



# NEW HOPE TRUMPET

March 2024

## Branches Reaching Out

Our Lenten theme for worship this year is **The Tree of Life**. We are reflecting on the Cross which gives us life. We've been taken back to the Garden of Eden, where we are reminded that we still cut ourselves off from the life God intended for us. The cross reminds us that what is considered the "low tree" where Jesus died, actually raises us to new life. Through it we receive the fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience....as we center our lives on what is eternal. As we gather we become living trees, sharing acts of kindness, feeding the hungry, reaching out in love to the forgotten, and in so many other ways.

The image of God we find in our Lenten theme is one of promise. This good news is reiterated in Mary's Magnificat where she proclaims, "*he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.*" We hear it again in Paul's writings. In 1st Corinthians 1:27 where he writes: "*God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.*" God is good and gracious.

In your life today, do you find yourself in a place where you trust in God's grace? Is it leading you to look outward, beyond yourself, so become this good grace for others?

We are in the midst of Lent as you read this. This forty-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays, which are always celebrations of the resurrection. We began on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, to prepare the way for the three days of Easter weekend—Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. "Lent" is the Old English word for spring, the season of the year during which we observe this church season. This is unique to English, as in almost all other languages its name is a derivative of the Latin term *Quadragesima*, or "*the forty days.*"

Forty days is the traditional number for discipline, devotion, and preparation in the Bible. Moses stayed on the Mountain of God 40 days (Exodus 24:18 & 34:28), the spies were in the land for 40 days (Numbers 13:25), Elijah traveled 40 days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kings 19:8), Nineveh was given 40 days to repent (Jonah 3:4), and most importantly, prior to undertaking his ministry, Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness praying & fasting (Matthew 4:2).

In March we will focus our Noisy Offerings toward responding to the hungry in our local communities. Thank you for your response to the many needs lifted up during the year as our Noisy Offerings. We appreciate the children's help in collecting our offerings you bring so faithfully. Those receiving the gifts are always so appreciative.

Thank you for your ministry. You continually do give new hope to many.

In Christ,  
Pr. Michael Sparby



## Holy Week

### ***Palm Sunday, March 24th***

*Pancake Breakfast at our Sand Creek site hosted by New Hope Men's Group*

### ***Good Friday, March 29th***

*7p Worship at our Sand Creek site*

## **All Worship Services are Streamed**

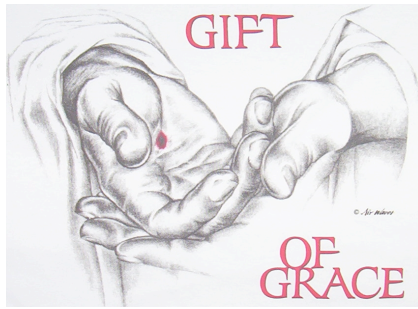
View worship live or anytime on YouTube Link: ***New Hope on the Creeks***

**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnlFI48DyQ>**

**LISTEN live: Telephone Ministry 534-444-4300**



## DEVOTIONS



*“...to each one of us grace has been given.” -Eph. 4:7a (NIV)*

*We had a touch of early spring in the last month or so. Iris sprouts showed a little green and birds could be heard singing in the mornings. We worried and talked about it being too early and what would happen if it turns bitter cold, temporarily forgetting that God knows what He is doing.*

*God knew what He was doing all those years ago. The Easter story comes again no matter the weather or the world's situation. We are given the gift of grace. Jesus lives for us.*

*I struggle through the days of Lent, thinking how can I make the best of each day? How can I understand what I'm supposed to be thinking? At times I'm confused, feeling the world's troubles getting closer to my doorstep. Yet, I can feel comforted knowing the end of the story. Jesus was born, lived 33 years on Earth, was crucified, died and was buried. He rose and lived again! Truth is, this was not the end of the story, but the very beginning. It is the story of new life and hope.*

*Easter morning revelation was given to us to know and believe Jesus loves us, forgives us and gives us everlasting life. Hope, truth and grace are given to us in the dark days. Look up and see the light of Easter shining!*

*-Sue Piotrowski*

**FREE Mayo Clinic Health System  
StrongBodies Strength-Training Class  
12—1p Tuesdays & Thursdays—March 28th**

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

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

**Pine Creek WELCA: 9:30a, Sunday, Mar. 3rd**  
**Hostess: Annette Mason**

**Sand Creek WELCA Offering: Mon., Mar. 11th**  
**Eve Circle: 6p, Wednesday, March 6th**  
**Sophia Circle: 9:30a, Thursday, March 14th**

