

Welcome to New Hope!

September 13, 2026

16th Sunday of Pentecost

Pine Creek Site 8:30a Sand Creek Site 10a



In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Bible Trivia

WELCOME

- *Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN

Break Now the Bread of Life

Green Hymnal #235

LITANY

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- *Please be seated.*

WORD

REFLECTION

The Bible

OLD TESTAMENT + Genesis 50: 15-21

After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives. A reading from the first book of the bible.

PSALM 103: [1-7] 8-13

NEW TESTAMENT + Romans 14: 1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and person piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us. A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES *to Parents, Children, and Students*
NOISY OFFERING/MISSION *September offerings go to ELCA World Hunger*

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

HYMN *Alleluia, Praise the Gospel*

GOSPEL + Matthew 18: 21-35

- *Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Michael Sparby

HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Green Hymnal #126

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

REFLECTION *Jesus Paid it All*

SENDING

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

MINISTRY NEWS

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN *We Are Called*

Cranberry Hymnal #720

SENDING

POSTLUDE

New Hope Announcements September 13, 2026

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9/13
Bible Presentation + Sunday school begins
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC: *Sophia Circle*
9:30a PC W/ELCA
10a/SC Worship
MONDAY 9/14
8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
TUESDAY 9/15
Newsletter articles due
7p/SC AA
WEDNESDAY 9/16
6:30/SC Confirmation
THURSDAY 9/17
9:30a/SC Sophia Circle
FRIDAY 9/18 *Office closed*
SATURDAY 9/19
11a/Our Saviors Cemetery
Graveside service for Sharon Hegna
SUNDAY 9/20
8:30a/PC Worship
9:20a Fellowship/both sites SC: *Men's Group*
9:30a PC W/ELCA
10a/SC Worship

Offerings received at

- *Pine Creek site offering plate (8:30a worship)
 - *Sand Creek site offering boxes (10a worship)
 - *Website: www.newhopespc.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

Joe Pingel, Joan Peterson, Ila Nitchey, Carol Gerner, Veda Kiekhoefer, Payton Pingel, Mike Brasher, Wayne Christopherson

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller, Richard Misselt

Meadowbrook/Chetek: Boydean Sannes (*Rehab*)

Monroe Manor/Barron: Astrid 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, Visitation Team Leader, or Pastor.

Who Is My Neighbor?

Northwest Synod of WI Women/ELCA

Biennial Convention: Sept. 26th

8:30a-3p at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake

\$20 Registration due Sept. 15th

Payable to: Women of the ELCA

Mail to: Phyllis Beaström

W6244 410th Ave, Ellsworth, WI 54011

Sunday School

Teachers Needed

(rotation schedule)

Contact the church office if interested



NEEDS

kitchen items, bath towels, men's shoes, winter items for all, girl clothes (24 mos. & up), boy clothes (9 mos., 4T, 6, 7, 8)
Bring to our Sand Creek site for this week or deliver to DORT's Compassion Closet

12 W Marshall St, Rice Lake, WI 54868 (*in basement suite 1*)

OPEN: Mondays 12:30-3:30p & Fridays 9a-12p

compassionclosetrl@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

Sun. Sept. 20 reg. sch
Mon. Sept 21 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Sept. 23 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sat. Sept. 26 8:30a/Bethany Luth: W/ELCA Convention
Sun. Sept. 27 reg. sch
Mon. Sept. 28 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Sept. 30 6:30p/SC Confirmation

OCTOBER

Sun. Oct. 4 **Women's Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday**
reg. sch/**Guest: Rev. David Natzke**
Assist. Minister: Lana Anderson
Mon. Oct. 5 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Oct. 7 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sat. Oct. 10 Heart of the North Women's Day of Renewal
Sun. Oct. 11 reg. sch/**Guest: Rev. David Natzke**
Assist. Minister: John Loy
Mon. Oct. 12 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Oct. 14 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Oct. 18 reg. sch
Mon. Oct. 19 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Oct. 21 6:30p/SC Confirmation
Sun. Oct. 25 reg. sch **Reformation Sunday**
Mon. Oct. 26 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
Wed. Oct. 28 6:30p/SC Confirmation

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wed., Nov. 25th: 6p/SC site

Will you share a life story of Thanksgiving?

Seeking 3-4 people; please contact the office.

COMMEMORATIONS

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407: priest in Antioch and outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

Holy Cross Day

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built 2 churches there. Dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258: served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, advised and reproved kings/popes, wrote poems/hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

Swedish diplomat who served as the 2nd Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as Markings, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

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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-RdcdnKSnF148DyQ>