

# NEW HOPE TRUMPET

July 2025

June 2025

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed. In Guyana, where I'm assisting the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCG) to strengthen its leadership development program, people have a beautiful way of celebrating Christ's resurrection. Easter day, children do not hunt for eggs or chocolate bunnies; instead, they fly kites with their families. This year, it was pouring rain all morning, but by mid-afternoon, the sun came out and so had the children and their kites.



The message of God's victory over sin and death came at a time when it needed to be heard in Guyana for all the seven weeks of the Easter season, while the country went through a tragedy that affected everyone, including the Lutheran church. April 24th, an 11 year-old girl, Adrianna Younge was found dead in the swimming pool of a hotel, where her family spent the previous day. Since the hotel owner and the police mishandled the initial investigation of what happened, controversy began to swirl, resulting in international pathologists asked to do the autopsy so that their finding would be accepted as impartial. However, when their finding was that Adrianna drowned with no violence involved, the family refused to accept it, and protests took place all over the country as people accused police and government of covering up a crime. Some protesters looted shops and burned tires/branches across the highway, causing much of the country to shut down for a few days.

The date for Adrianna's funeral was May 5th, in the middle of the annual Lutheran church convention schedule. Fearing much unrest on that day, the Executive Council of the ELCG postponed the convention to May 25-27th. Adrianna's family also postponed the funeral to an undetermined date so they could send her body to the U.S. for a second autopsy. Investigation of the case proceeds, just as the country prepares for September national elections. Many Guyanese are praying the campaign season doesn't turn violent because of the turbulence of Adrianna Younge's death.

I'm told in the last elections, tensions between Afro-Guyanese and Indo-Guyanese broke out into open conflict that threatened to invade the ELCG, which is proud to be an ethnically mixed church in which people of every heritage live, work, and worship together peacefully. Pr. Amanda Singh addressed the violence with the congregations in her care, saying, "Not in this church! We are one in the Lord." Please pray with all of us here in Guyana for peaceful elections and the ELCG can continue to model a respectful, loving multiethnic community.

The church's convention was held smoothly at the end of May. The new date corresponded with Guyana's Independence Day, May 26th, so as I drove to and from the convention site, I passed rows of national flags hanging from utility poles along the highway. As I crossed the Berbice River Bridge, I saw another colorful sight. For the first time in my life, I witnessed a full rainbow, end-to-end, emerging from the middle of the river.

At the convention's opening worship service, a beautiful young dancer named Zoraya, a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Georgetown, illustrated through her movements the power of Jesus' name, which means "The Lord saves." That is indeed the message of Easter, that the Lord saves us from sin, death, and all evil powers that would drive us to violence, despair, hatred and bitterness. That is what Pr. Amanda told congregations in her care, and it is what all of us need to hear, not only in Guyana, but also where you live. I pray it may comfort you and let you soar with confidence throughout the year.



Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider

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**Pine Creek Site WELCA: 9:30a, Sun., July 6th**

*Hostess: Michelle Glaser*

## **Sand Creek Site WELCA Offering**

Monday, July 14th

### **JULY STEWARDSHIP: School Kits**

*Encourage Learning*

4 spiral notebooks (70 sheets wide/college-ruled)

NO LOOSE PAPER

1 ruler with cm & in

1 pencil sharpener

1 blunt scissors

1 2 1/2 inch eraser

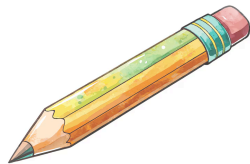
1 box 16 or 24 count crayons

5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers secured in rubber band

5 ballpoint pens (NO GEL) secured with rubber band

1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (*heavy cotton, canvas, denim, or twill*)

**\$1.40** Shipping



### **JULY "NO-BAKE" SALE (No Circles)**

Here's an opportunity for you to save some time.

Pick your favorite recipe (perhaps a "bake-sale" kind)

Guesstimate cost to bake and add an extra dime.

Put that amount inside the flap, and seal it with a smile.

Wasn't that an easy task? Just a recipe card to file!