## MARCH STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

### **Personal Health Care Kits: *Feeling Good***

**1** light/medium-weight, dark color bath-size towel  
**2** bath-size bars soap (4-5oz.) any brand in original wrap  
**1** adult-size toothbrush in original wrap  
*(multipacks may be used by sealing individual brushes in a business-size envelope—NO PLASTIC BAGS or WRAP)*  
**\$2.65** Shipping includes toothpaste added by LWR

### ***Thrivent Action Team to Assemble Kits***

**9:20a, Sunday, March 31st at Sand Creek**

*Hosted by Lana Anderson*

*Refreshments follow sponsored by Thrivent*



Visit [www.benjamins-house.org](http://www.benjamins-house.org) & Facebook for updated info. Wish lists available in the narthex. Bonnie Christenson will deliver April 1st. Thank you for your support!

### **GREATEST NEED**

- Multi-purpose Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Disinfectant Spray, Garbage Bags (Tall kitchen & 55gal.)
- Hair Conditioner, Shower Gel, Deodorant, Hand Soap
- Over the Counter Pain Relievers, Adult Cold/Allergy Meds., Antibiotic Creams
- Shelf-stable Food, Ice Melt, Postage Stamps

**New Hope Comforters need fabric & sheets**

**FREE Thrivent T-Shirts**

available at our Sand Creek site fellowship hall



### Will you help?

Wednesdays at our Sand Creek Site follows 11:30a worship with lunch. Will you provide soup, bread, or dessert? Contact the office or sign up on the door.  
**Available: 3/13 bread & dessert**

**Lenten Readers:** 11:30a Wed. Sand Creek site services. Sign up & pick up lessons in the office. **Available: Mar. 13th**

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

**Another Opportunity:** Additional Sand Creek site communion servers. Contact the church office to be added to our list for Worship & Music Committee.

## Game Day & Ice Cream

2-4p, Saturday, March 16th/Sand Creek Site  
*Come for fun fellowship!*

## Parent’s Night Out

Wednesday, March 27th: 5-8pm

New Hope Lutheran Church at our Sand Creek Site

**Community invited!**

Free childcare allows parents time out. PLEASE contact the church office to enroll children/volunteers OR sign up on the office door. No confirmation this night provides opportunity for confirmands to help. Male volunteers greatly needed!

## DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 1st

### New Hope Camp Scholarship Applications

Applications available in narthex & online

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### HS Graduates quilt info

Graduate Recognition: Sunday, May 26th at both sites

## LOOKING AHEAD

### APRIL

**Mon. Apr. 1** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
**Sun. April 7** reg. sch. *Guest Speaker*  
**Mon. Apr. 8** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting  
Church Council 7p PC  
**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Only Confirmation  
**Sun. May 12** reg. sch.  
**Wed. May 16** 6:30p/PC Confirmation Rehearsal/Photo  
**Sun. May 19** reg. sch. **Confirmation Sunday + Pentecost**  
**Sun. May 26** **Holy Trinity Sunday**  
reg. sch. **HS Graduate Recognition**  
Memorial Day Observed in PC worship  
**Mon. May 27 Memorial Day**  
9a Our Savior’s Cemetery  
9:20a Red Cedar River Bridge Ceremony  
9:30a Zion Cemetery (includes Myran & Spring Brook)  
\*Refreshments served at the Arts Center/SC Historical Society  
**Tues. May 27** 8:30a Comforters Quilting/SC  
**Wed. May 29** 5-8p/SC Parent’s Night Out

## Hear Our Prayer

*People are listed for two weeks. Please update the church office with current needs and status changes.*

Astrid Sannes, Jenie Davis

Lu Weir, Lynette Emanuel, Melva 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

### Community Care

*For pastoral visit/call, contact church office, Pr. Michael Sparby or Joyce Gilberts. To be on our visiting team, contact Pastor.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Reports available upon request from the church office*

**\*General Checking Balance \$ 5,378.43** (as of 2/22/24)

**Reminder:** Designate Thrivent Choice funds before Mar. 31st

### Thrivent Action Team Grants in 2023

New Hope received \$2,536 (SC) & \$577 (PC) through members who registered to secure funds for many projects (VBS, pancake suppers, Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings, and more)! Thrivent members may contact the church office for more info to apply and help our ministry. **Thank You!**

