



Welcome to New Hope!

December 14, 2025
Pine Creek Site 8:30a

Advent 3
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

WELCOME

ADVENT LITURGY

O Lord, Open My Lips

Green Hymnal pg 131

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

Blue Hymnal #744

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN

Light One Candle

Blue Hymnal #630

LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH

The Shepherd's Candle

HYMN

The First Noel

CHILDREN'S TIME

NOISY OFFERING/MISSION

December offerings go toward ELCA Christmas Critters

HYMN

Joy to the World

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)

NEW TESTAMENT + Romans 1:1-7

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

REFLECTION

Joseph and Mary

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to the Father

Green Hymnal pg 136

GOSPEL + Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

- *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pr. Michael Sparby

HYMN

Christ be Our Light

Cranberry Hymnal #715

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

- *Please stand, as you are able.*

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERTORY SONG

Little Drummer Boy

Our finest gifts we bring to lay before the King.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LAMB OF GOD

REFLECTION

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

All Earth is Hopeful

Blue Hymnal #629

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements December 14, 2025

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY Advent 3

12/14

8:30a PC Worship/Pageant

9:20a Fellowship/both sites *SC Host: Sophia Circle*

10a SC Worship

SC Choir rehearsal immediately after worship

3p/SC Piano Lessons

MONDAY

12/15

8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

6p/SC Church Budget Meeting

7p/SC Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY

12/16

7p/SC AA

SUNDAY Advent 4

12/21

8:30a PC Christmas Worship

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

10a SC Worship/Christmas Pageant

SC Choir rehearsal immediately after worship

3p/SC Piano Lessons

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please update church office after 2 weeks

Alice Motzer, Sharon Hegna, Wayne Christopherson,

Arlys Hoveland, Heather Irwin

Barron Hospital: Bev Miller

Home Care: Astrid Sannes

Colfax Sr. Living (Hospice): Dorrene Knutson

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.

Christmas Choir

Will you join the choir for our Christmas season?

Brief rehearsals follow immediately after worship.

Notify the office if you'd like to receive emails with choir music/schedule details. We'll sing at the 5p Christmas Eve worship service/Sand Creek site.

Mission needs

***Baby/Health Kits:** dark color hand & bath towels

***Sheets for quilts**

COMMEMORATIONS

• Stephen, Deacon and 1st Martyr of the church

He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they'd been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities; they ordered him put to death by stoning.

• John, Apostle and Evangelist

Son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the 12 disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition named him also writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.



Sunday, January 11th

11a at our Sand Creek site with light lunch

\$25/person (Red Cross Certification)

Sign-up on the office door.

Payment collected day of payable to: New Hope

Memo: CPR

??: Contact Joyce Gilberts or church office

LOOK AHEAD

DECEMBER

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

"2026" Offering Envelopes available in the narthex. 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 financial support to New Hope is greatly appreciated! Let's end the year well; thank you!

Year-end gifts must be in the office, or postmarked no later than December 31 to be recorded as 2025 contributions.

New Hope Transition Task Force

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 the congregation regarding our future.

They'll begin thinking about future staff transitions, and other ministry needs. Updates are forthcoming with opportunity to share feedback. Address questions or share ideas with this group. This is not an immediate need; we have time to reflect and pray as a congregation moving forward.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnFI48DyQ>

Listen via phone: 534-444-4300