

NEW HOPE NEWS



NOVEMBER 2025

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In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



Birthdays

19 – Ricki Opperman

26 – Ruth Frith

Norbert Brauner

27 – Debbie Carlson

30 – Susan Hernandez

Anniversaries

15 – Judy & Ed Edwards

Melissa & Andrew Haggerty

23 – Thania & George Drake

CHURCH CALENDAR

November 2025

Blessing Corner: Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

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						Katie's Food Pantry 9am – until food run out
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
All Saint's Sunday Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Daylight Saving Time Ends Pastor Jeff Swanson			Crochet Group 1pm Outreach 6:30pm Zoom	Finance Meeting 9am Ladie's Night Out 6pm		NO Katie's Pantry Craft Fair 9am – 3pm
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Council Meeting 11:15am Pastor Jeff Swanson		Veterans Day Dove Circle 1pm 	Crochet Group 1pm Finance Meeting – Budget 6:30pm			Katie's Food Pantry 9am – until food runs out
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Service Meeting 11:15am Pastor Jeff Swanson		"Get Together" Lunch 12pm	Crochet Group 1pm			Katie's Food Pantry 9am – until food runs out
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Birthday Cake Sunday Make Turkey Cookies 11:15am Pastor Rick Green		Property Meeting 1pm	Crochet Group 1pm		Thanksgiving Potluck 12pm	Katie's Food Pantry 9am – until food runs out
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Worship 10am Fellowship 11am Vicar Thania Drake						

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 2. This is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is also a day to commemorate all the saints of the church, both known and unknown. We remember with Thanksgiving those we have loved, those who have served you on earth, who now rest from their labors and those we remember in our hearts. Louis the Pious made the celebration obligatory in the Frankish empire of 835 and Pope Gregory IV officially declared that the Feast of All Saints Day was to be celebrated by the whole Church on November 1st, 837.



Thanksgiving Potluck

Friday, November 28, 12:00pm

New Hope Lutheran Church

Sign-up

Bring a side dish

Meat Provided



VETERANS DAY

Happy Veterans Day! Remember all who serve and had served in the military. Please include Veterans and their families in your prayers on This Veterans Day, November 11 and always.



TIME CHANGE

The weekend of November 2, daylight saving time ends. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour for an extra hour of sleep.





Wow! What an amazing time of worship we had as the body of Christ under the expression of the ELCA on Reformation Sunday. It was so great to have multiple people from our congregation participate actively in varieties of ways. We learned many lessons about inclusivity, about embracing change, about living and working in community and about invitation. Let's all grab onto that energy and move it forward.

We have some interesting worship events in November as well. On November 2nd we will celebrate "All Saints" in some new ways as we think about the El Paso culture and "dia de los muertos". If you would like to bring a photo(s) of loved ones who have gone before you to display during worship on our "ofrenda"/altar (which is like a table of remembrance) please do so. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of friends or family who have already gone to be with Jesus.

November 9, 16 and 23 will be Sundays which we designate to reconsider our gifts! We have some amazing gifts in our congregation. What are yours and how do they fit into the puzzle? We will celebrate our ministry and reconsider ways in which we can give of ourselves and our resources.

November 30th will mark the first Sunday in Advent in which we "expect" the retelling of the ancient story of the birth of Jesus. Together with that come the sights and sounds of the season!

See you at worship!

We seek in every way to be at peace with one another, to go the extra mile. We seek to be patient, kind, and gentle knowing that our Lord has dealt with us tenderly. Having been forgiven, we are quick to forgive and slow to anger. This is the Christian life, and it is the life of Christ, for our sake.

New Hope is open, and we joyfully and safely gather in person for worship every Sunday at 10am. Let us continue to share God's love. Face Coverings are now optional. All are welcome to receive Communion.



Pastors who will be presiding and preaching in NOVEMBER:

November 2- Pastor Jeff Swanson, Interim Pastor
November 9 – Pastor Jeff Swanson, Interim Pastor
November 16 – Pastor Jeff Swanson, Interim Pastor
November 23 - Pastor Rick Green, Retired ELCA Pastor
November 30 - Vicar Thania Drake

Here are some ways for you to be a part of the worship service

We encourage you to worship in person at 10am on Sundays where face coverings are optional and respected. If you aren't able to worship in person you can view the worship service on YouTube live or at a later time which fits your schedule.