**\* Envelopes available in the narthex**

### **DEVOTIONAL: Planting Seeds**

**"The seed is the word of God."** -Luke 8:11b (NIV)

*Gardens are planted and starting to grow. I was a few weeks late getting my garden planted. Now I find it exciting to look every day and watch it growing and blooms appearing. I added good soil when planting and picked out seeds that would fit in my small plot.*

*Daily life can be a lot like picking out certain seeds and planting them in soil. Thoughts and plans are like the tiny seeds. They are planted in our minds until they sprout and grow. Seeds of thoughts need care, being careful how we think, letting God divert our thoughts. God will plan good ideas in our minds. We can watch them grow if we do God's will, pray and listen to His voice. Weed seeds will not have a chance to sprout, grow and ruin our garden of life. Seeds of kindness and helping others will produce and abundant crop of good.*

*Dear God, help us nurture our seeds of hope and love and reap a bountiful crop for you. Amen.*

Sue Piotrowski

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**MAY 2025**

*Detailed reports are available in the office.*

**Thank you for your faithful, and generous stewardship.**

<b>General Checking Balance 5/31/25</b>	<b>\$ 21,253.65</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Unrestricted Income	\$ 11,435.00
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	\$ 5,078.89
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,513.89</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 23,516.14</b>

### **YEAR TO DATE**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Unrestricted Offering	\$ 86,631.27
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	\$ 17,583.31
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$104,214.58</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$108,189.39</b>

### **2025 NOISY OFFERINGS/MISSION**

<b>JAN</b>	Benjamin's House Shelter/Rice Lake	<b>\$ 399.49</b>
<b>FEB</b>	Project Comfort/Quilts Shipping	<b>454.94</b>
<b>MAR 2</b>	"Youth in Christ" Guests/Prairie Farm	—
<b>MAR</b>	Arbor Place/Menomonie	<b>513.42</b>
<b>APR</b>	Luther Park Camperships	<b>800.74</b>
<b>MAY</b>	Missionary Sponsorship	<b>1,082.30</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	Lutheran Disaster Response	<b>50.00+</b>
<b>JULY</b>	Luther Park General Fund	<b>50.00+</b>
<b>AUG</b>	5 Local Food Shelves	
<b>SEPT</b>	5 Local Nursing Homes/Activity Dept.	
<b>OCT</b>	Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings (LSS)	
<b>NOV</b>	World Hunger	
<b>DEC</b>	Christmas Critters (ELCA Good Gifts)	

### **NEW PROJECT: PC Site Defibrillator**

*Would you like to help?*

Donations payable to: New Hope      Memo: Defib.  
Received to date \$85

### ***Your giving is greatly appreciated!***

Offerings are received at our

\*Pine Creek site offering plate (8:30a worship)

\*Sand Creek site offering boxes (10a worship)

\*Website: [www.newhopescpc.org](http://www.newhopescpc.org)







## Thank you to our Garden Care Crew!

(Roger Paulson, Mark Gilberts, Bonnie Halberg, Lou Ann Gilberts, Marie Swanson, Jerry Loftus, Mike Olson)

Pentecost Geraniums are planted and one landscape island completed at our Sand Creek site.



Supervised by  
Holly & Ivy

## LOOK AHEAD

### AUGUST

- Sun. Aug. 3 *Speaker: Joyce Gilberts*  
**The Story Chapter 26** *The Hour of Darkness*
- Mon. Aug. 4 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. Aug. 10 reg. sch **The Story Chapter 27** *The Resurrection*
- Sun. Aug. 10 reg. sch **The Story Chapter 28** *New Beginnings*
- Mon. Aug. 11 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. Aug. 17 reg. sch **The Story Chapter 29** *Paul's Mission*
- Mon. Aug. 18 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Tues. Aug. 19 Pastor's Chapel (*Dove 10a/Meadowbrook 10:30a*)
- Sat. Aug. 23 10a Baptisms for Benson Children
- Sun. Aug. 24 reg. sch
- Mon. Aug. 25 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. Aug. 31 **1 Worship:** 10a/SC

**The Story Chapter 30** *Paul's Final Days*

### SEPTEMBER

- Mon. Sept. 1 **Labor Day**
- Tues. Sept. 2 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Walk Through the Bible Last Book "Revelation of John"**
- Sun. Sept. 7 reg. sch **The Story Chapter 31** *The End of Time*
- Mon. Sept. 8 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Sun. Sept. 14 reg. sch
- Wed. Sept. 17 6:30p **Confirmation begins**
- Sun. Sept. 21 reg. sch *Guest speaker/Assisting Minister*
- Mon. Sept. 22 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Wed. Sept. 24 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Sept. 28 reg. sch *Guest speaker/Assisting Minister*
- Mon. Sept. 29 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters

### OCTOBER

- Wed. Oct 1 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Oct. 5 reg. sch *Women's Thankoffering*
- Mon. Oct. 6 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Tues. Oct. 7 10a Pastor's Chapel at Dove/Meadowbrook
- Wed. Oct. 8 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Oct. 12 reg. sch
- Mon. Oct. 13 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Wed. Oct. 15 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Oct. 19 reg. sch
- Mon. Oct. 20 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Wed. Oct. 22 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Oct. 26 **Reformation**
- Mon. Oct. 27 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Wed. Oct. 29 6:30p Confirmation

