



Bishop
Martin Halom's
Easter Message

Happy Easter to you as we celebrate the most sacred day of the year when Jesus squarely looked death in the face and overcame the grave! When I think about what that says about our God, I am continually overwhelmed by feelings of gratitude because of the sheer depth of God's love. To think about what Jesus went through in those final days, it is simply the best illustration of what God's grace looks like – a gift to us as individuals and as a family of faith – all without merit.

While on a Civil Rights pilgrimage last month, I found myself quite perplexed when listening to the central message of many civil rights leaders, including many I met in person. While visiting Birmingham, I worshiped at the 16th St. Baptist Church, which was bombed on a Sunday morning just before worship on Sept. 15, 1963. Four teenage women died in the blast as they were preparing to serve in the youth led service. As our group heard about

the story in the tour the day before our worship, this central message was proclaimed – love. Later that day we spent time with another leader in the city whose ancestors were also victims of white supremacy. She too acknowledged the central message Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught over and over in his messages – a message of love, even for your enemies.

That struck me. When victims of oppression look at their oppressors and can maintain a posture of love in hopes that the hatred they've experienced would someday be extinguished, I could only think about the depths of God's love. While most of us would at minimum defend ourselves from the oppressive actions taken against them, if not fight back and seek retribution, they instead turned to love and forgiveness. It is their faith in God that could give them the strength to practice love.

We still live in a world where hatred and prejudice exist. But the story of Easter is rooted in love. Jesus went to the cross after praying in the garden of Gethsemane, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done." (Luke 22:42) Your will be done. This is true sacrifice rooted in love for humankind. This is love revealed to broken and sinful people. This is a love for us all – no exception.

As we celebrate the day Christ rose from the dead, offering forgiveness to all humankind, let us rejoice in acts of love. Let us respond to God's gift of grace through acts of love!

DEVOTIONS: *Be Still and Listen*

Sometimes when I wake earlier than I want to get up, my mind seems to wake up before the rest of me. I'm thinking of all sorts of situations; past, present and future. Soon I realize I should be praying, getting close to God before my day really begins. "Be still" a voice says to me, "I'll talk and you listen."

The world seems out of control, raging around us. Many of us turn on the daily news to be aware of what is going on, wondering if it will come close to where we live. We don't know what God is planning for the near future. He speaks to us, saying, "Be still and know that I am God".

Jesus only said a few words hanging from the cross; words spoken in love and promise. He wanted us to know and believe his death on the cross was to give us eternal life. Forgiveness if we only repent and believe.

We can face each day of uncertainty with God beside us. We know he will never leave or forsake us. Greet each day with our loving God. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the Earth." (Psalm 46: 10).

Happy Easter—He is Risen!

-Sue Piotrowski



Pine Creek Site W/ELCA

Meeting: 9:30a, Sunday, April 12th
Hosts: Pat Bechard & Callie Huppert

Sand Creek Site W/ELCA

Offering: Monday, April 13th
Circles **Eve:** 6p Wednesday, April 1st
Judy Buffington's Home
Sophia: 9:30a/SC Thursday, April 16th

April Stewardship: Kover the Kayak Disposable but essential Paper Products

Pantries **NEED** items such as bath/facial tissue, paper towel, etc.



FINANCIAL REPORT: February 2026

Detailed reports are available in the office upon request

General Checking Balance 2/28/26	\$ 18,436.28
Revenue	
Unrestricted Offering	\$ 17,395.37
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	\$ 3,403.99
Total Income	\$ 20,799.36
Expenditures	\$ 18,511.51

Year-to-Date 2026

Unrestricted Offering	\$ 35,495.37
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	\$ 5,962.99
Total Income	\$ 41,458.36
Expenditures	\$ 36,257.65

2026 Noisy Offerings/Mission

JAN Missionary Support	\$ 385.36
FEB Malawi	480.42
MAR Luther Park Camperships	50.00
APR Project Comfort (Ship quilts/kits)	50.00

Thank you for your financial support!

