

NEW HOPE NEWS



JULY 2026

God's work. Our hands.

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Birthdays

4 – Virginia Walker
7 – Alvie Donelson
Buddy Garcia
Jeff St. Clair
Esben Sparks
12 – Steve Marshall

Anniversaries

13 – Thania Drake
23 – Vicki Gannon
29 – Anita St. Clair
30 – Athena Luna-Gifford
Carol Riley

CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 2026

Blessing Corner: Operation Santa Claus and School Supplies

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

			01	02	03	04
			Crochet Group 1pm			NO Food Pantry 
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10am Little Disciples Fellowship 11am Pastor Ron Brooker			Crochet Group 1pm	Finance Meeting 9am	Vicaria Estudio Biblico 10:30am	Katie's Food Pantry 9am – 2pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10am Little Disciples Fellowship 11am Council Meeting 11:15am Pastor Steve Heetland	Vicaria Estudio Biblico 10:30am	Outreach Meeting 11:30am Dove Circle 1pm	Crochet Group 1pm		Vicaria Estudio Biblico 10:30am	Katie's Food Pantry 9am – 2pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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JULY 4TH

The 4th of July, Independence Day is observed as a federal holiday in honor of the Declaration of Independence. It commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 by delegates from the 18 colonies. The Declaration of Independence is America's revolutionary Charter of Freedom and the document upon which the nation's founding principles were established. The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in the history of the United States. It was an official act taken by all 18 American colonies in declaring independence from British rule.





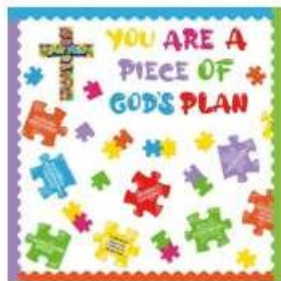
Thank you Servants!!! Thank you Jeff Strom for all of your work in coordinating the installation of a second digital illustrator in our worship space, as we seek to create accessibility for all worshipers. Thank you to Geoff Gannon who has stepped up to learn how to create and project worship slides! Thank you Geoff and Jeff for thinking of all of us and enhancing our worship experience.

When you aren't busy with summer travels, see you at worship Sundays at 10am!

Mark your calendars for "back to school" Sunday on August 2nd which will be upon us before we know it!



Little Disciples launched on June 7th as a ministry for the little ones among us. We are blessed to already have 11 servants serving as leaders or assistants on a rotating basis. All of our servants have completed background checks prior to serving in this capacity! Please prayerfully consider adding to our number of servants by offering your time every so often on a Sunday as we help the little ones among us learn about life with Jesus.

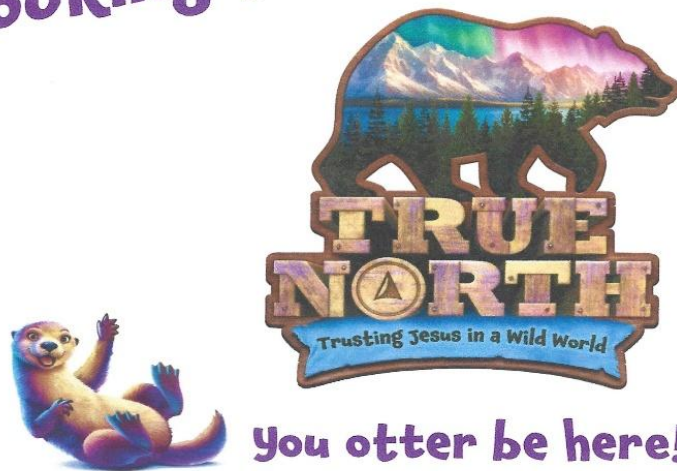


Vacation Bible School

True North

Part 2

Looking for mountains of fun?



you otter be here!

New friends ▶ Amazing experiments ▶ Creative games
Super-fun snacks ▶ Surprising adventures ▶ Incredible music

True North is moving to the
Fall

NEW HOPE UPDATES

As a faith community walking through this world together, let us remember the words from Micah 6:8: He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Join us in person or online Sunday's at 10am as your schedules allow. Masks are respected and communion is open to everyone!



Pastors who will be presiding and preaching in JULY

July	5 -	Ron Brooker, Retired ELCA Pastor
July	12 –	Steve Heetland, Retired ELCA Pastor
July	19 –	Vicar Thania Drake
July	26 -	Vicar Thania Drake

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

1. Join us in person Sundays at 10am. Masks are respected and hand sanitizer is available.
2. Watch the service on YouTube.

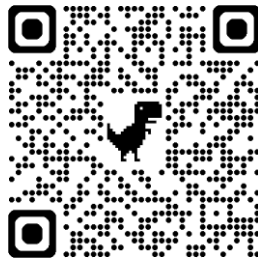
NEW HOPE UPDATES

New Hope is very grateful for the many ways you give to this community! Thanks for your monetary offerings, your presence, and the many gifts and talents you share!

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. Online giving is available via our website at the QR code below. You can make one time or recurring gifts. via tithe.ly or thriveNT charitable.
5. Place your gift in the offering plate.

Giving QR Code



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

2026 BLESSING CALENDAR

January – ELCA Good Gifts/ELCA World Hunger

February – Soup-er Bowl Sunday

March – Bunnies, Beanies & Blankets – (UMC Childrens Hospital)

April – Grace Place

May – Navy Federal Credit Union – Bags for the Brave

June – Church Supplies (Replenish New Hope's paper products)

July – Christmas in July (Operation Santa Claus)& Blessing of the Backpacks – school supplies

August– Blessing of the Backpacks – School Supplies

September – God's Work, our Hands

October – Blessing of the Animals (Humane Society)

November & December – 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, we can help you accomplish that end.

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

BLESSING CORNERS



Operation Santa Claus began informally in the early 1920's, when New York postal clerks began chipping in their own money to buy gifts for poor kids whose notes to Santa ended up in the dead-letter office. As the number of letters grew, the clerks asked for help from the public. The programs most dramatic growth has come in the last two decades.

New Hope will be collecting toys and books to be delivered to needy children in the community at Christmas time!

Please bring the toys by July 26 and place in the back of the church under the Christmas tree.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING



Blessing of Educators and Students

Backpacks and School Supplies

Calling all students and all adults who serve in the education system, whether public or private, primary, secondary or university. Whether teacher or support personnel.

Those in the community who serve in education and students will receive a special blessing.

Sunday, August 2, 2026

New Hope Lutheran Church

10:00am Worship Service

New Hope will be collecting donations of school supplies for the month of July to be given to students and schools in our community.

See you on **Sunday, August 2nd** for this special time of blessings at **New Hope!!!**

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.

Please give 1-2 week notice to plan arrangements.

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 LUTHERAN
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And be sure to subscribe!

Subscribe to our

You  **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.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

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

Schedule for 2026

January - July

August - December

July Meeting – July 14



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

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New Hope has several ways in which 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 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)



New Hope QR Code



Just For Fun

4TH OF JULY

word search for kids

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Peace
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