

Welcome to New Hope!

*December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve
Sand Creek Site 5p*



*Green and Blue Hymnals are in pews.

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

GATHERING

REFLECTION

Silent Night

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring/J.S.Bach

David & Judy Anderson

Carol McDowall, Violin

REFLECTION

O Come, Holy Night

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Cranberry Hymnal #269

WELCOME

CHRISTMAS LITANY

- *Please stand, as you are able.*

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Green Hymnal #45

- *Please be seated.*

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Congregation may join on Verse 5

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Day of Peace

Congregation may join on Verse 2

REFLECTION

Isaiah Speaks

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Green Hymnal #41

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Isaiah 9: 2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this! The prophet Isaiah speaks.

NEW TESTAMENT + Titus 3: 4-7

God saves us not because of what we do. Rather God is a God of mercy and salvation who graciously cleanses us in baptism and renews our lives through the Holy Spirit. A reading from the book of Titus.

HYMN

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve Green Hymnal #69
Norwegian Verse 1: Jeg Er So Glad Hver Julekveld

CHILDREN'S TIME

Reflection: The Nativity Story

REFLECTION

Away in a Manger/John 3: 16

HYMN

Away in a Manger

Green Hymnal #67

SOLO

Wexford Carol

Carol McDowall/Violin

HYMN

Infant Lowly, Infant Holy

Green Hymnal #44

GOSPEL + Luke 2: 1-20**HOMILY**

Pr. Michael Sparby

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Green Hymnal #71

PRAYERS + THE LORD'S PRAYER**MEAL****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING****HYMN OF PRAISE**

I Wonder as I Wander

Blue Hymnal #642

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**COMMUNION****REFLECTION**

Joy to the World

Go Tell it on the Mountain

CHOIR ANTHEM

O Holy Night

CANDLELIGHT HYMN

Silent Night

CANDLELIGHT PRAYER**CANDLELIGHT BENEDICTION**

Please extinguish your candle.

SENDING**HYMN**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Green Hymnal #60

POSTLUDE

So I'm Off with the Good St. Nicholas Boat
(The Sally Lightfoot Jig)

Carol McDowall/Violin



In Memory

John/Helen Anderson

Owen Knutson

Richard/Kate Fehr

Gert Berg

Ervin/Esther Skjerly, Duffy Skjerly, Rick Keilholtz

Loved Ones

Our Parents

Garfield/Anna Gilberts & Russell/Adeline Dodge

Departed Family/Loved Ones

Dale Paulson

Gordon/Eunice Paulson & Bess McElwaine

Francis Piotrowski/Dad

Karen Kodesh, Amanda Hodgson, John Knutson, Owen Knutson

Patrick Madison/Dad

Odin Anderson

Carol Anderson

Tim/Dawn Knutson & Mary Knutson

Herb/Doris Tallman

Alden Berg & Family

Brad/Jean Skjerly

Wold Family

Marie Swanson

Jim/Kathie Irwin

Gene/Judy Buffington

Paul/Lou Ann Gilberts

Mark & Cindy Gilberts

Sue Paulson & Family

Paulson Family

Rocky Thompson

Scott/Heidi Kodesh

Madison Family

Pr. Michael Sparby

In Thanksgiving

Family & Friends

Claire Knutson/Arsay McCandless

Our Grandchildren

Carol Anderson

Gene/Judy Buffington

Mary Knutson

John/Bonnie Halberg



New Hope Announcements December 24, 2025

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

IN OUR PRAYERS: *Please update church office after 2 weeks*

Ken & Jan Gille, Cari Overman, Alice Motzer, Sharon Hegna, Wayne Christopherson, Arlys Hoveland, Heather Irwin

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller

Home Care: Astrid Sannes

Colfax Sr. Living (Hospice): Dorrene Knutson

Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger

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

LOOK AHEAD

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY *Merry Christmas* 12/25
FRIDAY Office Closed 12/26
SUNDAY 12/28

Echos of Christmas: Lessons + Carols

8:30a PC Worship

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

10a SC Worship

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 are available in the narthex. Offerings received at

*Pine Creek site offering plate (8:30a worship)

*Sand Creek site offering boxes (10a worship)

*Website: www.newhopespc.org

*Post mail: Po Bx 85, Sand Creek, WI 54765

*Your 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 by 12-31-25*

Transition Task Force Update

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 council and congregation regarding our future staffing.

The task force brought its first report, with recommendations, to church council Dec. 15th. After discussion, motion passed to accept Pr. Michael's request to move from 3/4 time to 1/2 time. With these hours his main duties will center around Worship and Administration. He will continue to teach Confirmation and address needs in other areas as they arise.

Visitation team already began transitioning with Joyce Gilberts leading; she will continue to cover most visitation. Pr. Michael's presence in worship over the course of the year will remain much the same as it has been since accepting our call in 2018. In-office hours will usually be Sundays, and Monday and Tuesday early mornings. As always, additional appointments can be scheduled.

The Church Council and Transition Task Force always appreciate hearing from you! Please share thoughts, concerns, and felt needs with them.

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

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

Listen via phone: 534-444-4300