

Welcome to New Hope!

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Pine Creek Site 8:30a

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sand Creek Site 10a



The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

***Green & Blue Hymnals are in pews if prefer reading music**

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

GATHERING

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

David Anderson

HYMN *O Word of Incarnate*

Green Hymnal #231

LITANY

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Green Hymnal #474

(10a) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Maizie Mae Rose Hovel,

daughter of Kennedy Robinson-Lee & Brandon Hovel

Sponsors:

Emily Hakes & Reagan Berg

Desirae Larson & Austin Schultz

NOISY OFFERING

February offerings go to Chippewa Valley Veterans Home

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise. A reading from the first book of the bible.

PSALM 22: 23-31 *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)*

NEW TESTAMENT + Romans 4: 13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through words of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish. Paul writes to the Christians in Rome.

• *Please stand for a reading from the life of Jesus Christ*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Ancient Words* by Robin Mark

GOSPEL + Mark 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

SERMON

Pastor Michael Sparby

HYMN *How Firm A Foundation*

Green Hymnal #507

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

***OFFERINGS** *received in plates at the doors.. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

REFLECTION *At the Cross*

SENDING

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

MINISTRY NEWS

BLESSING

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN *As the Sun with Longer Journey*

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements - February 25, 2024

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

This Week

SUNDAY 2nd Sunday in Lent 2/25
8:30a Worship/PC
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC Host: Eve Circle
10a Worship/SC Baptism: Maizie Mae Rose Hovel
**Holy Week Choir practice immediately after SC worship. We need you to make a joyful noise!*
Anthem folders are on pew near piano.
MONDAY 2/26
8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC
TUESDAY 2/27
7p AA/SC
WEDNESDAY Lent 2/28
11:30a SC worship with noon Soup/Bread Lunch
NO Confirmation class
5-8p/SC Parent's Night Out
FRIDAY DUE 3/1
Camp Scholarships & HS Grads quilt info
SUNDAY 3rd Sunday in Lent 3/3
8:30a Worship/PC
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC Host: Sophia Circle
9:30a PC WELCA
**CHOIR PRACTICE immediately after worship*

Today's Sand Creek site altar flowers
honor *Zula Sue Piotrowski's 28 yrs of dedication*
to writing our newsletter devotional. New Hope
thanks you for your continual inspiration!



March "Trumpet" Newsletter
available in narthex

All Worship services are Streamed
View worship live or anytime on YouTube Link:

New Hope on the Creeks

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

LISTEN live:

+ **Telephone Ministry 534-444-4300**

In Our Prayers

Please update church office after 2 weeks
Astrid Sannes, Jenie Davis
Lu Weir, Lynette Emanuel, Melvina Evenson &
Carol Solberg
Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller
Bloomer Dove: Pat Goodremote
Bloomer Meadowbrook: Marye Hanson
Colfax Health/Rehab: Inez Schrader, Colleen
Schwegman, Dorrene Knutson
Eau Claire Dove/Orchard Hills: Lillian Wendlandt
Eau Claire Heritage Court: Jean Larson
Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Sgt. Garrett Dillon

*Sympathy to family & friends of Larry (Doc)
Phillips who died Thursday, February 22nd.*

Community Care

*For a pastoral visit or call, contact the church
office, Pr. Michael or Joyce Gilberts. To join our
visiting team, please contact Pr. Michael.*

Will you help?

"Parent's Night Out" Feb. 28th: Join us!

Last month 17 kids had great fun! Sign up in the
church office to help.

Lenten Readers: 11:30a Sand Creek site
worship. Sign up & get lessons in the office.
Open: Mar. 13th

Lenten Luncheons: Wednesdays at our Sand
Creek Site after 11:30a worship. Will you provide
soup, bread, or dessert? Contact office or sign-up on
the office door. **Open: 3/13 bread & dessert**

"Good Friday" Readers: Several character
readers needed and readers for "Seven Last Words".
Sign up & get lessons in the office.

New Auburn Community Choir

"Behold the Lamb"

3p, Sunday, March 17th at Sand Creek

Will you help with hospitality, serving, sharing desserts (bars, cookies, etc)? Sign up in the office.

Other concerts Saturday, March 16th

2p St. John's Lutheran/Bloomer
7p United Methodist/Chetek

Additional Communion Servers at SC

Contact the office to be added to our list.

Comforters Needs: fabric & sheets

"Project Comfort" canisters available in SC narthex for \$ donations toward quilt shipping costs.

Fill our Easter Gardens: Flower orders due Wed., Mar. 13th. Forms in narthex & online.

Reminder: Thrivent Choice Dollars

Direct to New Hope before March 31st. Thank you!

FREE Thrivent T-Shirts at our Sand Creek site.

COMMEMORATIONS

• **Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921**

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

• **George Herbert, hymn writer, died 1633**

An excellent scholar served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon. Mar. 4 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Mar. 6 *Week 4* 11:30a SC w Soup/Bread lunch
6:30p/PC Confirmation
Sun. Mar. 10 reg. sch. *4th Sunday in Lent*
**SC Choir practice immediately after 10a worship.*
Mon. Mar. 11 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Tues. Mar. 12 Pastor Chapel in Bloomer
10a Dove & 10:40a Meadowbrook
Wed. Mar. 13 *Week 5* 11:30a SC w Soup/Bread lunch
6:30p/PC Confirmation
Sat. Mar. 16 2-4p/SC Games & Ice Cream
Sun. Mar. 17 reg. sch. *5th Sunday in Lent*
**SC Choir practice immediately after 10a worship.*
3p/SC New Auburn Choir
Mon. Mar. 18 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Mar. 20 *Week 6* 11:30a SC w Soup/Bread lunch
6:30p/PC Confirmation
Sun. Mar. 24 reg. sch. *Palm Sunday*
8-9:50a Men's Group **Pancake Breakfast/SC**
**SC Choir practice immediately after 10a worship.*
Mon. Mar. 25 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Mar. 27 5-8p/SC *Parent's Night Out*
Fri. Mar. 29 7p/SC Worship *Good Friday*
Sun. Mar. 31 reg. sch. *Easter Sunday*
Mon. Apr. 1 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sun. April 7 reg. sch. Guest Speaker:
Mon. Apr. 8 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
7p/PC Church Council
Wed. Apr. 10 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Apr. 14 reg. sch.
Mon. Apr. 15 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Apr. 17 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Apr. 21 reg. sch.
Mon. Apr. 22 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Apr. 24 5-8p/SC *Parent's Night Out*
Sun. Apr. 28 reg. sch.
Mon. Apr. 23 8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC
Tues. Apr. 30 Pastor Chapel/Bloomer
10a Dove & 10:40a Meadowbrook
6:30p/PC Confirmation
Wed. May 1 reg. sch. Guest Speaker:
Sun. May 5 6:30p/PC 2nd Year Confirmation
Wed. May 1 reg. sch.
Sun. May 12 6:30p/PC Confirmation Rehearsal/Photo
Wed. May 16 reg. sch. Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday
Sun. May 19 reg. sch. HS Graduate Recognition
Sun. May 26