Welcome to New Hope!

November 15, 2026 ***25th Sunday after Pentecost***

Pine Creek Site 8:30a Sand Creek Site 10a



Our November readings speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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

PRELUDE
HYMN *Take My Life, the I May Be* Green Hymnal #406
WELCOME
- *Please stand as you are able.*

INVOCATION/CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS
APOSTOLIC GREETING
KYRIE ELEISON/Lord Have Mercy
PRAYER OF THE DAY
OLD TESTAMENT + Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 *A reading from the prophet, Zephaniah.*
Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgement and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

PSALM 90: 1-8 [9-11] 12 *Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.*
NEW TESTAMENT + 1st Thessalonians 5: 1-11 *A reading from Paul's letter.*
Though we don't know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
NOISY OFFERING/MISSION *November offerings support ELCA Disaster Response*

- *Please stand as you are able for a reading from the life of Jesus Christ.*

HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light* Cranberry Hymnal #715
GOSPEL + Matthew 25: 14-30
- *Please be seated.*

SERMON *Pastor Michael Sparby*
HYMN *Here Am I Lord* Blue Hymnal #752
PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER
SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE
OFFERINGS r*eceived in plates at Pine Creek site and boxes near the doors at Sand Creek site.*
OFFERTORY PRAYER/GREAT THANKSGIVING
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMB OF GOD
REFLECTION
COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER
MINISTRY NEWS
BENEDICTION
THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Cranberry Hymnal #538



SENDING
POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements November 15, 2026

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY **11/15**
Newsletter articles due
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites *SC:Men's Group*
10a/SC Worship
MONDAY **11/16**
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA offering received
TUESDAY **11/17**
7p/SC AA
WEDNESDAY **11/18**
4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
6:30/SC Confirmation
THURSDAY **11/19**
9:30a/SC Sophia Circle
5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
FRIDAY *Office closed* **11/20**
SUNDAY ***Christ the King*** **11/22**
Guest: Rev. David Natzke
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites *SC:Eve Circle*
10a/SC Worship

Offerings received at

*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

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sand Creek Site Christmas Choir

Our Sand Creek site choir is preparing for the season. Rehearsals are Dec. 6, 13, 20 immediately after 10a worship. We'll sing Dec. 13, 20, 24. Join us! **Notify the office if you'd like to receive choir emails w/ music.**

Red Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Due Sunday, December 6th

$15 payable to: New Hope Memo: Flowers
Order forms are in the narthex and on our website

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please update church office after 2 weeks

Gerhard Nyhus, Carol Gerner, Allen Waterhouse, Joe Pingel, Joan Peterson, Wayne Christopherson
Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller, Richard Misselt
Monroe Manor/Barron: Boydean/Astrid Sannes, Gary Hanson
Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger
Community Care: *For a pastoral visit/call, or join our Visitation Team, contact church office, Joyce Gilberts (Team Leader), or Pastor.*

35 Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings

Confirmation project: Due Sun., Nov. 29

Collecting items with Eau Claire Lutheran Social Services (LSS). Monetary donations are welcome to purchase items.

- Toothbrush
- Small Toothpaste
- Adult Thermal Socks
- Tube Socks
- Small First Aid Kit *(.99 cent size)*
- ~~Small Pack of Tissues~~
- Full-size Deodorant *(universal)*
- ~~Lip Balm~~ *(purchased)*
- Hand Cream
- Hand Warmers *(2 each)*
- Pair of Magic Gloves
- ~~Small memo pad~~
- pen
- Candy, Breath Mints, Gum
- ~~Deck of Cards~~ *(purchased)*
- $20 Gift Cards *(Target, WalMart)*
- $10 Gift Cards *(Walgreens, CVS)*
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COMMEMORATIONS

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society
Born in Hungary, was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia. At age 4 she was taken to be raised with him at Wartburg Castle and they married 10 years later. She was very generous to the poor. After her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her death at age 24 in 1231.

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER

Mon. Nov. 23 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Nov. 25 **6p/SC *Thanksgiving Eve Worship***
Stories of Thanks: Clarissa Buhr, Jim Irwin
Sun. Nov. 29 reg. sch/***Guest Rev. David Natzke***
Advent 1 No Sunday School

DECEMBER

Wed. Dec. 2 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
6p/SC Eve Circle
6:30p/SC Confirmation *(Stuff Stockings)*
Thurs. Dec. 3 5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Dec. 6 reg. sch ***Advent 2***
9:30a/PC W/ELCA *Christmas Potluck*
10a/SC Baptism (Rowen John Michaels)
Mon. Dec. 7 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Dec. 9 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
Thurs. Dec. 10 5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Dec. 13 reg. sch **PC Christmas Pageant**
SC Pageant practice after worship
3p/SC Christmas Cantata
(New Auburn Community Choir)
Mon. Dec. 14 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA offering received
7p/SC Church Council *(6p budget mtg)*
Mon. Dec. 15 Newsletter articles due
Wed. Dec. 16 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
Sat. Dec. 19 12p/SC Pageant practice
Thurs. Dec. 17 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle
5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Dec. 20 **8:30a *Pine Creek Christmas Worship***
10a Sand Creek Christmas Pageant
Thurs. Dec. 25 ***5p/SC Christmas Candlelight Worship***
Sun. Dec. 27 reg. sch *Lessons & Carols*

JANUARY 2027

Sun. Jan. 3 reg. sch
9:30a/PC W/ELCA
10a/SC Baptism (Lainey Jane Hovel)
Mon. Jan. 4 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Jan. 6 4:40-6p/SC Piano lessons
6p/SC Eve Circle
Thurs. Jan. 7 5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Jan. 10 reg. sch
Mon. Jan. 11 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA Offering received
Wed. Jan. 13 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
6:30p/SC Confirmation
Thurs. Jan. 14 5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Fri. Jan. 15 Newsletter articles due
Sun. Jan. 17 reg. sch
Mon. Jan. 18 8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC
Wed. Jan. 20 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
6:30p/SC Confirmation
Thurs. Jan. 21 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle
5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Jan. 24 **1 Worship 10a/SC & Annual Mtg**
Mon. Jan. 25 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting/SC
Wed. Jan. 27 4:30-6p/SC Piano lessons
6:30p/SC Confirmation
Thurs. Jan. 28 5:30-7p/SC Piano lessons
Sun. Jan. 31 reg. sch *Guest Speaker/Asst.Minister*

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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** http://newhope.listentochurch.com

YouTube Link to View Streamed Services: ***New Hope on the Creeks***
New Hope Lutheran Church of Sand Creek & Pine Creek
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnFI48DyQ