## NOISY OFFERINGS 2024

<b>JANUARY</b>	Luther Park Camperships	<b>\$ 425.36</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Chippewa Veteran's Home	<i>pending</i>
<b>MARCH</b>	5 Local Food Shelves	
<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>MAY</b>	Malawi Solar Wells (2024 Synod Assembly)	
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>JULY</b>		
<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings (LSS)	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		

## New Hope Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes (Draft)

**2-12-24 / Sand Creek**

**PRESENT:** Mark Gilberts, Joe & Linda Bilodeau, Marie Swanson, Jesse Buhr, Lou Ann Gilberts, Joyce Gilberts, Lon Christopherson, Stephani North, Roger Paulson, Samantha Goodremote, Pat Bechard, John Loy, Pr. Michael Sparby, Becky Loftus

**ABSENT:** Dawn Kunkel, Jerry Loftus, Kristi Welle

**CALL TO ORDER** 7:05p by Council President, Mark Gilberts

**PRAYER** Pr. Michael Sparby

**OPENING REMARKS** Annual Meeting format with power point was well received. Same plan for next year.

**M/S/C** (Lou Ann Gilberts/Jesse Buhr) approve and welcome Roger Paulson to serve council on Worship & Music Committee.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** M/S/C (Roger Paulson/Linda Bilodeau) approve December 11, 2023 secretary's report.

M/S/C (Roger Paulson/Lou Ann Gilberts) approve January 21, 24 secretary's report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Joe Bilodeau, Treasurer

\* Offerings received down \$4,000 from same time last year (January 2023)

\*Parsonage Fund Thrivent Financial balance \$201,804 (+ \$300 since January)

\* 2023 Thrivent Action Team Grants issued to New Hope were: \$2,536/SC & \$577/PC

\* Thrivent Choice Dollars deadline for designation is March 31, 2024.

M/S/C (Roger Paulson/Jesse Buhr) approve treasurer's report as presented.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** See printed with schedule noting time off beginning of March, April and May.

### **PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT**

\*Looking into AV/Audio support options such as wireless and portable microphones.

**PINE CREEK** Outside lights being replaced.

**SAND CREEK** Committee getting estimates for sealcoating parking lot

### **FAMILY EDUCATION**

\*Sunday school providing special music at 10am Easter worship/SC.

\*Mother's Day, May 12th last day Sunday school. Confirmation Sunday in May (TBD). Graduate recognition (TBD).

### **OUTREACH**

\*"Parents Night Out" moved to Family Education Committee.

\*Adult "Bingo Game Night" Fri., Feb. 9th was "good fun". "Game Day & Ice Cream" Sat., March 16th from 2-4pm/SC.

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Post sign-up lists again.

\*Additional communion assistants needed at Sand Creek site

\*Volunteer lectors needed for 11:30a, Wednesday Lenten services at Sand Creek site.

\*AV volunteers welcome.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* Maizie Mae Rose Hovel Baptism, Feb. 25th at 10a SC site (Daughter of Kennedy Lee, Great-granddaughter of Rick/Robyn Lee)

\*Synod Assembly/Election of Bishop: June 7-8th at UW-Eau Claire Davies Center. Delegates: Mark Gilberts, Joyce Gilberts, Pr. Michael. Becky will submit registrations from the church office.

\*Katelyn Omtvedt wedding at SC site Saturday, June 8th. Reception is elsewhere.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 8th at our Pine Creek site**

**ADJOURN:** 7:30p M/S/C (Stephani North/Roger Paulson) closed with The Lord's Prayer.

-Marie Swanson, Sec., & Becky Loftus, Assistant to Council Sec.



# Easter 2024 A Message from Bishop Laurie

## Rummaging for God

*Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!*



Does your house have a junk drawer? Do you ever find yourself going through this drawer full of stuff; feeling around looking for something that you are sure must be in there somewhere? Twist ties from bread wrappers, pens, batteries, rubber bands, nail clippers, scissors, matches, superglue, glass cleaner, coins, tiny screwdriver, ChapStick, charger cables, sticky notes... Rummaging around in your junk drawer might seem like a strange illustration for an Easter message, but I invite you to consider your memory of past life events as your junk drawer.

Think back on last year's Easter celebration. What do you remember? Rummage around in those memories to see if you can find God. You are pretty sure God is there somewhere but where? Where did you experience God last Easter? Was it in church, at the sunrise service, a sermon, a Bible reading, a hymn, an Easter egg hunt in the park, a gathering with family or friends, or a walk in the woods later that day? How did you experience God and the miracle of Christ's resurrection last Easter?