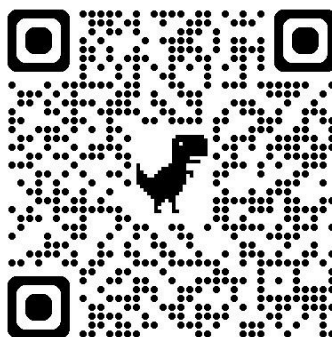
NEW HOPE UPDATES

New Hope's expenses continue during this time. Please do not forget your offerings. We are grateful for all who send their offerings to New Hope. Thank you for your faithful commitment and your financial support to New Hope. It is very much appreciated and New Hope is truly blessed.

Here are some ways to send your offerings to New Hope:

1. Mail your offering to new Hope to 4801 Sun Valley El Paso, TX 79924
2. Place your offering in an envelope, marked Financial Secretary and drop it in the mail slot in the back of the Office/classroom Building
3. Use bill pay through your bank and your bank will mail a check to New Hope
4. Use Thrivent Choice through Thrivent.com. Click on personal donation, select New Hope Lutheran Church El Paso, Texas and then follow the prompts.
5. Place your gift in the offering plates
6. Online giving available via our website: newhope915.com

Giving QR Code



Please keep everyone in your prayers. Check on church members, elderly, friends, neighbors and family. Take care of yourself and others.

2025 BLESSING CALENDAR

January – ELCA Good Gifts/ELCA World Hunger

February – Soup-er Bowl Sunday

March – Opportunity Center

April – Bunnies, Beanies & Blankets – (UMC Children's Hospital)

May – La Posada Home – Domestic Violence Shelter

June – Borderland Rainbow Center – With Peace Lutheran El Paso

July – Christmas in July (Operation Santa Claus) and Blessing of the Backpacks- School Supplies

August – Church Supplies (Replenish New Hope's Paper Products)

September – God's Work, our Hands – (Schaeffer Halfway House)

October – Blessing of the Animals (Mandarin's Retreat)

November & December – Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

These blessing corners will be funded through New Hope and Thrivent Action Team.

If you have a Thrivent product you likely qualify to sponsor an Action Team. If you need help setting up a project or need ideas about what to do or simply want to delegate the task to someone else, please obtain information from Christine Swan, the service team leader

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



*CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
AND
BAKE SALE*

Saturday, November 8, 2025

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

If you know of any crafters that would like to participate in this fun day, there are still spaces available inside and outside

We will need crafts for New Hope's Craft table

And

Baked Goods for New Hope's Bake Table

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saint Timothy's Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale

11050 Montwood Dr.
Saturday, November 8
9:00am to 3:00pm

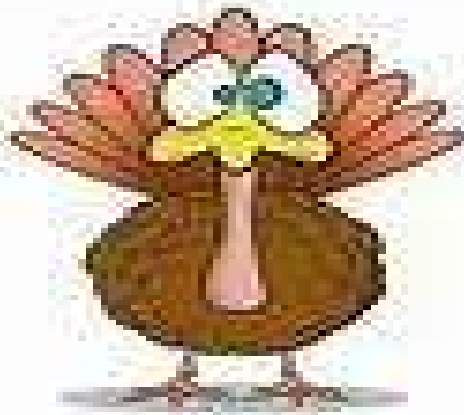
Fine Jewelry
Handmade
Christmas
Collectables
Yarn and Sewing
art Quilts
Woodworking

Food Trucks
Blood Drive
Baltic Amber
Jewelry
ChrisMice
Cakes, Cookies
and Bread
Laws and Paws
(pet adoption)

Leather Goods
Lapidary and
Gemstones
Jams and Jellies
Scentsy
Pecans

THANKSGIVING POEM

May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey plump.
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.



May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize.
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!

TRANSPORTATION

Help with Transportation To Doctor's Appointment



For those who find yourself looking ahead, wondering how you are going to get to your next doctor's appointment, etc., take heart!! New Hope now has a Transportation Committee that will do cartwheels to get you to your appointment.

Looking for someone who would be interested in being the new Transportation Coordinator. To be able to coordinate different people to drive people to their next doctor's appointment, to the store, or other places people would need to go.

Thanks to Kathy Hamblen for her dedication for many years of coordinating the transportation for people in the church

Please give 1-2 week notice to plan arrangements.

