

# *Welcome to New Hope!*

**February 22, 2026**

**Pine Creek Site 8:30a**

**Lent 1**

**Sand Creek Site 10a**

*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*



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

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

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**REFLECTION**

**HYMN**

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

**CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**KYRIE**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Where Does Temptation Come From?*

*When We Are Tested*

*Tune: Be Thou My Vision*

*David Anderson*

*Cranberry Hymnal #793*

*Cranberry Hymnal pg 203*

*Cranberry Hymnal pg 204*

## **WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT + Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-17**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked. A reading from the first book of the Bible.*

**PSALM 32**

*Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (Ps. 32:10)*

**NEW TESTAMENT + Romans 5: 12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient seat, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life. A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**REFLECTION**

*Tempted From the Time We Are Young*

**NOISY OFFERING/MISSION** *February offerings support our sister synod in Malawi, Africa*

**REFLECTION**

*Be Not Afraid*

- *Please stand, as you are able*

**GOSPEL + Matthew 4: 1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

**SERMON**

*Pr. Michael Sparby*

**HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress*

Green Hymnal #229

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LAMB OF GOD**

Cranberry Hymnal pg 208

**REFLECTION**

*Wilderness*

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

**SENDING**

**COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER**

**MINISTRY NEWS**

**BENEDICTION**

**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**HYMN**

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

**SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**

# New Hope Announcements February 22, 2026

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

## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY** 2/22

8:30a/PC Worship

9:20a Fellowship at both sites SC: *Eve Circle*

10a/SC Worship

3p/SC Piano Lessons

**MONDAY** 2/23

8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

**TUESDAY** 2/24

7p/SC AA

**WEDNESDAY** 2/25

**11:30a/SC Worship/noon lunch & "Game Day"**

6:30p/SC Confirmation

**SUNDAY** 3/1

8:30a/PC Worship

9:20a Fellowship at both sites SC: *Sophia Circle*

9:30a/PC W/ELCA

10a/SC Worship

3p/SC Piano Lessons



**Sign-up on office door if you'd like to help.**

### Open Dates

Mar. 4th	Dessert
Mar. 11th	Soup & Dessert
Mar. 18th	2 Soups, Bread, Dessert
Mar. 25th	Bread & Dessert

**Walking Together: Church Without Walls**

**8a—4p Saturday, March 21st**

**Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake**

**\$25/Participant**

Details & registration at Northwest Synod of WI

<https://nswsi.org/walking-together-event>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Please update church office after 2 weeks*

Mark Hanson, Jon Gilberts, Arlys Hoveland, Wayne Christopherson

**Barron Care/Rehab:** Bev Miller, Richard Misselt

**Cumberland Care/Rehab:** Boydean Sannes

**Home Care Hospice:** Astrid Sannes

**Monroe Manor/Barron:** Gary Hanson

**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.*

*Welcome Lainey Jane, daughter of Kennedy (Lee) & Brandon Hovel born Thursday, Feb. 19th.*

*Great-Grandparents are Rick & Robyn Lee.*

## FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP

**AIDS/Hospice Kits** (*Global Health Missions*)

### *Clean Comforting Hope*

- 1 regular size 48-52" bath towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 new, unscented bath-size bar soap
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 "pick" comb
- 1 nail clipper with file
- 6 band-aids
- 1 jar (4oz or larger) Vaseline
- 1 pair (medium-size) heavy duty household gloves

**Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry  
Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction**

**Saturday, March 28th**

**8a/Bloomer Senior Center**

*Accepting donations for silent auction. Contact Jessica Hanson, Director or Janet Allison, Treas.*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### MARCH

- Mon. Mar. 2** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**Wed. Mar. 4** *Lent 3* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch  
6:30p/SC Confirmation  
**Sun. Mar. 8** reg. sch  
**Mon. Mar. 9** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**Wed. Mar. 11** *Lent 4* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch  
6:30p/SC Confirmation  
**Sun. Mar. 15** reg. sch  
**Mon. Mar. 16** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**Wed. Mar. 18** *Lent 5* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch  
6:30p/SC Confirmation  
**Sat. Mar. 21** *8a-4p Walking Together/Bethany Luth.*  
**Sun. Mar. 22** reg. sch

*New Hope Camp Scholarship applications due*

- Mon. Mar. 23** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**Wed. Mar. 25** *Lent 6* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch  
*Stay for "Game Day"*  
6:30p/SC Confirmation  
**Sun. Mar. 29** *Palm Sunday* reg. sch  
**Pancake Breakfast 8:15-9:50a SC by Men's Group**  
**Mon. Mar. 30** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
*Registration due for Synod Assembly (Apr. 25)*

### APRIL

- Fri. Apr. 3/Good Friday** 7p/SC  
**Sun. Apr. 5/Easter** reg. sch  
**Mon. Apr. 6** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**Sat. Apr. 25** Northwest Synod Assembly  
**Sun. Apr. 26** reg. sch/*Eric Klein, Luther Park*  
*Exec. Director preaching*

### MAY

- Sat. May 2** Men's Group Pancake Breakfast  
at Sand Creek Town Hall  
**Sat. May 9** *4p/SC Tentative Piano Recital*  
**Sun. May 24** reg. sch *Graduate Recognition*  
*PC Memorial Day observed*  
**Mon. May 25** *Memorial Day Cemetery services*

## Offerings received at

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

*Your support is greatly appreciated!*

## **Synod Assembly: Sat. April 25th** **at Bethany Lutheran** (*Rice Lake*)

If interested in representing New Hope with Pr. Sparby and Ben Neilsen, please contact the church office by March 30th for registrations.

## COMMEMORATIONS

**Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156**  
*Said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.*

### **Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921**

*Born and trained in Norway as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn and Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.*

## **Sand Creek Community Thrift Sales**

### **Friday, May 1st & Saturday, May 2nd**

Space available for your sale at the Sand Creek Arts Building (*Old School*). Or if you'd like to add your sale to the info list, contact a SCART board member or Kay Dahlka (715-658-1669).

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

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

**Listen via phone: 534-444-4300**