### NOVEMBER

- Sun. Nov. 2 **All Saints**
- Mon. Nov. 3 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Wed. Nov. 5 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Nov. 9 reg. sch
- Mon. Nov. 10 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Wed. Nov. 12 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Nov. 16 reg. sch
- Mon. Nov. 17 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Wed. Nov. 19 6:30p Confirmation
- Sun. Nov. 23 **Christ the King** *Guest speaker/Assisting Minister*
- Mon. Nov. 24 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilters
- Tues. Nov. 25 10a Pastor's Chapel at Dove/Meadowbrook
- Wed. Nov. 26 7p Thanksgiving Service
- Sun. Nov. 30 **Advent 1**



# VBS: Bible Beach Club 2025

## Jesus' miracles help us believe He is the Savior and Lord.

Thank you Stephani North and all volunteers who made a VBS and enjoyable success!

### Day 1: You Caught What? -Luke 5: 1-11

Jesus' miraculous catch of fish wasn't just a cool trick; it was a sign of His divine power and call for us to follow Him, proving He is our savior.



### Day 2: What Wind?

-Mark 4: 35-41

Jesus calms the storm, revealing his power over nature and our fears. If we obey Him, he will show us the way. Another person we need to obey is our father here on Earth. Father's Day gifts were made for the Dads in our lives.



### Day 3: Will He Float?

-Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus walks on water, showing His command over physical laws and His ability to overcome the seemingly impossible. We made waves of our fears and centered them toward Jesus, knowing He will help us overcome them.

### Day 4: What's For Breakfast? -John 21: 1-14

The risen Jesus cooking breakfast on the beach is a reminder He conquered death, ensuring our eternal life with Him. We made our own fish breakfast.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Pastor Chapel at Bloomer 10a Dove 10:30a Meadowbrook  7p/SC AA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Office Closed</i> Independence Day  	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <u>The Story/Chapter 22</u> <i>Birth of a King: Christmas</i> <i>Speaker: Carol Anderson</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship both sites <i>SC: Sophia Circle</i> 10a SC Worship	<b>7</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters	<b>8</b> 7p/SC AA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <u>The Story/Chapter 23</u> <i>Jesus' Ministry Begins</i> <i>Speaker: Natalie Ellefson</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites <i>SC: Sophia Circle</i> 10a SC Worship	<b>14</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters SC WELCA Offering	<b>15</b> 4-7p PC WELCA Supper in the Park at Ridgeland Farmer's Market 7p/SC AA <b>Newsletter articles due</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>1</b> 10a Worship at Sand Creek Memorial Park <u>The Story/Chapter 24</u> <i>No Ordinary Man</i> <i>Speaker: Mark Gilberts</i> 9:20a Fellowship Men's Group	<b>21</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters	<b>22</b> 7p/SC AA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <i>Lance Loftus &amp; Kelsey Krall Wedding</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <u>The Story/Chapter 25</u> <i>Jesus, the Son of God</i> <i>Speaker: Carol Anderson</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites <i>SC: Eve Circle</i> 10a SC Worship	<b>28</b> 8:30a/SC Comforters	<b>29</b> 7p/SC AA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

Date	Lectors		SC Communion	SC Hospitality (Council)
<b>6</b>	PC Michelle Glaser	SC Ben Neilsen	Angela Madison	<i>1st Sun.:</i> Marie Swanson / Samantha Goodremote
<b>13</b>	PC Kathy Christopherson	SC Kathie Irwin	Kathie Irwin	<i>2nd Sun.:</i> Lou Ann Gilberts / Mark Gilberts
<b>20</b>	PC <i>Worship in the Park</i>	SC John Loy	<i>No Communion</i>	<i>3rd Sun.:</i> Stephani North / Kristi Welle
<b>27</b>	PC <i>Volunteer needed</i>	SC James/Aubrey Buhr	Jodie Madison	<i>4th Sun.:</i> John Loy / Joyce Gilberts <i>5th Sun:</i> Jesse Buhr / Jerry Loftus
<b>Altar Guild:</b> PC Michelle Glaser SC July/August Cathy Davis / Debbie Paulson				



**NOTE:** Dr. Sparby is out of the office July 1—August 4th. Please contact the church office for pastoral needs.

# New Hope Lutheran Church

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## New Hope Pine Creek WELCA

### Supper in the Park: Tues., July 15th

Hot beefs, hot dogs, beans, macaroni salad, chips, cookies

*Music by LaRose*

Sign-up at church to donate supplies, funds, help or contact the committee:

*Pat Bechard, Annette Mason, and Alan & Mary Peterson*

## New Hope Council 2025

**President :** Linda Bilodeau  
**Secretary:** Marie Swanson

**Vice President:** Joyce Gilberts  
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by God's grace to love, grow & serve.*

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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-RdcnKSFI48DyO>