings /Party

Sun. Dec. 7 reg. sch Advent 2

Mon. Dec. 8 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Sun. Dec. 14 reg. sch Advent 3

Mon. Dec. 15 8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC

7p/SC Church Council

Sun. Dec. 21 8:30a/PC Christmas Worship
Sun. Dec. 21 10a/SC Sunday School pageant
Wed. Dec. 24 5p/SC Christmas Eve Worship

**Sun. Dec. 28** reg. sch *Lessons + Carols* 

#### JANUARY 2026

Sun. Jan. 4 reg. sch

Mon. Jan. 5 8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC

Wed. Jan. 7 6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Jan. 11 reg. sch

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 1 service 10a/PC + Annual Meeting after

9:20a/PC Coffee fellowship

# Will You Share a Story of Thanks; What Are You Grateful For?

Seeking a few people to share a personal story during our Nov. 26th Thanksgiving Eve service. Contact Pastor or church office.

FLU SHOTS: Monday, October 20th 1-3p/Sand Creek Town Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Telde	2025		1 6:30p/SC Confirmation	2	3	<b>4</b> Installation of new ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry
<b>5</b> Women's Thankoffering 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship both sites SC: Sophia Circle 9:30a PC W/ELCA 10a SC Worship	<b>6</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters	7 10a/Pr. Sparby Chapel: Bloomer Dove—Meadowbrook 7p/SC AA	8 6p/SC Eve Circle 6:30p/SC Confirmation	9 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle	10	11
8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: Sophia Circle 10a SC Worship 3p/SC Piano Lessons	<b>13</b> Columbus Day 8:30a/SC Comforters SC W/ELCA Offering	<b>14</b> 7p/SC AA	15 6:30p/SC Confirmation Newsletter articles due	16	17	18
19 Speaker: Carol Anderson 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: Men's Group 10a SC Worship 3p/SC Piano Lessons	8:30a/SC Comforters Flu Shots: 1-3p/SC Town Hall 7p/PC Council Mtg	<b>21</b> 7p/SC AA	22 6:30p/SC Confirmation	23	24	25
<b>26</b> Reformation Sunday 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: Eve Circle 10a SC Worship 3p/SC Piano Lessons	8:30a/SC Comforters	<b>28</b> 7p/SC AA	29 6:30p/SC Confirmation	30	31 All Saints Eve Happy Halloween	



**HEAR OUR PRAYER** (People are listed for 2 weeks. Please contact the office with updates)

Sandy Anderson, Arlys Hoveland, Alexis Thome, Heather Irwin

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller

Colfax Health/Rehab: Dorrene Knutson

**Home Care:** Astrid Sannes

Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger (Graduated U.S. Navy Boot Camp 9-11 and married 9-24)

**Community Care:** For pastoral visit/call, contact church office, Pr. Michael or Joyce Gilberts.

Date	Lec	ctors	SC Communion	SC Hospitality (Council)
5	PC Annette Mason	SC W/ELCA	W/ELCA	Ist Sun.: Marie Swanson / Samantha Goodremote
12	PC Dawn Kunkel	SC John Loy	Jim Irwin	2nd Sun.: Lou Ann Gilberts / Mark Gilberts
19	PC Michelle Glaser	SC Jodie Madison	Carol Anderson	3rd Sun.: Stephani North / Kristi Welle
26	PC Kathy Christopherson	SC Doris Tallman	Carol Hanson	4th Sun.: John Loy / Joyce Gilberts 5th Sun: Jesse Buhr / Jerry Loftus
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Altar Guild: PC Linda Bilodeau SC (September/October) Angie & Jodie Madison

#### **New Hope Lutheran Church**

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# ThankOffering + Quilt Sunday October 5th

Envelopes in the narthex for donations. Thank you for your support!



A tradition grounded in community celebration to joyfully give thanks for what God gives us. Monetary gifts are gratitude for blessings that support ongoing ministries of church-wide, congregational and synodical women's organization: website, online/printed communications channels, justice/advocacy work, training/development of elected leaders, administration of grants/scholarship programs, and triennial convention business meeting.

#### **New Hope Council 2025**

President: Linda Bilodeau
Secretary: Marie Swanson
Vice President: Joyce Gilberts
Treasurer: Joe Bilodeau

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A welcoming community of faith inspired by God's grace to love, grow & serve.

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#### **WORSHIP**

8:30 am/Pine Creek 9:20a Coffee Fellowship + Sunday school 10 am/Sand Creek 9:20a Coffee Fellowship

Sunday school during worship (Sept.—May)

**Telephone Ministry** 1-534-444-4300

FREE Live stream <a href="http://newhope.listentochurch.com">http://newhope.listentochurch.com</a>

# YouTube Link to View Streamed Services New Hope on the Creeks

New Hope Lutheran Church of Sand Creek & Pine Creek <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnFI48DyQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnFI48DyQ</a>