Offerings are received at our

- *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 5476

HEAR OUR PRAYER

(People listed for 2 weeks. Contact the office with updates)
Gene Knutson, Arlys Hoveland, Wayne Christopherson
Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller, Richard Misselt
Bloomer Mayo Hosp. Swing Bed: Lois Minnich
Monroe Manor/Barron: Gary Hanson, Astrid & Boydean Sannes
Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger, Jarita Roux

Community Care

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

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Luke Anderson

Saturday, May 16th: 3-6p/Sand Creek Arts Center

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY

- Sat. May 2** 8a/Sand Creek Town Hall
Men's Group Pancake Breakfast
- Sun. May 3** reg. sch *Guest Speaker: Joyce Gilberts*
Assisting Minister: Mark Gilberts
- Mon. May 4** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sat. May 9** 4p/SC Piano Recital
- Sun. May 10** reg. sch
- Mon. May 11** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Wed. May 13** 6:30p/SC Confirmation/2nd year only
Rehearsal & Photo
- Sat. May 16** *Graduation Open House-Luke Anderson*
3-6p/Sand Creek Arts Center
- Sun. May 17** reg. sch **Confirmation Sunday**
- Mon. May 18** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. May 24** reg. sch **Pentecost Sunday**
Recognition of High School Graduates
- Mon. May 25** **Memorial Day**
9a Our Savior's
9:20a Red Cedar Bridge Ceremony
9:30a Zion Cemetery
- Sun. May 31** reg. sch **Holy Trinity Sunday**
Guest: Rev. Nathan Aaseng
Assisting Minister: Mark Gilberts

JUNE

- Mon. June 1** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. June 7** reg. sch
Guest Speaker: Mark Gilberts
Assisting Minister: Joyce Gilberts
- Mon. June 8** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. June 14** reg. sch *Guest: Bishop Martin Halom*
Assisting Minister:
- Mon. June 15** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. June 21** reg. sch *Guest Speaker:*
Assisting Minister:
- Mon. June 22** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting
- Sun. June 28** reg. sch *Guest Speaker:*
Assisting Minister:
- Mon. June 29** 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2026			1 6p Eve Circle <i>Judy Buffington Home</i>	2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	3 <i>Good Friday</i> 7p/SC	4
5 <i>Easter</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Sophia Circle</i> 10a SC Worship	6 8:30a/SC Comforters	7 7p/SC AA	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Speaker: Carol Anderson</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a/PC W-ELCA 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Sophia Circle</i> 10a SC Worship 3p/SC Piano Lessons	13 8:30a/SC Comforters W/ELCA offering	14 7p/SC AA	15 Newsletter articles due 6:30p/SC Confirm	16 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle	17	18 <i>Luther Park</i> <i>Spring Work Day</i>
19 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Men's Group</i> 10a SC Worship	20 8:30a/SC Comforters	21 7p/SC AA	22 6:30p/SC Confirm	23	24	25 <i>Synod Assembly</i> <i>Janell Wegan-PC</i> <i>Graveside Service</i>
26 <i>Guest: Eric Klein/Luther Park</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Eve Circle</i> 10a SC Worship 3p/SC Piano Lessons	27 8:30a/SC Comforters	28 7p/SC AA	29 6:30p/SC Confirm <i>*End of Year Pizza Party for ALL students</i>	30		

Date	Lectors	SC Communion	SC Hospitality (Council)	Altar Guild
3 <i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Volunteers (7p/SC)</i>		<i>Sign up on the office door</i>	PC: Lisa Mickelson
5 <i>Easter</i>	PC Alan Peterson SC John Loy	Marie Swanson	<i>1st Sunday</i> Lou Ann Gilberts / Becky Schnacky	SC: <i>(March/April)</i> Wendy Loy / Marie Swanson
12	PC Kathy Chrisopherson SC Lou Ann Gilberts	Lou Ann Gilberts	<i>2nd Sunday</i> Mark Gilberts / Ben Neilsen / Sam Goodremote	
19	PC Jenna Bartels SC Mark Gilberts	Mark Gilberts	<i>3rd Sunday</i> Kristi Welle / Roger Paulson	
26	PC Dawn Kunkel SC Joyce Gilberts	Joyce Gilberts	<i>4th Sunday</i> Joyce Gilberts / Bonnie Halberg	



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



If you'd like to receive the "Trumpet" via email, please contact church office

New Hope Men's Group

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 2nd

8am at Sand Creek Town Hall

Free-will Offering



Our Missionary Visits New Hope August 2nd

Carolyn Schneider, serving in Guyana, South America, will speak here Sunday, August 2nd.

If interested to host her overnight at your home, please contact the church office. Thank You!



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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-RdcdnKSnFI48DyO>