

NEW HOPE NEWS



AUGUST 2026

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New Hope Lutheran Church

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Birthdays

2 – Aletheia Gonzalez
9- Christopher (Kitt) Swan
27 – Sue Olson
29 – Howard Swan

Anniversaries

CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST 2026

Blessing Corner: Blessing of Backpacks/School Supplies

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						Katie's Food Pantry 9am – 2pm
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10am Little Disciples Fellowship 11am	Vicaria Estudio Biblico 10:30am		Crochet Group 1pm	Ladies Night Out 6pm	Vicaria Estudio Biblico 10:30am	Katie's Food Pantry 9am – 2pm
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10am Little Disciples Fellowship 11am Council Meeting 11:15am	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 Bless This Mess 10:30am St. Tims
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Bible Study 9am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10am Little Disciples Fellowship 11am Birthday Cake Sunday	Vicaria Estudio Biblico 10:30am	Property Meeting 1pm	Crochet Group 1pm		Vicaria Estudio Biblico 10:30am	Katie's Food Pantry 9am – 2pm
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BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Blessing of Educators, Students and Support Personnel

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

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





WOW!!!! have you noticed our amazing "little disciples" and the energy they bring into our midst? "Little Disciples" launched in June and we are so blessed to have a dozen (yes 12!!!) New Hope adults so far who have stepped up to serve in this ministry. ALL of them have been cleared with background checks!!!! If you feel a calling to serve please reach out to Christine or Susan for more information.

Join us in worship on August 2nd as disciples little and big pray for blessings and safety for a new school year!

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 AUGUST

August 2 - Pastor Rick Green, Retired ELCA Pastor

August 9 – Vicar Thania Drake

August 16 – Vicar Thania Drake

August 23 – Pastor Jeff Swanson, Interim Pastor

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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 Children's 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

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Mark Your Calendars

Ladies Night Out

Thursday, August 6, 6pm

A Touch of Germany



Blessing of the Animals

Social Security Presentation

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 3pm – Spanish Session

Thursday, September 17, 2026, 3pm – English Session

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"Bless This Mess" is open to anyone young or old, is low key and FUN!



Saturday, October 3, 1pm – Empty Sheds for Rummage Sale
Monday to Thursday, October 5– 8, 9am – Set up for Rummage Sale
Friday, October 9 - 4-7pm Rummage Sale
Saturday, October 10 - 8am – 1pm Rummage Sale



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND

BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

4801 SUNVALLEY DR.

**LOOKING FOR VENDORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
PLEASE CONTACT KAREN MILLER FOR INFORMATION AT
915-821-2079**

New Hope News

The 2026 Fall Craft Fair's Quilt

"North Wind"

Was Pieced and Donated By Vicki Gannon

Triangles Are the Predominated Figures On The Quilt

Which Composed Of Forty-Two "North Wind" Blocks

Each Block Is Made Up Of One Large Triangle,

One Square, And Twelve Smaller Triangles.

When The Blocks Are Set Together In A Rotating

Pattern They Create An Illusion Of Lattice

Around S Center Block.



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

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

Click on the ELCA Logo

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.



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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/Book Study and Fellowship every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at New Hope in the Office/Classroom building. The magazine, "The Gather", knowing and doing the will of God is used for the Bible/Book 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 2026

January - June

July - December

August Meeting – August 11



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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 St. Clair 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



Back To School Word Search



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L P U V D R C B A S N O G Y E I E E N R
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APPLE

DESK

LUNCHBOX

PENCIL

SCHEDULE

SCISSORS

TEACHER

BACKPACK

LIBRARY

MATH

PLAYGROUND

SCHOOL

STUDENT

WRITING

CRAYONS

LOCKER

NOTEBOOK

RECESS

SCIENCE

STUDY

Peace
be with
you