

Welcome to New Hope!

November 16, 2025

Pine Creek Site 8:30a

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sand Creek Site 10a



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

***Green and Blue Hymnals are in pews.**

Cranberry Hymnals at our Sand Creek site are in shelf near office door.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

David Anderson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITANY - PSALM 100

• *Please stand, as you are able.*

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Green Hymnal #507

INVOCATION/CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE ELEISON/Lord, Have Mercy

Cranberry Hymnal Pg. 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

REFLECTION

The Bible Is

OLD TESTAMENT + Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

PSALM 98

NEW TESTAMENT + 2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING/MISSION *November offerings go toward World Hunger*

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

HYMN

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

GOSPEL + Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

- *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pr. Michael Sparby

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Green Hymnal #499

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

- *Please stand, as you are able.*

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (The Lord is My Song) Blue Hymnal #772

- *Please be seated*

REFLECTION

How Great is Our God

SENDING

- *Please stand, as you are able.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

When Peace, Like a River

Blue Hymnal #346

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements November 16, 2025

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 11/16

8:30a PC Worship

9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC: Men's Group

10a SC Worship

3p/SC Piano Lessons

MONDAY 11/17

8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

TUESDAY 11/18

2p/SC Men's Group Meeting

7p/SC AA

WEDNESDAY 11/19

6:30p/SC Confirmation

SUNDAY *Christ the King Sunday* 11/23

Speaker: Joyce Gilberts Assistant: Carol Anderson

8:30a PC Worship

9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC: Eve Circle

10a SC Worship

3p/SC Piano Lessons

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please update church office after 2 weeks

Wayne Christopherson, Arlys Hoveland, Heather Irwin

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller

Home Care: Astrid Sannes

Colfax Sr. Living/LaCrosse Hospital: Dorrene Knutson

Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger

Sympathy to Nelda Tweed & Family at the death of her son, Scott L Tweed, November 10th. A family service was held Friday, November 14th, with burial at Our Savior's Cemetery.

Sympathy to Bill & Joni Berres at the death of Bill's mother, Gloria November 7th

Community Care

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

Join our Men's Group Meeting

Tuesday, November 18th

2p/Sand Creek site

Agenda: Prepare Thanksgiving Boxes for delivery in our Communities

Will you help with a part of this ministry?

Mission needs

Baby/Health Kits: dark color hand & bath towels

Sheets for quilts

Red Poinsettia Orders: \$15/Ea.

Due by Sunday, December 7th

Homeless Youth Stocking Stuffers

"Needs" lists are in the narthex—due Nov. 30th.

Deliver on the table in fellowship hall

Christmas Choir

Would you join us to be a part of the choir for our Christmas season? Brief rehearsals begin immediately following worship December 7th. Let the office know if you'd like to receive choir emails with music/schedule details.

New Hope Transition Task Force Formed

At the request of Pastor Michael, Council created the Transition Task Force which will reflect and make proposals to the congregation as we consider the years ahead.

Mark Gilberts, Linda Bilodeau, Dawn Knutson, Carol Anderson, Joyce Gilberts, and Robbie Jo Ellefson will serve. The group will begin thinking about future staffing transitions, and other ministry needs. Updates will be forthcoming with opportunities to help with feedback. Address questions or share ideas with anyone on the task force. There is no immediate need, so we have time to reflect as a congregation moving forward.

LOOK AHEAD

NOVEMBER

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*
Asst. Ministers: Carol Anderson & Lana Anderson
Stories of Thanks:
Melissa Wold, David Anderson, Kathy/Lyndon Peterson
**Traditional desserts follow in Fellowship Hall*
**Sign up on the office door to help serve, or bring dessert*

Sun. Nov. 30 *Advent 1*
Speaker: Mark Gilberts Assist.: Joyce Gilberts

DECEMBER

Mon. Dec. 1 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Dec. 3 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Christmas Party & Pack Stockings
Sun. Dec. 7 *reg. sch Advent 2*
+++SC Choir rehearsal immediately after worship
Mon. Dec. 8 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Tues. Dec. 9 4p Transition Task Force
Sun. Dec. 14 *Advent 3/SC*
**Christmas Pageant/PC*
+++SC Choir rehearsal immediately after worship
Mon. Dec. 15 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
7p/SC Church Council
Sun. Dec. 21 *8:30a/PC *Christmas Worship*
Sun. Dec. 21 *10a/SC *Christmas Pageant*
+++SC Choir rehearsal immediately after worship
Wed. Dec. 24 *5p/SC *Christmas Eve Worship*
Sun. Dec. 28 *reg. sch Lessons + Carols*
10a/SC Baptism: Michael Riley Messinger

JANUARY 2026

Sun. Jan. 4 *reg. sch Speaker: David Wendlandt*
Christian Hope in the Midst of Life's Losses
Mon. Jan. 5 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Jan. 7 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Jan. 11 *reg. sch Baptism of Our Lord*
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/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

Your financial support of New Hope's ministry is greatly appreciated.

Offerings are received:

- *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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcnKSnFI48DyQ>

Listen via phone: 534-444-4300