NEW HOPE NEWS

OCTOBER 2026

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Birthdays

3 – Jose Lugo
7 – Corbin Sparks
14 – Ron Tollette
19 – Emily Horstman
Maria Tollette
29 – Kurt Moore
31 – Jeff Strom

Anniversaries

CHURCH CALENDAR

October 2026

Blessing Corner: Blessing of the Animals

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
				Ladies Night Out **Logan's Steak** **6pm**		**Katie's Pantry 9am – until food rums out** **Empty Sheds 1pm**
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Blessing of the Animals **Worship 10am** **Litle Disciples** **Fellowship 11am**	**Rummage Sales Set=up 9am**	**Rummage Sale Set=up pam**	**Rummage Sale Set-up 9am** **Crochet Group 1pm**	**Finance Meeting 9am**	**Estudio Biblico 10:30am** **Rummage Sale 4pm – 7pm**	**Rummage Sale 8am – 1pm** **NO Katie's Pantry**
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 10am **Little Disciples** **Fellowship 11m** **Council Meeting 11:15am**	**Estudio Biblico 10:30am**	**Outreach Meeting 11:30am** **Dove Circle 1pm**	**Crochet Group 1pm**		**Estudio Biblico 10:30am**	**Katie's Pantry 9am – until food rums out**
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 10am **Little Disciples** **Fellowship 11am** **Service Meeting 11:15am**	**Estudio Biblico 10:30am**	**"Get Together" Lunch 12pm**	**Crochet Group 1pm**	**Retired Teachers 9:30am**	**Estudio Biblico 10:30am**	**Katie'a Pantry 9am – until food runs out**
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Reformation Sunday **Worship 10am** **Little Disciples** **Fellowship 11am** **Birthday Cake Sunday** **El Paso Reformation Service 3pm - Cristo Rey**	**Estudio Biblico 10:30am**	**Property Meeting 1pm**	**Crochet Group 1pm**		**Estudio Biblico 10:30am**	**Happy Halloween**  Katie's Pantry 9am – until food runsout Trunk or Treat 4-6pm

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October 4th's worship will center around God's creation and the many critters which we share this earth with. Please bring photos of your animals, past and present, and place them on a clip on the altar rail on October 4th. We will leave the photos up through the month of October as reminders of the love and grace animals bring to our lives

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We will be resurrecting a “tried and true” fund-raiser, the

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 4-7 pm
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 8am – 1pm

Areas where we need your help -

Saturday, October 3, 1pm – Empty Sheds for Rummage Sale
Need Trucks and Women & Man Power
Monday – Thursday, October 5 – 8, 9am – Set up for Rummage Sale
Help at the rummage sale, Oct 9 & Oct 10
Saturday, October 10 – 1pm Clean up


Join us for our
COMMUNITY
RUMMAGE SALE!
Discover hidden treasures
Furniture, clothes, decor, books, and more
at unbeatable prices!
Saturday, October 10, 2026
7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
11050 MONTWOOD DR.
FOR SALE
Pancake Breakfast
@ 8:00 am
$5 per plate

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Reformation Sunday , October 25

This is a day to focus on knowing God truthfully and understand who we are as people of faith and children of God in light of God's unbelievable grace. Reformation Sunday is a festival day where we celebrate and remember our history, but it should also be a day to reexamine our faith. The message of Reformation Sunday is God's love for us. It is a love that frees us and redefines us a people of God and as members of the whole body of Christ. His love works in our hearts to help us shine for Him.

Martin Luther's faith journey began with an errant belief that God's demand for righteousness must be satisfied by our own doings. We are saved through faith alone that is received through grace alone, by authority given through Scripture alone. All of this is through Christ alone. Martin Luther sparked the Reformation with his 95 Theses, but realized that salvation comes through faith and not works ignited the revolution that changed the world.



A word of hope on Reformation Day

Oct. 31, is Reformation Day. As the church remembers over 500 years of the Protestant Reformation, we are also reminded of our need for Jesus. Given recent incidents of hate, intolerance and violence, Jesus' message and way of life continue to be relevant today.