VIRTUAL SERVICES

WE ARE ON THE AIR

Each Sunday between 10:00 and 10:15
we will begin broadcasting service
on 90.1 fm. If you would like to come to
the parking lot or live within 1 mile of
the Church you should be able
to pick up our signal.







We have made some significant updates and upgrades to our systems, and we are now STREAMING LIVE once again every Sunday

Service videos will no longer be uploaded as individual files as the live recording will be available. So be sure to subscribe and turn on notifications so that you will receive the email that we are broadcasting.

Having trouble finding them:

On our YouTube home page look under PAST LIVE STREAMS or also under the VIDEOS tab and you will find all our content Remember to hit subscribe and set the notifications so that you know when we are LIVE or posted new content.

THRIVENT

Thrivent Choice "Make a Personal Donation" Maybe you have heard it said many times "follow the prompts" to make a personal donation and have no clue what that actually means or how it works! So here's a little cheat sheet, I did some exploring to figure it out.

First of all, you don't have to be a Thrivent member to use this feature.

Second, it's a way to give via your credit card and rack up more points or miles and the organization (New Hope or someplace else) will get a record of your personal donation and should track that gift for you in the same way as if you had put a check in an envelope, it should be recorded by them for you

Third of all this is DIFFERENT than designating Thrivent Choice dollars for those of you who are Thrivent members

Fourth, it's not so easy as just having a link which is specific to New Hope, maybe we will do that in time, for now below is a cheat sheet to help you if you want to use the Thrivent choice personal donation system

1. go to thrivent.com
2. search box type in "thrivent choice"
3. once in thrivent choice click on "make a personal donation"
4. follow remaining prompts which are self explanatory

NEWS AND EVENTS

We Are On YOUTUBE!
Search

NEW HOPE ELCA

And be sure to subscribe!

Subscribe to our
You Tube Channel

Flowers

Please see the flower calendar in the back of the sanctuary. Flower Dates are still open.



Are you getting the
message?

We are committed to improving our communications and congregational messaging. If you are not getting the message, let Karen Miller know and we will get you added to the email distribution list so that you do not miss out on upcoming events.



NEWS & EVENTS

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

To order a memorial plaque for the memorial wall, please see Karen Miller.



**JOIN US
On
90.1 FM**



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

New Hope collects aluminum tabs to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT



THRIVENT CHOICE

The member advised charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial. Eligible benefit members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to help make a difference for New Hope

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Apply to lead your volunteer team in a onetime fundraiser, service activity, or educational event to support an unmet need in our community and how you can help.



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New Hope has several places in which you can come together to grow in community as we study the word together, as we share conversation, and as we discover God's presence in our lives. All we need is you to join in the discussion when your schedule permits. The spirit is at work among us as we grow in relationship with each other. All of these opportunities are open to all members, guests and friends of New Hope.



DOVE CIRCLE (Women's Bible Study)

An Invitation for all women of New Hope and friends to join in Bible Study and Fellowship every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at New Hope in the Office/Classroom building.

"The Gather" magazine is used for the Bible Study, led by members of Dove Circle.

The Dove Circle sponsors events, such as the spring and fall rummage sales and craft fair and other events as needed.

Schedule for 2025

January - June

July- December

Meeting – November 11, 1pm



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New Hope has several ways in which you we come together to help others and our community. As we conduct our daily lives think of those that will be aided by your participation.



KATIE'S FOOD PANTRY

Katie's Food Pantry distributes food to our neighbors every Saturday, 9am – until food runs out. Always looking for volunteers to help. See Maria Anez or Pastor Jeff if you are interested in helping. Items needed are bottled water, Gatorade, plastic grocery bags (new or used), garbage bags (33 gal or larger)



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JUST FOR FUN

Thanksgiving WORD SEARCH



Solve the following puzzle by finding all the hidden words!

P	M	E	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C	T	D	B	Y	C	N
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C	B	N	E	U	F	E	U	F	N	D	D	R	A	A	B	E
K	O	F	D	M	B	F	R	K	R	L	I	K	B	R	A	U
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ACORN

FEAST

TRADITION

BAKE

FAMILY

BEANS

AUTUMN

CELEBRATE

GRATEFUL

DINNER

DESSERT

CORNBREAD

TURKEY

COOK

BREAD

VEGETABLES

Peace
be with
you