

Forty Days with Jesus: Living a Life of Meaning

Lent Begins Wednesday, February 18

Lenten Wednesdays will center on living a purpose driven life. We'll use the themes coming from Rick Warren's book, The Purpose Driven Life, with the Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy.

Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes

Walking in the Wilderness; What on Earth am I Here For?

Sand Creek Site 11:30a w Soup/Bread Lunch

Pine Creek Site 6p—6:50p Supper served by Confirmation
7–7:30p Worship Service

Wednesday Reflections

11:30a/Sand Creek site with Soup/Bread Lunch

February 25 Week 2: *You Were Made For God's Pleasure*

March 4 Week 3: *You Were Formed for God's Family*

March 11 Week 4: *You Were Created to Become Like Christ*

March 18 Week 5: *You Were Shaped for Serving God*

March 25 Week 6: *You Were Made for a Mission*

Stay for "Game Day" after lunch

Soup/Bread Lunch sign-up sheet is on the office door

-Pastor Michael D Sparby

HEAR OUR PRAYER

(People listed for 2 weeks. Contact the office with updates)

Mark Hanson, Gary Hanson, Richard Misselt, Addison Hughes, Jon Gilberts, Sharon Hegna, Arlys Hoveland, Wayne Christopherson

Barron Care/Rehab: Bev Miller

Home Care: Astrid Sannes

Military: Capt. David E. Dahl, Jacob Messinger

Community Care

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

LOOK AHEAD

MARCH

Sun. Mar. 1 reg. sch

Mon. Mar. 2 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Mar. 4 *Lent 3* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch

6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Mar. 8 reg. sch

Mon. Mar. 9 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Mar. 11 *Lent 4* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch

6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Mar. 15 reg. sch

Mon. Mar. 16 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Mar. 17 *Lent 5* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch

6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Mar. 22 reg. sch

Mon. Mar. 23 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Wed. Mar. 25 *Lent 6* 11:30a/SC & Noon lunch

6:30p/SC Confirmation

Sun. Mar. 29 *Palm Sunday* reg. sch

Mon. Mar. 30 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

APRIL

Fri. Apr. 3 *Good Friday* 7p/SC

Sun. Apr. 5 *Easter* reg. sch

Mon. Apr. 6 8:30a/SC Comforters Quilting

Graduate Recognition: May 24th

In honor of your upcoming achievements, please provide the office with info for our New Hope Comforters to create quilts. Provide high school, future plans, favorite color, hobbies, interests, etc, as soon as you are able.

Our 2026 Graduates: Luke Anderson, Katie Audorff, Samantha Lien, Sophia Martinson, Mason Mikl-Tio, Noah Nelson, Kyra North, Aspen Peterson. Alert the office of corrections/updates.

Luther Park Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 7th/Ministry Center

9:30a Coffee 10a Meeting Lunch follows

If interested in representing New Hope, contact the church office as soon as able to process registration. Anyone may attend; only 3 can vote.

1. *Pr. Michael Sparby*

2. *Ben Nielsen*

3. _____

NOW OPEN: Summer Camp Registration & Staff Applications

Luther Park Camp 2026: New Hope Scholarship applications due Mar. 22nd. Must visit

www.lutherpark.org to register online with \$175 initial deposit fee by Mar. 31st. Forms are in the narthex and on our church website.

DEVOTION

A Promise

LET US HOLD
UNSWERVINGLY
TO THE HOPE WE
PROFESS, FOR HE
WHO PROMISED
IS FAITHFUL.

HEBREWS 10:23

A phrase I've heard for many years comes to mind when February and Valentine's Day draws near; 'Love is in the Air'. We think of girl friends, boy friends and marriage. We think of relatives and dear friends we care deeply for and who feel the same for us. The one we should think of first is God. He first loved us and gave us his son, our Savior.

Jesus loves us beyond measure or understanding. He said he'd never leave us or forsake us. Both with that promise he wants love in return. Jesus wants our devotion and for us to keep his commandments.

We send Valentine greetings to those we care about and desire that they care about us. We know Jesus loves us all so much, so we need to return his love with all our hearts and minds. Our Valentine to him is sent by prayer and devotion; not just February 14th, but always.

Dear Jesus, thank you for your loving care that we cherish each and every day. Amen.

