

Welcome to New Hope!

July 26, 2026

Pine Creek Site 8:30a

9th Sunday of Pentecost

Sand Creek Site 10a



As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

***Green and Blue Hymnals are in pews.**

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

REFLECTION

Faith that Moves Mountains

WELCOME

- *Please stand as you are able.*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

HYMN

Gather Us In

Blue Hymnal #718

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- *Please be seated.*

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT + 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

PSALM 119:129-136 *When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)*

NEW TESTAMENT + Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

REFLECTION

Faith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING/MISSION *July offerings are designated for our local food shelves*

- *Please stand as you are able for a reading from the life of Jesus Christ.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia, Praise the Gospel

GOSPEL + Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

- *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pr. Michael Sparby

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Blue Hymnal #771

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

MEAL

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERINGS *received in plates at Pine Creek site and boxes near the doors at Sand Creek site.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LAMB OF GOD

REFLECTION

What an Awesome God

SENDING

COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Cranberry Hymnal #547

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements July 26, 2026

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 7/26
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship at both sites SC: *Eve Circle*
10a/SC Worship
MONDAY 7/27
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
TUESDAY 7/28
7p/SC AA
FRIDAY *Office closed* 7/31
SUNDAY 8/2
Guest: Missionary, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship at both sites SC: *Sophia Circle*
10a/SC Worship

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!*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please update church office after 2 weeks
Steve Nicols, Kat Zareeba, Sharon Lien, Wayne Christopherson

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller, Richard Misselt
Monroe Manor/Barron: Astrid/Boydean Sannes, Gary Hanson

Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger, Jarita Roux

Community Care

For pastoral visit/call, or to join our Visitation Team, contact church office, Joyce Gilberts (leader), or Pastor:

Peace for Gloria, Deb, Derrick Berg and Marie Swanson, at the death of Bill Berg, July 22nd. Visitation today, July 26th from 4-7p at Olson's Funeral Home in Bloomer. Private burial at Zion Cemetery.



Sand Creek W/ELCA: July No-Bake Sale

Envelopes in the narthex for a monetary donation

School Kits: Goal to send 100 to LWR (*Lutheran World Relief*)

Each kit needs:

- 4 spiral notebooks (*70 sheets wide or college rule; NO loose paper*)
 - 1 wood ruler with cm. & in.
 - 1 2-hole pencil sharpener with attached container
 - 1 blunt scissors
 - 1 2 1/2 in. eraser
 - 1 box 16 or 24 **Crayola** brand crayons
 - 5 unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers secured in rubber band
 - 5 ballpoint pens (*no gel*) secured in rubber band
 - 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style bag 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (*heavy cotton, canvas, denim, twill*)
- \$1.40** Shipping



*We've made cloth bags and have most of the crayons, pencils and erasers.
Look for deals as different stores feature various weekly specials.*

LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST

- Sat. Aug. 1 *Heart for Luther Park*
Sun. Aug. 2 reg. sch
Guest: Missionary, Carolyn Schneider
Mon. Aug. 3 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Aug. 5 **5-7p Parent's Night Out VBS**
SC Riverside Ark in the Park
Sun. Aug. 9 reg. sch.
Mon. Aug. 10 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sun. Aug. 16 reg. sch.
"Higher Vision" Service of Music
Sun. Aug. 23 reg. sch/*Speaker: Carol Anderson*
Mon. Aug. 24 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
7p/SC Church Council
Sat. Aug. 29 SC site RSVD: Maggie Timm wedding
(if inclement weather)
Sun. Aug. 30 reg. sch/*Speaker: John Loy*

SEPTEMBER

- Sun. Sept. 6 **1** service at 10 at our Sand Creek site
Mon. Sept 7 *Labor Day*
Sat. Sept. 12 *Confirmation Kick-off Retreat at Luther Park Bible Camp*
Sun. Sept. 13 reg. sch *Sunday School resumes*
Mon. Sept 14 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sun. Sept. 20 reg. sch
Mon. Sept 21 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Sun. Sept. 27 reg. sch
Mon. Sept 28 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

COMMEMORATIONS

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750

Heinrich Schütz, died 1672

George Frederick Handel, died 1759

Musicians

*German-born musicians who've done much to enrich the life of the church. **Schütz**, an early master focused on settings of biblical texts.*

***Bach** wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ & instrumental pieces, and was called the "fifth evangelist" for how he proclaimed the gospel in music. **Handel's** great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.*

Mary, Martha & Lazarus of Bethany

Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary listened to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Considered the patron saint of Norway who went from a life of piracy to become Christian and declare himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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WORSHIP

8:30 am/Pine Creek 9:20a *Coffee Fellowship + Sunday school*

10 am/Sand Creek 9:20a *Coffee Fellowship + Sunday school during worship (Sept.—May)*

Telephone Ministry 1-534-444-4300

FREE Live stream <http://newhope.listentochurch.com>

YouTube Link to View Streamed Services: New Hope on the Creeks

New Hope Lutheran Church of Sand Creek & Pine Creek

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgsG8Jl-RdcdnKSnF148DyO>