In his words and actions, Jesus conveyed a word of God and a word from God. In other words, we know about God's project for humanity, God's kingdom, because of Jesus Christ. Even though Jesus was wrongly accused, tortured and executed, his word about God lasts forever. His resurrection was the divine vindication of his whole life.

In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus promoted solidarity, community, communion with God and each other, mercy, compassion, grace and justice. We all need to hear this message. We all need grace and compassion. God calls us—Christ's church for the sake of the world—to proclaim Jesus' teachings.

On this Reformation Day, my prayer is this: May God's Spirit continue to reform our message so that Christ may be formed in us and in our world.

Martin Luther, the 16th-century German reformer, pastor and church teacher, is another historical example of a Christian proclaiming the word of God to a world in crisis. And Martin Luther King Jr. proclaimed the word of God during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. Both men proclaimed the gospel message to our hurting world in order to spread love and justice. Neither was perfect. Luther's anti-Semitic writings still haunt us as Lutherans, while King's personal shortcomings are also well-documented. Nevertheless, we hold dear their proclamation of the justifying grace of God. We are encouraged by their words calling for a renewal of society, so that our dreams of equality may one day be our reality.

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According to Luke 4:16-20, Jesus, while in his hometown of Nazareth, read the following verses from Isaiah: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

If our proclamation is not informed, shaped and grounded in Jesus’ life, actions and teachings, we run the risk of proclaiming our way and not God’s. When our way is preached, we get bigotry, racism, sexism, war, intolerance, violence and apathy toward those who are powerless and voiceless. Like Luther and King, we must strive to bring freedom to those who are oppressed.

On this Reformation Day, my prayer is this: May God’s Spirit continue to reform our message so that Christ may be formed in us and in our world. Freed by God’s grace, may we boldly proclaim the love of Jesus Christ—word from God and word of God. Let our mouths give voice to hope.



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HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA



Saturday, October 31, 4:00-6:00pm

Fun, Games, Food, Prizes

Kids of all ages are welcome

Bring goodies to share

Wear your favorite costume come

Come with Trunk or Pickup decorated

and bring a bowl of candy

for the "trunk or treaters"

Volunteers and donations of candy

and money for prizes are needed

New Hope Lutheran Church

4801 SunValley

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

AND

BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9:00A.M – 3:00 P.M.

Looking for Vendors To Participate, please contact Karen Miller for Information at 915-821-2079

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4801 SUNVALLEY DRIVE

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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 October:

October 4 – Pastor Jeff Swanson, Interim Pastor
October 11 - Pastor Jeff Swanson, Interim Pastor
October 18 – Vicar Thania Drake
October 25 – Vicar Thania Darke (Reformation Sunday)

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.

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 tithely or thrivent charitable.
5. Place your gift in the offering plate.

Giving QR Code

Please keep everyone in your prayers throughout the week. 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) and Blessing of the Backpacks - School Supplies
August – Blessing of the Backpacks – School Supplies
September – God's Work, our Hands
October – Blessing of the Animals (Animal Rescue League)
November & December Luterana Iglesia Cristo

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

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.



OCTOBER BLESSING CORNER

Bring pictures of your pets (past and present) to be displayed on the altar rail during the month of October





To Support the
A "No-Kill" Animal Shelter

New Hope will be collecting animal supplies
Please help by donating one or more of the following items!

Bleach/ Dawn Soap
Disinfecting Spray
Cat Litter/Litter Scoops
Dry or Can Food
Flannel Blankets
Wash Cloths
Clorox Wipes
Cat Collars
Dog Leashes W/Bolt Clips
33 gal Trash Bags
Dog and Cat treats
Meat Flavored Baby Food
Sliced Cheese
Puppy Forumla

Bring items to church by October 25

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

And be sure to subscribe!



Flowers

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





Are you getting the message?

We arecommitted 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

Pray for Peace



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

ELCA

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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- October 13, 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 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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New Hope QR Code



JUST FOR FUN


Autumn
WORD SEARCH
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BOOTS
TREE
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RAKE
ACORN
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