Now, think back over your lifetime, a lifetime of Easter celebrations, for me that 66 Easters. Where did you see or experience God and the power of the resurrection, God's transforming love that defeated death and gives new life?

Looking back over a day, a year, a lifetime is a spiritual practice called the Examen<sup>1</sup>. Essentially it is rummaging through our memories, looking for when and how God was present. The Examen is a form of daily prayer that invites us to examine our day to find God. Finding God in all things and at all times gives us the strength for that next most faithful step.

I wondered what must have been going through Mary Magdalene's mind as she walked to the tomb that first Easter morning. Was she rummaging through all the memories of her time walking with Jesus? Was she trying to remember every word Jesus said? Was she looking for a clue, some way to make sense of what happened on Friday? Where was God in all of this? How could this possibly bring in God's kingdom? She must have missed something. She saw him die. How could Jesus' death be part of God's plan?

Mary arrived at the tomb and found the stone rolled away. She didn't find what she was looking for. The body wasn't there. It still made no sense. Did someone steal his body? She knows that God is in all of this, but where? She continues to search with Peter and John and finally after they leave she enters the tomb and through her tears sees the angels and then a gardener, but not a gardener but the teacher, the risen Savior; and finally through her tears she sees God. (John 20)

***John 20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb.***

Look back over a day, a year, a lifetime of trips you've made to some tomb. Was it the place that held the body of loved one, a dream that had died, a relationship that ended, or a hope that had been crushed? Rummage around in those memories to find what you know is there somewhere, God. Through the tears see the angels, the messengers; the ordinary people, those who helped you and see God!

Dear Friends, I invite you to rummage through all the memories in the junk drawer of life and find God. Think back over a lifetime, a lifetime of trips to the tomb and Easter celebrations. See God and the power of the resurrection. See God's transforming love that defeated death and gives new life. May seeing God in all of life give you the courage and strength to take your next most faithful step.

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<sup>1</sup> [Rummaging for God: Praying Backwards through Your Day - IgnatianSpirituality.com](https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/prayer/rummaging-for-god-praying-backwards-through-your-day)

## Easter 2024 A Message from Bishop Laurie *AN INCOMPLETE SENTENCE Mark 16:8*

*Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!*

The gospel of Mark begins with this verse, Mark 1:1, *The beginning of the good news<sup>1</sup> of Jesus Christ*. Then it ends with an incomplete sentence<sup>1</sup>. Mark's Easter Story ends with an incomplete sentence. What was the editor thinking? Where are the punctuation police when you need them?

Look at it for yourself. Mark 16:8 in Greek

καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου, εἶχεν ἰγὰρ αὐτὰς τρόμος  
καὶ ἔκστασις· καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπαν, ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ



See, it ends with the word “gar” which can be translated “for or because.” Why did the writer of Mark end the gospel with the word “because?” Word-for-word the last part of the verse reads *to none nothing they spoke they were afraid because*

So just to be clear, the purpose of the gospel of Mark is to tell the good news of Jesus Christ and then it ends with an empty tomb and the only witnesses to it run away in fear saying nothing to anyone because...

It should be noted there is no punctuation in the original Greek and we can of course rearrange the English words and make a sentence, but still the incompleteness of the Greek sentence, abrupt ending and the incompleteness of story itself are telling.<sup>2</sup>

Matthew, Luke and John end their Easter story with Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. These gospels end with proof of the resurrection that others see with their own eyes and some even touch Jesus. Mark has no proof of the resurrection. He doesn't even finish his last sentence.

Mark 1 was intended to be just **the beginning** of the story of the good news of Jesus. It can't be completely recorded with paper and pen because it is still being written in the lives of the believers today. Friends, the story of Easter didn't end with the frightened women. If it did we wouldn't be here today. Some of Mark's Easter story will be written by your life, my life, our witness to the empty tomb and the transforming power of God love in our life. The rest of the story will be written by those who come after us and whose lives bear witness to God's power to transform death to life. We are proof of the resurrection. Our lives transformed by the power of God's love and forgiveness are proof that Jesus rose from the dead. We are writing new verses and chapters for Mark's gospel, so that the next generation will come to know and love Jesus and all generations will experience God's grace.

