

# Welcome to New Hope!

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**Pine Creek Site 8:30a**

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Sand Creek Site 10a**



*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

**\*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  
APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

Green Hymnal #480

**KYRIE/Lord Have Mercy**

Cranberry Hymnal pg. 203

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

Cranberry Hymnal pg. 204

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**REFLECTION**

*The Word of God Is*

## **WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT + Exodus 20: 1-17**

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

**PSALM 19**

*The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

## **NEW TESTAMENT + 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.*

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**NOISY OFFERING**    *March offerings go to 5 Local Food Pantries*

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE**    *My Lord of Light*

Blue Hymnal #796

### **GOSPEL + John 2:13-22**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

### **SERMON**

*Pastor Michael Sparby*

### **HYMN**

*Canticle of the Turning*

Cranberry Hymnal #723

### **APOSTLES CREED**

### **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**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

## **SENDING**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **MINISTRY NEWS**

### **BLESSING**

### **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

### **HYMN**

*How Great Thou Art*

Green Hymnal #532

### **SENDING**

### **POSTLUDE**

# New Hope Announcements - March 3, 2024

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

## This Week

**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**  
**MONDAY** 3/4  
8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC  
**TUESDAY** 3/5  
7p AA/SC  
**WEDNESDAY Lent** 3/6  
11:30a SC worship with noon Soup/Bread Lunch  
6p/SC Eve Circle  
6:30p/PC Confirmation  
**SUNDAY** 4th Sunday in Lent 3/10  
8:30a Worship/PC  
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC Host: Sophia Circle  
9:30a PC WELCA  
**\*CHOIR PRACTICE immediately after worship**

## All Worship services are Streamed

View worship live or anytime on YouTube Link:

*New Hope on the Creeks*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnlF148DyQ>

LISTEN live:

Telephone Ministry 534-444-4300

## March: Give to Neighbors in Need

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Personal Care Kits help those who've suffered disasters.

### Items needed for health & cleanliness:

dark, light-weight, bath towels, 4oz. bars of soap, toothbrushes, sturdy combs. A bulk order bought nail clippers with files.

The past 6 years, we've given over 100 kits/yr. Please contribute what you can. Project completion celebration is 9:20a Easter Sunday, Mar. 31st at our Sand Creek site hosted by Lana Anderson with fellowship sponsored by Thrivent.

## 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, Colleen Schwegman  
**Bloomer Meadowbrook:** Marye Hanson  
**Colfax Health/Rehab:** Inez Schrader, Dorrene Knutson  
**Eau Claire Dove/Orchard Hills:** Lillian Wendlandt  
**Eau Claire Heritage Court:** Jean Larson  
**Military:** Capt. David E. Dahl, Sgt. Garrett Dillon

## *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.*

*"Thank you! I was overwhelmed with joy for your thoughtfulness to me. The flowers are beautiful! Thank you for letting me put down my thoughts all these years. God has graciously given me words."*

*-Sue Piotrowski*

## Will you help?

**Wednesday Lenten Luncheons:** at our Sand Creek Site after 11:30a worship. Will you provide **dessert for March 13th**? Contact office or sign-up on the office door.

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

## **Additional Communion Servers at SC**

Contact the office to be added to our list.

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

# New Auburn Community Choir

*"Behold the Lamb"*

**3p, Sunday, March 17th**

**at our Sand Creek site**

**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**

## Comforters Needs: fabric & sheets

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

## **Reminder: Thrivent Choice Dollars**

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

**FREE Thrivent T-Shirts** available our  
Sand Creek site fellowship Hall.

## **COMMEMORATIONS**

**Perpetua, Felicity & companions**

**Martyrs at Carthage, died 202**

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an  
enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage,  
northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens,  
defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden  
conversions to Christianity, and were put to death  
in the amphitheater.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- 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  
**Easter Flower Orders Due**  
**Sat. Mar. 16** 2-4p/SC Games & Ice Cream  
**Sun. Mar. 17** reg. sch. *5th Sunday in Lent*  
8:30a Baptism: *Blair Georgette Lindstedt*  
**\*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*  
**APRIL**  
**Mon. Apr. 1** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**Sun. April 7** reg. sch.  
**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  
**MAY**  
**Wed. May 1** 6:30p/PC Confirmation  
**Sun. May 5** reg. sch. *Guest Speaker:*  
**Wed. May 1** 6:30p/PC 2nd Year Confirmation  
**Sun. May 12** reg. sch.  
**Wed. May 16** 6:30p/PC Confirmation  
Rehearsal/Photo  
**Sun. May 19** reg. sch.  
*Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday*  
**Sun. May 26** reg. sch. *HS Graduate Recognition*