

Welcome to New Hope!

March 8, 2026

Pine Creek Site 8:30a

Lent 3

Sand Creek Site 10a



In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

*Green and Blue Hymnals are in pews.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

REFLECTION

HYMN

Samaritan Woman Meets Jesus at the Well

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

David Anderson

Cranberry Hymnal #335

WELCOME

INVOCATION

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

Cranberry Hymnal pg 203

HYMN OF PRAISE

Cranberry Hymnal pg 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

PSALM 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

NEW TESTAMENT + Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

HYMN *Be Not Afraid*

• *Please stand, as you are able*

GOSPEL + John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith

SERMON *Pr. Michael Sparby*

HYMN *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* Cranberry Hymnal #777

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

HYMN *Come to the Table of Mercy* Cranberry Hymnal #481

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

REFLECTION *O Come to the Altar*

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 *Day by Day* Blue Hymnal #746

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements March 8, 2026

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

THIS WEEK

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
MONDAY 3/9
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
SC W/ELCA Offering received
TUESDAY 3/10
7p/SC AA
WEDNESDAY 3/11
11:30a/SC Lenten Worship/Lunch
6:30p/SC Confirmation
SUNDAY 3/15
Newsletter articles due
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship at both sites
SC: *Robyn Lee 'Beds 4 Kids'*
10a/SC Worship
+++SC Choir practice following worship
3p/SC Piano Lessons

Lenten Soup/Bread Lunches

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

Open Dates

Mar. 11th Dessert
Mar. 18th Dessert

Walking Together

8a—4p Sat., Mar. 21st/ Bethany Lutheran
(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**

8a, Sat., Mar. 28th/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, Richard Misselt
Monroe Manor/Barron: Astrid & Boydean Sannes,
Gary Hanson
Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger, Todd
Barnhardt, Jarita Roux
State Dept./Ethiopia: Amy Smith

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

March 1 2 (4 oz) Bath-size Soap
March 8 Light-weight Bath Towel
March 15 Adult-size Toothbrushes
March 22 Sturdy Medium or Large-tooth Combs
March 29 Sturdy Nail Clippers
April 5 Easter Celebration with Thrivent
\$2.65 Shipping includes toothpaste supplied by LWR

**See Lana Anderson with ?*

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH

- 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
+SC Choir practice following worship
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
+SC Choir practice following worship
Mon. Mar. 30 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Registration due for Synod Assembly (Apr. 25)

APRIL

- Fri. Apr. 3** 7p/SC *Good Friday Worship*
Sun. Apr. 5 reg. sch *Easter*
Mon. Apr. 6 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sun. Apr. 12 reg. sch *Speaker: ?*
Mon. Apr. 13 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sun. Apr. 19 reg. sch
Mon. Apr. 20 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sat. Apr. 25 *PC Graveside Service: Janell Wegan*
Northwest Synod Assembly
Sun. Apr. 26 reg. sch/*Guest: Eric Klein, Luther Park*
Mon. Apr. 27 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

MAY

- Sat. May 2** Men's Group Pancake Breakfast
at Sand Creek Town Hall
Sun. May 3 reg. sch *Speaker: Joyce Gilberts*
Mon. Apr. 20 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sat. May 9 4p/SC Piano Recital
Sun. May 10 reg. sch
Sun. May 17 reg. sch *Confirmation Sunday/SC*
Sun. May 24 reg. sch *Graduate Recognition*
PC Memorial Day observed

THANK YOU!

New Hope Lutheran Church Members:
"Thank you for the thoughtful donation of hats & mittens to our school! Your kindness helps ensure our students stay warm, comfortable and cared for during our cold winter months. We are truly grateful for your donation. Thank you!"
-Prairie Farm Staff & Students 3-2-26

Synod Assembly: Sat. April 25th

Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake

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

Offerings received at

- *Pine Creek site offering plate (8:30a worship)
 - *Sand Creek site offering boxes (10a worship)
 - *Website: www.newhopescpc.org
 - *Post mail: Po Bx 85, Sand Creek, WI 54765
- Your support is greatly appreciated!**

COMMERATIONS

Harriet Tubman, died 1913

Sojourner Truth, died 1883

Renewers of society

Born into slavery, Harriet helped about 300 others escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner (birth name: Isabella) was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Named Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where her testimony deeply moved people.

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was city of Rome's chief administrator for a time. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGsg8Jl-RdcdnKSnFI48DyQ>

Listen via phone: 534-444-4300