



# *Welcome to New Hope!*

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**Epiphany 5**

**Pine Creek Site 8:30a**

**Sand Creek Site 10a**

*In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

**\*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**

**REFLECTION PRELUDE**

*Healing*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

*We Come to You for Healing Lord*

Cranberry Hymnal #617

**INVOCATION**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**HYMN**

*Ancient Words* by Robin Mark

## **WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT + Isaiah 40:21-31**

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

**PSALM 147:1-11, 20c**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

**NEW TESTAMENT + 1st Corinthians 9:16-23**

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**NOISY OFFERING**

*February offerings go to Chippewa Valley Veterans Home*

• *Please stand for a reading fro the life of Jesus Christ*  
**HYMN OF PRAISE**                      *Ancient Words* by Robin Mark

**GOSPEL + Mark 1:29-39**

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Michael Sparby*

**HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Green Hymnal #543

**APOSTLES CREED**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION / LORD’S PRAYER**

**SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**REFLECTION**

*God We Believe For It*

**SENDING**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**MINISTRY NEWS**

**HYMN**

*I’m So Glad*

Blue Hymnal #673

**SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**

# New Hope Announcements - February 4, 2024

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

## This Week

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2/4</b>
8:30a Worship/PC	
9:20a Fellowship/both sites	
<i>SC Host: Sophia Circle</i>	
10a Worship/SC	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>2/5</b>
8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>2/6</b>
7p AA/SC	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>2/7</b>
<b>6p</b> Eve Circle/SC Potluck-kitchen cleaning	
6:30p Confirmation/PC	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>2/8</b>
9:30a Sophia Circle/SC	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>2/9</b>
6-8p/SC Adult “Bingo” Game Night	
<b>SUNDAY Transfiguration Sunday</b>	<b>2/11</b>
8:30a Worship/PC	
9:20a Fellowship/both sites	
<i>SC Host: Men’s Group</i>	
10a Worship/SC	

## **COUNCIL MEETING/SC**

**Monday, Feb. 12th**

7p Committees      7:30p Council

## **Adult Bingo/Game Night: Fri., Feb. 9**

6-8p at our Sand Creek site (*Snacks provided*)

## **Comforters quilting needs fabric/sheets**

### **“Project Comfort”/Will You Help?**

Canisters available in SC narthex. *Participate in our quilt project by contributing toward shipping costs.*

**FREE Thrivent T-Shirts:** Many sizes available at our Sand Creek site fellowship hall.

## In Our Prayers

*Please update church office after 2 weeks*

Sandy Anderson, Gary Hanson, Astrid Sannes,  
Jenie Davis

Nancy Erickson, Janice Anderson-Horn, Lynette  
Emanuel, Lu Weir

**Barron Care/Rehab:** Bev Miller

**Bloomer Dove:** Pat Goodremote

**Colfax Health/Rehab:** Inez Schrader, Colleen  
Schwegman, Dorrene Knutson

**Eau Claire Dove/Orchard Hills:** Lillian Wendlandt

**Eau Claire Heritage Court:** Jean Larson

**Eau Claire Sacred Heart Rehab:** Marye Hanson

**Military:** Capt. David E. Dahl, Sgt. Garrett Dillon

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

## **Lenten Luncheons: Will you help?**

Beginning *Ash Wednesday*, Feb. 14th, Lenten  
Wednesdays at our Sand Creek Site will follow  
11:30a worship with soup/bread lunch. Will you  
provide soup, bread, or dessert? Contact the office or  
sign up on the office door. Thank you!

### **Available**

2/21	2 soups	bread	
2/28	1 soup	bread	dessert
3/6	bread	dessert	
3/13	bread	dessert	

## **Ash Wednesday at our Pine Creek Site**

Confirmants serving Soup/Bread Supper 6 -6:50p  
prior to 7p worship.

**Readers needed *Ash Wednesday* at both sites and  
Wednesday Lenten services at Sand Creek site.**

## **Another Opportunity to Serve**

### **Sand Creek site communion assistants**

If interested, please contact the office.

## **Reminder: Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Direct Thrivent Choice funds to New Hope before March 31st. Thank you for your consideration!

### **Chetek Lutheran \$10 Meatball Dinner**

**Drive-thru: *Fat Tuesday, Feb. 13th***

**4:30p til gone** (enter lot from Schofield St.)

*Meatballs/gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, cookie*

Proceeds benefit a member with spinal cord injury.

## **Mayo Clinic Health System**

**FREE**

### **StrongBodies Strength-Training Class**

**12—1p Tuesdays & Thursdays—March 28th**

**Sand Creek Arts Center** (Old School)

E93311 County Rd I, Sand Creek

*Increase strength, muscle mass, bone density with progressive resistance training, balance and flexibility exercises. Registration not required.*

## **COMMEMORATIONS**

### **• Martyrs of Japan, died 1597**

Christianity was brought to Japan in the 16th century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597, twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **FEBRUARY**

**Mon. Feb. 12** Church Council SC 7p

***Wed. Feb. 14*** ***Ash Wednesday***

**11:30a SC w Soup/Bread Lunch at noon**

**6p - 6:50p Soup/Bread PC Supper at PC**

*served by Confirmands*

**7p PC Worship**

**Sun. Feb. 18** reg. sch. Lent 1

**Wed. Feb. 21** ***Week 2*** 11:30a SC w Soup/Bread lunch  
6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Wed. Feb. 25** reg. sch. Lent 2

**Wed. Feb. 28** ***Week 3*** 11:30a SC w Soup/Bread lunch  
**Wed. Feb. 28** 5p-8p Parents Night Out SC

### **MARCH**

**Sun. Mar. 3** reg. sch. Lent 3

**Wed. Mar. 6** ***Week 4*** 11:30a SC w Soup/Bread lunch  
6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Sun. Mar. 10** reg. sch. Lent 4

**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 Confirmation/PC

**Sun. Mar. 17** reg. sch. Lent 5

**Wed. Mar. 20** ***Week 6*** 11:30a SC w Soup/Bread lunch  
6:30p Confirmation/PC

**Sun. Mar. 24** reg. sch. ***Palm Sunday***  
Men's Group Pancake Breakfast SC

**Wed. Mar. 27** 5-8p/SC Parent's Night Out

**Fri. Mar. 29** 7p Worship ***Good Friday*** SC

**Sun. Mar. 31** reg. sch. ***Easter Sunday***

### **APRIL**

**Sun. April 7** reg. sch.

**Mon. April 8** Church Council 7p PC

**Wed. April 10** Confirmation SC 6:30p

**Sun. April 14** reg. sch.

**Wed. April 17** Confirmation SC 6:30p

**Sun. April 21** reg. sch.

**Wed. April 24** 5-8p/SC Parent's Night Out

**Sun. April 28** reg. sch.

**Tues. April 30** Pastor Chapel/Bloomer  
10a Dove & 10:40a Meadowbrook