

# *Welcome to New Hope!*

**March 1, 2026**  
Pine Creek Site 8:30a

**Lent 2**  
Sand Creek Site 10a

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*



**\*Green and Blue Hymnals are in pews.**  
Cranberry Hymnals at our Sand Creek site are in shelf near office door.

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**  
**HYMN**

*David Anderson*  
*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* Blue Hymnal #697

**WELCOME**  
**INVOCATION**  
**CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS**  
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**  
**KYRIE**  
**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Lord Have Mercy*

Cranberry Hymnal pg 203  
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## **WORD**

**REFLECTION**

*The Story of the Bible*

**OLD TESTAMENT + Genesis Genesis 12:1-4a**

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

**PSALM 121** *I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord. (Ps. 121:1, 2)*

**NEW TESTAMENT + Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**NOISY OFFERING/MISSION** *March offerings support our Camperships to Luther Park*

**HYMN** *As the Winter Days Grow Longer*

- *Please stand, as you are able*

**GOSPEL + John 3:1-17**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

**SERMON**

*Pr. Michael Sparby*

**HYMN** *Just As I Am*

Green Hymnal #296

**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** *God So Loved*

**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** *As the Sun with Longer Journey*  
Tune: Angels from the Realms of Glory

**SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**

# New Hope Announcements March 1, 2026

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

## THIS WEEK

**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  
**MONDAY** 3/2  
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**TUESDAY** 3/3  
7p/SC AA  
**WEDNESDAY** 3/4  
**11:30a/SC Lenten Worship/noon lunch**  
6p/SC Eve Circle (*kitchen cleaning*)  
6:30p/SC Confirmation  
**SUNDAY Daylight Savings Time** 3/8  
8:30a/PC Worship  
9:20a Fellowship at both sites SC: *Sophia Circle*  
10a/SC Worship  
3p/SC Piano Lessons

## **Lenten Soup/Bread Lunches**

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

### Open Dates

Mar. 11th	Soup & Dessert
Mar. 18th	Soup & Dessert
Mar. 25th	Bread

## **Walking Together**

**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>

**Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry**  
**Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction**  
**Saturday, March 28th**

**8a at Bloomer Senior Center**

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Please update church office after 2 weeks*

Gene Knutson, Arlys Hoveland, Wayne Christopherson

**Barron Care/Rehab:** Bev Miller

**Cumberland Care/Rehab:** Boydean Sannes

*(1100 7th Ave, Cumberland, WI 54829)*

**Luther/Mayo Hospital:** Richard Misselt

**Monroe Manor/Barron:** Gary Hanson, Astrid Sannes

**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.*

## February Stewardship: AIDS/Hospice Kits

### *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 (med.-size) heavy duty household gloves

## **Lenten Stewardship: Personal Care Kits**

We care for our neighbors with Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits (goal of 100) partnered with a Thrivent Financial grant.

### **Weekly Collection Schedule**

<b>March 1</b>	2 (4 oz) Bath-size Soap
<b>March 8</b>	Light-weight Bath Towel
<b>March 15</b>	Adult-size Toothbrushes
<b>March 22</b>	Sturdy Medium or Large-tooth Combs
<b>March 29</b>	Sturdy Nail Clippers
<b>April 5</b>	Easter Celebration with Thrivent

**\$2.65** Shipping includes toothpaste supplied by LWR  
*\*See Lana Anderson with questions*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### MARCH

- 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  
**7p/SC Church Council**  
**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 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**

**Bethany Lutheran (Rice Lake)**

To represent New Hope with Pr. Sparby & Ben Neilsen, contact the church office by Mar. 30th.

### COMMERATIONS

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

*Excellent scholar who briefly served the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He's known for devoted care of his parishioners, and writing poetry/hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.*

**John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church**

*Brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion/advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.*

### **Sand Creek Thrift Sales**

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

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

### **New Hope Men's Group Breakfast**

**8a Sat., May 2nd / Sand Creek Town Hall**

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

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

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