*Rev Laurie M. Johnson*

**Mark 16** *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid*

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<sup>1</sup> McCoy and Fistler, Pulpit Fiction Podcast #540, Easter 2023

<sup>2</sup> Mark has two alternative endings (Mark 16:9-20) which many biblical scholars believe were added at a much later date by those who couldn't tolerate ending with an incomplete sentence!

<sup>3</sup> Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2024</b>					<b>1</b> <b>DUE:</b> Camp scholarship apps & HS Grad quilt info.	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites <i>SC Host: Sophia Circle</i> 9:30a PC WELCA 10a SC Worship <b>Choir practice after worship</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters	<b>5</b> 7p AA/SC	<b>6</b> 6:30p/PC Confirmation 6p/SC Eve Circle	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites <i>SC Host: Sophia Circle</i> 10a SC Worship <b>Choir practice after worship</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters SC WELCA offering	<b>12</b> 7p AA/SC  Pastor chapel/ Bloomer 10a Dove 10:40a Meadowbrook	<b>13</b> <b>Flower order due</b> <i>Lent 11:30a/SC</i> <i>Noon Soup/Bread</i> 6:30p/PC Confirmation	<b>14</b> 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter articles due</b>	<b>16</b> 2-4p/SC Games & Ice Cream
<b>17</b> 8:30a PC Worship <i>Baptism for Blaire Lindstadt</i> 9:20a Fellowship-both sites <i>SC Host: Robyn Lee/Beds 4 Kids</i> 10a SC Worship <b>Choir practice after worship</b> <b>3p/SC New Auburn Choir</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters	<b>19</b> 7p AA/SC	<b>20</b> <i>Lent 11:30a/SC</i> <i>Noon Soup/Bread</i> 6:30p/PC Confirmation	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> 8-9:50a/SC: Men's Group <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites 10a SC Worship	<b>25</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters	<b>26</b> 7p AA/SC	<b>27</b> 5-8p/SC <i>Parent's Night Out</i> NO Confirmation	<b>28</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 7p Worship/SC	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Easter</b> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites <i>SC Host: Lana Anderson</i> <i>Thrivent Action Team</i> 10a SC Worship						



## ALTAR GUILD

**PC:** Lisa Mickelson  
**SC:** **March/April** Wendy Loy/Marie Swanson

## SC COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**3** Cathy Davis  
**10** Sharon Nelson ?  
**17** Kathie Irwin  
**24** Angela Madison  
**31** Jodie Madison

## LECTORS

	<u>Pine Creek</u>	<u>Sand Creek</u>
<b>3</b>	Dawn Kunkel	Cathy Davis
<b>6</b>		<i>Doris Tallman</i>
<b>10</b>	Lisa Mickelson	Carol Anderson
<b>13</b>		<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>17</b>	Mary Peterson	Susan Paulson
<b>20</b>		<i>Mark Gilberts</i>
<b>24</b>	Lisa Mickelson	Carolyn Dahl
<b>31</b>	Annabella Bartels	Joyce Gilberts

## SC HOSPITALITY/OFFERING (Council)

<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>	Marie Swanson / Samantha Goodremote
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 10</b>	Lou Ann Gilberts / Mark Gilberts
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>	Stephani North / Kristi Welle
<b>4th Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 24</b>	John Loy / Joyce Gilberts
<b>5th Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 31</b>	Jesse Buhr / Jerry Loftus

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## Easter Flowers: \$20 each Orders Due Wednesday, March 13th

Lily, Multicolor Mum, Begonia, Hyacinth

*Order forms in the narthex & online*



## New Auburn Community Choir

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

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

**Other Concerts Saturday, March 16th:**

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

## New Hope Council 2024

**President :** Mark Gilberts

**Vice President :** Linda Bilodeau

**Secretary:** Marie Swanson (*Becky Loftus, Parish Admin.*)

**Treasurer:** Joe Bilodeau

### **Family Education**

Jesse Buhr 715-781-1860

Samantha Goodremote 715-765-2209

Kristi Welle 715-658-2303

Stephani North 715-271-6275

### **Property & Management**

Mark Gilberts 847-650-9364

Jerry Loftus 715-456-2163

Joe Bilodeau 715-458-2479

Lon Christopherson 715-949-1131

### **Outreach**

Pat Bechard 715-658-1014

John Loy 715-658-1000

Joyce Gilberts 715-933-4747

Linda Bilodeau 715-458-2479

### **Worship & Music**

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