-Sue Piotrowski

FINANCIAL REPORT: December 2025

Detailed reports are available in the office upon request

General Checking Balance 12/31/25	\$ 12,222.88
Revenue	
Unrestricted Offering	\$ 48,144.66
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	<u>\$ 9,516.31</u>
Total Income	\$ 57,660.97
Expenditures	\$ 32,420.98

Year-End 2025

Unrestricted Offering	\$210,525.39
Restricted Benevolence, Mission, Other	<u>\$ 25,008.98</u>
Total Income	\$255,820.13
Expenditures	\$261,295.16

2026 NOISY OFFERINGS/MISSION

JAN	Missionary Support	\$ 385.36
FEB	Malawi	50.00
MAR	Luther Park	50.00
APR		50.00
MAY		50.00
JUNE		50.00
JULY		
AUG		
SEPT		
OCT	Homeless Youth Christmas Stockings	
NOV	World Hunger	
DEC	Christmas Critters	

**Your financial support keeps us strong;
thank you!**

Offerings are received at our

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

*Sand Creek site offering boxes (10a worship)

*Website: www.newhopescpc.org

Pine Creek Site W/ELCA

Meeting: 9:30a, Sunday, February 1st
Hostess: Mary Peterson

Thank You New Hope/Pine Creek Quilting Friends

We are deeply grateful for your recent donation of quilts to the Prairie Farm/Ridgeland Area Food Pantry.

I'd like to share a story that warms the heart. The day Mary delivered the quilts, a young father came in and mentioned he had a new baby and a toddler. He received 2 of the crib quilts and was so excited to wrap them and put them under the Christmas tree! He said the babies wouldn't notice but his wife would be thrilled! Its kind of like a Hallmark movie.

Thank you again for your generosity and support of this worthwhile community project.

Sincerely, Tim Hafele/Treasurer

Sand Creek Site W/ELCA

Offering: Monday, February 9th
Circles **Eve:** 6p/SC Wednesday, February 4th
Hostess: Anita Jenson
Sophia: 9:30a/SC Thursday, February 18th

FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP

AIDS & Hospice Kits

Global Health Missions—Clean comforting hope

1 regular size 48-52" bath towel	1 washcloth
1 new, unscented bath-size bar soap	1 toothbrush
1 "pick" comb	1 nail clipper w/file
6 band-aids	
1 jar (4oz or larger) Vaseline	
1 pair	



No longer collecting plastic bags for New Auburn School.

Thank you for your tremendous support! -Janet Allison

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Speaker: <i>Carol Anderson</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Sophia Circle</i> 9:30a PC W/ELCA 10a SC Worship 3p/SC Piano Lessons	2 8:30a/SC Comforters	3 7p/SC AA	4 6p/SC Eve Circle 6:30p/SC Confirmation	5	6	7 9:30a <i>Luther Park Annual Mtg</i>
8 Speaker: <i>Joyce Gilberts</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Sophia Circle</i> 10a SC Worship	9 8:30a/SC Comforters W/ELCA offering	10 7p/SC AA	11 6:30p/SC Confirmation	12 Newsletter articles due	13	14
15 Speaker: <i>Mark Gilberts</i> 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Men's Group</i> 10a SC Worship 1-4p/SC Cub Scouts Rsvd 3p/SC Piano Lessons	16 <i>Pr. Mike returns</i> 8:30a/SC Comforters	17 SC Church Closed during the day for Dunn County Canine Training (8a) 7p/SC AA	18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 11:30a/SC & lunch 6p/PC supper 7p/PC Worship	19 9:30a/SC Sophia Circle	20	21
22 8:30a PC Worship 9:20a Fellowship-both sites SC: <i>Eve Circle</i> 10a SC Worship 3p/SC Piano Lessons	23 8:30a/SC Comforters	24 7p/SC AA	25 <i>Lent</i> 11:30a/SC & lunch Stay for "Game Day" 6:30p/SC Confirmation	26	27	28



Date	Lectors	SC Communion	SC Hospitality (Council)
1	PC Lon Christopherson SC Ben Neilsen	Jim Irwin	<i>1st Sun.:</i> ? / Samantha Goodremote
8	PC Lilly Kunkel SC Bonnie Halberg	Sharon Nelson	<i>2nd Sun.:</i> Lou Ann Gilberts / Mark Gilberts
15	PC Mary Peterson SC Lou Ann Gilberts	Lou Ann Gilberts	<i>3rd Sun.:</i> Stephani North / Kristi Welle
18 Ash Wed	PC ? SC Doris Tallman	<i>NO Communion</i>	
22	PC Sue Christopherson SC Jodie Madison	Marie Swanson	<i>4th Sun.:</i> TBD / Council
25 Lent Wed	SC Mark Gilberts	<i>NO Communion</i>	<i>5th Sun.:</i> Jesse Buhr / Jerry Loftus

Altar Guild PC Sue Christopherson SC: Carol Anderson & Joni Berres (*January/February*)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Lenten Wednesday, February 25th

11:30a/Sand Creek Site Worship
Soup/Bread Lunch

Games hosted by our Outreach Committee

New Hope Council 2026

President : Linda Bilodeau

Vice President: Joyce Gilberts

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Mark Gilberts

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*A welcoming community of faith inspired
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

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-RdcnKSnFI48DyQ>